Maximillian Joseph Tournade Collection

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Letters written by Maximillian Joseph Tournade to Mrs. J. E. Rockhold, his mother, and Miss Roberta Tournade, his sister, in Lyndon, Kansas. He wrote the letters while serving in World War I. He was born in Ocala, Florida, October 13, 1895 and came to Kansas in 1901. At the time Tournade was inducted, he was living in Lyndon, Osage County, Kansas. During the war, he was a member of the Supply Co, 353 Inf., 89 Div. The photograph is part of the Kansas Soldiers of the Great War Collection.

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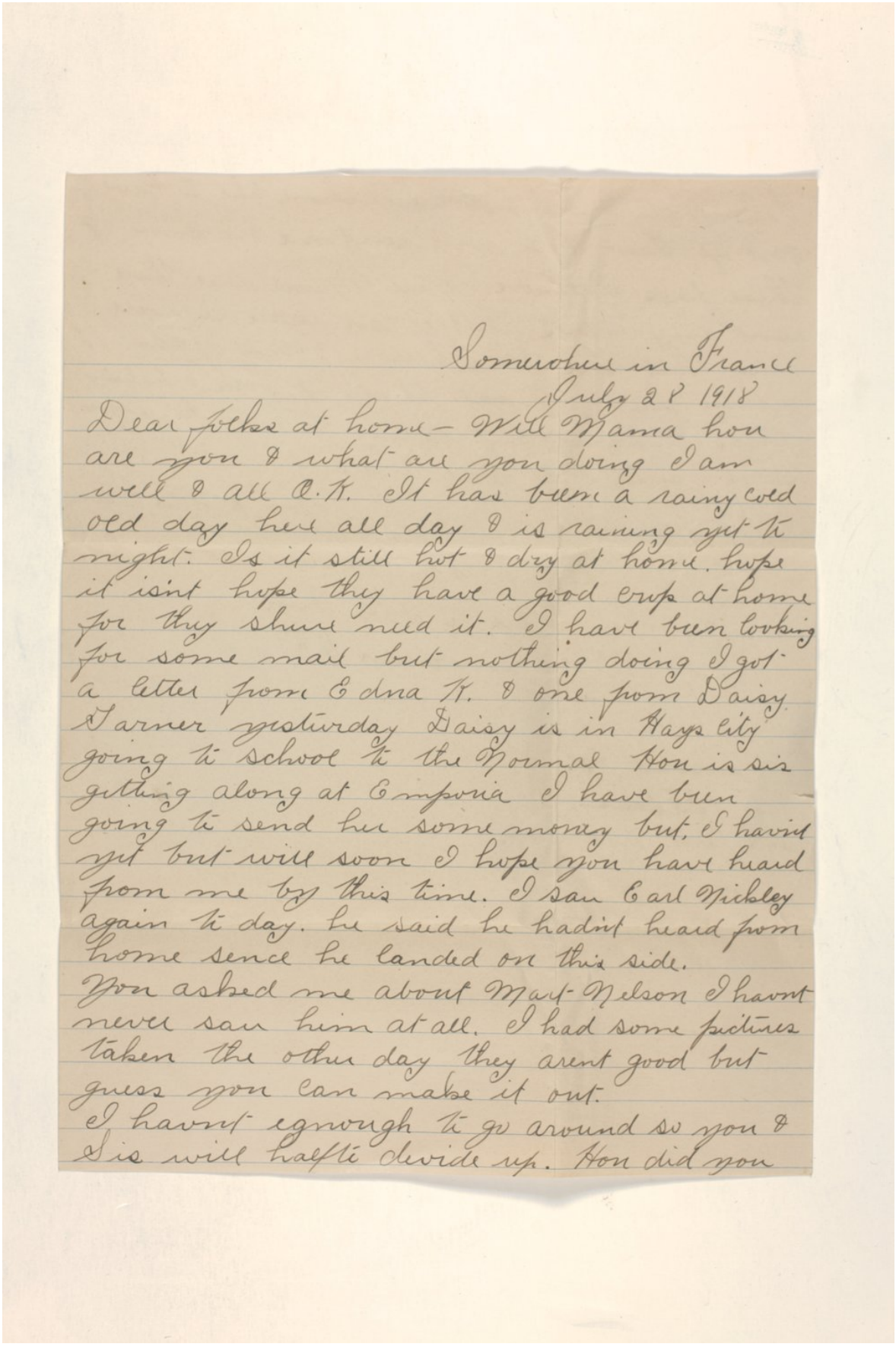
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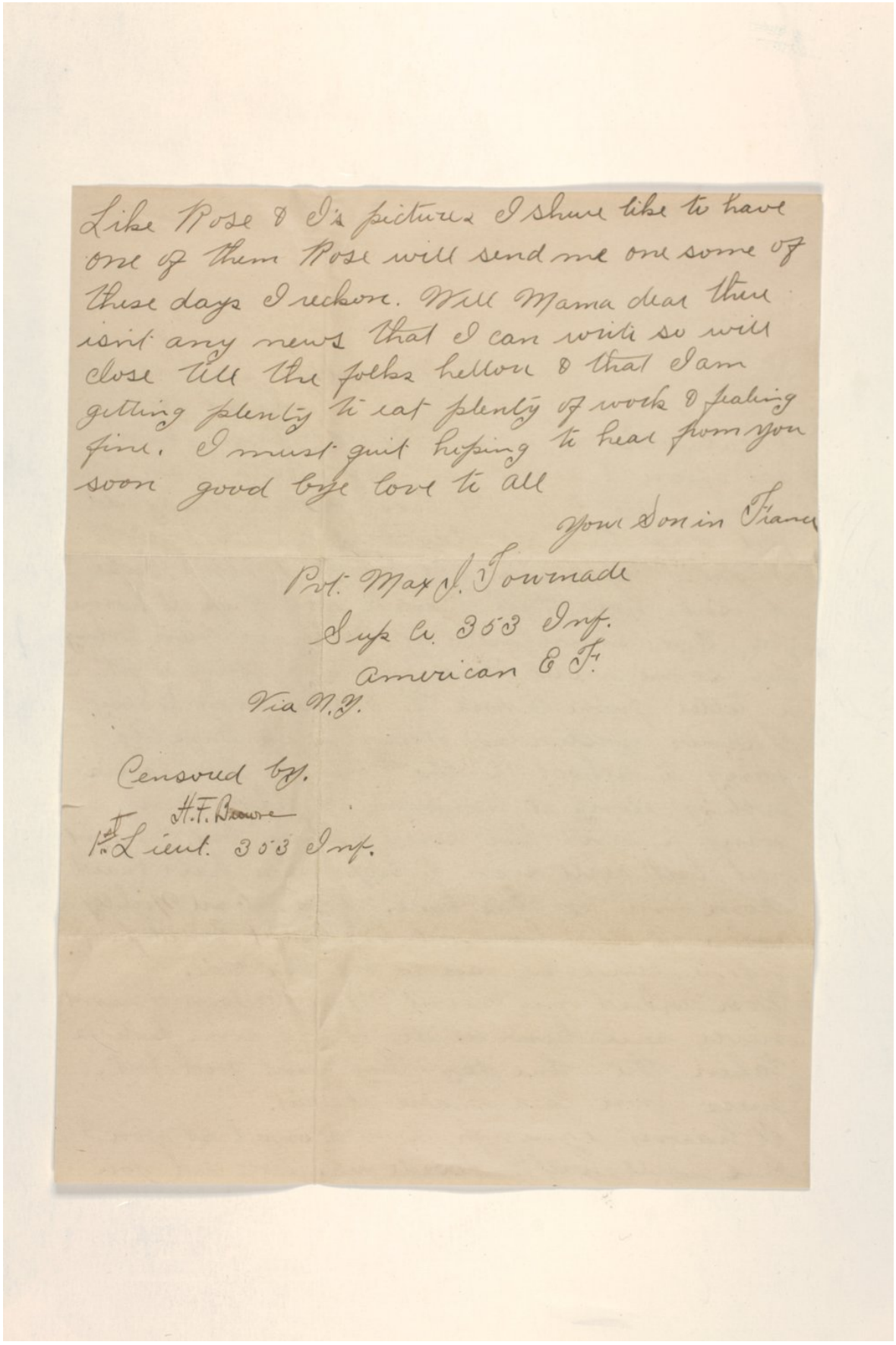
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Somewhere in France
July 22 1918

Dear folks at home— Well Mama how are you & what are you doing I am well & all O.K. It has been a rainy cold old day here all day & is raining yet to night. Is it still hot & dry at home. hope it isnt hope they have a good crop at home for they shure need it. I have been looking for some mail but nothing doing I got a letter from Edna K. & one from Daisy. I arner yesturday Daisy is in Hays city going to school to the Normal How is sis getting along at Emporia I have been going to send her some money but I havint yet but will soon I hope you have heard from me by this time. I saw Earl Nickley again to day. he said he hadint heard from home sence he landed on this side.
You asked me about Mart Nelson I havnt never saw him at all. I had some pictures taken the other day they arent good but guess you can make it out.
I havnt egnough to go around so you & Sis will haffle devide up. How did you



Like Rose & Ida's pictures I shure like to have one of them Rose will send me one some of these days I reckon. Well Mama dear there isn't any news that I can write so will close till the folks hellow & that I am getting plenty to eat plenty of work & feeling fine. I must quit hoping to hear from you soon good bye love to all

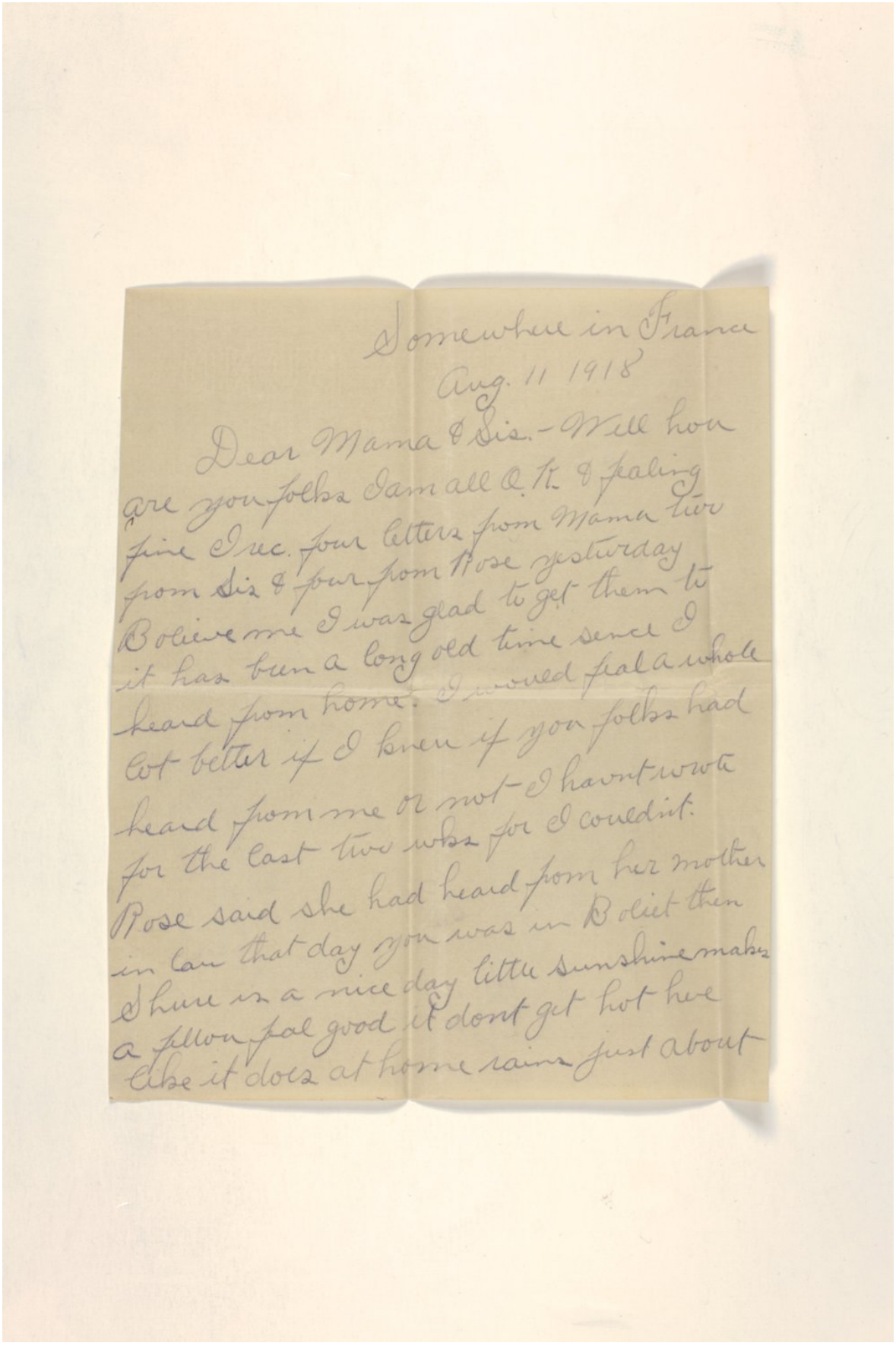
Your Son in France

Pvt. Max J. Tournade
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American E.F.
Via N.Y.

Censored by.
H.F. Bowers
1st Lieut. 353 Inf.

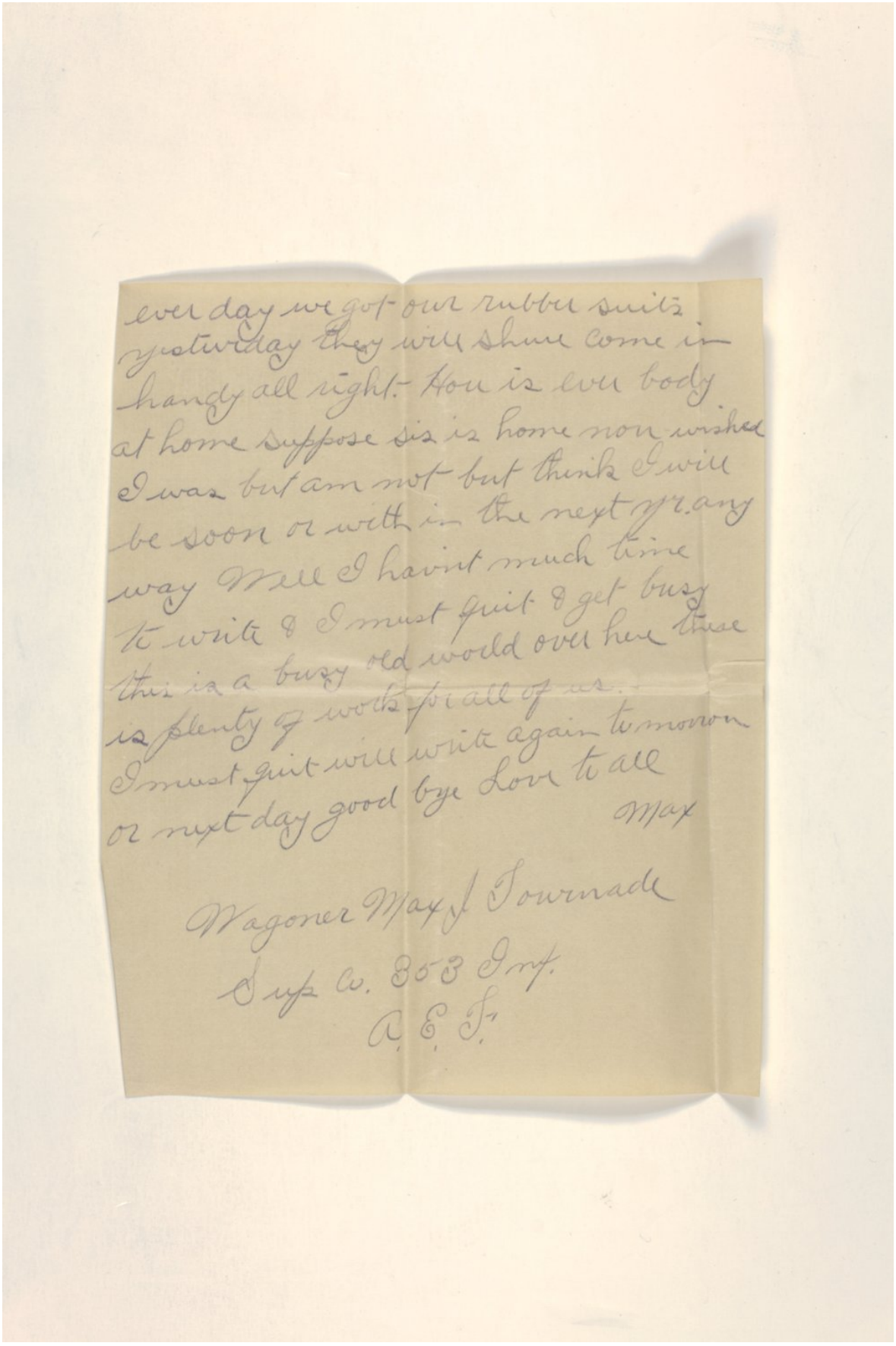
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Somewhere in France
Aug. 11 1918

Dear Mama & Sis. - Well how are you folks I am all O. K. & feeling fine & ec. four letters from Mama two from Sis & four from Rose yesturday I believe me I was glad to get them it has been a long old time since I heard from home. I would feal a whole lot better if I knew if you folks had heard from me or not - I havnt wrote for the last two wks for I couldnt. Rose said she had heard from her mother in law that day you was in Joliet then I hope its a nice day little sunshine makes a fellow feal good. It dont get hot here like it does at home rains just about



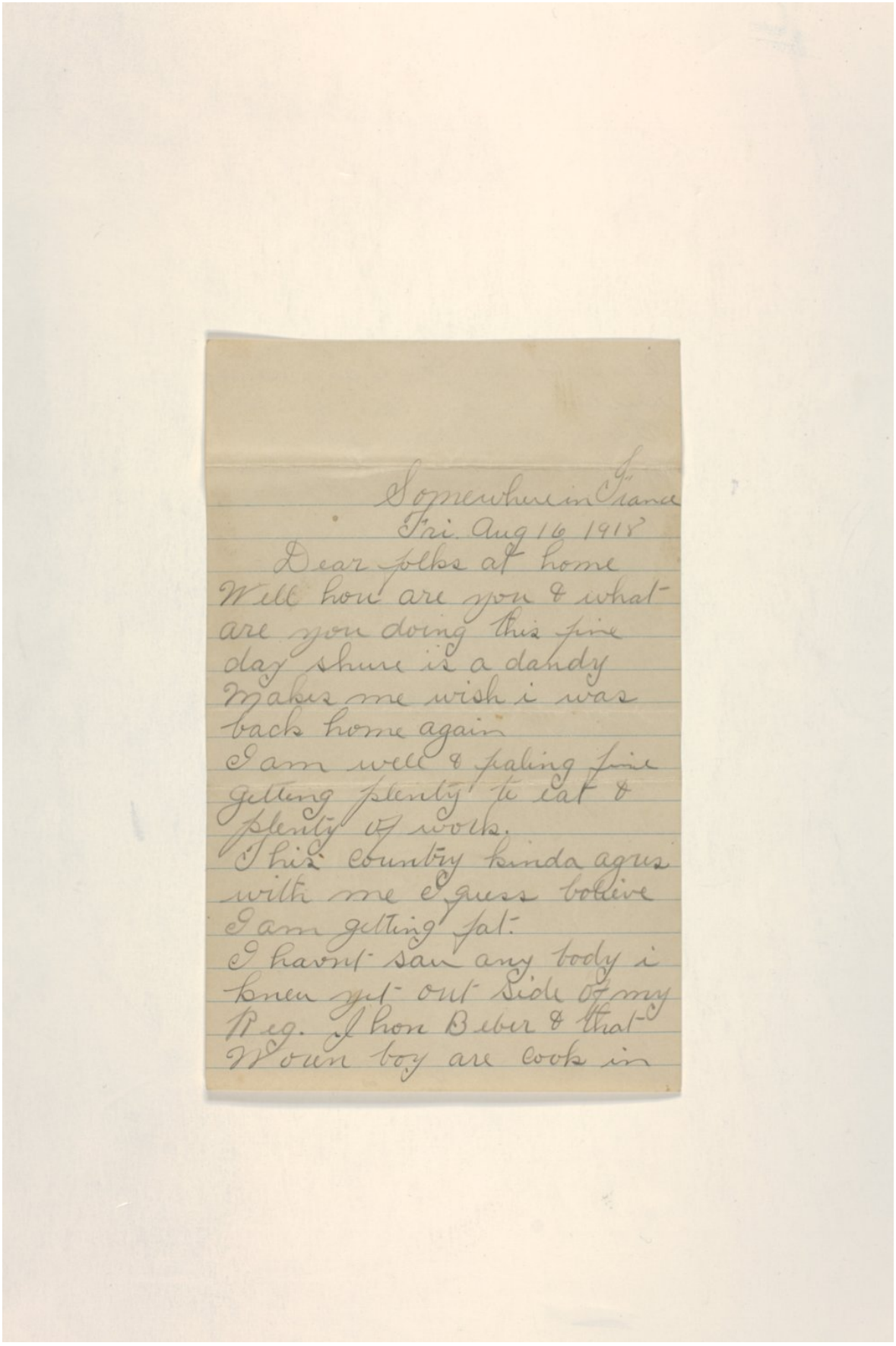
ever day we got our rubber suits
yesterday they will shure come in
handy all right. How is ever body
at home suppose sis is home now wished
I was but am not but think I will
be soon or with in the next yr. any
way Well I havint much time
to write & I must quit & get busy
this is a busy old world over here these
is plenty of works for all of us.
I must quit will write again to-morrow
or next day good bye Love to all

Max

Wagoner Max J Tournade
Sup a. 803 Inf.
A. E. F.

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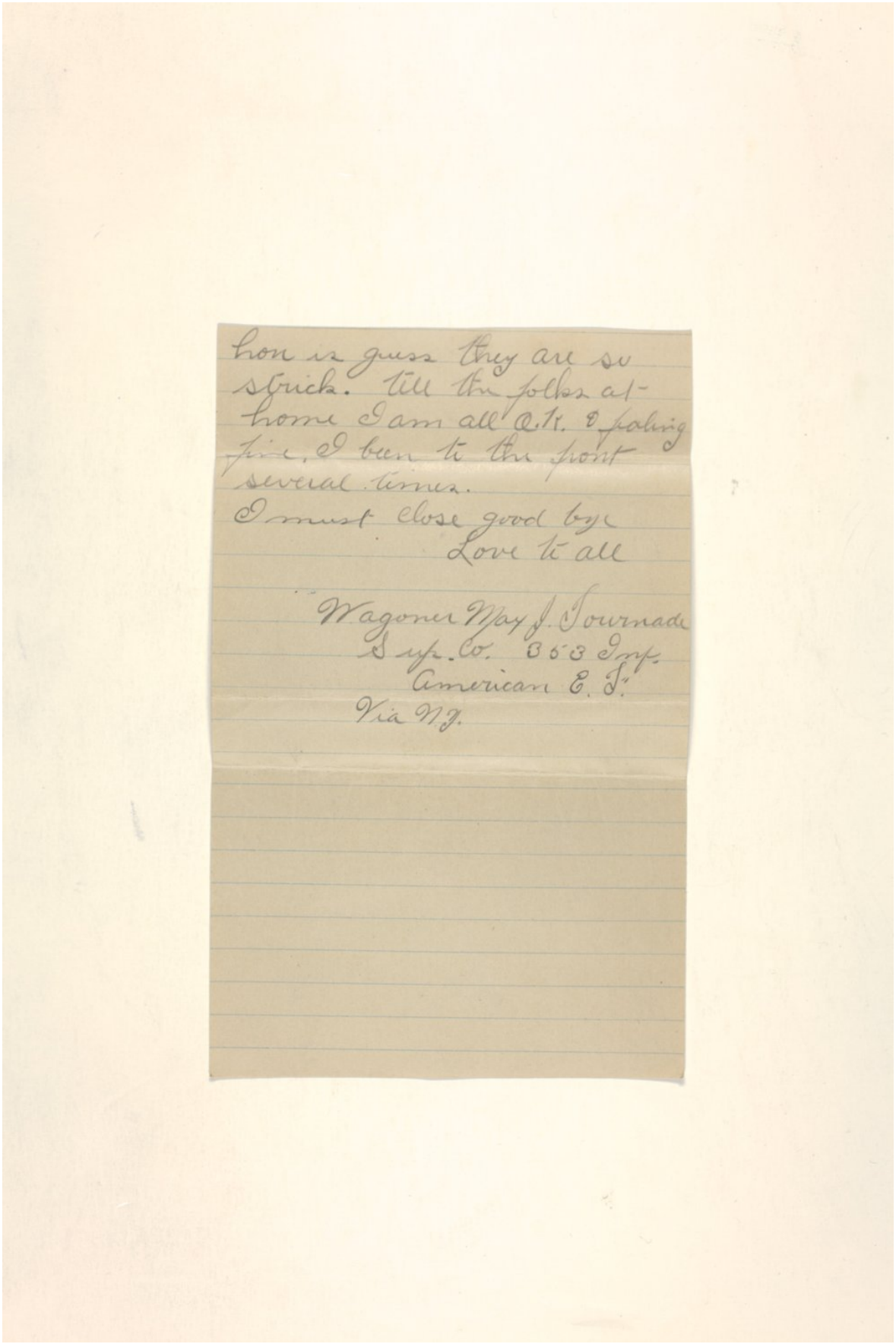


Somewhere in France
Fri. Aug 16 1918

Dear folks at home
Well how are you & what-
are you doing this fine
day shure is a dandy
Makes me wish i was
back home again
I am well & faling fine
getting plenty to eat &
plenty of work.
This country kinda agrus
with me I guess believe
I am getting fat.
I havnt saw any body i
knew yet out side of my
Reg. I hon Bebr & that-
Woun boy are cooks in

One of the Co. I am hauling supplies for that Co. & I see them ever day Johnie had a couple of London papers he gave them to me last night but haven't had time to read them yet.
My buddie & I have been down to the Creek washing our clothes & giving our mules a bath & also our selves. We have lots of company over here they don't talk to us but get inside of our clothes & bite & I reckon I never saw the like they are big as cats & thick as hair on your head.
I been worry & wandering if you have heard from me by this time

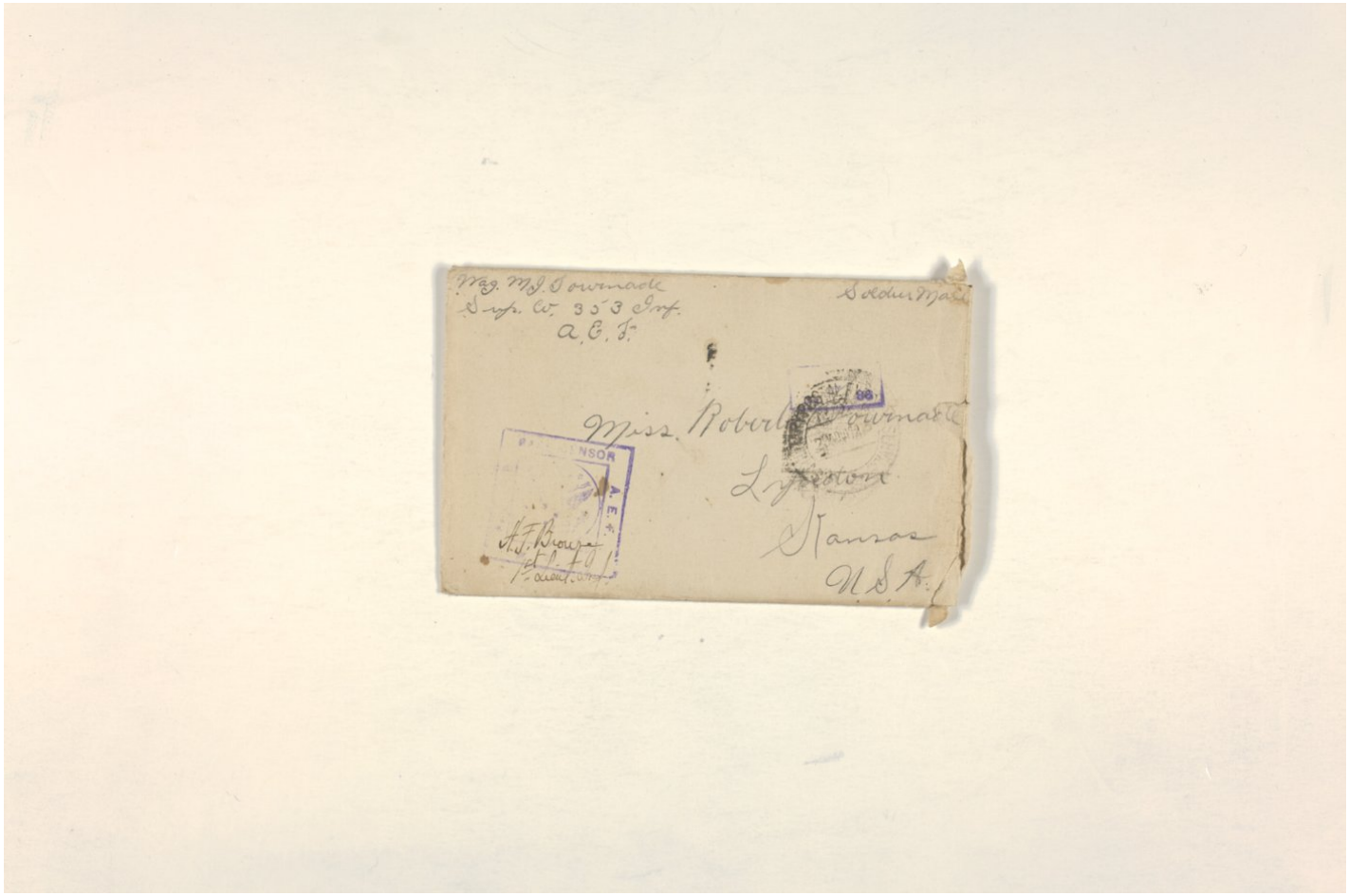
I had a letter from Rose
dated 15 of last mo. & she
hadint heard from me yet
I dont know the reason
why both of you had
ought of by now then none
of the boys folks had
heard from them the
last letter we got about a
wk ago. I have ben
trying to write twice a
wk. as soon as we get
a pay day I will send a
cablegram if i can.
Well there isint much
to write this morning
this is the hardest place
on earth to write any



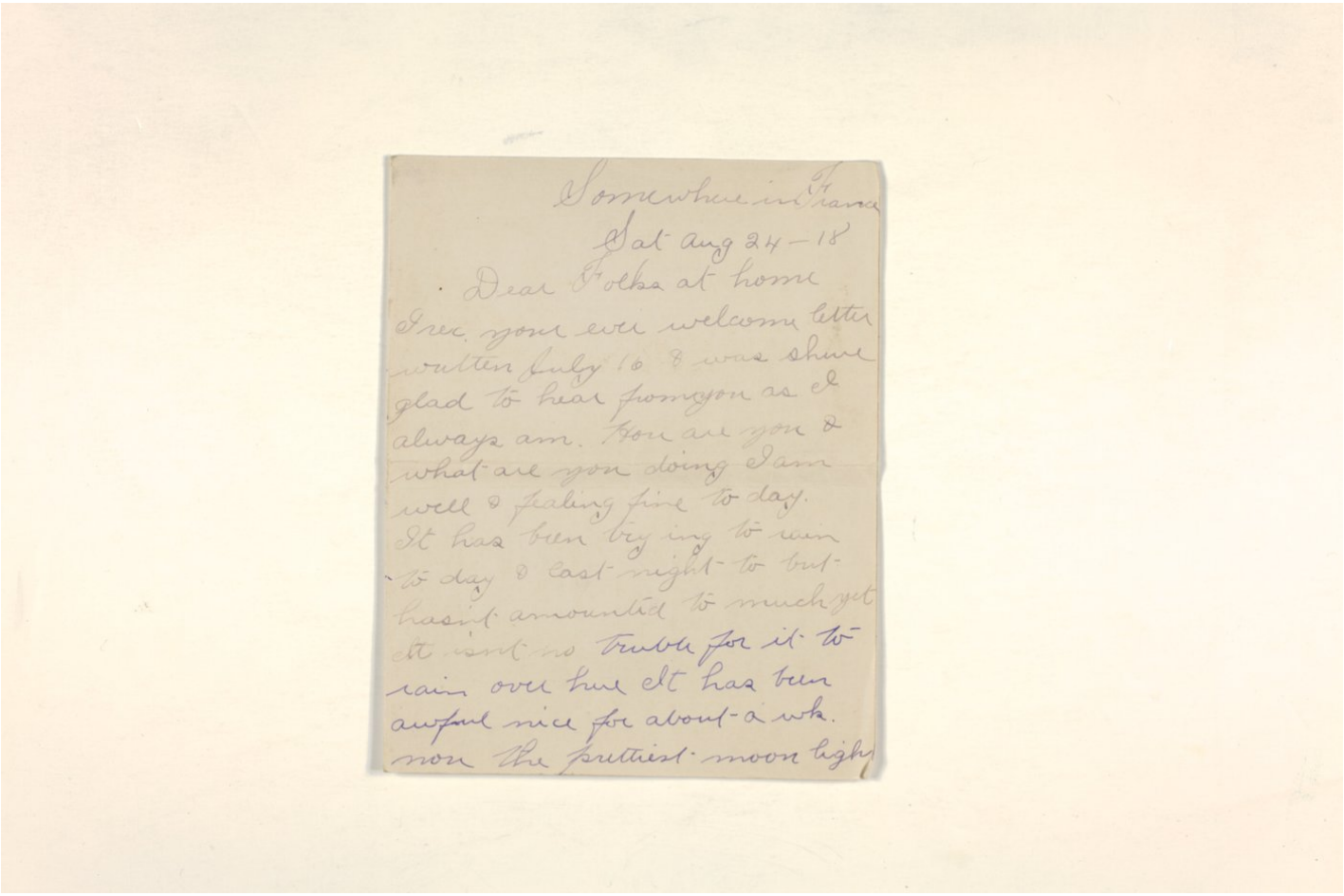
hon is guss they are so
sick. till the folks at-
home I am all O.K. & faring
fine. I ben to the front
several times.
I must close good bye
Love to all

Wagoner May J. Tournade
B up. Co. 8 6 3 Inf.
American E. F.
Via N.Y.

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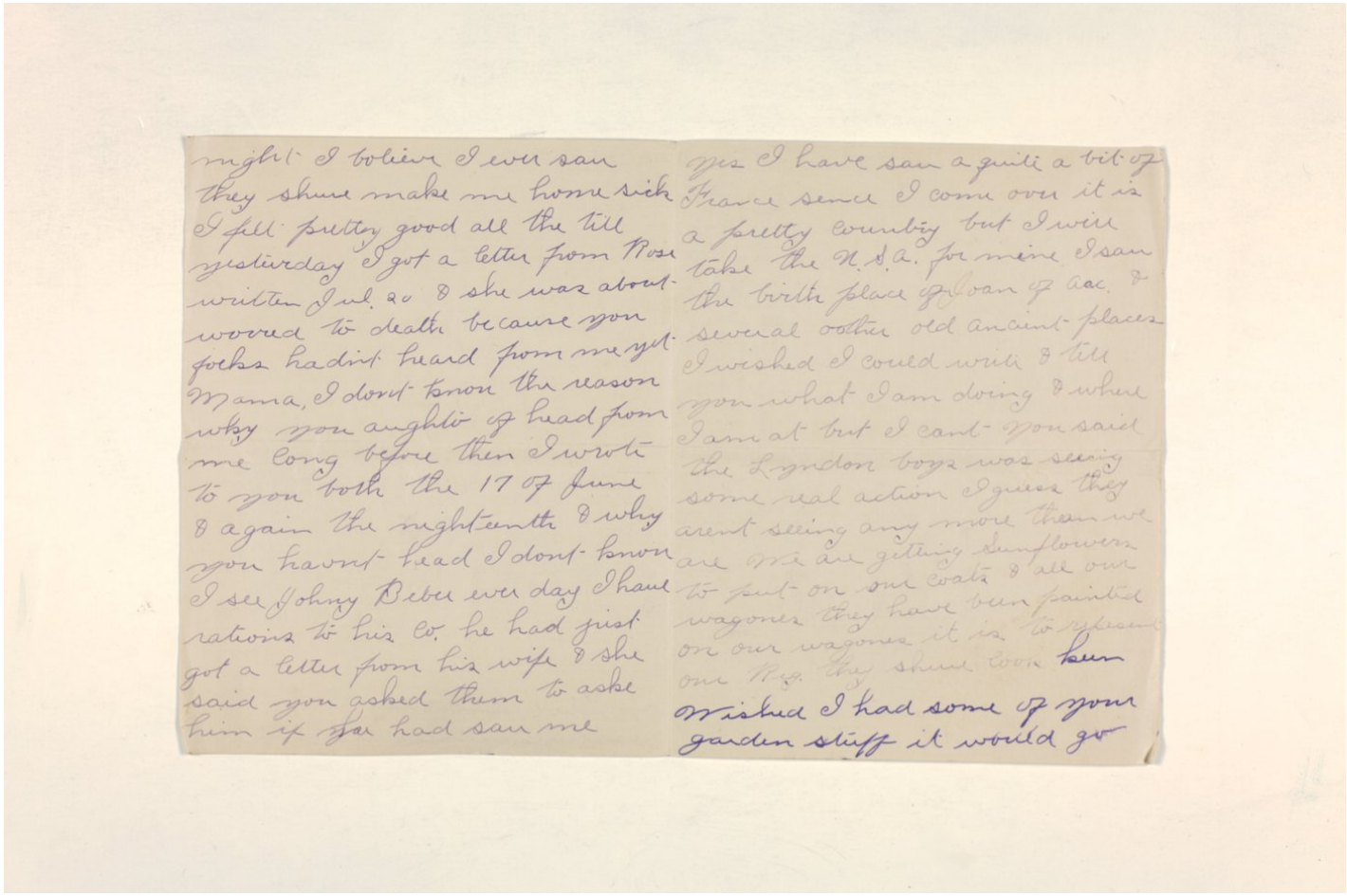
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Somewhere in France
Sat aug 24 – 18

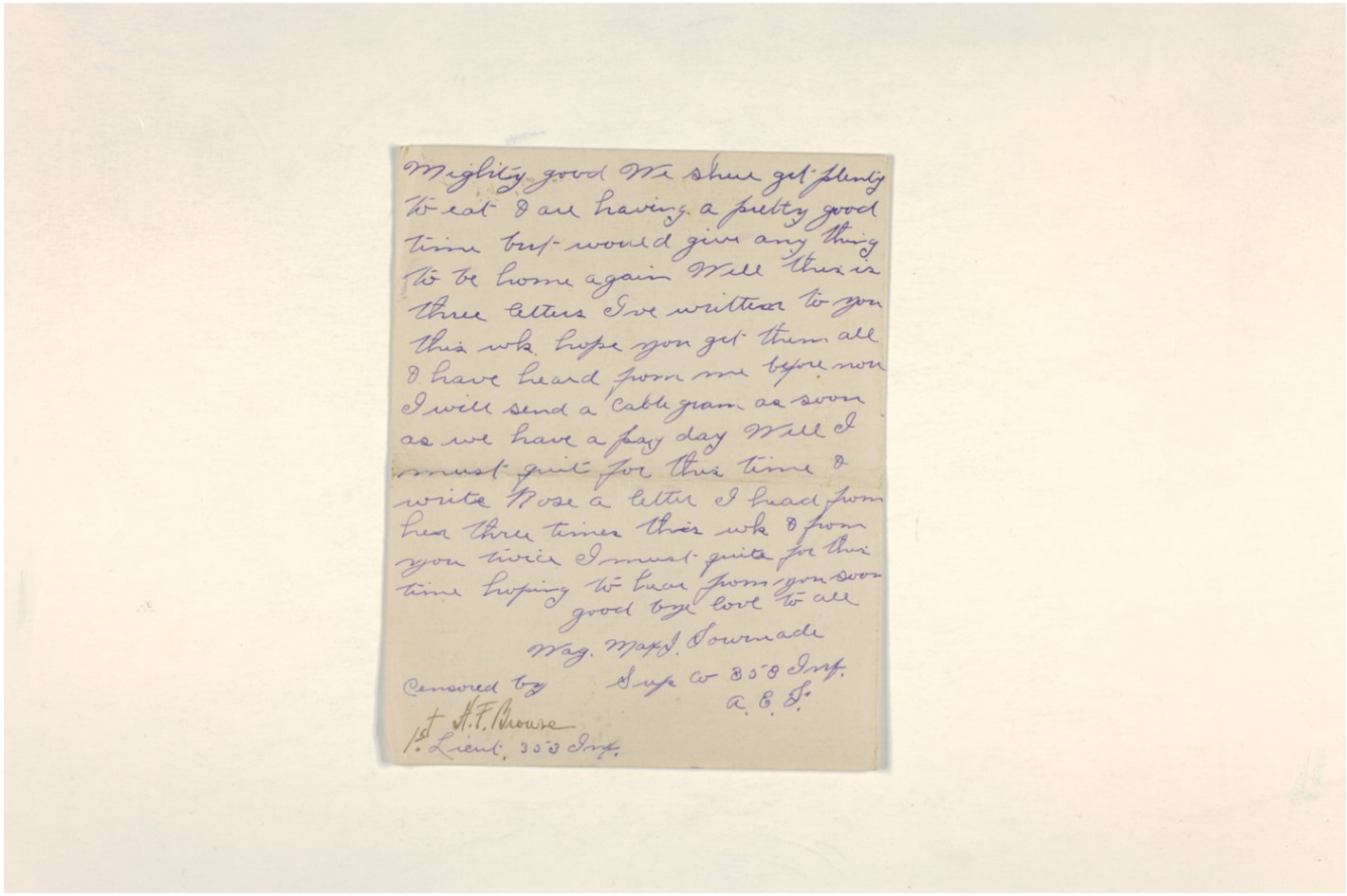
Dear Folks at home

Rec. your ever welcome letter written July 16 & was shure glad to hear from you as I always am. How are you & what are you doing I am well & feeling fine to day. It has been trying to rain to day & last night to but hasn't amounted to much yet it isn't no trubl for it to rain over here it has been awful nice for about a wk. now the prettiest moon light



night I believe I ever saw
they shure make me homesick
I feel pretty good all the till
yesterday I got a letter from Rose
written Jul. 20 & she was about
worried to death because you
folks hadint heard from me yet
Mama, I dont know the reason
why you aughtn't head from
me long before then I wrote
to you both the 17 of June
& again the nineteenth & why
you havent head I dont know
I see Johny Beber ever day I have
rations to his Co. he had just
got a letter from his wife & she
said you asked them to aske
him if he had saw me

yes I have saw a guild a bit of
France since I come over it is
a pretty country but I will
take the U.S.A. for mine I saw
the birth place of Joan of Arc. &
several oother old ancient places
I wished I could write & tell
you what I am doing & where
I am at but I cant you said
the Lyndon boys was seeing
some real action I guess they
arent seeing any more than we
are We are getting sunflowers
to put on our coats & all our
wagones they have been painted
on our wagones it is to represent
our R.R. the shure look funn
wished I had some of your
garden stuff it would go

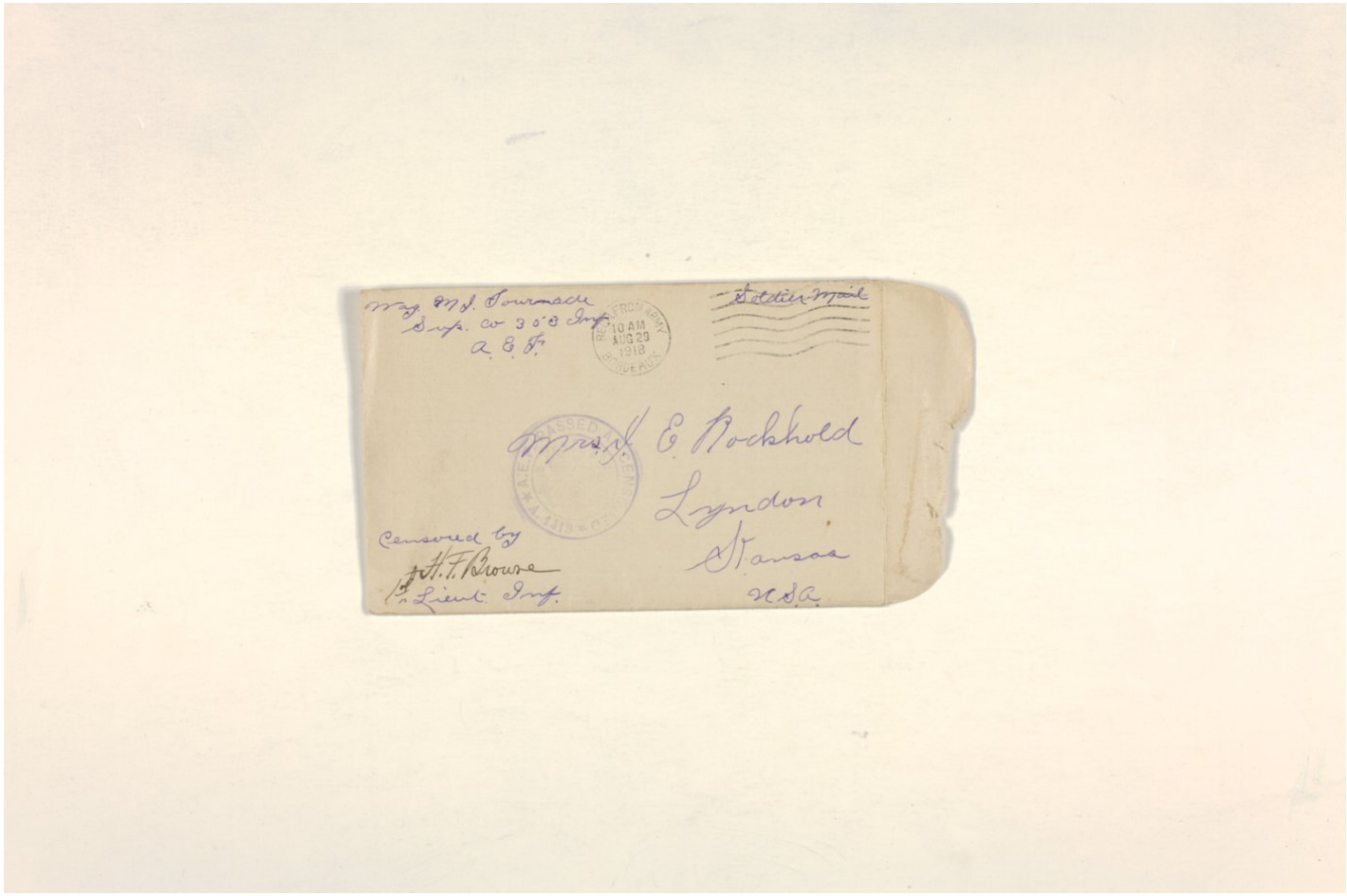


Mighty good We shure get plenty
to eat & are having a pretty good
time but would give any thing
to be home again Well this is
three letters I've written to you
this wk. hope you get them all
& have heard from me before now
I will send a cablegram as soon
as we have a pay day Well I
must quit for this time &
write Rose a letter I had from
her three times this wk & from
you twice I must quit for this
time hoping to hear from you soon
good bye love to all

Maj. Mapp. Tournade
Co. B 353 Inf.
A. E. F.

Censored by
1st Lieut. 353 Inf.

Maximillian Joseph Tournade Collection



Somewhere in France
Tues. aug 27-18

Mrs. J. O. Bockhold

Dear Folks at home—
How are you this fine eve.
I am all O. K. & feeling fine.
Rec. a letter from Rose a few
min ago she had'nt heard
from me yet the letter was
written 22 of Jul. It shure
worries me to think you havn't
heard from me most all the
other boys folks has heard from
them I have ans.d three letters
& it has just about got my goat
I cant understand why.
I have felt pretty good till the
last few days but I have

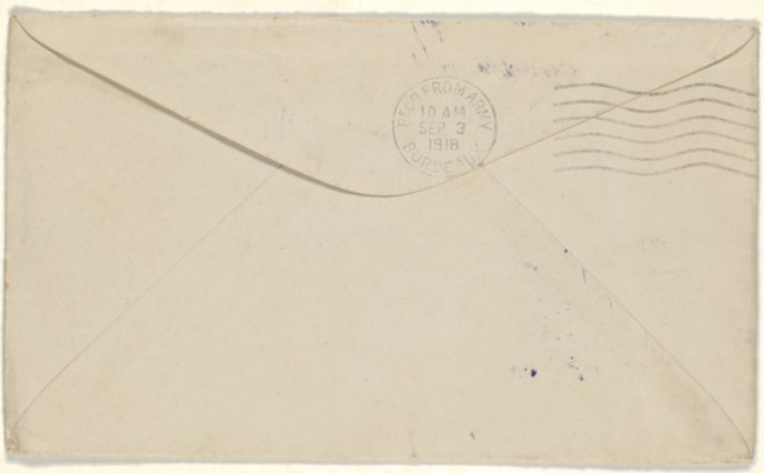
got the blues & have them
night- it is bad egnough over
here alone with out having
your folks at home wooring
to death Wed. morning 28
How are you this morning ~~dd~~
am all O.K. only tired & sleepy
I was up all night & havnt
had any rest yet just finished
my breakfast- shuc is a pretty
morning wished i was home
the days are so lonsome over here
they are dreamy cool & still
except when a big guns barks
& breaks all the stillness
I see Johnie B. ever day or night-
rather I saw Charley gale & Ed
Patterson yesterday they are cooks
in one of the ~~Regmts~~ Co.
I saw in the papers where a boy
frind of mine from Haviland
had been wounded.

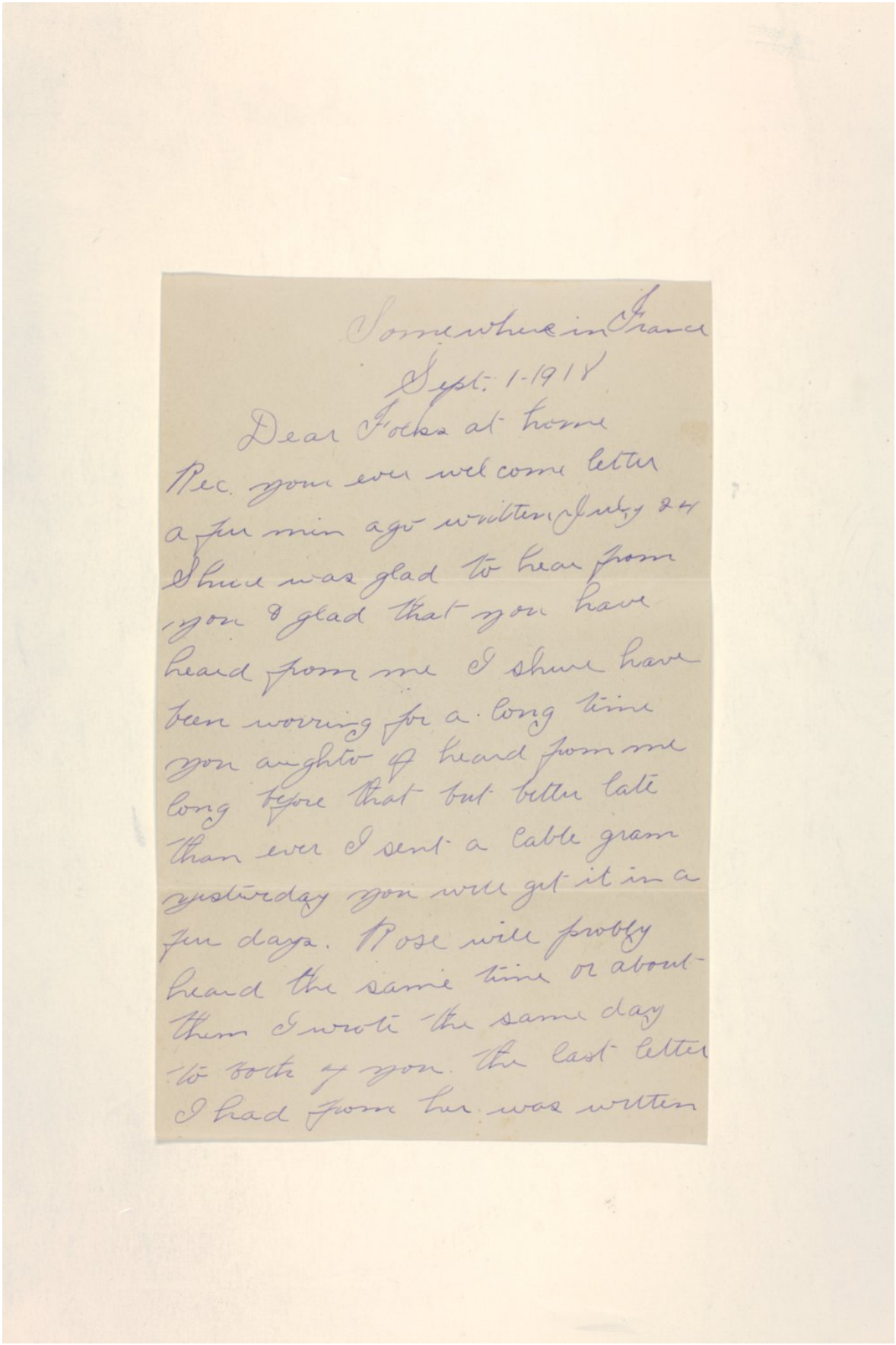
Well I am tired & sleepy & must
get to bed for awhile & will write
again soon I shure do hope the
next letters from home read different
than the last ones I must close
thinking ever of my love ones at
home, as ever your son in France

good bye XXXXX

Wag. M. J. Tournade
Sup Co. 353 Inf.
Via N.Y. A. E. F.


Wag. Mt. Tournade
AMERICAN RED CROSS
Soldier Mail
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A. E. F.
Mrs. J. E. Rockhold
Lyndon
Kansas
U.S.A.
A. F. Brower
1st Lieut. Inf.

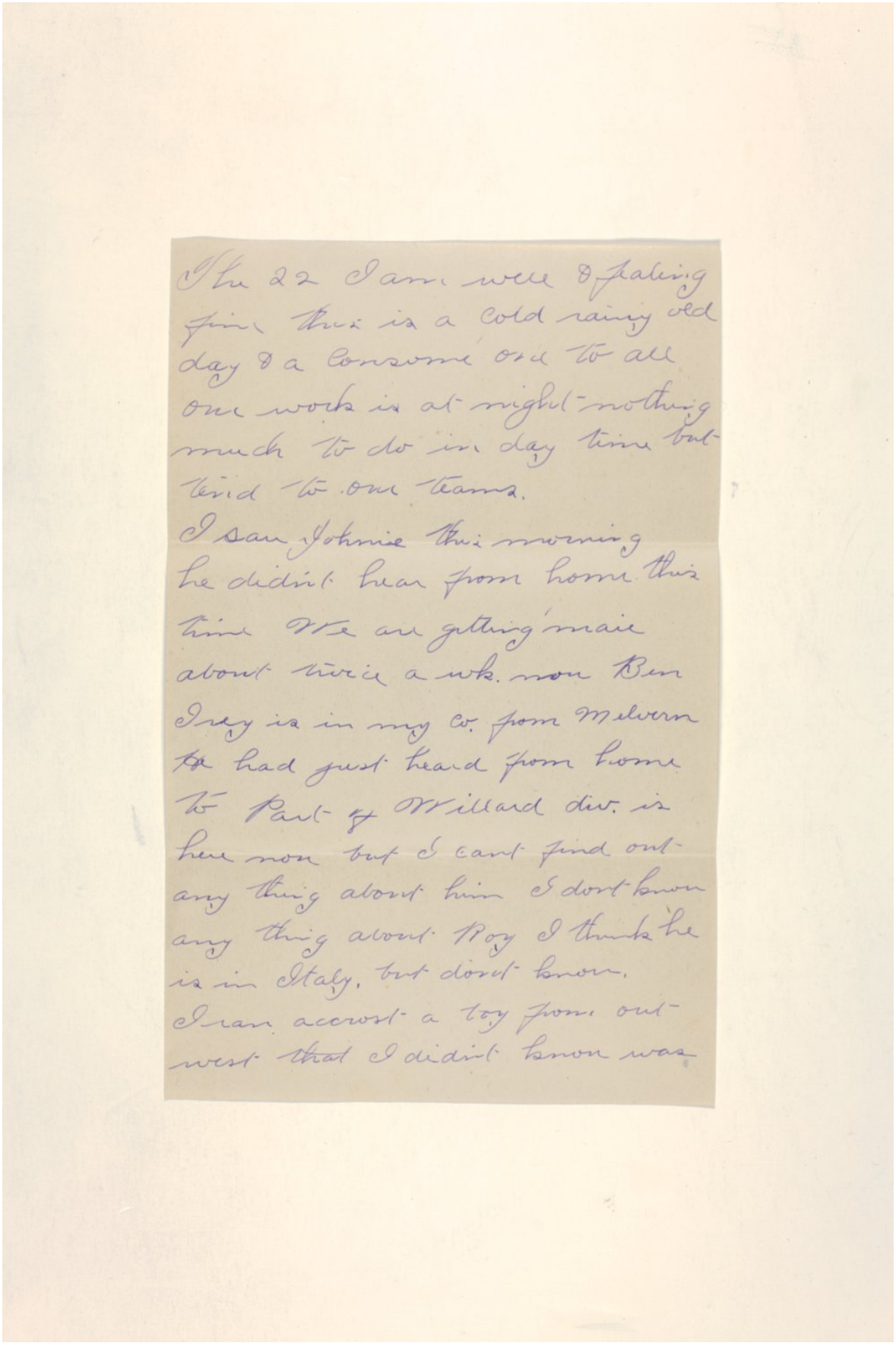

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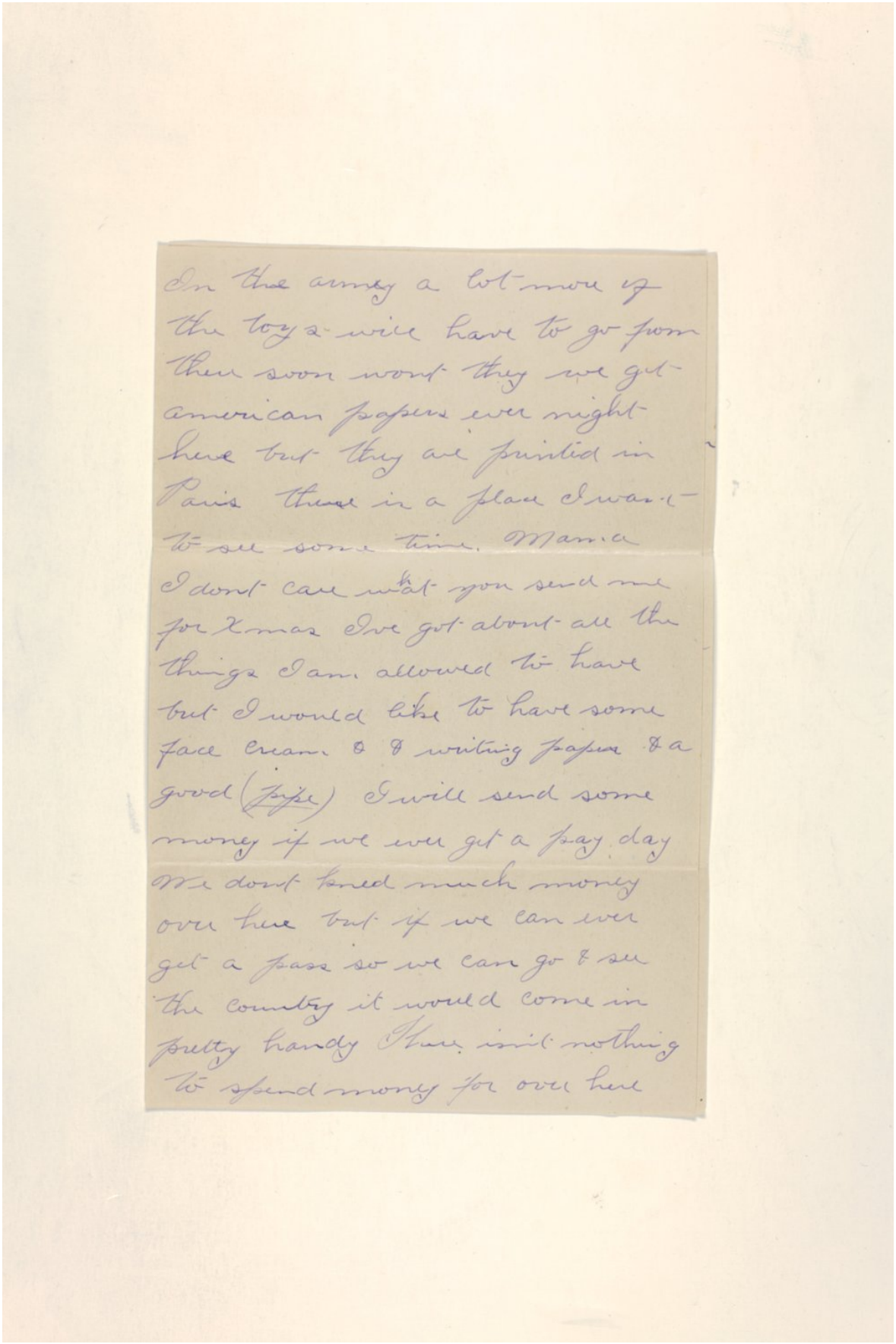
Somewhere in France
Sept. 1-1918

Dear Folks at home

Rec. your ever welcome letter a few min ago written July 24 I shure was glad to hear from you & glad that you have heard from me I shure have been worring for a long time you aught of heard from me long before that but better late than ever I sent a cable gram yesterday you will get it in a few days. Rose will probly heard the same time or about them I wrote the same day to both of you. the last letter I had from her was written



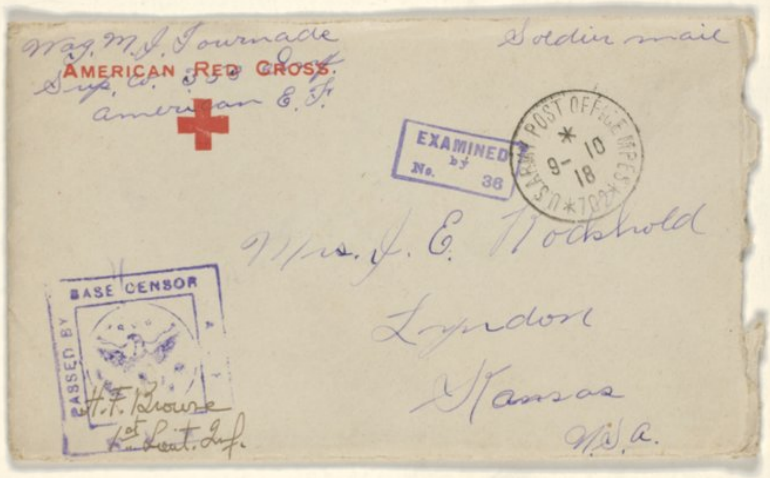
Thu 22 I am well & feeling fine. this is a cold rainy old day & a consome one to all one works is at night- nothing much to do in day time but- tend to our teams.
I saw Johnnie this morning he didint hear from home this time We are getting mail about twice a wk. now Ben Ivey is in my Co. from Malvern he had just heard from home & Part of Willard div. is here now but I cant find out- any thing about him I dont know any thing about Roy I think he is in Italy, but dont know.
I ran accrost a boy from out- west that I didint know was



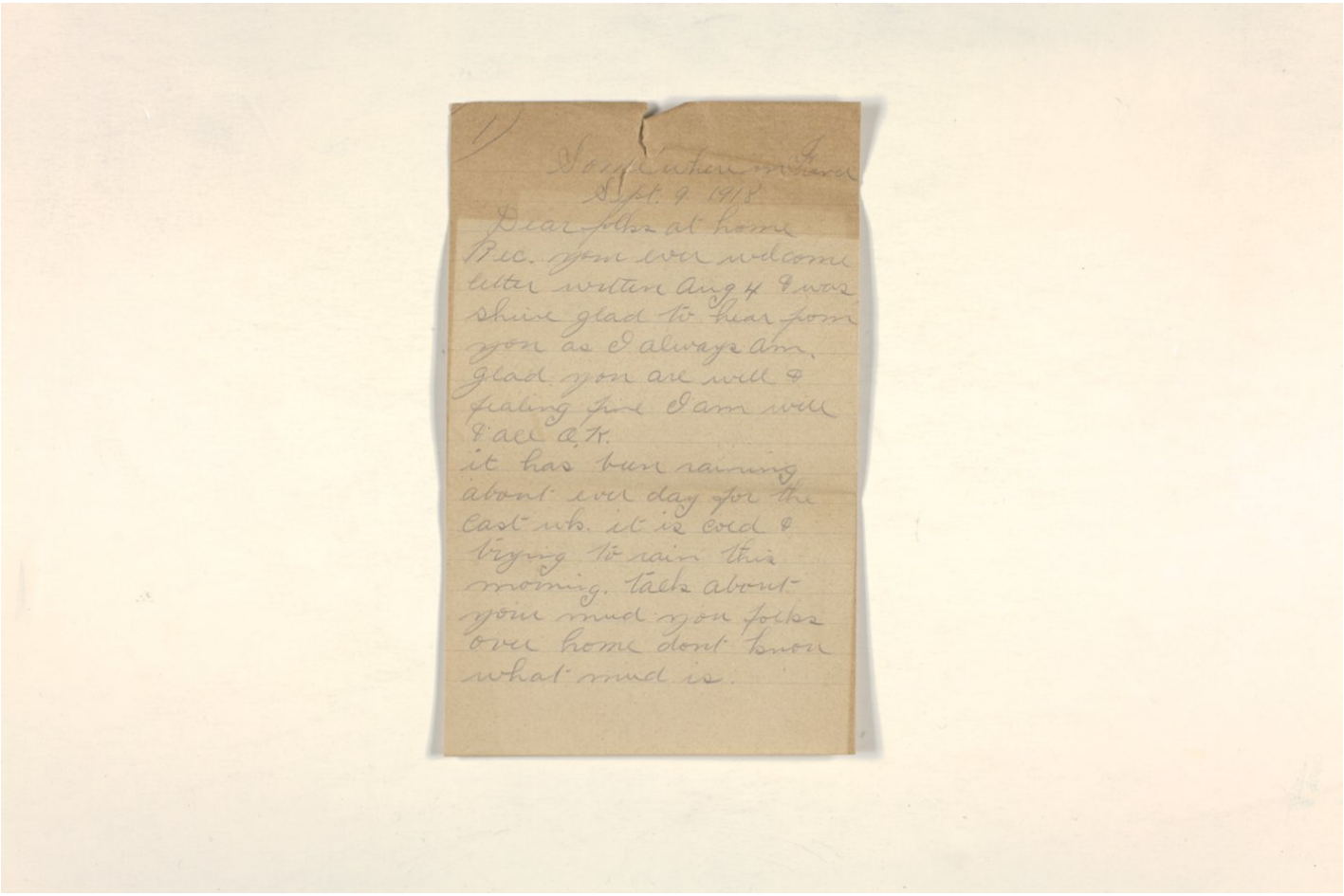
In the army a lot more of the boys will have to go from there soon wont they we get american papers ever night here but they are printed in Paris there in a place I want to see some time. Manica I dont care what you send me for Xmas Ive got about all the things I am allowed to have but I would like to have some face cream & 8 writing papers & a good (pipe) I will send some money if we ever get a pay day We dont need much money over here but if we can ever get a pass so we can go & see the country it would come in pretty handy There isnt nothing to spend money for over here

Well it is about dinner time
& must quite for this time I
have been trying to write two
& three times a wk but if you
dont hear from me why dont you
quit writing for maby I will be
where I can't write for awhile.
we dont know one min. what
we are going to do the next
I must quit good bye love to all
your son in France

Wag. Max J. Tournade
Inf. Co. 353 Inf.
American E. F.
Via N.Y.


Maj. M. J. Tournade
Sup. C. S. O. 2nd Div.
American E. F.
AMERICAN RED CROSS
Soldier mail
EXAMINED by No. 38
POST OFFICE MPLS. MINN. * 10 9-18 *
Mrs. J. E. Rockwold
Lyndon
Kansas
U.S.A.
PASSED BY BASE CENSOR
H. F. Drouse
1st Lieut. Inf.

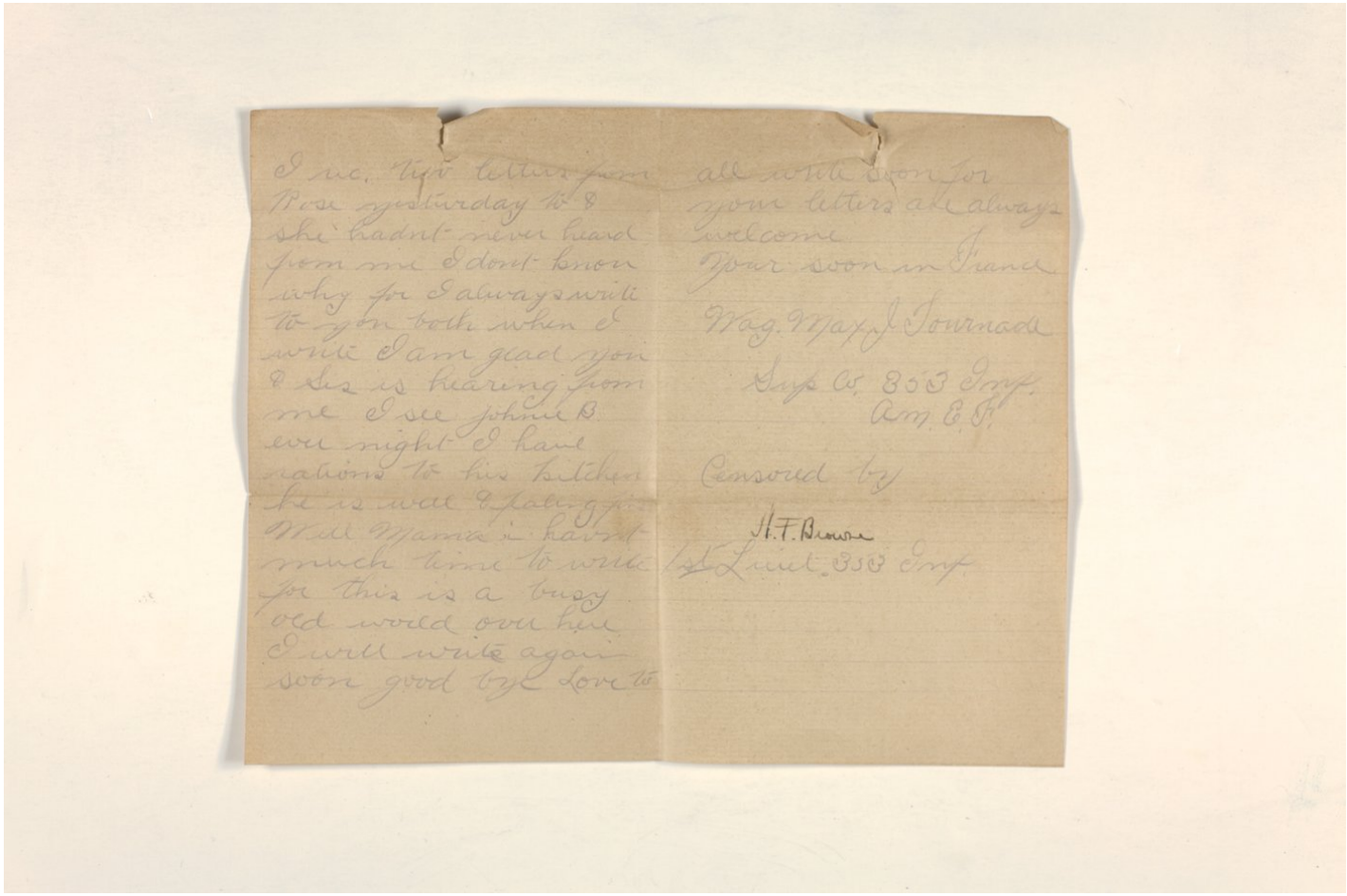
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Somewhere in France
Sept. 9 1918

Dear folks at home
Rec. your ever welcome letter written Aug 4 I was shure glad to hear from you as I always am. glad you are well & feeling fine I am well & all O.K.
it has bin raining about ever day for the last wk. it is cold & trying to rain this morning. talk about your mud you folks over home dont know what mud is.

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I rec. 4 yr letters from
Rose yesturday & 8
she hadnt never heard
from me I dont know
why for I always write
to you both when I
write I am glad you
& Les is hearing from
me I see Johnie B.
ever night I have
visions to his kitchen
he is well & fat as
Well Mamie I havnt
much time to write
for this is a busy
old world over here
I will write again
soon good by Love to
all write soon for
your letters al always
welcome
Your son in France
Wag. Max J Tournade
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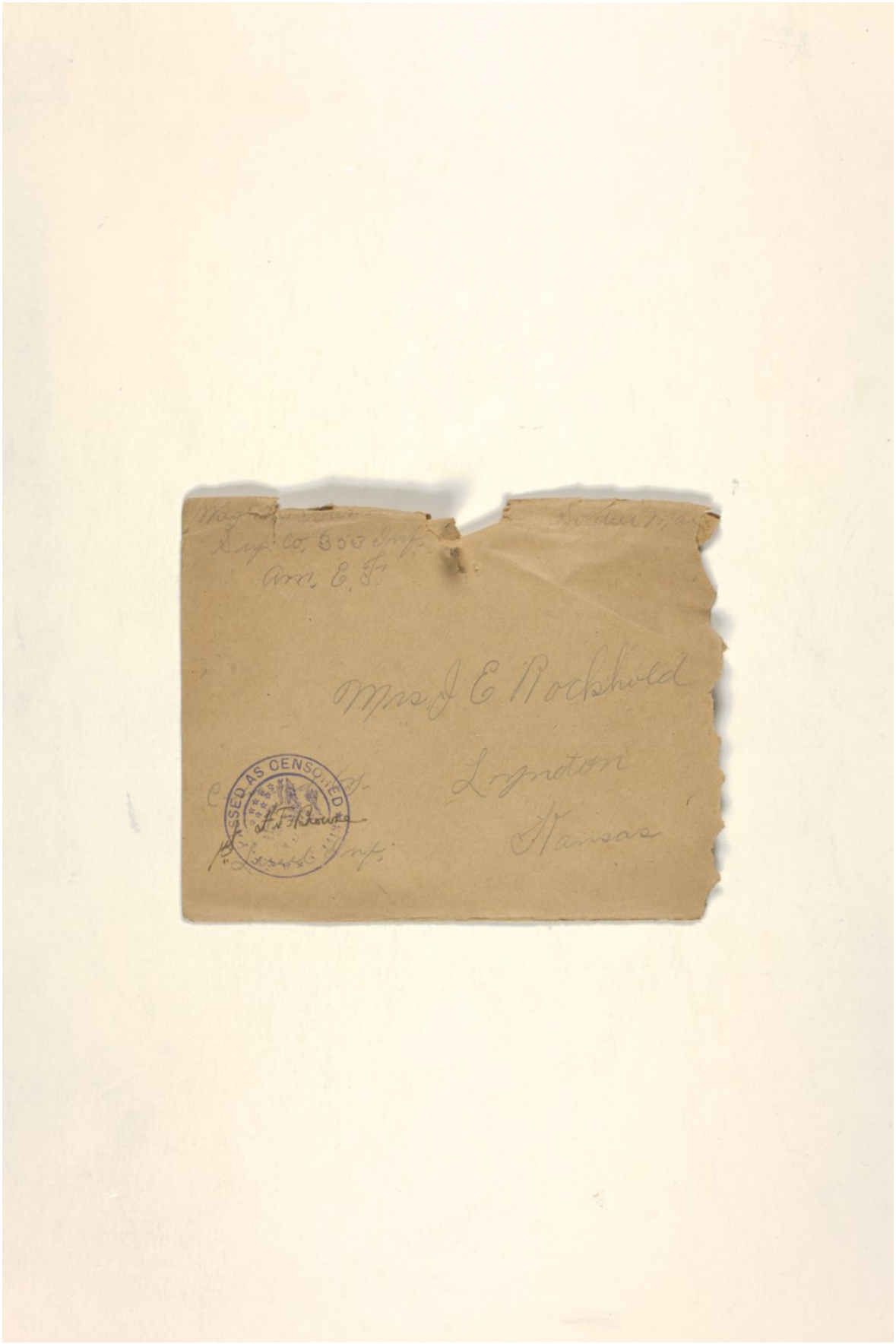
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