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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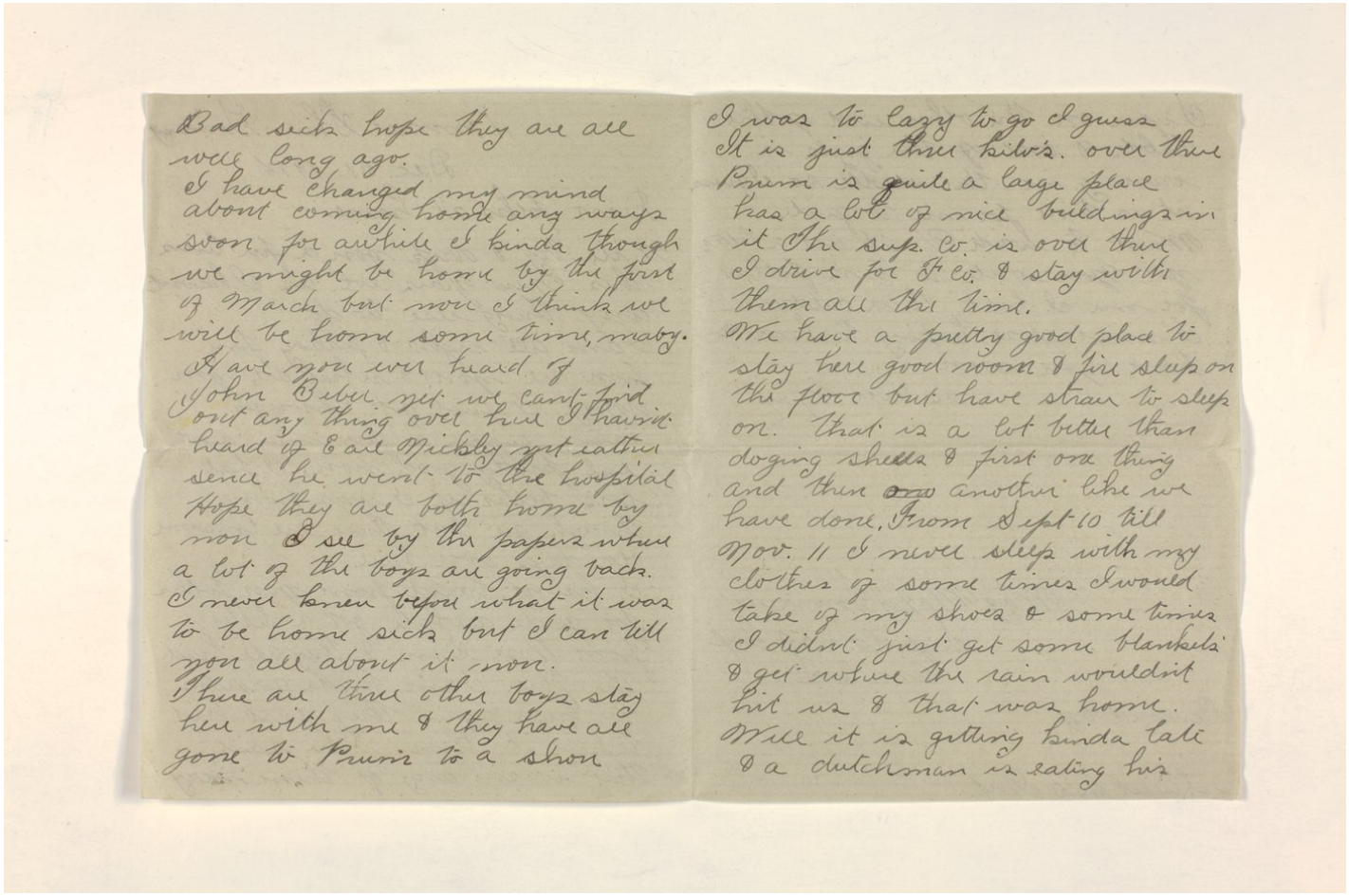
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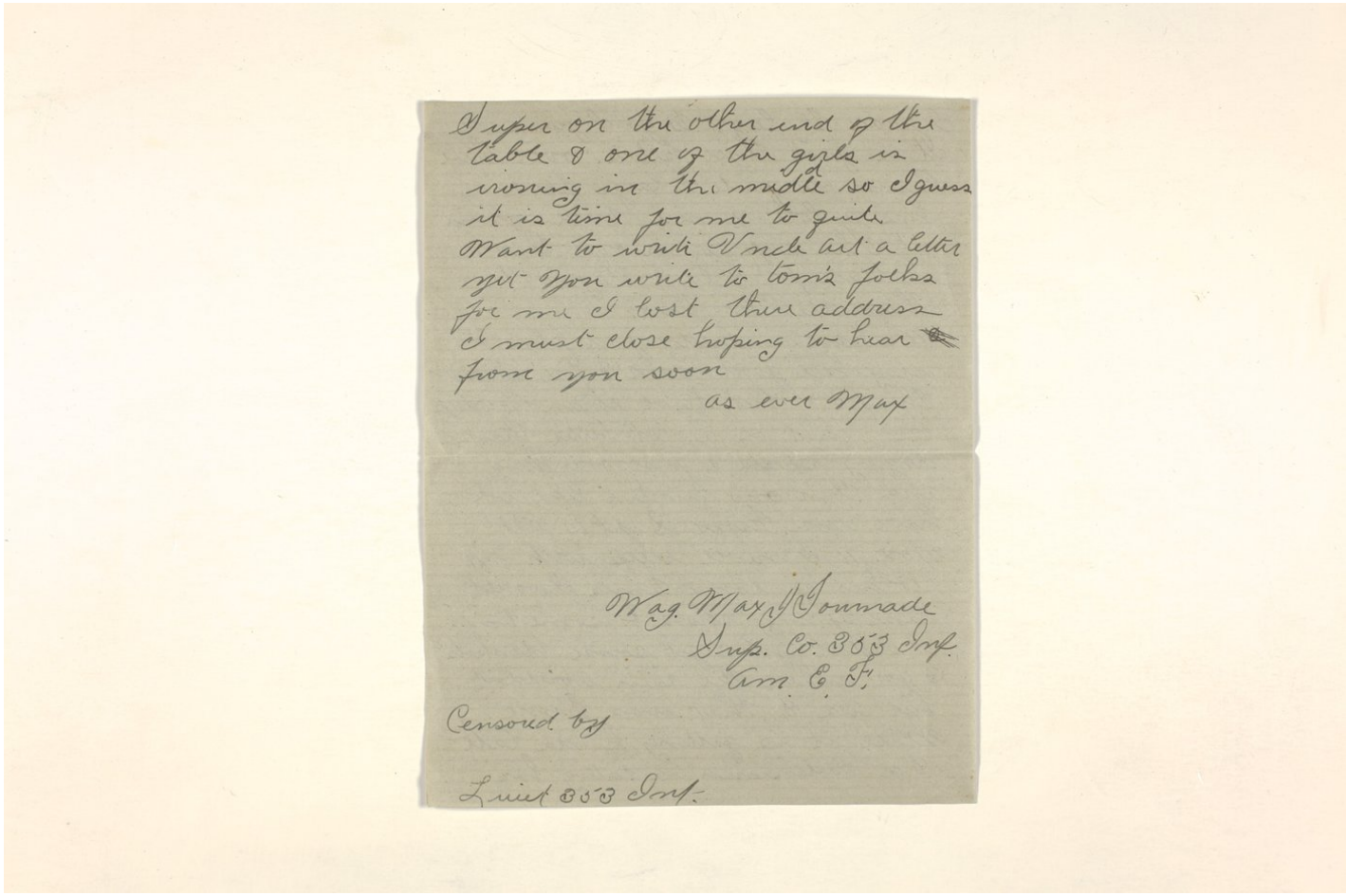
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Bad sick hope they are all well long ago.
I have changed my mind about coming home any ways soon for awhile I kinda though we might be home by the first of March but now I think we will be home some time, maby.
Have you ever heard of John Bebel yet we cant find out any thing over here I havin heard of Earl Mickley yet eather since he went to the hospital Hope they are both home by now I see by the papers where a lot of the boys are going back.
I never knew before what it was to be home sick but I can tell you all about it now.
There are three other boys stay here with me & they have all gone to Paris to a show I was to lazy to go I guess It is just three kilo's. over there Paris is quite a large place has a lot of nice buildings in it The sup. Co. is over there I drive for K Co. & stay with them all the time.
We have a pretty good place to stay here good room & fire steps on the floor but have straw to sleep on. That is a lot better than digging shells & first one thing and then another like we have done. From Sept 10 till Nov. 11 I never sleep with my clothes & some times I would take of my shoes & some times I didn't just get some blankets & get where the rain wouldn't hit us & that was home.
Well it is getting kinda late & a dutchman is eating his



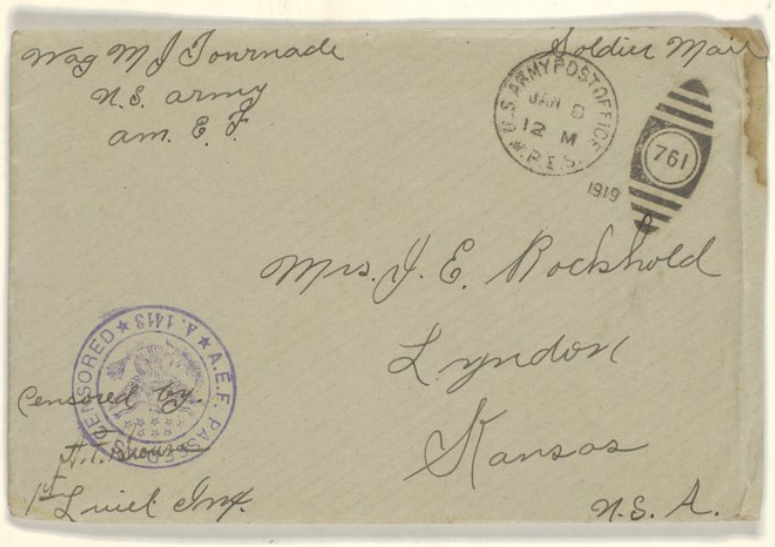
Super on the other end of the table & one of the girls is crowing in the middle so I guess it is time for me to quit. Want to write Uncle and a letter yet You write to Tom's folks for me I lost their address I must close hoping to hear from you soon

as ever Max

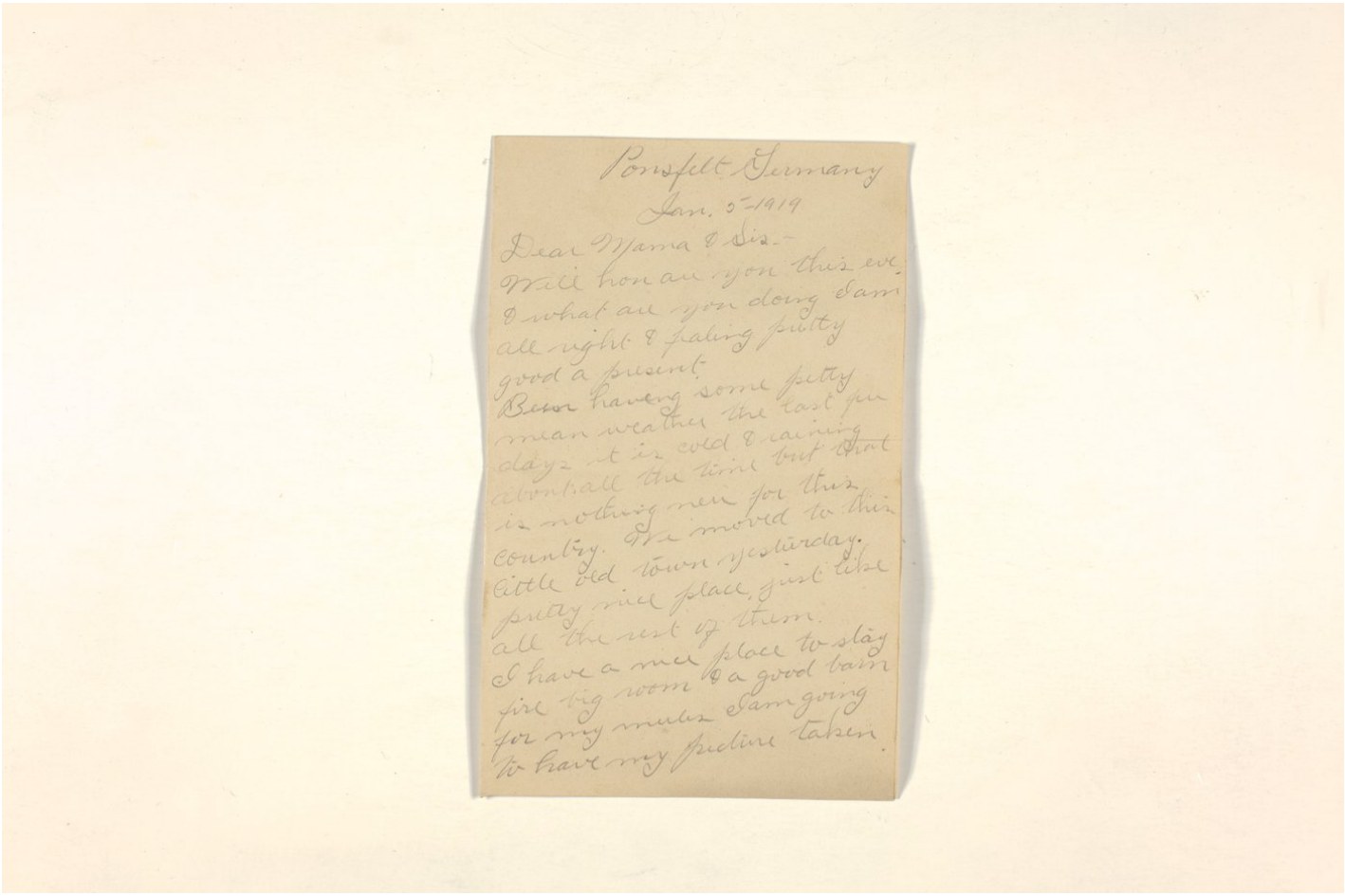
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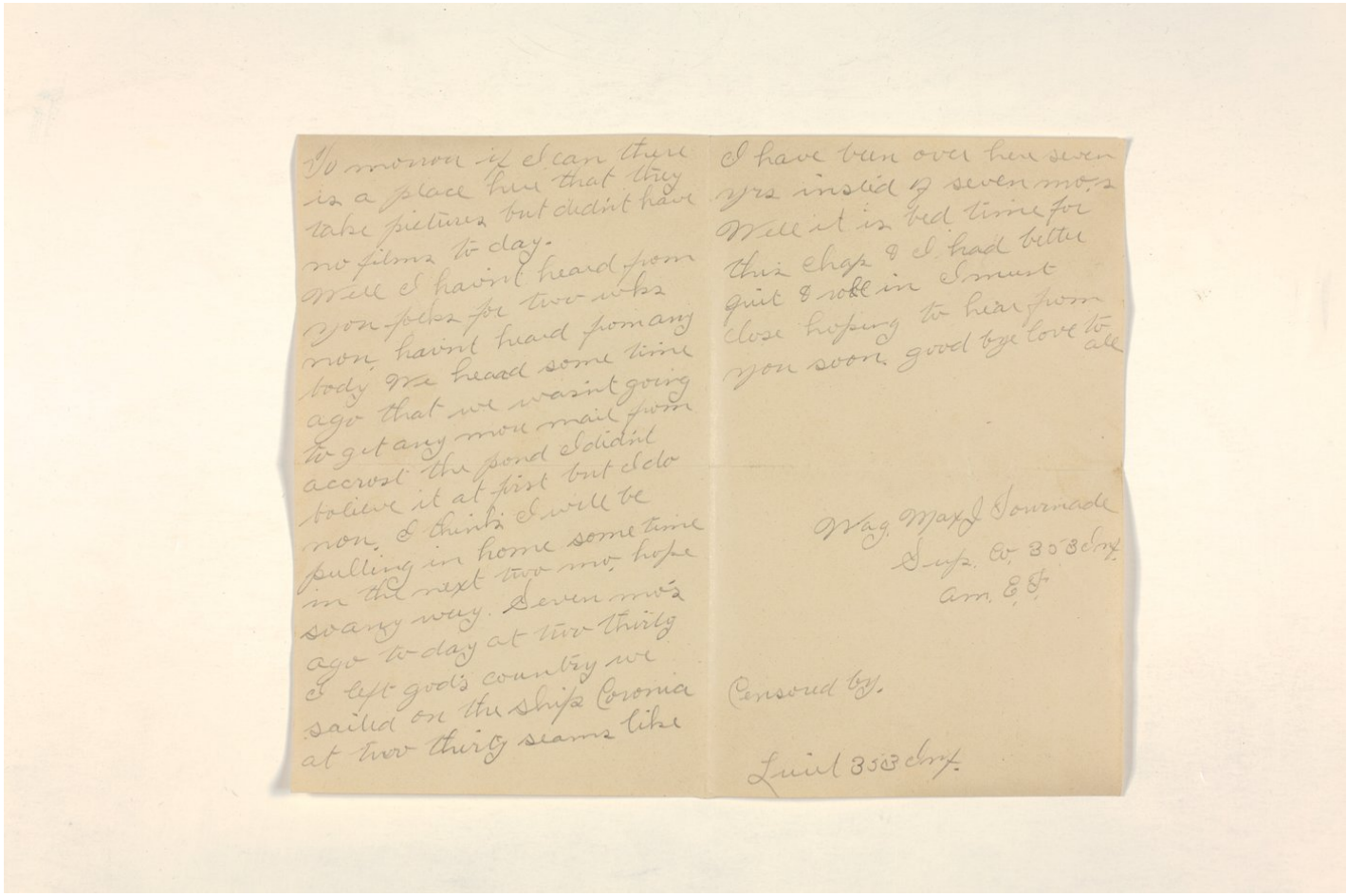
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Ponsfelt Germany
Jan. 5-1919

Dear Mama & Sis-
Well how are you this eve.
& what are you doing I am
all right & faling putty
good a present.
Been having some putty
mean weather the last few
days- it is cold & raining
about all the time but that
is nothing new for this
country. We moved to this
little old town yesterday.
putty nice place just like
all the rest of them.
I have a nice place to stay
fine big room & a good barn
for my mules I am going
to have my pictire taken.

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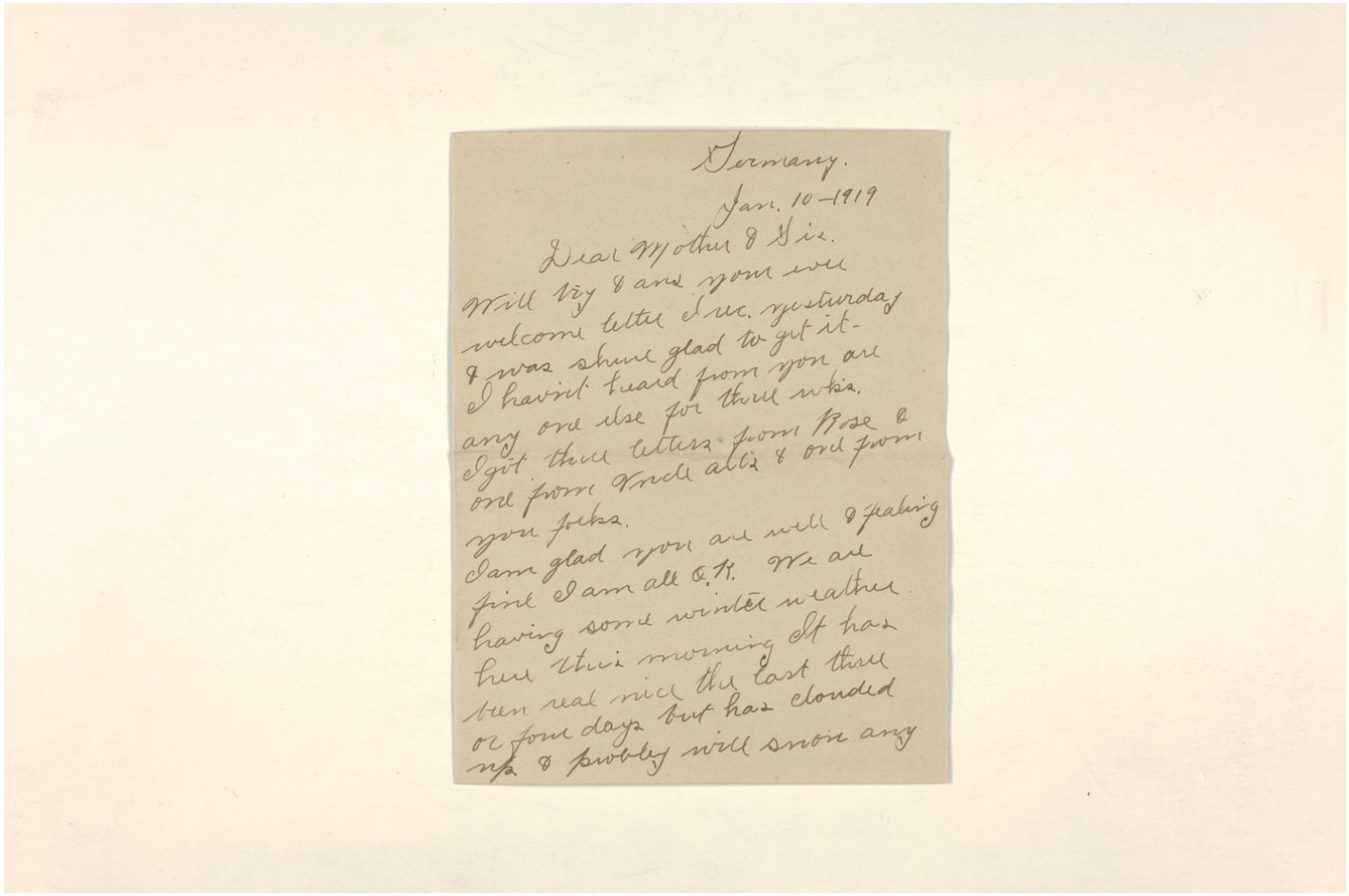
To morrow if I can there is a place here that they take pictures but didn't have no films to-day.
Well I havint heard from you-folks for two weks now, havint heard from any body we heard some time ago that we wasint going to get any more mail from accrost the pond I didint believe it at first but I do now, I think I will be pulling in home some time in the next two mo. hope so any way. Seven mo's ago to-day at two-thirty I left good country we sailed on the ship Corona at two thirty seams like I have been over here seven yrs instid of seven mo's Well it is bed time for this chap & I had better quit & rest in I must close hoping to hear from you soon. good bye love to all

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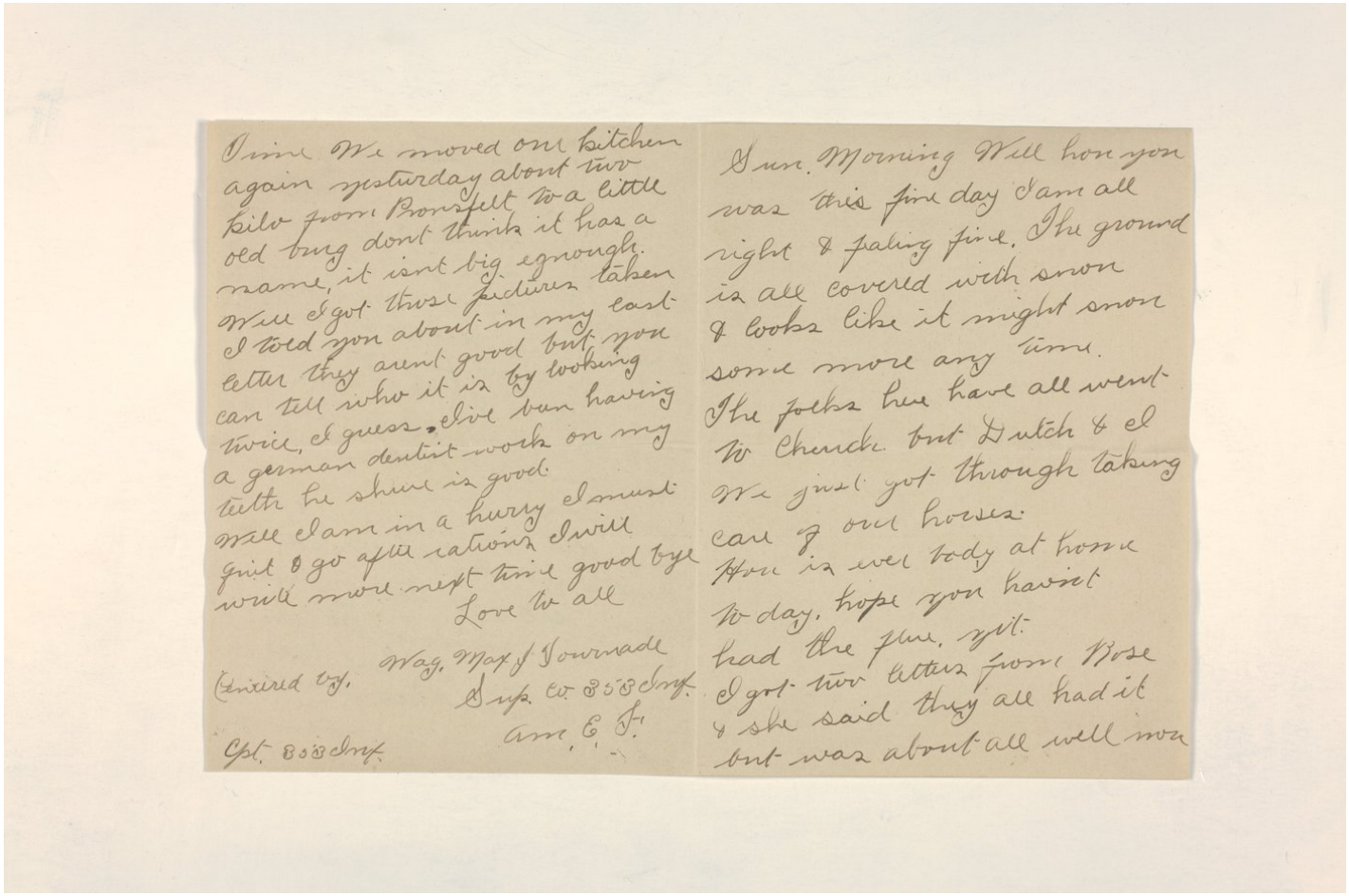

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1919
Mrs. J. E. Rockwell
Lyndon
Kansas
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Germany.
Jan. 10–1919

Dear Mother & Sis.
Will try & and you will welcome letter I rec. yesterday & was shure glad to get it- I havint heard from you or any one else for three weks. I got three letters from Rose & one from Uncle also & one from you Jobs.
I am glad you are well & farming fine I am all O.K. We are having some winter weather here this morning It has been real nice the last three or four days but has clouded up & proby will snow any

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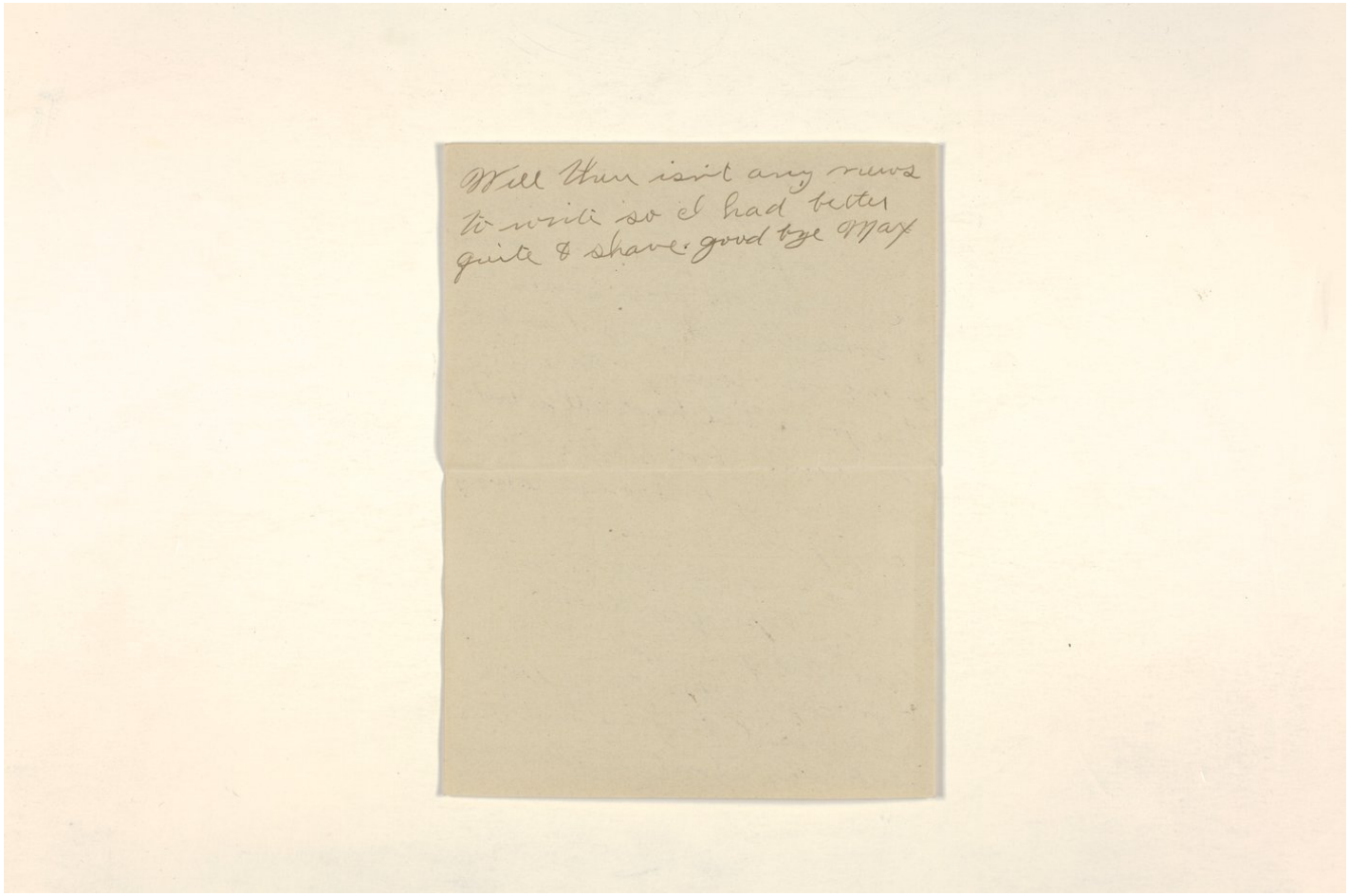
June We moved our kitchen again yesturday about two kilo from Bonsfelt to a little oled burg dont think it has a name, it isnt big egnough. Well I got those pictures taken I told you about in my last letter they arent good but you can tell who it is by looking twice, I guess. Clive ben having a german dentist work on my teeth he shure is good. Well I am in a hurry I must quit & go after rations I will write more next time good bye

Love to all

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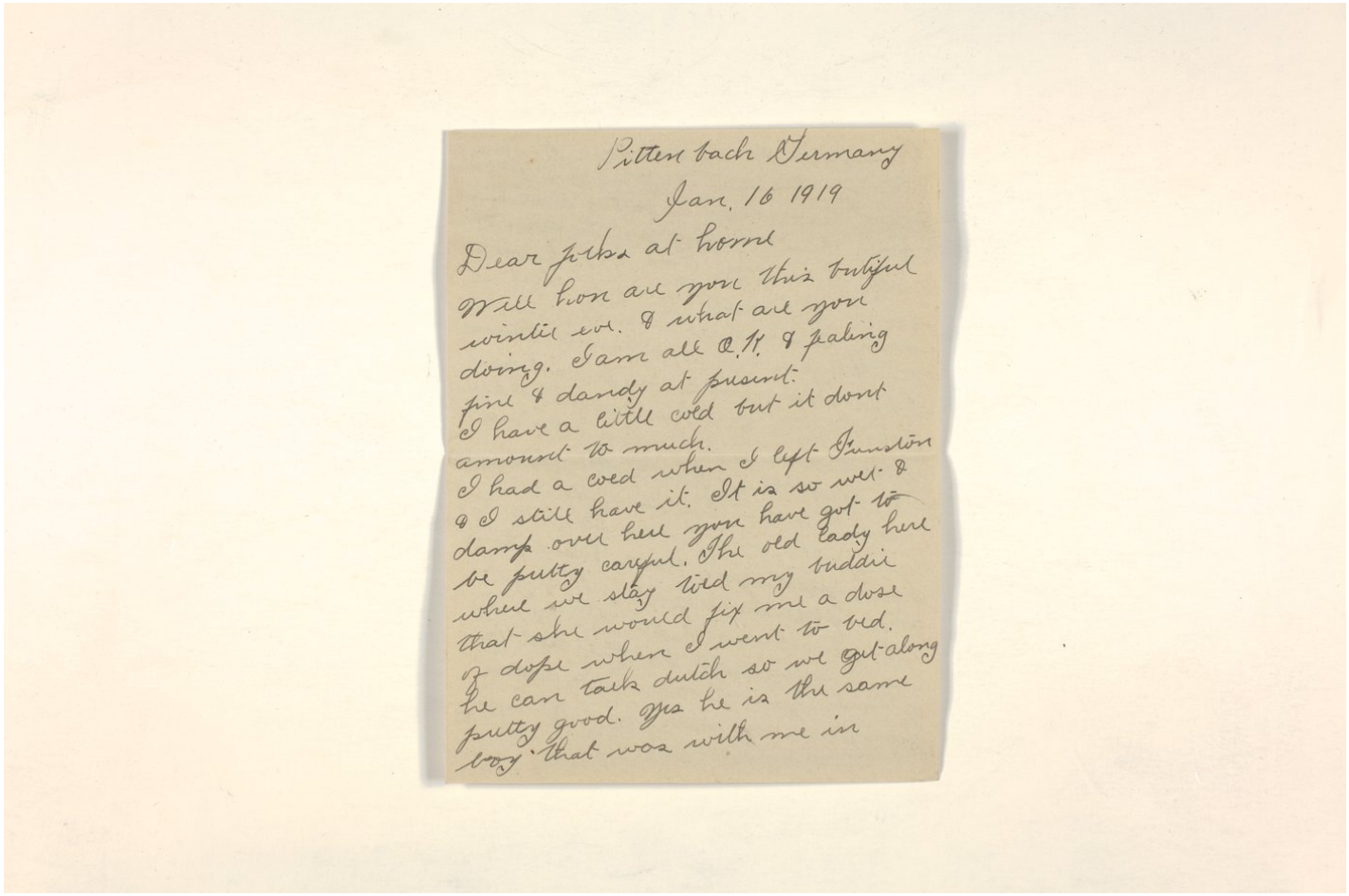
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Sun. Morning Well how you was this fine day I am all right & faling fine. The ground is all covered with snow & looks like it might snow some more any time. The folks here have all went to Church but Dutch & el We just got through taking care of our horses. How is everybody at home to day, hope you havint had the flue, yet. I got two letters from Rose & she said they all had it but was about all well now


Will Thun isint any news
to write so I had better
quite & shave. good bye May

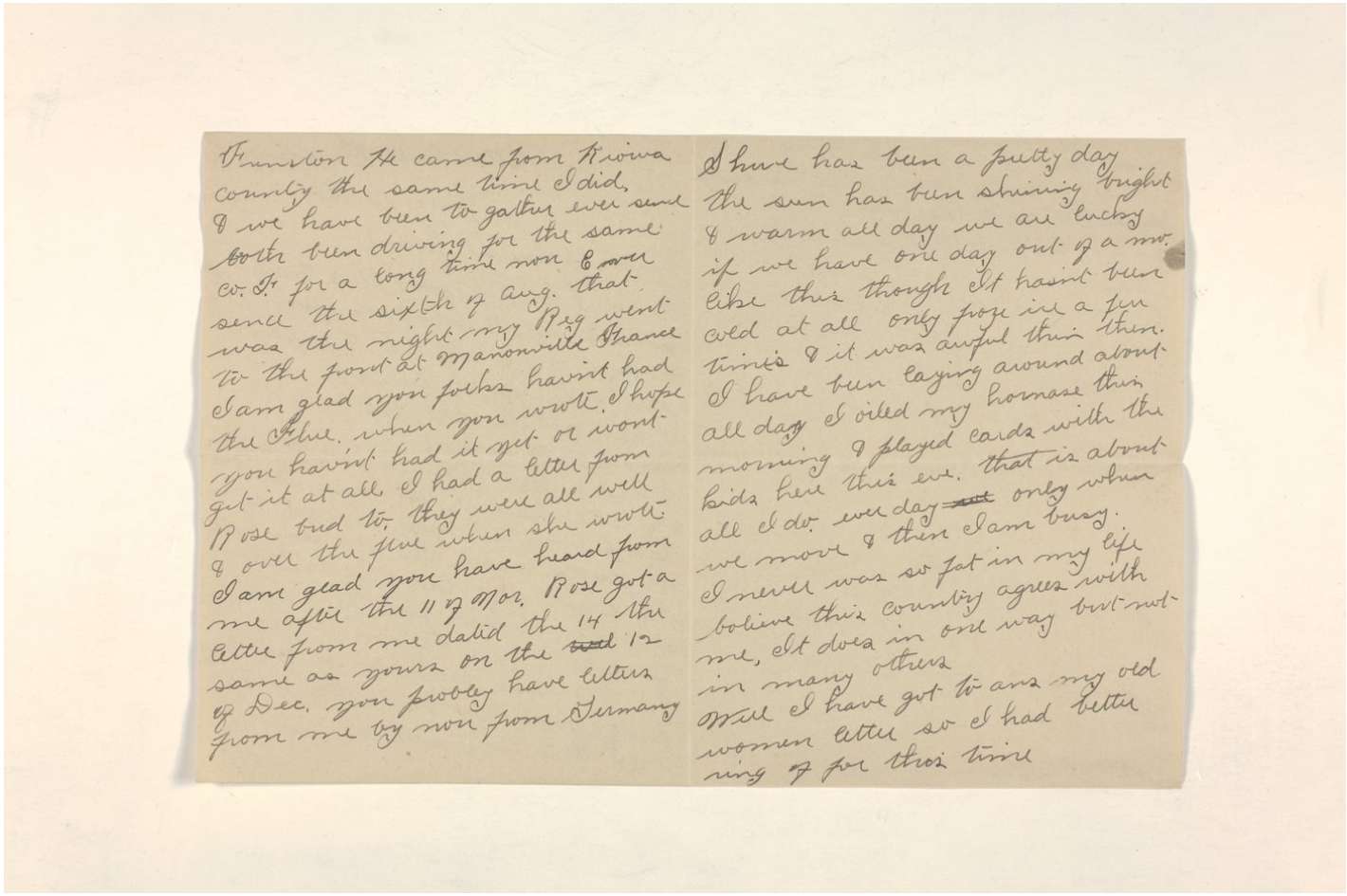

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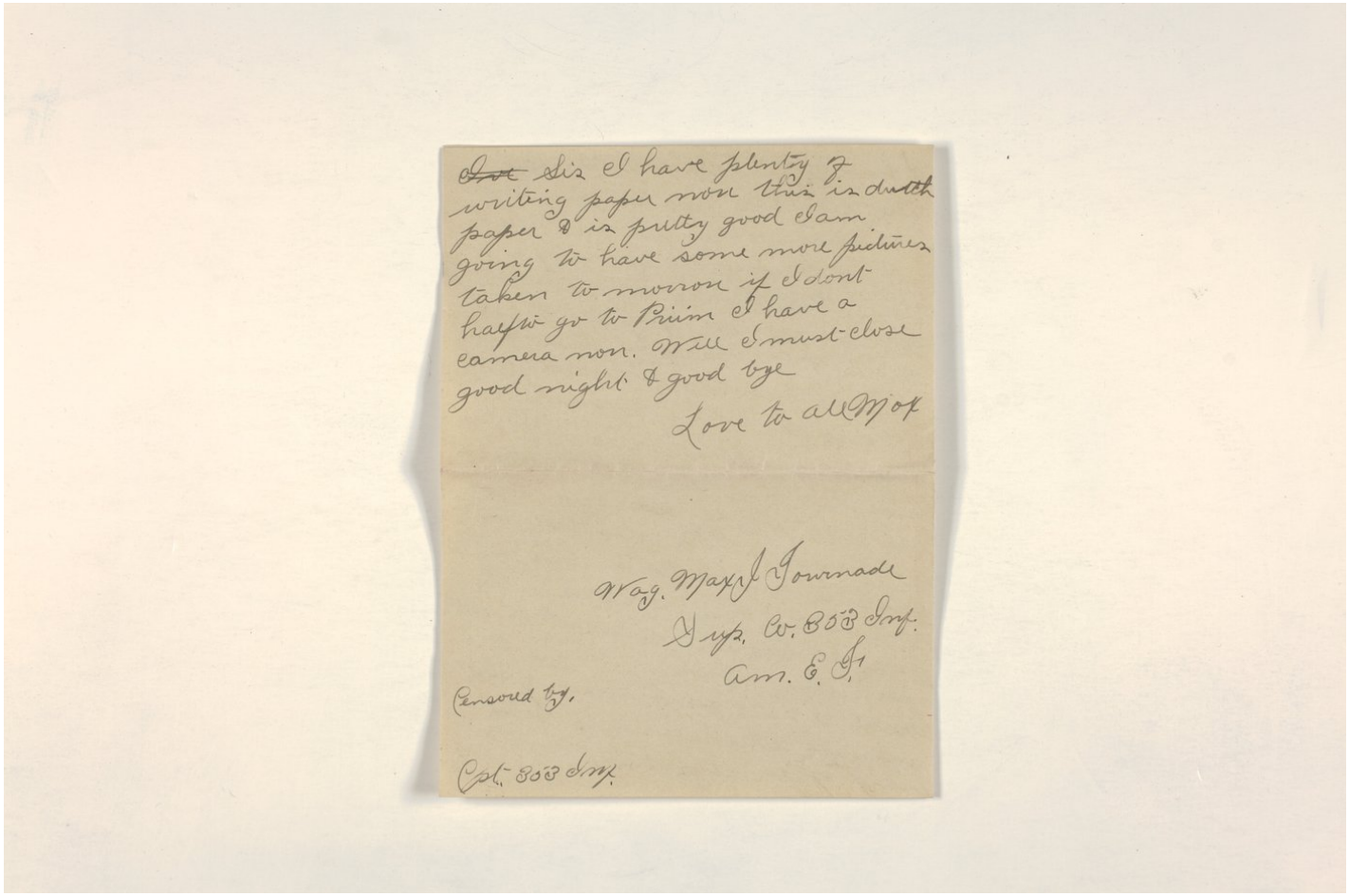
Pittenbach Germany
Jan. 16 1919

Dear folks at home
Well how are you this cold
windie ev. & what are you
doing. I am all O.K. & feeling
fine & dandy at present.
I have a little cold but it dont
amount to much.
I had a cold when I left Winston
& I still have it. It is so wet & damp over here you have got to be putty carful. The old lady here where we stay tied my buddie that she would fix me a dose of dope when I went to bed.
he can talk dutch so we get along putty good. Yes he is the same boy that was with me in



Tunston He came from Riowa
county the same time I did,
& we have been to gather ever since
both been driving for the same
co. &. for a long time now & ever
since the sixth of aug. that
was the night my Reg went
to the front at Manonville France
I am glad you folks havint had
the Blue. when you wrote. I hope
you havint had it yet or wont
get it at all. I had a letter from
Rose bud to. they were all well
& over the flue when she wrote.
I am glad you have heard from
me afte the 11 of Nov. Rose got a
letter from me dated the 14 the
same as yours on the ~~and~~ 12
of Dec. you probley have letters
from me by now from Germany

I have has been a fine day
the sun has been shining bright
& warm all day we are lucky
if we have one day out of a mo.
like this though It hasint been
cold at all only frose in a few
times & it was awful thin then.
I have been laying around about
all day & oiled my harness this
morning & played cards with the
kids here this eve. that is about
all I do ever day ~~and~~ only when
we move & then I am busy.
I never was so fat in my life
I believe this country agrees with
me, It does in one way but not
in many others
Well I have got to ans my old
women letter so I had better
ring off for this time



~~Dec~~ Sis I have plenty of writing paper now this is dutch paper & is pritty good I am going to have some more pictures taken to morrow if I dont happen go to Prum I have a camera now. Well I must close good night & good bye

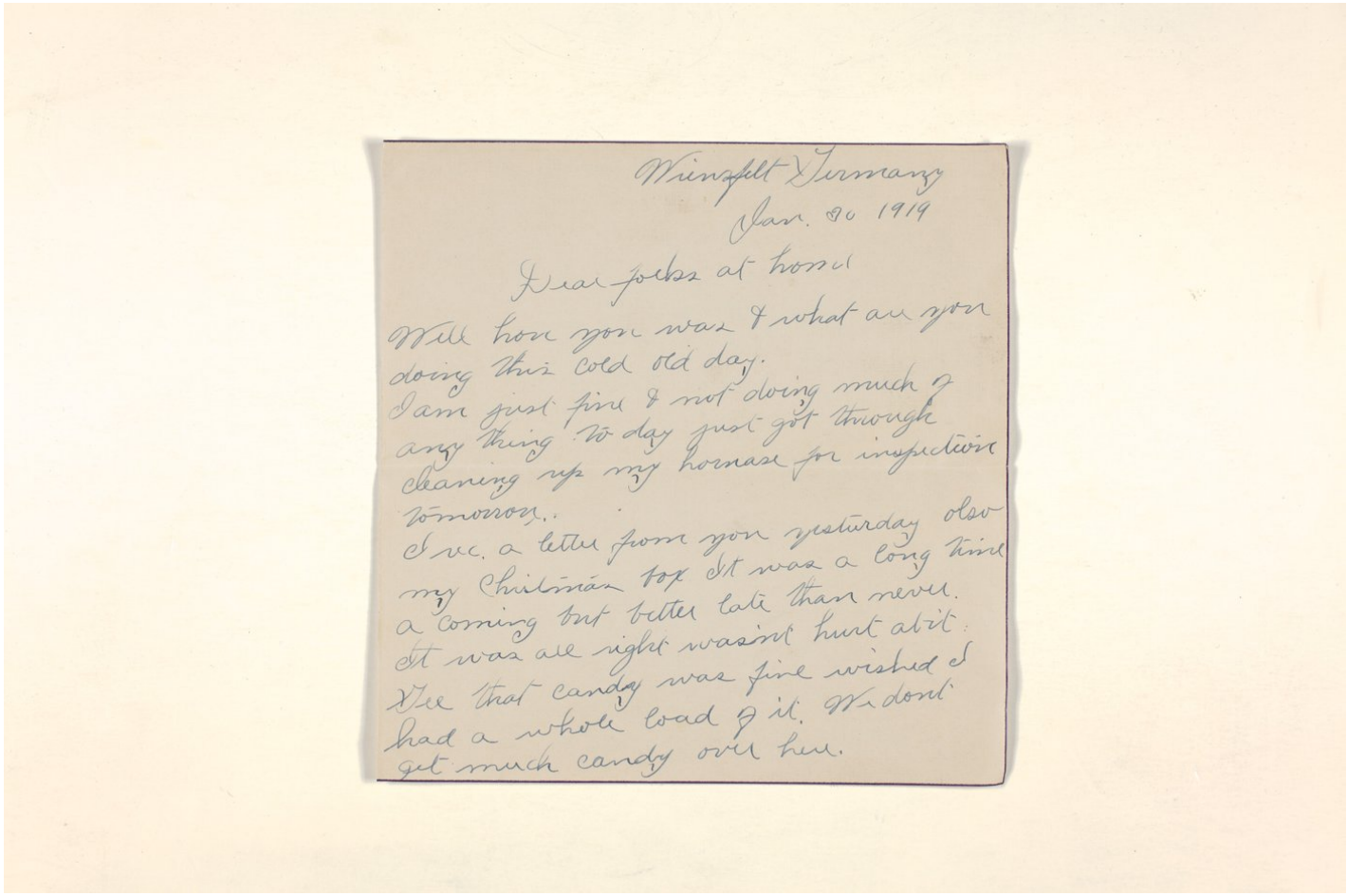
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Am. E. F.

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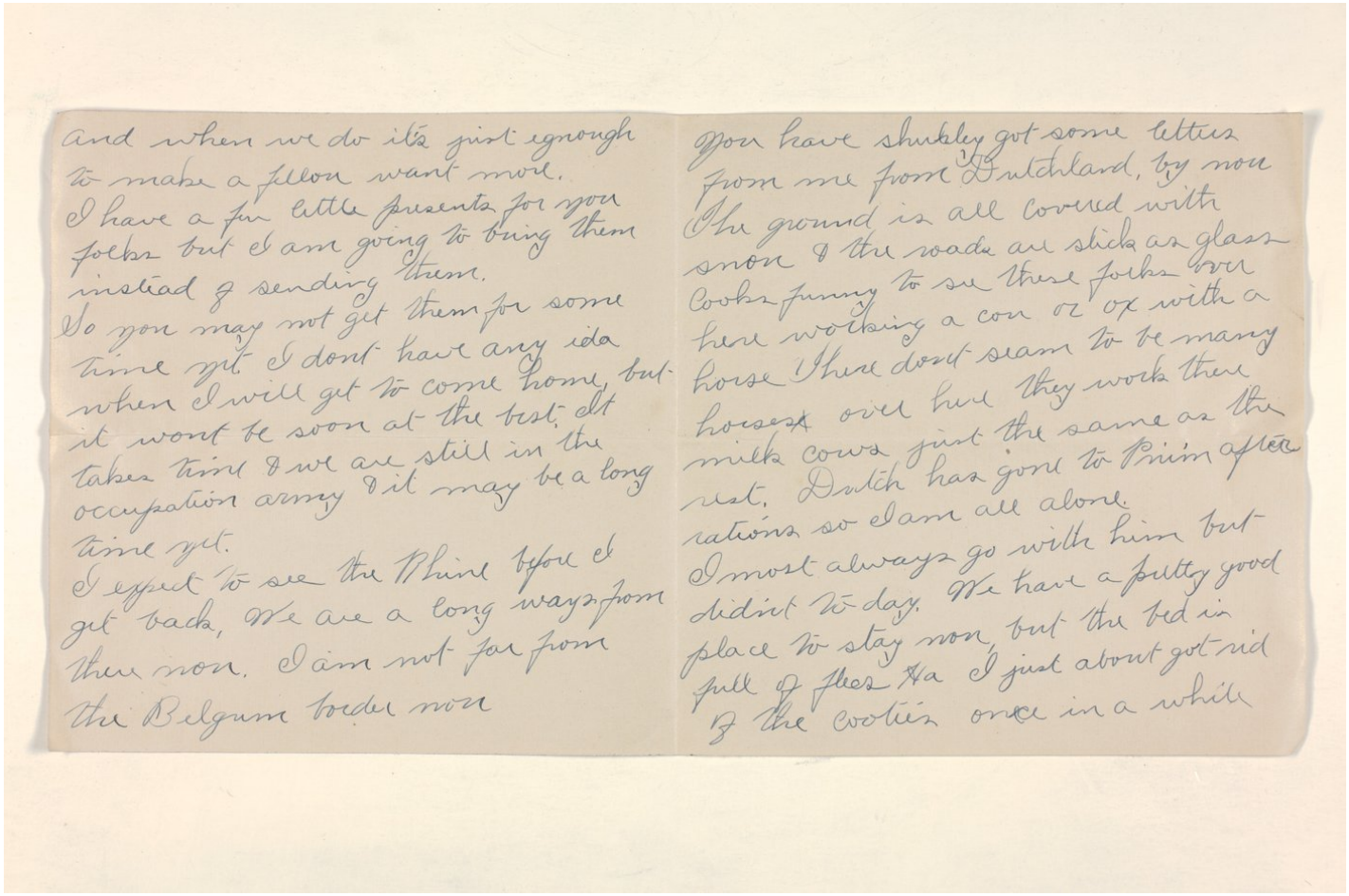


Winzfeld Germany
Jan. 20 1919

Dear folks at home

Well how you was & what are you doing this cold old day. I am just fine & not doing much of any thing to day just got through cleaning up my hornas for inspection tomorrow.

I rec. a letter from you yesterday also my Christmas box it was a long time a coming but better late than never. It was all right wasint hurt abit. I see that candy was fine wished I had a whole load of it. We dont get much candy over here.

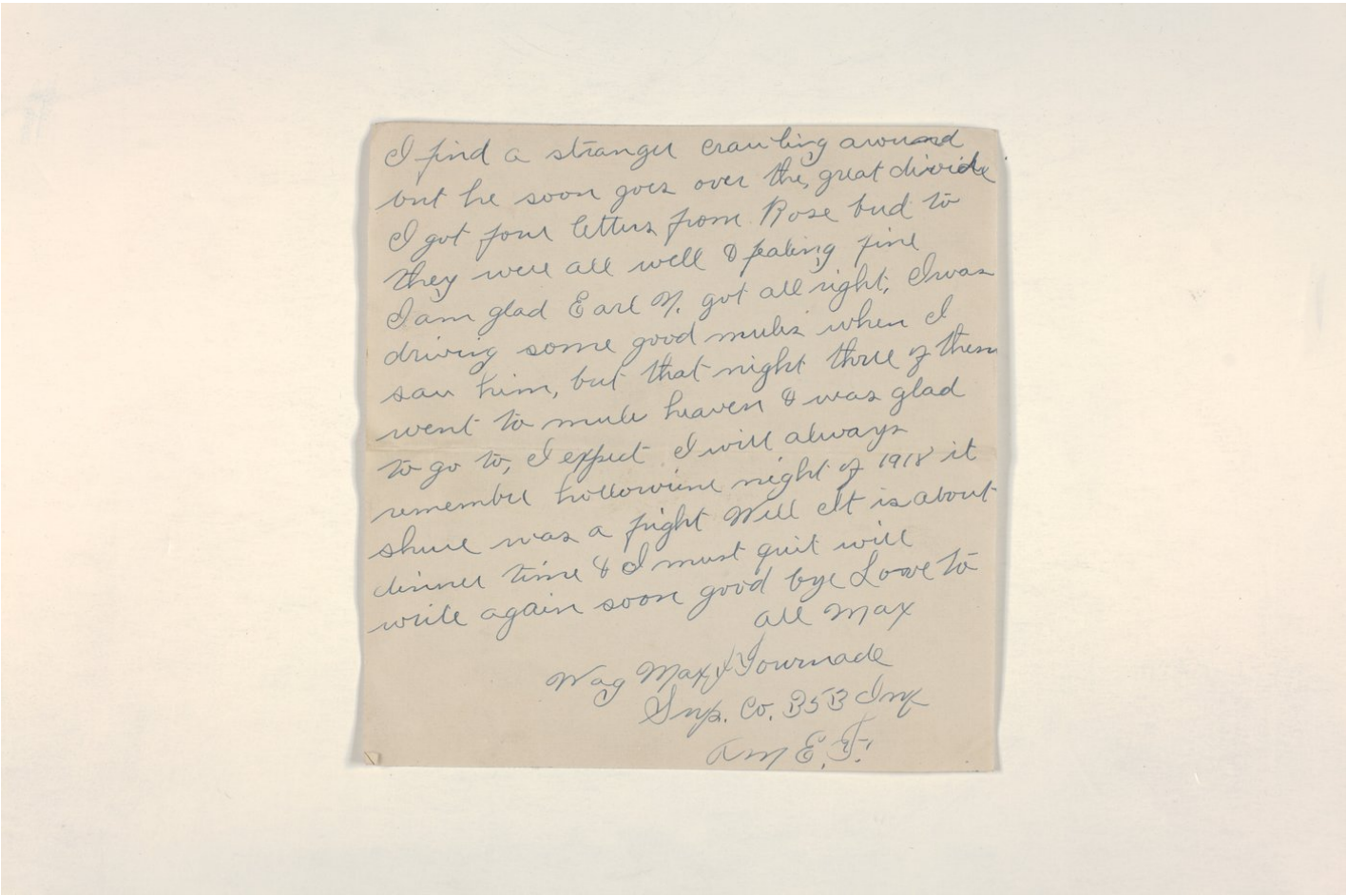


and when we do its just enough to make a fellow want more. I have a few little presents for your folks but I am going to bring them instead of sending them. So you may not get them for some time yet I dont have any ida when I will get to come home, but it wont be soon at the best. It takes time & we are still in the occupation army & it may be a long time yet.

I expect to see the Rhine before I get back, We are a long ways from there now. I am not far from the Belgium border now

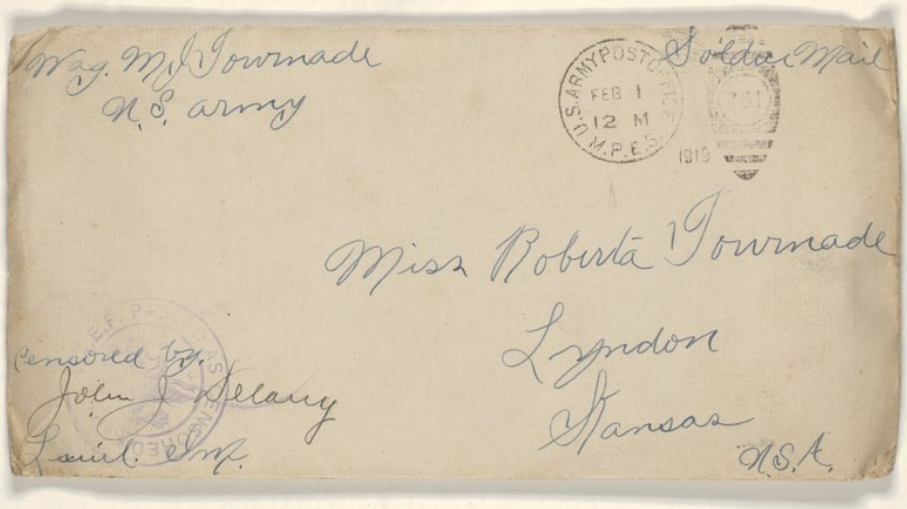
You have shurely got some letters from me from Dutchland, by now The ground is all covered with snow & the roads are slick as glass Cooks funny to see these folks over here working a cow or ox with a horse There dont seam to be many horses over here they work their milk cows just the same as the rest. Dutch has gone to Prim after rations so I am all alone. I most always go with him but didint to-day. We have a putty good place to stay now, but the bed is full of flees Ha I just about got rid of the cooties once in a while

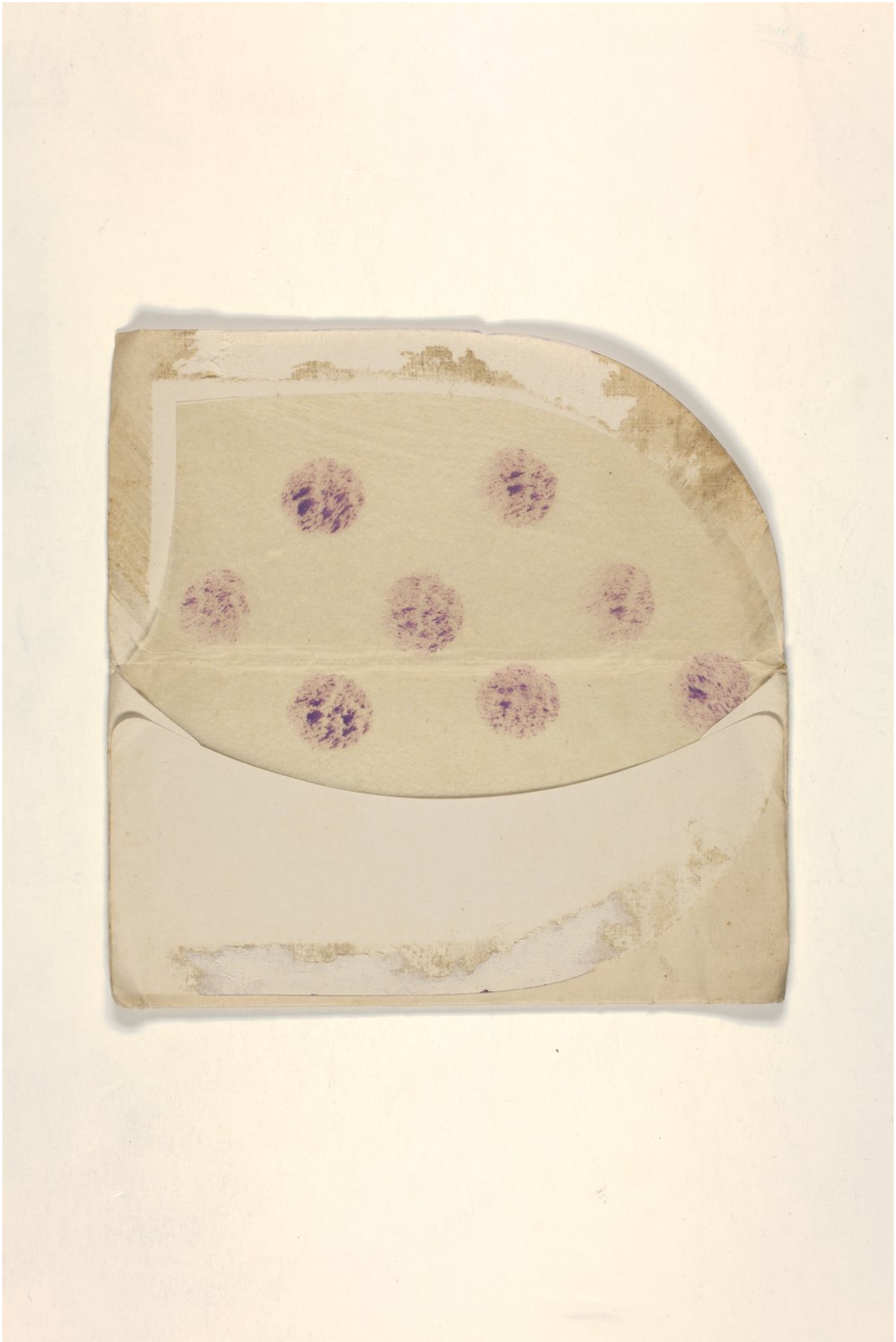
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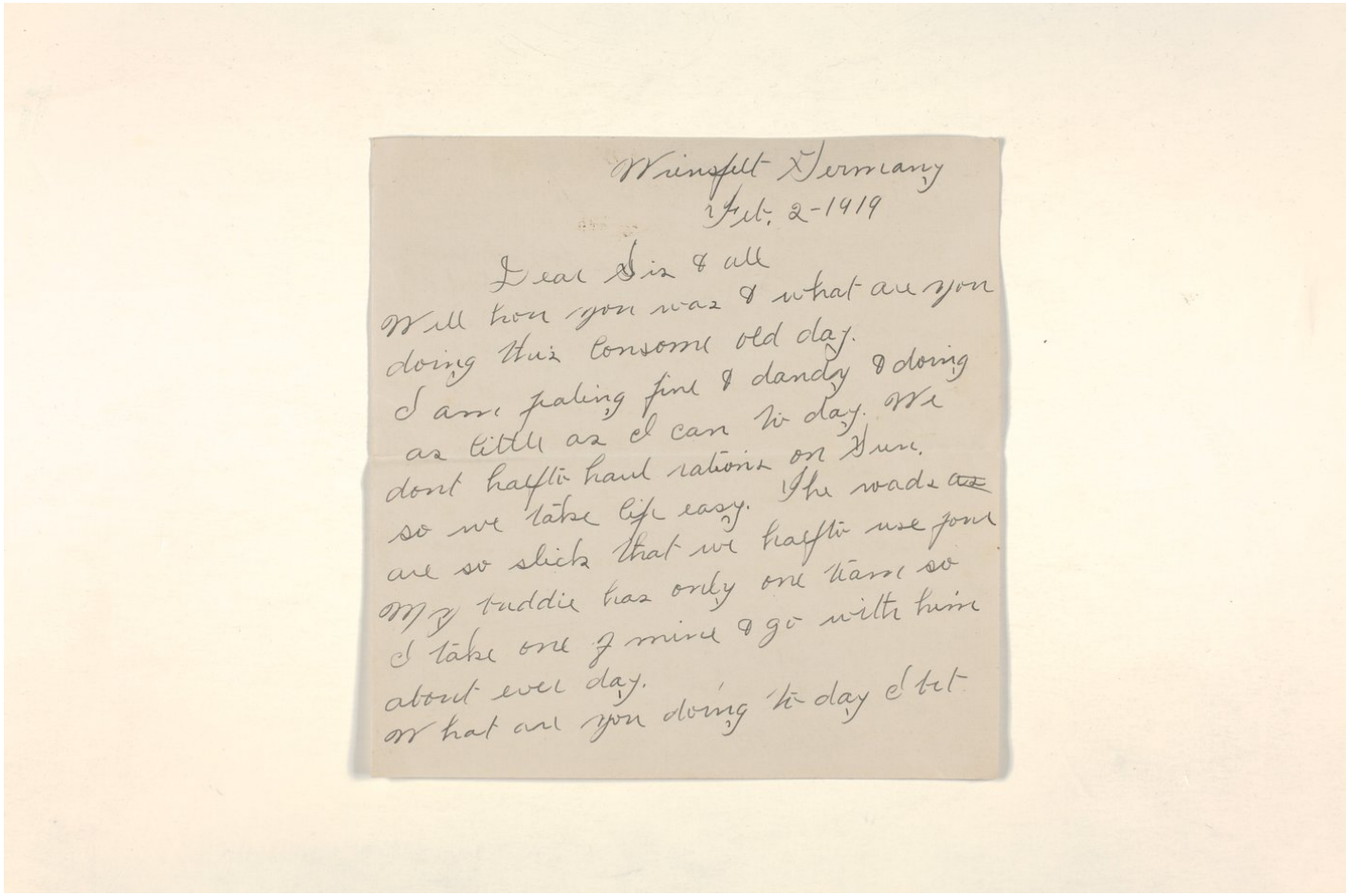
I find a stranger crawling around
but he soon goes over the great divide
I got four letters from Rose but to
they were all well & peaking fine
I am glad Earl M. got all right. I was
driving some good mules when I
saw him, but that night three of them
went to mule heaven & was glad
to go to, I expect I will always
remember hollowine night of 1918 it
shure was a fright Well it is about
dinner time & I must quit will
write again soon good bye Love to
all Max

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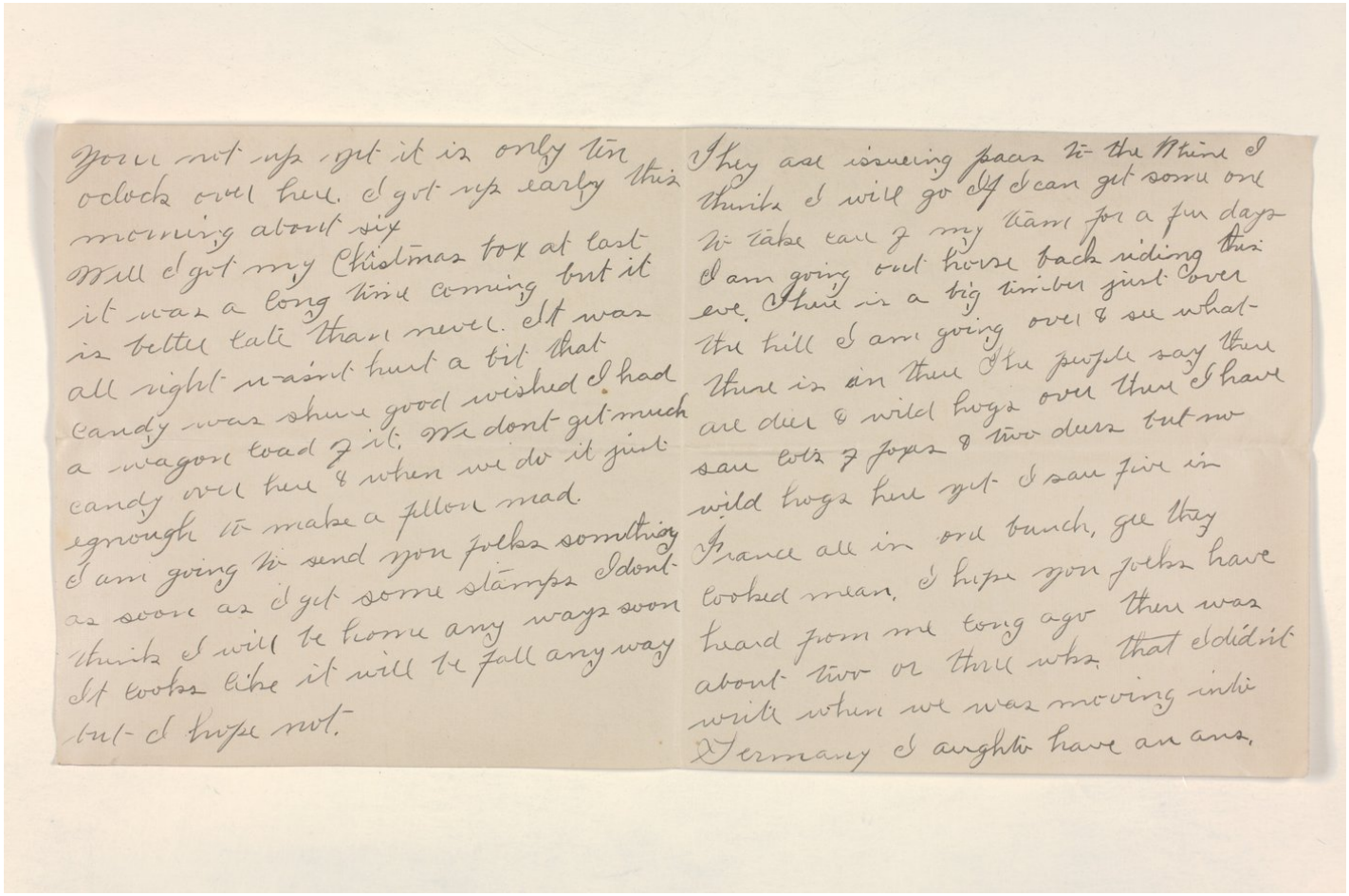


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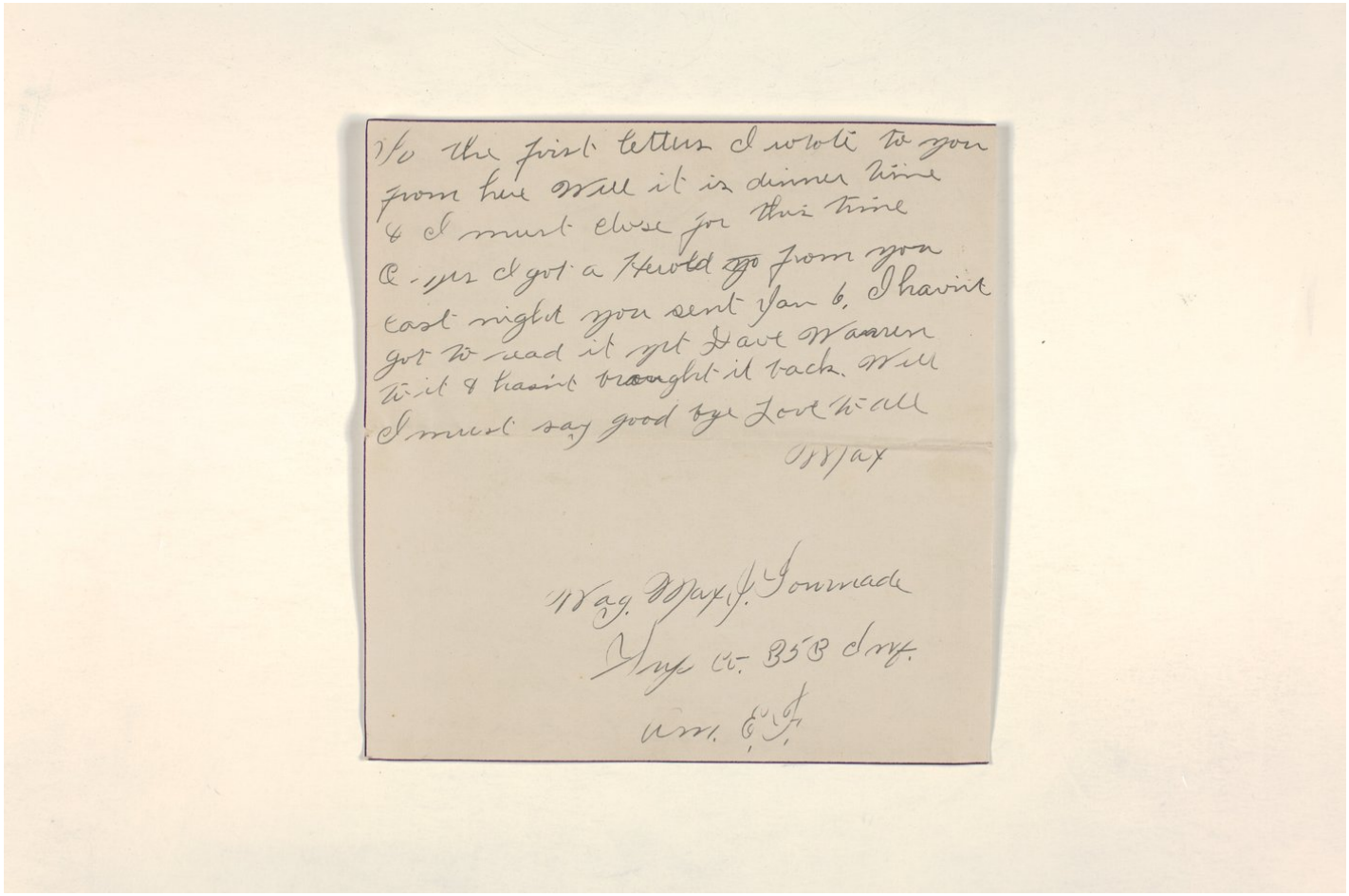
Winsfelt Germany
Feb. 2-1919

Dear Sis & all
Will how you was & what are you doing this lonsome old day. I am feeling fine & dandy & doing as little as I can to day. We dont haffto haul rations on Sun. so we take life easy. The roads are are so slick that we haffto use foot. My buddie has only one hand so I take one I mind & go with him about ever day. or that are you doing to day I bet



You're not up yet it is only ten
o'clock over here. I got up early this
morning about six
Well I got my Christmas box at last
it was a long time coming but it
is better late than never. It was
all right wasn't hurt a bit that
candy was shure good wished I had
a wagon load of it. We dont get much
candy over here & when we do it just
enough to make a fellow mad.
I am going to send you folks something
as soon as I get some stamps I don't
think I will be home any ways soon
It looks like it will be fall anyway
but I hope not.

They are issueing passes to the Rhine I
think I will go if I can get some one
to take care of my team for a few days
I am going out horse back riding this
eve. There is a big timber just over
the hill I am going over & see what-
there is in there the people say there
are deer & wild hogs over there I have
saw lots of jogs & two deers but no
wild hogs here yet. I saw five in
France all in one bunch, gee they
looked mean. I hope you folks have
heard from me long ago there was
about two or three who did write
with when we was moving into
Germany I aught to have an ans.

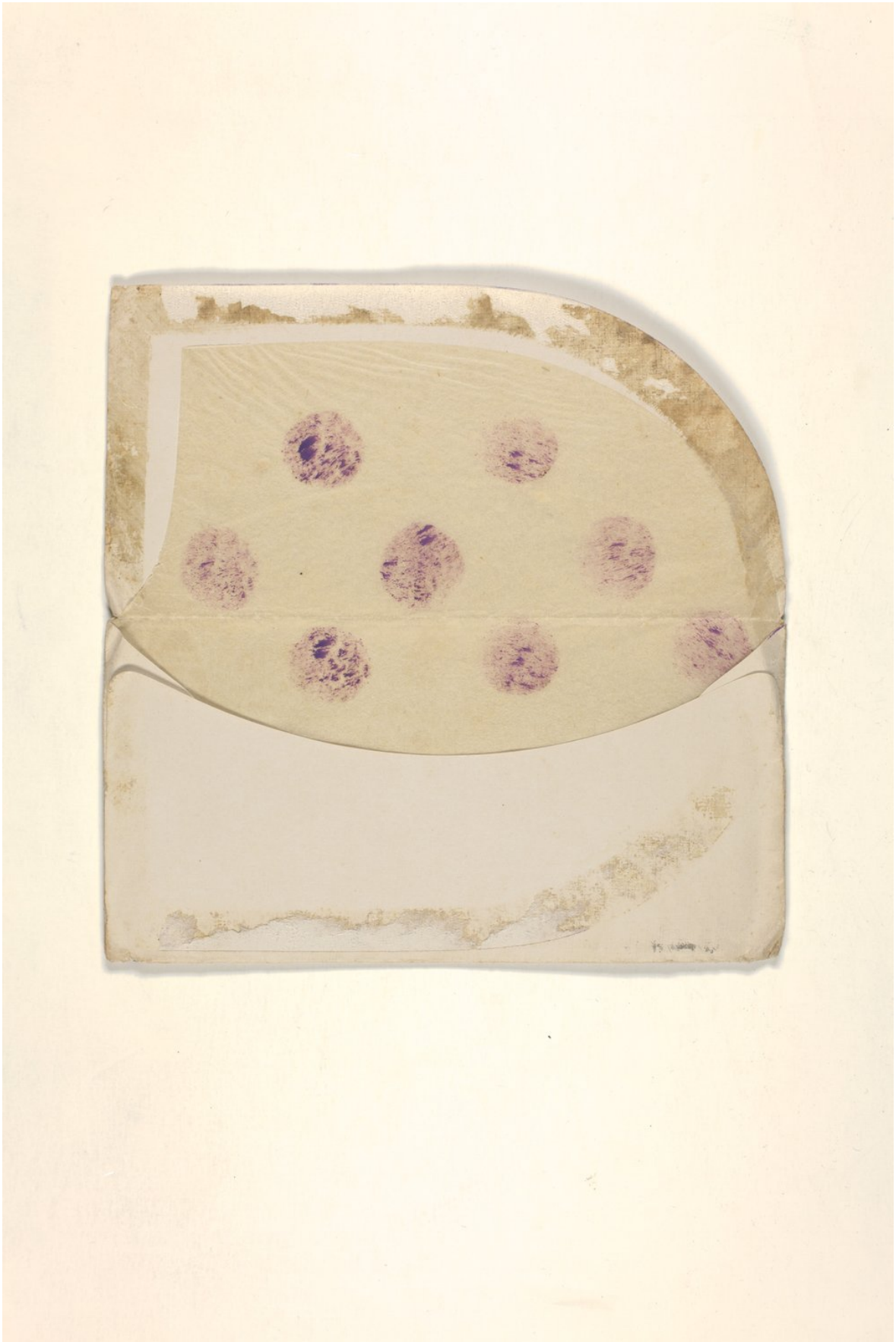


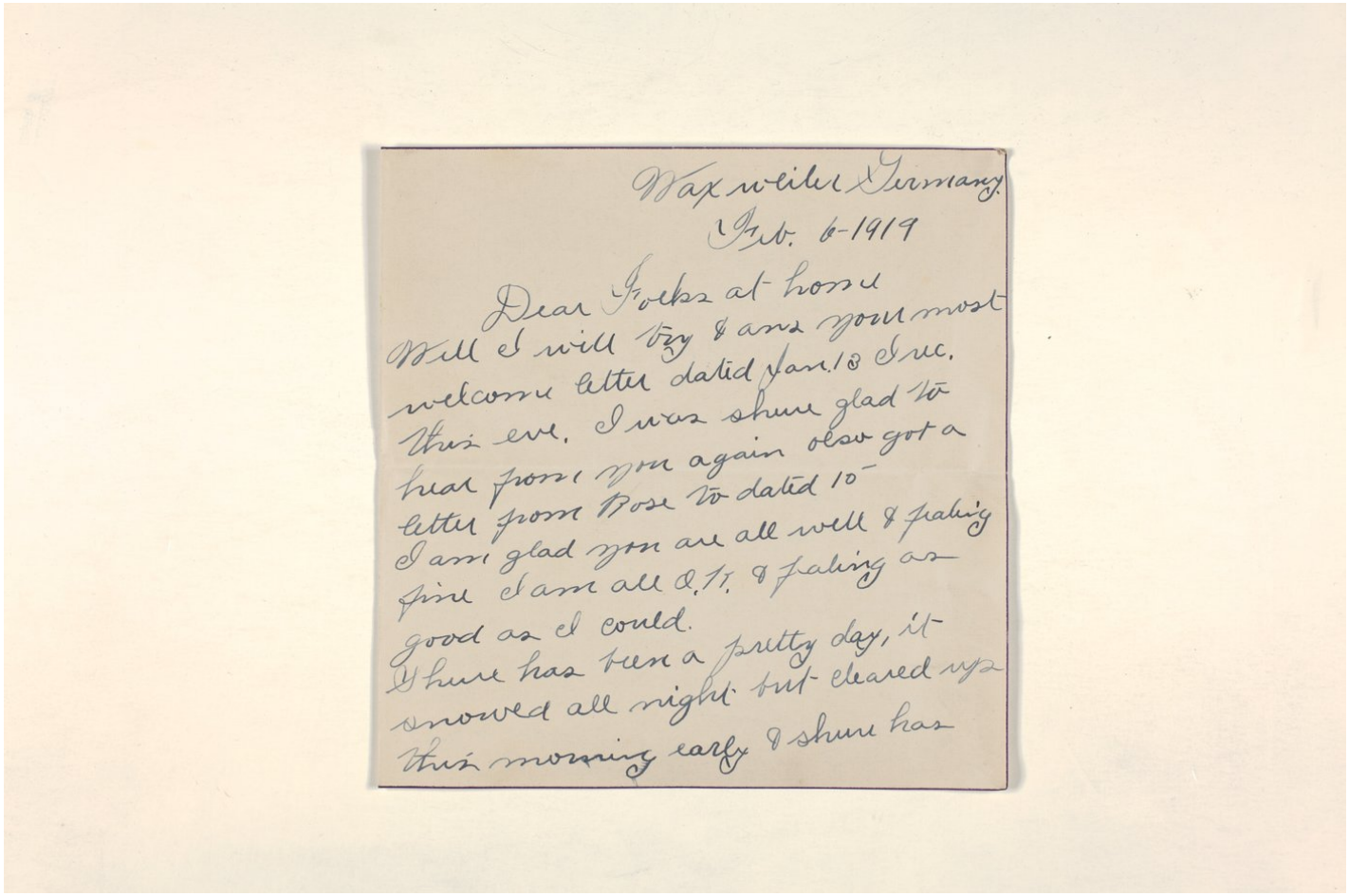
I/o the first letters I wrote to you
from here will it is dinner time
& I must close for this time
P.S. yes I got a Herald from you
last night you sent Jan 6, I have it
yet to read it yet Dave Warren
has it & hasn't brought it back. Will
I must say good bye Love to all

Max

Wag. Max J. Tournade
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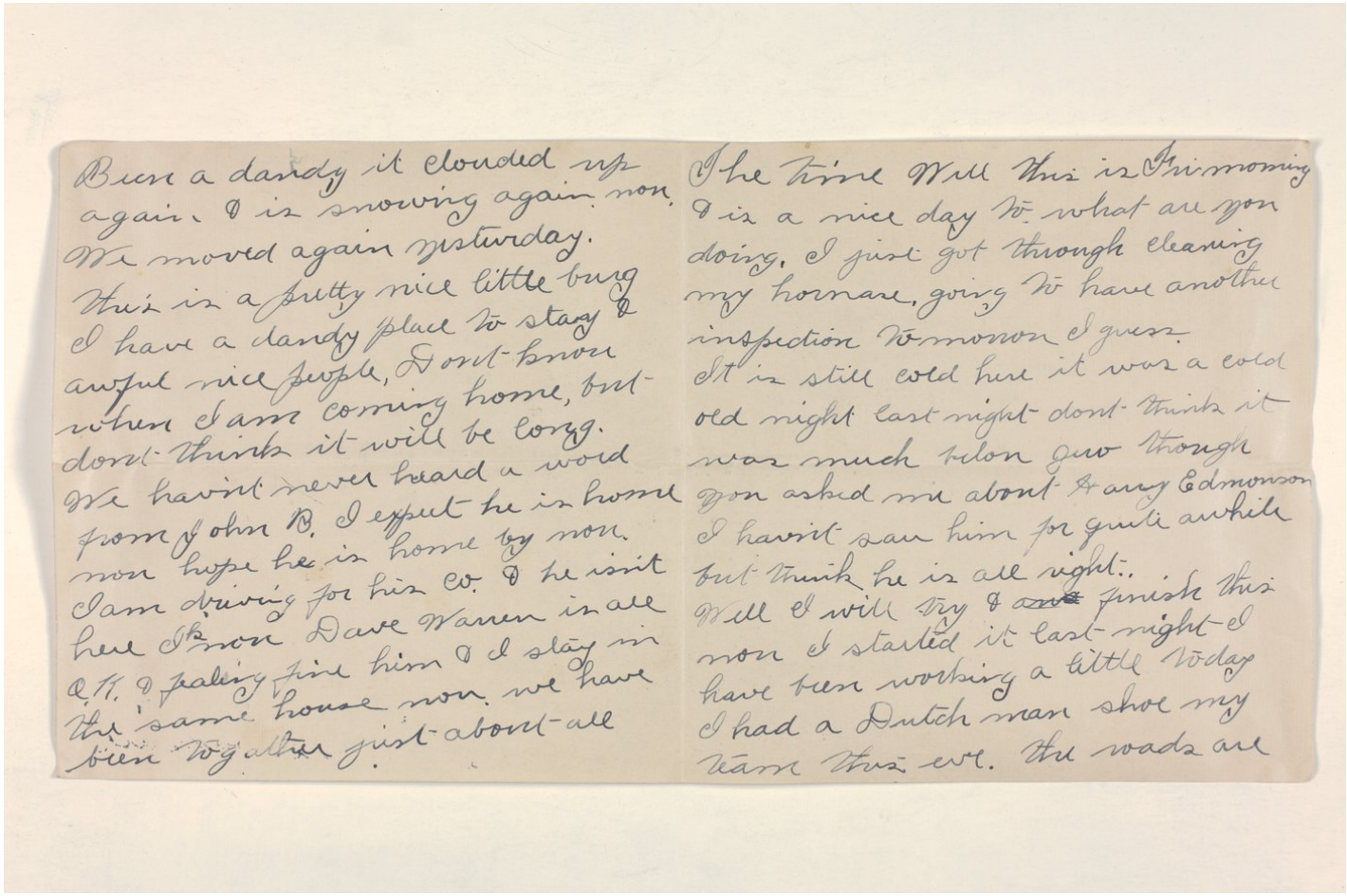

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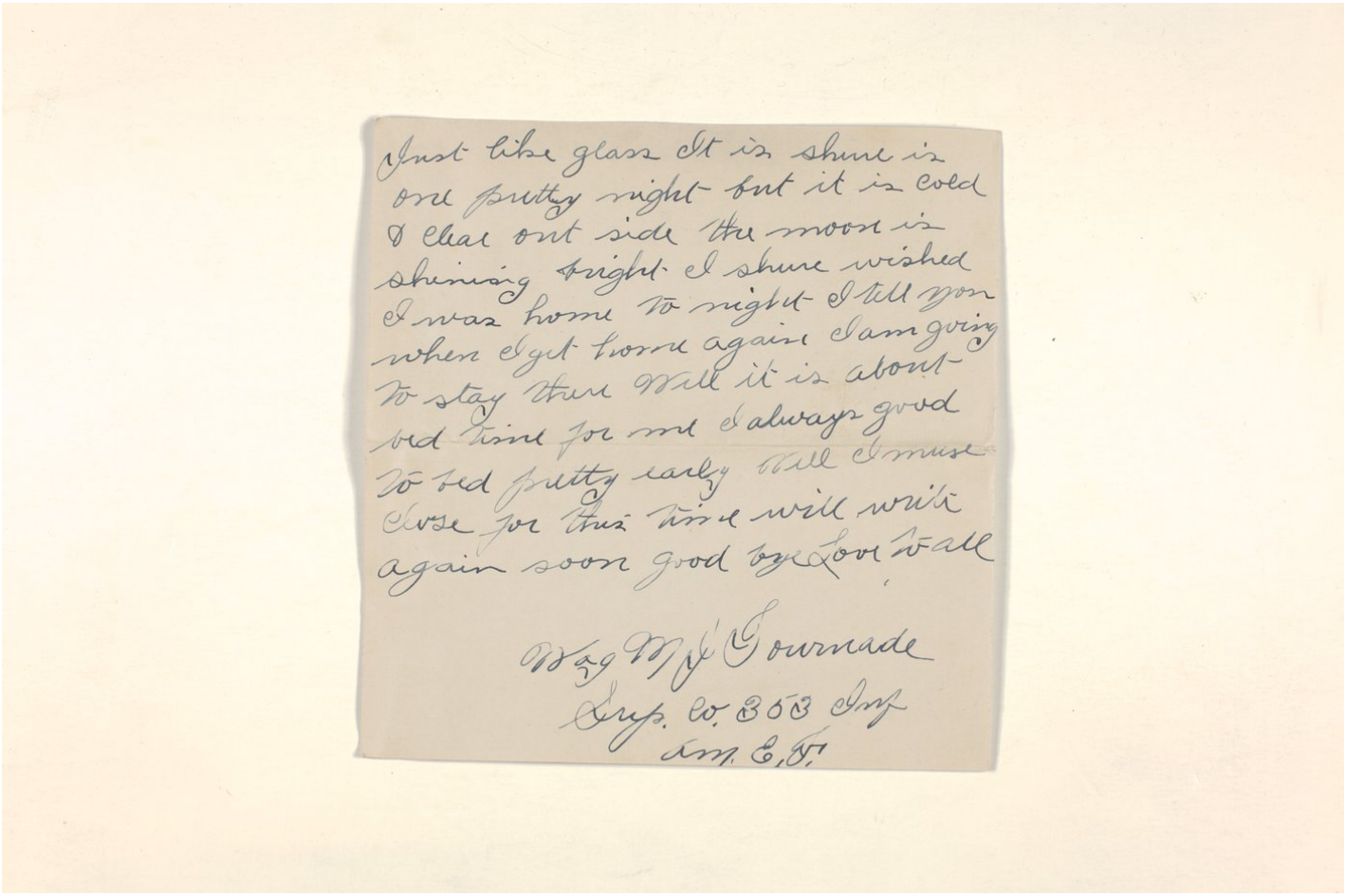


Waxweiler Germany
Feb. 6-1919

Dear Folks at home
Will I will try & ans your most welcome letter dated Jan. 18 Rec. this eve. I was shure glad to hear from you again also got a letter from Rose to dated 10- I am glad you are all well & faking fine I am all O.K. & faking as good as I could.
It shure has been a pretty day, it snowed all night but cleared up this morning early & shure has



Been a dandy it clouded up again. It is snowing again now. We moved again yesterday. This is a pretty nice little burg & I have a dandy place to stay & awful nice people. Don't know when I am coming home, but don't think it will be long. We haven't never heard a word from John B. I expect he is home now. Now hope he is home by now. I am driving for him & he isn't here I know. Dave Warren is all O.K. & paling fine him & I stay in the same house now. We have been working just about all the time. Will this is Thursday & is a nice day to. what are you doing. I just got through cleaning my harness, going to have another inspection tomorrow I guess. It is still cold here it was a cold old night last night. don't think it was much below zero though. You asked me about Harry Edmonson I haven't seen him for quite awhile but think he is all right. Well I will try & ~~and~~ finish this now I started it last night & have been working a little today I had a Dutch man shoe my team this eve. The roads are



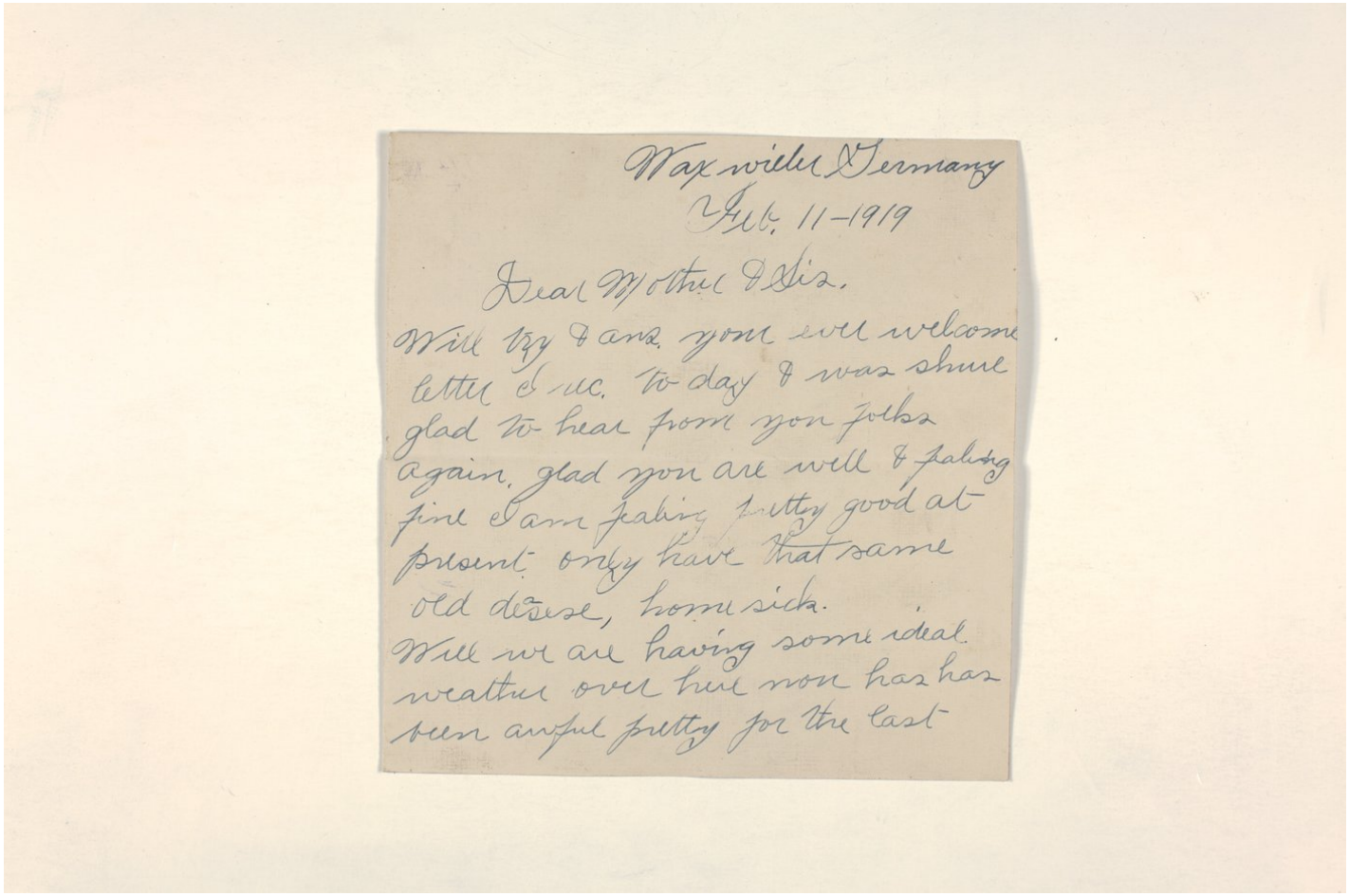
Just like glass it is shure is
one pretty night but it is cold
& clear out side the moon is
shining bright I shure wished
I was home to night I tell you
when I get home again I am going
to stay there Well it is about
bed time for me & always good
to bed pretty early Will I must
close for this time will write
again soon good bye Love to all

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Waxweiler Germany
Feb. 11-1919

Dear Mother & Sis.

Will try & ans. your evil welcome letter &c. To-day I was shure glad to hear from you folks again. glad you are well & faring fine I am faring pretty good at present only have that same old disease, home sick.
Well we are having some ideal weather over here now has has been awful pretty for the last