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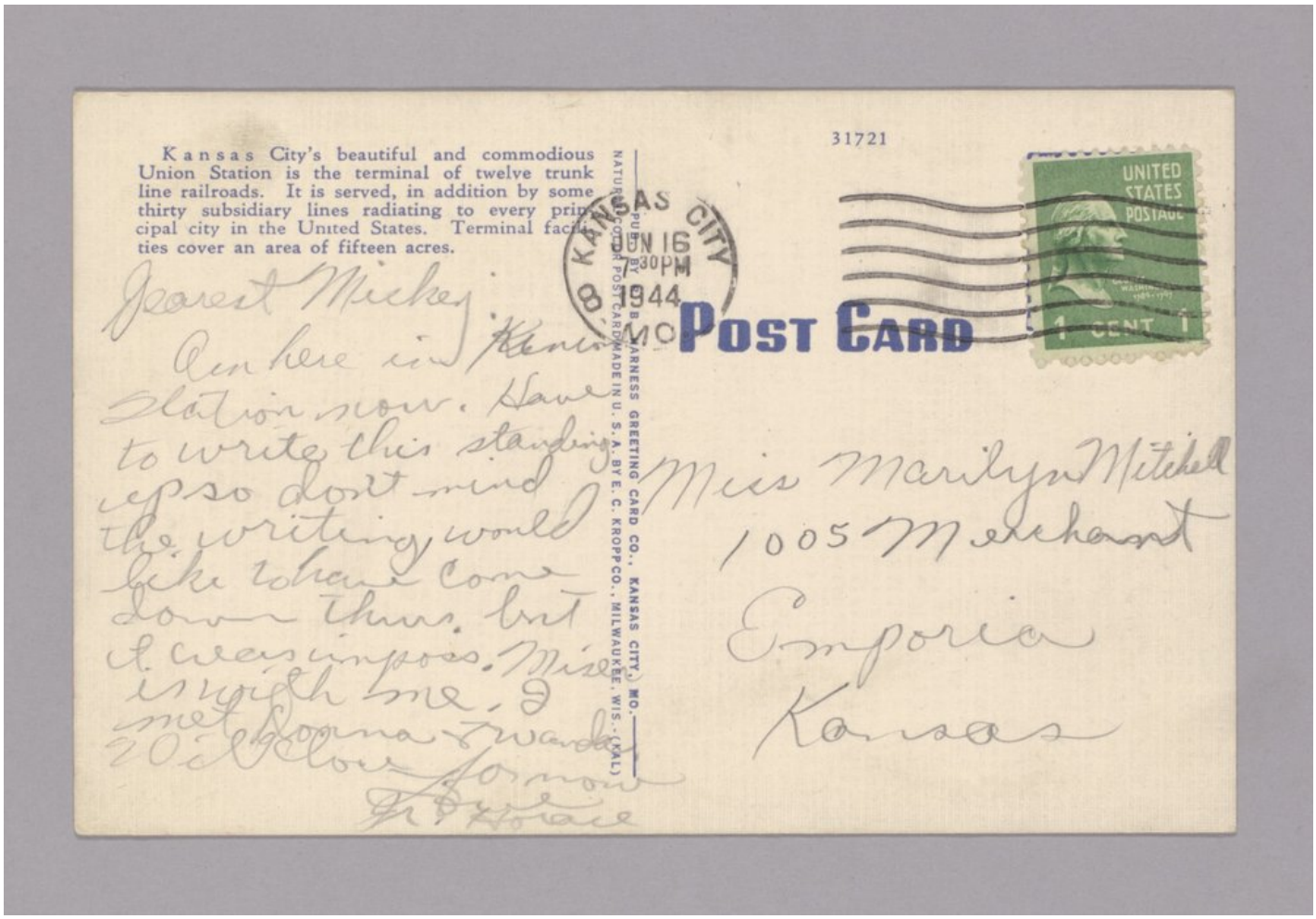
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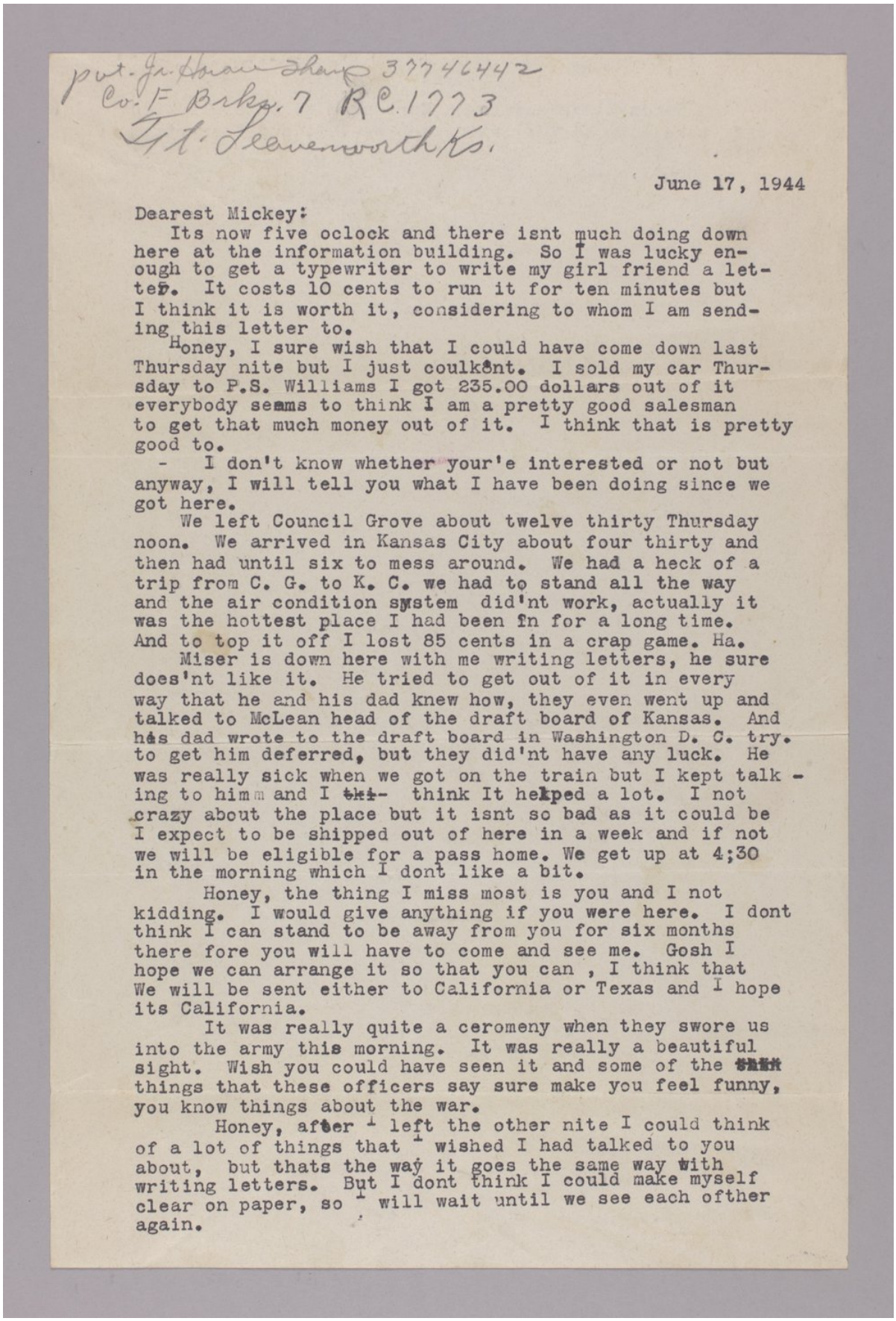


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June 17, 1944

Dearest Mickey:

Its now five oclock and there isnt much doing down here at the information building. So I was lucky enough to get a typewriter to write my girl friend a letter. It costs 10 cents to run it for ten minutes but I think it is worth it, considering to whom I am sending this letter to.

Honey, I sure wish that I could have come down last Thursday nite but I just coulkent. I sold my car Thursday to P.S. Williams I got 235.00 dollars out of it everybody seams to think I am a pretty good salesman to get that much money out of it. I think that is pretty good to.

- I don't know whether your'e interested or not but anyway, I will tell you what I have been doing since we got here.

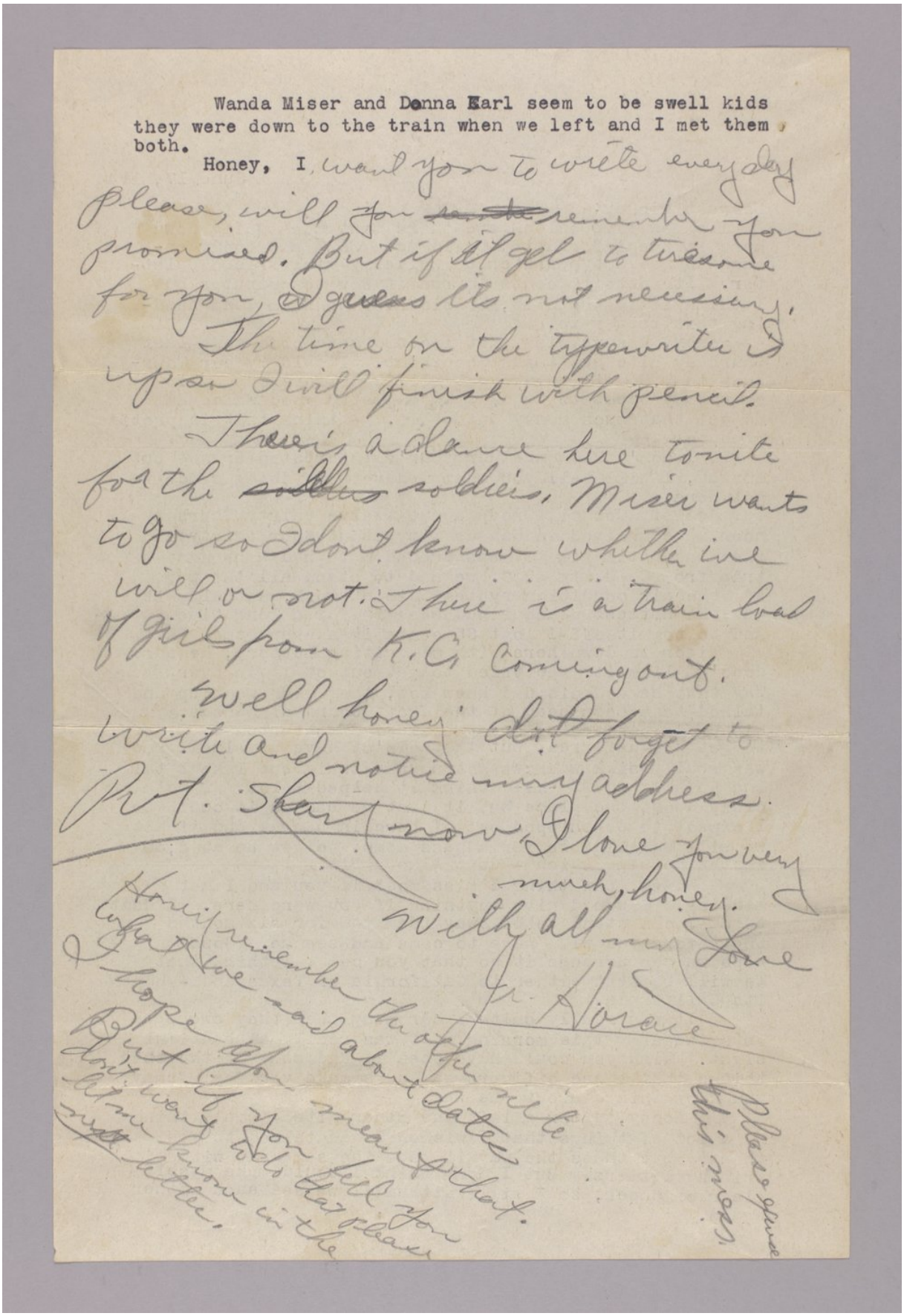
We left Council Grove about twelve thirty Thursday noon. We arrived in Kansas City about four thirty and then had until six to mess around. We had a heck of a trip from C. G. to K. C. we had to stand all the way and the air condition system did'nt work, actually it was the hottest place I had been in for a long time. And to top it off I lost 85 cents in a crap game. Ha.

Miser is down here with me writing letters, he sure does'nt like it. He tried to get out of it in every way that he and his dad knew how, they even went up and talked to McLean head of the draft board of Kansas. And his dad wrote to the draft board in Washington D. C. try. to get him deferred, but they did'nt have any luck. He was really sick when we got on the train but I kept talking to him and I ~~thi~~ think It helped a lot. I not crazy about the place but it isnt so bad as it could be I expect to be shipped out of here in a week and if not we will be eligible for a pass home. We get up at 4;30 in the morning which I dont like a bit.

Honey, the thing I miss most is you and I not kidding. I would give anything if you were here. I dont think I can stand to be away from you for six months there fore you will have to come and see me. Gosh I hope we can arrange it so that you can , I think that We will be sent either to California or Texas and I hope its California.

It was really quite a ceromeny when they swore us into the army this morning. It was really a beautiful sight. Wish you could have seen it and some of the ~~shit~~ things that these officers say sure make you feel funny, you know things about the war.

Honey, after I left the other nite I could think of a lot of things that I wished I had talked to you about, but thats the way it goes the same way with writing letters. But I dont think I could make myself clear on paper, so I will wait until we see each ofther again.



Wanda Miser and Donna Earl seem to be swell kids they were down to the train when we left and I met them both.

Honey, I want you to write every day please, will you ~~write~~ remember you promised. But if it get to tiresome for you, I guess its not necessary.

The time on the typewriter is up so I will finish with pencil.

There's a dance here tonite for the ~~sailors~~ soldiers. Miser wants to go so I don't know whether we will or not. There is a train load of girls from K.C. coming out.

Well honey don't forget to write and notice my address.

Pvt. Sharp now. I love you very much, honey.

With all my love

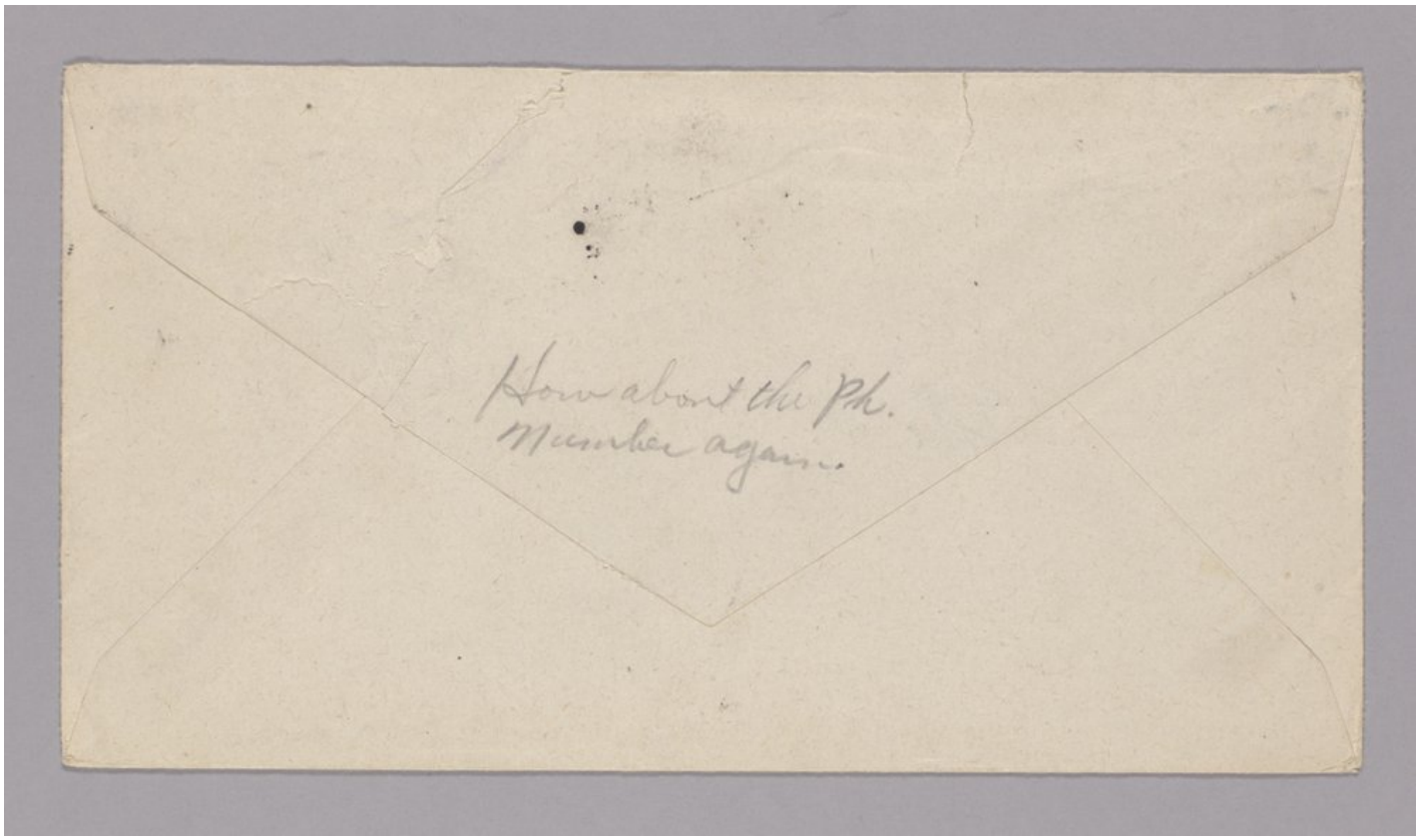
J. Horace

Honey remember the letter I had you said about date I hope you mean that. But if you don't let me know in the next letter. Please give this more.

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June 17, 1945
Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Hello Honey:

Well, this makes my third letter in three days, I think I'm doing pritty good don't ya. I will sure be glad when I start receiving letters from you every day.

You know this Army is making me a good guy Ha Ha. I even went to church this morning. We weren't planning on it, but the Sarge decided for us that we should so we went to Church.

It seems just about the time we start to do something today they call us out for something else.

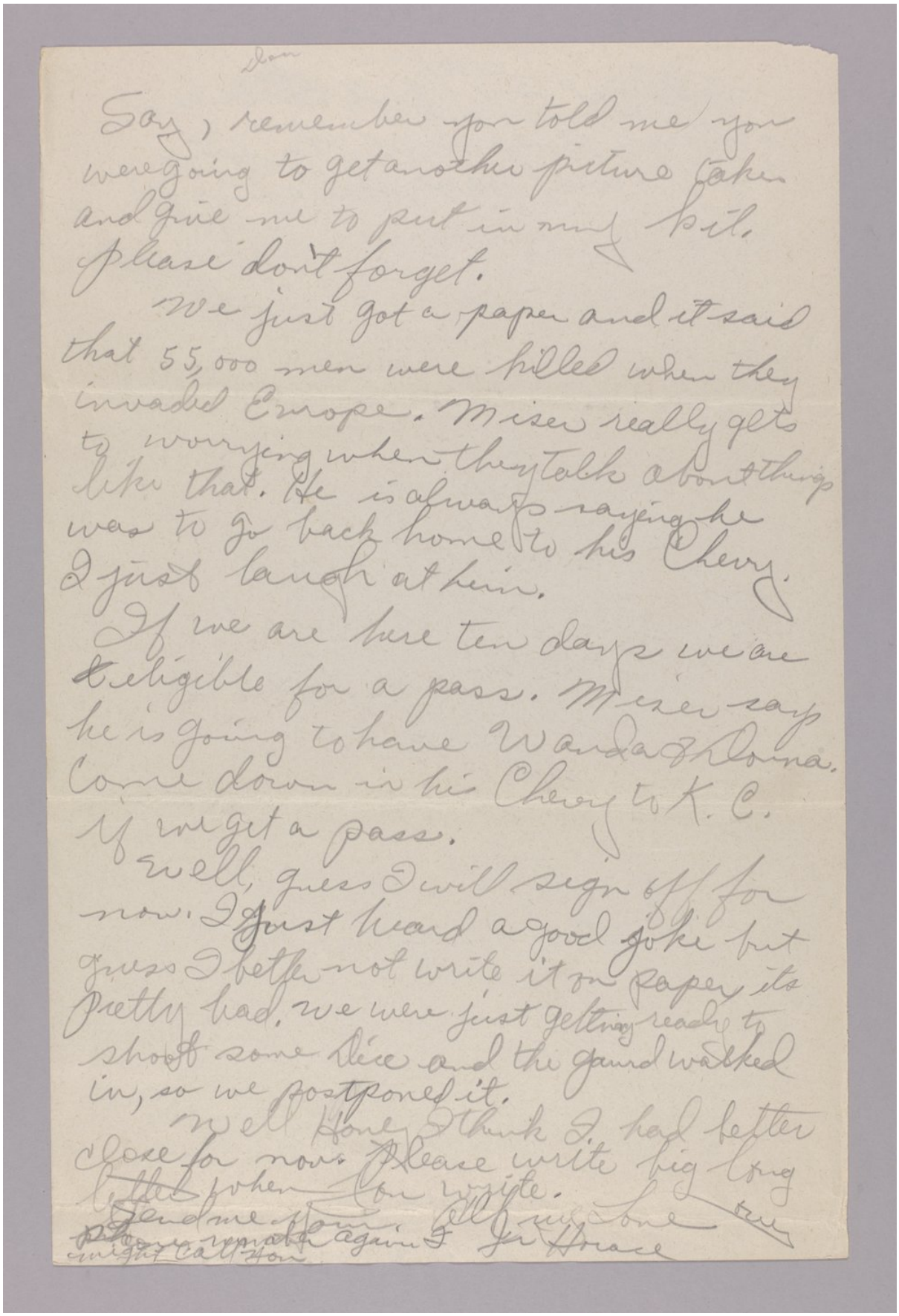
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I'm writing this on the top bed of our bunk. There is so much noise in here that I can hardly concentrate.

So far I like the army fine. It seems about 90% of every lot men are now going to the Infantry so I expect that's where I will go. They will probably send us to Texas or Calif.

They issued us our dog tags ~~Today~~ yesterday. Now if I just had your ring or something of yours to put on it. I think it would be much better don't you. Did you get your locket and other things all right. When I sold my car I started cleaning out under the back seat I found one of your roses & comb back there. (I wonder how it got there) Wish we could get back there tonite but it can't be done for a while I guess.

Some guys just come in from detail, they have been picking up matches & cigarette butts. I was lucky enough to escape that detail.



Dear

Say, remember you told me you were going to get another picture taken and give me to put in my bill. please don't forget.

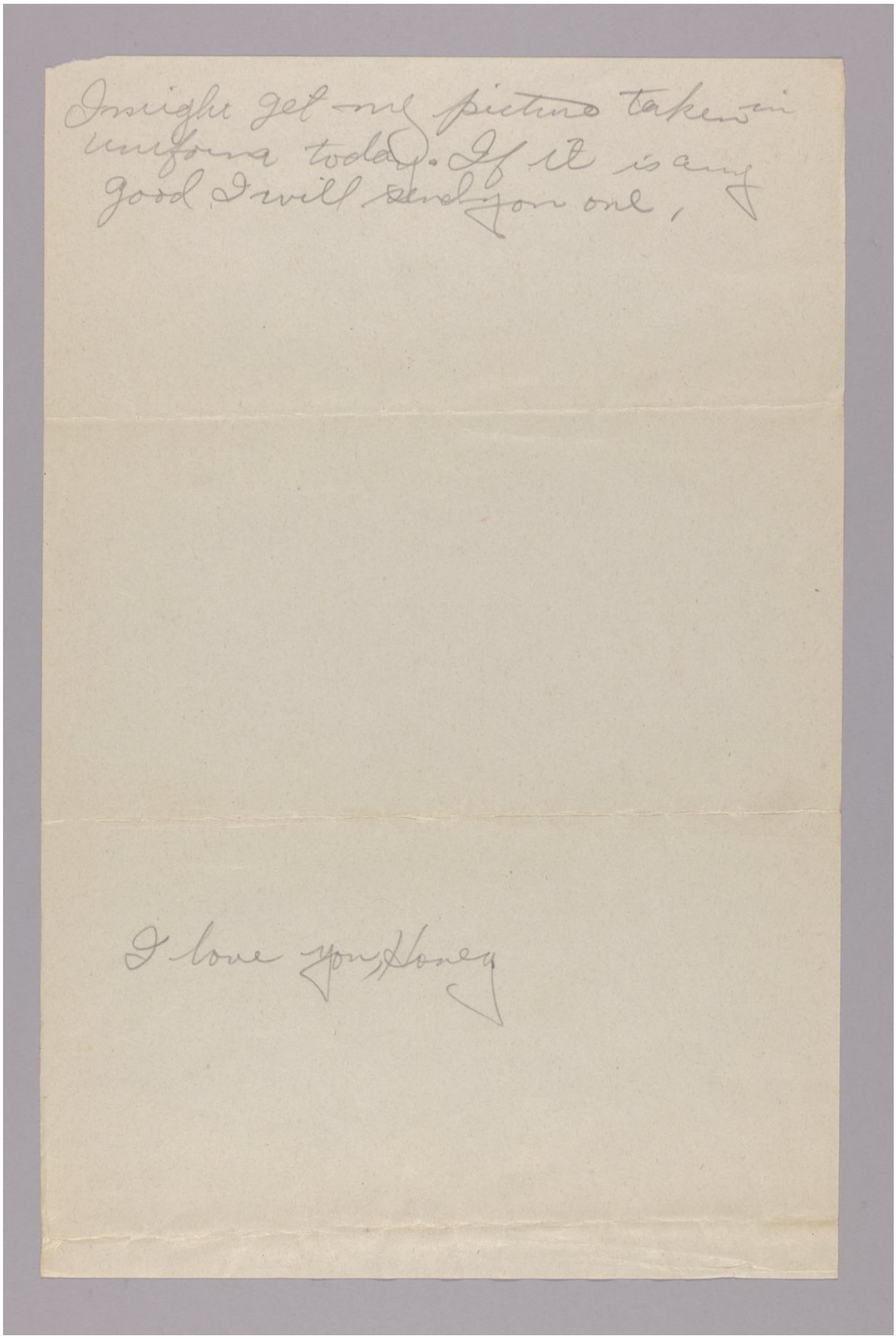
We just got a paper and it said that 55,000 men were killed when they invaded Europe. Miser really gets to worrying when they talk about things like that. He is always saying he was to go back home to his Chevy. I just laugh at him.

If we are here ten days we are eligible for a pass. Miser says he is going to have Wanda & Norma come down in his Chevy to K. C. If we get a pass.

Well, guess I will sign off for now. I just heard a good joke but guess I better not write it on paper its pretty bad. We were just getting ready to shoot some dice and the guard walked in, so we postponed it.

Well Hone I think I had better close for now. Please write big long letter when you write. Send me some [illegible] all my love

Please write again & Jr Horace
might call you



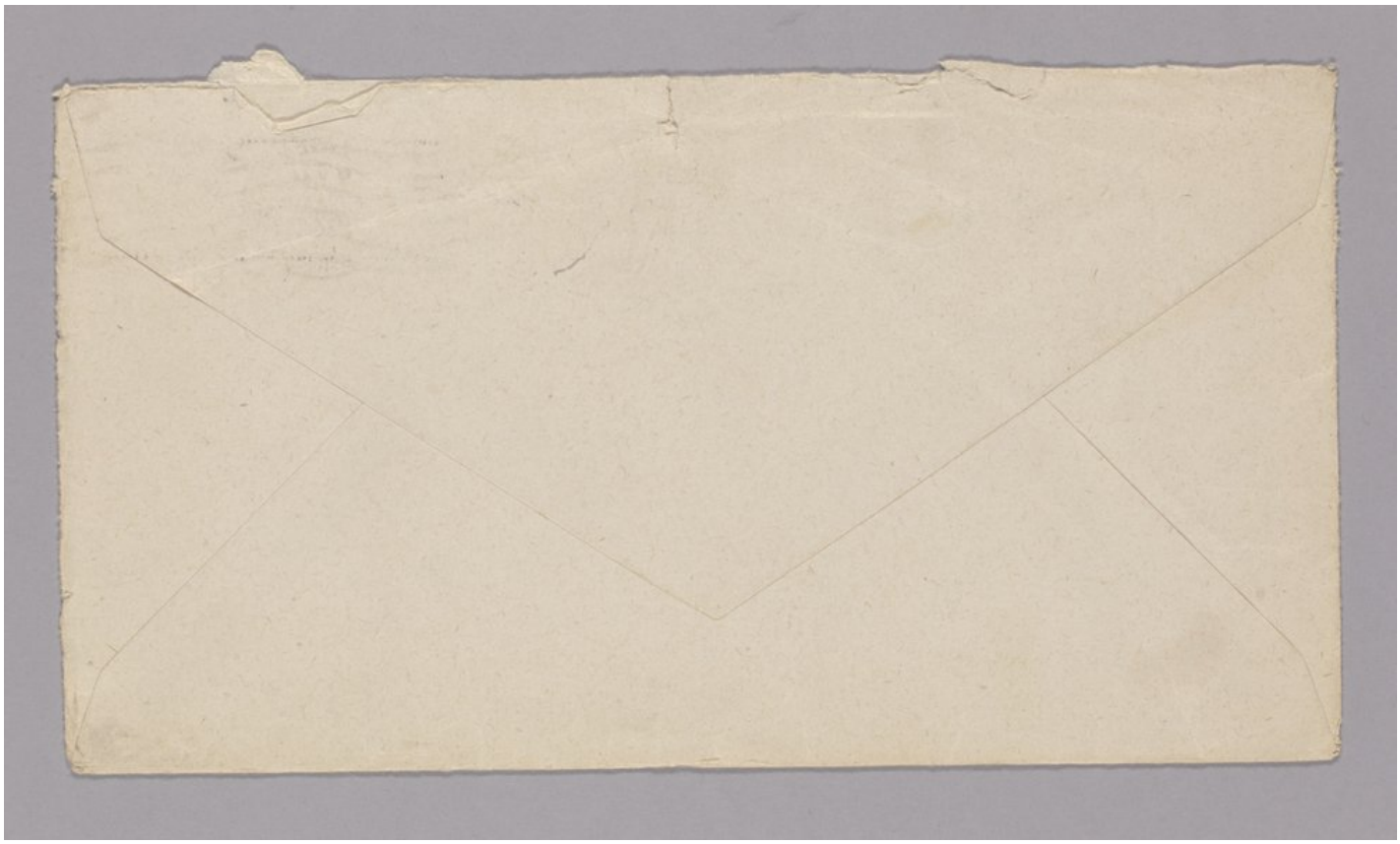
Tonight I got my picture taken in uniform today. If it is any good I will send you one,

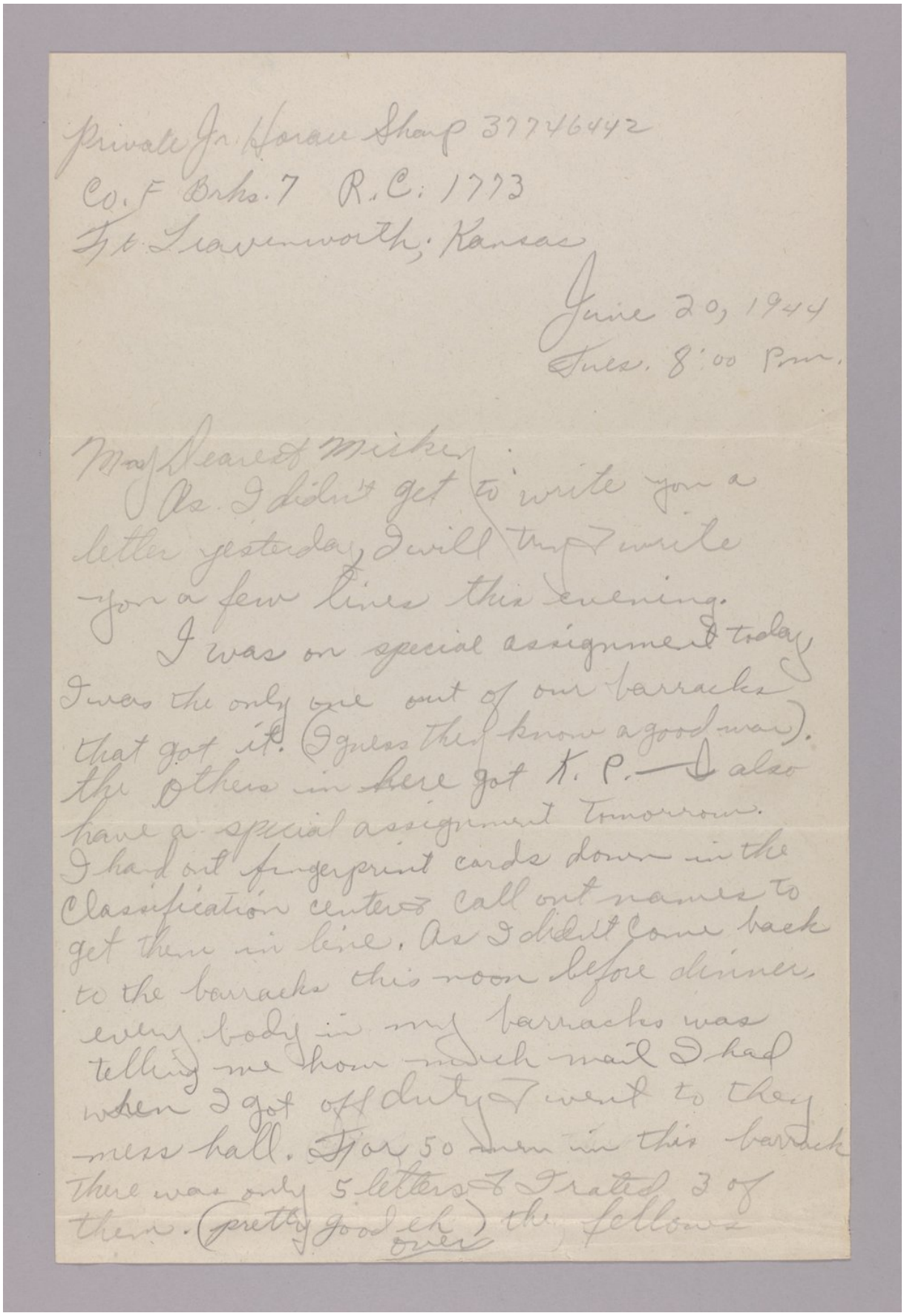
I love you Honey

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June 20, 1944
Tues. 8:00 P.m.

My Dearest Mike,
As I didn't get to write you a letter yesterday, I will try & write you a few lines this evening.
I was on special assignment today I was the only one out of our barracks that got it. (I guess they know a good man). The others in here got K.P. — I also have a special assignment tomorrow. I had out fingerprint cards down in the Classification center & call out names to get them in line. As I didn't come back to the barracks this noon before dinner, every body in my barracks was telling me how much mail I had when I got off duty I went to the mess hall. For 50 men in this barrack there was only 5 letters & I rated 3 of them. (pretty good eh) the fellows over

wondered how I done it. If the folks forwarded the letter you sent to my place.

This will probably be a long letter as every time that I think of something I want to tell you I make a note of it on the letter I got from you today. It sounds like I'm absent minded don't it.

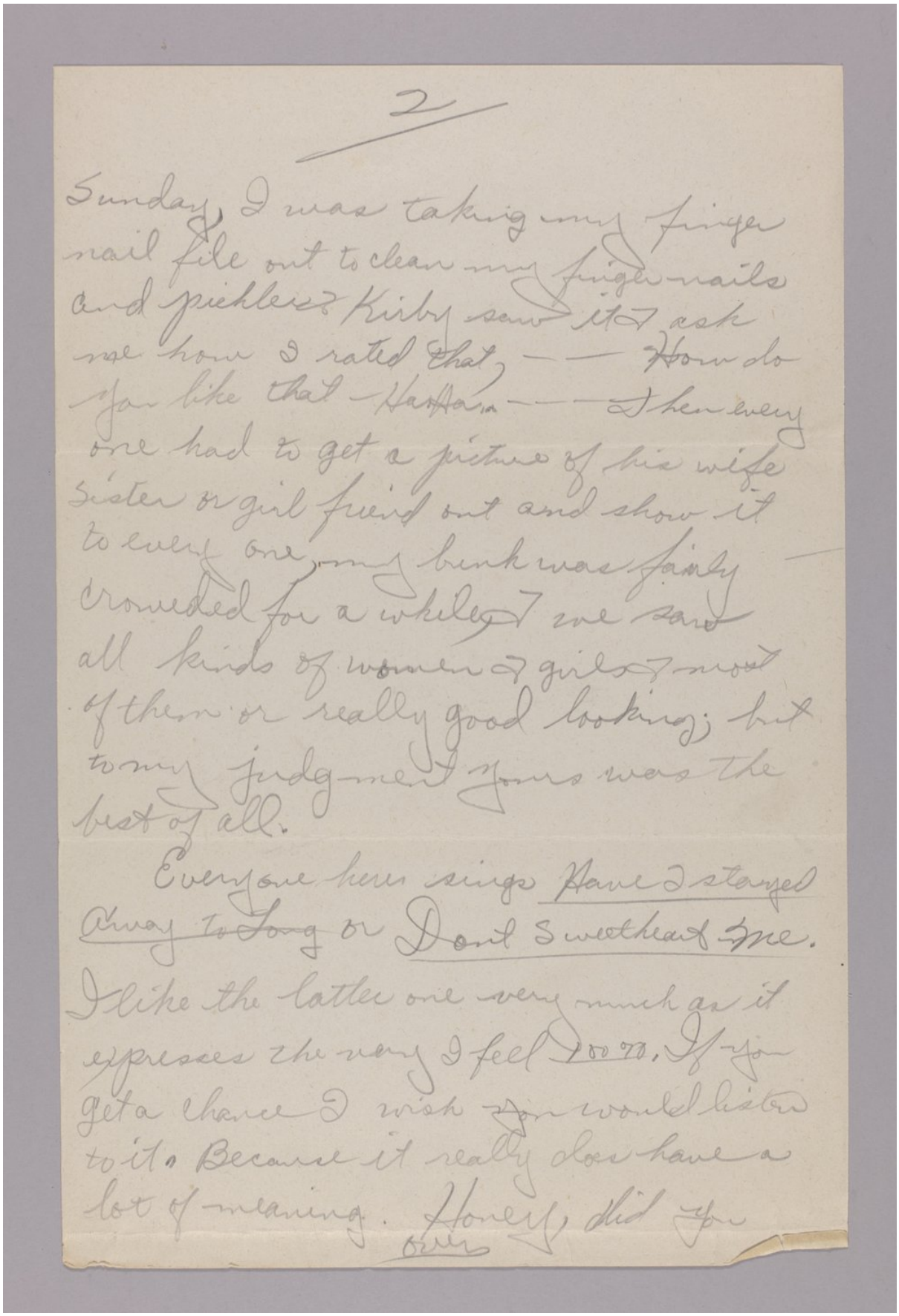
I have about a half dozen letters to write to-nite but my sweetheart gets first choice always.

I had my picture taken in uniform the other nite, but it wasn't very good, so I sent it home.

Well, today I saluted my first officer, it really gives you a thrill, after while it will merely be routine but now it sure makes you feel proud or something. (I can't explain.) We also have to salute the flag each evening when the bugle blows for retreat.

Honey, that picture of yours in my shaving kit started something

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Sunday I was taking my finger nail file out to clean my finger nails and pickles Kirby saw it & ask me how I rated that —— How do you like that — Ha Ha —— Then every one had to get a picture of his wife sister or girl friend out and show it to every one my bunk was fairly crowded for a while & we had all kinds of women & girls & most of them or really good looking; but to my judgment yours was the best of all.

Everyone here sings Have I stayed Away Too Long or Don't Sweetheart Me. I like the latter one very much as it expresses the way I feel too. If you get a chance I wish you would listen to it. Because it really does have a lot of meaning. Honey, did you

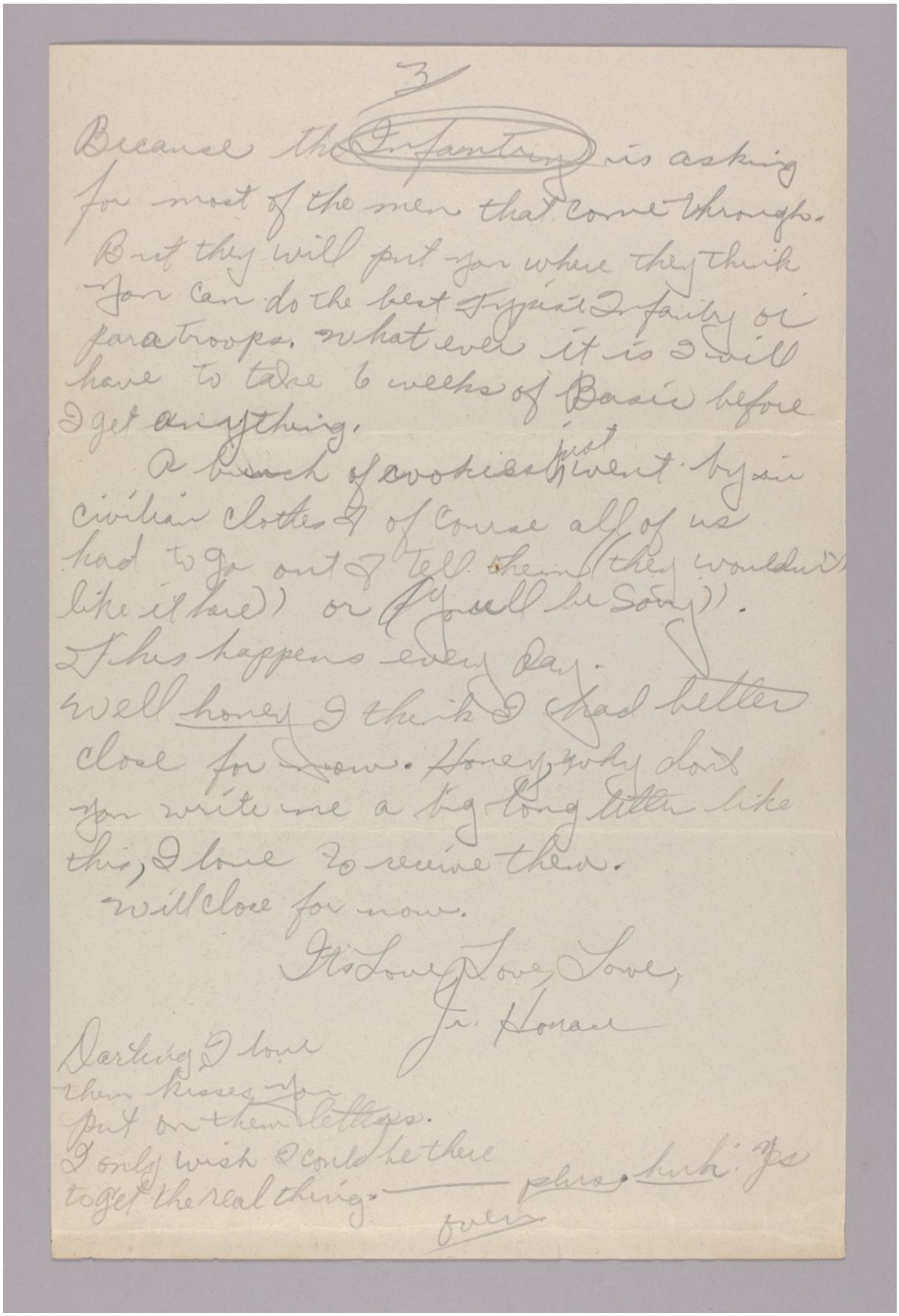
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get that pillow slip I sent to
you the other day. When I first
saw it in the P. X., I thought about
you & thought you might like to
have it so I decided to send it
to you. I Hope you like it.

I am writing this while laying
on my back so I don't know whether
you can read it or not; if this
all mix up, don't mind it, because
this barracks is so noisy I can
hardly concetrate.

Yesterday we got classified, I was
classified as a typist, but decided I
didn't want an offic job, so today
I went back & volunteered for the
Paratroops, I guess its a pretty tough
outfit but they needed them so I took it.
You have to sign a slip, saying
that you know you will have to
jump from a plane quite often
& some other stuffs.

This is not official as yet



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Because the Infantry is asking for most of the men that come through. But they will put you where they think you can do the best. Typical Infantry or paratroops. whatever it is I will have to take 6 weeks of Basic before I get anything.

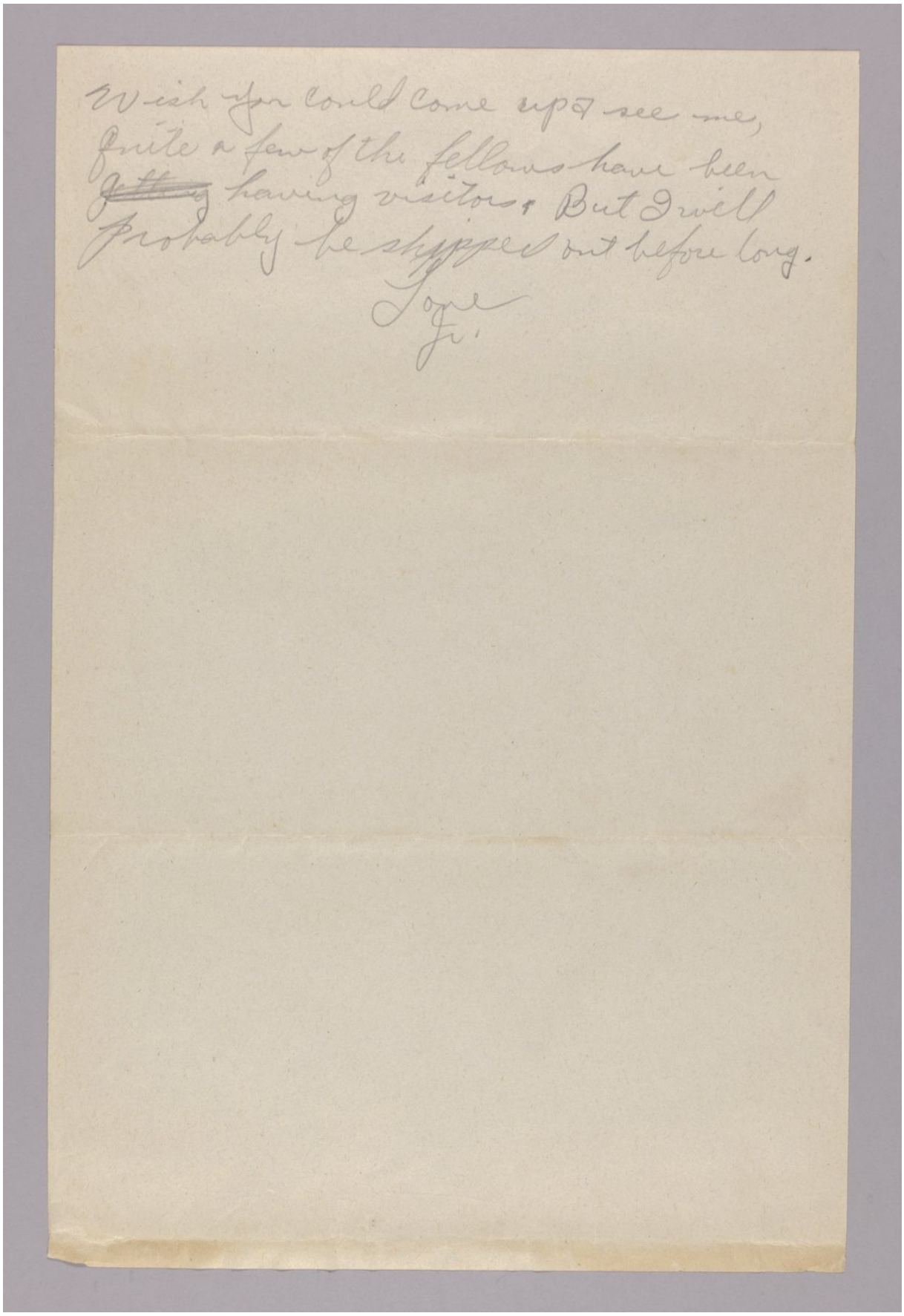
A bunch of swobies just went by in civilian clothes & of course all of us had to go out & tell them (they wouldn't like it here) or (you'll be sorry). This happens every day.

Well honey I think I had better close for now. Honey, why don't you write me a big long letter like this, I love to receive them.

Will close for now.

All Love Love Love,
Jr. Horace

Darling I love them kisses you put on them letters.
I only wish I could be there to get the real thing. ——— plus. kuh. Yes
fuck



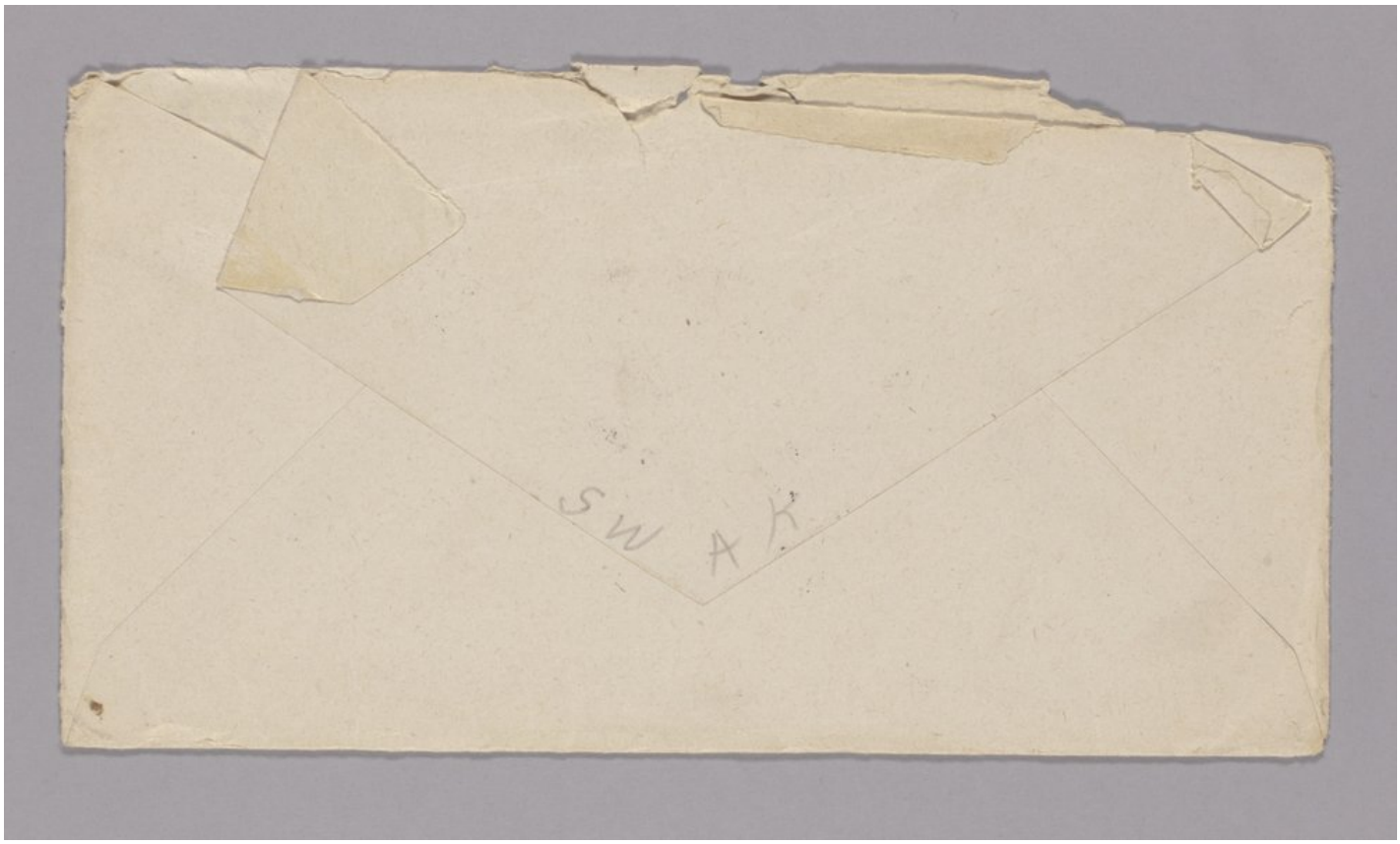
Wish you could come up & see me, quite a few of the fellows have been ~~getting~~ having visitors. But I will probably be shipped out before long.

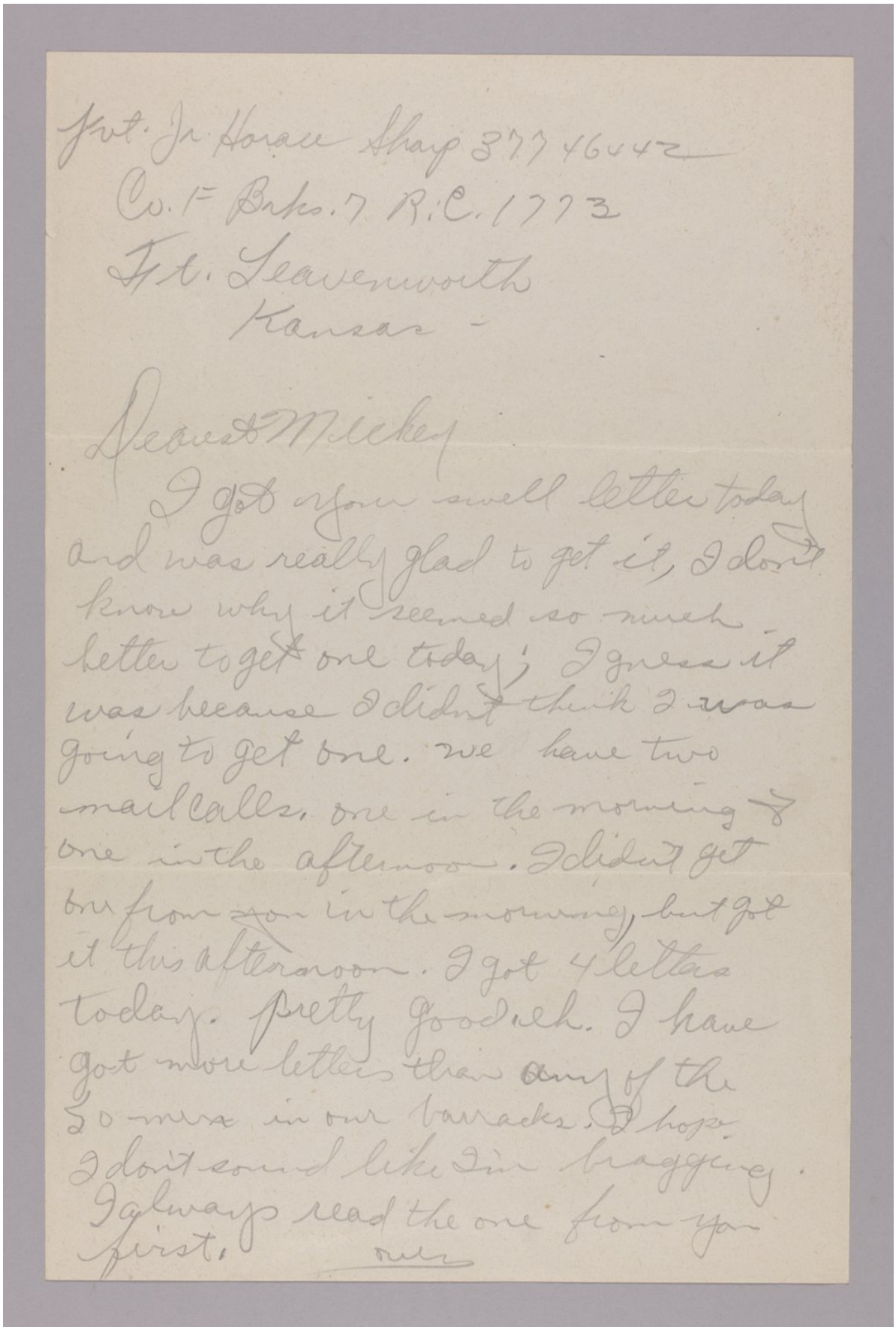
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Kansas -

Dear Mickey

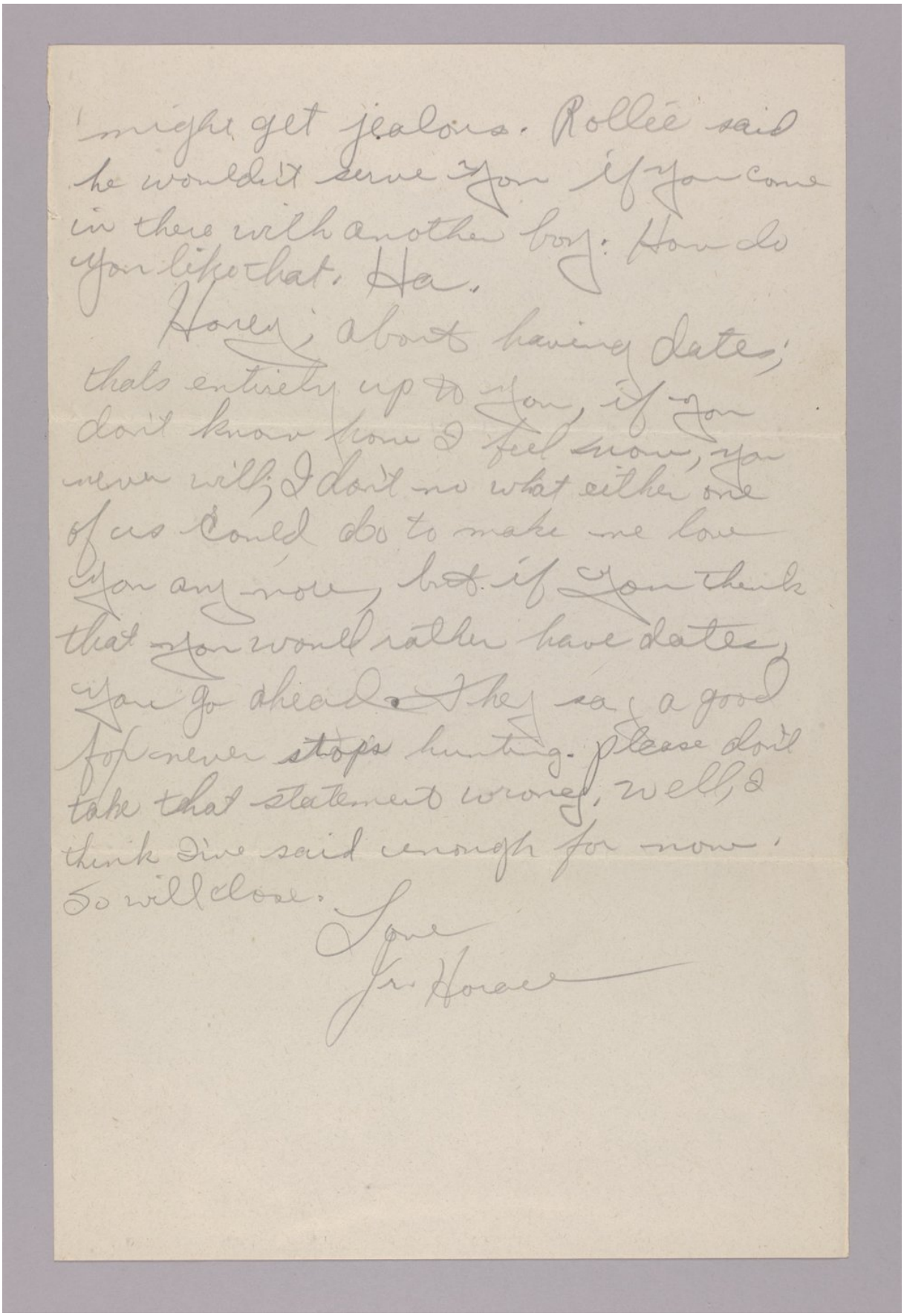
I got your swell letter today and was really glad to get it, I don't know why it seemed so much better to get one today; I guess it was because I didn't think I was going to get one. We have two mail calls, one in the morning & one in the afternoon. I didn't get one from you in the morning, but got it this afternoon. I got 4 letters today. Pretty good eh. I have got more letters than any of the 20 men in our barracks. I hope I don't sound like I'm bragging. I always read the one from you first.

Love

I haven't been doing much of anything today. I worked in the Classification Section today. It is composed of half ~~soldiers~~ soldiers & half girls. I ran a stamping machine. I will work down there until I ship out.

I could have a job as a typist but didn't want it, so yesterday I went down & volunteered for the Para troops. To day I went down & took my physical. It was 10 times as tough as the Army and I'm not kidding. But, I passed it all right. We had to sign a piece of paper saying we had to go upon a plane & land via para chute. I'm still sore after that physical I took today. It was really tough.

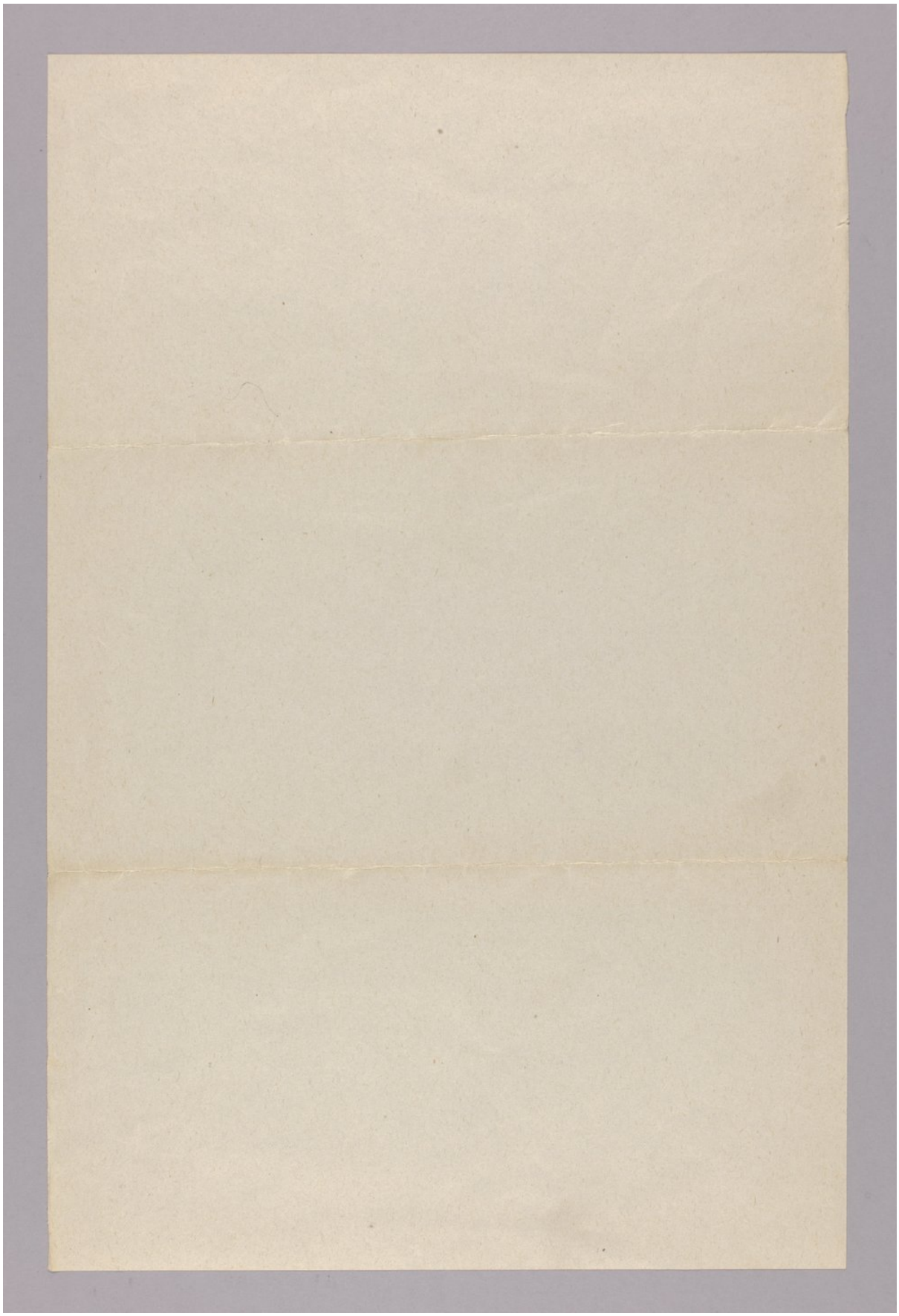
Say, Rollie Herold told me he would take care of you for me after I left, But don't flirt with him to much or Myrtle



might get jealous. Rollee said he wouldn't serve you if you come in there with another boy. How do you like that. Ha.

Honey about having dates, thats entirely up to you, if you don't know how I feel now, you never will, I don't no what either one of us could do to make me love you any more, but if you think that you would rather have dates, you go ahead. They say a good fox never stops hunting. Please don't take that statement wrong. Well, I think I've said enough for now. So will close.

Love
Jr. Horace



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Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Mickey:

I'm not feeling very good this evening so please don't be disappointed if this isn't very long. (paragraph) While I was calling out names in classification this afternoon I called out a kids name from Herington, I thought I recognized the name so I looked on his paper & his address was Herington. His name was Billie York. He did work in the Co-op the same place as Betty. He said he thought he recognized me when he come in & he said he talked to Betty the night before he come down & she told him I was down here.

I got your letter today, it didn't seem to be as interesting or as long as most of your letters are. How come.

I suppose you noticed I stalled with my eversharp & then run out of lead. So, I borrowed a pen from a friend of mine, his name is Henry pickler from McCune, Kansas he is really a swell kid. The other day he wanted to read one of the letters I got from you so I told him if he would let me read one of his I would, so we switched letters. I hope you don't mind.

I completed signing my papers for the Para Chute Troops today so as far as I know I'm in. There has been only 13 guys sign up for para troops of the 800 that came in, within the last ten days & 5 of them flunked there physicals. I have an injured arch in one foot that they took an xray of but they passed it OK.

Henry was just over to my bunk messing around and found that kiss you gave me inside that letter, then he had to bring some of his over to show me. Don't tell like writing this evening so will close for now.

Love
Jr. Horace

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