

Horace Sharp Jr., World War II letters

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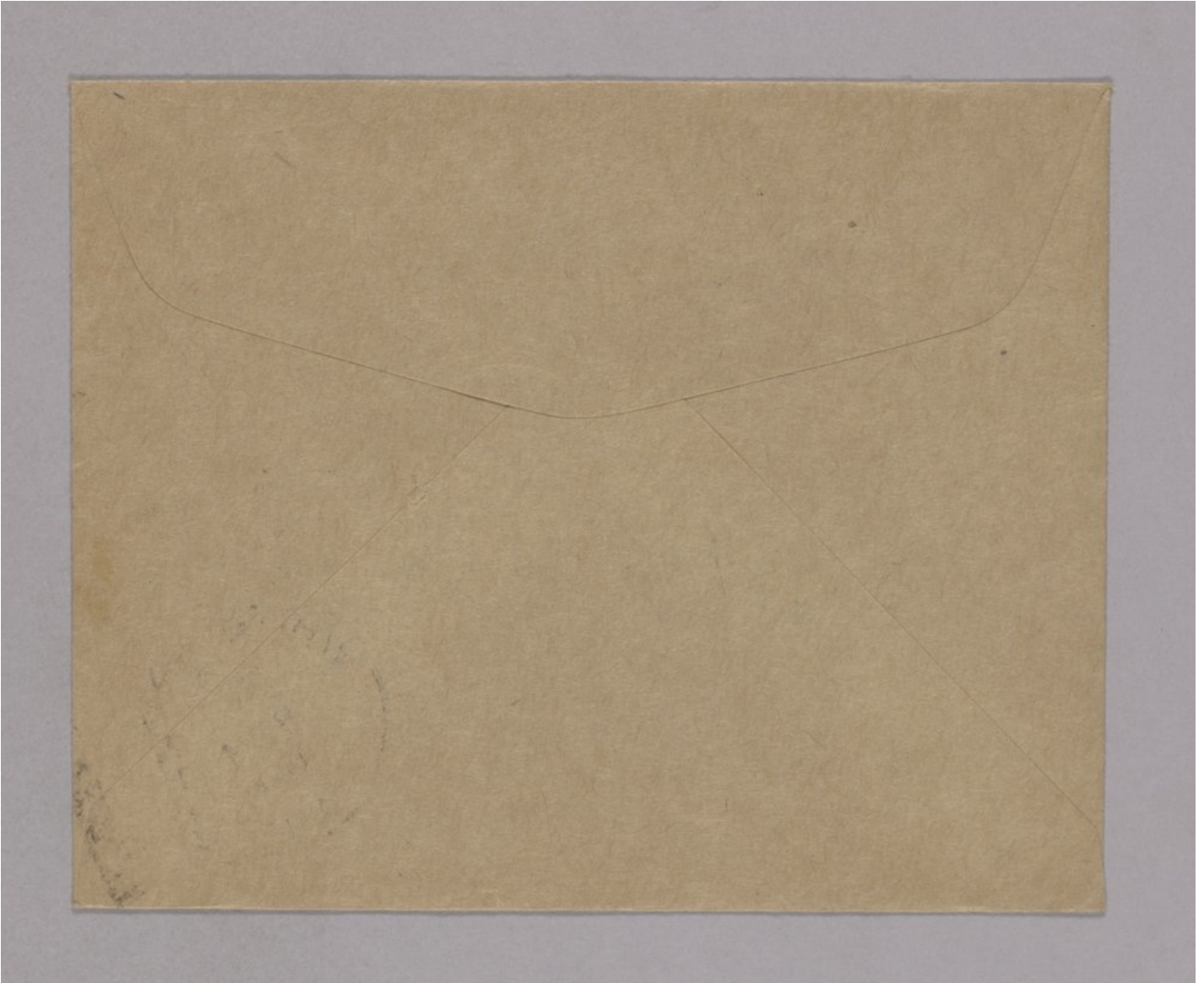
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From:

Pvt. Jr. Horace Sharp ⁵⁷⁷⁴⁶⁴⁴²

Co. B. 1st Plt. 18th Inf.

A.P.O. 1 & PM New York

N. Y!

[Sender's complete address above]

To:

Miss Marilyn Mitchell

White City

Kansas

See instruction No. 2

From:

Sangerberg, Czechoslovakia.

May 23, 1945. 9:30 PM.

My Darling:

How are you this evening? Fine I hope. I am getting along fine but it is getting kind of tiresome sitting here in the same place so long. We are still here in the same place as we were when the war ended. We were ready to move out into the attack when the news came to us. I was standing guard here and the civilians were running back and forth carrying things from the German barracks near here and I looked up and saw three Jerries coming down the road with their hands up, they told me that they had some Kamreds, in German that means friends, up there so a couple of other guys and myself went up and got them and after we came down some more guys went up there and found all kinds of pistols and machine guns and what have you. One company of our Battalion is living in the barracks now. This evening when we were eating chow we got a look at a couple of Tito's guerillas I guess they were on a pass and where out looking for the Americans. Some of our officers talked to them for quite awhile. Well I guess we are in the Third Army so I guess we won't get to come to the States with the First Army this Division always gets that kind of breaks. I knew something would turn up since the First was bound to the States. Naturally they would have to take the First Division out of it, next I suppose they will send us direct to the Pacific. I thought you said they weren't having dances at White City any more. Is there many young kids that go to them? How about Council Grove does Oberg and Milt and them guys go to them. Golly I wish I could be home to go to a few of those dances. The way it looks now it will be quite a while before I will get to any dances. We got a new Regimental paper today it is exclusively for men in the 18th Infantry Regiment. It is quite a paper, if I get a chance I will send you a copy of it. It mentions quite a few of the engagements in which I fought in. If I send you a paper I will underline the ones in which I was in. How many days furlough does Lauren Ramsey get. Is he going to get a discharge, he should have enough points. How about Taylor Ramsey is he getting along OK since he was wounded. Did I ever tell you that I was put in for the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, I got a slight scratch from a piece of shrapnel near Sands, Germany, not far from Uslar. The medals will give me five points for each one. But they are so dam slow I will probably get them about the time I get to the Pacific. Well sweetheart I guess it is about my bedtime. Wish you were here to kiss me good nite. This will be all for tonite Honey. Honey, I love you. Goodnite.

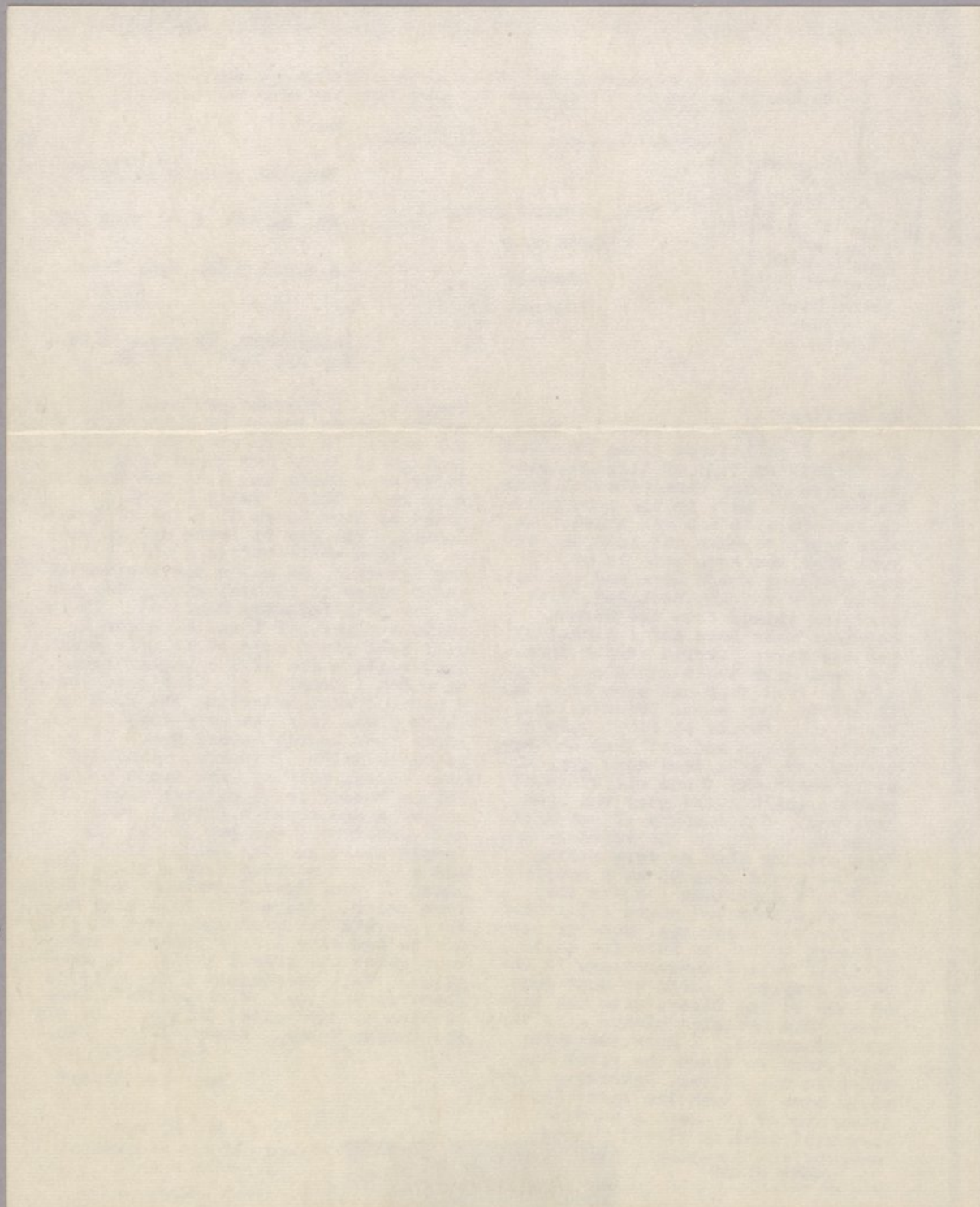
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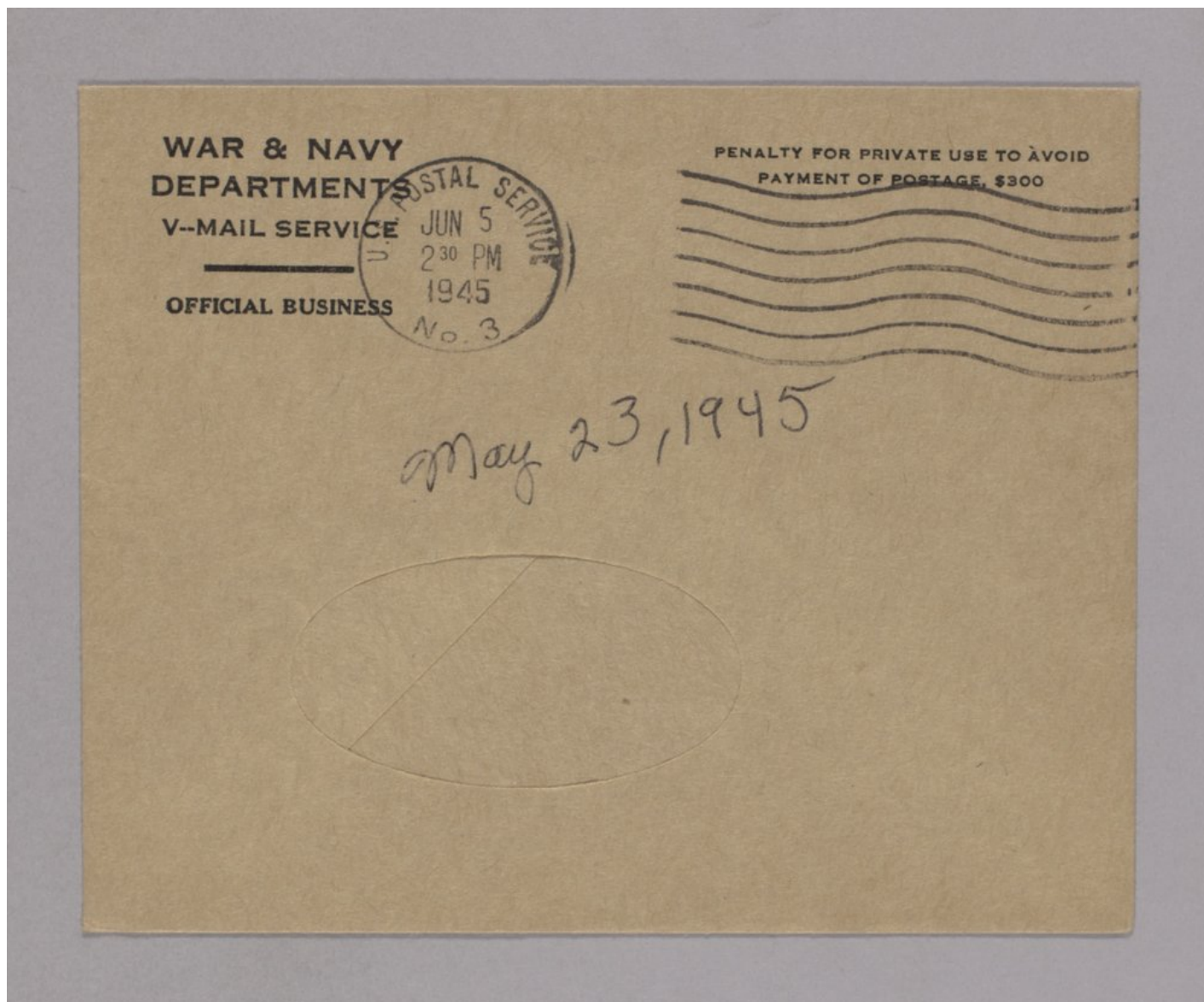
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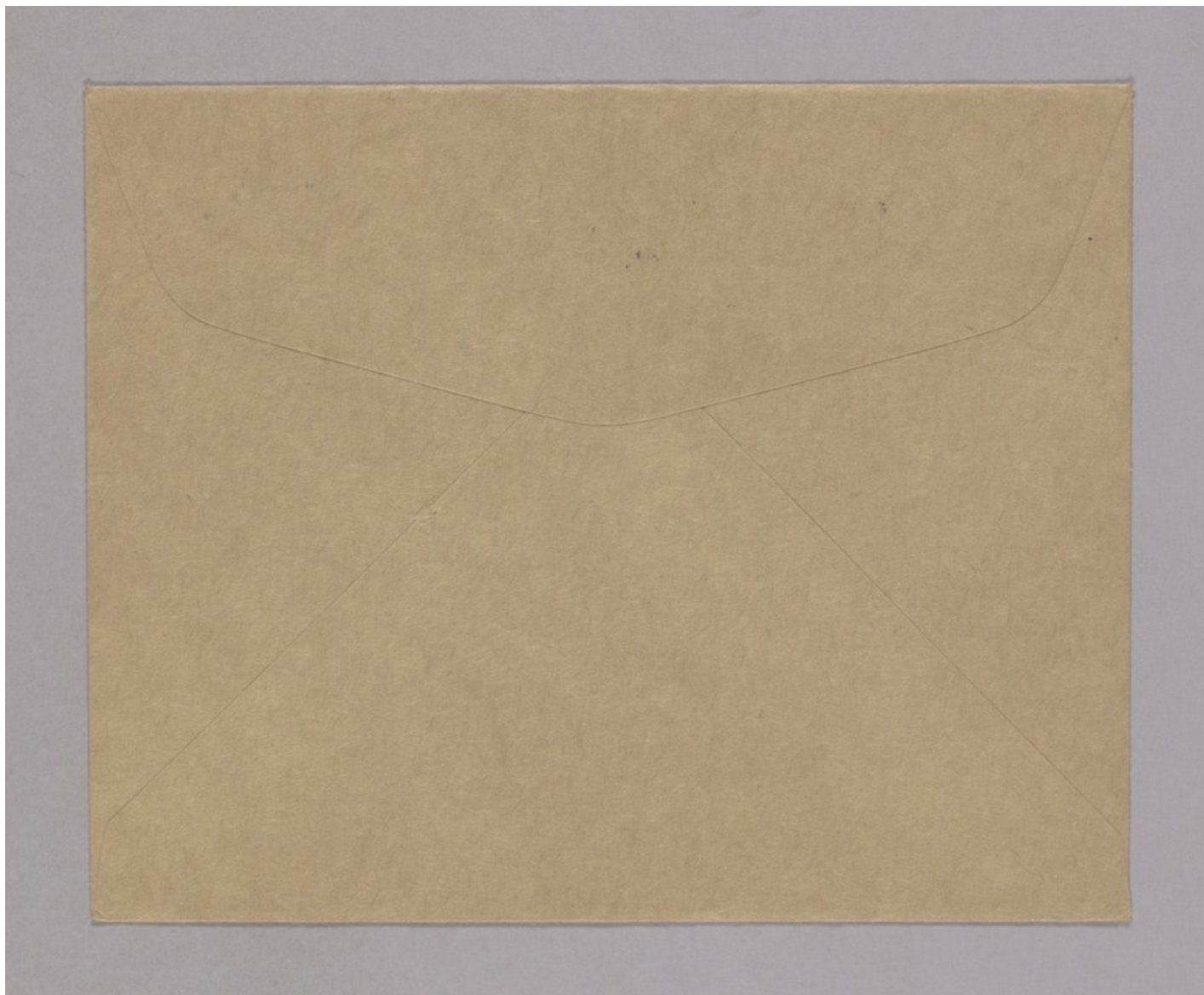
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White City
Kansas

FROM: Dvt. Jr. Horace Sharp 37746442
Co. B 1st. Plt. 18th Inf.
A.P.O. 1 & PM. New York
N.Y.

(CENSOR'S STAMP) SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2 (Sender's complete address above)

Czechoslovakia
May 25, 1945. Saturday.

My Sweetheart:
It is pretty quiet around here this morning so will take the opportunity to write my sweetheart a letter. The rest of the guys are out parading, but I stayed for house guard which I would much rather do than parade./I just heard over the radio that the First Army was going to take their training out in California, before they go to the Pacific, gosh I wish I was still in the First Army then I could come home and visit and then go to California and see Hazel and Betty./ I got a great big package from home yesterday it was filled with candy kisses, bars, gum, cigarettes Lemon drops and also some caramels, but there isnt much left of it now since I have passed it around. / I got a letter and some pictures from Hazel and Betty yesterday and everybody was telling me how good looking my sisters were and how ugly I was. Ha./ Golly, it is really swell now that the war is over a guy doesnt have to worry about anything, just sit down to the radio and take it easy or go to bed and not having to think about getting up at mid-nite and going into an attack. It is going to be much better still when we get Japan whipped, but I am afraid that will be quite a while yet because they dont surrender like the germans do./I am almost sure I will have to go to the Pacific, so the longer I stay over here the longer it will be before we will have to fight the Japs./ There isnt much going on around here anymore since the war is over, it seems like all the excitement has stopped since the Jerries quit./ Some of us guys have been thinking about going deer hunting but we havent gotten around to it as yet, there is a lot of deer around here./ I guess I never did tell you that I took the insides out of one of my watches and put a picture of you inside, I really like it, I still have two watches. / Gosh, honey it will be swell when we can be together again, I never forget some of the nites we spent together, because of some of the little things that we did. Must close now honey
I love you
Horace Sharp Jr.

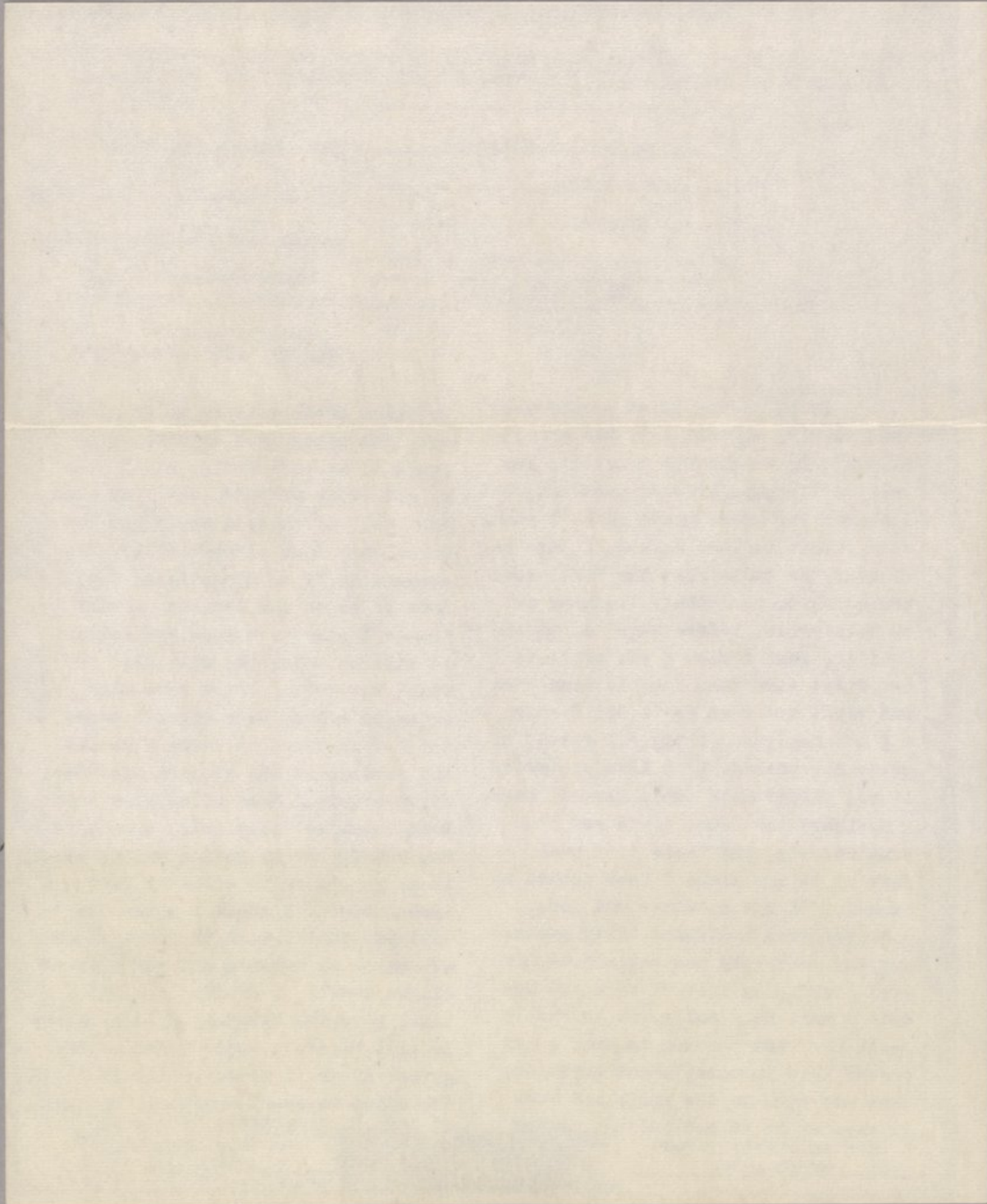
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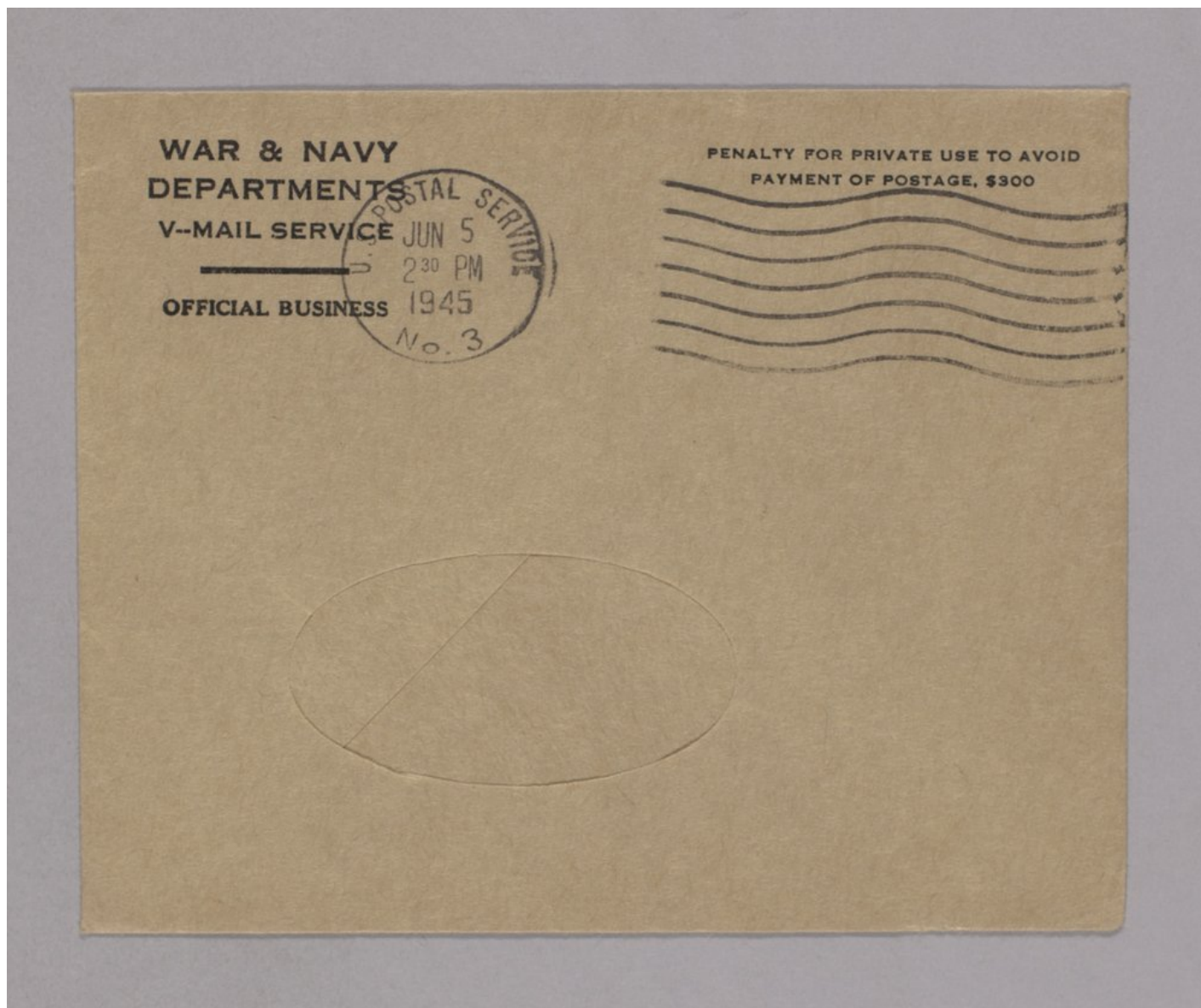
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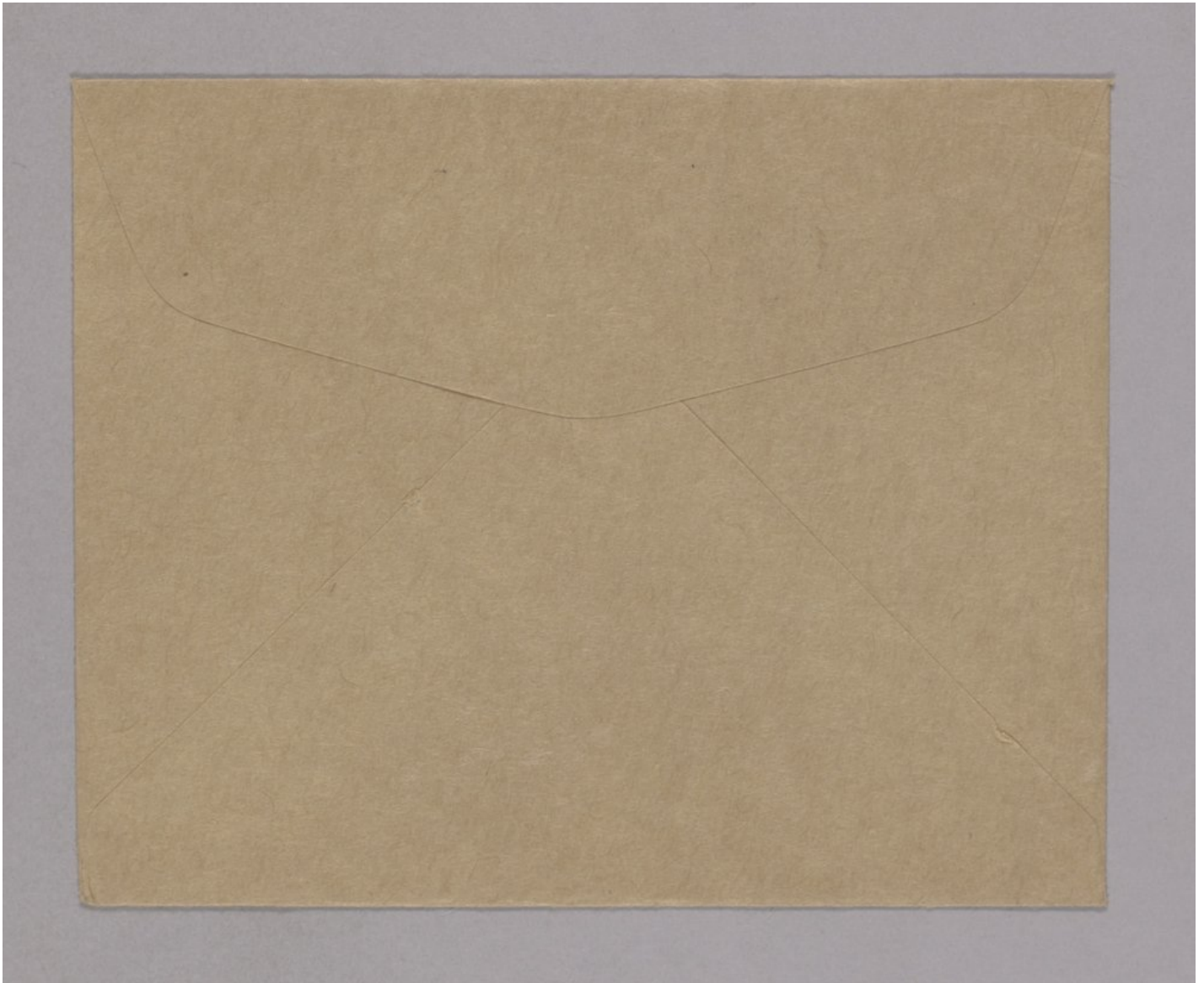
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18TH INFANTRY

REGIMENT



COMPANY "B"

Czechslovakia.
May 31, 1945.
9 PM. Thurs.

My Darling

How are you this evening? Fine I hope. I am OK. It has been raining here most of the day so ~~it~~ it has been pretty miserable. We have been inside most of the day, we went down this morning and they told us about the History of the First Division.

So you have almost decided ~~to~~ not to go to Summer School. Well I dont know as I blame you, but I imagine it will get pretty tiresome around home. I would certainly like to be there to help occupy some of your time. Honey, you talk like that I am coming home for sure, I wish I felt that way, but I feel that most any day they might say to get on a boat for the Pacific. I hope I am wrong. It doesnt look so bad since those Divisions that are coming home are pretty new Divisions and this is an old one, but you know the Army it is hard telling what they will do.

I havent written to you for several day as we have been pretty busy, except for last nite and I had a terrific headache.

I got a letter from Roderick today and he is some where here in Germany, if we move back soon I am going to try and look him up.

I noticed today that some of these Jerries that were once soldiers are civilians now, it seems funny that our government turns them loose soo soon. They are certainly lucky.

Yes, I think it would be swell, that is if you are in Emporia when and if I get home. I could get me a room there. I could sleep all day while you were in school and then you could come up and spend the night. Ha, Ha. Am I kidding or not!!!? I hope

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this passes the censor OK.

I remember when we used to have those last day dinners and we really had plenty to eat. Golly, I would have really liked to have been there this year. Some food that is home cooked would really taste good. About all we get over here is imitation or dehydrated. I know it doesn't take long for it to get tiresome.

What was Jr. Blythe doing in Council Grove the night of the Dance. He told me in his last letter about a girl he was going with down there. Was any one with him?

I am sure I don't have any idea where that board came from that had yours and my initials on it. That was quite a coincidence.

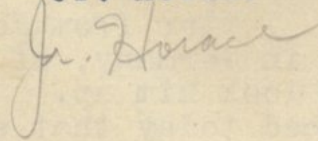
What do you think of my new stationery? I think it is pretty nice. I can write clear across it without this typewriter skipping any.

Well some one else might want to use this typewriter so guess I had better be signing off for now. I received a letter from Mary Ellen a couple of days ago and she was telling me all about their Sneak Day. I remember we really used to have fun when we went on them. Well this will be all tonight Darling. Gosh Honey I wish I could be with you tonight. I hope it isn't too long before we can be together again. Won't it be swell when we can go down to Burton's Grove and park again. tsk tsk ..umm, umm. or will it, I think it will. Well goodnight Honey, I love you Truly.

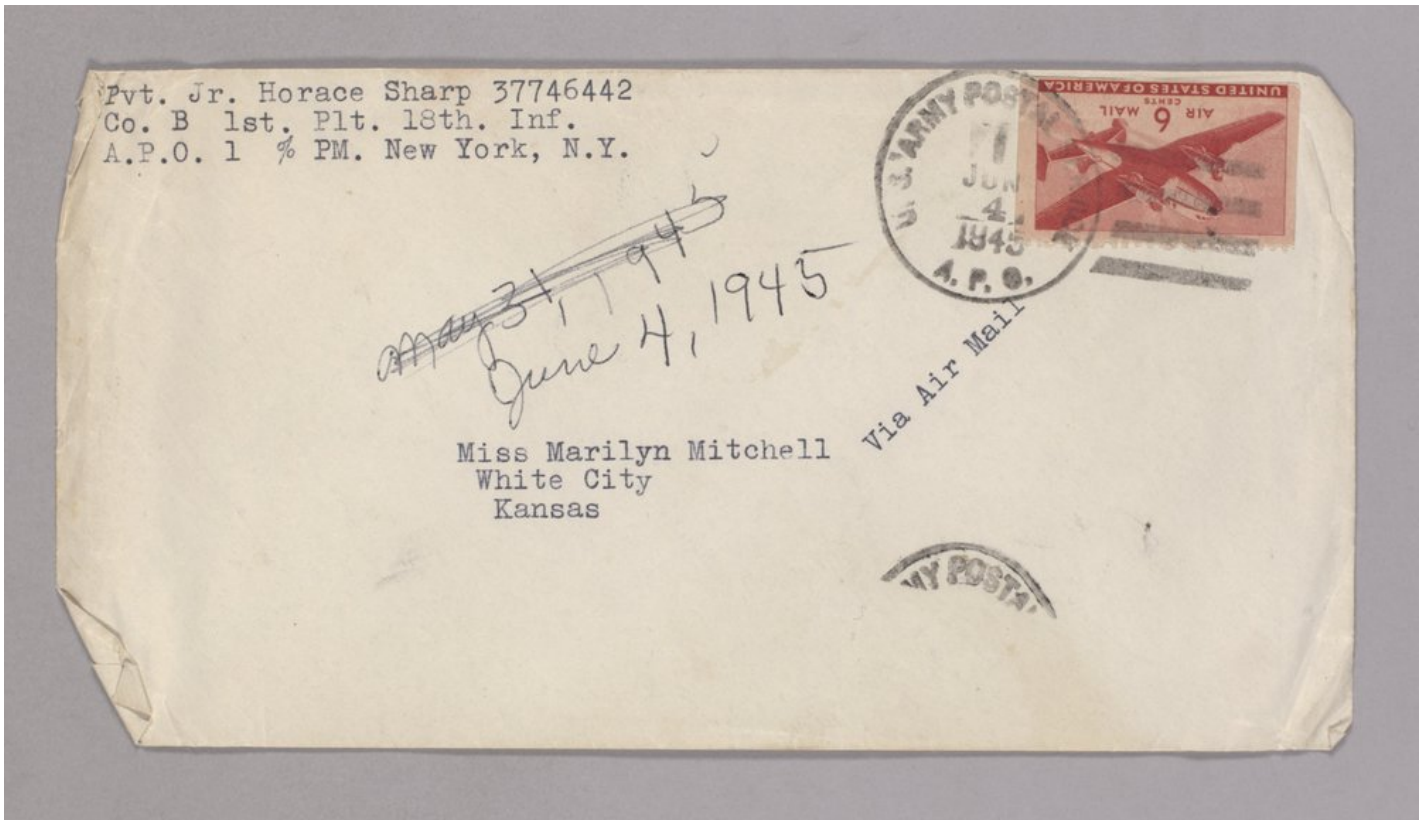
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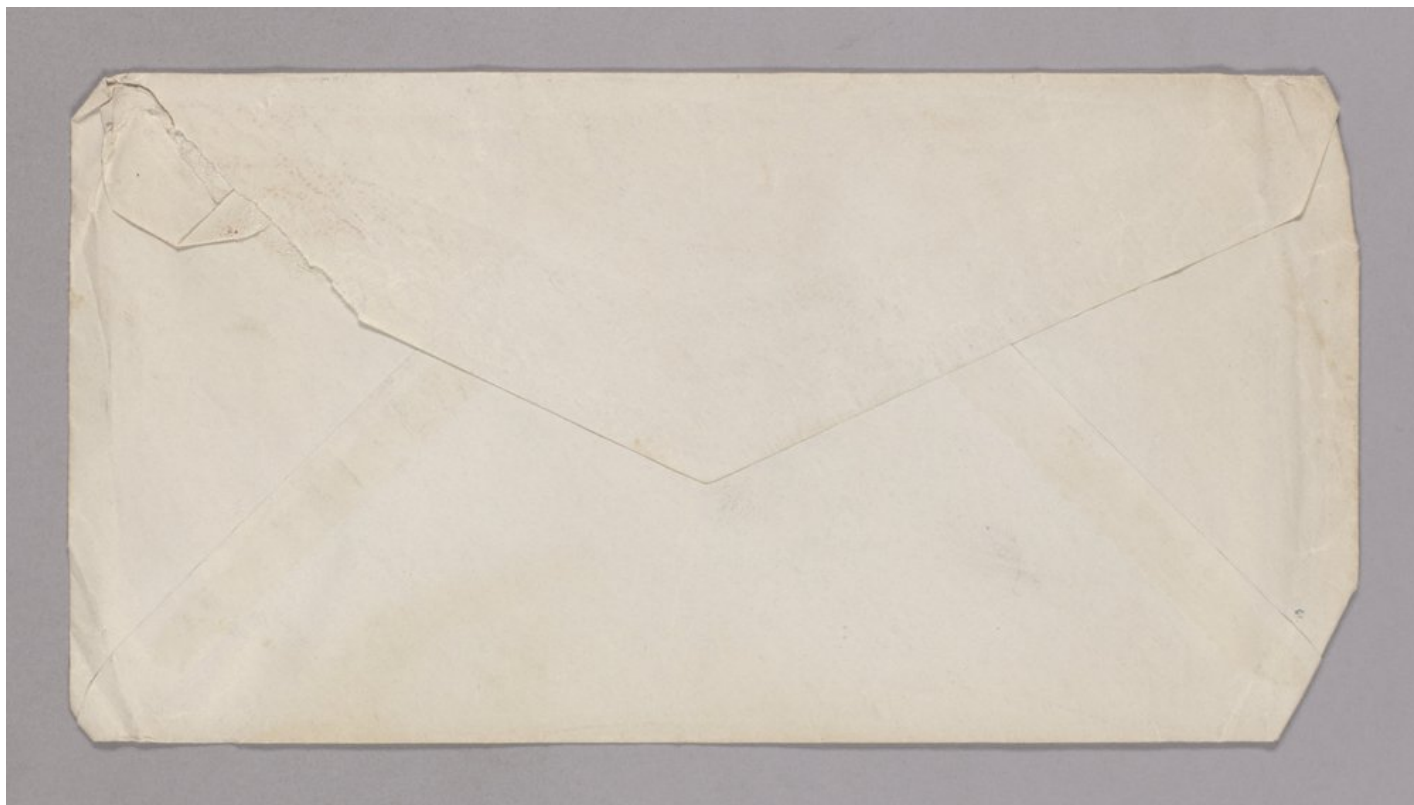
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18TH INFANTRY

REGIMENT



COMPANY "B"

Czechslovakia.
June 3, 1945.
Sunday 7 Pm.

My Sweetheart:

How are you this evening? Fine I hope. I would feel a lot better though if you were here, or I was there I guess would be just as good. It has been a swell day today, but it certainly get tiresome laying around with nothing to do. I suppose the reason it seems so dull is because we are used to so much excitement.

They had a show here this afternoon but I didnt go, the name of it was "Hats Off" the guys that went said it wasnt much good. Yesterday afternoon we went to the show it was "Sweet and Low Down", I didnt know that I had seen it until I got there. I dont remember where it was that I saw it but you were probably with me, it was Benny Goodman and his orchestra. We didnt do much of anything this morning. Rogers and I went over and took a shower and we just messed around this afternoon.

You know this is quite a place, I was just looking out the window and a couple of babes started up the road and a couple of Yanks followed, the gals would look around every once in a while and see if they were still coming, I dont have the least idea where they were going would you?

I got a letter from the folks and also one from Jackie yesterday. Mom said Grandpa and Uncle Doc had come she didnt say how long they were going to stay. I imagine Jackie is out in Kansas by now. She was going down and see Hazle and Betty and then she was going on to Herington. Mom also said that they were going to Henry Barkers wedding that day.

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It was his mother you met in Junction City. He is a Captain in the Medical Corps. He has been stationed in Panama but I dont know whether he will go back there or not. I wouldnt be surprised if he were sent to the Pacific.

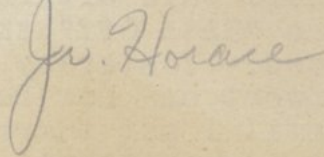
I sold one of my Jerry watches today for Forty bucks, it was really a nice one but I still have one that is just as good which I am not going to sell. I also still have a pocket watch and a case. ~~It was~~ ~~about to be sold~~ I was going to say something else but I guess on second thought that I had better not.

Do you know how many days Albert had at home? I wonder if he got his commission. I would sure liked to have been home when he was there. Where was Harry sent have you heard.

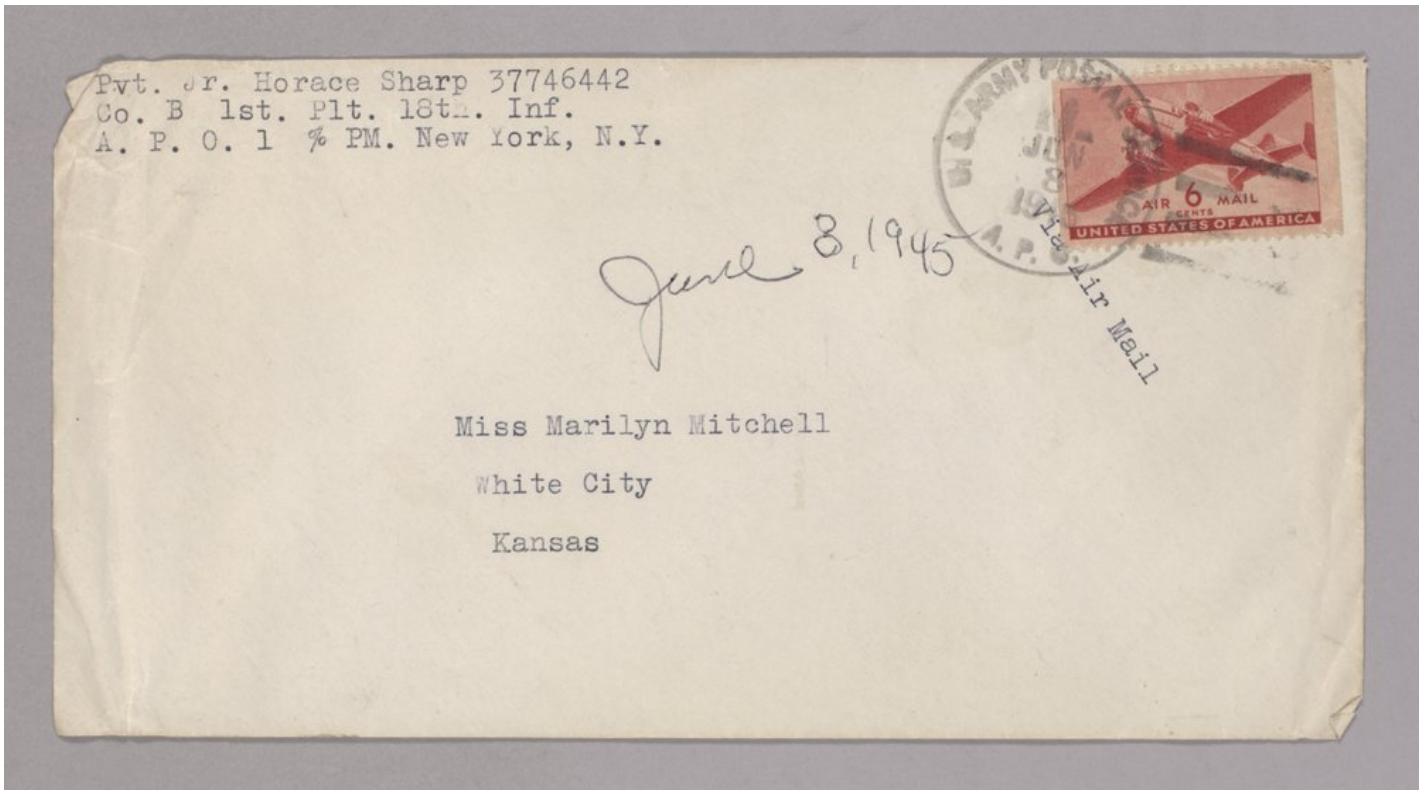
Well I know this letter is awfully dull so instead of continueing the monotony I will sign off for tonite.

Lots of Love

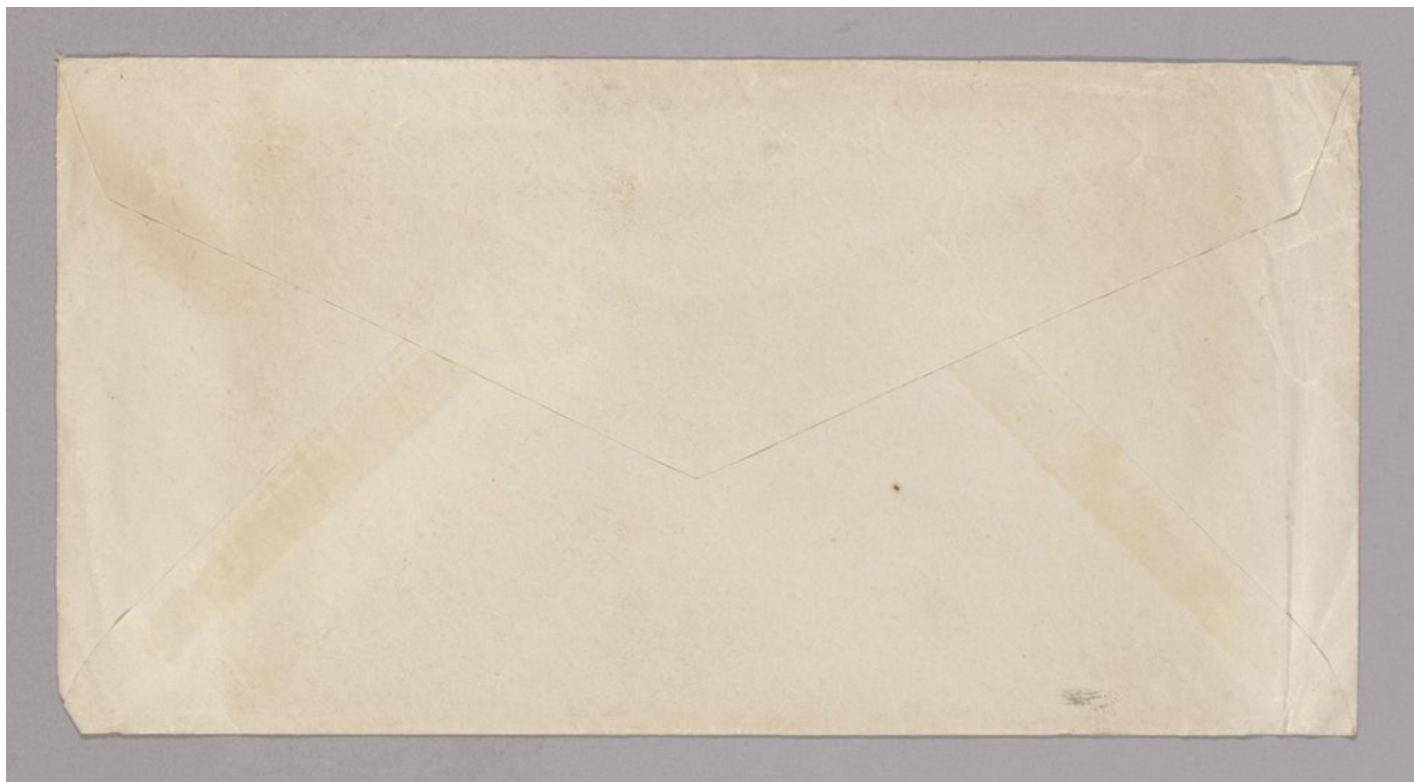
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June 5, 1945.
Sangerberg, Czech.

My Darling:

I received a couple of letters from you today, so will attempt to answer them at this time. We havent been doing much this afternoon. we were getting paid about two thirty and it started raining so we had to call it off ~~and~~ until it stopped. I snet Seventy Five dollars home again today. They havent received the money that I sent home last month as yet. This evening at six thirty we had another prade, it seems all they can think about is parades. I guess we are supposed to mak an impression on the German people, you see most of the peiple in this part of Czech are German and for theat reason we arent suppose to fratanize either. Guess you will have to excuse all these mistakes. We also drewed our new ETO jackets today, I really like them it is something different than the other ones we have had. They made us wear them to the parade and they were really hot. We also had to wear our decorations an our fourteggere which the French presented this Division, it is green and red.

I also got a letter from mam today an she said Uncle Doc and Grandpa had gone back to Albuquerque already. She certainly surprised me by starting her letter out, as follows " I didnt know whether to write you or not as we think you are on your way to the States" thats pretty good i think. She also said Bettys man was super and thought we would like him. Betty says she is a lucky gal. Ha.

You have evidently made up your mind not to go to Summer School since you signed up for work at the Airbase. Is there many soldiers over there any more. How about the civilian workers do they still have a lot of them. I guess I will have to go out there and look it over if I ever get home.

In a letter a couple days ago you sai you didnt know what made me mad, well first you told me you had a date with Priddy and in another you told me not to get mad if you wrote and told me that you had had a date. You said you felt bad when (after you told me you had had a date) I mentioned that since you were having dates I might when I got back. You know how I felt about it but evidently you wish to have them or you wouldnt have written to me and told me not to get mad should you have dates. Well I ~~guess~~ guess i have written enough on that subject for now but just wanted to get it off my mind. ~~!!!~~ Honey, I am not mad at anything now and it is entirely up to you whether you have dates or not, as you are the only one who knows what you want. I am sure if I were there tonite there would be not arguemnt as I would give anything

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to be with you tonite.

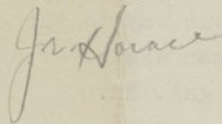
There isnt much news around here any more it just seems like there is nothing going on anymore since we havent been in combat. I am enclosing a couple of poems that certainly express a guy feeling. It came out of our newspaper the stars and Stripes.

Honey, I hope you arent too much surprised but remember when I was home last time we mentioned getting engaged, well honey I have been thinking about it a lot lately, you know I wrote to you at Fort Meade and ask you what you thought, well I hope you havent changed your mind too much. We will have to go into the subject a little deeper when and if I get home, at least I want to and I hope you havent changed your mind. Of course I will probably still have to go to the Pacific after I get back to the states and a lot of things can happen between now and the time that war ends. I thought that I would mention it as I have been seriously thinking about it for quite a while and I want you to do the same and we will do what we think best.

Well Honey, I guess I will close for tonite. Darling I would give anything if you could only be here for tonite. Good nite Sweetheart, I love you very much. I really do.

Love and Kisses

Jr. Horace





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Mrs. H. M. Sharp
Herington
Kansas

From:
Pvt. Mr. Horace Sharp ³⁷⁷⁴⁶⁴³
Co. B 1st. Plt. 18th. Inf.
A.P.O. 1 4 Pm. New York
N.Y.

(CENSOR'S STAMP) See Instruction No. 2 (Sender's complete address above)

Sangerberg, Czech.
June 5, 1945.

Dear Dad Mom and Jackie.

Just got through writting a l e t t e r to mickey so thought I would drop you a line. I made a lot of mistakes on th one to mickey so will probably do the same on this one. This typewriter needs a new ribbon so it will probably be hard for you ro read this one.

So Unc oe and Grandpa have gone back to Albuquerque already, Grandpa and awfully old and I guess it is pretty hard to make up his mind.

You about knocked me over when you said in your letter today that you didnt know whether to write or not as you thought I was on the way home. Well I guess I wont come for a while anyway as I am in the Third Army now and am sort of glad of it as that means I wont go to the Pacific quite as soon unless they send us direct from ~~alaska~~ here, which they had better a not.

So Hazle thinks bettys mean is super eh, well I hope she is right. Betty didnt go with him very long did she. I havent heard from Betty sin ce she got married and dont even have her address in fact I dont have an any bodys address.

Well the lights just went out so I cant see what I am doing. now. Be- I got it typed they were an again. Ha.

We had another parade today and we wore our new ETO jackets that we just got today and our decorations with the fourteggiere which the French presented this Division, this new jacket is really nice.

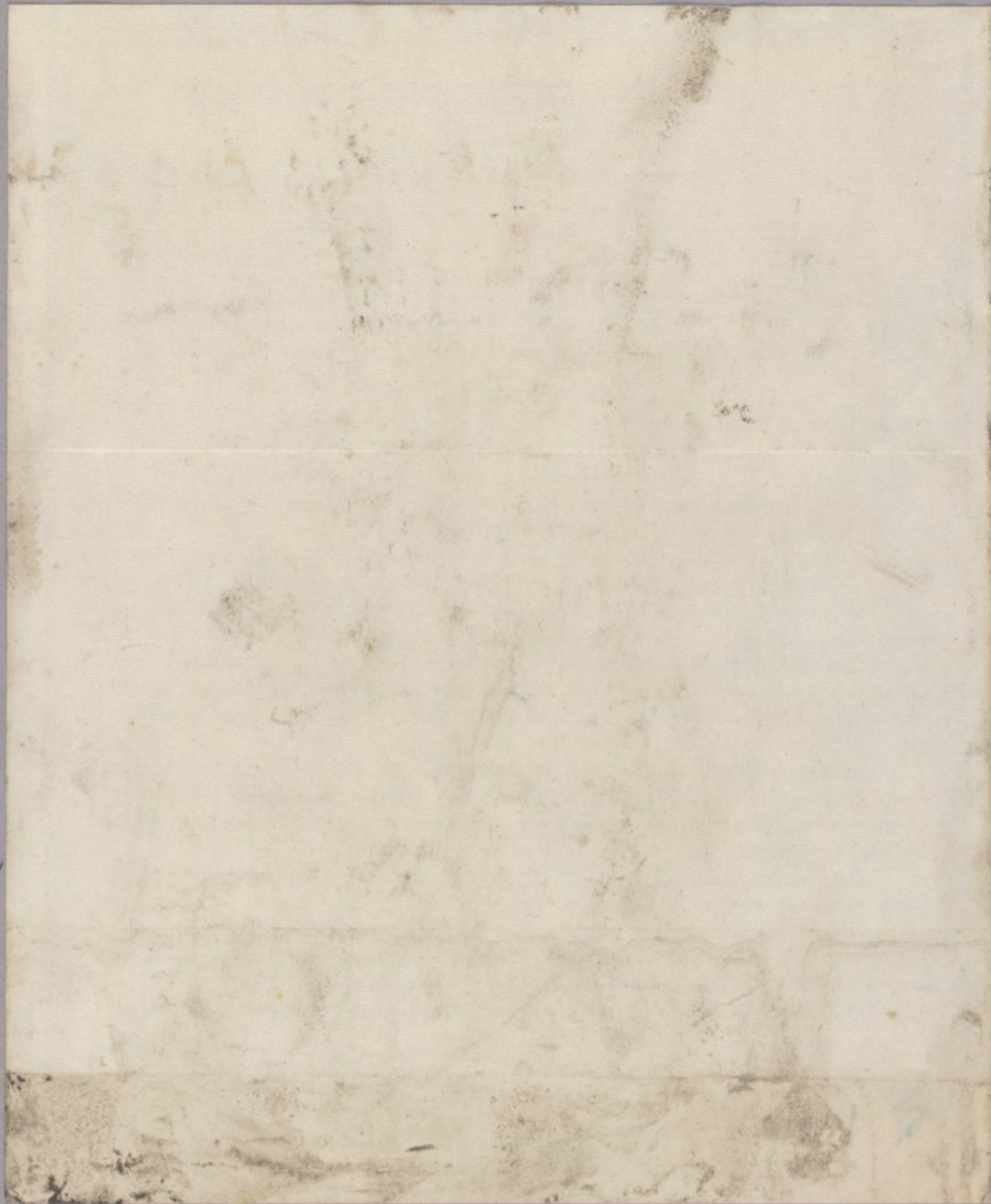
Well I guess I hatter sign off for tonite. I hope every one is ON back home.

So Long
Good nite.

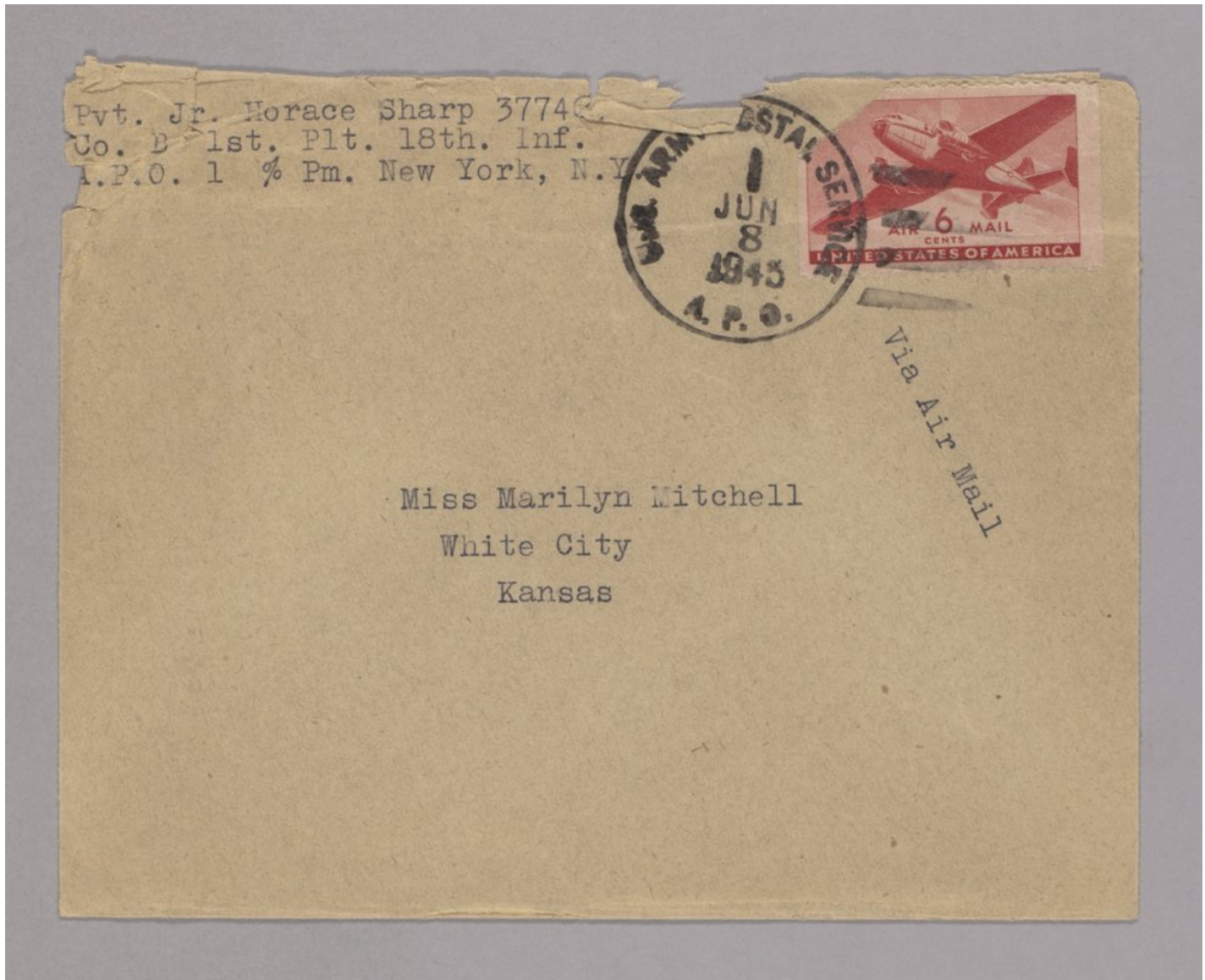
Jr. Horace *Gosh - I am hungry
tonite I was wishing
I would get a package
but I didn't*

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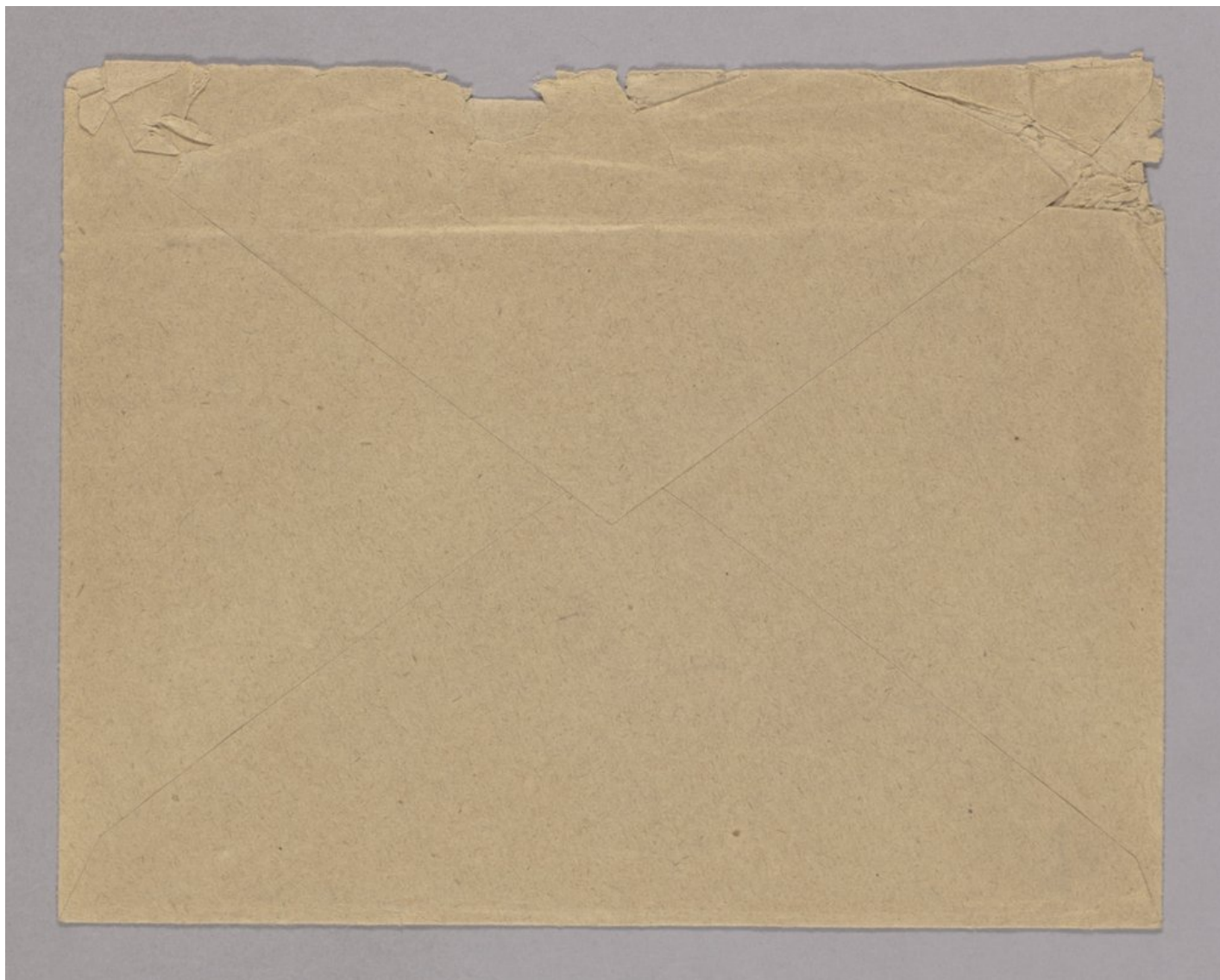
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Jpfhofen, Germany
June 12, 1945
9:30 A.M.

Hi Honey:

I have finally found time to drop you a few lines. As you can see by the heading we have moved since I last wrote to you. We are now here in a town by the name of Jpfhofen it is a little larger than White City; it is down here close to ~~Munberg~~ ~~Munberg~~ we passed through ~~Munberg~~ and there isn't much left of it. We rode down here on Jerry trucks with Jerry soldiers driving for us; it was about 175 mile trip it took us from noon until 3 o'clock in the morning so you can realize how slow it was traveling; but we certainly saw a lot of beautiful country and some interesting things.

We received the news yesterday that the 3rd Army would be on occupation duty and about as soon as we heard that we got the news that we were attached to the Fifteenth Army. To now we don't know whether we are coming or going but I am not going to make any plans until I know. The Fifteenth will probably go to the Pacific as they didn't see hardly any combat over here.

I was certainly sorry to hear about Det Stone

my

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getting it; and that is was for you. I guess I have been mighty lucky so far, I just hope I don't have to go to the Pacific & sweat that out, because a guy's luck can't last forever in this Infantry. I was also surprised to hear that Dale Warnke was killed in action; also Maxine Keebler's husband; and she has 3 children, it certainly is too bad.

I have ~~got~~ a Jerry flag now, which I am going to get all the guys to autograph and then will send it home, also some other stuff. I have a couple little things I want to send you but it is pretty valuable & I don't know whether to take the chance or not. Some of the guys sent some things home but it never did get there.

I got a letter from mom yesterday (Incidentally I didn't get one from you nor the day before either) and she said Doris was at our place now. I suppose Phil is on his way to the Pacific.

We are quartered out here in a depot near the R. R. tracks and it is a pretty good deal; we are near a highway and we have to have an outfit to check all ~~civilian~~ civilian papers & see that all the men have discharge papers. Some of the guys went down into town to get some wine last night & I came in contact with my first Russian; incidentally I don't think much of them.

Golly, I am really sore today, after after we got settled here we played a couple games of softball and I hm! hm! got a couple home runs & that running really made me sore.

yesterday the guys helped a German pick his choices and most of us sat to many of them especially with the wine we had. The German didn't think much of it but there wasn't anything he could do.

P.S. ~~the German didn't think much of it but there wasn't anything he could do.~~

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You ask me if I liked strawberries; I just love them. If I get home I ~~would~~ ^{would} love to come over for supper or dinner. Yes, I agree with you we can have a wonderful time when I if I get home. Speaking of strawberries I remember when we were still fighting we would get in a town & Jerry started throwing in too much artillery & we would head for the houses. We would put a couple men at each door to watch for Jerry & the rest would go to the cellar & eat strawberries, peaches, pears or whatever we could find.

Did you get to talk to Albert while he was home on furlough? Wonder if he will get his commission?

I got another letter from Rodrick the other day and he is over here now. I think he is pretty close to home and I would sure like to see him or younger or both of them.

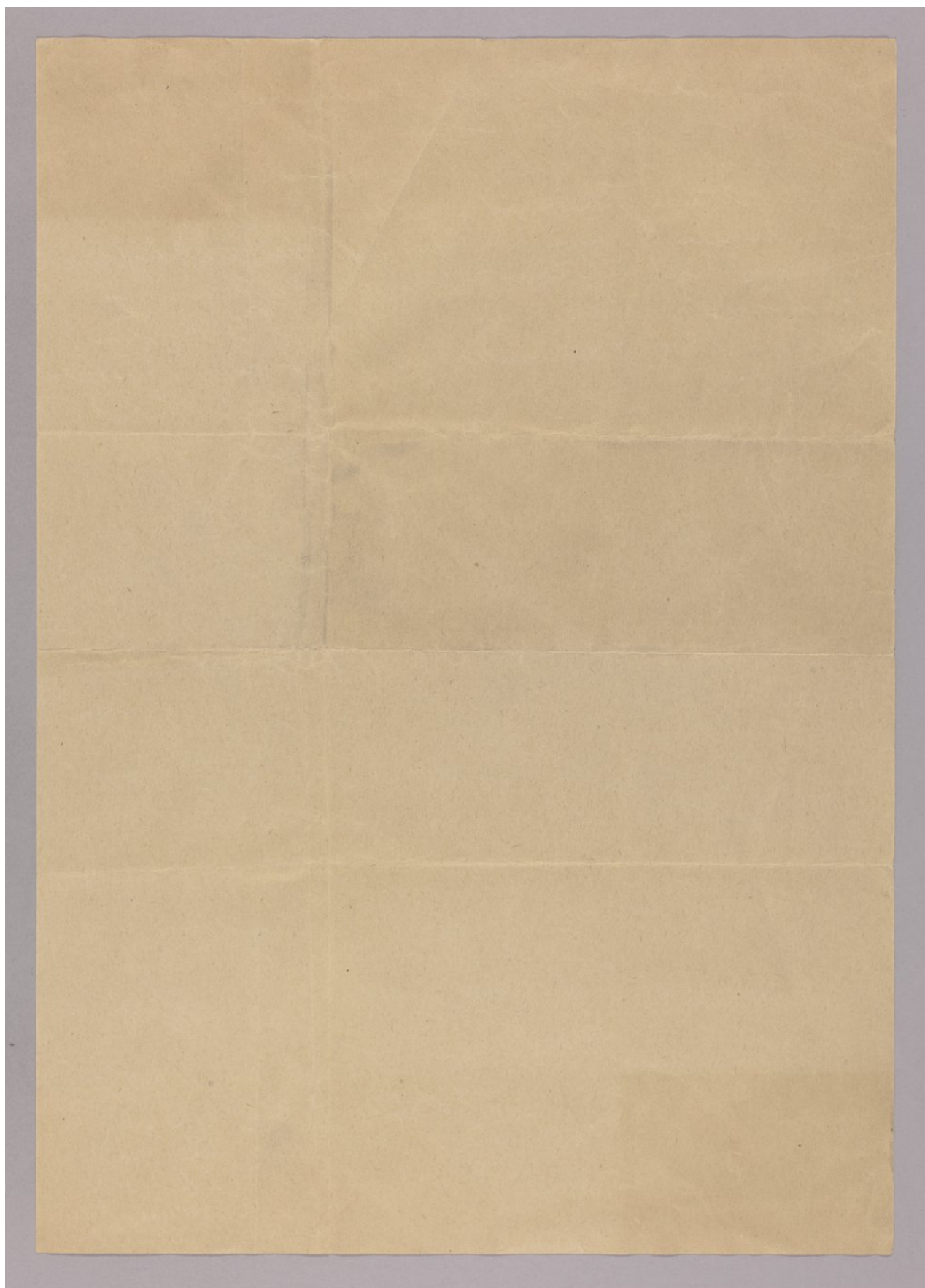
Well it is almost eleven o'clock and that's when Rogers, Bonn & I go on guard so guess I had better be signing off for now.

To the Sweetest Girl in the World

Love
all My Love
Your Sweetheart
Joe Horace

P. S. I have only one Air Mail stamp left but of course I will use it to write to my Sweetheart.

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P.S. Notice I let me know how
long it takes this free letter
to get to you.

Jphofen, Germany
June, 12, 1945
9: A.M.

Dear Folks:

Well, I have finally found time to drop you
a few lines. As you can see by the heading we have
moved since I last wrote to you. We are now
down here in Southern Germany near Nurnberg.
Jphofen, is the name of the town; it is a little larger
than White City but of course is laid out entirely different.
We got here day before yesterday; it was about 175 miles.
We rode down here on a Jerry truck with Jerry
prisoners driving, we started about noon and didn't
get here until three the next morning. We came
through Nurnberg and there isn't much left of it.

Well, yesterday we got the news that the
3rd Army would help occupy Germany but as soon
as we got the news of being in occupation we also got
the report that we were attached to the fifteenth Army
so now we don't know whether we are coming or going.
So I am not going to plan on any thing until I know what
the score is. I would hate rather stay here for occupation
but of course I am not the one to decide.

I received the Register also yesterday; I was sure
surprised to read in it that Dale Warmke was killed
in action. He was in the 3rd Army it said. Have
you subscribed for the Register again for me.
over.

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We really saw some beautiful Country on our trip here; this Country is nothing like the States; along all of the highways there is trees almost continuously absolutely of trees all over the Country side. You can see a long ways over here and it looks just like it does from an Airplane.

Yes, now the next time you send me a box I wish you would put in a big bundle of Jaws Hair Oil I am going to let my hair grow out and I need something to make it stay down. I see Ralhe is advertising it. I am going to send another box home before long at the first chance I get. I am going to get all the guys to autograph the Jew flag I got then I am going to send it home, with some other stuff.

We are now quartered here in a depot by the tracks, there is also a highway going near here where we have an outpost to check all limbo papers & see all the men have discharge papers.

I still haven't heard whether Jackie is out there yet but I imagine she is.

I suppose Dad & Walt are busy setting up combines getting ready for Harvest.

It is really raining here at the present I hope it lets up after while.

Just five more days and I'll be in the Army a year. The 17 of June. Must close for now. Love, Horace

P.S. I wish you would also send me some Air Mail stamps

P.S. yes, I am Pfc. and have been for about 3 months but just sign my name Pfc. it means \$10.00 more money

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