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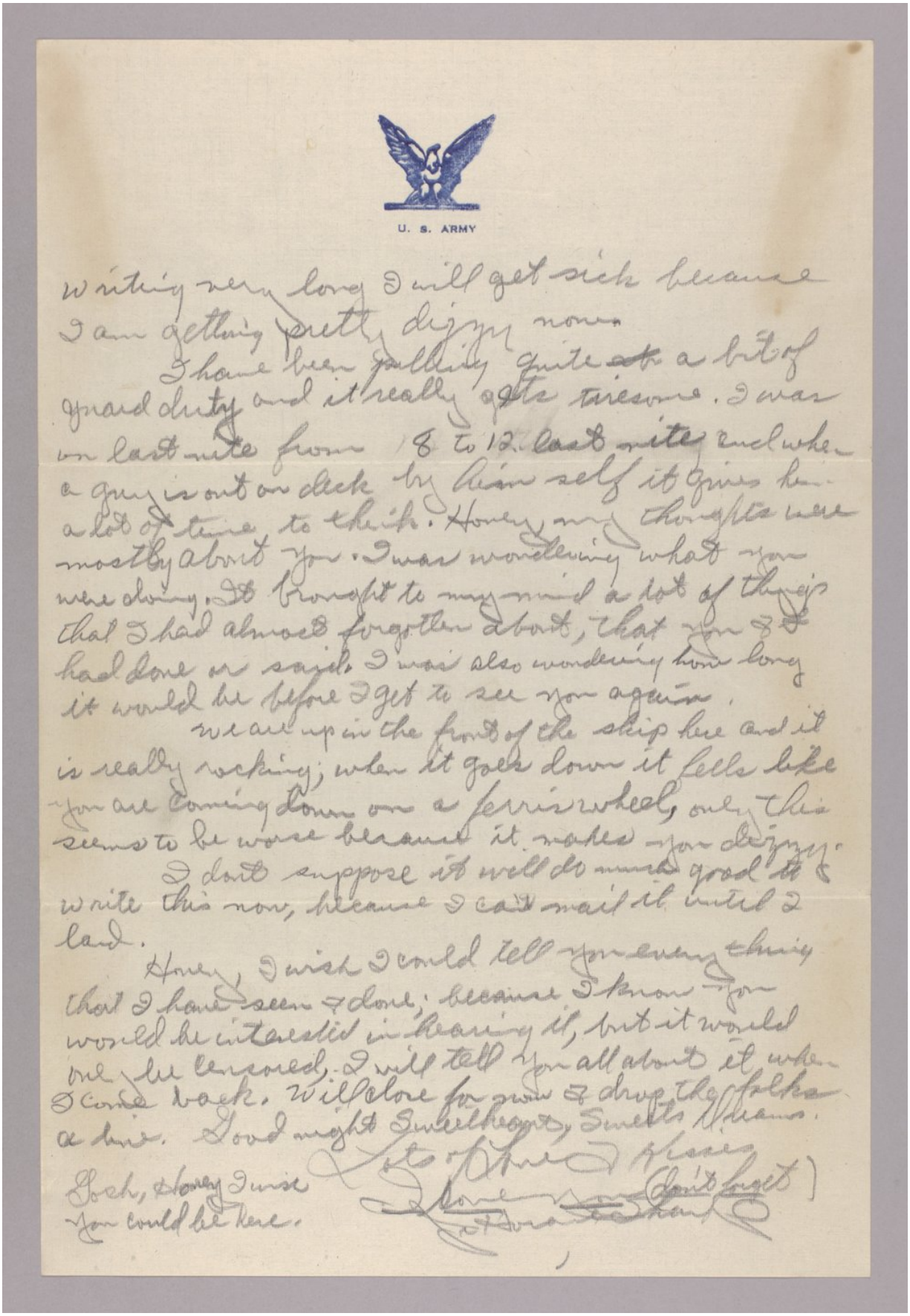
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writing very long I will get sick because I am getting pretty dizzy now.

I have been pulling quite a bit of guard duty and it really gets tiresome. I was on last nite from 8 to 12. last nite and when a guy is out on deck by himself it gives him a lot of time to think. Honey my thoughts were mostly about you. I was wondering what you were doing. It brought to my mind a lot of things that I had almost forgotten about, that you & I had done or said. I was also wondering how long it would be before I get to see you again.

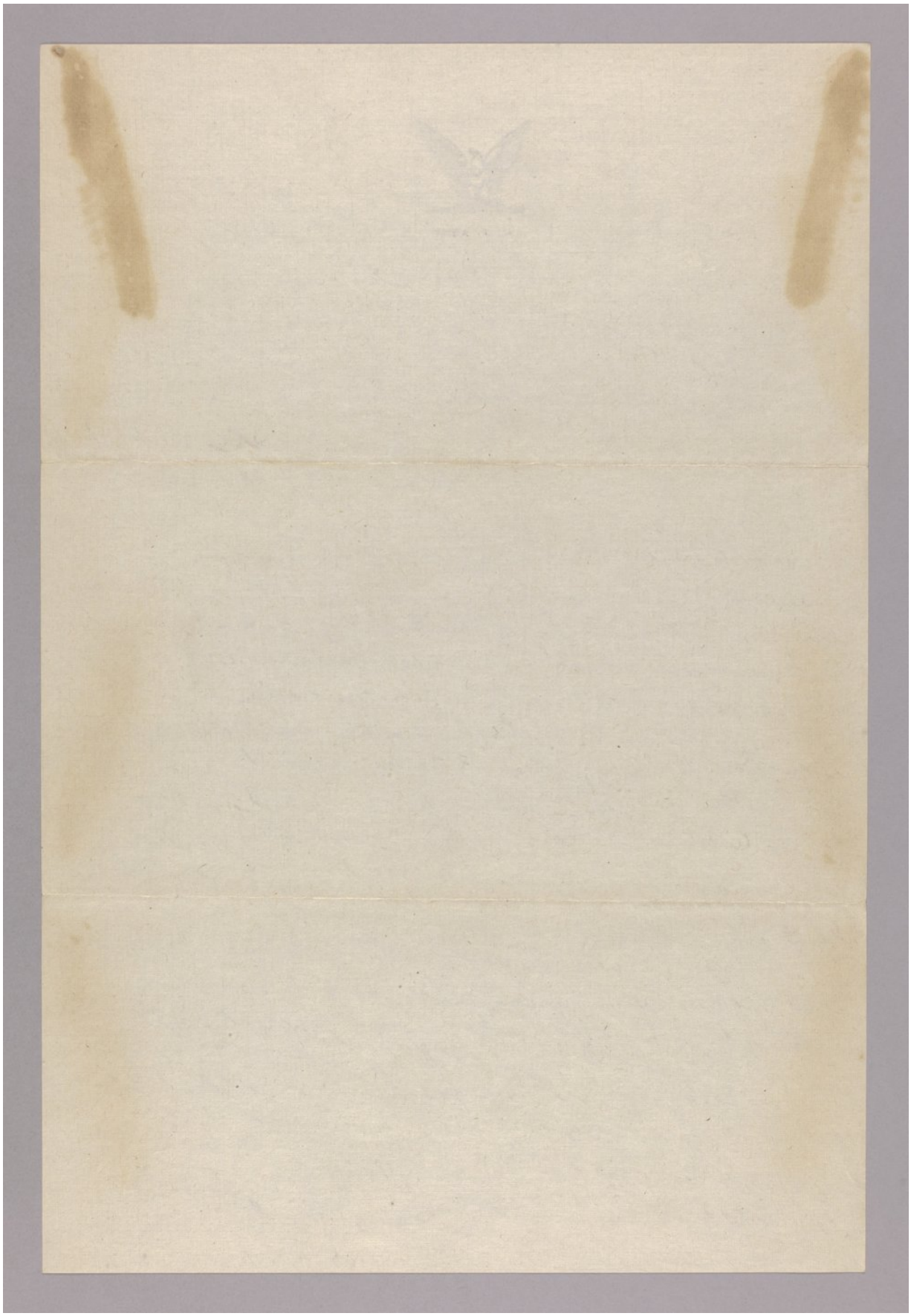
we are up in the front of the ship here and it is really rocking; when it goes down it feels like you are coming down on a ferris wheel, only this seems to be worse because it makes you dizzy.

I don't suppose it will do much good to write this now, because I can't mail it until I land.

Honey, I wish I could tell you every thing that I have seen & done, because I know you would be interested in hearing it, but it would be censored. I will tell you all about it when I come back. Will close for now & drop the folks a line. Good night Sweetheart, Sweets Dreams.

Lots of Love & Kisses
(don't forget)
Love
Horace

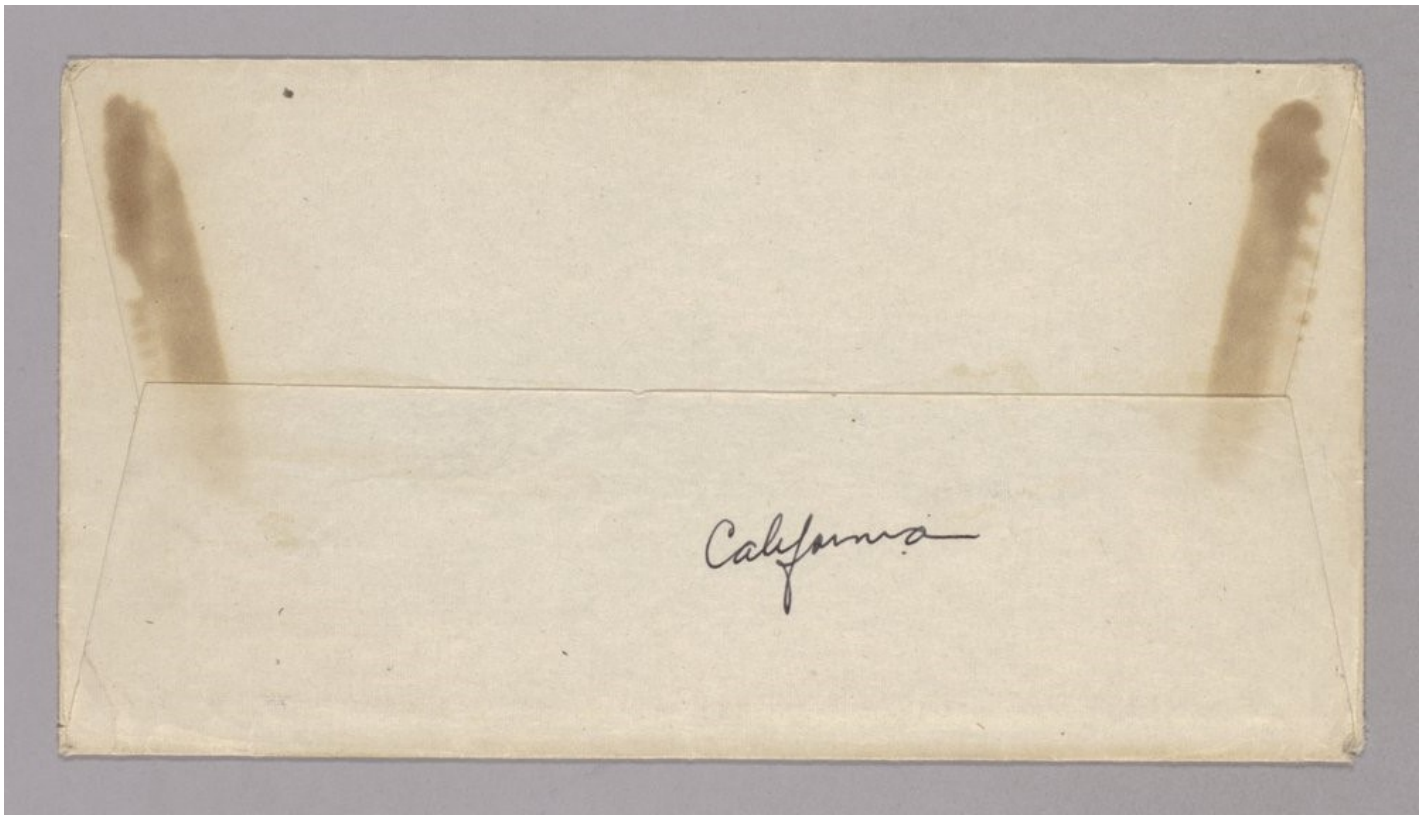
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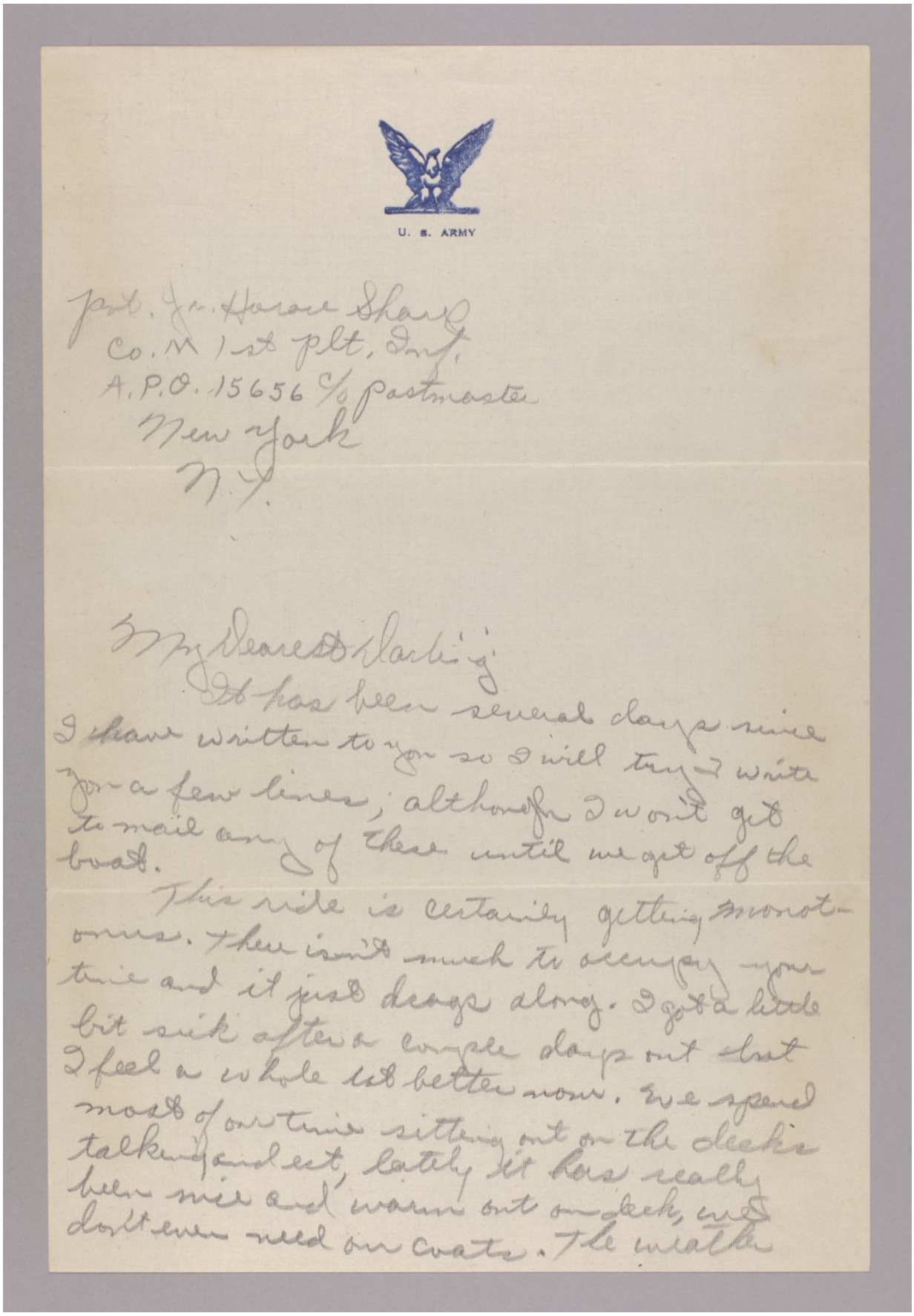


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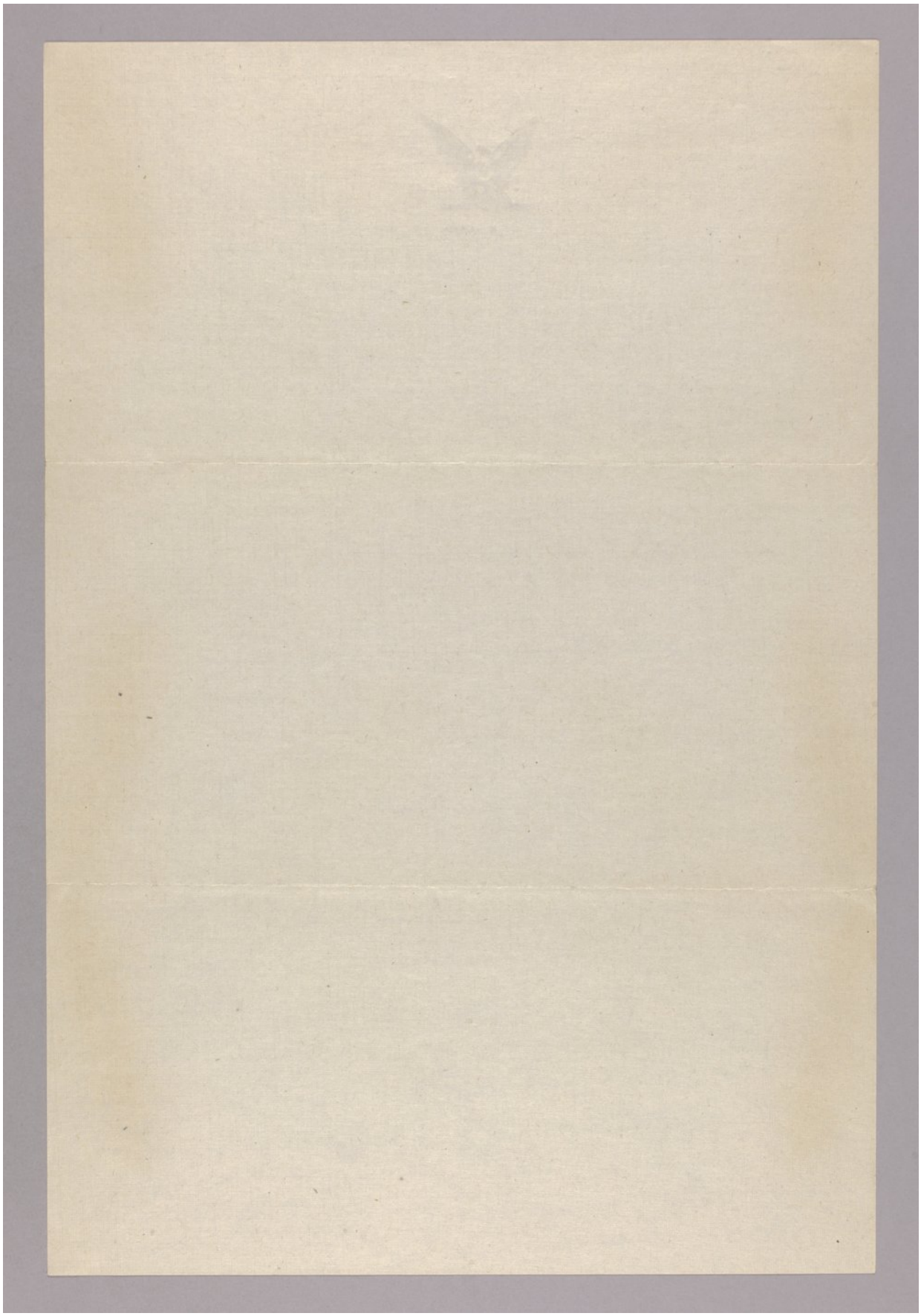
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Pvt. Jr. Horace Sharp
Co. M 1st plt, Inf.
A.P.O. 15656 C/o Postmaster
New York
N.Y.

My Dearest Darling

It has been several days since I have written to you so I will try & write you a few lines, although I won't get to mail any of these until we get off the boat.

This ride is certainly getting monotonous. There isn't much to occupy your time and it just drags along. I got a little bit sick after a couple days out but I feel a whole lot better now. We spend most of our time sitting out on the deck talking and eat, lately it has really been nice and warm out on deck, we don't even need our coats. The weather



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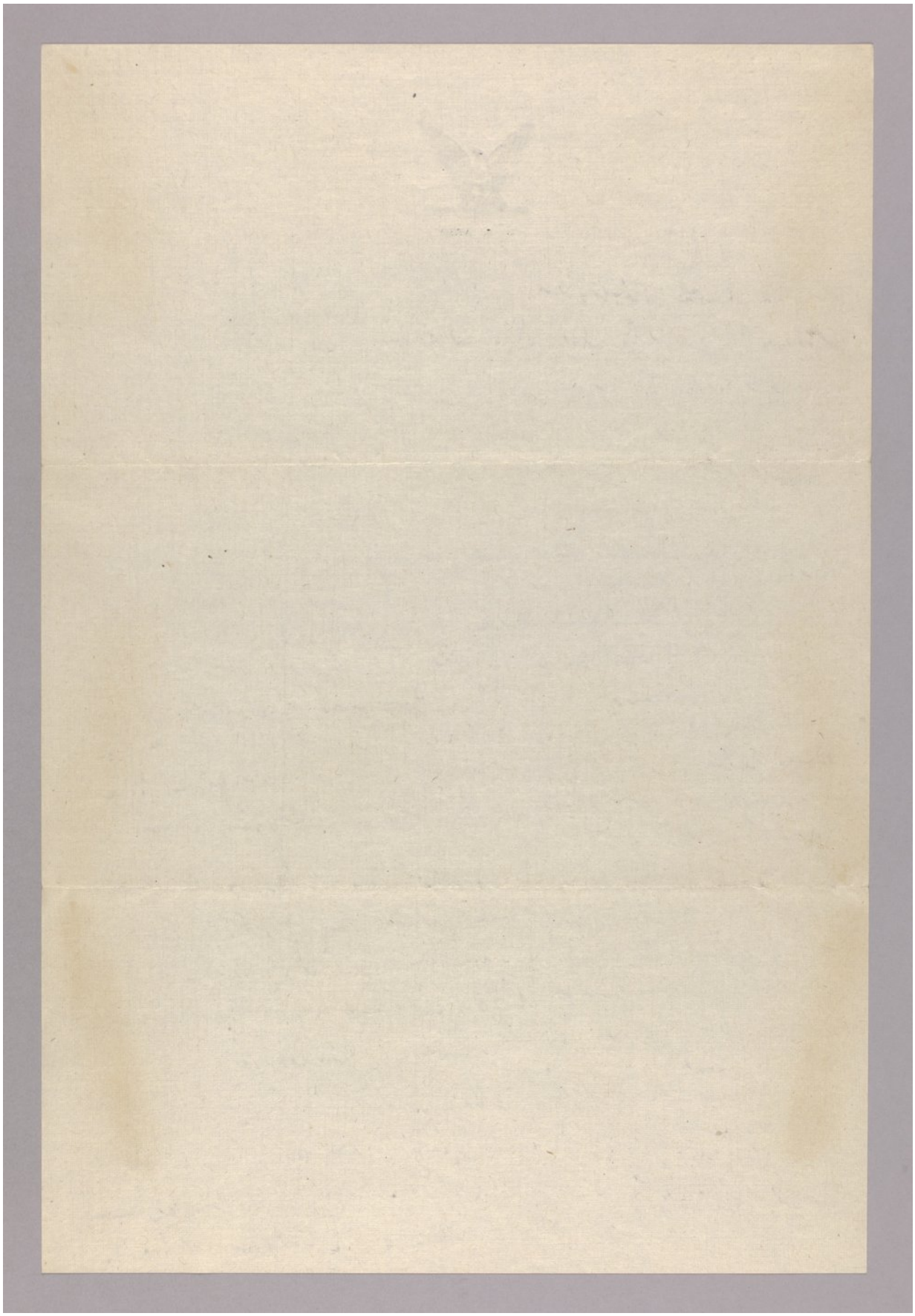
is fine, but it will be a lot nicer when we hit land. It is so crowded in here and every place you go you have to wear a life preserver.

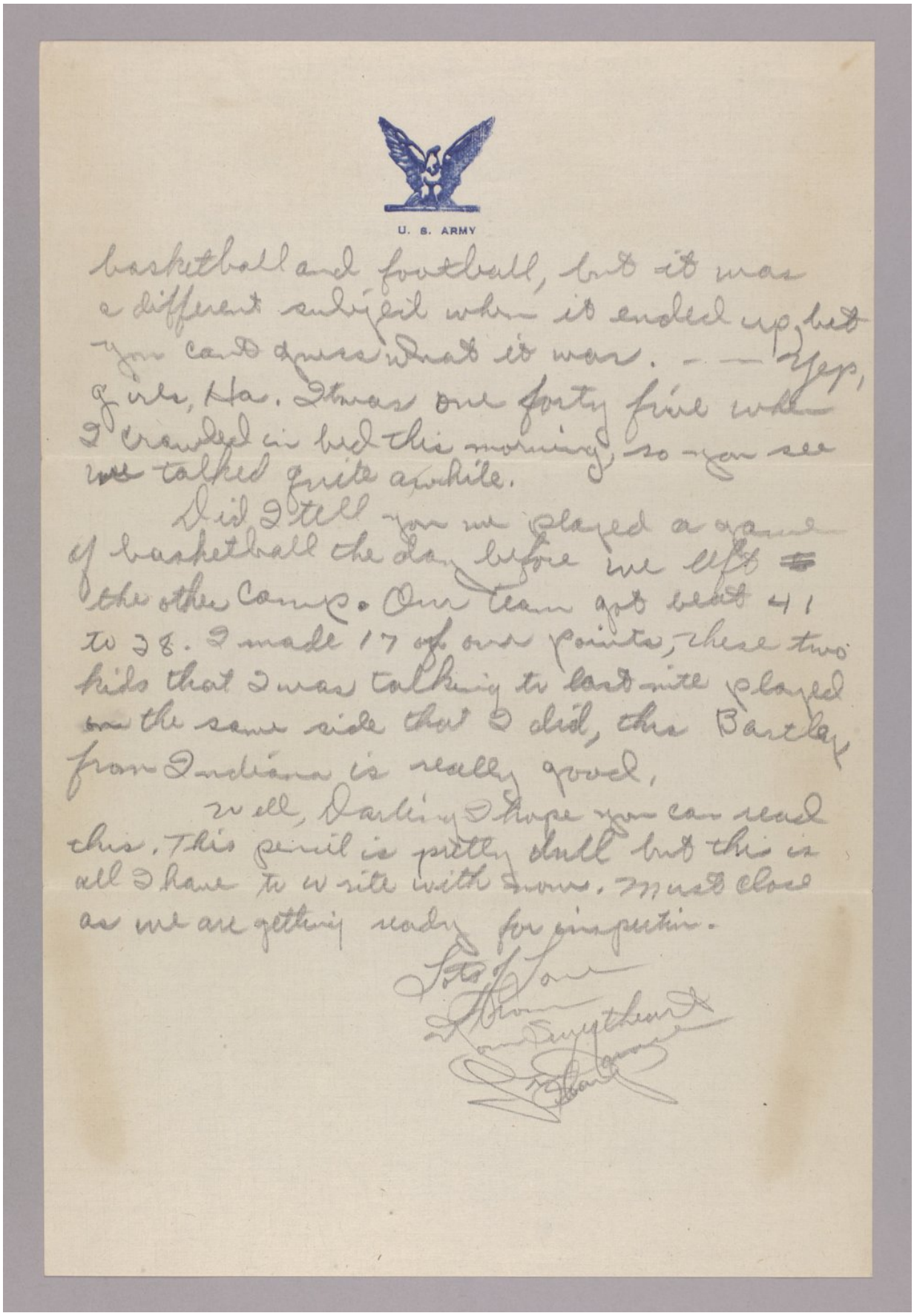
Since we got on the boat we have gotten language books of the probable countries that we are going to and I have been trying to learn a few words and so far it doesn't seem so hard.

The other day the Red Cross handed us out some small bags and it had a lot of useful articles in it. Just as we were about to board the boat the Red Cross also gave us some coffee and doughnuts.

Honey, I would like to have a small picture of you in your bathing suit (like the enlarged one I have) I hope you don't mind me asking you for pictures all the time, but I want a small one to put in my billfold.

Last nite a couple other kids and I went up on deck and just sit and talked for the longest time, it was really nice and cool out there. We started out talking about





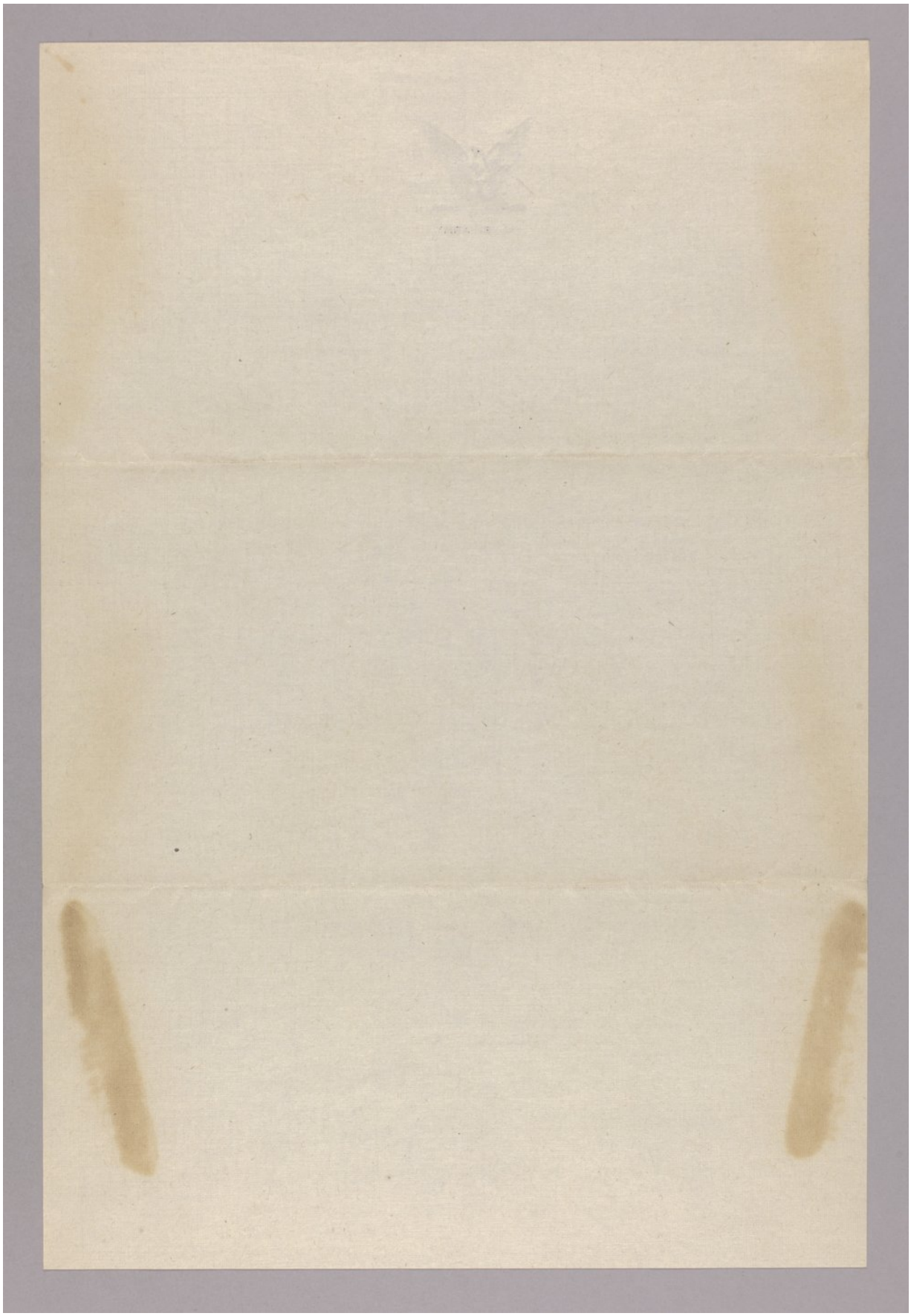
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basketball and football, but it was a different subject when it ended up, but you can't guess what it was. ——— Yep, girls, Ha. I was one forty five when I crawled in bed this morning, so you see we talked quite awhile.

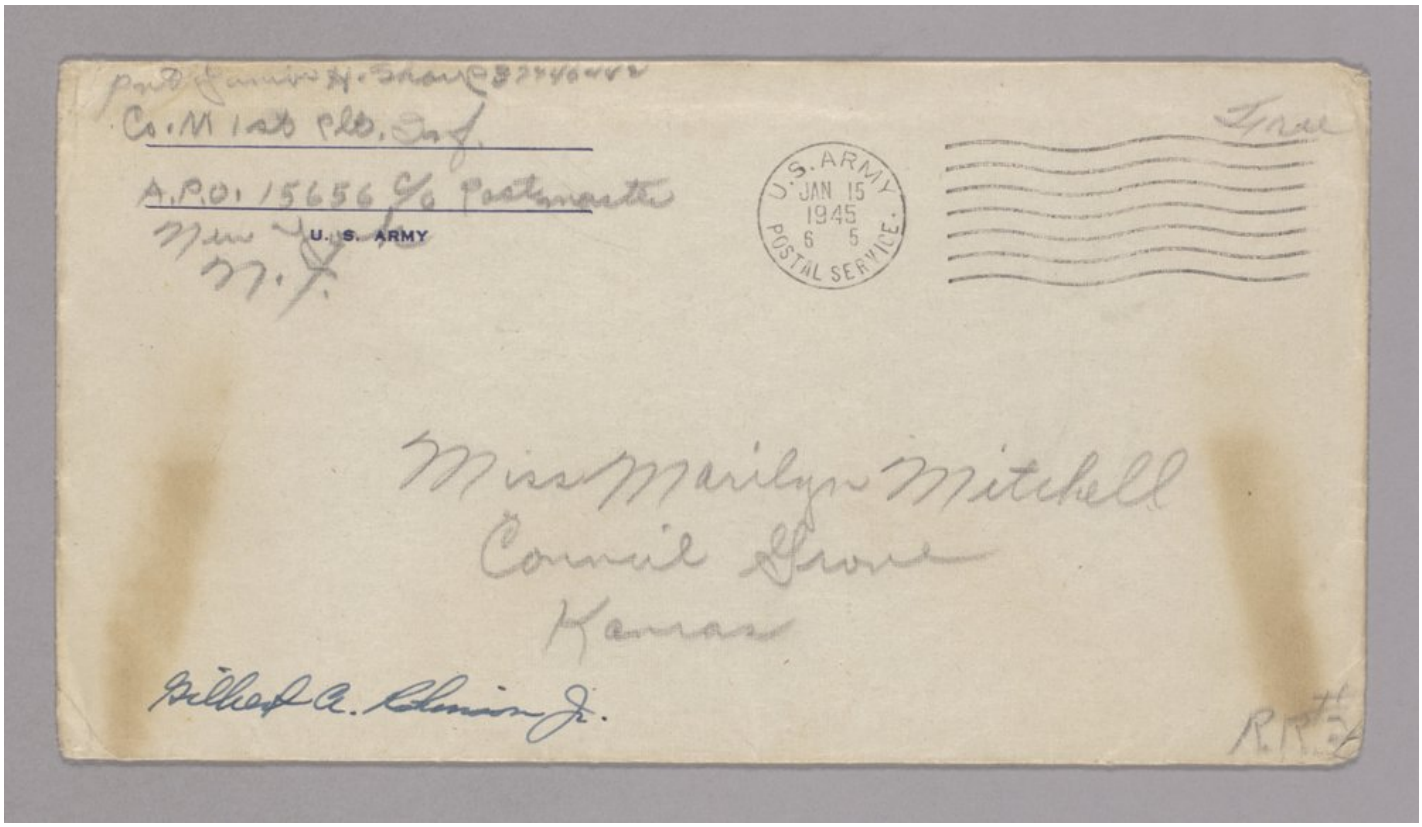
Did I tell you we played a game of basketball the day before we left = the other Co. Our team got beat 41 to 38. I made 17 of our points, these two kids that I was talking to last nite played on the same side that I did, this Bartley from Indiana is really good.

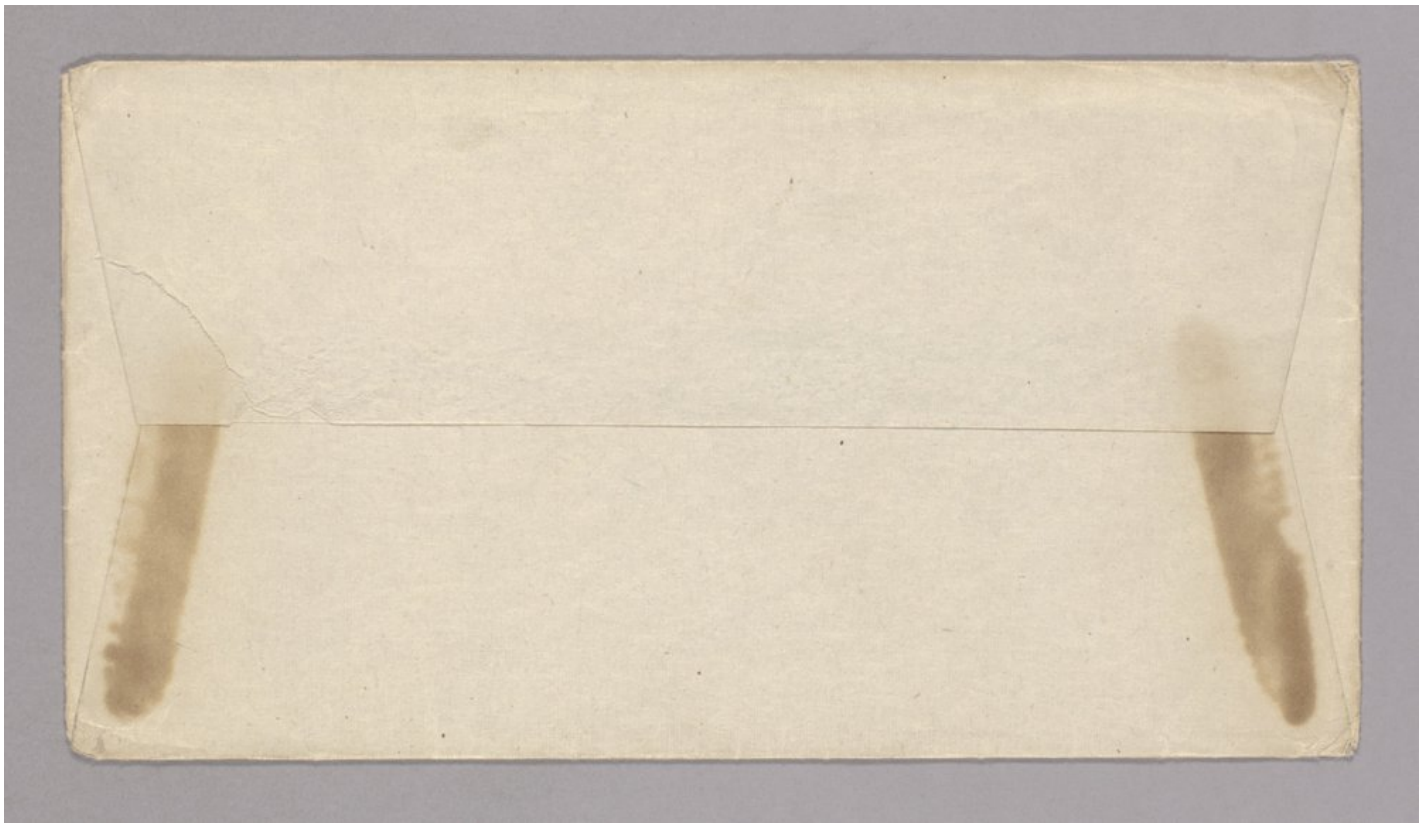
Well, Darling I hope you can read this. This pencil is pretty dull but this is all I have to write with now. Must close as we are getting ready for inspection.

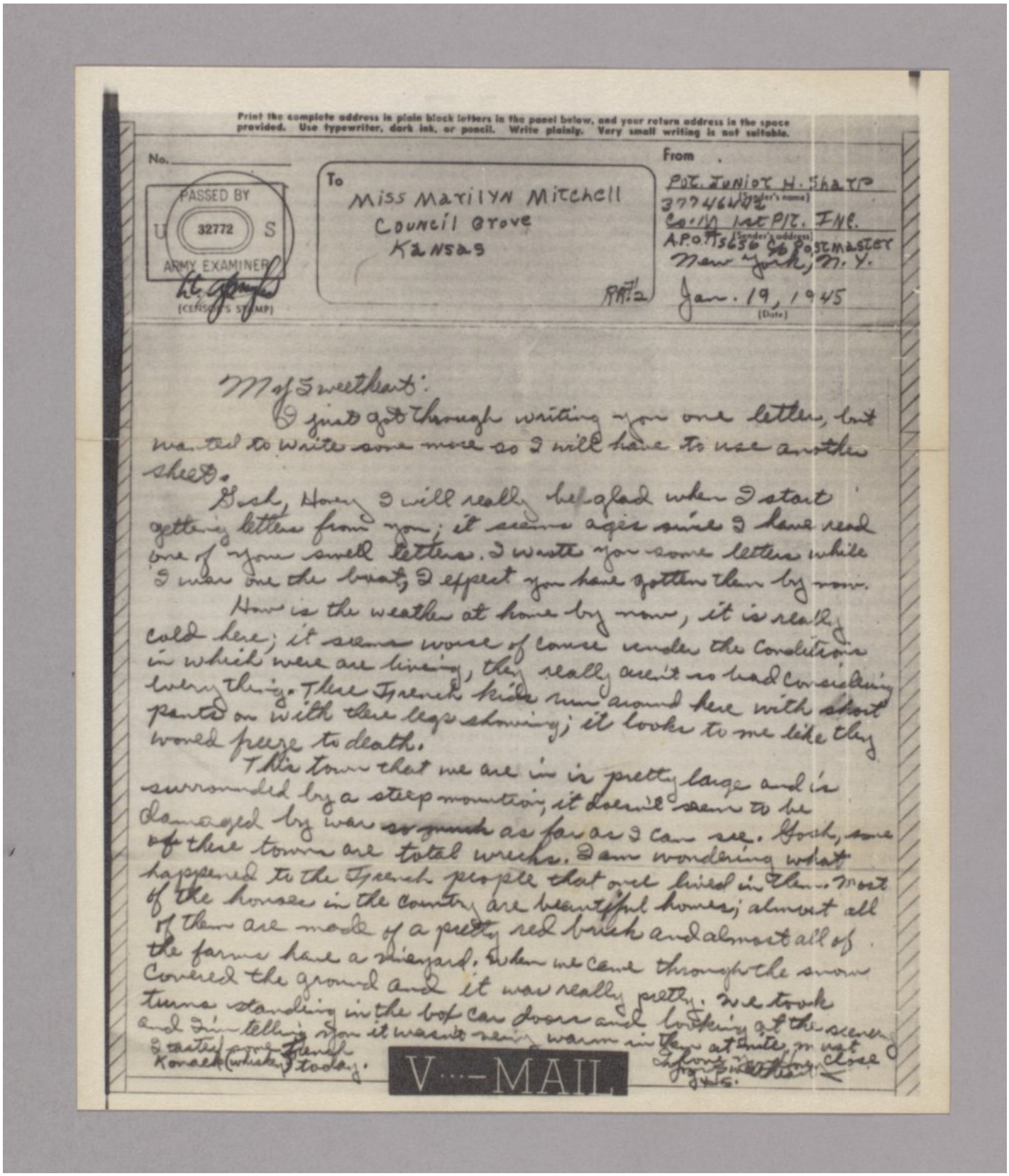
Lots of Love
Horace
Sweetheart
Forever



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PASSED BY U 32772 S ARMY EXAMINER
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To
Miss Marilyn Mitchell
Council Grove
Kansas
RR#2

From
Pvt. Junior H. Sharp
37746402
(Sender's name)
Co. "A" 1st Plt. Inf.
A.P.O. #15636 c/o Postmaster
(Sender's address)
New York, N. Y.

Jan. 19, 1945
(Date)

My Sweetheart:

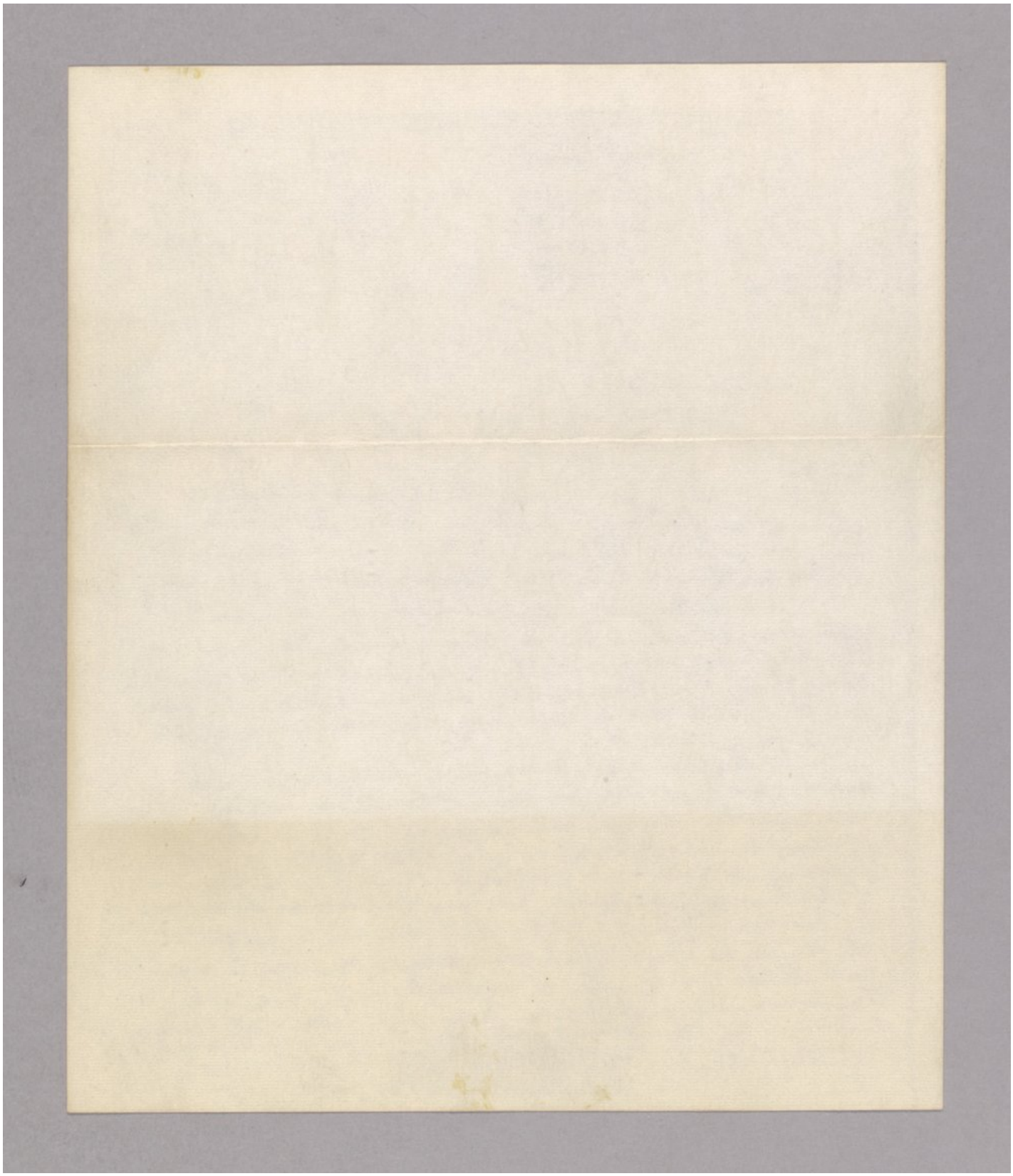
I just got through writing you one letter, but wanted to write some more so I will have to use another sheet.

Gosh, Honey I will really be glad when I start getting letters from you; it seems ages since I have read one of your swell letters. I wrote you some letters while I was on the boat, I expect you have gotten them by now.

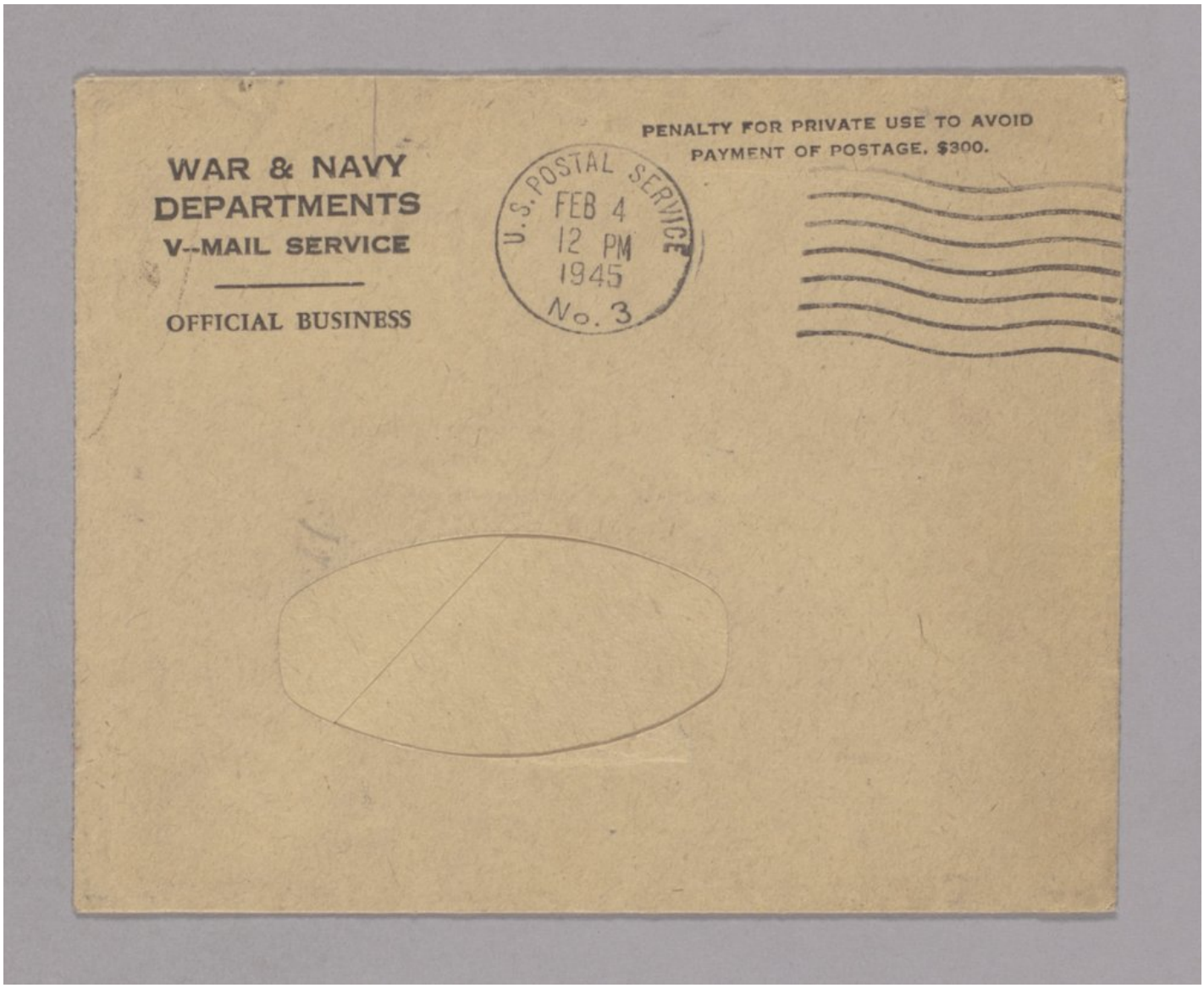
How is the weather at home by now, it is really cold here; it seems worse of course under the Conditions in which were are living, they really aren't so bad considering everything. These French kids run around here with short pants on with their legs showing; it looks to me like they would freeze to death.

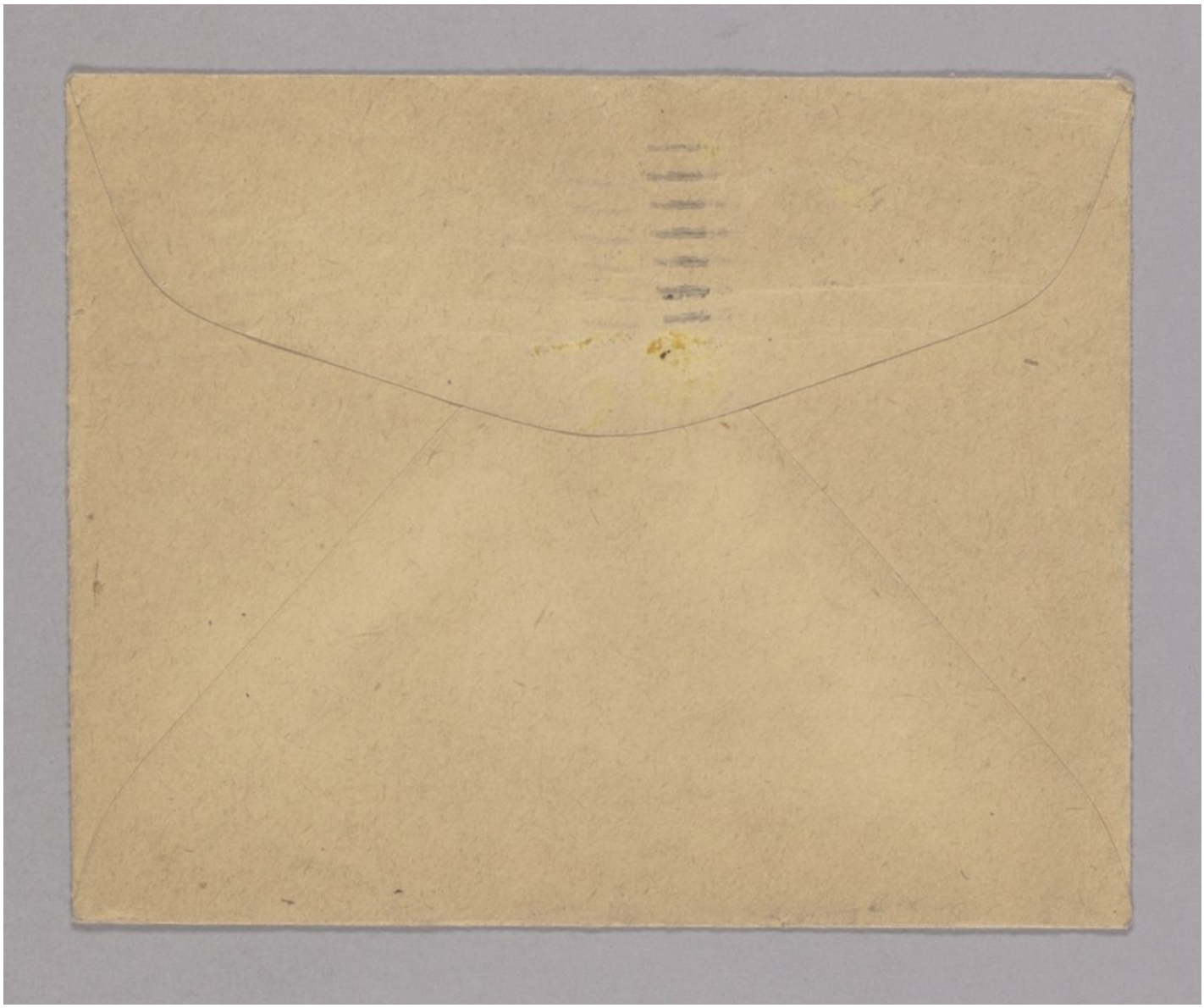
This town that we are in is pretty large and is surrounded by a steep mountain, it doesn't seem to be damaged by war so much as far as I can see. Gosh, some of these towns are total wrecks. I am wondering what happened to the French people that once lived in them. Most of the houses in the country are beautiful homes; almost all of them are made of a pretty red brick and almost all of the farms have a vineyard. When we came through the snow covered the ground and it was really pretty. We took turns standing in the box car doors and looking at the scenery and I'm telling you it wasn't very warm in there at times, in fact I have my feet close to the stove right now. I tasted some French Konack (whiskey) today.

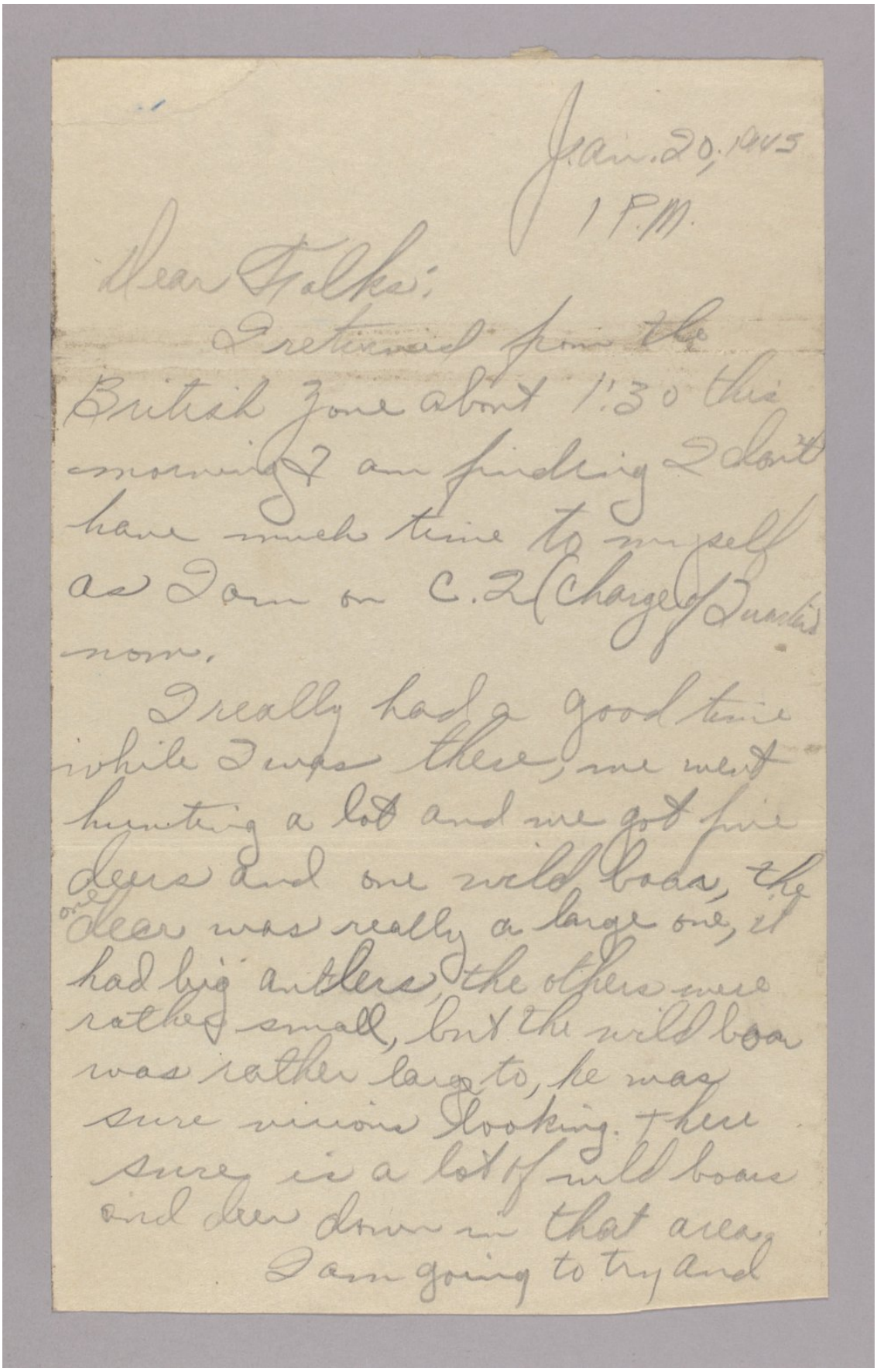
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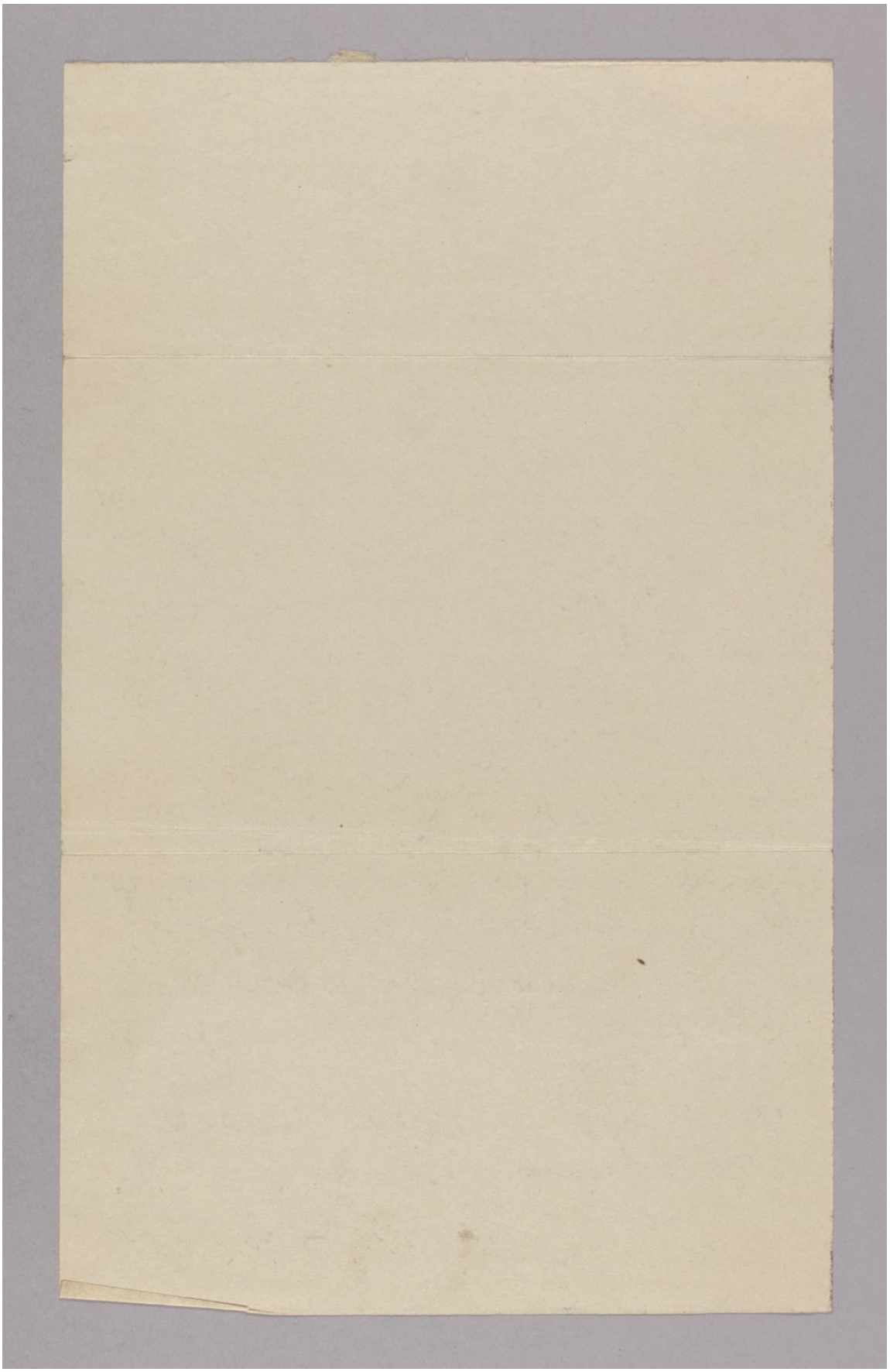
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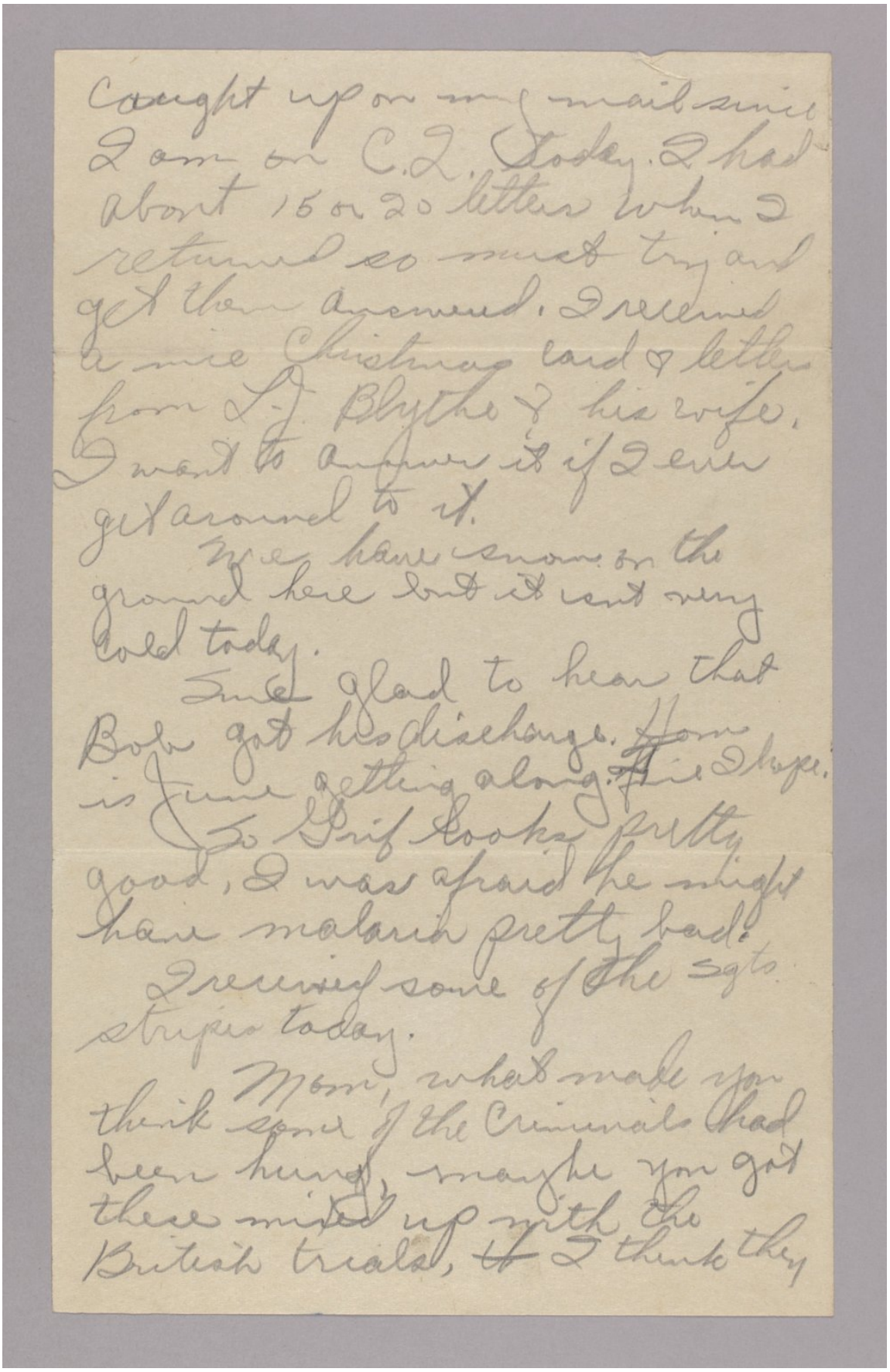
Dear Folks;

I returned from the British Zone about 1:30 this morning & am finding I don't have much time to myself as I am on C.Q. (Charge of Quarters) now.

I really had a good time while I was there, we went hunting a lot and we got five deer and one wild boar, the deer was really a large one, it had big antlers, the others were rather small, but the wild boar was rather large too, he was sure vicious looking. There sure is a lot of wild boar and deer down in that area.

I am going to try and





Caught up on my mail since I was on C.Q. Today. I had about 15 or 20 letters when I returned so must try and get them answered. I received a nice Christmas card & letter from L.J. Blythe & his wife. I want to answer it if I ever get around to it.

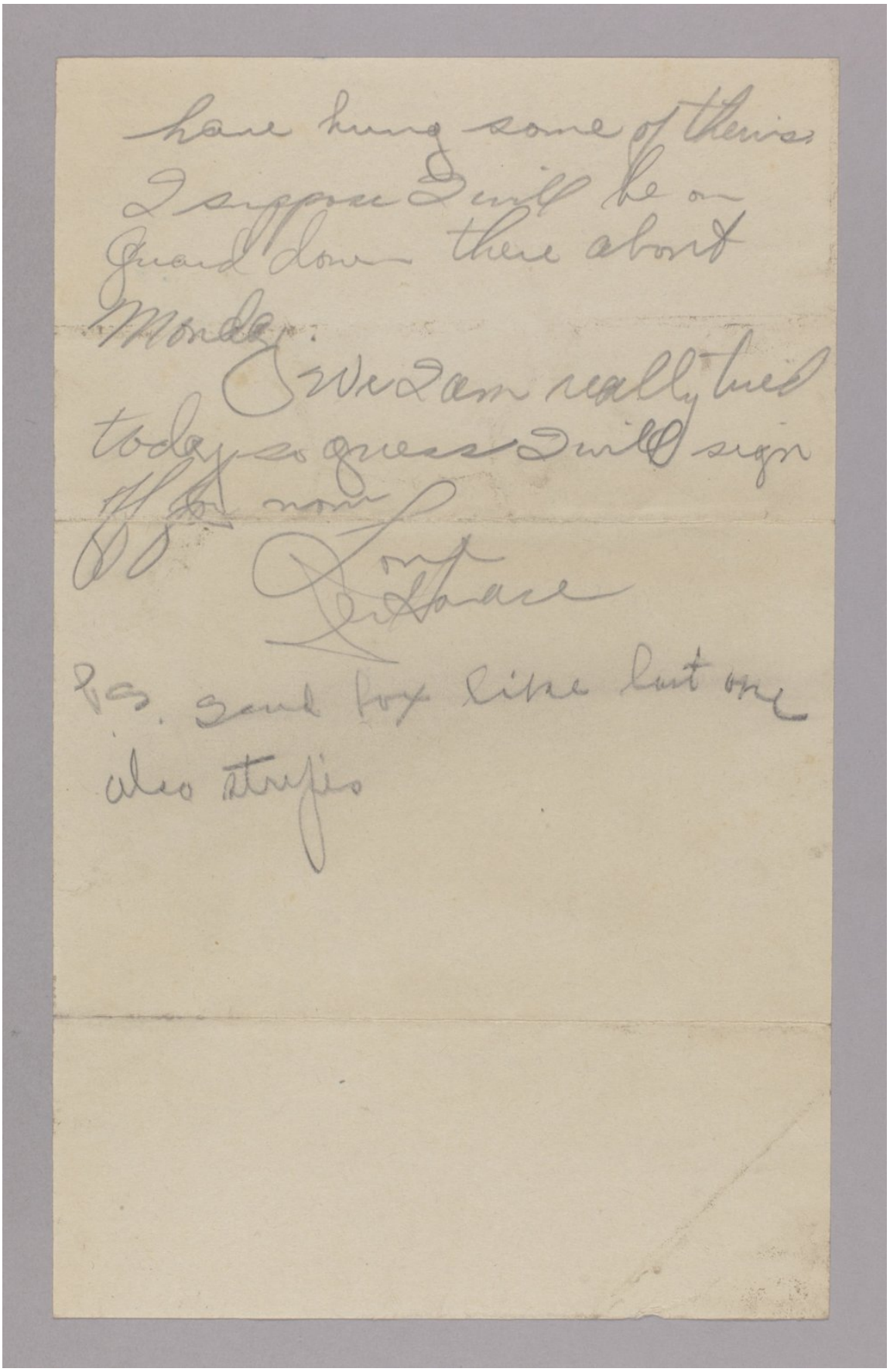
We have snow on the ground here but it isn't very cold today.

Sure glad to hear that Bob got his discharge. Hope he is fine getting along. Hope.

So Grif looks pretty good, I was afraid he might have malaria pretty bad.

I received some of the Sgts. stripes today.

Mom, what made you think some of the Criminals had been hung, maybe you got them mixed up with the British trials, I think they



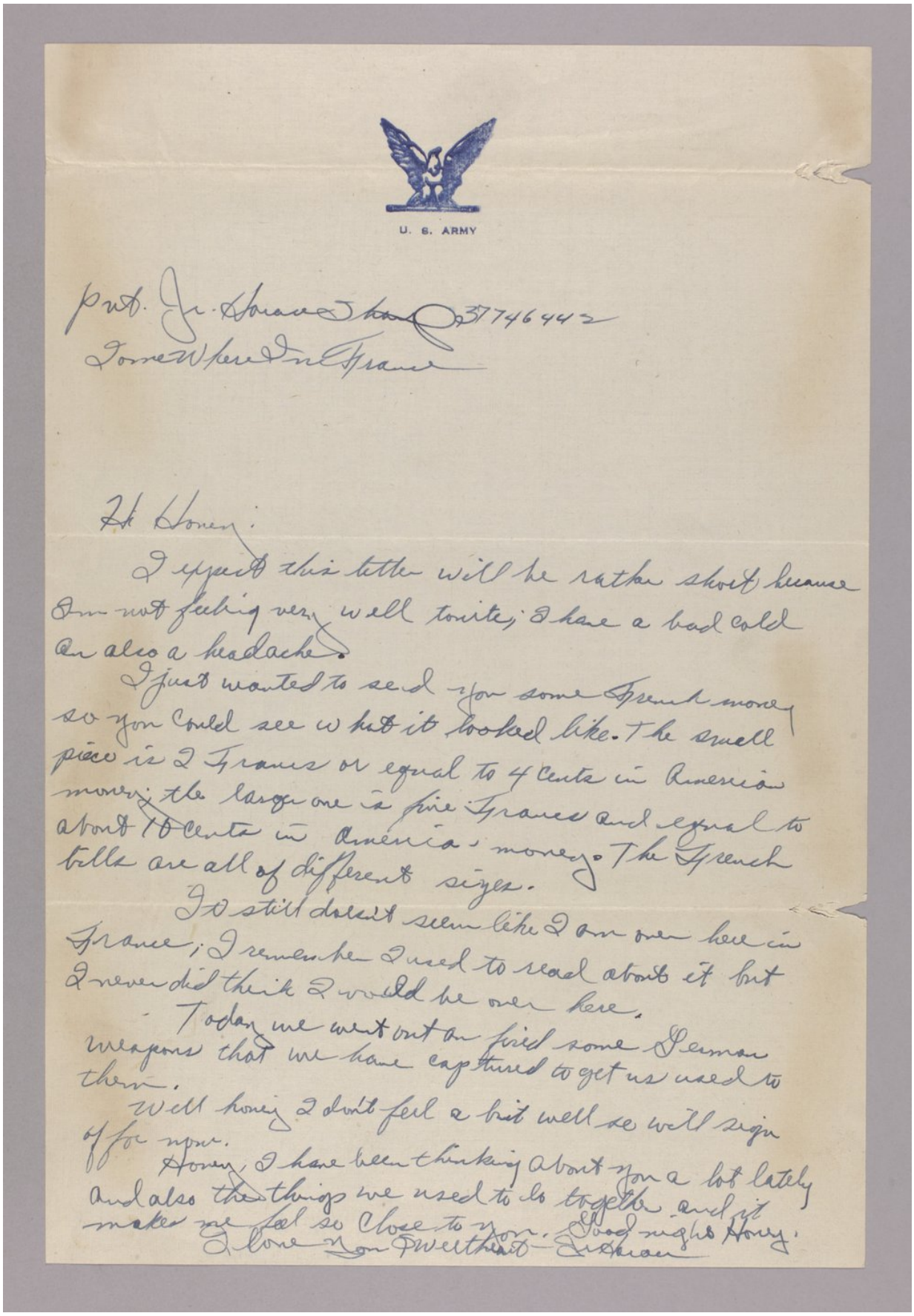
have hung some of them
I suppose I will be on
guard down there about
Monday.
We can really live
today so guess I will sign
off for now
Love
Horace
P.S. send boy Lime but one
also stripes

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Pvt. Jr. Horace Sharp 37746442
Somewhere in France

Hi Honey.

I spect this letter will be rather short because I'm not feeling very well tonite, I have a bad cold an also a headache.

I just wanted to send you some French money so you could see what it looked like. The small piece is 2 Francs or equal to 4 cents in American money, the large one is five Francs and equal to about 10 cents in America money. The French bills are all of different sizes.

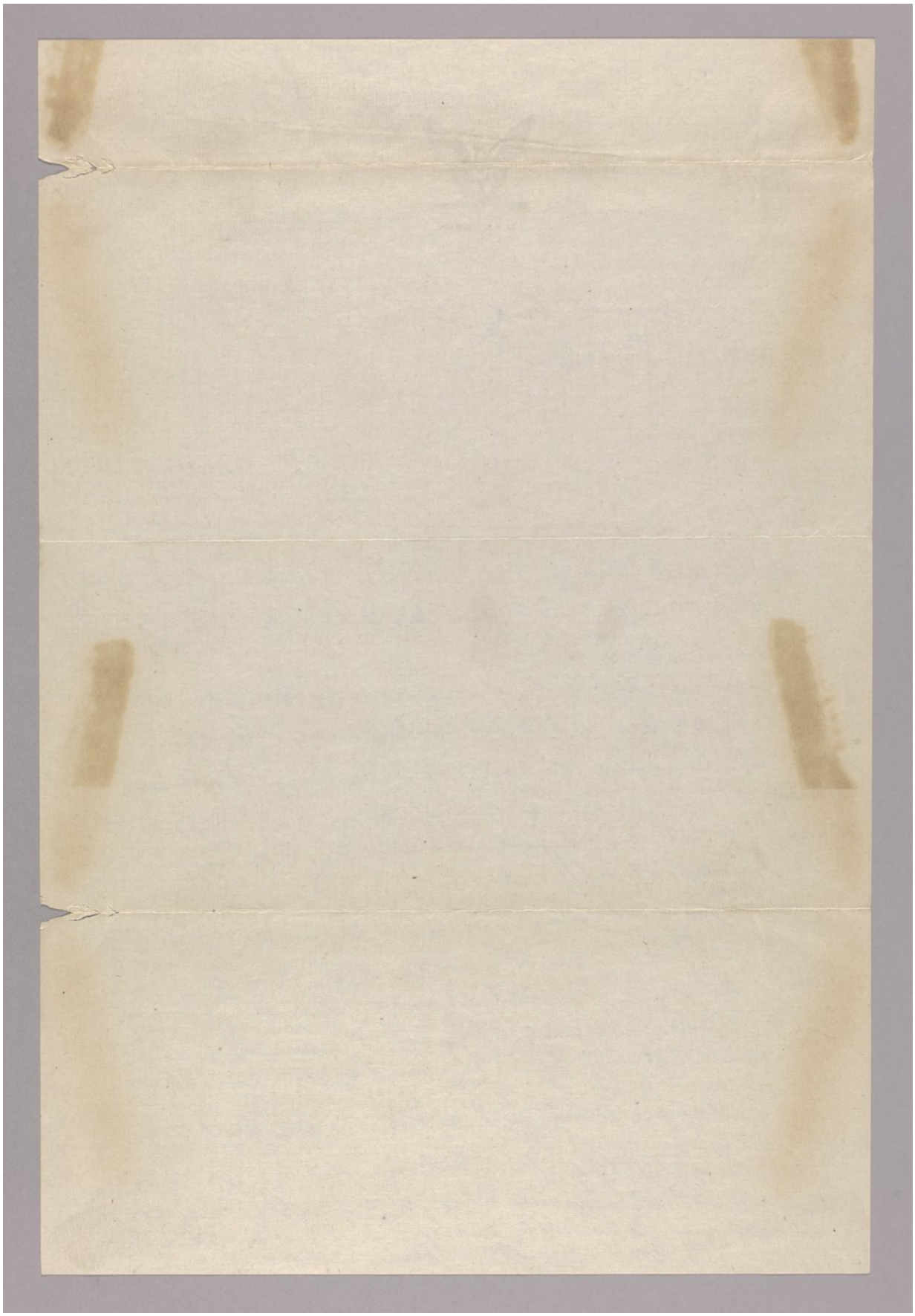
It still doesn't seem like I am over here in France, I remember I used to read about it but I never did think I would be over here.

Today we went out an fired some German weapons that we have captured to get us used to them.

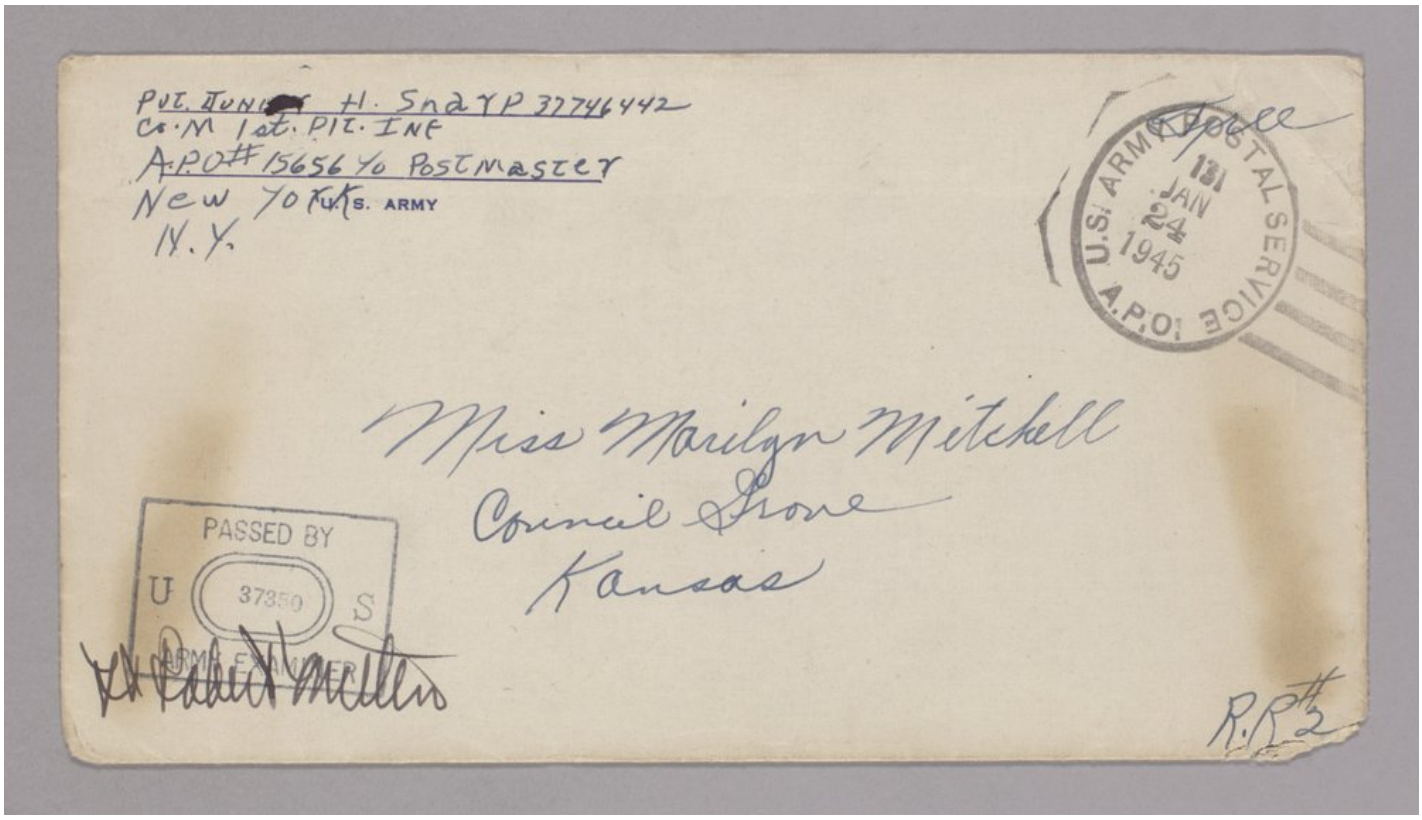
Well honey I don't feel a bit well so will sign off for now.

Honey, I have been thinking about you a lot lately and also the things we used to do together and it makes me feel so close to you. Good night Honey.

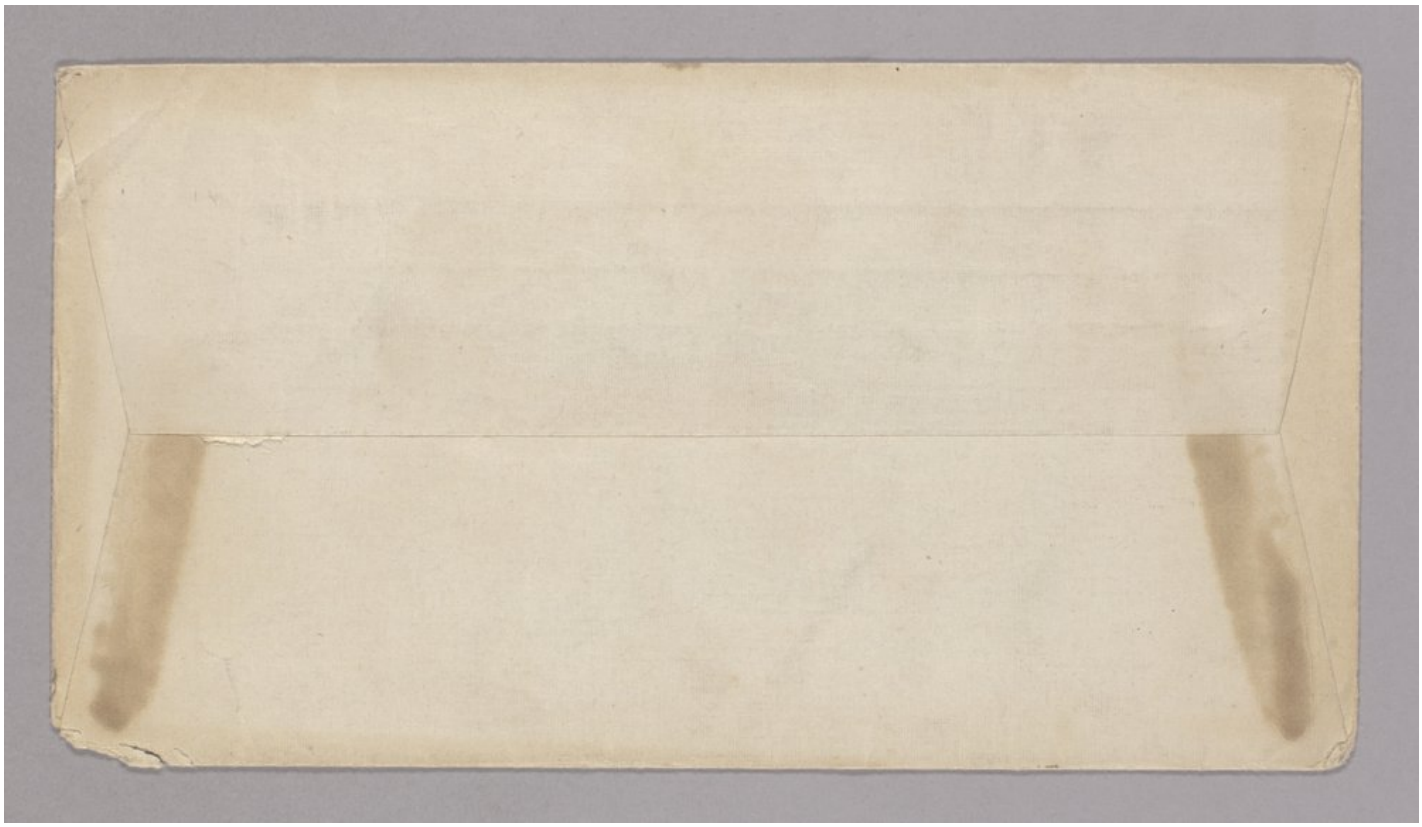
I love you Sweetheart Horace

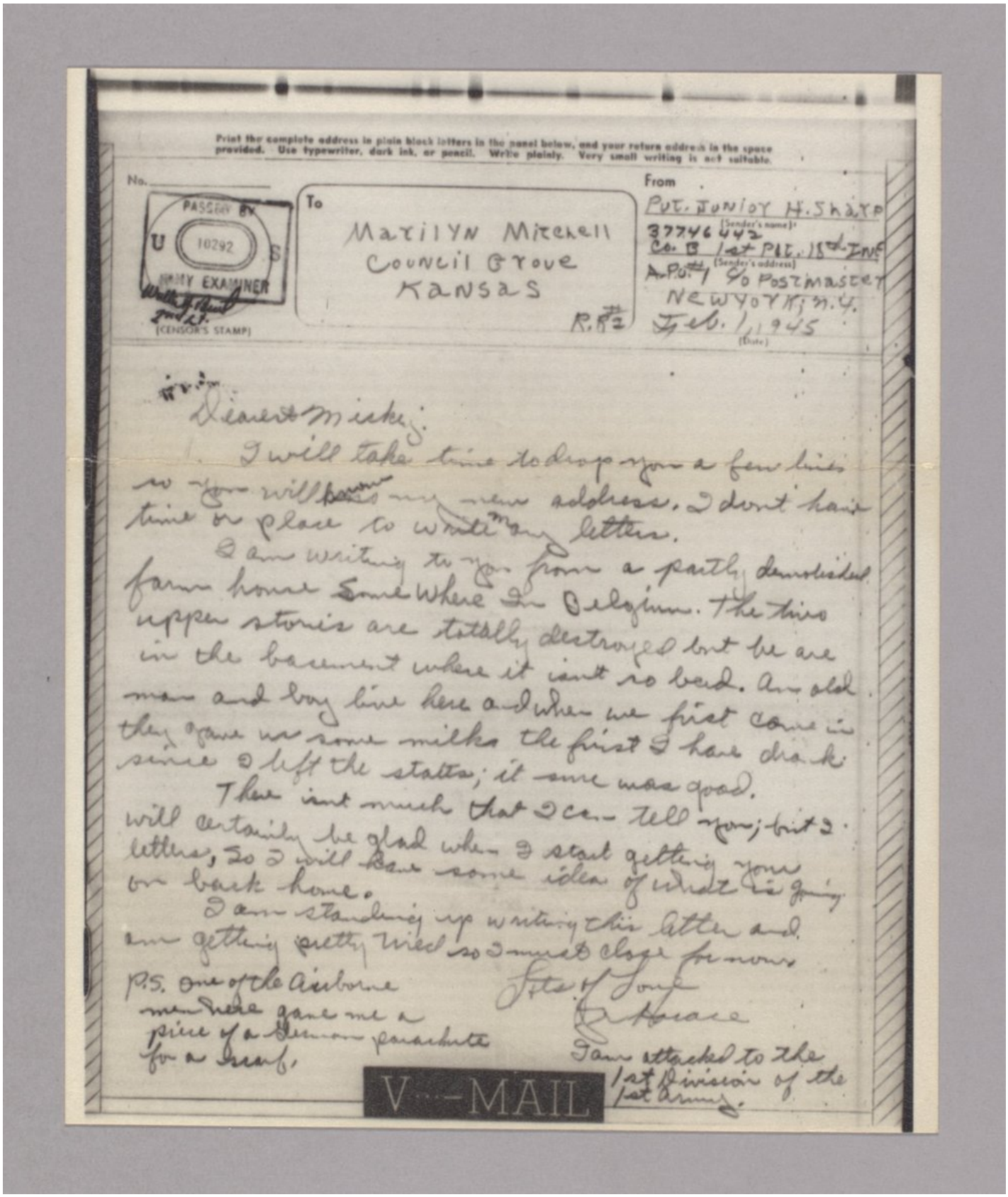


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To

Marilyn Mitchell
Council Grove
Kansas
R. #2

From

Pvt. Junior H. Sharp
37746442 (Sender's name)
Co. B 1st Plt. 18th Inf.
A.P.O. #1 (Sender's address)
c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.
Feb. 1, 1945 (Date)

Dearest Mickey:

I will take time to drop you a few lines so you will have my new address. I dont have time or place to write many letters.

I am writing to you from a partly demolished farm house Some Where In Belgium. The three upper stories are totally destroyed but we are in the basement where it isnt so bad. An old man and boy live here and when we first came in they gave us some milk the first I have drank since I left the states; it sure was good.

There isnt much that I can tell you; but I will certainly be glad when I start getting your letters, so I will have some idea of what is going on back home.

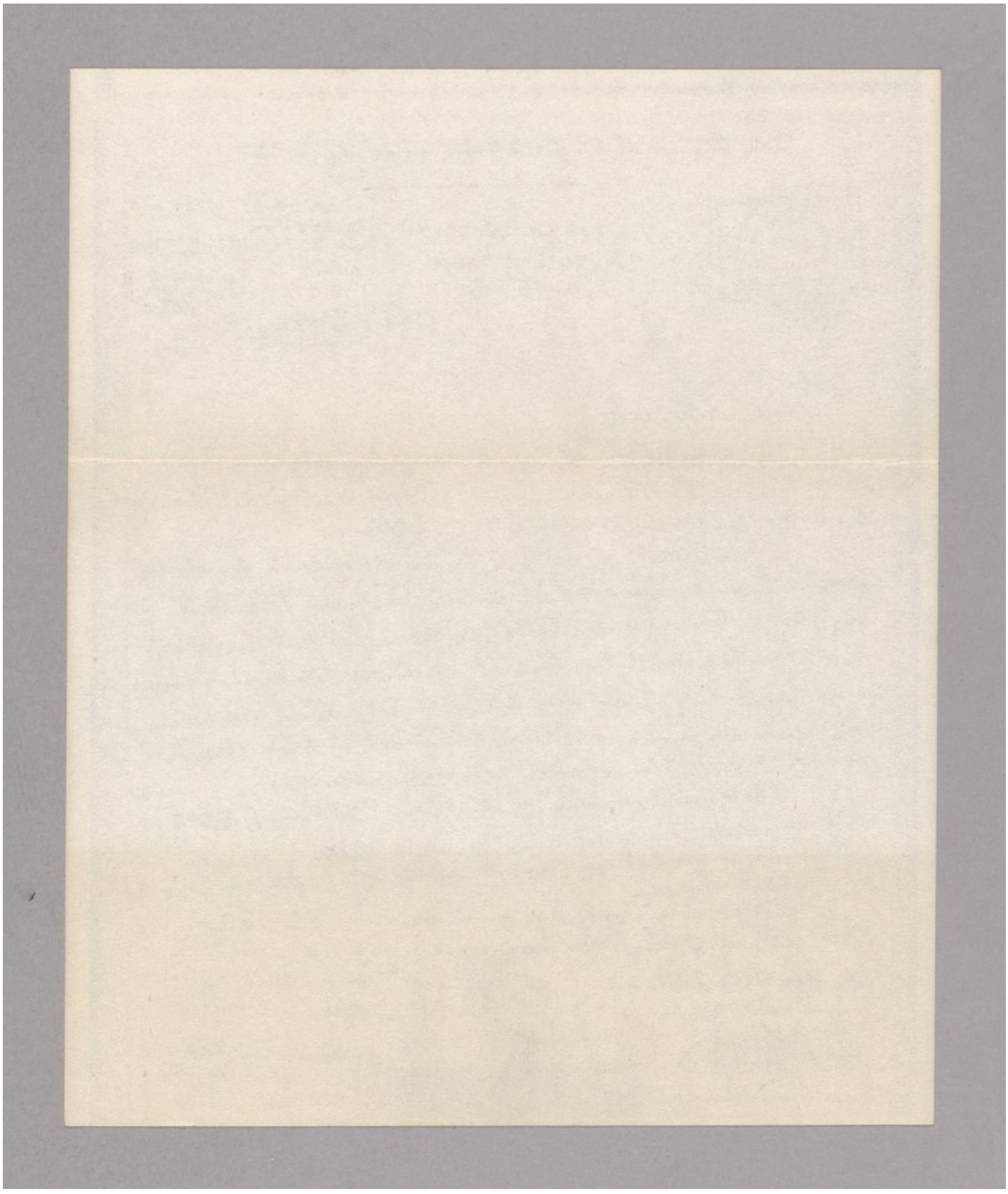
I am standing up writing this letter and am getting pretty tired so I must close for now.

Lots of Love
Horace

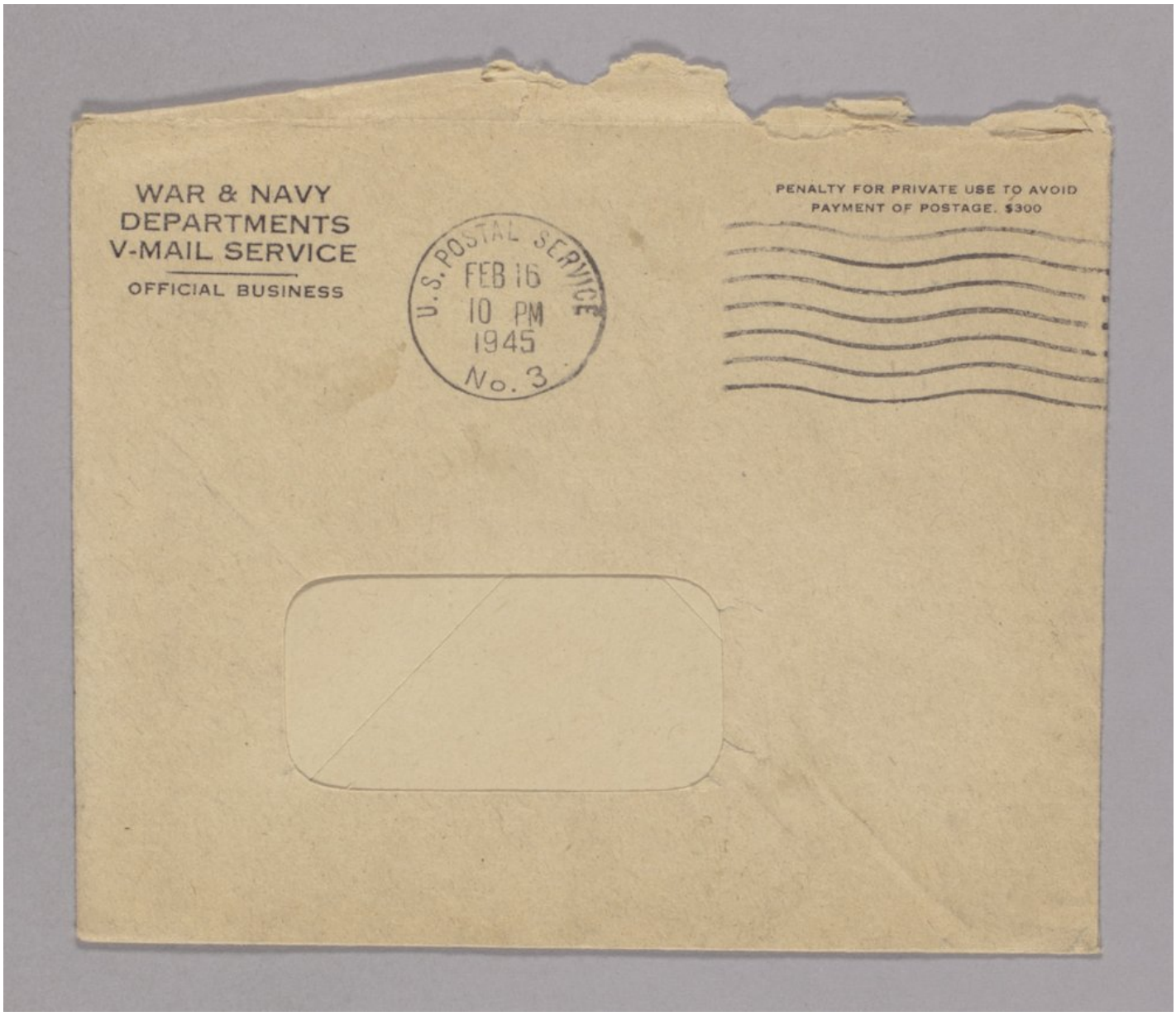
P.S. One of the Airborne men here gave me a piece of a German parachute for a scarf.

I am attached to the 1st Division of the 1st Army.

V-MAIL



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