John Alexander Logan Best, World War I soldier

Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains information on John Alexander Logan Best, 10th Canadian Battalion. John died in 1917 from injuries he received in battle.

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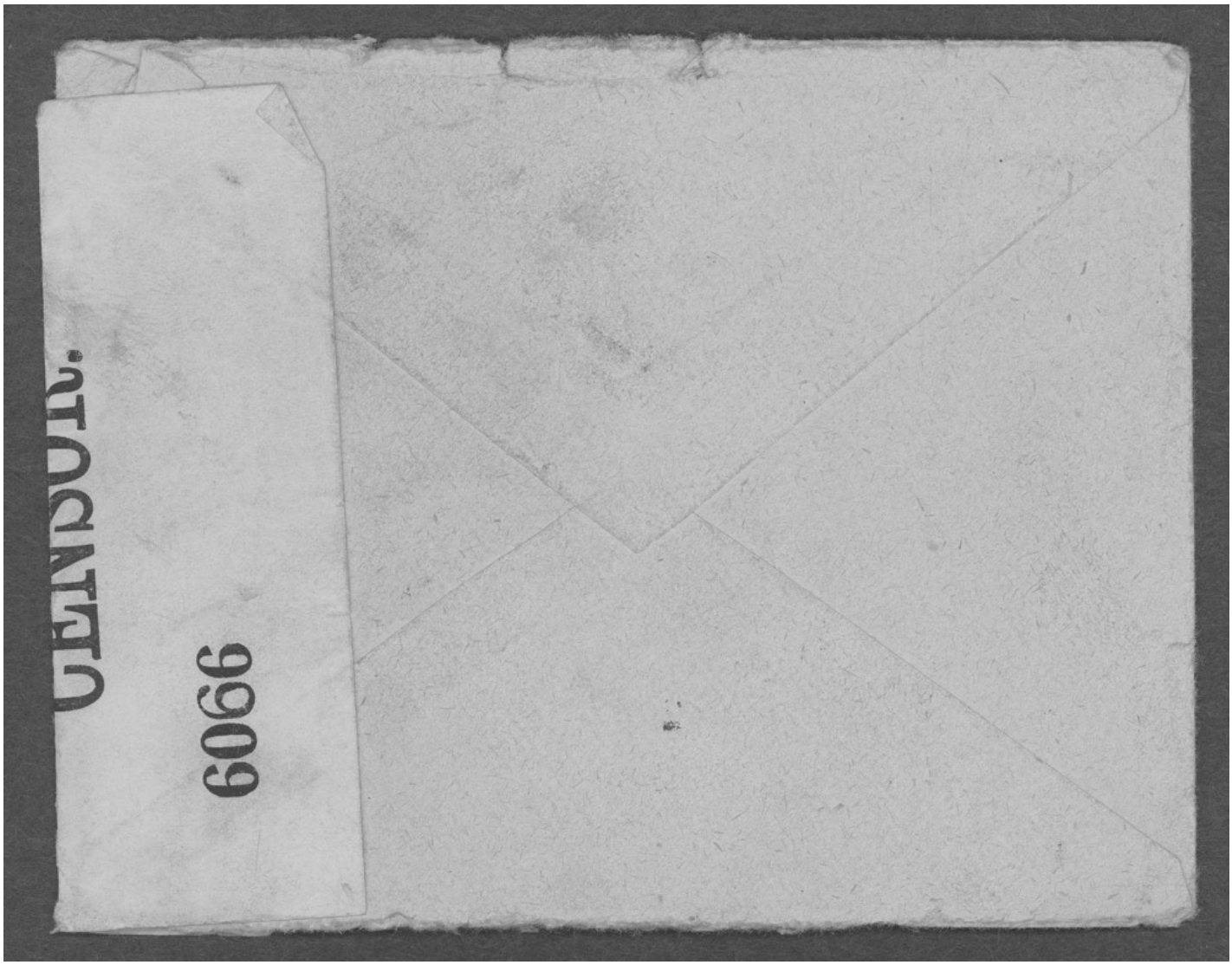
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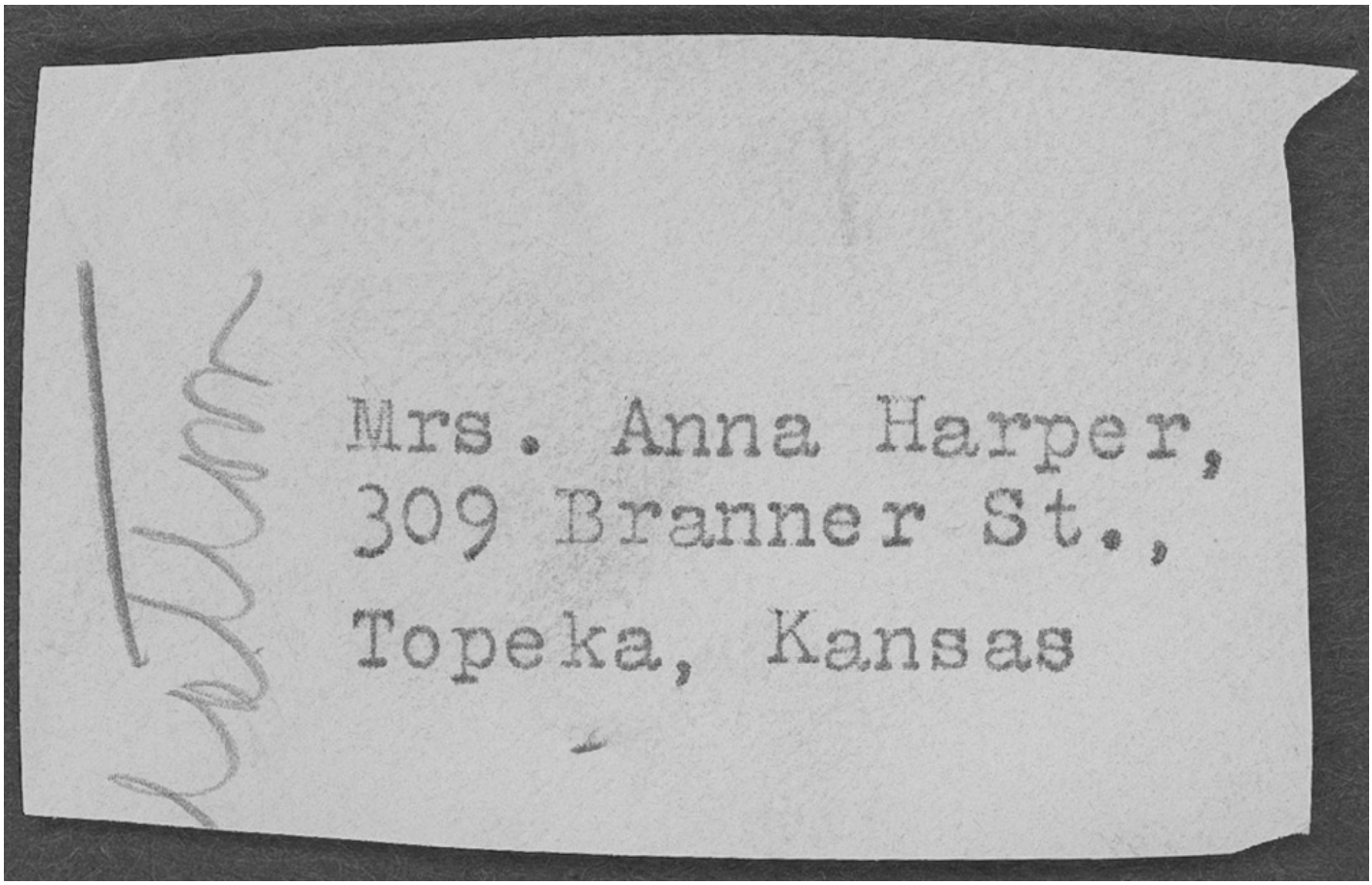
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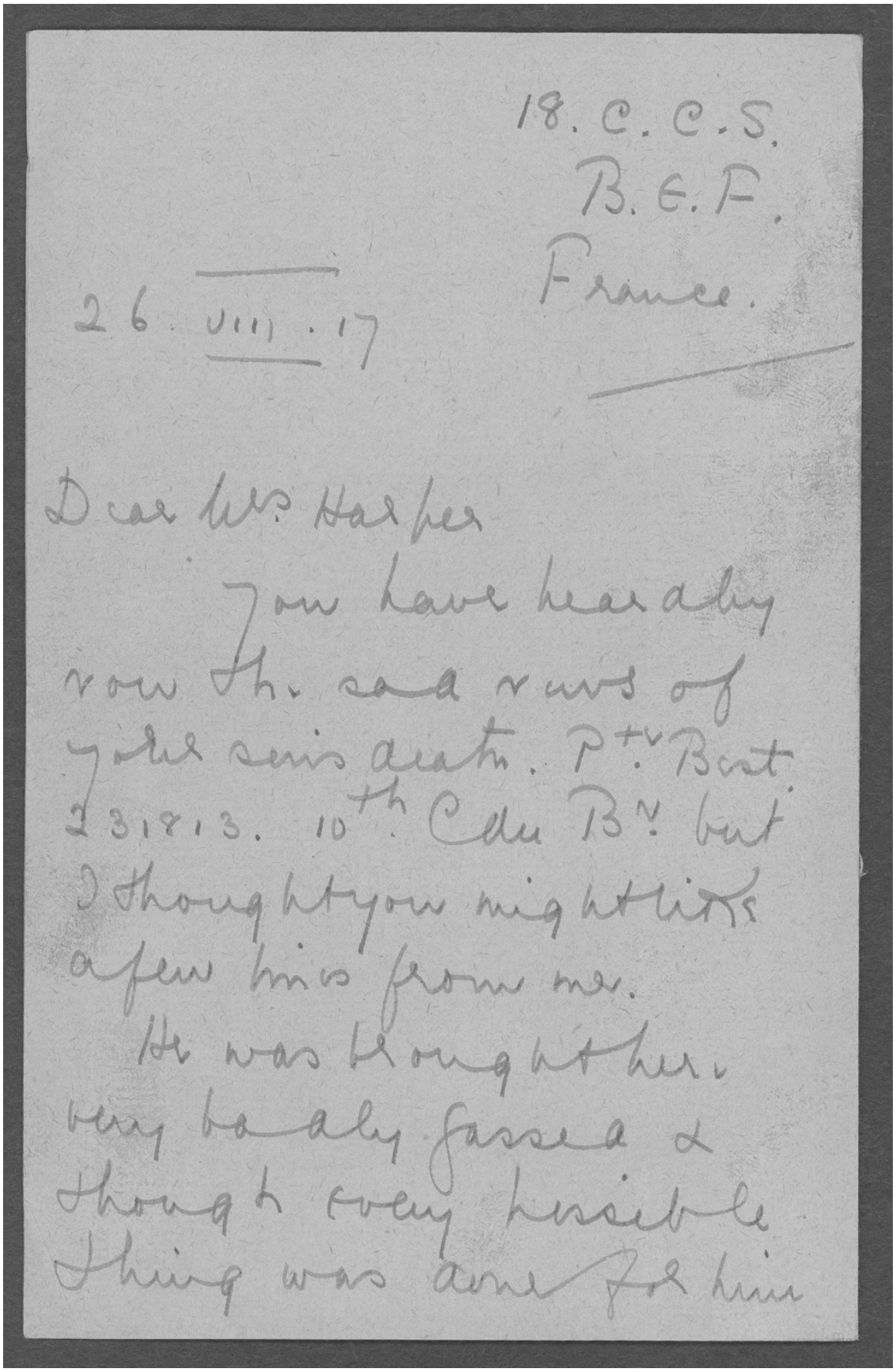


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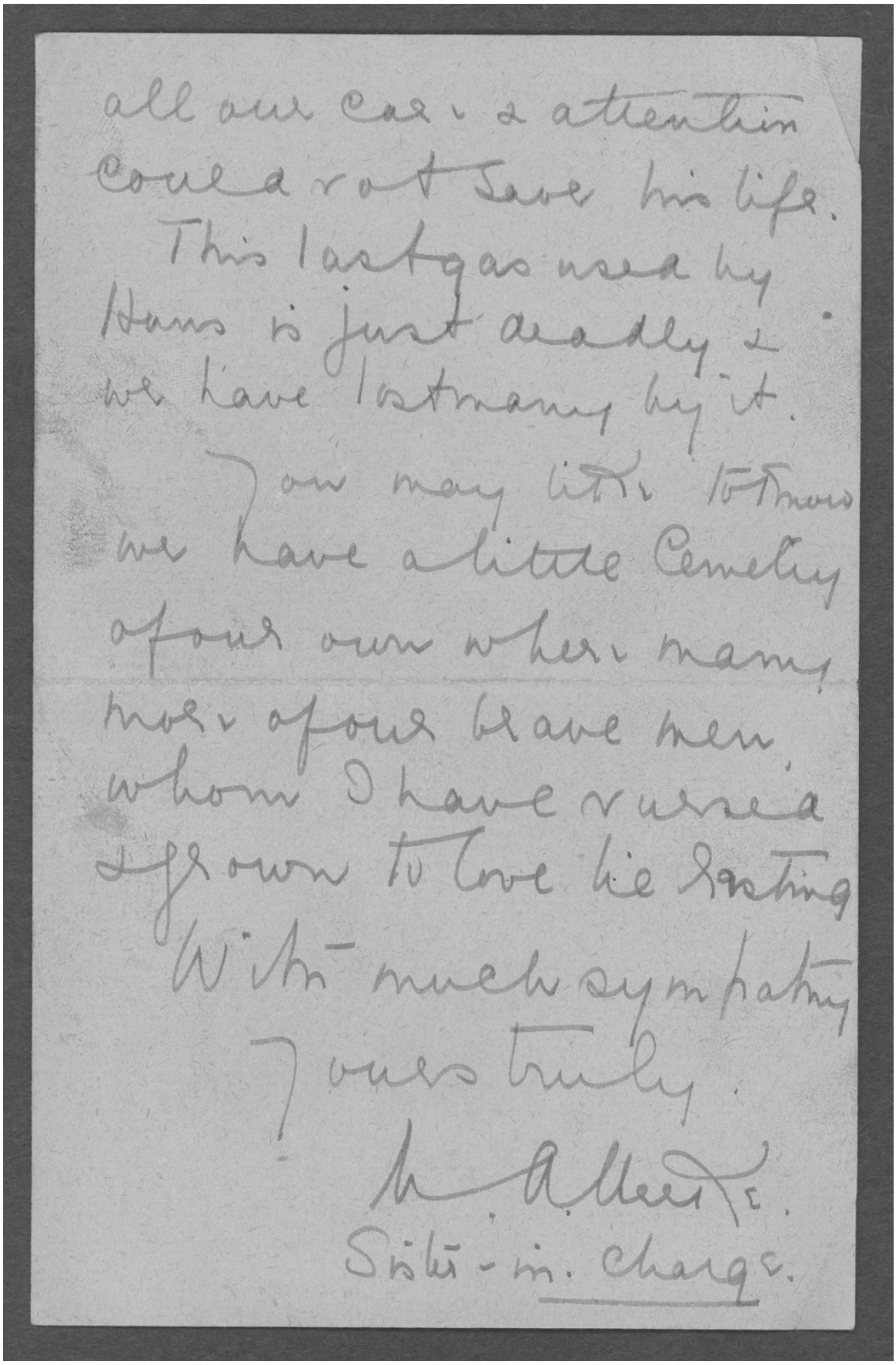
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B. E. F.
France.

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Dear Mrs Harper

You have heard ere now the sad news of your sons death. Pte Best 231813. 10th Can Bn but I thought you might like a few lines from me.

He was brought here very badly gassed & though every possible thing was done for him

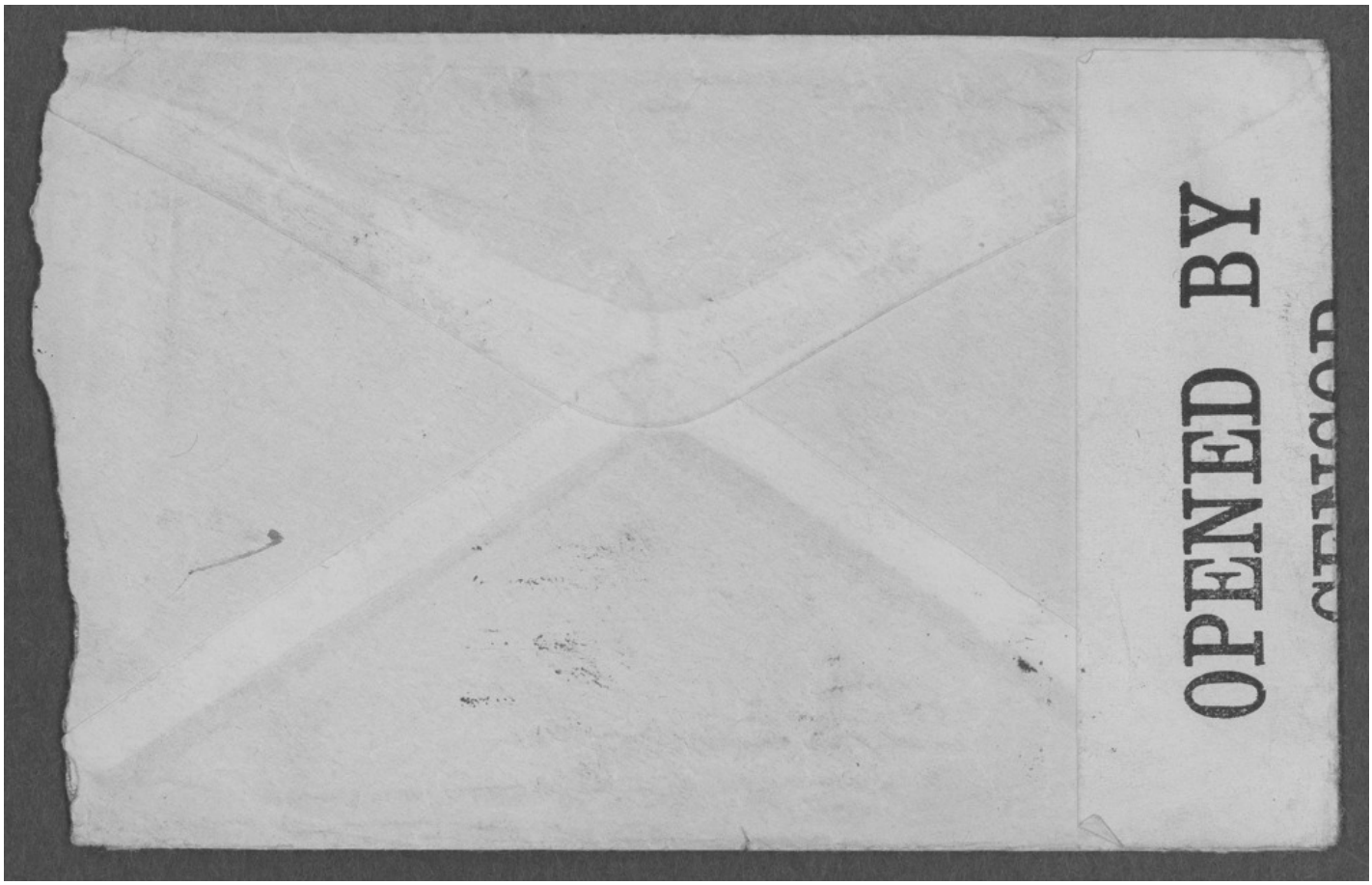


all our care & attention
could not save his life.
This last gas used by
Huns is just deadly &
we have lost many by it.
Our many little Crosses
we have a little Cemetery
of our own where many
more of our brave men,
whom I have nursed
& grown to love lie resting
With much sympathy
Yours truly.
M. A. Allen R.
Sister-in-charge.

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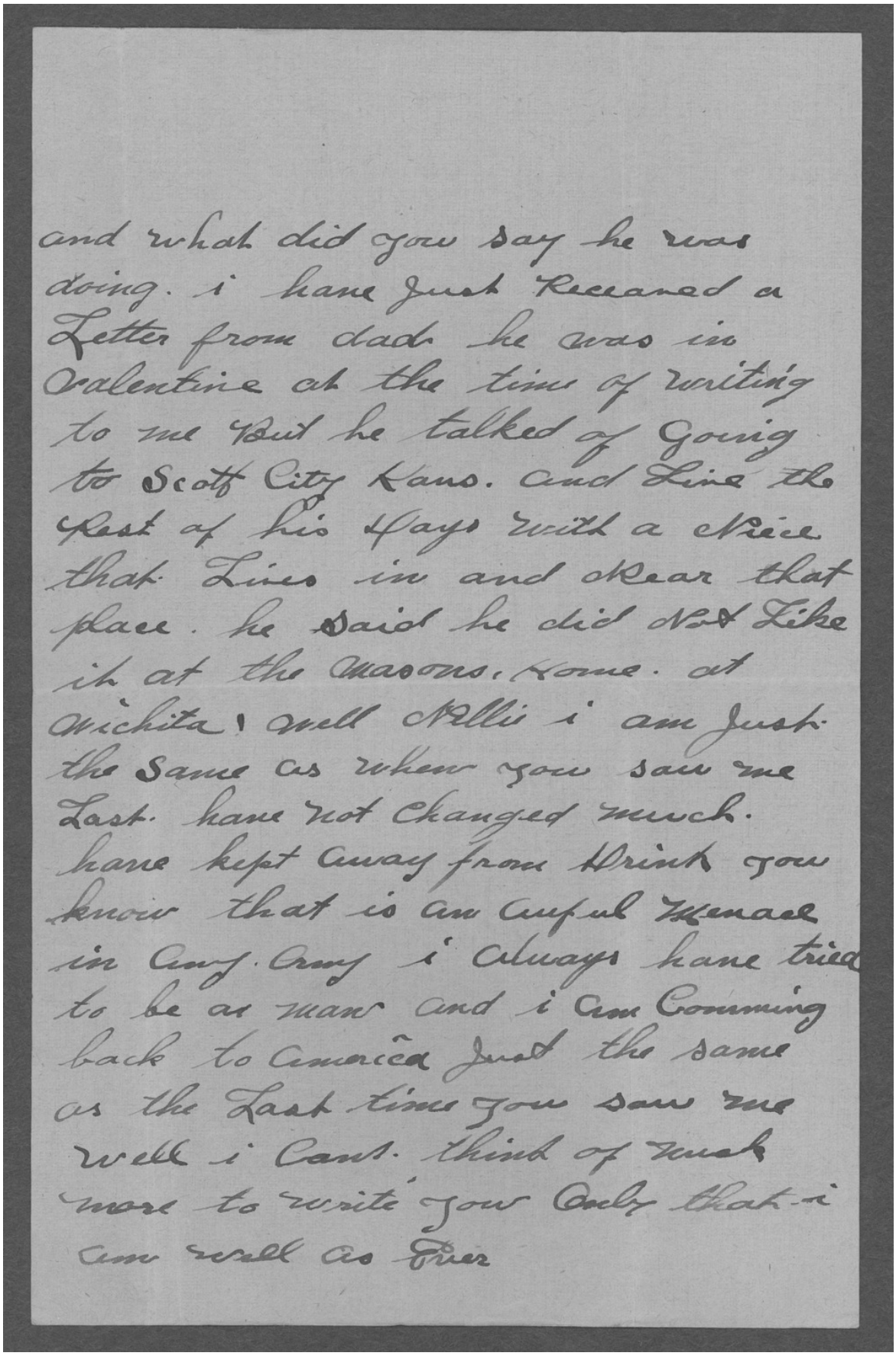


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Surrey. Co.
England.

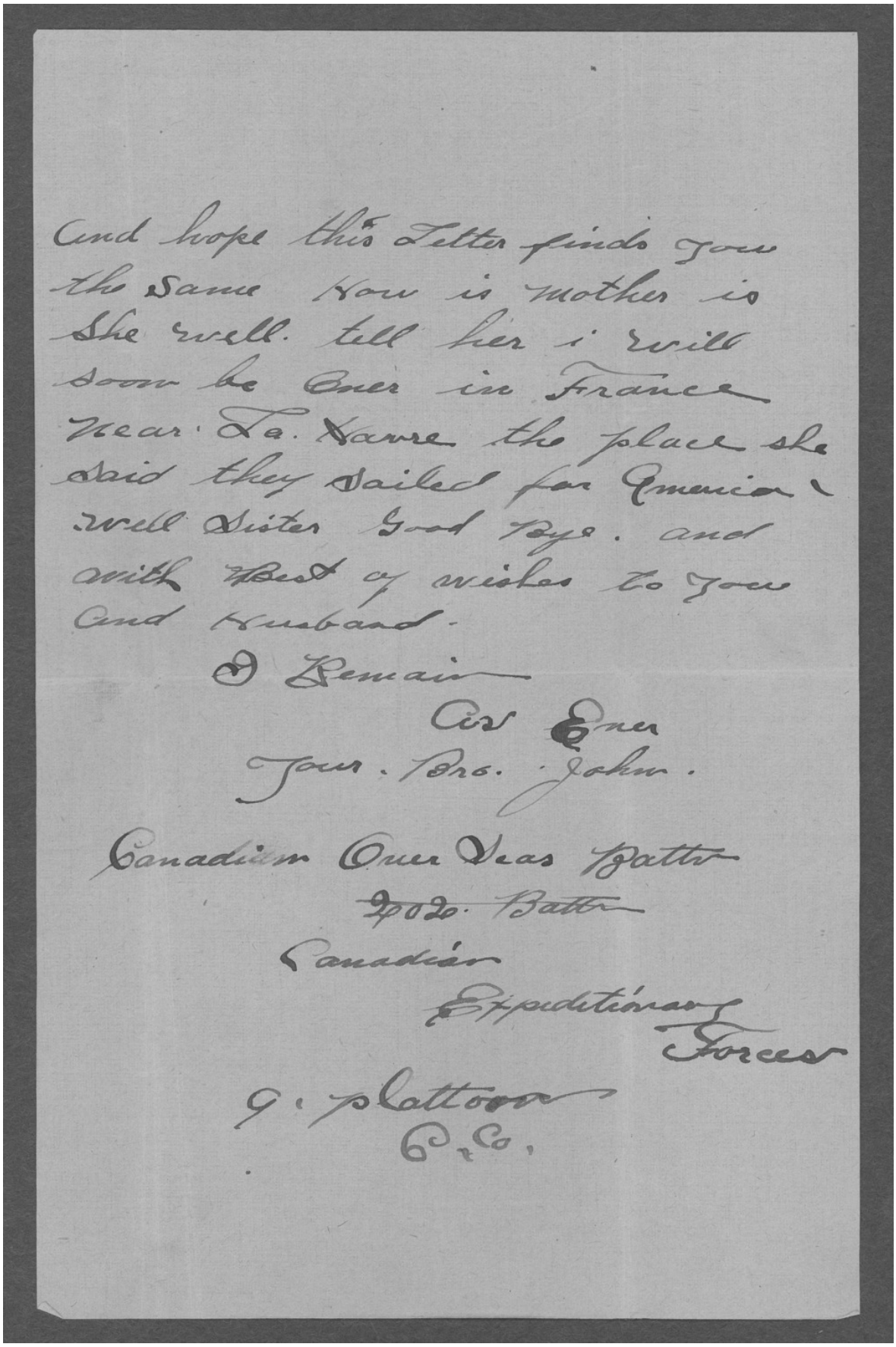
Dear Sister Nellie.

How are you today i suppose you are well as Ever. we are still in Eng. yet But think we will go over soon. At Least it is Begining to look that way now. getting Ready to Break Camp By the time you get this Letter we will be over Across the Channel to France and doing our Bit in the Trenches. how are all of the Folks at home has Sam and Enoch Enlisted with the U.S. Army Yet i Expect they will Now as the U.S. is in the Terrible struggle we have been on some very hard Route Marches Lately getting hardned up for the Comming struggle in which we will in our doughty part take an active Once we Land in France how is your Man



and what did you say he was doing. i have just Received a Letter from dad he was in Valentine at the time of writing to me But he talked of Going to Scott City Kans. and Line the Rest of his Days with a Niece that Lives in and Near that place. he said he did Not Like it at the Masons. Home. at Wichita I well Nellie i am just the Same as when you saw me Last. have not Changed much. have kept away from Drink you know that is an awful Menace in any Army i always have tried to be as man and i am Comming back to America just the same as the Last time you saw me well i Cant think of much more to write you Only that i am well as Ever

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And hope this Letter finds You the Same How is mother is She well. tell her i will soon be Over in France Near La. Havre the place she said they Sailed for Emerica Well Sister Good Bye. and with Best of wishes to You and Husband.

I Remain

Ors Ever

Your. Bro. John.

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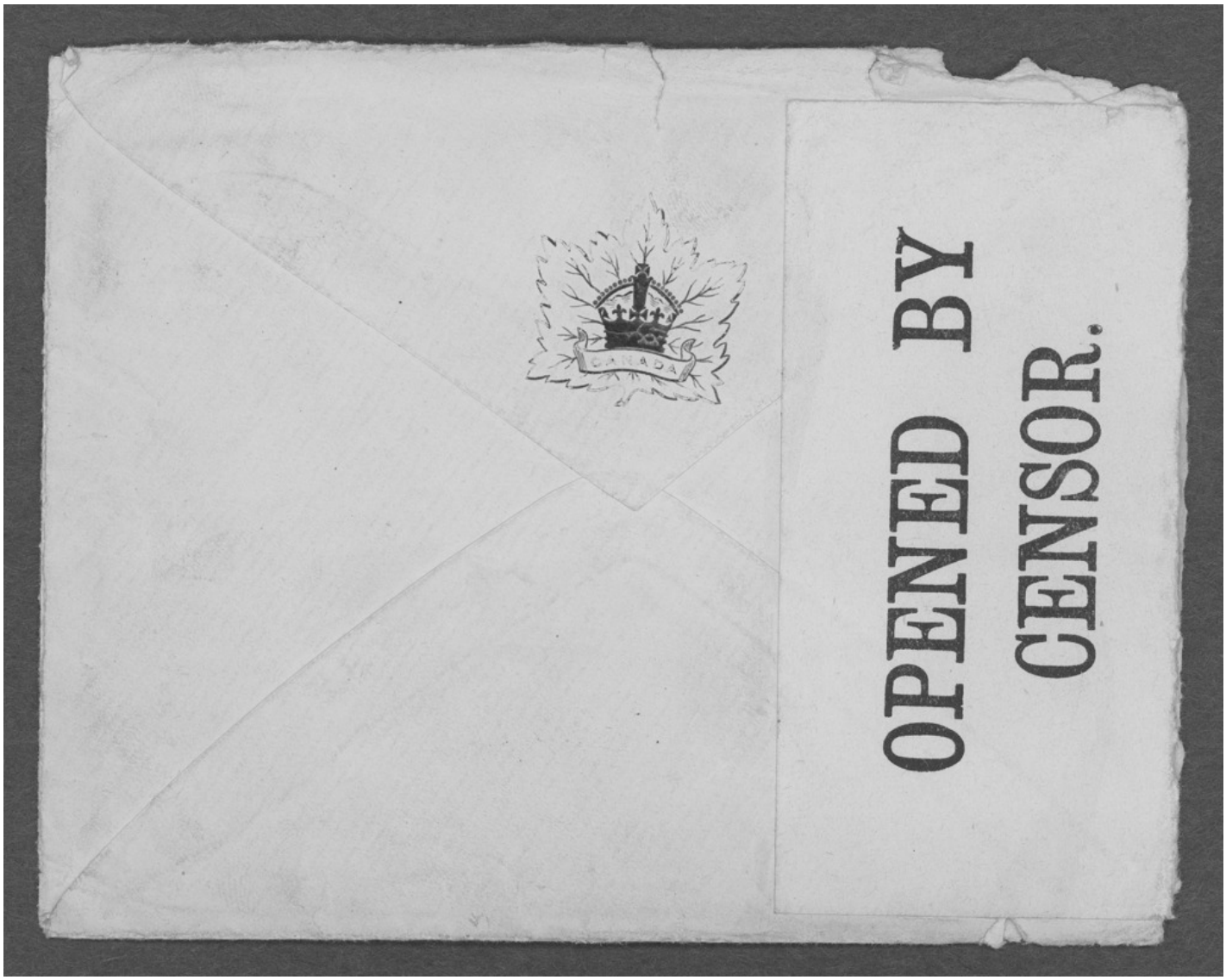
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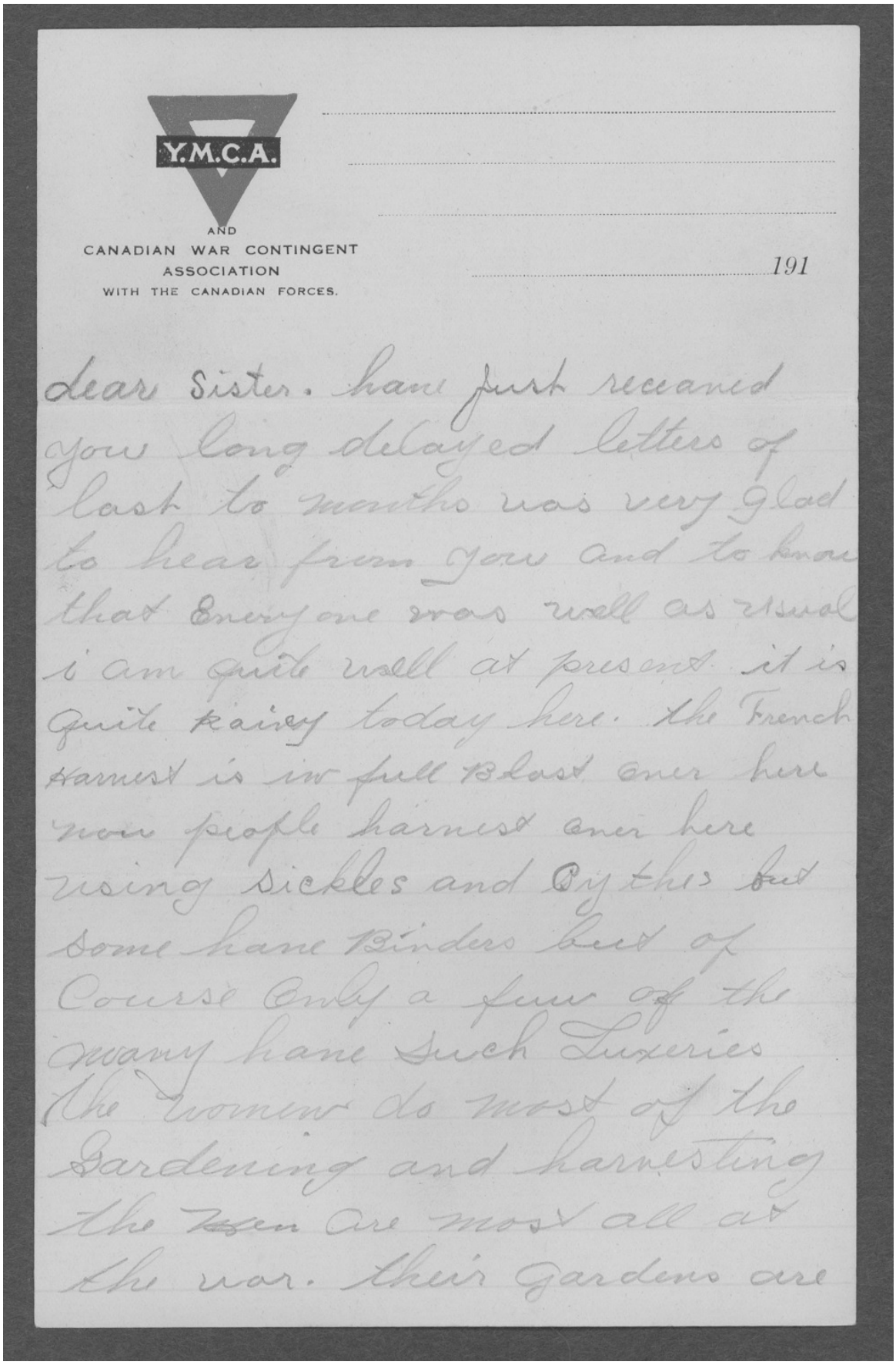
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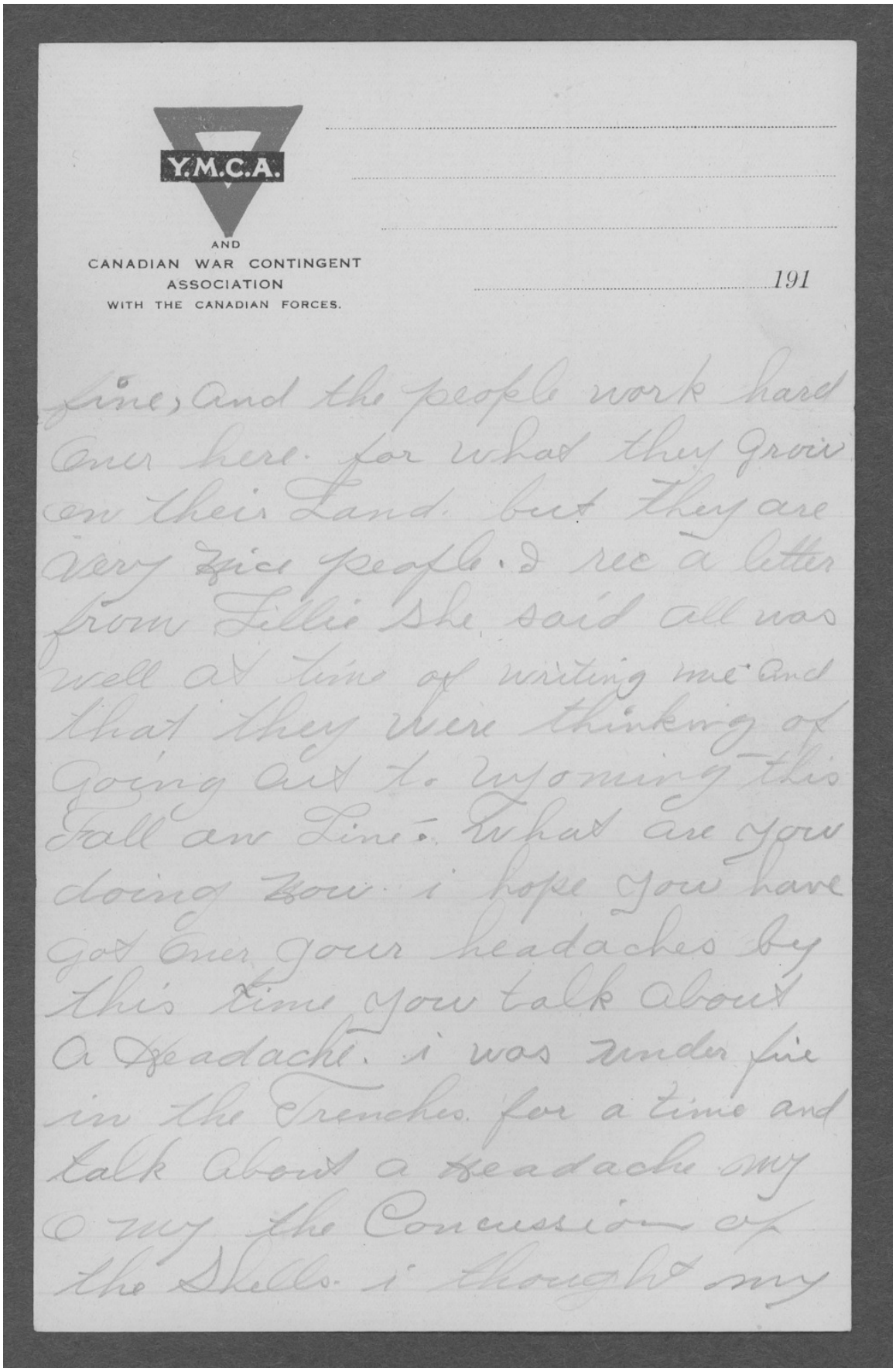


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Dear Sister. Have just recaved
your long delayed letters of
last to months was very Glad
to hear from You and to know
that Everyone was well as usual
i am quite well at present it is
quite hairy today here. the French
harvest is in full Blast over here
now people harvest over here
using Sickles and Rythis but
some have Binders but of
Course Only a few of the
many have such Luxuries
the women do most of the
Gardening and harvesting
the men are most all at
the war. their Gardens are

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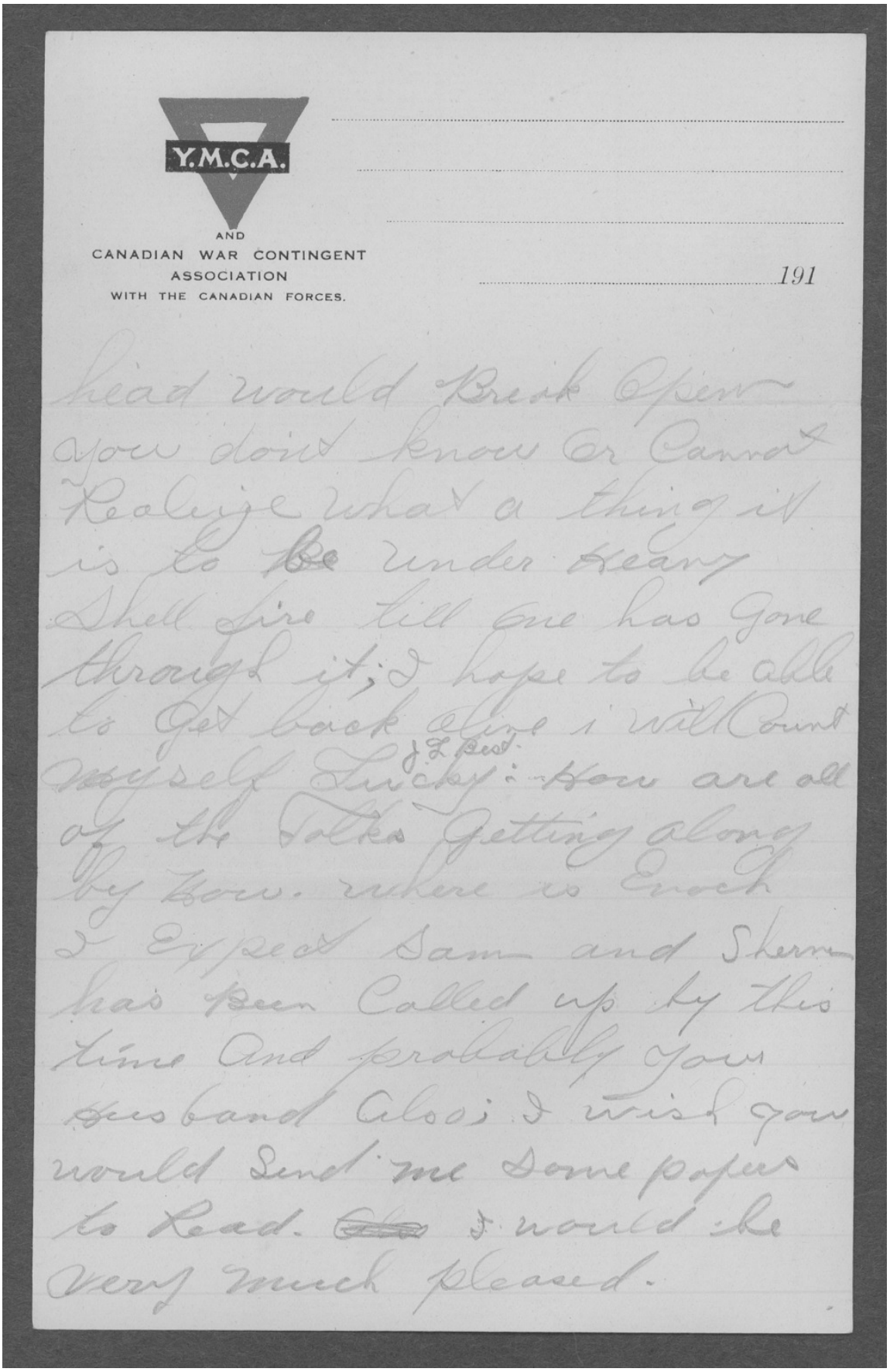


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Line, And the people work hard
Over here. for what they grow
on their Land. but they are
very Nice people. I rec a letter
from Lillie She said all was
well at time of writing me. And
that they were thinking of
going out to Wyoming this
Fall on Line. What are you
doing Now. i hope you have
got Over your headaches by
this time you talk about
a Headache. i was under fire
in the Trenches for a time and
talk About a Headache my
O my the Concussion of
the Shells. i thought my

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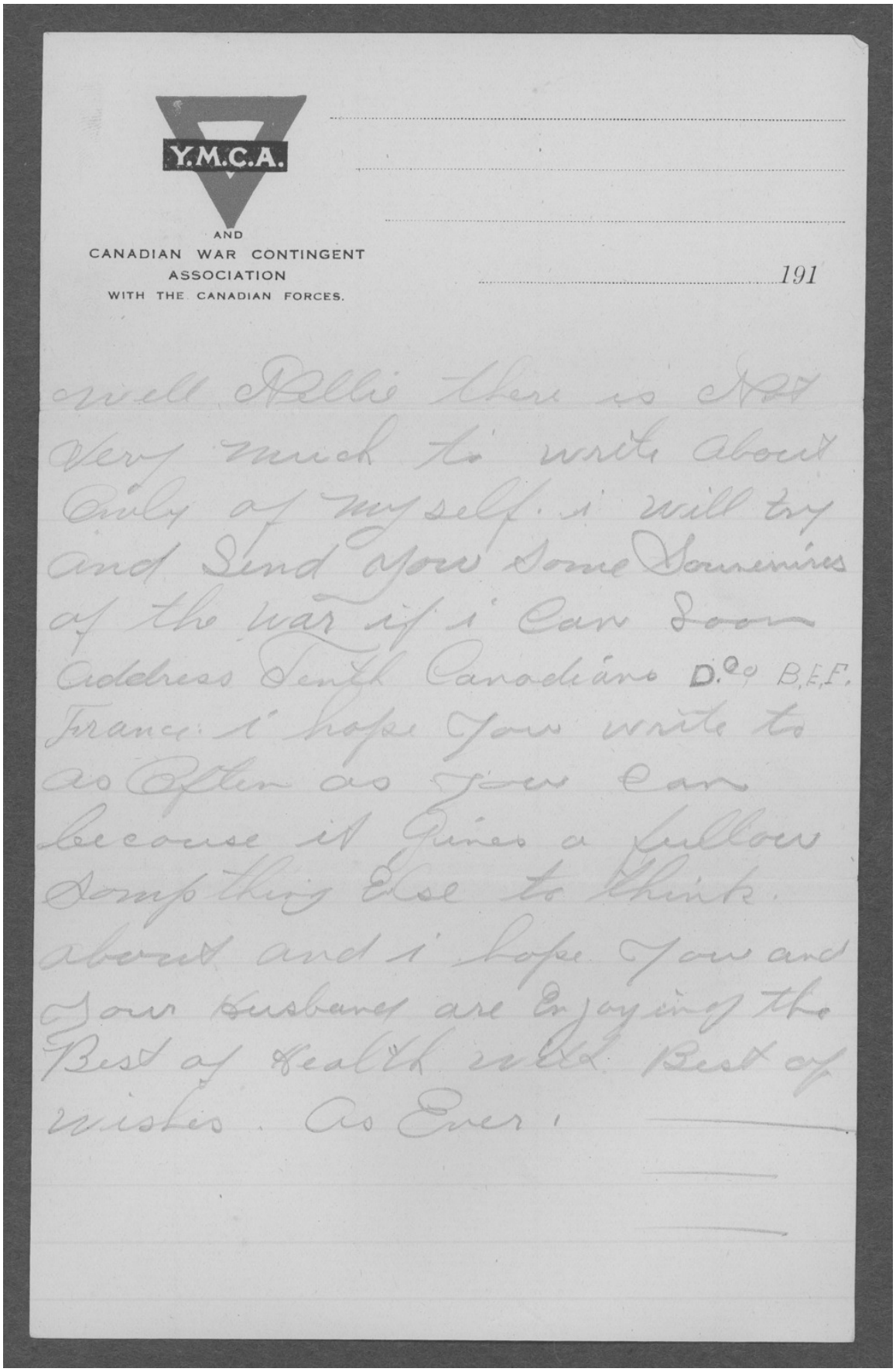


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head would Break Open
you dont know or Cannot
Realize what a thing it
is to be under Heavy
Shell fire till one has Gone
through it; I hope to be able
to Get back Alive i will Count
J. L. Best.
myself Lucky: How are all
of the folks Getting along
by Home. where is Enoch
I Expect Sam and Sherm
has been Called up by this
time And probably your
husband Also; I wish you
would Send me Some papers
to Read. I would be
very much pleased.

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well Nellie there is Not
very much to write about
only of myself. i will try
and Send you Some Souvenirs
of the war if i Can Soon
Address Tenth Canadians D.o.o B.E.F.
France. i hope you write to
as Often as you Can
because it Gives a Fellow
Something Else to think
about and i hope you and
your Husband are Enjoying the
Best of Health with Best of
wishes. As Ever.