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Wayne L. Bishop Collection

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The Wayne L. Bishops Collection contains letters written during his service in World War II to his wife Florence and son Darrel. He served in the 382nd Infantry Regiment, 96th Division, Tenth Army and was wounded during a battle on Okinawa. The letters tell about Wayne's experiences in the military including training and dealing with the wound he received in battle. There is a letter telling about Wayne attending a United Nations conference. Also, the collection contains Bishop's military papers; a Report of the Rapporteur of Committee II/4, The United Nations Conference on International Organization, Commission II General Assembly, June 20, 1945; and letters written by Ernest H. Sims, a friend, and Warren M. Bishop, Wayne's brother. A copy of the publication World War II Letters by Wayne L. Bishop 1944/45 is included in the collection.

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away I proffably would get
off Monday if I didn't get
of any other time.

Well I have less than 20 mi
to be ready to go on that
problem to night. So Honey
you and Darrel enjoy my
bed at home while I am gone.

one fellow wife come to day
and he will not get to see
here.

Well Honey I suppose
I should mail this so as
to be ready to hit the trails.
Don't worry Becaus I will
come back fetter than I
left. Nothing can hurt
me. But just being
away from home.

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good night honey and good
luck. x x x x x

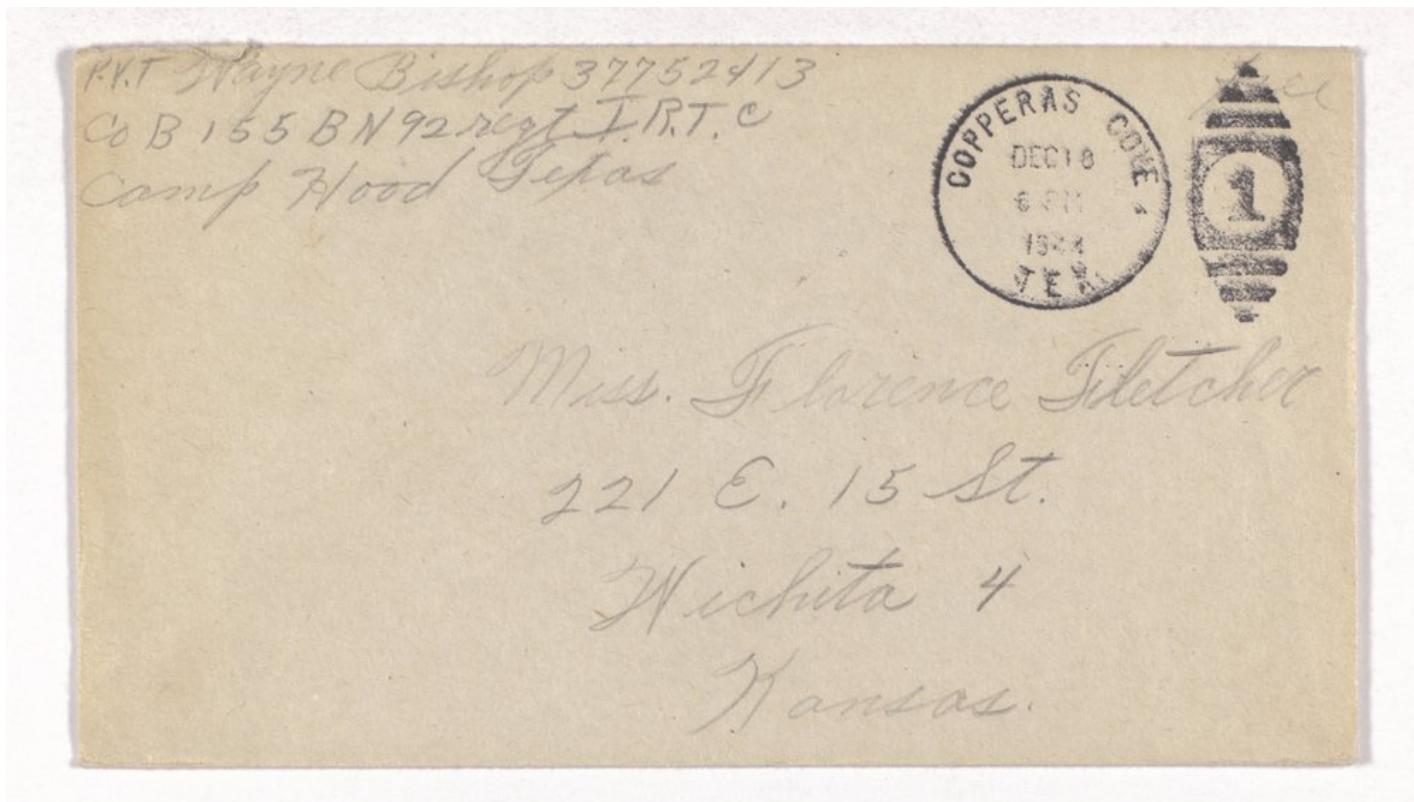
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Oct 21.

Dear Sweetheart & Darrell.

Got your letter today and will write you a few lines to night.
as I am ~~only~~ just out of town
and will have to stroll down and try and find some sometimes you cannot buy it at all.

I got back from that little trip at 2:30 this morning only exercised one hr this morning and had our regular time this afternoon. I feel pretty good to night. a lot of them went to town on passes to night. guess there is nothing in town for me or rather still nothing that I should have.

a fellow was standing at the bus station and he

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Heard a man & woman
arguing. She was saying
C.F. and he kept saying F.F.
After a while when he seen
the other man again he ask
what was the trouble. Oh.
He said she just wanted
to go eat first. You guess
what he wanted? First,
There is a man here who
lives at Wichita. whose wife
is Mrs Helen Frame
944 S Main
Wichita

"You look here up before you
come and she might come
with you. and don't start
out without plenty of gasoline.
and don't be surprised
if I never get to see you.
Friday nite as you never
know what might happen

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We might go on a hike
I may be working in the
pitcher - or both. will just
half to take that chance.

W^oHoney I have nothing
to write about nothing
every happens around here.
We had 1 hr of rough exercise
to day. I sure hate them
dark thing. will make you
tuff if I can stand it.

Honey I think I will shave
and go see if I can find some
paper. Sure would like to
be at home to night. bet
I would sleep better than
I have been lately. I just
have been dreaming about
everything lately.

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guess I will quite going
to bed.

Well Honey you be a good
girl and I will write you
a good letter to-morrow
if I get that paper.

Good night old Honey
bunch Sweetheart and
little blue eyed Blond.

Wouldn't that be a surprise
if you came here looking
like that.

your old Huffy Wayne

Say you ought to go out
and get you some To-night
I think I will.

(a bottle of pop).

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Co B 155 Bn 92 Regt. I.R.T.C.
Camp Hood Texas

CAMP HOOD, TEXAS
OCT 23
2-PM
7944

free

Mrs Florence Bishop
221 E 15 St.
Wichita &
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Dear Wife and Kid Darrel.

Well it is sunday afternoon and I have wrote to Bob last night. Dad and metys. today. So Honey I will write you too. got your letter to day with the kiss on it.

You did a pretty good job of it. I don't know what I will write about as nothing has happened since last night. My back just below my shoulder has been hurting for the last day. It used to hurt when I was at home but not as bad as it is here. Suppose it will be better in the morning. It only bothers me when I am setting around. otherwise I feel very good. Seems that at first I worried about things here and didn't think so much of home, now things here comes more natural and I worry more about home. Didn't get to go to a show last night it was full. I bought the ice cream and ate it. Stayed in the day room to 10 listening on the radio. Was very sleepy then so I went to bed and slept to 7 this morning. never even woke up.

Honey I think it is far more than 500 miles here you better look again before you leave.

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Try and get somebody to come with you if you drive as it will be a long hot road. and it will take you 2 days or more to get here so drive slow and stop and get a good place to stay at nights. and if you ^{won't} do not get here before 7 Friday night stay in a town 40 or 50 miles from here and then come on here Sat.

I may not get to see you Friday night if you get here as we may be out and there is nothing I can do but go along. also I cannot stay all night with you here. So I will try and get a week end pass next Saturday. I can stay in a private room with you till 10.30. You should bring if you drive 10 gal of extra gas. A little canned fruit. Bread and something to eat and a few clothes for you might like it here and decide to stay a while nobody knows.

If you come on a train bring as little as possible. Think I will get K.P. about Wed. Sometimes we have to make work up that we miss while on K.P. This week they made it up on Sat night. Tuff if you ask me. I will try and be good so i can have a chance of getting a pass if I want one.

If you fuck up as they call it you get no pass. Also I have got some names

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of officers to learn. Do not start here without plenty of gasoline and bring a extra inter tube along. I think one of them needs packing. Take good care of yourself and then I won't half to worry about you. Next week we go out on the long range the toughest week that we have here think we eat out in the field each day.

Some say we only get 6 hrs off each day don't know whether that is true or not. It will be dangerous if some monkey don't watch his steps. But you need to worry as I have only myself to take care of and I am not very big. Will be time for chow in about 4 hr. and then I may go out bumfing around. If get tired soon sleep better. Honey I haven't nothing to write about. write every day and nothing every happens so you see what I am up against. Half to just figure out some words to put together. Say I am getting good at push ups so if I get a chance you better watch out. down & up. down and up then song. song. Would like for you to come down but it is a long long ways for what little time I can be with

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you. anyway we just as well be together as long as possible. Because Honestly I don't think that I will be in America very long. It will be very lucky if I am. How much Bonus money did you get. hope it was a lot. So you can buy what you and Darkie genl have & want.

Well Honey bunch I haven't any zip stinks so you won't get a lesson this paper you will just half to imagine

XXXXXX XXX.

Sleep good to night Honey
you have no worries at every
thing will come out fine in the end
if we all sleep well and healthy and
worry about nothing.

Wavy flubby Wayne Bishop.

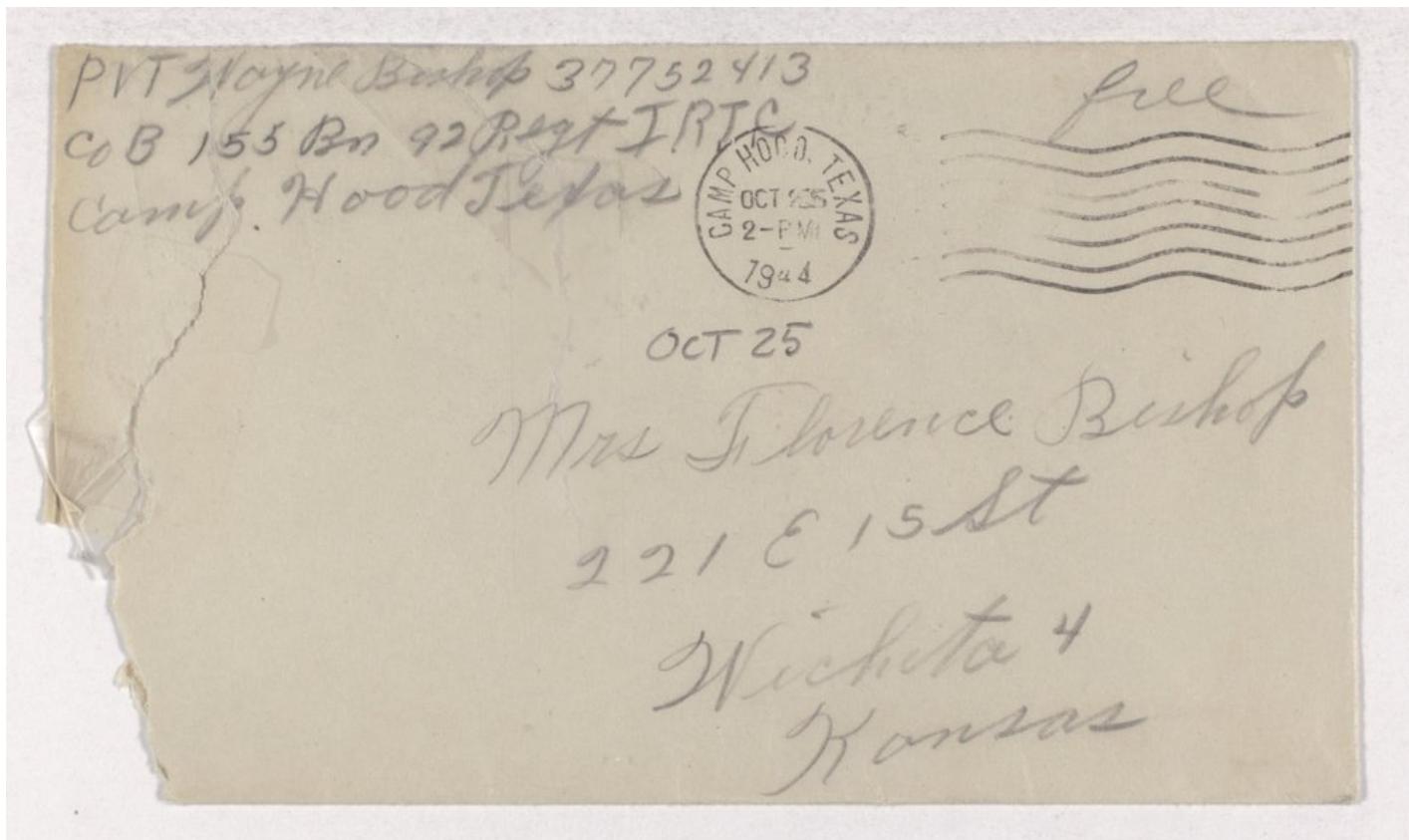
Old Flubby Monday ar send sword or Sat or
I will come to see you Friday or Sat or
Sunday morning or send sword by some
body else whatever I can do. if I can't
leave I can't. and this is one place
a fellow don't want to do some
thing wrong. They might
phone here that you ar there if
you tell them.

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Sunday Evening
21 Oct. 1944.
1909 Time.

Dear Wife and Darrell.

Well I just got back from a 4 miles
stroll through the camp seeing what I
could see. I ran across the other guest house
and they said you could stay there mon.
Tues & Wed. So you could stay here 6
days all together. It is the 37 st guest
house. So do not go there first if you
come down.

To get to the 162 St guest house.
You take the Hwy going west out of Keeler
a little ways to you come to a side road
going north called Hood Road. go north
to Headquarters avenue will be about the
first or second street running E & W
that you come to go west on Headquarters
avenue to you come to the end of the
street. and the building is on the N.E.
corner. (If you go East on that street
instead of west you will get to the 37
St guest House so don't go there unless
you come later than Sunday)

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If that woman I wrote you about can-
not or is not coming with you. There is
a man here from Emporia whose wife
is a good driver and has two kids. You
Telephone her having the charges Reversed
and tell her who you are and see if she
will meet you in Wichita and come
along. He may not get time to get
word to here so you may have to explain
yourself. Her name is Betty Johnson
phone no. 12209. Just do the best you
can.

Well Honey I think I will take a
shower and go to bed. So Honey Good
night and pleasant dreams.

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Dear
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Dear Kids:

Well I had a big day today and it is no 8th. I had to work in the kitchen this afternoon. and then go haul some junk to the rifle range. Well be getting up in the morning at 3³⁰ everyday this week. and they said if everyone of us didn't qualify by Sat night we would be out there Sunday. So we are going to all work hard. It will really be a very tough week.

Honey if you get this and Darrell is n't well please don't start down here as it will be a tough trip on him. at the best. Well Honey you will probably be gone when this gets there so you take good care of yourself.

And I will go to bed so I will be ready to go to-morrow. Bring the most of the money in travelers checks or such. And don't cry if I don't get to see you as they say here that work always comes first.

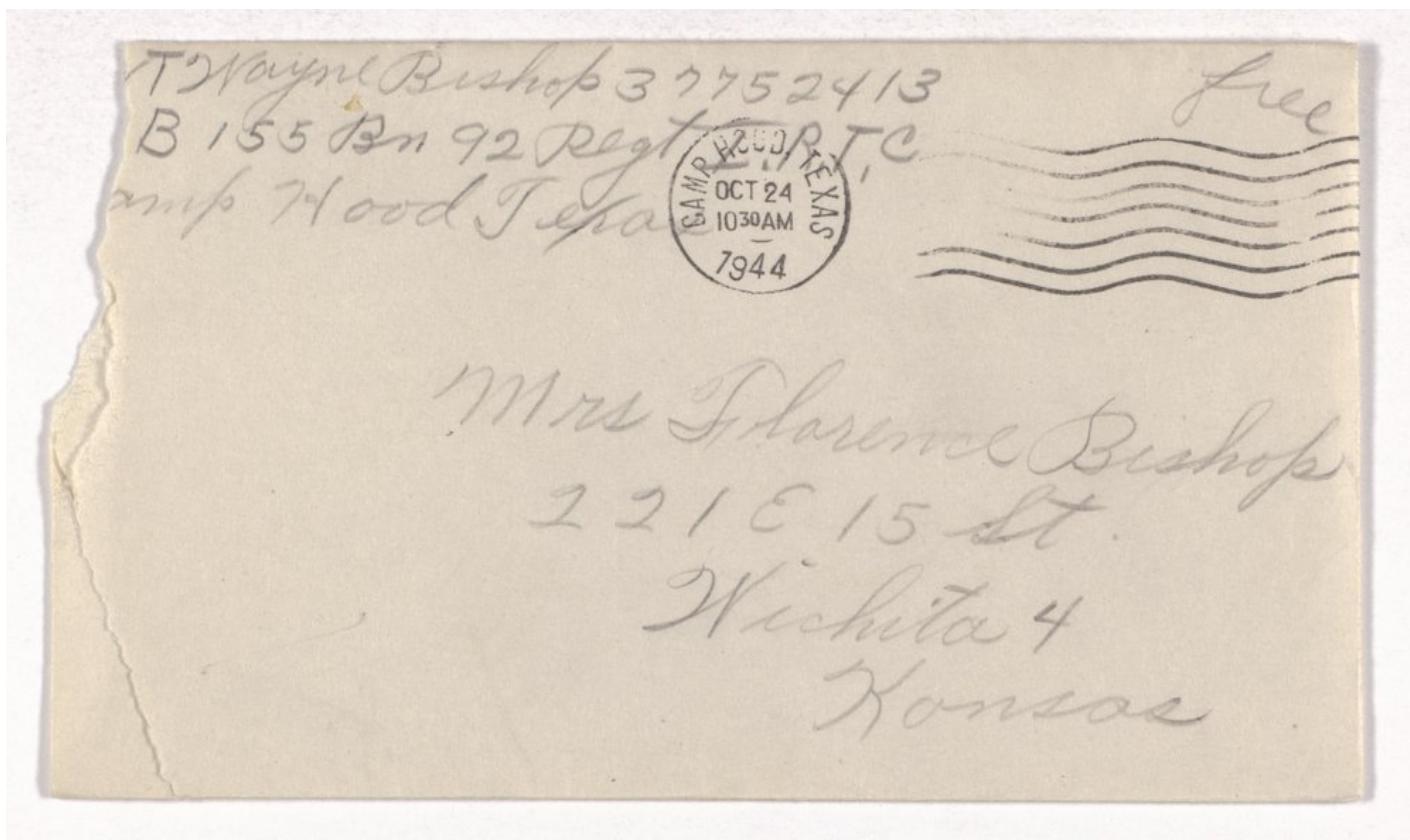
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Camp Hood.

Dear Honey & Darrell.

I got a card from Eleanor today
She said she was sending us a
package to my address here.
Here Address is

Mrs & Mr. Warren Bishop
1556 Amherst St.
West Los Angeles, -25
California.

I got out of going to the parade.
guess they had 4 to many men so
he said take off. So I really had
it soft. Our Co. is on alert to
night 100% nobody can go to the
P.X. Tomorrow night the 1/2 that
was off mon. will hold today
here so no telling when I will
get out.

They took 12 men off of the
end of our bunch for cleaning
rifles. I wasn't there so
I was lucky again.

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I shot is a very good deal as
far as I am concerned.

Well old Sweetheart be a
good girl and I will keep
going as usual.

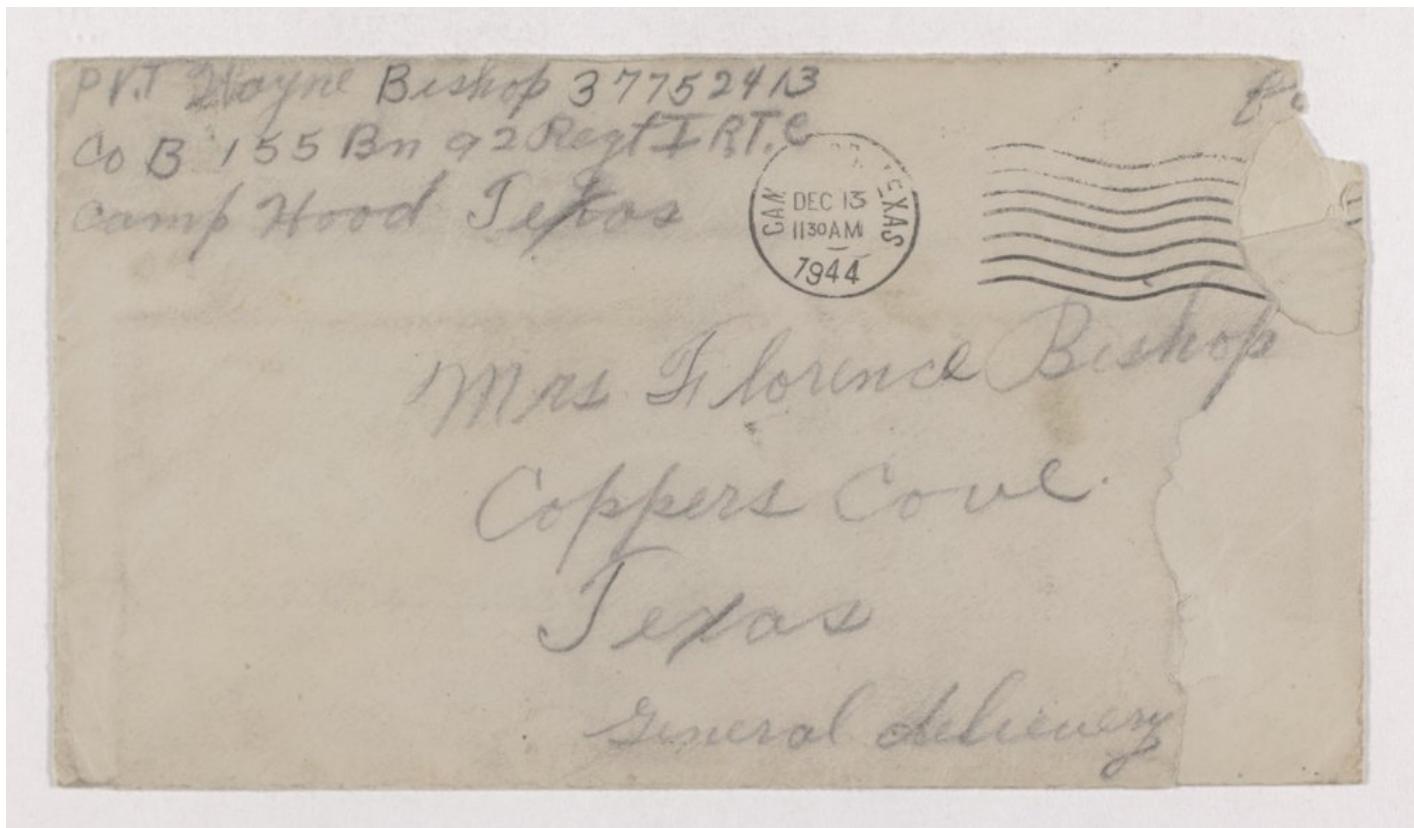
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Dear Honey.

The folks sent my xmas here. I
got it soon after getting home this evening.
it was a Sterling silver induction
rist band with my name on it
it sure is a real one so guess
they didn't forget us after all.

have just finished scrapping the
barriks. Have our clothes packed
4 pairs of pants. ~~got a good pair~~
of. You might write and tell the
folks we got our stuff. as I
may not have time.

We got the box of candy in.
got a good pair of over shoes to wear
We will eat to marrow at 4 so will
half to go to bed soon. and get up
early.

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Dear Kids:

Well I am setting on a
hill besides a tent under
two evergreen trees. With
my rifle cleaned. shower'd in
cold water out of my helmet
and have had Chow.

Will have to mail this.
walk $\frac{1}{2}$ mi to take a —
—. make our bed
and that is all. Was
very nasty for three days,
but we have been dry and
sleep good. Have had
a lot of free time here it
would bee easy in
good weather.

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I got your letter yesterday.

I think we will go in Sun. afternoon. may not get to see you than as we will have a lot to do. will phone you when I can. See about getting gasoline as we might go home soon.

think we go out again next Thursday and stay to the fallling Sun and then we will be done.

Well take care of your self. and I am making it fine. 2 more days to go.

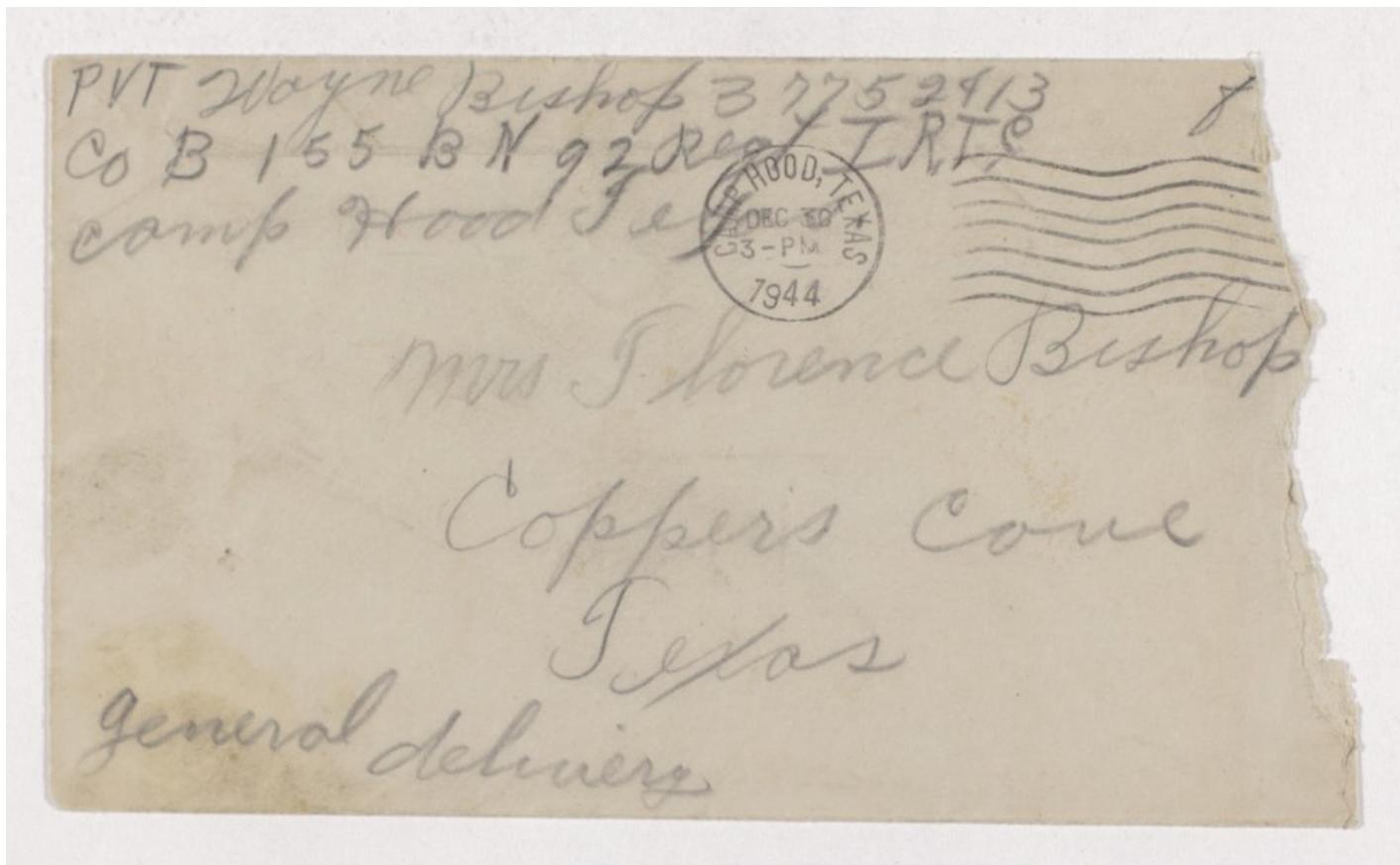
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Tues. morn.

Dear Honey.

Well we are still going west. seeing nothing but pastures. no trees or houses for miles + miles. We are at Vaughn new Mexico. slept some last night. have had a seat all the way. We both have one together since dark last night. 97^c for breakfast. sure wish I had brought a lot to eat. Hope you + Darrell are feeling as good as I.

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