# Walter Poisal, World War I soldier

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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 letters and their transcriptions from  Walter Poisal, Company A, 137th Infantry, 35th Division.

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I See your Want the letters also

pictures of the boys of the 35th

Div.

I am enclosing some letters

my son has Written since

he Went over Seas also a

picture. he enlisted With Co

"A" 137. Infantry april 3rd

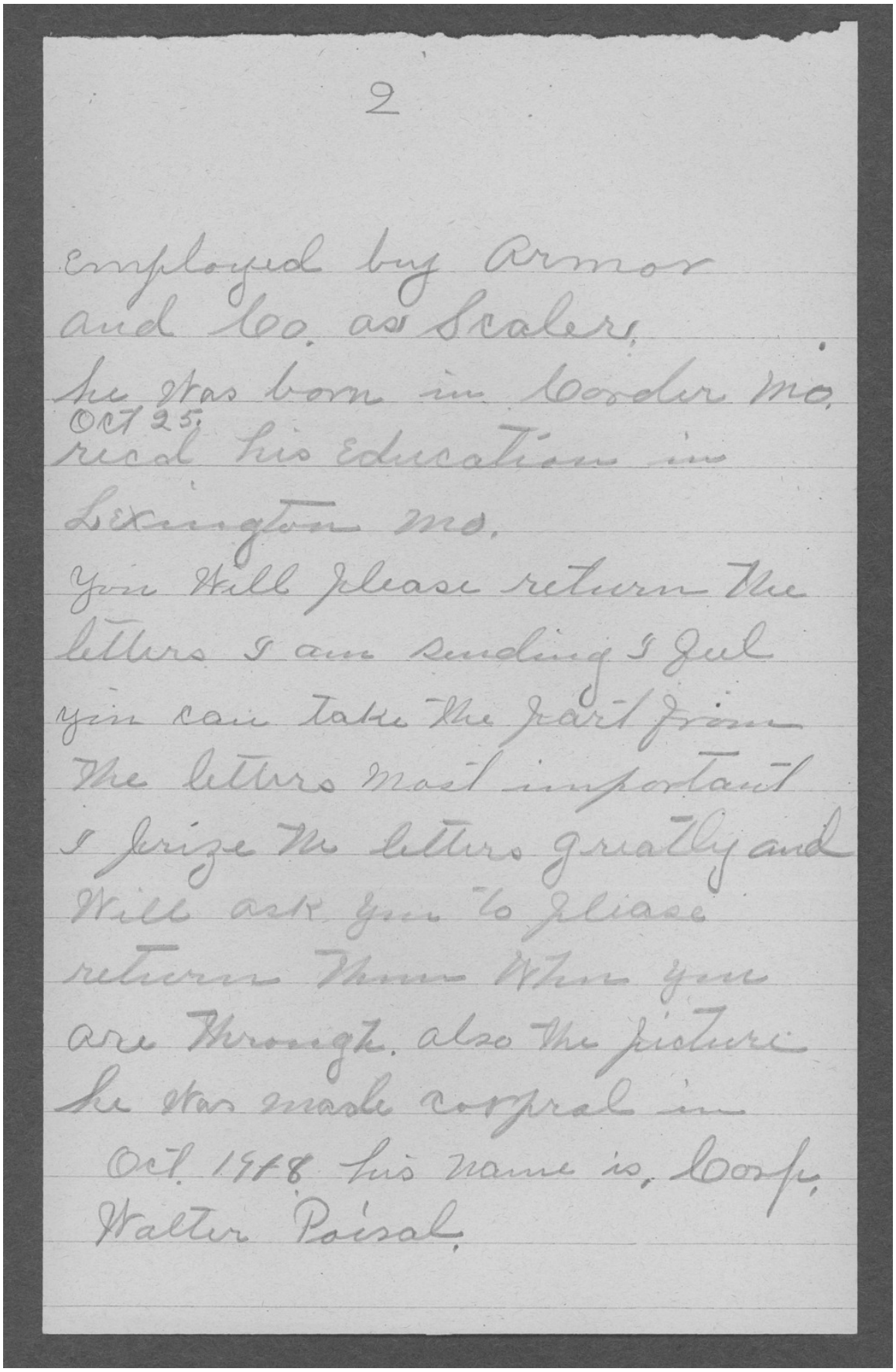
1917. at the age of 17. years.

he Went overseas about April

26-1918 and Was in the Great

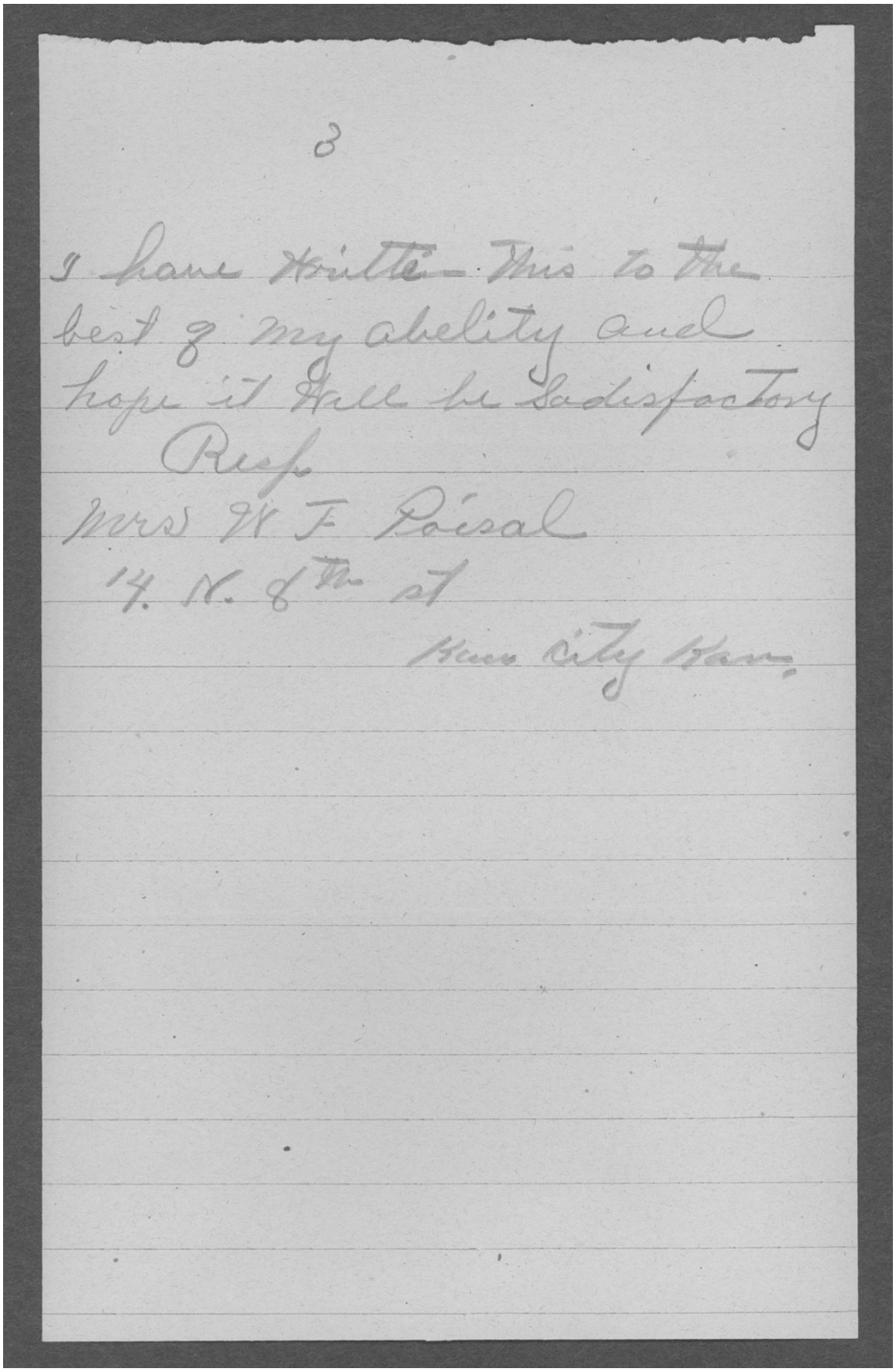
argone forest Drive. previous

to his enlistment he Was





employed by Armor
and Co. as Scaler.
he was born in Condor Mo.
Oct 25.
recd his Education in
Lexington Mo.
You will please return the
letters I am sending I feel
yin can take the part from
the letters most important
I prize the letters greatly and
will ask you to please
return them When you
are through. also the picture
he was made corpral in
Oct. 1918 his name is. Corp.
Walter Poisal.



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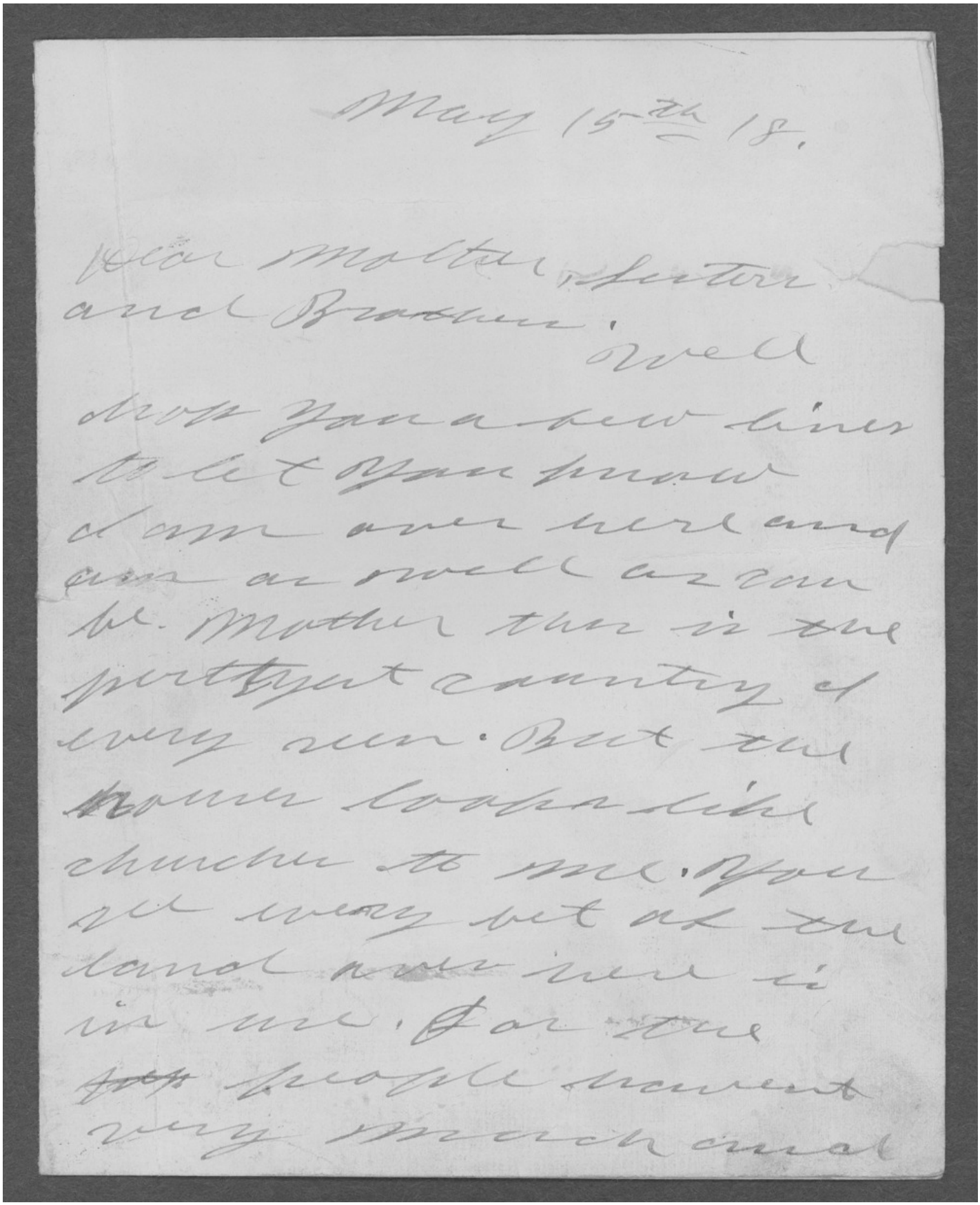
I have writte- This to the best of my abelity and hope it will be Sadisfactory

Resp

Mrs W F Poisal

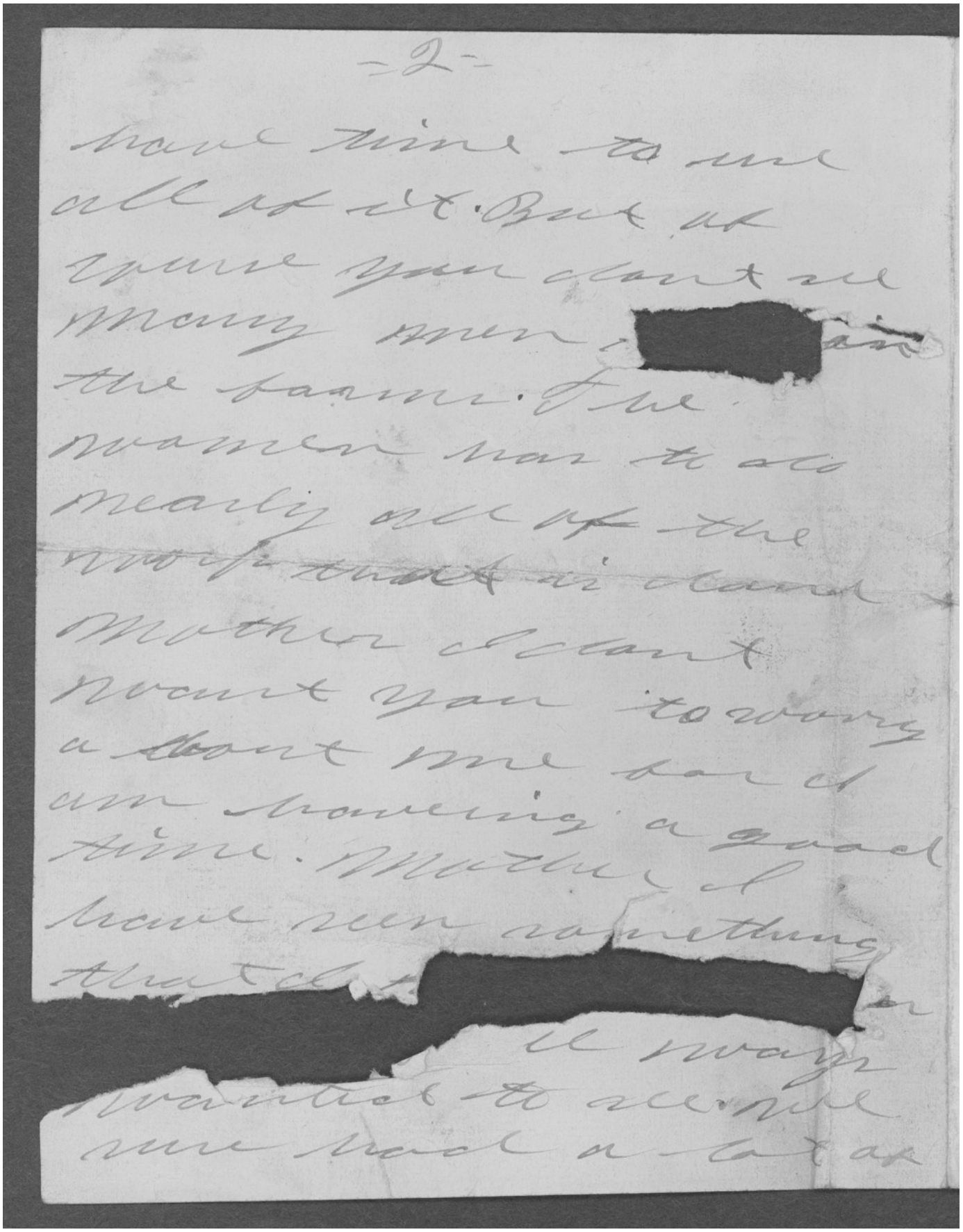
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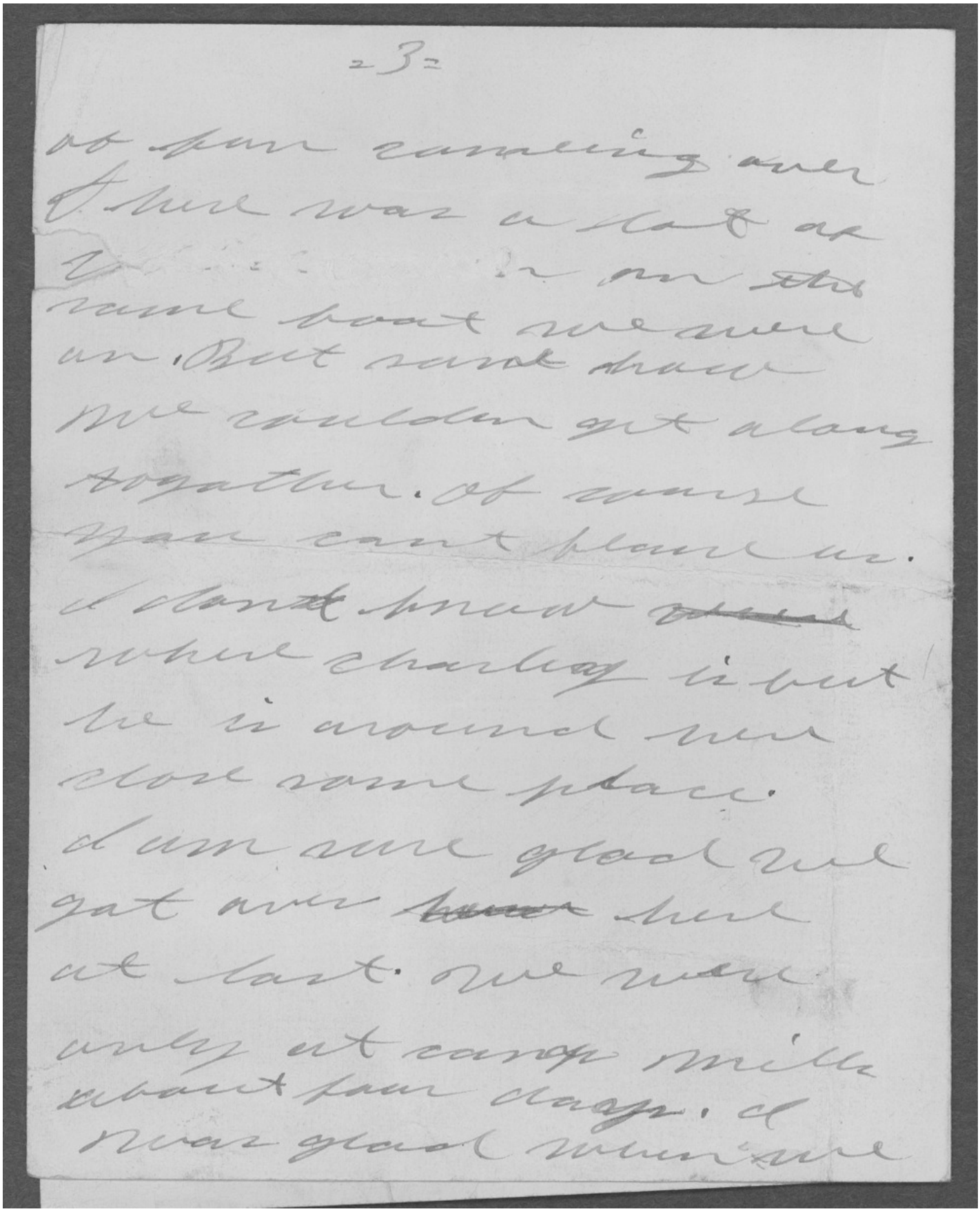
May 15th 18.

Dear Mother, Sister
and Brother.
Well
Guess I'll write a few lines
to let you know
I am over here and
am as well as can
be. Mother this is the
prettiest country I
ever seen. But the
women look like
churches to me. You
all were not at the
dance now were you
if you were. For the
people around
very much cast



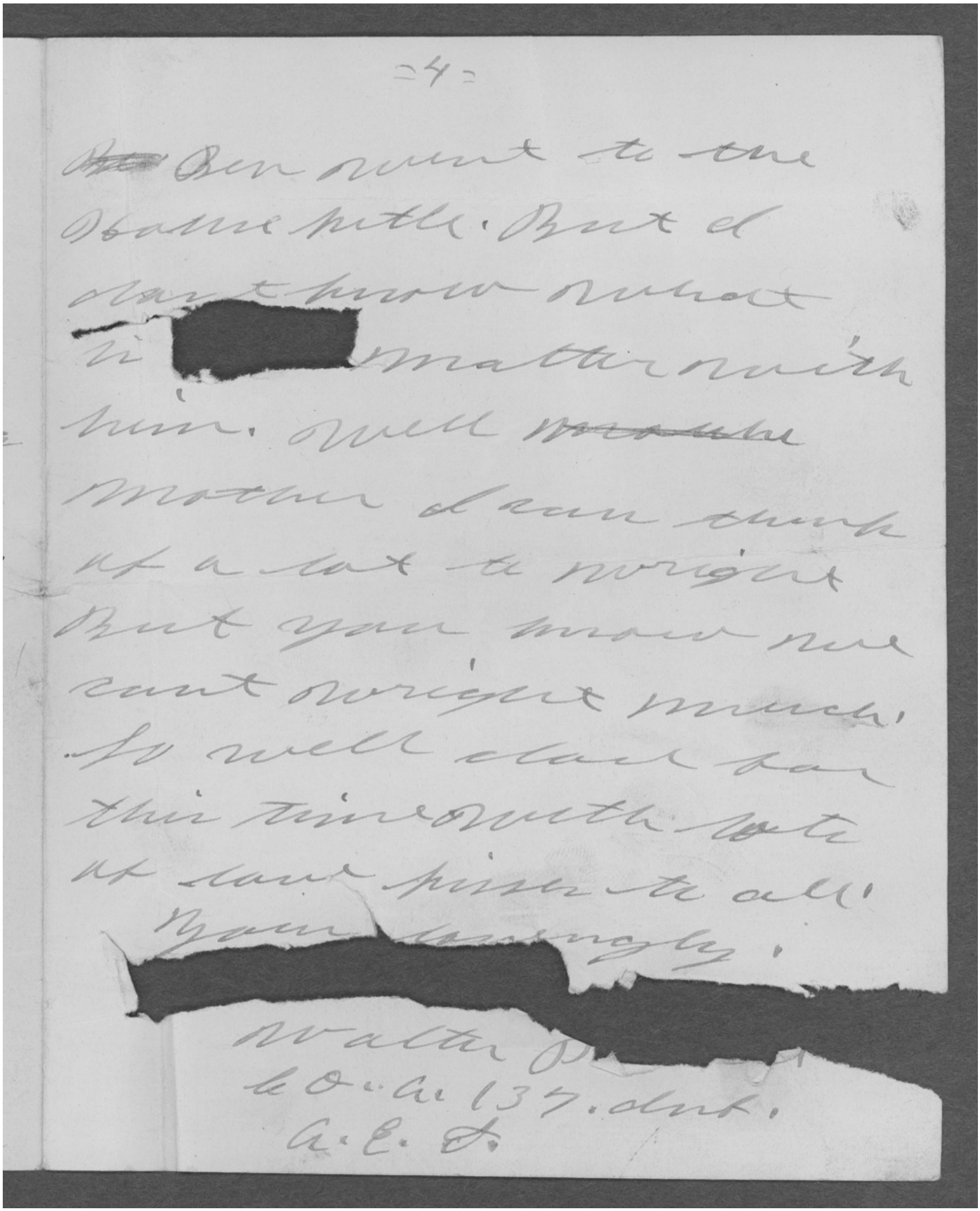
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have time to write
all at it. But at
least you don't see
many men [redacted] in
the farm. The
women has to do
nearly all of the
work [redacted] and
Mother don't
want you to worry
about me for I
am showing a good
time. Mother, I
have seen something
that [redacted] I
wanted to send
one back or [redacted]



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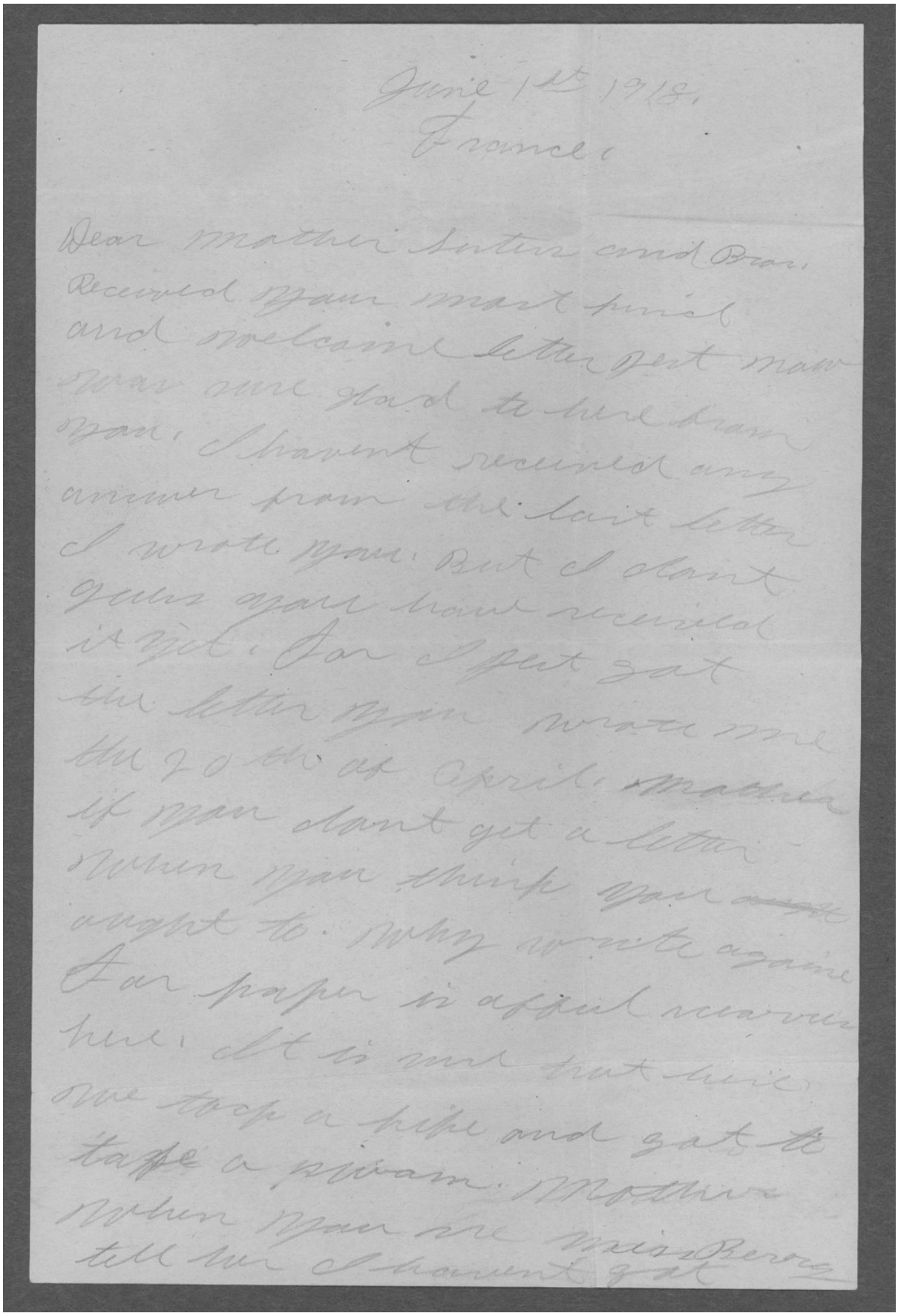
as fast coming over
& sure was a sad
[illegible] in on the
same boat we were
on. But sank there
we couldn get along
together. of course
there can't please us.
I don't know when
when Charley is but
he is around our
close some place.
I am sure glad we
got over here sure
at last. We were
only at camp Mills
about four days. I
was glad when we



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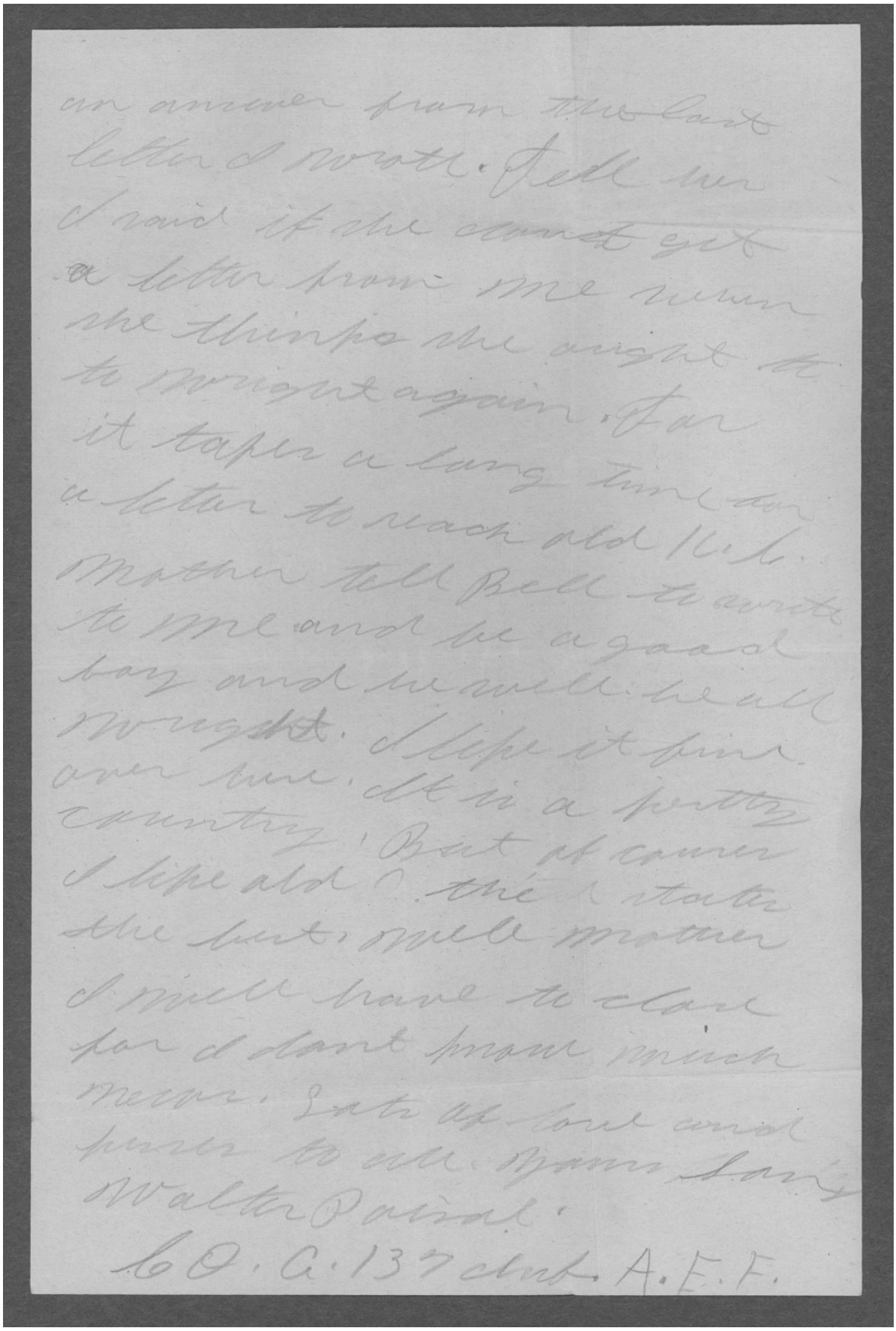
Ben sent to the Base hospital. But I don't know what is the matter with him. Well Mother I can think of a lot to write but you know we can't write much. So well close for this time with lots of love. Give to all. Yours truly.

Walter [redacted]
Co. A. 137. Inft.
A. E. F.

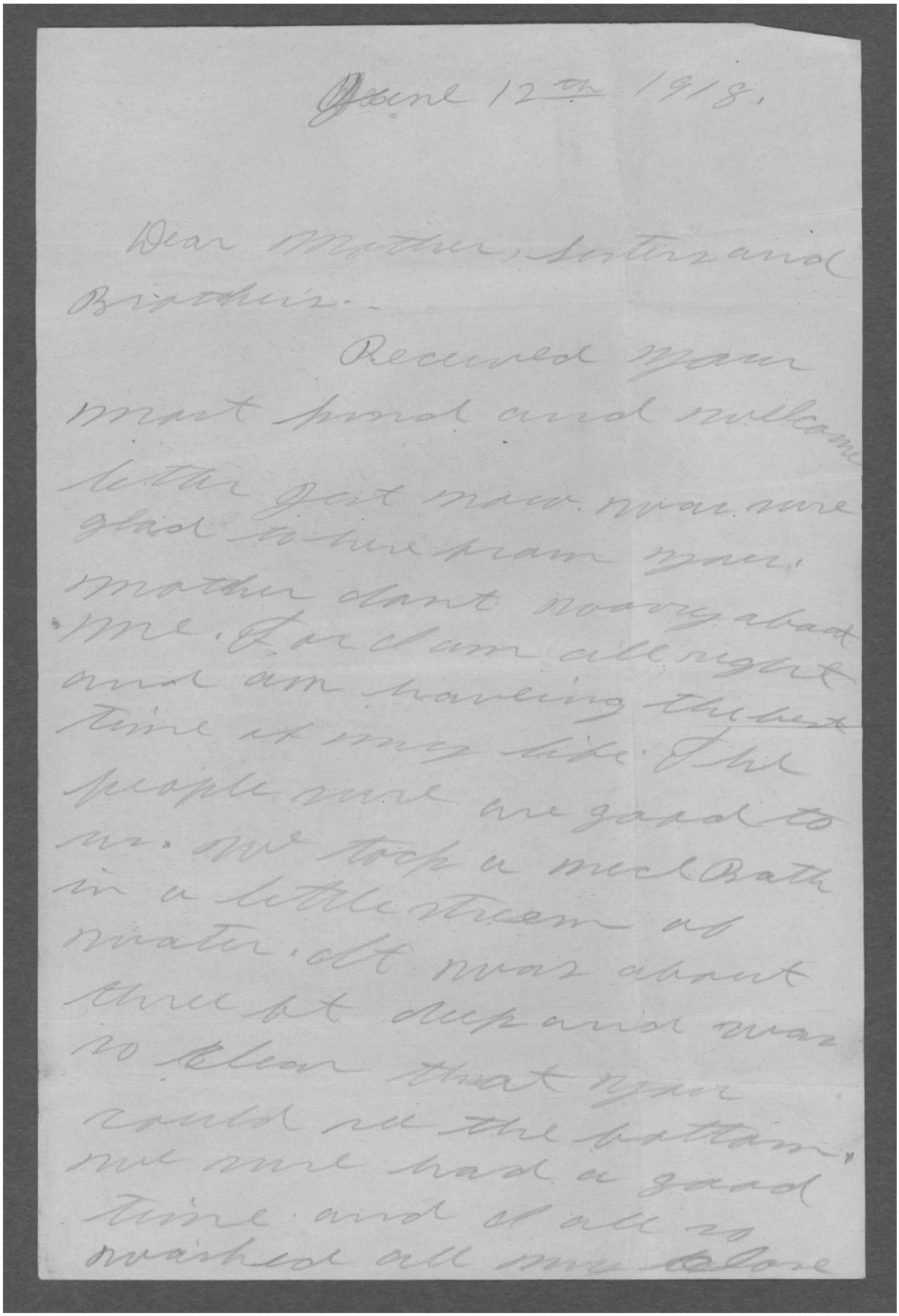


June 1st 1918.
France.

Dear mother Sister and Bro.
Received your most kind
and welcome letter sent mar
year ago and glad to hear from
you. I haven't received any
answer from the last letter
I wrote you. But I don't
guess you have received
it yet. For I got
the letter you wrote me
the 7th of April. Mother
if you don't get a letter
when you think you
ought to. Why write again
For paper is afful scarce
here. It is cut that here
we took a hike and got to
Taffe a town. Mother
when you see Miss Berry
tell her I haven't got



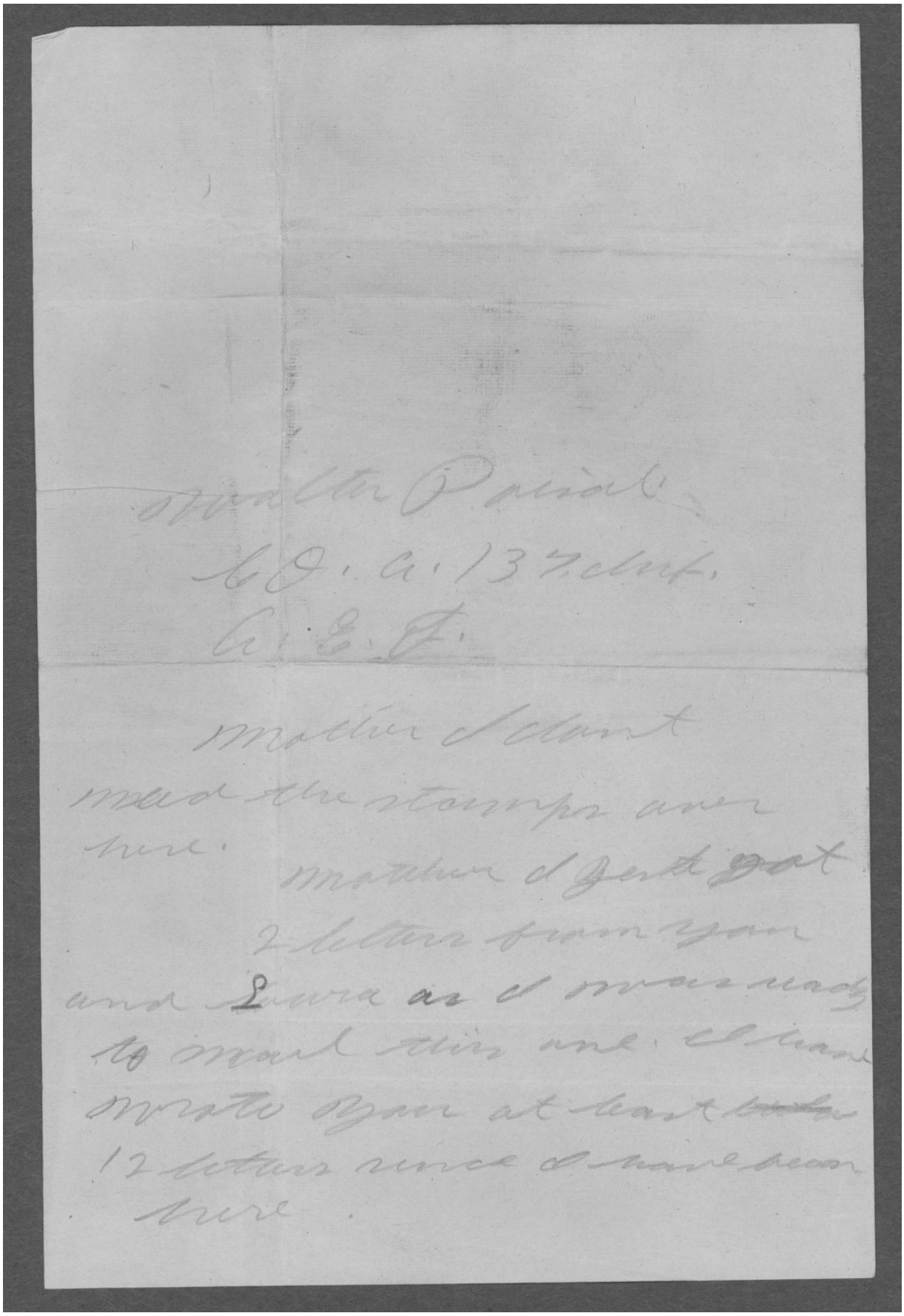
an answer from the last
letter I wrote. Tell her
I said if she cannot get
a letter from me when
she thinks she ought to
to write again. For
it takes a long time for
a letter to reach old U.S.
Mother tell Bell to write
to me and be a good
boy and he will have all
I might. I like it fine
over here. It is a pretty
country. But it comes
like old. the I start
the hurt. well mother
I will have to close
for I dont know much
more. Lots of love and
kisses to all. From Sonny
Walter Poisal.
Co. A. 137 Inf. A.E.F.



June 12th 1918.

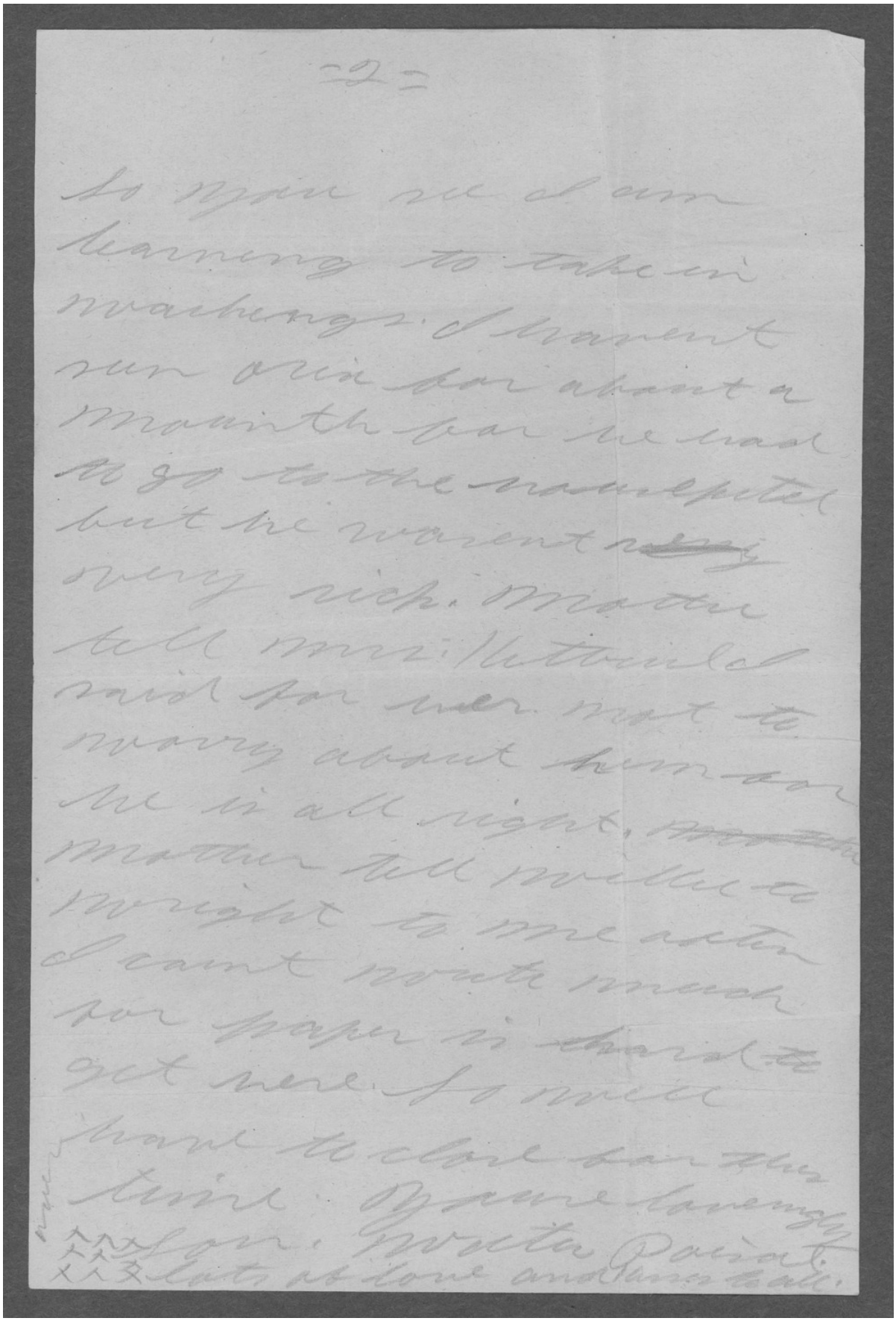
Dear Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

Received your most kind and welcome letter just now. Was sure glad to hear from you. Mother don't worry about me. For I am all right and am having the best time of my life. The people sure are good to us. We took a mud Bath in a little stream as water. It was about three ft deep and was so clear that you could see the bottom. We sure had a good time and of all we washed all my clothes



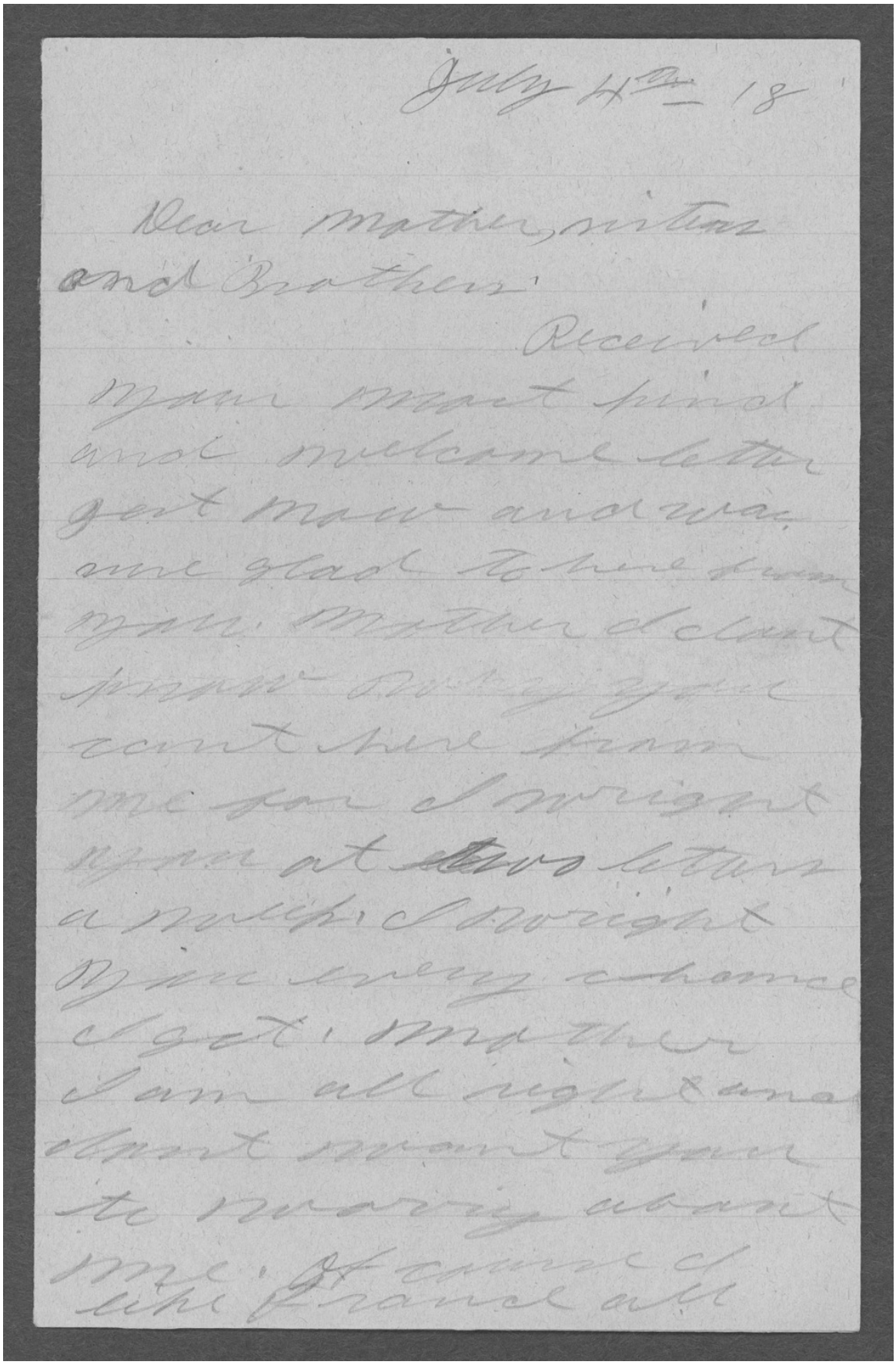
Walter Poisal
Co. A. 137 Inf.
Am. E. F.

Mother I dont
need the stamps any
more.
Mother I got
2 letter from you
and Laura as I was ready
to mail this one. I have
wrote you at least ~~two~~
12 letters since I have been
here.



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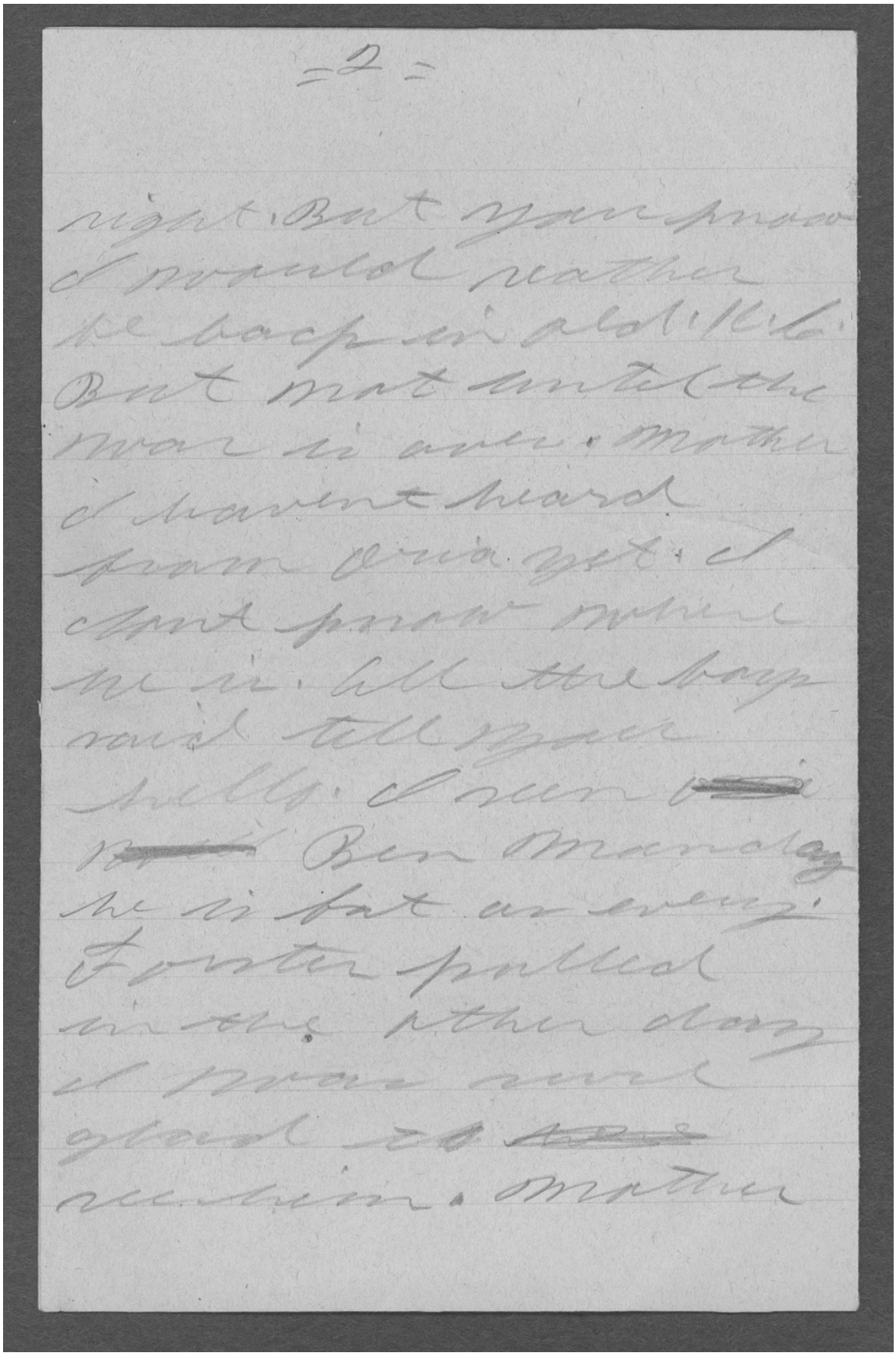
So now we all am
learning to take in
washings. I haven't
run over for about a
month but we had
to go to the mountains
but he weren't ~~very~~
very sick. Mother
tell mrs. Hutchuld
said for her not to
worry about him for
he is all right. ~~Mother~~
Mother tell write to
I might to me as to
I can't write much
for paper is hard to
get here. I must
close for this
time. Your sone Lovingly
Walter Poisal.
Lots of love and kisses to all.



July 4th 18

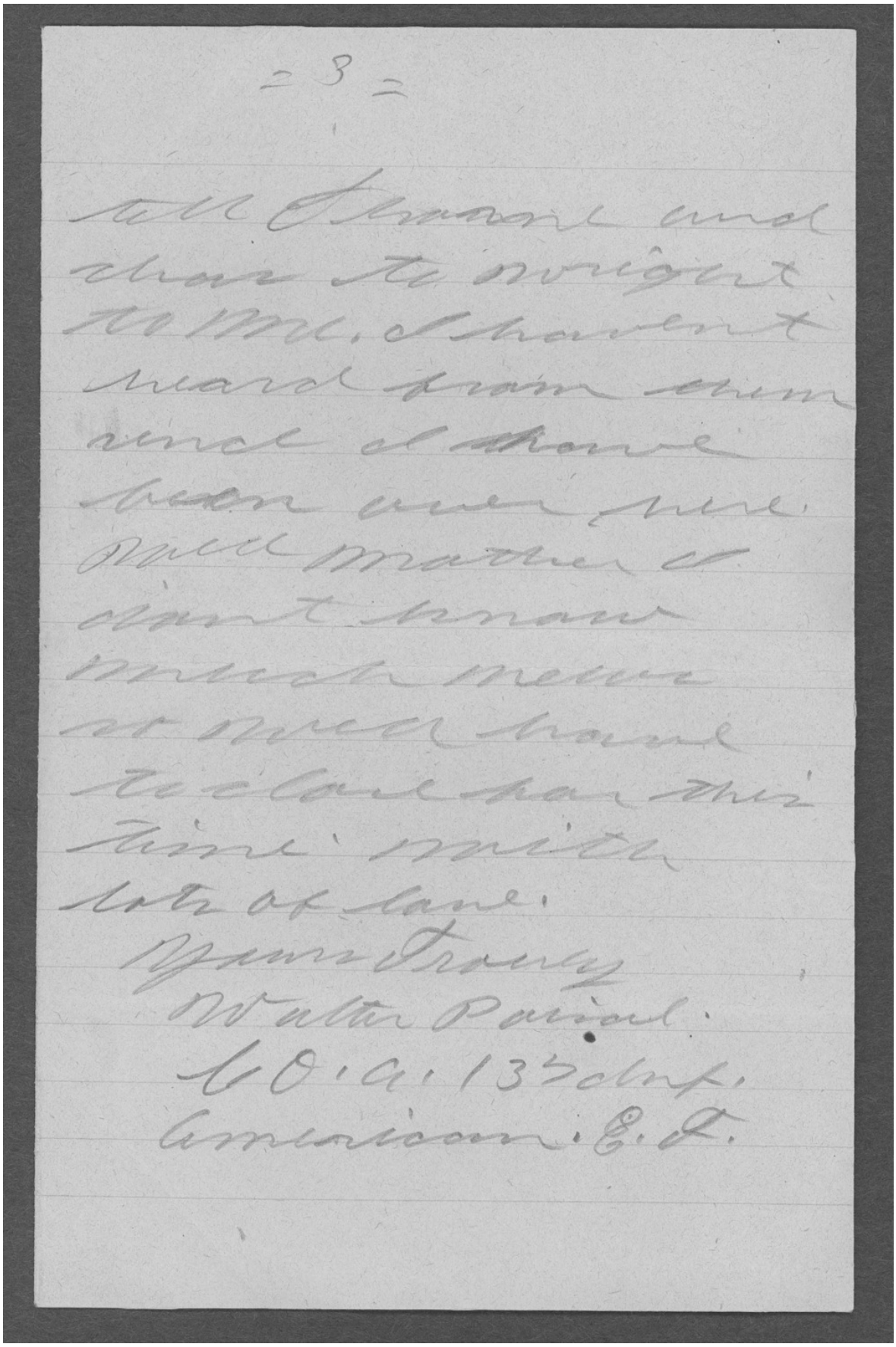
Dear Mother, sister
and Brothers

Received
your most kind
and welcome letter
Sept 1st and was
sure glad to hear from
you. Mother don't
worry if you
can't hear from
me for I write
you at least letters
a week. I write
you every chance
I get. Mother
I am all right and
don't want you
to worry about
me. Of course I
like France all



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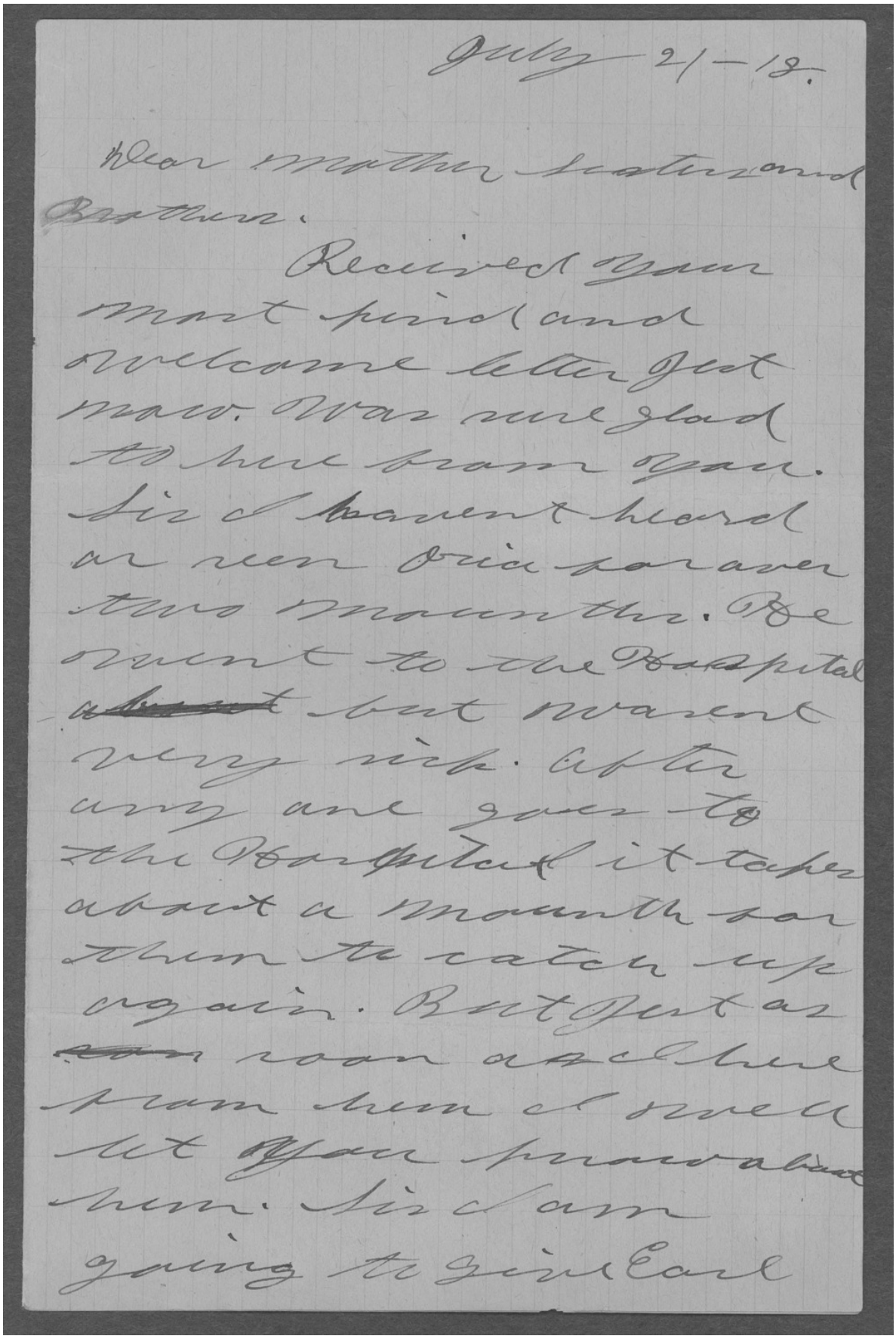
night. But you know I would rather be back in old Kansas. But not until the war is over. Mother I haven't heard from Ova yet. I don't know where he is. Tell the boys and tell your selfs. I seen [redacted] [redacted] Ben Monday he is fat as ever. Foster politics in this other day I was over at [redacted] uncle's. Mother



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will Stamp and
draw it right
to me. I haven't
heard from them
since I drove
them over here.
Well Mother I
don't know
much more
at present have
to close hoping this
finds you well
lots of love.

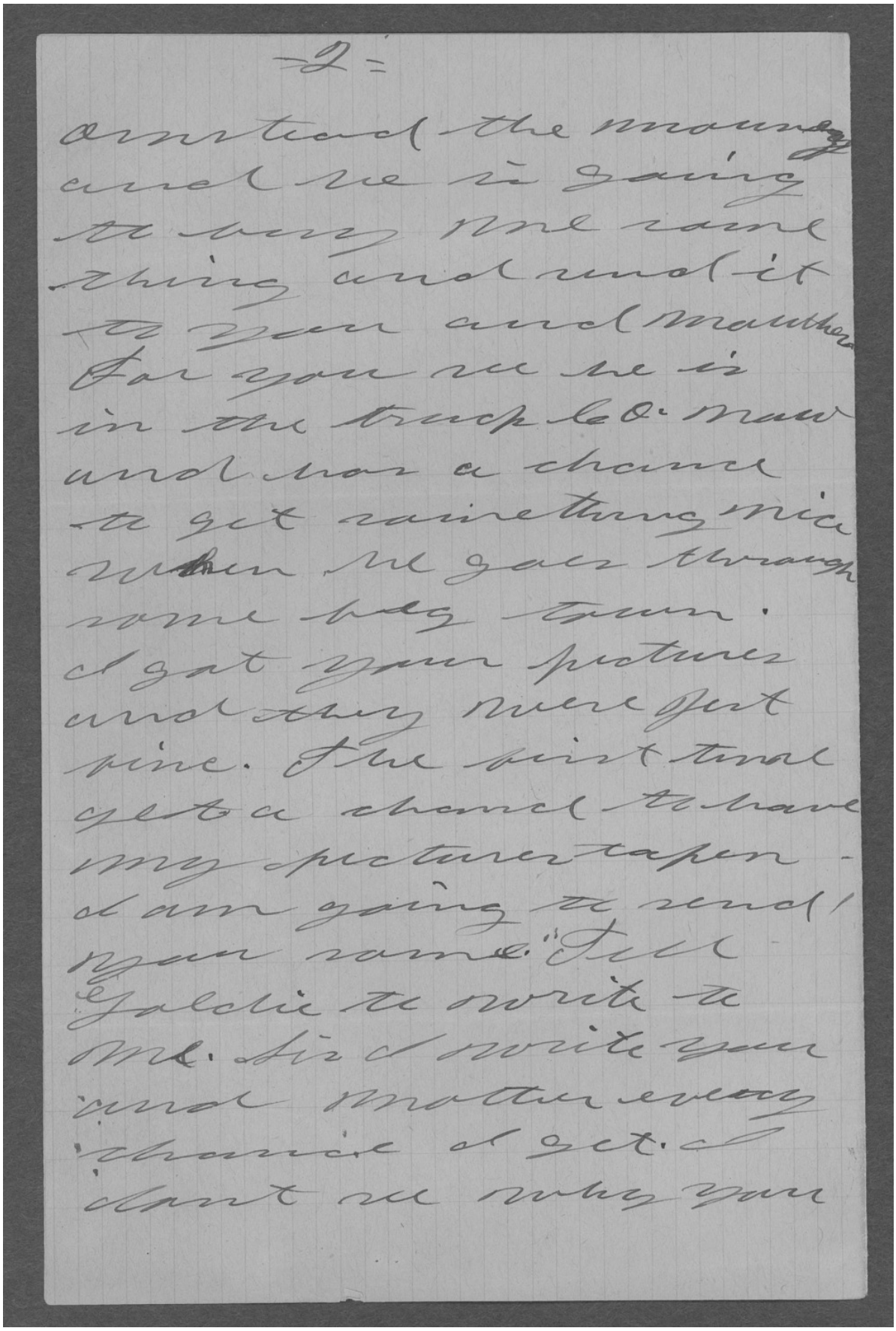
Yours Truly
Walter Poisal.
160. A. 137th Inf.
American E. F.



July 21 – 18.

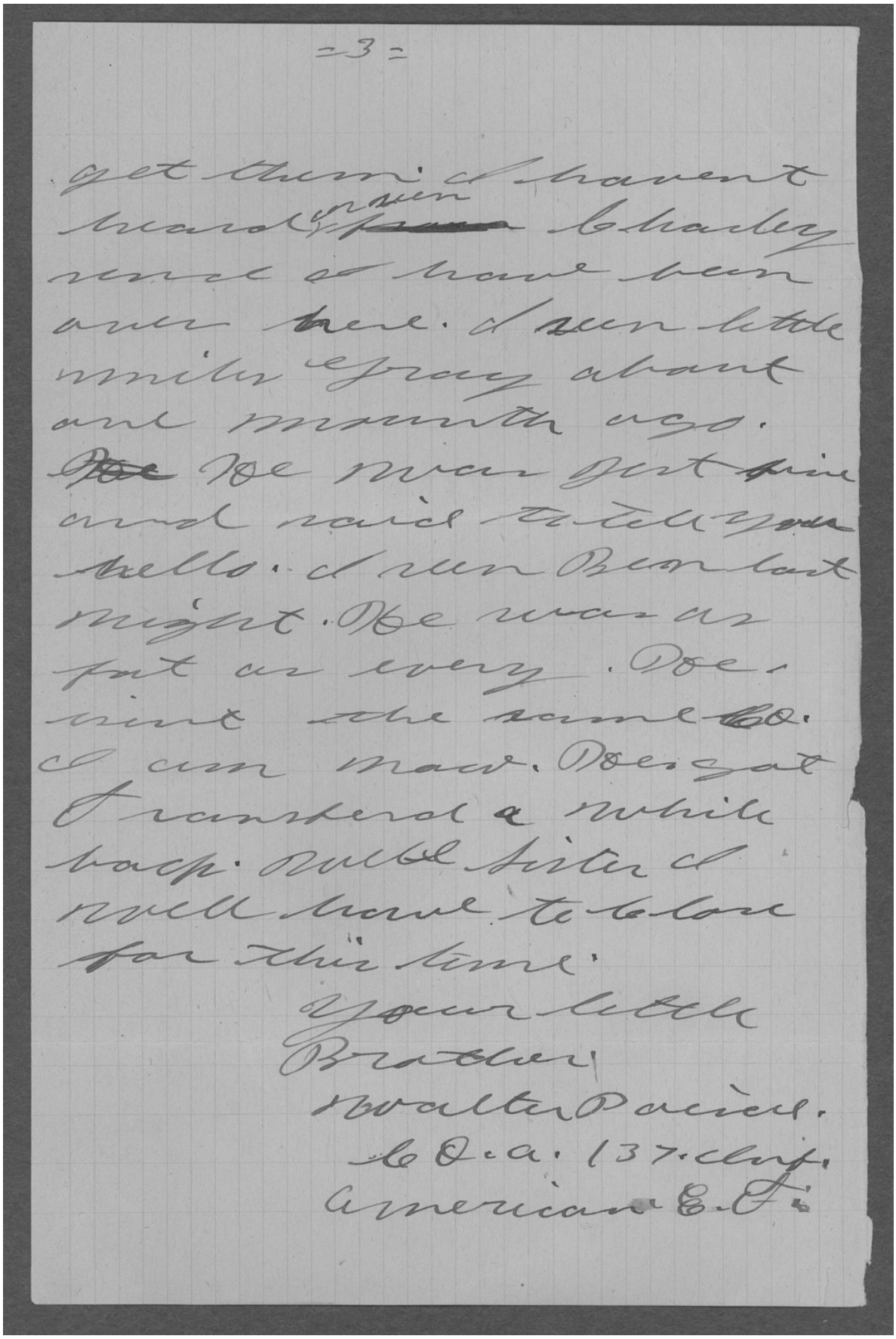
Dear Mother Sister and Brothers.

Received your most kind and welcome letter Just now. Was sure glad to hear from you. Sir I haven't heard or seen Ora for ever so long. Be sent to the Hospital ~~about~~ but wasent very sick. After any one goes to the Hospital it takes about a month for them to catch up again. But Just as soon as I can get leave from them I will let you know. Sir I am going to Give Earl



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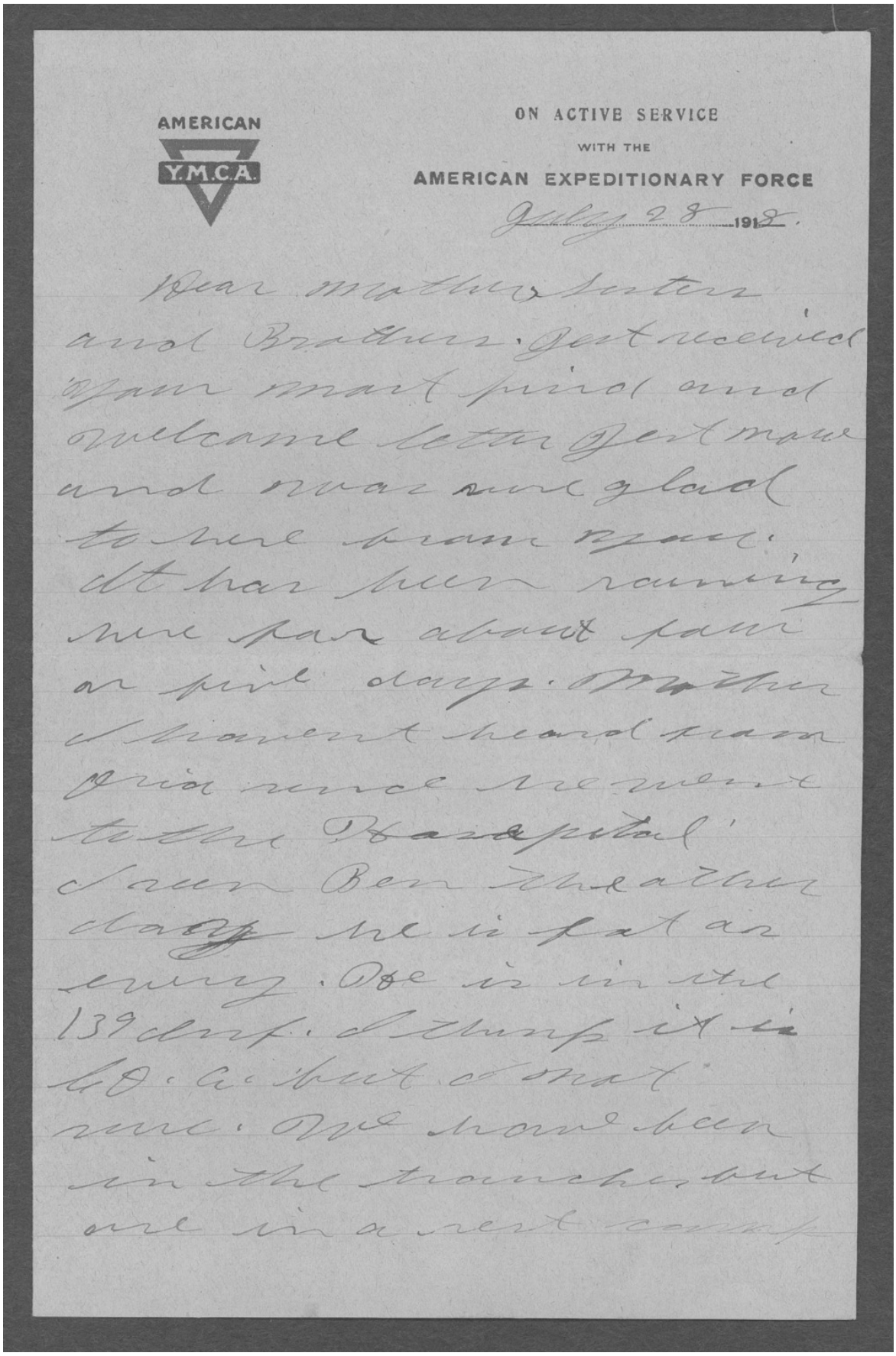
arrived the morning
and he is going
to buy me some
thing and send it
to you and mother
for you see he is
in the trucks & now
and has a chance
to get something nice
when he goes through
some big town.
I got your pictures
and they were just
fine. This is the first time
I've had a chance to have
my picture taken -
I am going to send
your name. "Jack"
Galvin to write to
me. Sis I write you
and mother every
chance I get.
don't see why you



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get them I shavent
heard from them Schanley
since it have been
over here. I seen little
mike Gray about
one month ago.
Joe We was Just fine
and said tell you
hello. I seen Bert last
night. We was as
fat as ever. Joe.
sint the same Kid.
I am mad. Dont
I received a while
back. Will write I
will have to close
for this time.

Your little
Brother
Walter Poisal.
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American E. F.

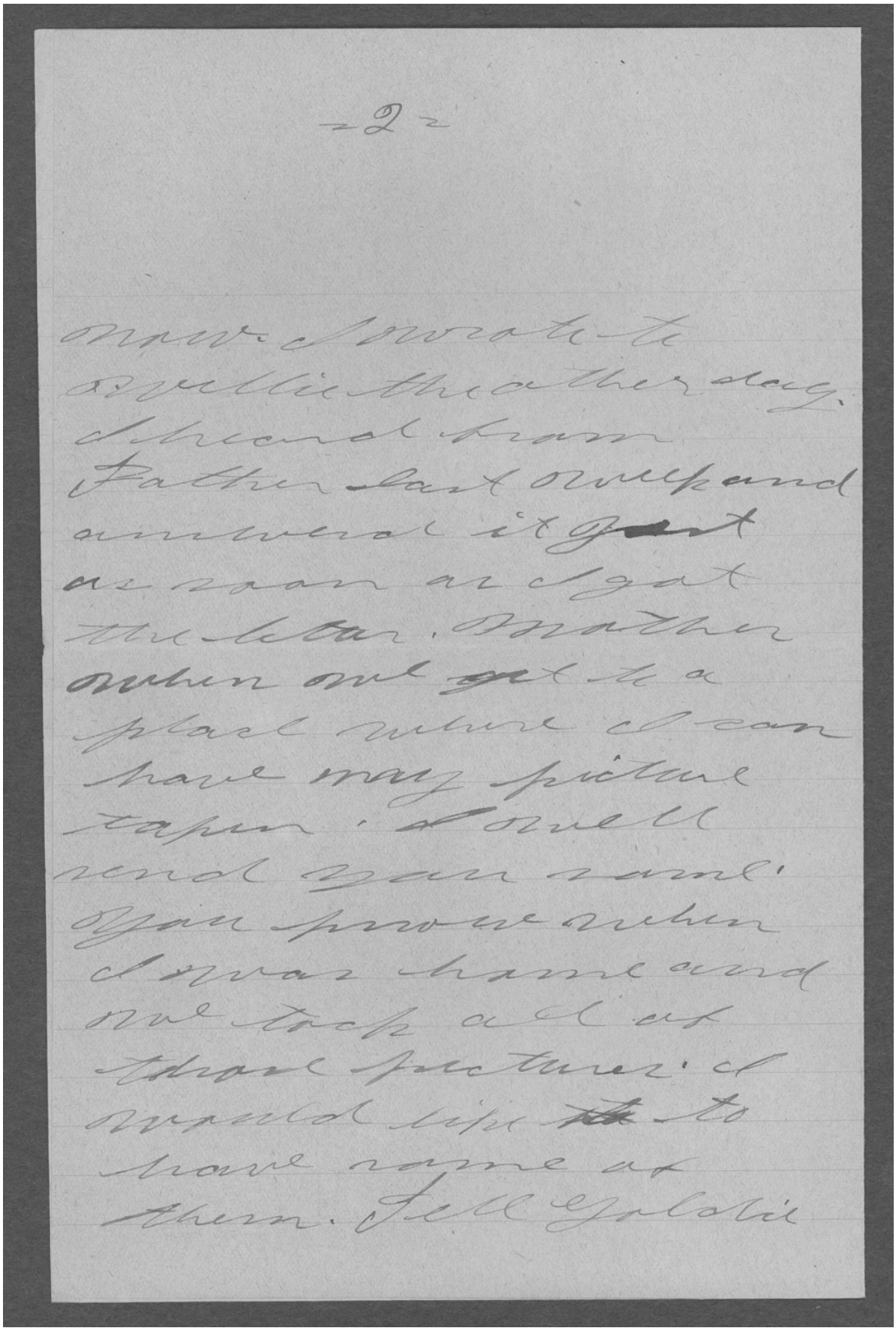


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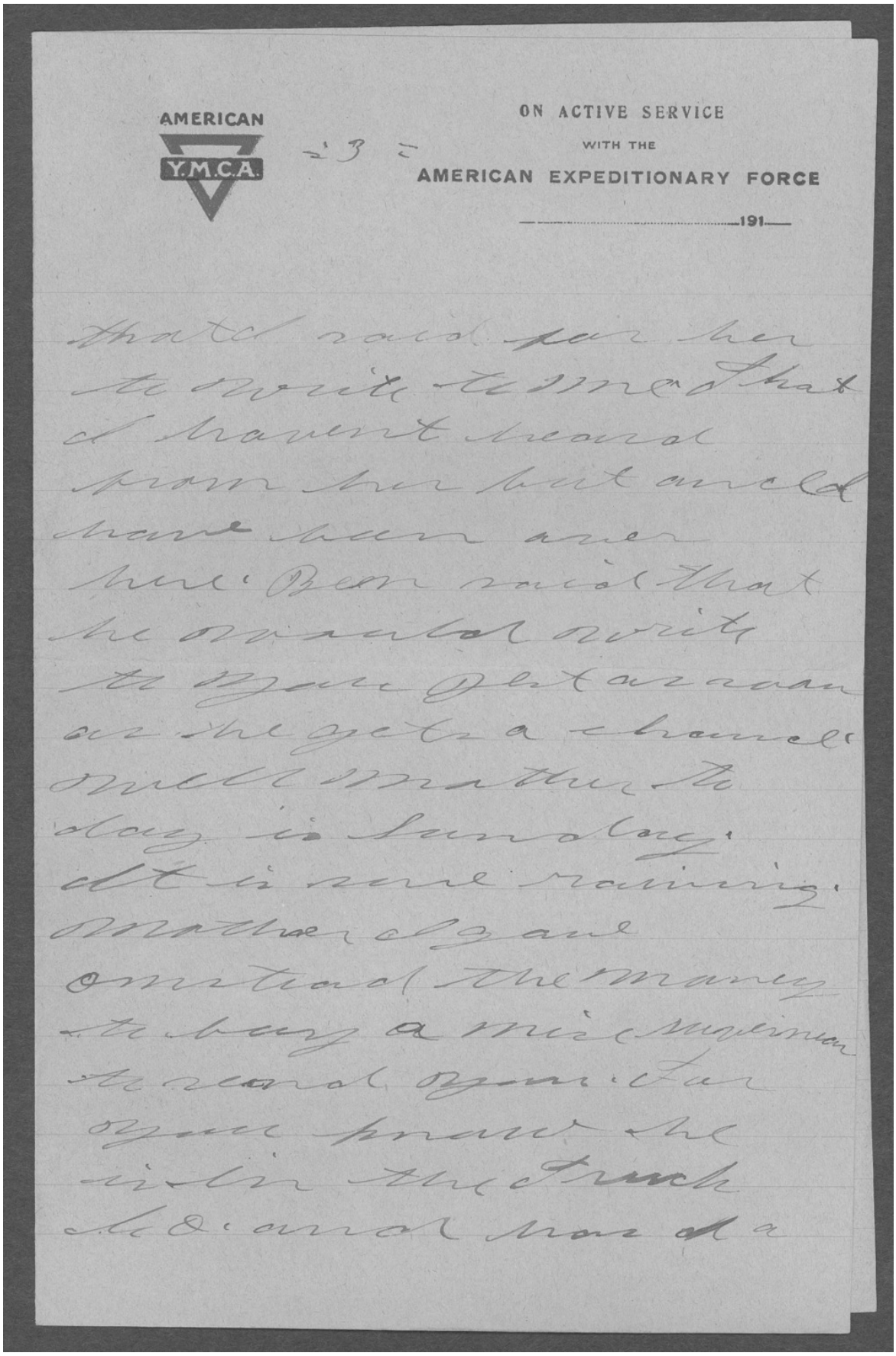
July 28 1918.

Dear mother Sister and Brothers. Just received your mail pried and welcome letter glad to hear from you. it has been raining here for about four or five days. Mother I have not heard from Pria since he went to the Hospital I saw Ben Wheatley day he is fat as ever. Doc is in the 139 Inf. I think it is 60. A. but I not sure. We have been in the trenches but are in a rest camp



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Now I wrote to
you all the other day.
I heard from
Father last week and
answered it just
as soon as I got
the letter. Mother
when are you to a
place where I can
have my picture
taken. I will
send you mine if
you send me yours
I was down town
the other day and
saw a lot of
those pictures I
would like to
have some of
them. Tell Goldie



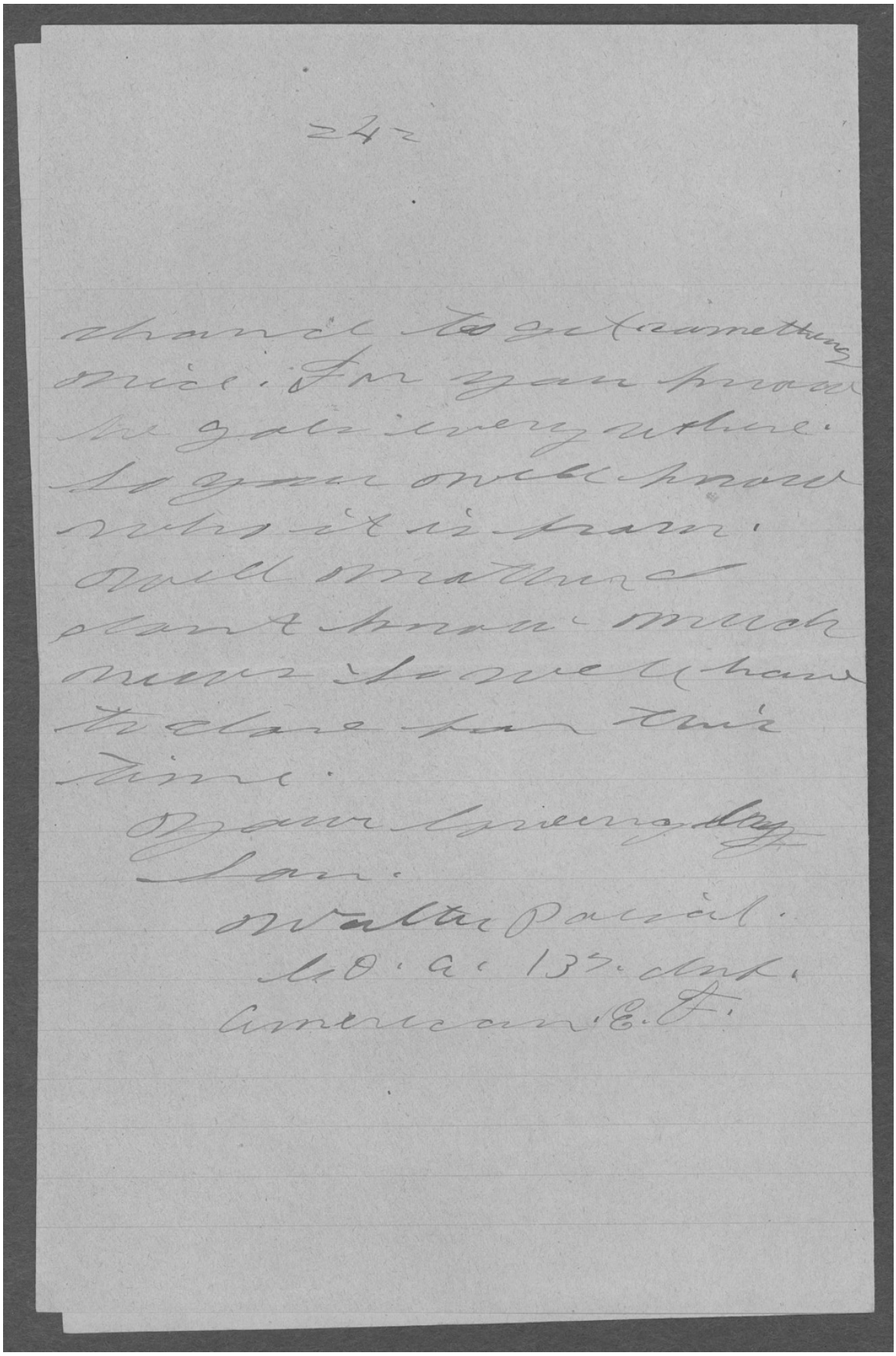
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that said for her
to write to me & that
I haven't heard
from her but could
have been over
here. Ben said that
he would write
to you & Otto or
or she gets a chance
well mother the
day is Sunday.
it is nice raining.
Mother dig and
Conrad the many
to buy a mic Mosquito
Net send you. For
you from the
in in the truck
Conrad now at a

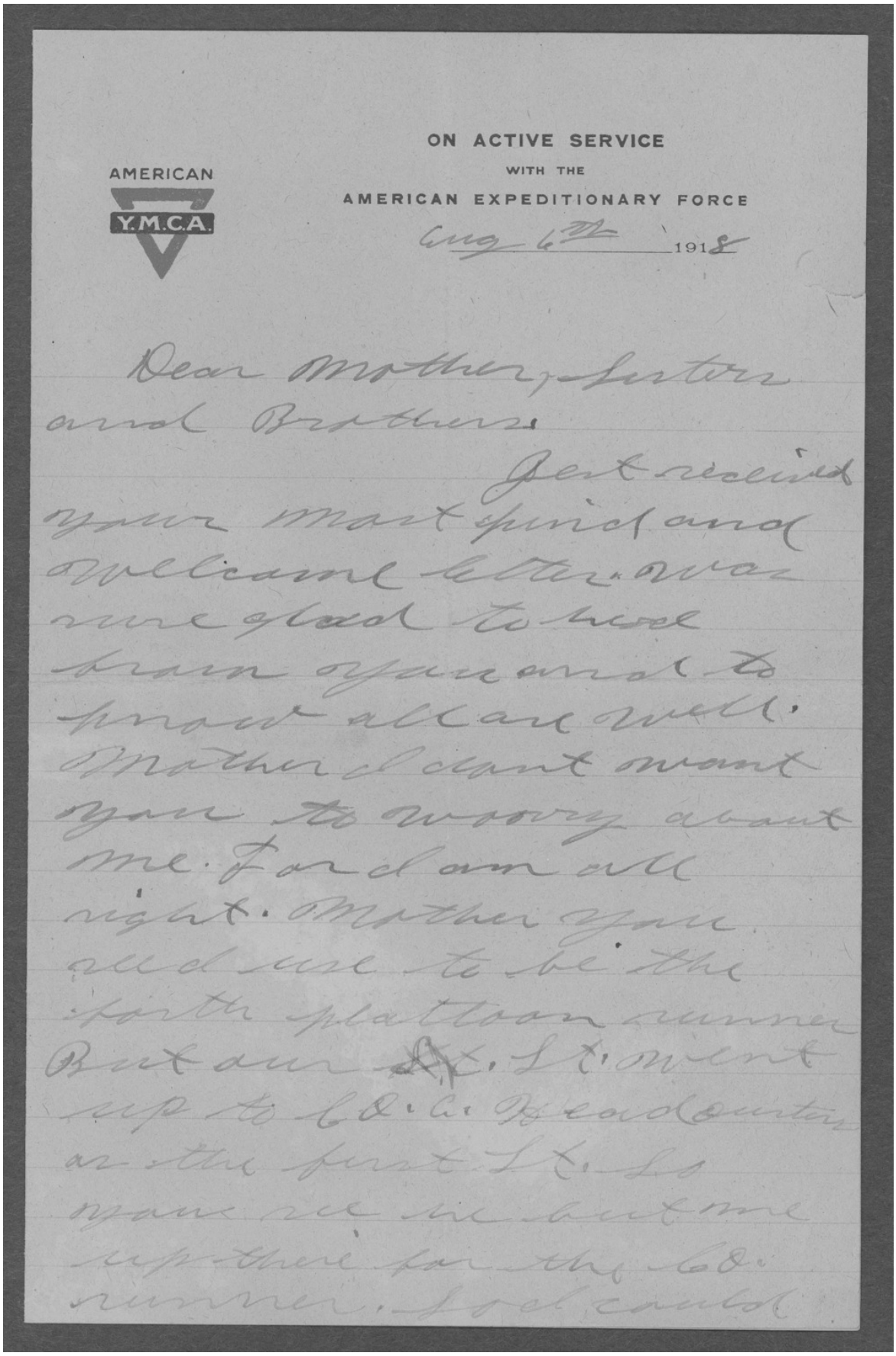


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should be getting something
nice. For you know
we get very nothing.
As you would know
when it is from.
Well mother and
dad I know much
more I should have
to close for this
time.

Your loving boy
Sam.

Walter Poisal.
Co. A. 137. Inf.
American E. F.



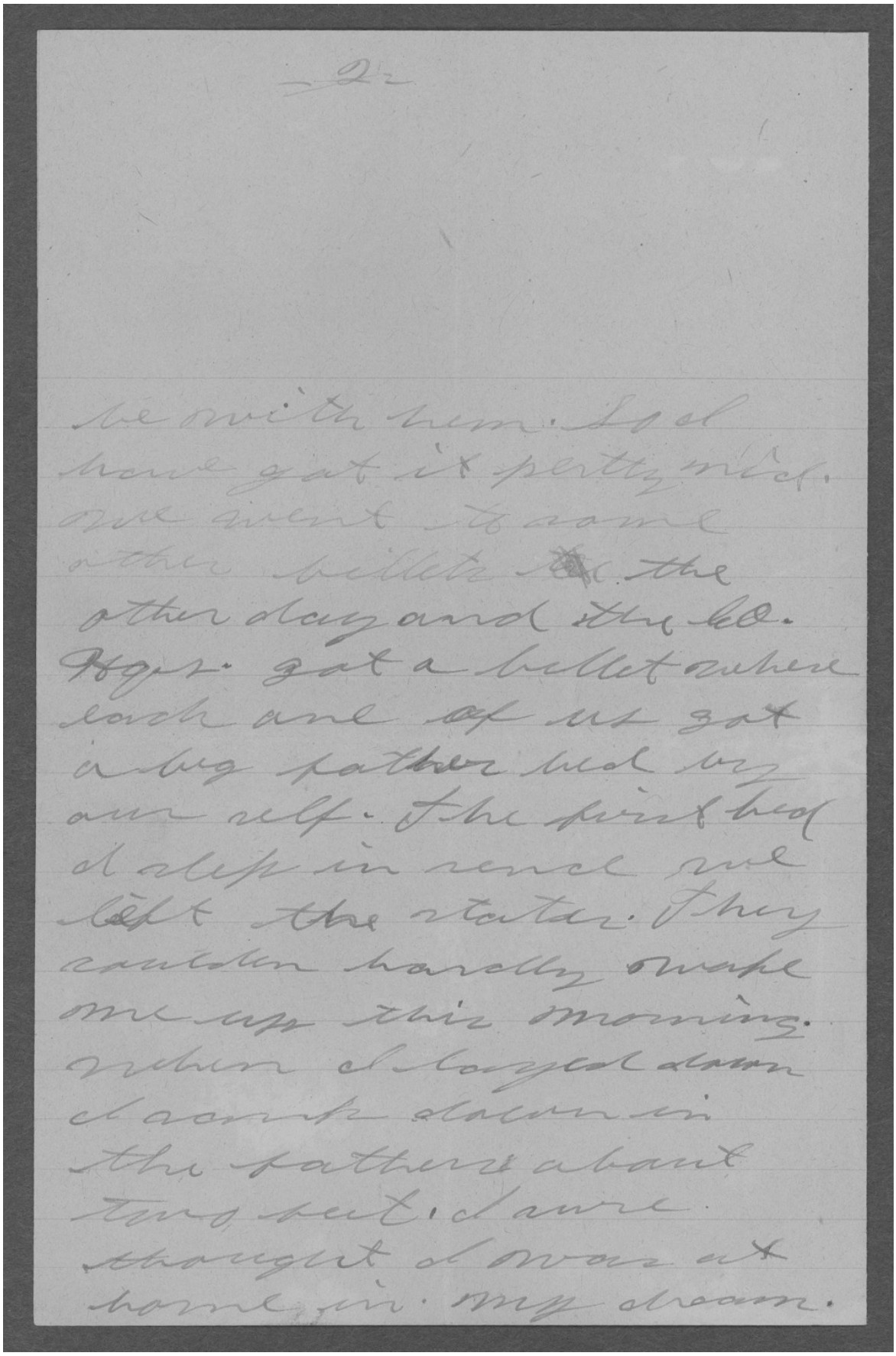
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Aug 6th 1918

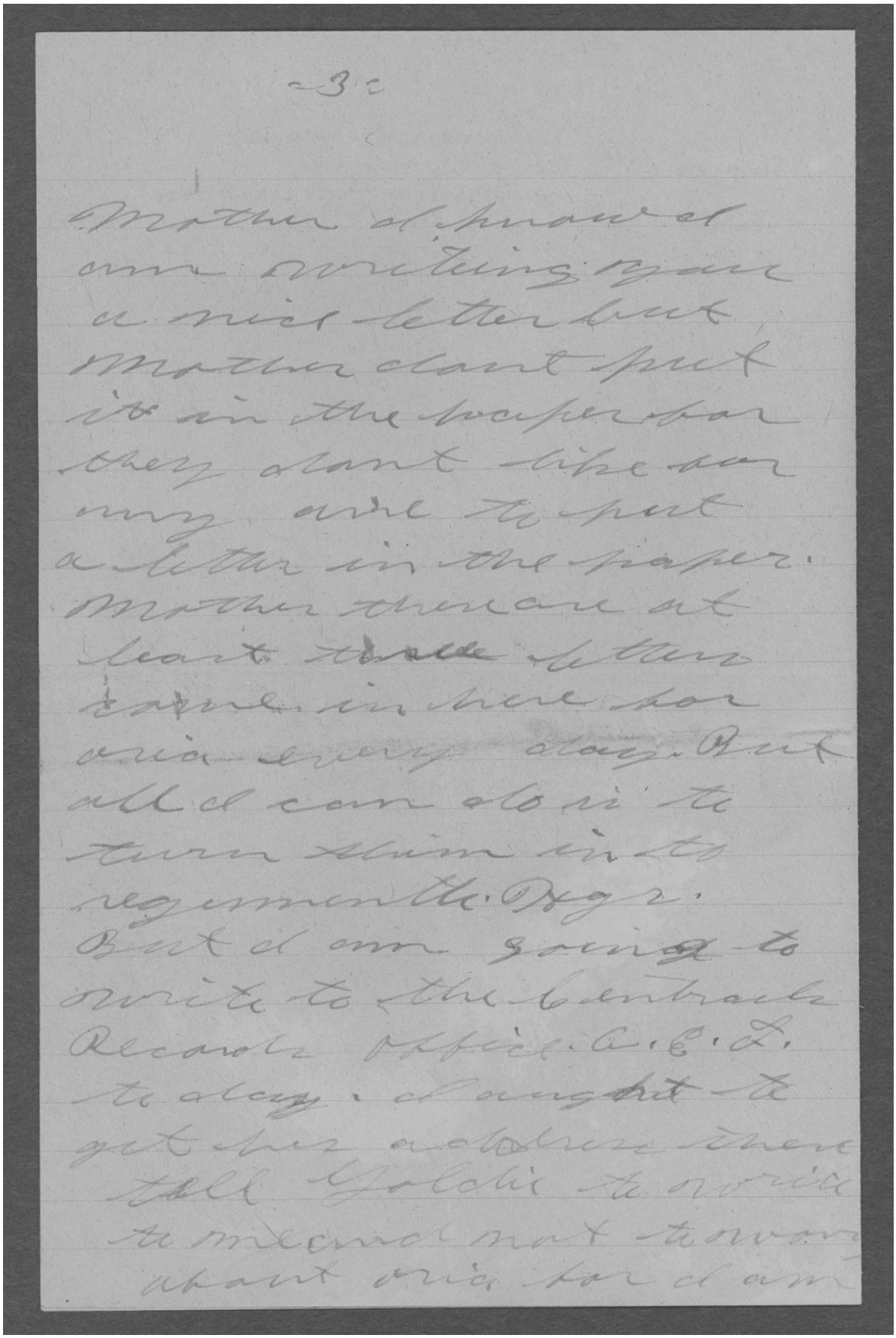
Dear Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

Just received your most spirited and welcome letter. Was sure glad to hear from you and to know all are well. Mother I don't want you to worry about me. For I am all right. Mother you all are to be the fourth platoon runner But our A.E.F. went up to G.H.Q. Headquarters as the first L.T. Is you have me in but me up there for the G.H. runner. I feel could



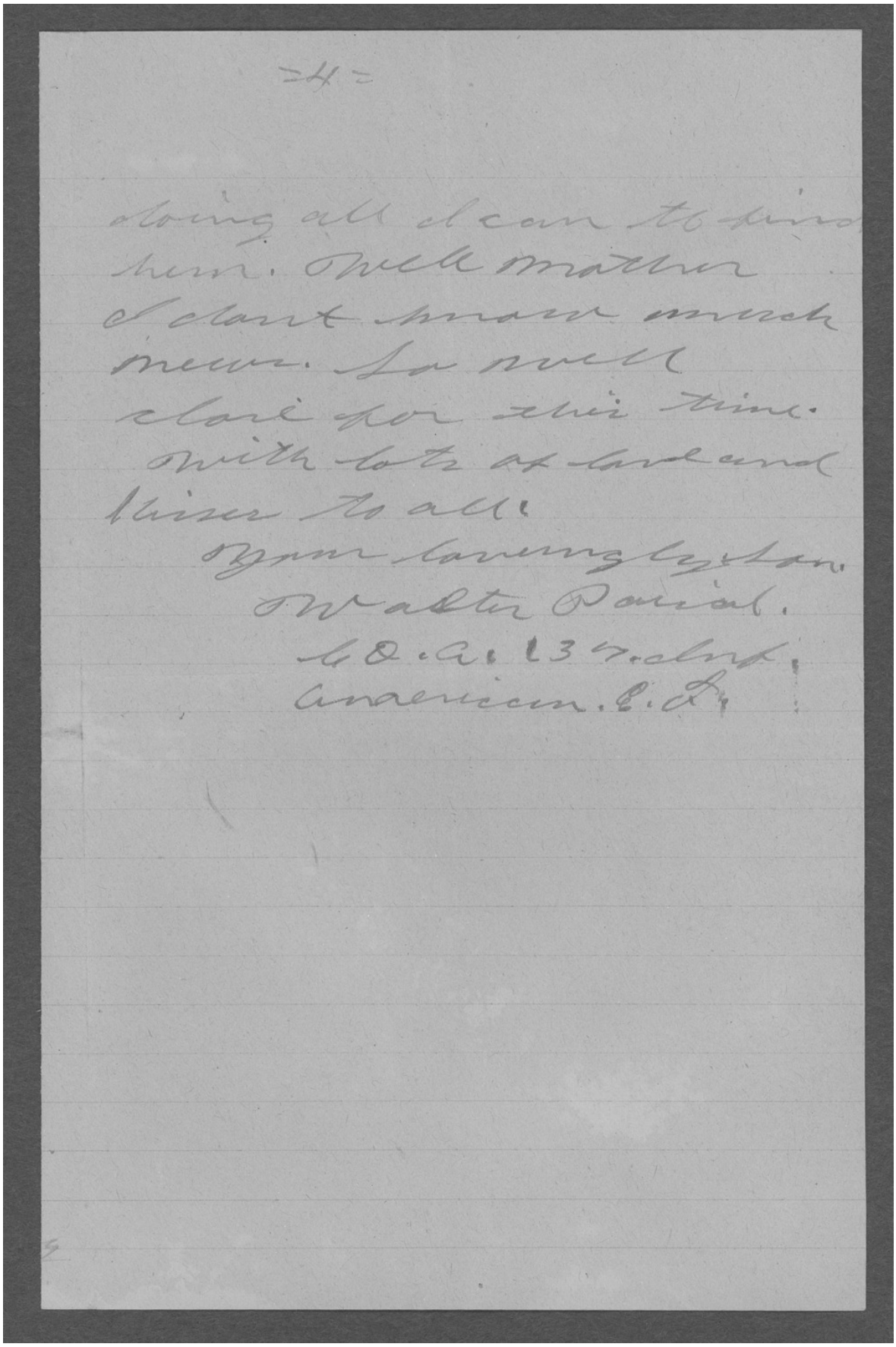
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be with them. I got
here got it pretty nice.
We went to some
other billets the
other day and the Co.
Boys got a bullet where
each one of us got
a big feather bed by
our self. The first bed
I slept in since we
left the states. They
couldn't hardly wake
me up this morning.
When I layed down
I sank down in
the feathers about
two feet I dare
thought I was at
home again. My dream.



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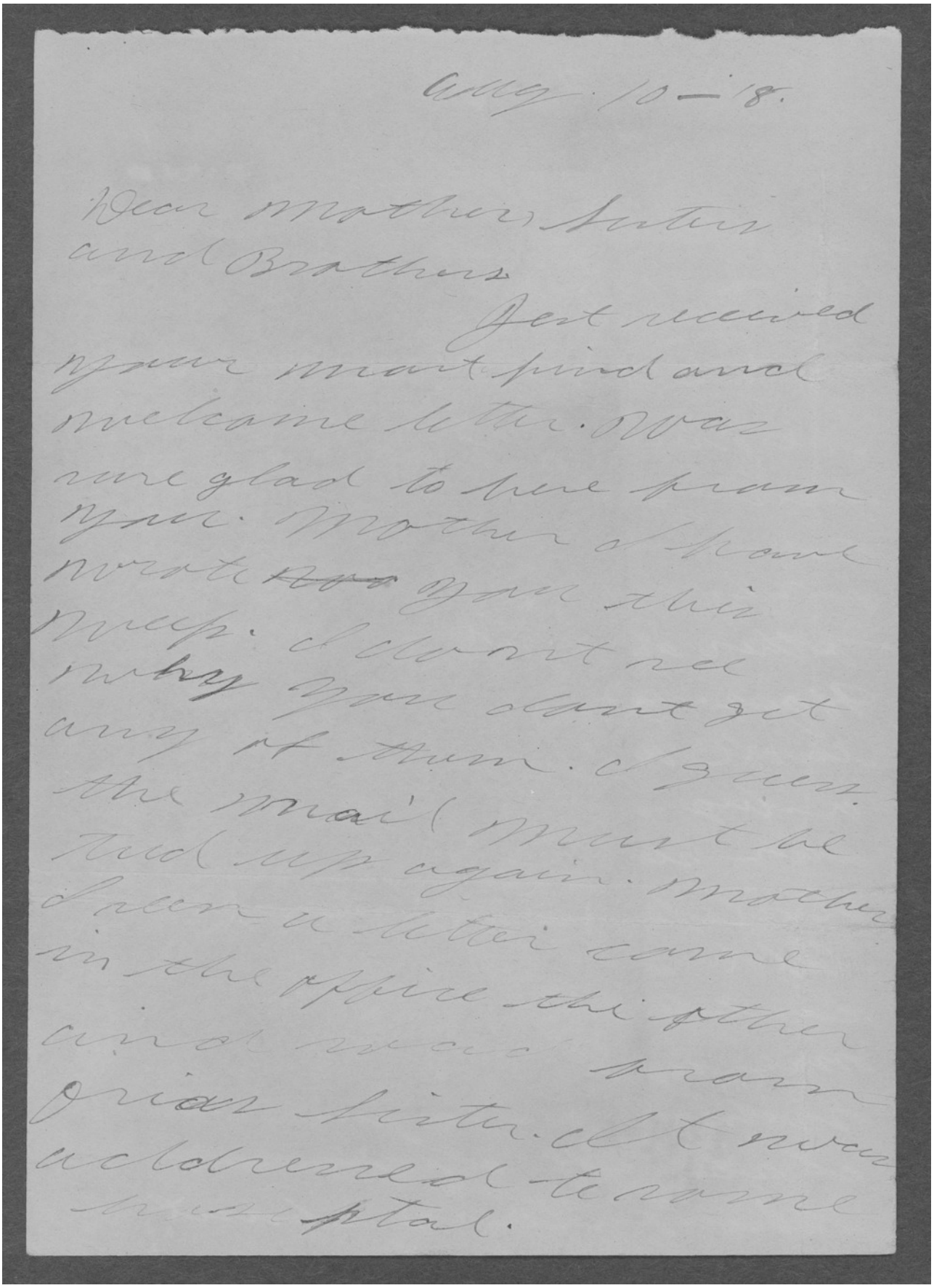
Mother I know I
am writing you
a nice letter but
mother dont put
it in the paper for
they dont like our
way are to put
a letter in the paper.
Mother there are at
least three letters
I have in there for
you every day. But
all I can do is to
turn them in to
regiment H. Dy 2.
But I am going to
write to the Central
Records Office A. E. F.
to day. I ought to
get her address then
I'll tell you to write
to me and not to war
I want you for I am



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doing all I can to find
them. Well Mother
I don't know much
more. So well
close for this time.
With lots of love and
kisses to all.

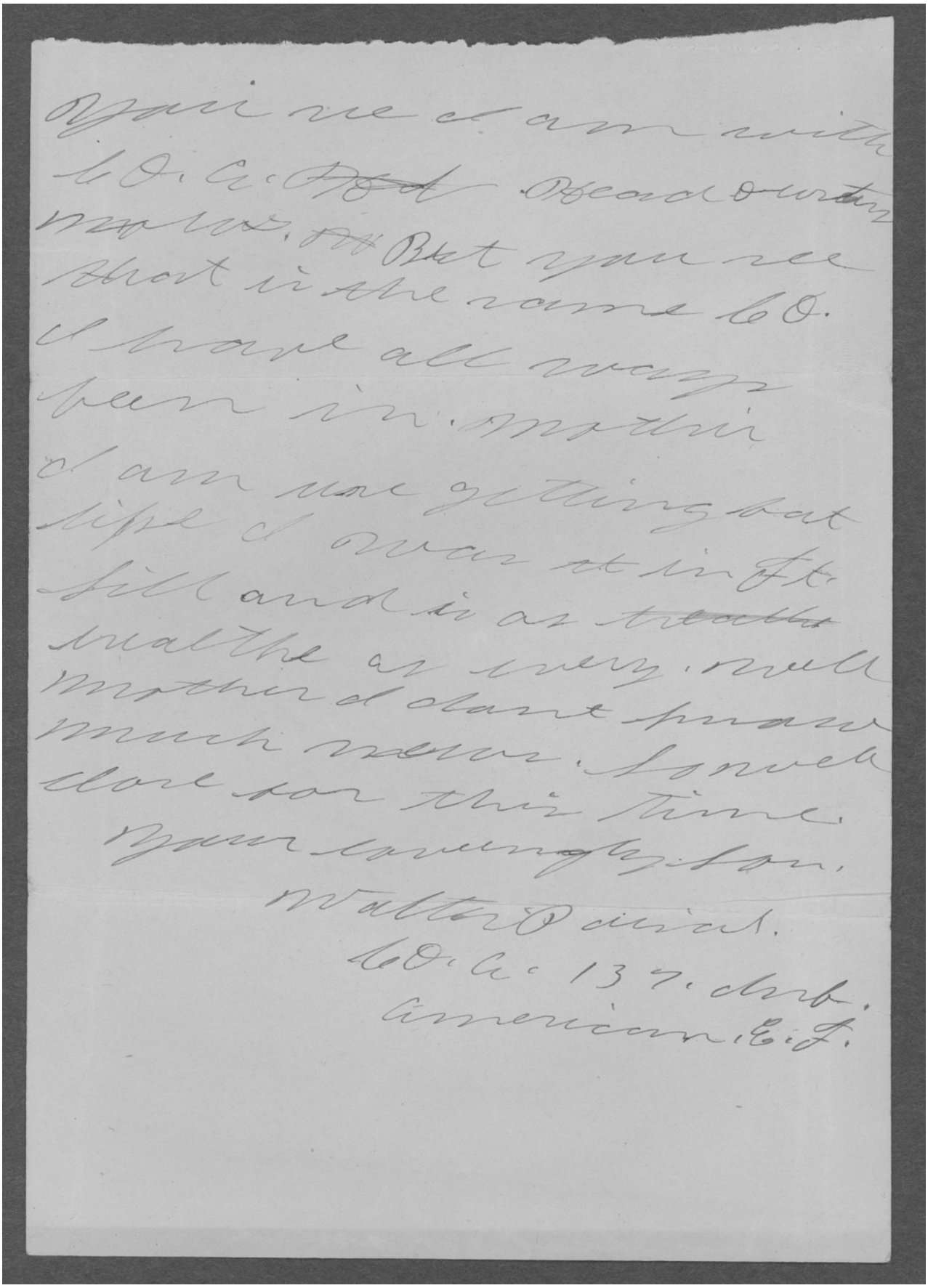
Your loving Son.
Walter Poisal.
40. A. 137. Inf.
American. E. F.



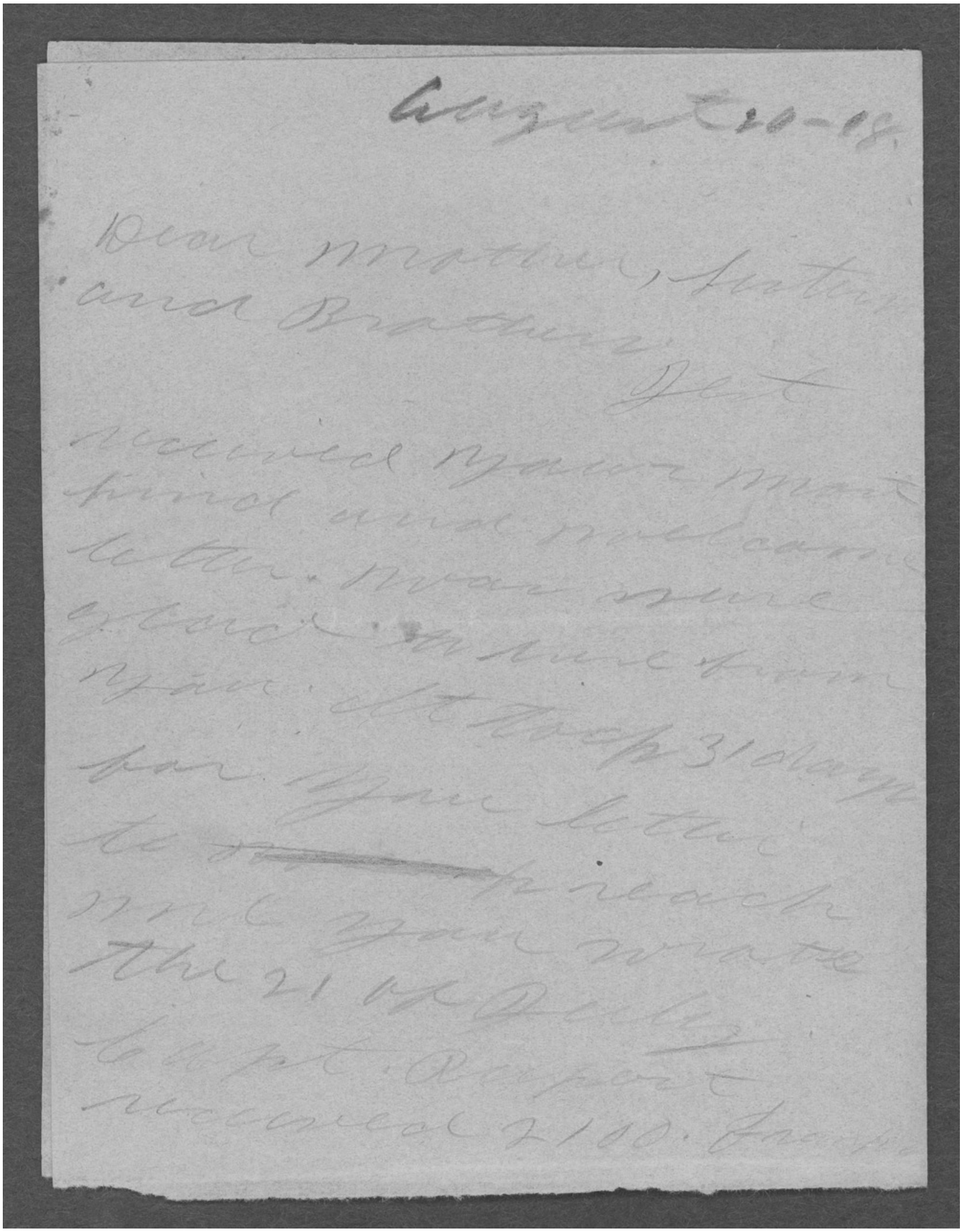
Aug. 10—18.

Dear Mother, Sister
and Brothers

Just received
your most kind and
welcome letter. Was
sure glad to here from
you. Mother I have
wrote ~~two~~ four this
week. I don't see
why you don't get
any of them. I guess
the mail must be
held up again. Mother
I seen a letter come
in the office the other
day from
Orian Sister. It was
addressed to some
hospital.



Yours received am with
Co. C. Regard Curtis
Motor. But you see
that is the name Co.
I have all ways
been in. Mother
I am now getting that
Liberty I owe it in Ft.
Riley and it is as treacherous
weather as ever. well
Mother I dont know
much more. I will
close for this time.
Your Loving Son.
Walter Poisal.
Co. C. 137. Amb.
American E. F.



August 20-18.

Dear mother, Father
and Brothers.

Just
received your
final and welcome
letter. Was sure
glad to hear from
you. It took 31 days
for your letter
to reach
me. I was
the 21 st Co.
Capt. Rempert
received 7/10. Have

