Washington, Ill.
March 31, 1917

Dear Helen –

Saturday a.m

and me cake is in the oven. I've been making food for the devils.

The reason I haven't answered your letter is because I've been waiting for some thing interesting to happen but I guess you would never get your letter if I waited

on that.

There has been nothing special doing since Pat's dinner Party.

I went out to Blanche's last Saturday P.M. and staid all night. Mid & I kept Wa Wa (as he calls himself) while the kids went to a party at Ernest Richie's, who by the way are moving to Ella Paso, as Cork says.

Mid and I went to Sunday School. I had fun with that bunch

tired I could hardly wiggle. But wiggle I had to because I had to lead at league that night. Mrs. Calhoun called me up the fore part of the week and wanted to know if I would lead, well you know how much of chance I had of getting out of it with out peeving her. I didn't have enough to take up all the time so I stuck in the first

in our class. They sure can tell the craziest things.

Sunday P. M. Lawrence and I went on a hike. We walked out past Morris's down the end of that road past the red brick house, where Marguerite, you, Ella and I had those pictures taken, cut thru the timber and came home on the Peoria road. I was so

Home." I saw Iona ~~these~~ she told me about the National and the Briscoe. Hang on to it dearie. I'm crazy to hear all about it because Iona couldn't tell me very much. Well I'll finish later because I am going to Peoria this P.M and if I'm not ready when the kids come I'll get mine.

Ta-Ta.

April 1 -

Dinner is over and if I'm lucky I won't have to

song I came to and that was "All Hail to the Prince of Life." Doods if you could have heard 'em murder that poor piece. First thing Inez couldn't play it. O, gee, I wanted to howl.

I haven't done anything all week except go to the show Tues. night.

Last night Mid and I went to H. S. play given by the Seniors. It was The Man from

to do dishes. I've done my share towards the dinner. I made a date pudding and some baking powder biscuits. My cake turned out real decent for (one thing) me Enough for cooking.

Well, I went to Peoria I never put in such a tiresome afternoon. I exchanged things for Mid all afternoon. She went over Tuesday and I think I took back half of what she bought.

Elsie and Isabella went over too. I wish someone could just mention one thing that Elsie doesn't possess. I sure feel sorry for Pa Danforth's pocket book. I bet he feels sorrier, poor old fellow. (Nit)

You know we were to have gone over to Imogene's Friday night but she called it off for some reason or other.

Mid and I went down town last night. Did a

had been missing for about a week so Harry and another man started up the mountain to hunt him. The man who was missing reached the place where he was headed for but nothing had been heard of Harry and the other fellow and five days have ~~passed~~ gone by since they were heard from. They think they were caught in a land slide because they traced their foot-

little shopping, took in the movies and came home. On the way home we met Smitty. He looked as if he had been sick for six months. I hadn't seen him all week so don't know whether its that or hard work.

Guess who I heard was dead? Well you can't so I'll tell you. Harry Cowden. They say that he had turned over a new leaf and was doing fine. It seems like some man

steps as far as a land slide.

Thacasa Keil was married to that Reinholtz boy last Tuesday. They say its another case of have to. I believe this little city is getting rotten.

Clint Waughop has bought out the Danforth Hotel.

Mildred wants to know if the man with the National and Crusoe was good looking. She doesn't think it possible that three such things could go to-gether.

Well, I am going to cease all of this and take a nap.

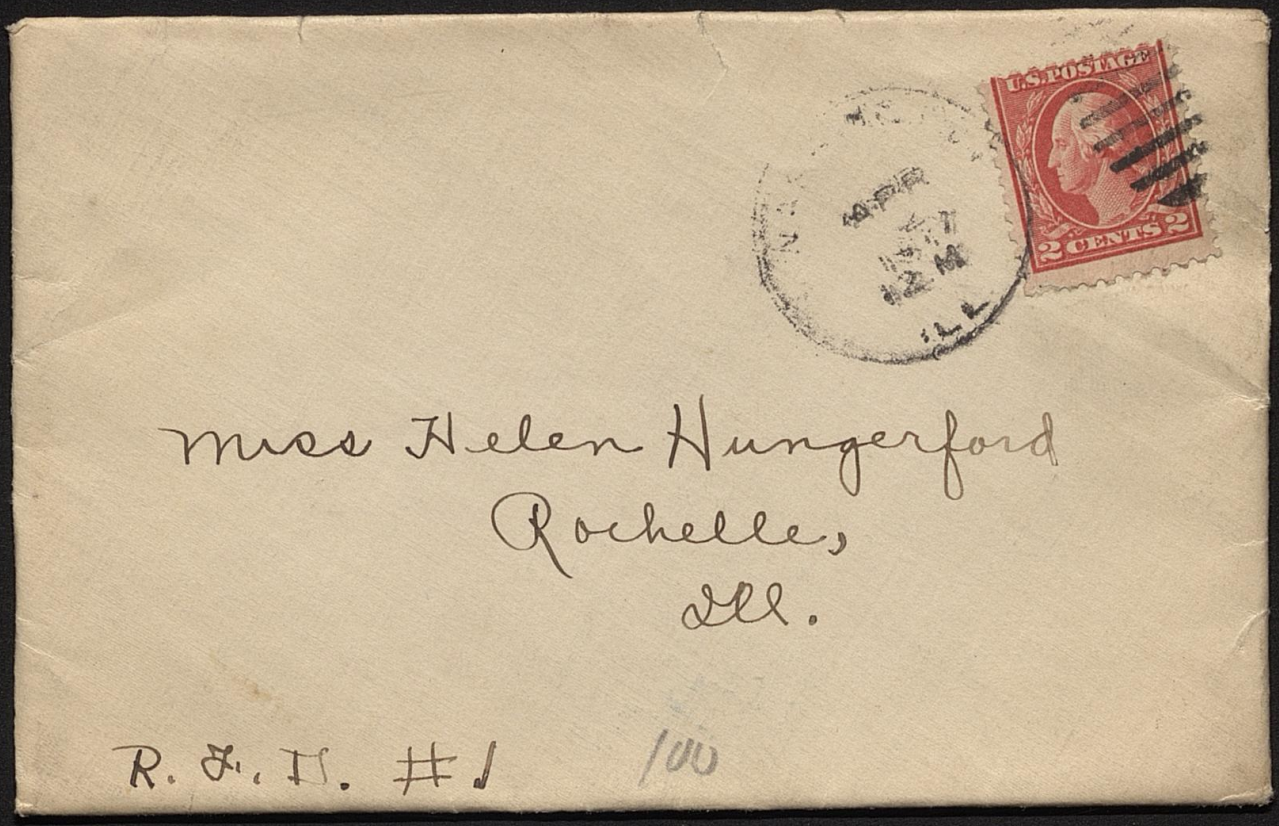
Write immediately and tell every thing you know.

Remember me to your father and mother, pull the cat's tail and scratch Trixie's back for me.

If you don't want to write come down and stay this next week end with me - that will do just as well.

With lots of love,

Reas.



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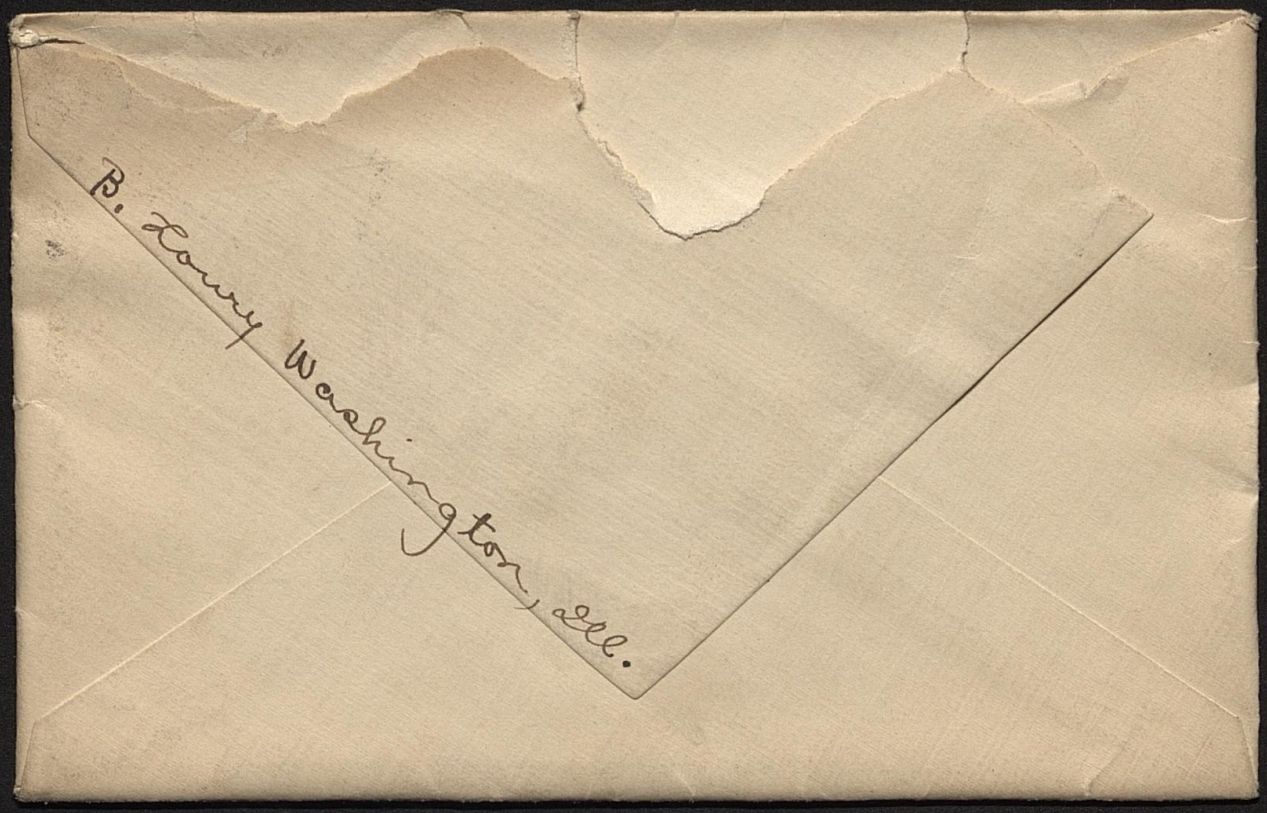
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Washington Ill
Mar. 31. 1917

My Dear Helene:

To-morrow is the big day and instead of coming up to see you I am writing you a love letter. And little reason for it <u>too</u>, because on that last night; the end of the world, I called up grandpapa Hungerfords for you till they finally told me to go lay an egg. So it is up to you to explain the details as to where you were and why you did not leave word where you were going to be.

So far so good, but, it is the same old grind here only more so, no excitement or scandal. Last nite was the senior class play and I am enclosing the program it was very deep and heavy nothing like last year. They all did very good and all knew their parts.

Everybody is buying automobiles

here except me and I have to walk all summer.

In Peoria you see soldiers all over and the bridges are under guard. If I go to war I expect to have you go as a nurse. See.

Good bye Dear heart

Ralph S.

every night. Don't you ever get a little, "Oh I won't ask you, as you won't ans. anyway." I will wait till I see you then I will make you tell me.

Think of me once in a while, "not much to think of" but I do of you day & night.

I have run out of paper, thus this small & awful writing.

Ans. real soon as I would like to hear from you, every other day but it seems like, "once a week."

It is time for bed so good-night & dreams of you.

With love,
Glenn H.

I must smoke a few minutes. My old habit. Can't quit it.

Washington Ill.
May 18. 16

Dear Helen,

Just back from town. It is sure dead. The other day I couldn't hear you plain at all. You asked me something & I just said, "I don't know." Ha. Ha. Could you hear me?

In your last letter you said you would write again and that is why I hasn't wrote sooner. You owe me another letter.

Hasn't been doing much but going to the show. I have been playing quite a good deal lately, "not at home though."

There is a basket-ball game here to-night but I didn't care much to go.

I am crazy to see you but I

to come last Sun. Bess led the League Sun. eve. & gave me a question but I was over to see Fred Sun. aft. & didn't get home till seven. I went to church though. Fred has got a girl in Peb. What do you know about it?

Old pal "Bob Stormer" is going to get "tied up" in June. I roast him all the time. He is counting the days. Ha. Ha. Yee I feel sorry for him because I know he will be sorry of it. I know Garnett, "you know".

The band, "Myers famous" is going to play next Tues. eve for a patriotic doings in town. Nothing in it. Gratis job. It makes me sick.

What do you do up there guess, "no chance," for awhile so I "grin & bear it." I suppose you think I am "half cracked," wanting to come so soon but the Peerless Co. in Peo. offered me a pretty good position a week or so ago but it won't be open for a couple weeks yet. I would like to see you before then because it might be a little hard to get off. I don't know whether to accept it or not.

Where did you go the other day? Write & tell me. I'll bet when you get acquainted up there you will forget all about myself & Washington in general.

Bess L. asked me Sun. morn. why I didn't go to Rochelle Sun & I said "I didn't know." I wonder how she knew I wanted


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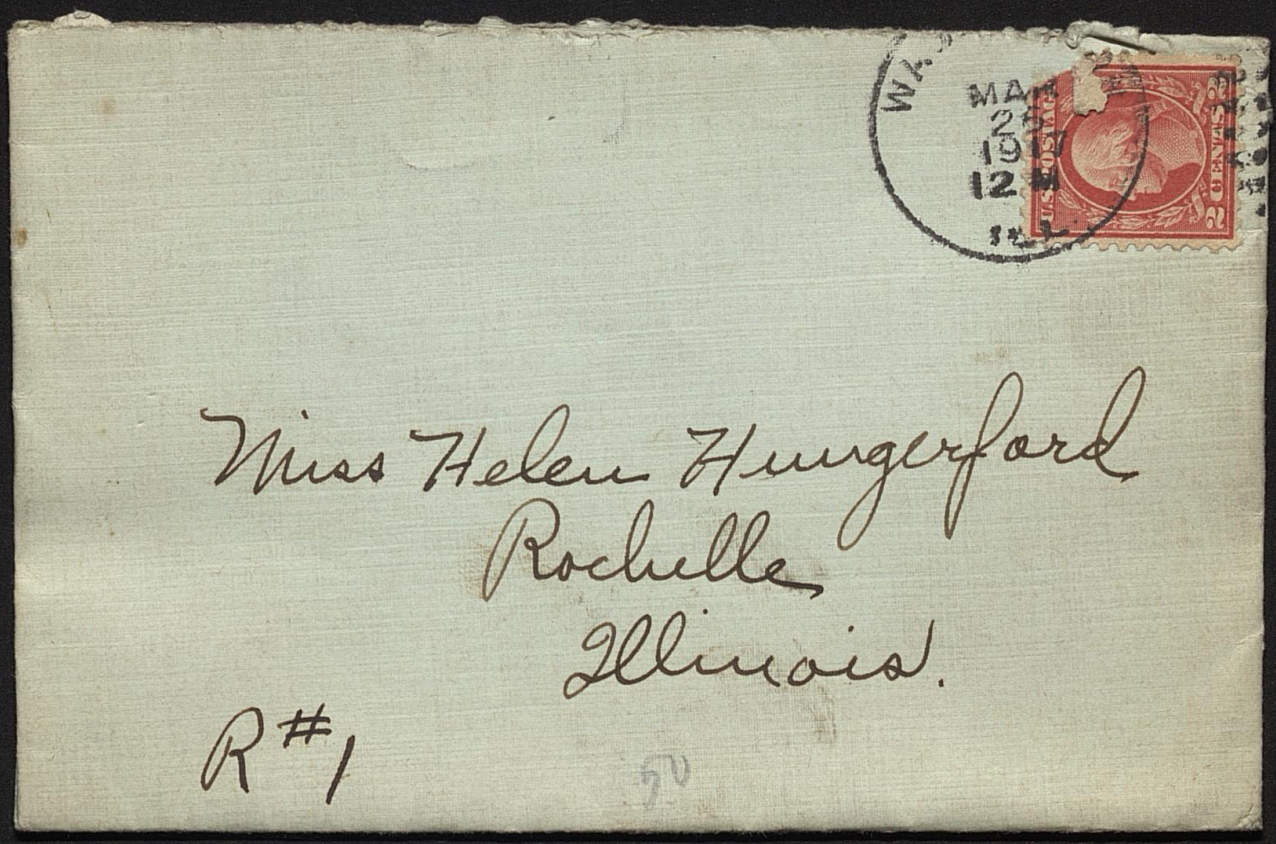
know busy you have been and we're pretty busy too. There is always something to do and now we have to clean house within the next two weeks. I went to Peoria last Monday and stayed all night with Hope Graff. Thursday night went to a card party at Pauline Field's but there isn't much going on. Want to go to Pekin again Tuesday to get a Spring hat. Today has been so nice that it makes you want spring clothes.

My dear Helen:-

Was so glad to get your card last week and find that you are getting settled. Although I didn't see you very often when you were here still I knew you were in town and now it means one more of our old bunch gone. But I expect after you've been there awhile you won't even want to come back.

I can imagine just

Our club met last with
Pat at Reyburns and she had
us go for supper and spent the
evening playing cards, just
seven there but we had an
awfully nice time. Next Friday
night we are all going to
Peoria as Imogene's guests
and go to the Orpheum and
the Apollo and home on the
midnight. Either was home
today but I was at Uncle
Harlan's for dinner so didn't
get to see or talk to her.
She wants Sarah and I to
spend some week end
with her soon. Bessie
was out at Blanche's Saturday
and I saw her a few
minutes. She has a pretty
new green suit. I got a
gold colored coat, don't know
whether I'll like it much
or not. There is going to be
a Red Cross First Aid Course
here, begins Thursday and
Quez, Iona and I are going
to take it so perhaps we'll
all be going to war some day.
There is an awful hole in our
road about Kings and several
cars have been stuck there
today & had to be pulled out.
Lots of love from Isabella



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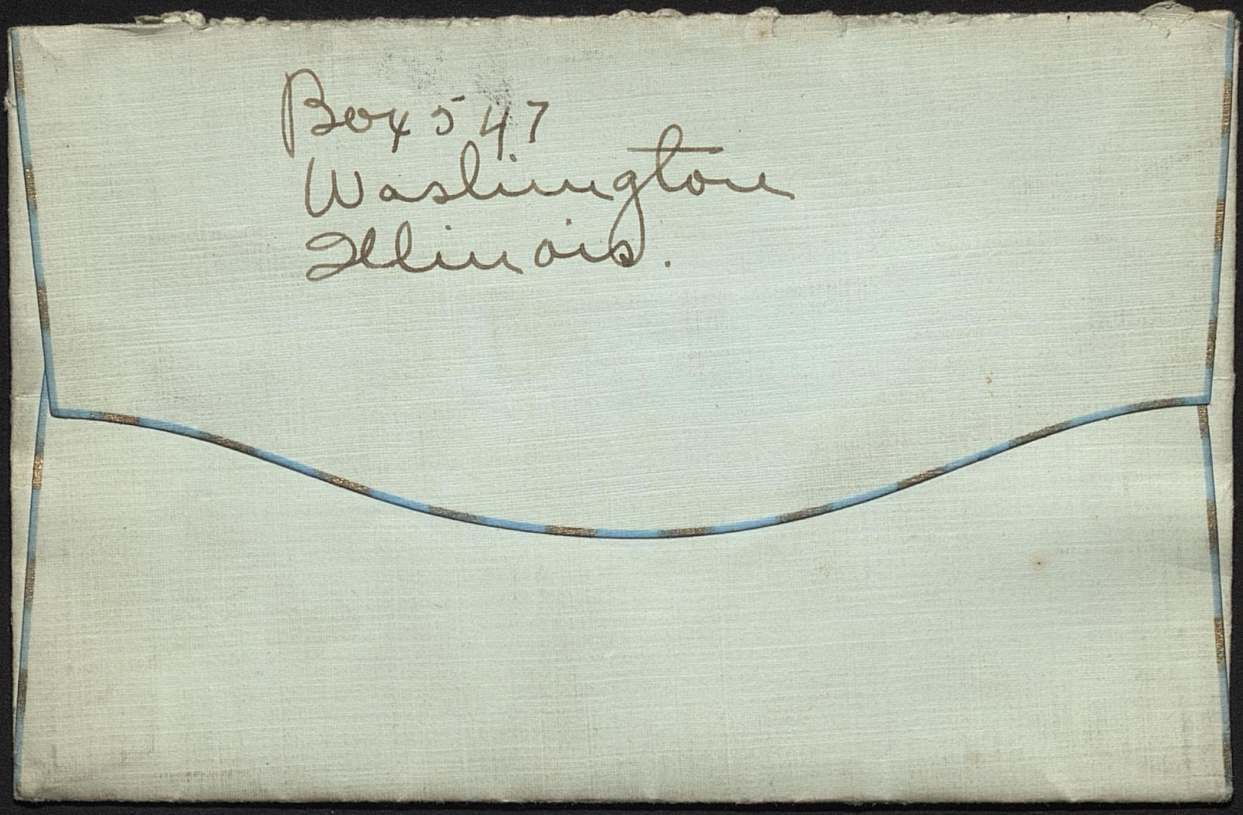
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March 21st 1917.

Dear Helen

I have an awful pen but will try to write so you can read it. I must first tell you how glad I was to hear from you. I read the card over two or three times before I laid it down and played it was so long. I just talked with Bessie and she said she would lead League on Sunday night I was so glad she did not object at all. It always makes me happy when the girls are willing to do things. You were such a treasure Helen I shall never forget you. Ruth was here this afternoon. she and Inez are the acting secretaries during the contest. that is they sit at the table and keep the

counts all straight while we climb the "Peak." They not only chose sides again, but changed our sides so that Mr C & I sit back where you did. Mrs. Dunnington and Mildred sat behind us, and Mr and Mrs Grimmup sat before us, and Pearl and Zelva Hagenston sat with us last Sunday night, and Mr Harvey led. I wish you could have heard him, it was just my ideal of a League meeting. Pearl & Zelva are coming here on Sat. to get their Miss. mystery work. We had a fine meeting at Mrs Gotts. she invited us there and Florence entertained with her help. I thought it was so nice. Luella and Daisy and Pearl and Zelva were our new ones. Ruth led very nicely in the absence of Agnes. Miss. Berry did not come on account of sickness in the home. said she would try to

be at our April meeting. no one yet has offered to take it but I am hoping Luella will. Josephine was here this evening to have one help her get her paper ready to read at Fremont April 1st at the County S. School teen age convention. she is to represent all the Sunday Schools in Washington. I think she will do nicely. I think she is such a sweet girl. Ruth appointed her as one of the Standard Bearers and the next day she came with the money her own added to it for the year, and filled out her blank and sent it on to the treasurer. I was shut in last week with a cold on my lungs did not get out on Sunday or even to the Junior League. So one rainy gloomy afternoon Inez slipped in with a large pan of cookies. her

delicious ones you know that only Dreg makes. her face was almost as cheery as the sunshine at any rate it was sunny while she was here. always Happy I guess Inez said her when she was not. Agnes was over yesterday while I was washing in the morning: she wanted items for the Peoria paper she corresponds for. It was quite windy and cold I thought, but she said it was "just delightful" out. she reports everything "lovely" at Wyoming says Oliver is raising chickens. Miss Elizabeth Steid told us at Junior League today about the children of the Southern Mountains, their poverty, slovenliness, ignorance and need. the children were interested. I am going to give the juniors a marsh mallow party, darken the rooms, turn on lights, and toast them in the grate. I have really run out of paper dear so must finish in a later issue. glad you like your new home. give my love to your mama. and write again with love Wm Calhoun

Mrs. V. Calhoun
Washington, Illinois



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Mar. 20. '17

Dear Helen,

Recd. your letter this morn. I sure was glad. I suppose you got mine. Sun. nite I couldn't figure out why I didn't hear from you so I wrote as I did.

Now you owe me another one and I want it by Thurs. nite or Fri. morn.

Really though, I do

want to come up. Sat noon. I don't care if you haven't got the house all fixed up. Ha. Ha.

Let me know, Helen + it had better be favorable too, "See". Ha. Ha.

So much to tell you + to much to write.

Ans. soon

Love

Fleur

It is about time for the noon train. Thus this hurry.


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Washington Ill
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Dear Helen,

I am wondering why I don't hear from you. I mailed a letter to you last Tuesday & haven't heard from you. Maybe you didn't get the letter.

Listen Helen, if you did I wish you would ans. and let me know what is the trouble.

If you don't write me something this time I will have to stay away I guess, won't I?

Well here hoping that you didn't get the last letter, then I will know why you didn't answer.

Say Bob D. in town yesterday at the depot.

Ans. soon,

With love,

Glenn

that is about all. I have been home all day, but what up town for for about a half-hour this eve.

I read, "When a Man's a Man," this afternoon. I sure read some. I haven't felt good all day.

Well-listen, Helen, please ans this letter will you?

Don't forget to let me know about coming up. I sure would love to see you.

Has somebody been writing you some nice stories about myself?. Ha. Ha. You wouldn't believe them if they did, I know you wouldn't.

Say I wanted to come up Sat., the twenty-fourth, if I can hear from you but the last few days I feel as though you don't want me.

I have been working right along but


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Washington, Illinois,
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My dear Helen: -

My I was tickled to hear from you. To prove it I'm going to write you a long letter, so get ready, I'll not even stop to paragraph. Red Cross class met here tonight & they've just left, I'm all alone, me learned how to revive a drowned man tonight, my the work is interesting but it's hard I'm afraid when it comes to the exams I'll find out I'm not intended to be a nurse. We meet 3 times a wk so it keeps us busy. Dona is spending this week at church singing for the preachers, no they're having conference this week so she has the pleasure of singing in the choir every night I've not seen her to chat all week she

even misses Red Cross classes.
Isabella went up to Mt Anona to spend the
week end with Esther S. Schertz.
We girls have organized a
Camp Fire girls camp, Isabella
Pat & myself are only gals our
age rest are all younger, I
wish Dona could belong but
she doesn't like to hike or
can't I mean, play tennis or
any thing athletic in chief.
Jessie Floyd's wife my sister in
law & Mrs Mencer's daughter
is back on a visit, (silly) you
showed see her she weighs as
much as I do and you know
how short she is, why really
one can't see any waist line at
all she looks like she has
the mumps, but shes well &
happy was homesick to see
us all & now shes " for Floyd

at S. S. Club hasn't met since we were down at Pat's, Imogene is loading it up at present. Poor kid she's so busy, she never can count on her plans I guess. (Don't you think me a beautiful scribe?) Well now for the Church news. In Leagues we're having a "Race Up Pike's Peak" 1st system attendance activity and behavior count so many

she came (2) to stay 2 mo. but now says she'll go home in a couple of wks. Sarah V. was home last wk but I didn't get to see her, she has a sweet new suit & so has Dora & Isabella has a new coat, & Bess has a cute suit, all the kids have but me & I'm hoping for warm weather so I won't have to wear my old duds. I never see Bess except

pts each, Ruth P. is secretary of one side & me of the other, my side is nearly to the top we're about 2000 pts. ahead, I have about same bunch on my side that you had on yours. Louise Ficht & Daisy C. are our only new Standard Bearers, we meet next time at Luella G. and Flo & me are to make a poster wish you were here to help. Glenn H seldom sings in the choir anymore or comes to S.S, it is rumored, that he has gone to E Luthern plays in their orchestra. can't really blame him he probably gets paid Methodist orchestra is no more & his main attraction has gone to Rochelle why should he go to church.

Guess its about time for a paragraph, doesn't this war make you sick. You have no

awfullest weather
many & cold. I don't
believe summer is ever
coming; the roads are
dreadful almost im-
possible to go by auto
to Peoria now.

Every Sun afternoon
Iona & I go to Choral
Society at Christian
Church, we're working
on Elijah will be given
May 22 in Eureka; its
interesting (imagine me
singing!) and besides it

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broadens one so it pro-
bably doesn't seem so
hard to you. Iona tells
me you are having
a good time & have met
some very interesting
folks and you're pro-
bably most awful
glad you happened to
leave Washington & land
in some place where
there is some excitement,
surely nothing ex-
citing in this burg.
Were having the

gives us something to do Sun. P.M.
Only lasts an hour and the
Prof Bredin that instructs us
is grand its a joy to study
under him. Aren't you coming
back to see (pensdry) your
Washington friends some
time soon, we'll all be
anxious to see you when
ever you can come. I expect
you are raising little chickens,
riding horseback getting
oodles of fresh air and ex-
ercise these days, while we
town people sit & grumble
about the weather I do
think the country is fine
especially in the spring. I'm going to close. I
hope you're not completely
exhausted but will worry
until I hear from you. Regards
to your folks + Lots of love to you,
As Ever Inez.


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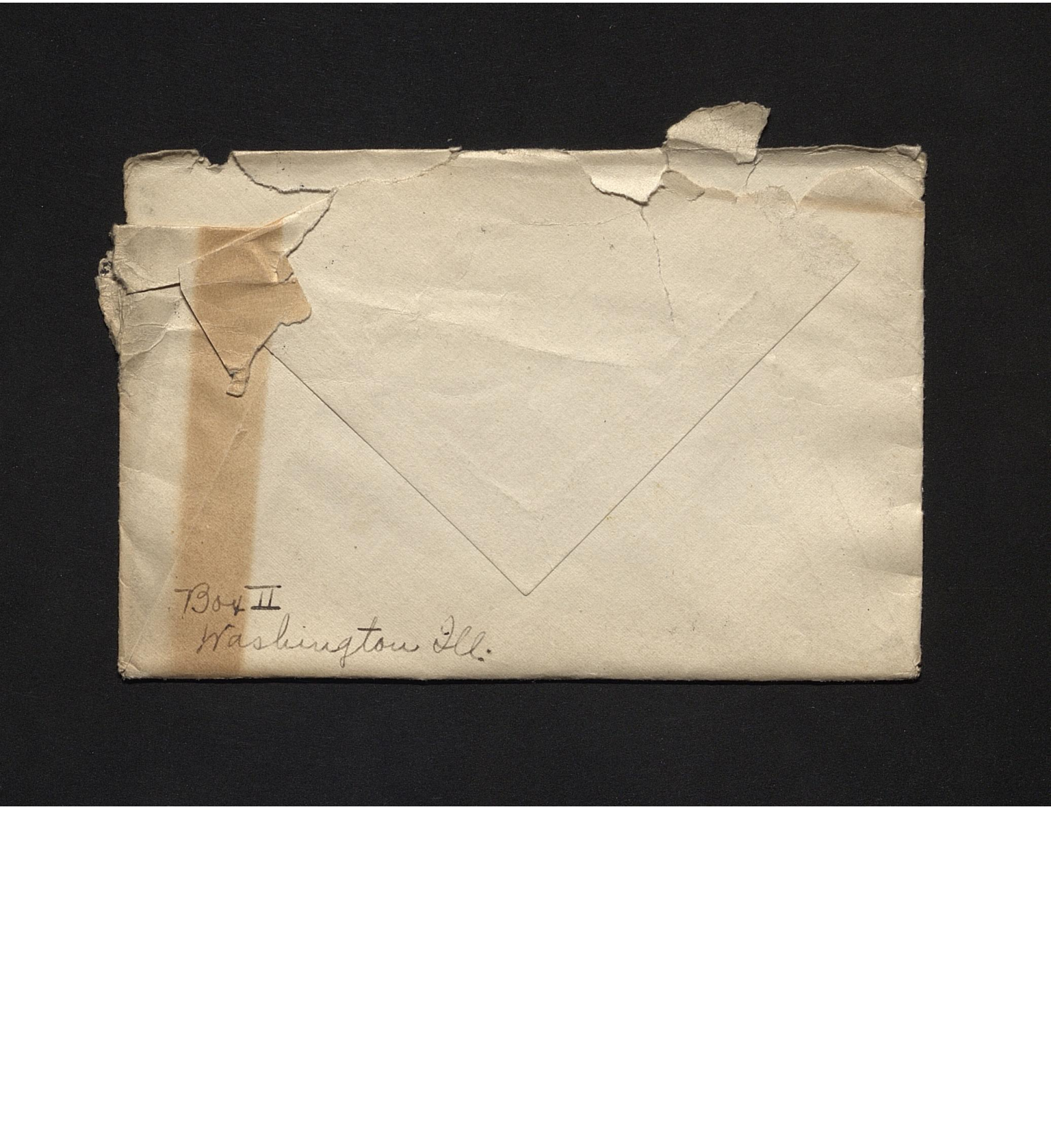
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Washington, D.C.
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Dear Helen,

I guess you didn't get my letter of the nine-teenth. Did you? Gee, I am anxious to hear from you.

Write real soon & let me know if you got that letter because I don't know what to think. I thought you might

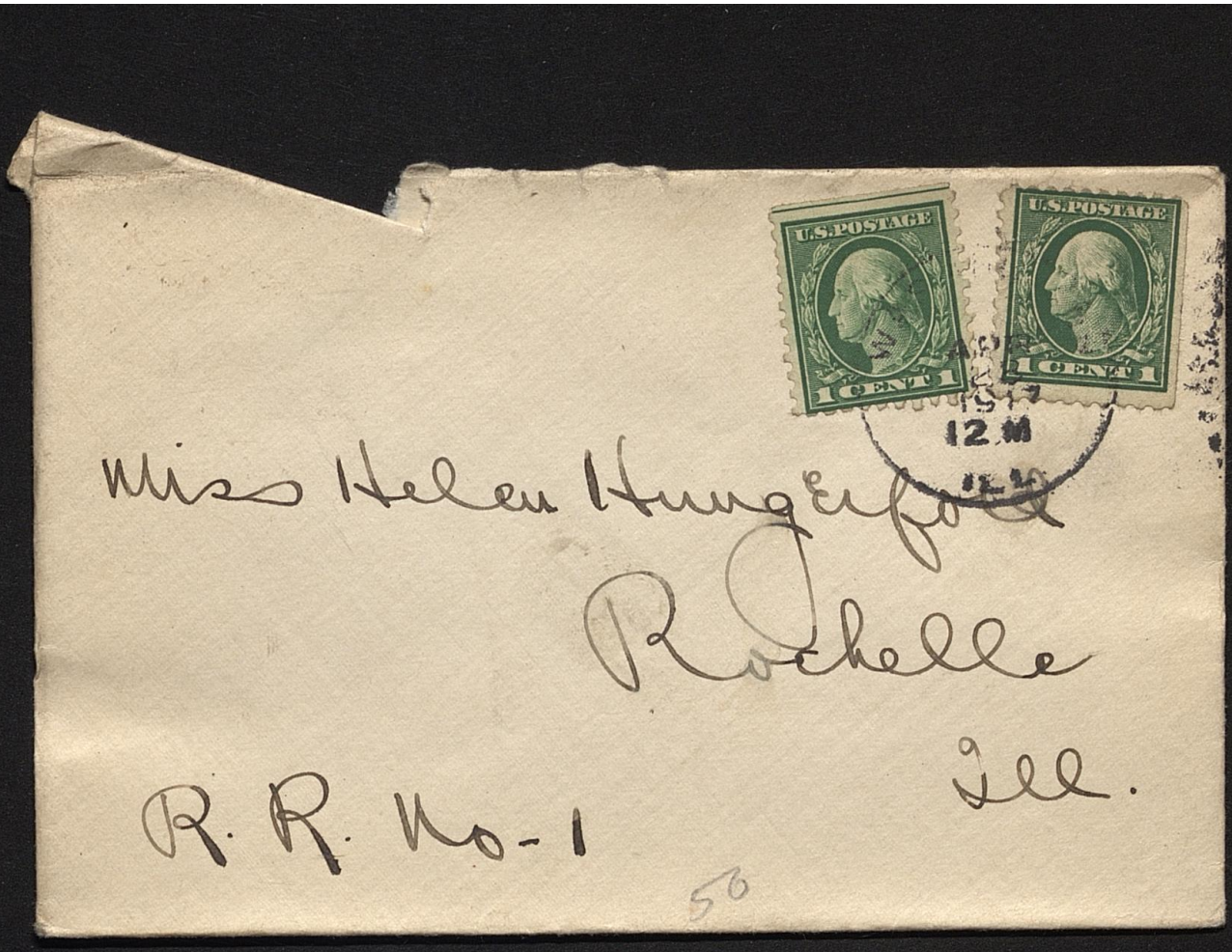
have gotten sore at something.

Please answer as soon as you can

Sincerely,

Glenn H.

P.S. If the roads are good I will probably see you in a couple weeks.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Dear Neice—

I am almost ashamed to write, after putting it off so long. Sunday are the only day I have a chance to write. for the last three Sunday I have intended to write after I came home from Friends but I have been too blamed tired so this last Sunday I stuck paper in my pocket and decided to write in the country monday night. but night after

(over)

(I am short of paper
so will use both sides)
supper Wm Orth, family
and Ford came along
and asked me to go to
Metamora and when
I got back same old story
too damned tired.
But here I am at last
writing to you out in
the barn sitting on a
tin bucket with hay
for a cushion and a feed
box for a table. I am
seated in front of Bob he is
nosing around me I guess
he wants me to say he sends
his love - poor old Codger
I have been working him
right along every day either
in the feild or hauling

building material he stands it fine and is in very good shape. He makes the best work horse I have but I am merciful and quit using him on the road I have'nt the nerve to work him and ride him too as I ordered a Ford.

I dont suppose my Ford will come before the latter part of May as they are very hard to get. I intended to surprise people and not say any thing about it, but just as I was signing the order I heard some body come in the door and they said "Laurence! Laurence! there goes

that $1.00 com" I looked up and saw it was Peter Streid so I started in telling the people right away.

I ordered a family car not that I need it but that the extra seat would come in handy when you come down to visit me.

I would like very much to see you but if you come down before the arrival of my ford you wont see very much of me for I am a busy busy boy and have no means of transportation since Bob has got a job.

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I went down to Lands week ago Sunday and he told me Glenn was in Rochelle, I imagine you were glad to see him "A yaller dog from home looks good" after you have been away a while (understand I am not making a comparison when I use that term "yaller dog.

Colonel B. F. Streid told me about the chicks that is tough luck, but Katie had worse luck she turned the lamp up on an even 100 and lost everyone.

Bess says she guesses those Brooders are all right but she beleives she would let the old hens take care of em.

I will say it is darned cold out here in the barn Brrrrr!

I suppose Oats & Stried told you all the news scandal etc.

Frank Blumenshine is married
Bob Stormer " "
Harvey Reinholtz & Little Keil Girl " "
Percy Lyons & Levella Blumenshine " "

I will say the boys dont want to fight.

Well I dont care about it myself, I suppose though if I was just floating

around like I was a few years ago, I would enlist. But I don't like to tie myself up for any great length of time. If I should enlist I would lose out on getting started to farm for I would have to sell out and turn the fruits of my labor over to my friends and then too when President Wilson says he needs me to feed the people I am inclined to agree with him. I think if I farm 130 acres and do it well I will be doing my duty.

but if things get serious enough and I think I am needed I surely will go, but I am not anxious about it.

I suppose your dad is discing or planting his corn ground, I disced up about 25 acres of my corn ground but haven't done my planting. I only have about 3 acres to plow. I have tested all of my seed corn I have about 1200 good ears.

Mrs Homer Mangum told me she got a card from Bill ~~a while back~~ some time ago and he

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that he liked his place fine.

Bess tells me you and Miss Countryman have been having some good times I am glad you are acquainted with a nice bunch of people.

How is the methodist Orchestra? I understand you are playing with it. I saw Dean Birkett Sun. he said you had sent him a card and that he was going to write to you. He seemed tickled to death that you remembered him. Joe Sensen was down from Forest Sun and was asking about you.

Annette Smith was over
Sunday a week ago and
spent the day with me
I like him very much he
is quite a sensible
gentlemanly young man
he is still going to Eureka
College and is working
hard in his school work.

It is raining like the
deuce this morning and the
barn is getting cold, I guess
I better get to work. Tell
Lesia I am coming up to
see her when I get my Flivver.

I am sorry I didn't write
sooner, but don't treat me
like I did you for I want to
hear from you soon
(Some scribbling) Your friend
Laurena


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I will come that way if I can get Laurance & Bess to go with me, if it is Passiable we can all go in one little car, and will let you know to if Passiable. old mrs Esh North Easton of metamora is to be Buried to morrow morning, at Peoria, well may be you will see us some-time when the roads get good. do not be foolish like myself and work to hard, write me a long letter some-time yours with love to all

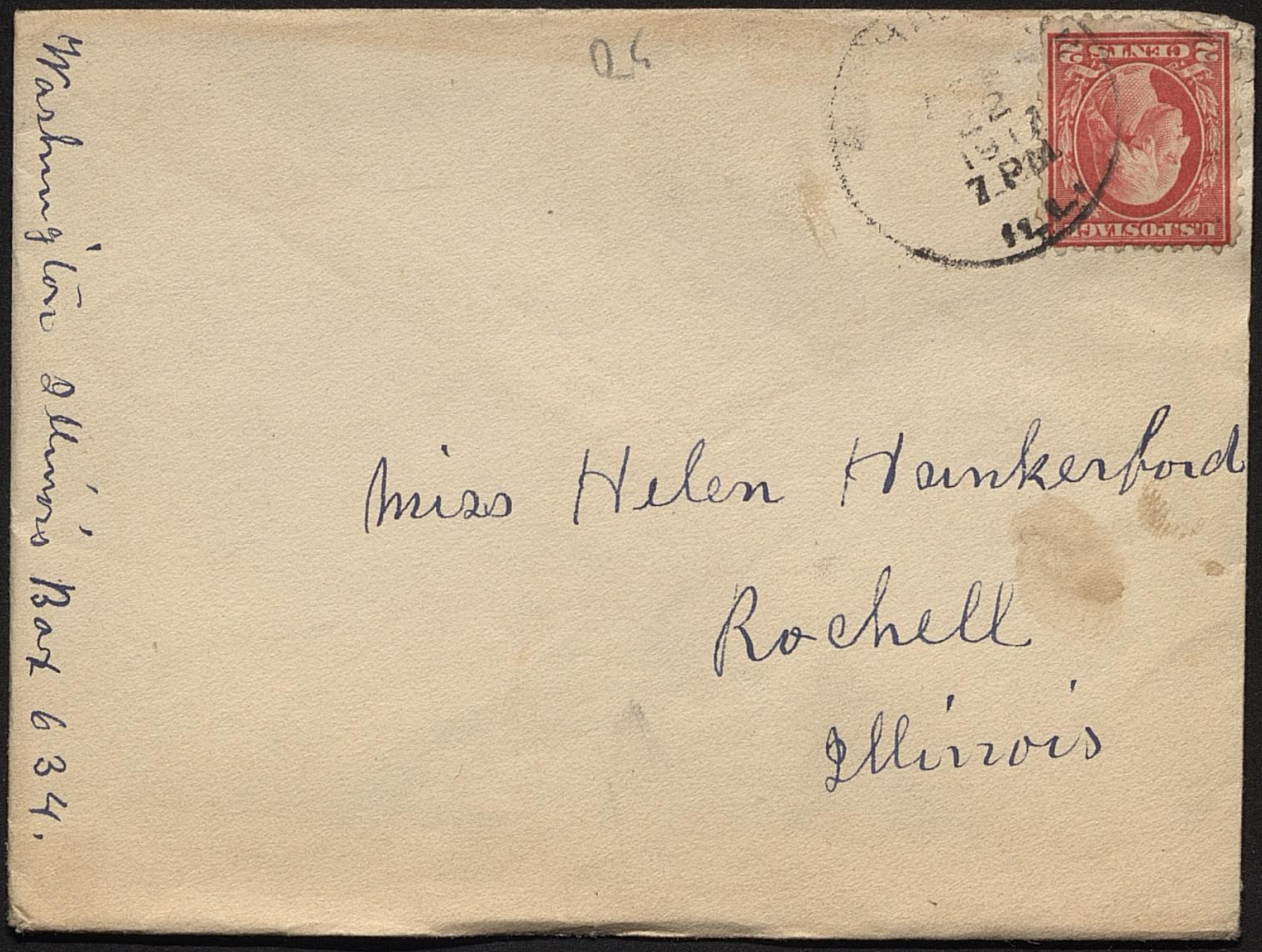
your Aunt Clara



Washington Ill. April 21st 1917

Dear Girlie and all, I received your card Thursday and was glad to hear from you, and glad to know you like your New Home. I am sure I think it is Better for all of you I am just Dieing to get to the country for a few Days. I was foolish I dident go Home with mrs Sherty to night. she asked me to go. but I want to go to Authers to morrow for Dinner and hope it will be nice enough so I can run my car. as I will have to

Practice up some if I go to your Place in my car. I havent learned how to get out of my Barn & yard. I have been busy cleaning House just about throughs Mable told me a while ago that they are going out to Jassies for Dinner. I had company for Dinner last Sunday. had a big fat Hen. and 8 People for Dinner than, had enough left to last, till wensday. I am writting to you on some Japanese Paper that was sent me, for Christmas. from California and made in Japan so you see it is a long ways from where it was made. and Helen study the Picture I can not understand. wheather he is Baleing or just erupting out some sloop. and what is the other man doing. I would like to see one of those ships. wouldent you. I would like to see every Part of this old world. wouldent you. I guess you Remember that 13 cent man that started from Washington D C 2. or 3 years ago. started I believe to go around the world. well he was in town the other night looked like he had been roughing it for sure well my Pardners are waiting for me to go over there to have a game of Dominos so I will hurry a little. and as to mortiring up to your Place


Washington Illinois Box 634.
Miss Helen Hankerford
Rochell
Illinois

Washington, Illinois
April, 20. 1917.

My dear Helen:

Just came home from Peoria this afternoon and found your card waiting me. I am glad that you like your new home, but want you still to remember your old friends in Washington. I know you will.

I am pretty busy at school, but

really think I enjoy this quarter's work more than the other two. We had such a good time Wed. eve. at a girl's dance. Half of the girls dressed as fellows. I was a "dashing young naval officer!" We had loads of fun. (I wore Glenwood Santonic band suit). Tomorrow night is the Junior-Senior party. I have such a terrible cold I doubt whether I can go, but I hope so. Tell Helen "mine my card longer my letter should not be so short." Write again and don't forget Mildred G.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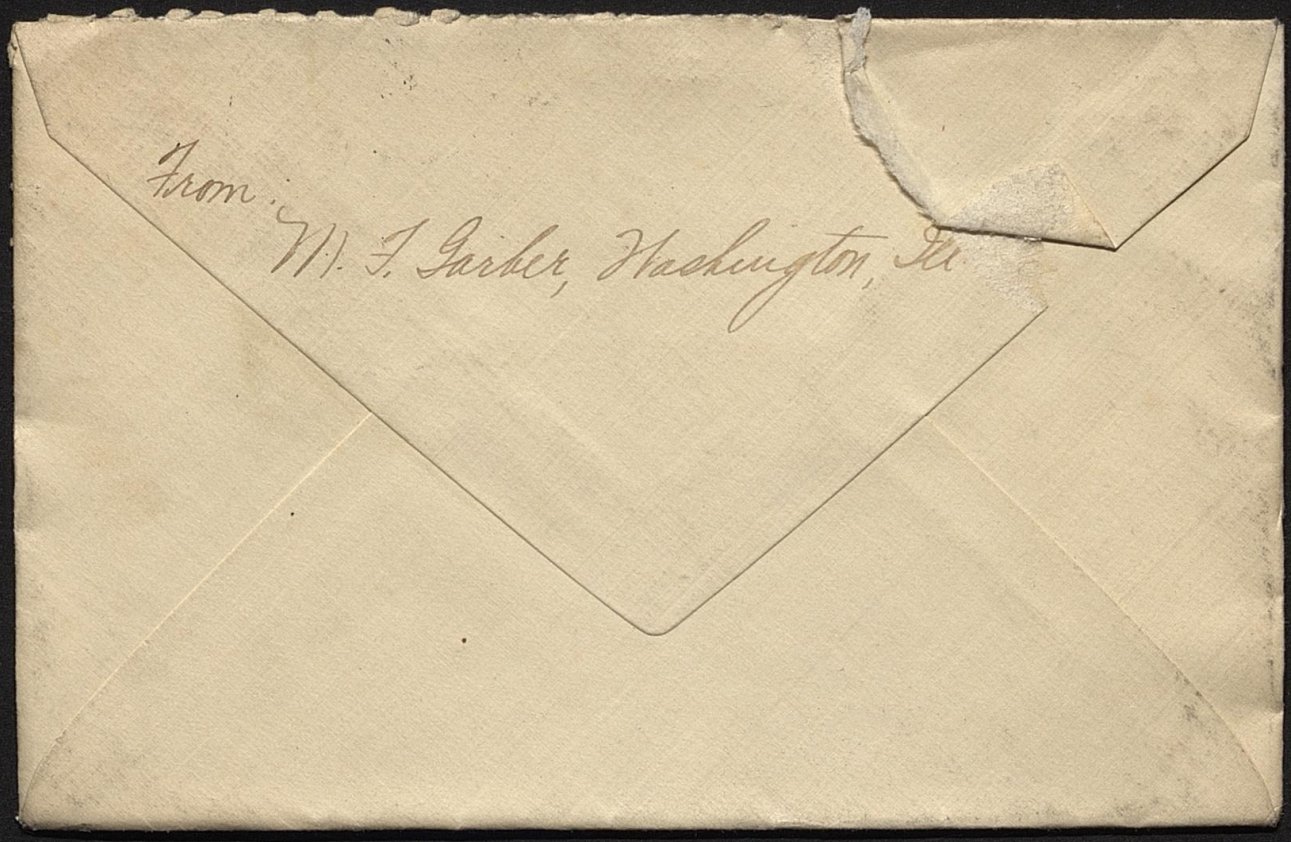

From
W. F. Garber, Washington, Ill.

something like that. Ha Ha. Mr. Foster was down & Mr Land said to him that I saw you. Foster says now that I am going to "get you". He says all rules & signs fail. Ha Ha. Sure is crazy.

I saw Lawrence yesterday on a wagon. Didn't get to talk to him.

Say did I tell you we have been rehearsing for the big Eureka May festival? Better than last year. We are singing the oratorio, "Elijah". Dear, do you remember last year where you didn't get to go? You wouldn't go

Washington Lee
April 19, 17.

Dearest Helen,

Just back from town. It is sure dead. Bob is at home and I am sure lonesome. Gee, Helen but it is ~~it~~ a fright to loaf around all alone. I am simply crazy to be with you to-nite but no dance.

I wonder what you are doing. I'll bet riding or at a dance. I hope not. Ha Ha. Say, I'll bet Ruth certainly likes me. She really made me sore Sun. eve.

Played in Peo. last nite for the big parade. It was changed to Wed. You know I told you about it. Got some wet. Came home with C. Risser in the car & we had to put on the chains in the mud & rain. Right on the bluff.

Mrs. Calhoun wants me to lead the League Sun. eve. but I don't think I will. She wants me to come to her house to-morrow nite.

Say, I am getting wasted down at the shop since I came back. They all say when they come in, "Well I see he got back all right" or Did you get my cards? Say you didn't give me the name of that cleaning place.

at LaSalle coming home the other day, there was a car load of fellows going to war. There was about a thousand people at the station. Such crying & hugging & kissing, I never saw before. at every station they would get off & yell & wave their flags. Some noise.

The I.P.& W train was late so I missed the train to Peoria, but I was glad of it. I was awfully tired. Not enough sleep. Get me. Ha. Ha.

all the fellows you have had.
I know I love you & I can't forget you. I don't want to either. Listen, you know what I told you Sunnite.
I am not afraid of those guys, dear if all your love is for me. But listen dear tell me where you 'go out' so I will know what you are doing. Maybe it would be better if I wouldn't know about it anyway. That is what you say, "is - n't it."
Well I suppose you

with me. It doesn't seem like a year has passed. If you would come down before Decoration Day, you & I will go.
Lucy, my sis most always brings your letter to the shop on the way to school. This morning I came in from the cleaning room & asked if Lucy left any mail. Joe Sommers was there & he showed me part of a letter in his pocket. All I could see was, Rochelle stamped on it. But it wasn't from for me. Joe writes to a girl in Rochelle. Maybe you know her or could find out about

when you left me at the station Mon. morning? It looked like you was going to the country.

Say I pressed a new silk suit for Mildred J. Wed. Gee it was some job. It is bright red silk. Some loud.

Say send me some of those pictures we took Sun. I will sure want some of them.

Have you gone to the carnival this week yet. I bitter bear it makes jealous since you told me of her. Her name is Florence Houston. She works in a garage at in the day time & at the telephone office at nite. They had me guessing for a while because I tho't sure it was for me. I got your letter at noon. Joe is going to drive up some day soon & I am coming with him. Won't that be fine? I won't go back with him though Ha. Ha.

I hope your mother gets well. She sure worked hard Sunday. I'll bet she was tired.

Where did you go

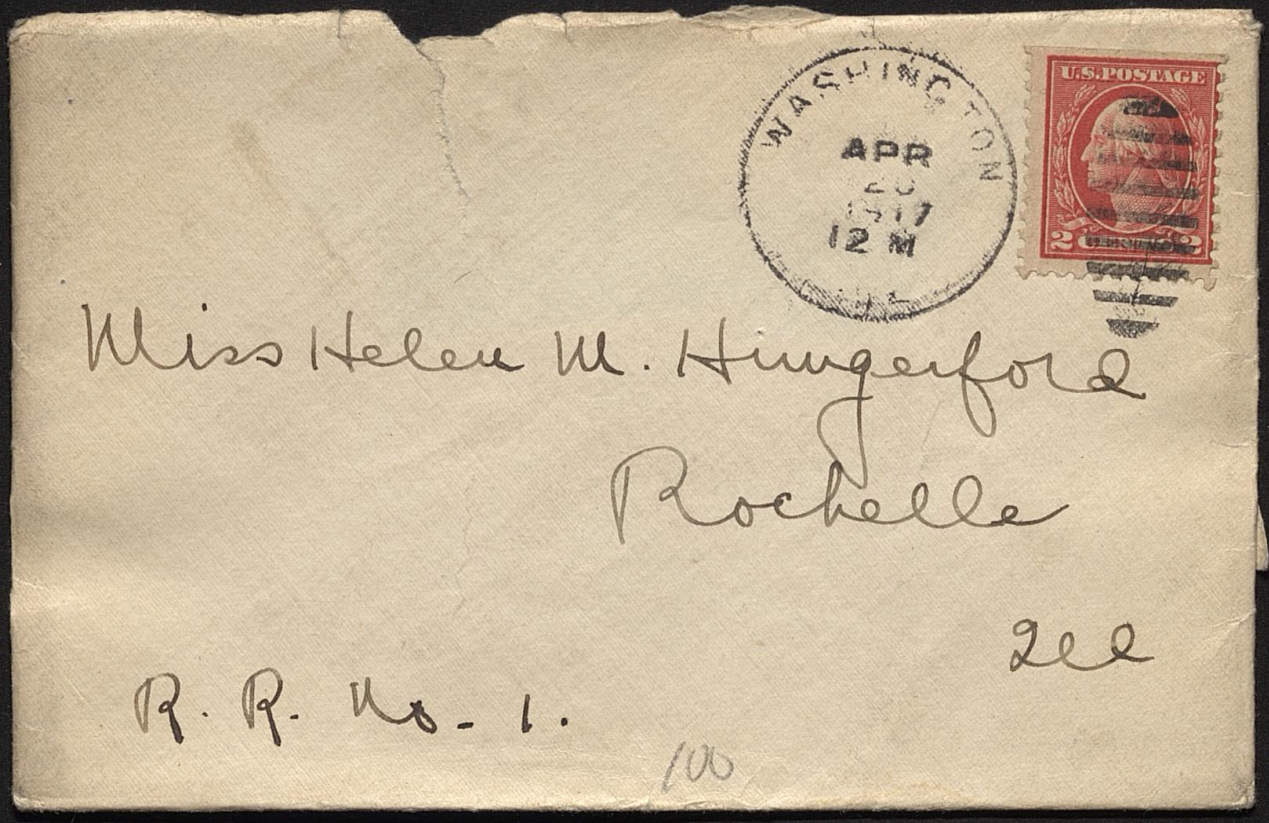
are tired of this by this time. You will never answer me by letter anyway, will you." I wish I could see you to-nite as I have a lot to talk about.

It is bed time. Time for a smoke. Say I sure felt terrible Tues. I had sharp pains in my chest over my heart. "No wonder" "love sick." Ha. Ha. No it was from smoking. I hit it up to heavy Sat Sun. & Mon. Feeling alright now.

Well dear I must quit.
Ans. this Sun. nite. 7777
Tell the folks, hello &
also Bill.
Write a real nice long
letter. How are your
chickens? Ha. Ha. Too bad.
~~I must have brought bad~~
luck with me.
Ans. soon.

With love,
Glenn H.

Tell Ruth "Hello"
I'll bet she will
say "go to the ——".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Excuse scribbling and take all mistakes for kisses

[April 17, 1917]

Dear Woods: - Just as I began to think you had forgotten your "old" Shorty, along came the goodess letter, honest kid, I don't think I ever enjoyed a letter like that one. I'm awfully glad you have met so many nice young people especially "Ails"; he must be a regular guy and I don't blame you for trying to get in good. I'd like to meet the girl who puts you in mind of me. I'd like to hear my laugh sounds.

No we have no relatives

in Rochelle, that I know of, you know I'm really looking forward, with a great deal of pleasure, to meeting some of your new friends.

I didn't get any-thing really new for Easter, & did'nt have done much good any-way, it was so terribly cold here, winter wraps looked & felt a great deal better.

I had my last Spring suit, you know the blue one, cleaned & pressed, a new white broad-cloth

collar, one of those large ones, made to wear with it a pair of new white boots and a rose sport hat & rose blouse.

Then the last time I was in the city B & K. had just received some new material for sport suits, called silk Jersey cloth. It was $2.50 a yard, and they had a beautiful old rose shade so I bought enough for a suit. I have taken it to the lady who has been sewing for Ethel & I, and picked a pattern

I believe it will be real classy when finished.

Oh! yes I must tell you of my new friend. Just five doors from Ethyl's a handsome young chap from Washington D.C. has been boarding with his sister. She had me meet him, his sister, I mean, and we have been quite steady ever since. He works in Peoria & goes to nite school at Bradley studying Architecture. Well he didn't like Peoria a bit, and was had all

arrangements made to go back to Washington D.C. when he met me?? Romantic stuff? Well anyway he is some kid. Last week he went to Olney on business and had a beautiful Collie dog there at his sisters which he had brot from Washington and when he came out Sunday he brot it to me.

It is sure some dog and her name is "Dutch" she will do almost anything you tell her to and already she + I are the best of friends (naturally)

was doing a little thinking 6

well if I kept on you'll think I have some case.

Last week he took me to see "Intolerance" it was another of "Griffiths" pictures the fellow who was author of the "Birth of a Nation." I enjoyed it immensely.

Five girls (in Peoria) are giving a subscription dance May 1st, I am invited so of course I asked "Nicky" to go. It is to be given at the "Womans club".

Frank took me to a dance at "Dondalls" hall week before last, given by

two Bradley students, we had a real nice time, but you know the gravel road between Peoria & Washington has been almost impassible. Mr. Morton, that butcher who drove the Velie, road over with us, he had left his car in Peoria for repairs. Well we got them alright going over, but during the evening several cars had gotten stuck and of course each time the track was cut down deeper, we had rounded the curve there by "Hulse's", if you know

where that is, Frank thot
he'd go thru slow, so as
not be so hard on the car
and as luck would have it
we got into one of those
dug out places, & there we
were. It was after one
oclock, colder than the
Dickens, with no one in
sight. Our gas pan was
dragging on the ground
and we were down to the
axle, no mud, but just
deep holes. We walked
back to the nearest farm
house - called them
up and they had just

gotten to bed. ~~I~~ said they had pulled out three cars. Frank left me at the gate to hail a car should one come along. After a few minutes the ~~I~~ heard a car and we both stood in the road and hailed him, who should it be but our friend "Mr. Morton."

Frank got a hay rope from this farmer and Mr. Morton took us into his car and went to where ours was. He tried pulling us out; by Frank

tying a rope on our axle
& on his car and then
both starting their engines
but each time they broke
the hay rope. Then he went
around to the rear, and
finally by jerking ~~finally~~
succedded in getting us
out. We arrived home
at three A. M. We damaged
one of our Kelly Springfield
tires quite a bit. The
following Sunday it was
raining and thirteen cars
were stuck between W.
and Peoria. They are fixing
it up now tho, so it isn't

sure have been having some horrid weather.

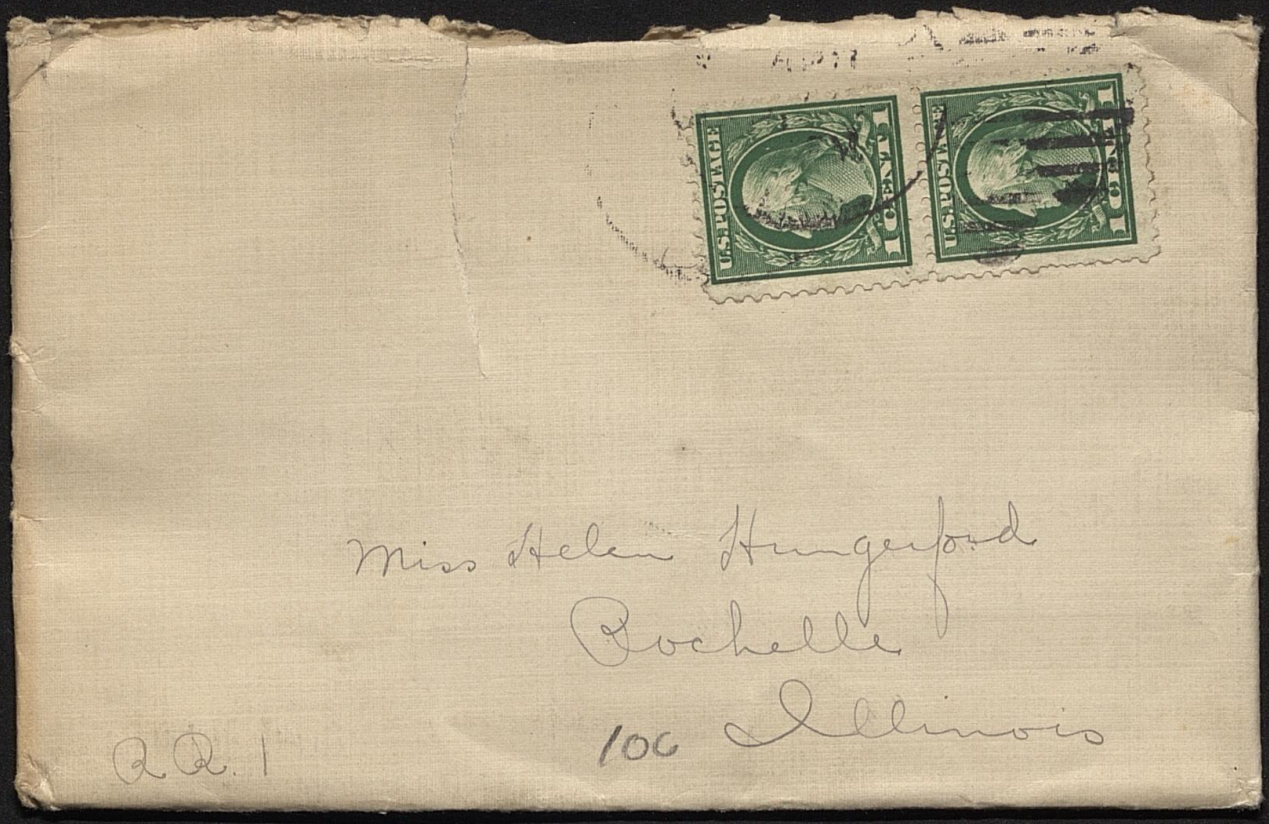
Tomorrow eve is the big Patriotic parade in Peoria we are counting on going over if the weather permits

How do you feel about the war? I have been much excited, I'm so afraid Frank and Dick might have to go.

Our windy "Bill" has departed for parts unknown We couldn't stand him any longer, he surely wasn't all there.

Well "Doods" I don't want to tire you longer, write me sooner than last time and

I will answer more promptly as I will have lots of leisure time now. long to all shortly



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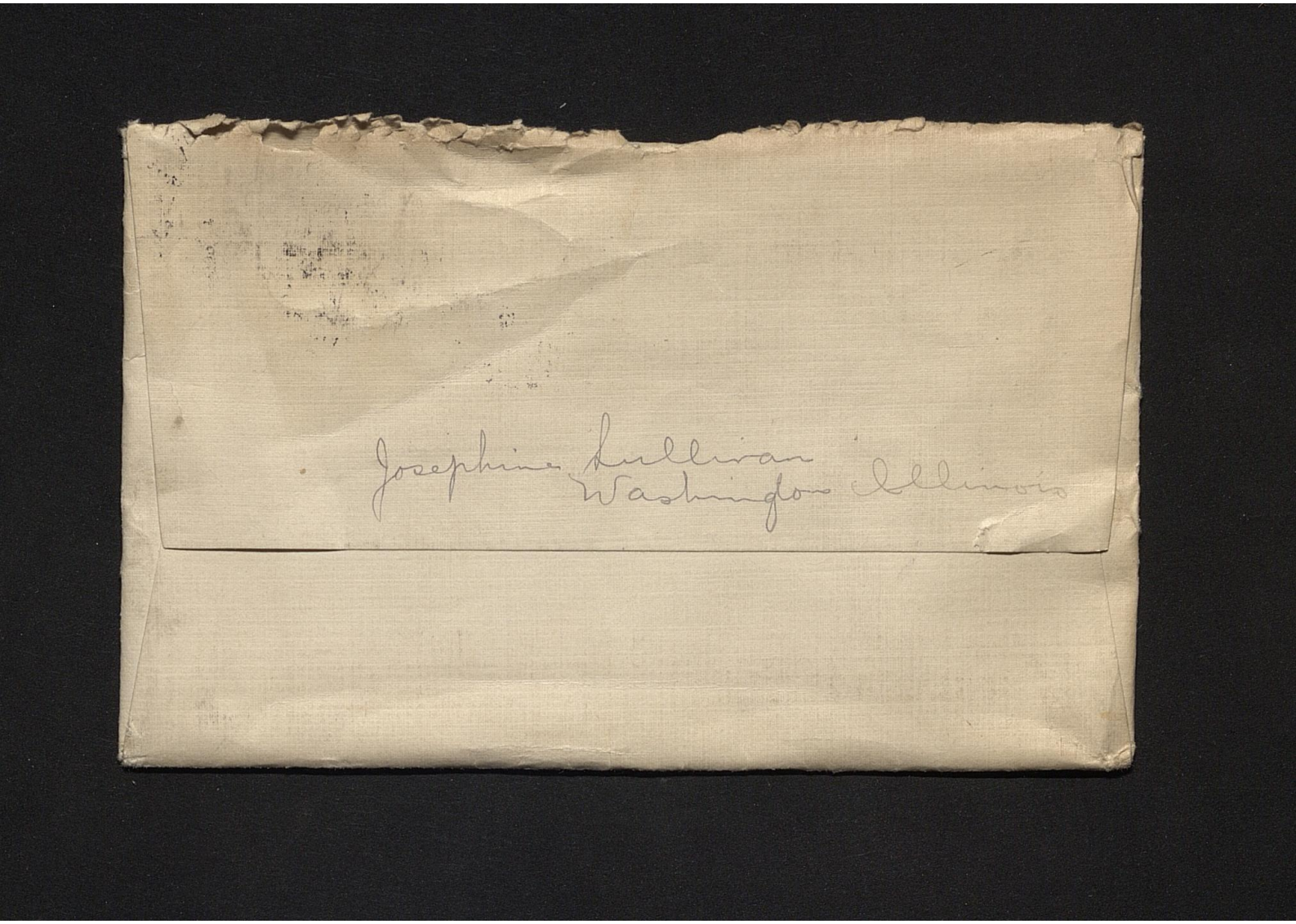
Josephine Sullivan
Washington Illinois

Low Point, Illinois
April 17. 1917.

Dear Helen:

Just recd your card and was so glad to hear from you. I haven't seen much of Iona or any one for last two or three weeks. Last week we had a Teacher's Institute at Bloomington. It was a fine day. I felt fine too. Maiden and Miss Sharp were with the bunch. Between the two we were kept laughing all the time. Maiden especially is so comical. One of the lecturers spoke so indistinctly we couldn't hear over one third he said but he had so many gestures. She kept her hands hidden behind the seats and imitated every

one. He was talking about the war of course. Well every time he would point upward she would whisper, "Here goes another big cannon. Boom" Every one even the old maids just about split. Miss Sharp is dandy too. so droll and manish

Last Sunday I was down at Esther Schertz. Oh. Helen she has the dearest little home. Every thing she has is so good and her home is quite complete too. I just couldn't realize that it all belonged to Esther. Her curtains are all so nice and she made them all herself. Arthur is just fine in his home so friendly.

She had her wedding pictures taken at Nicholsons They are the best Esther has

ever had. Front view. She looks as sweet and young. Her veil makes her face look as if she were a big flower of some kind.

I'm mighty glad you like it as well. I think it is rather hard to move and not have a good time for you have so much time to think of the old home. I bet your mother enjoys farm life. Tell her not to take in too many stray cats and dogs. For even tho she is one of these lucky farmer's wives. the high cost of living is pretty severe.

I have been having my spring vacation. About half of my kids have been out with the measles and thank fortune it took the

foxy rascals too.

One of my little kids is a corker regular little sport. One day he was sneezing and showing every other sign of measles so I persuaded him he was sick enough to go home but didn't say a word to him about the measles. What did he do but step in at the Doctors and said "Say Doc, are you busy? If you aint I think I have a throat here that needs a little attention." Doctor Burdon wrote a note to his mother and told him to go home. About five o'clock I went to store and here he was just a giving the measles to every youngster in town. Hadn't even been home

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One day I was pening up a paper at school and dropped my pin. He raised his hand and said, "I have a pin". I waited a little while for it and then sent a little girl to my desk for one. He said" Just have a little patience. I know it here (pocket) cause I felt it sticking me just a minute ago.

Iona and Inez are praticing for the May festival to be given at Eureka. Metamora are going to sing Hiawatha. Part of the Symphony Orchestra of Peoria are going to assist. Image it will be good.

I'll close with love to you all. dog and cat included.

Sincerely,
Sarah Vaubel

thanks for cat!


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Miss Helen Ringerford,
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[Postmarked April 16, 1917]

My dear Helen,- I was very much pleased to get your card. I had looked for some word from you for some time.

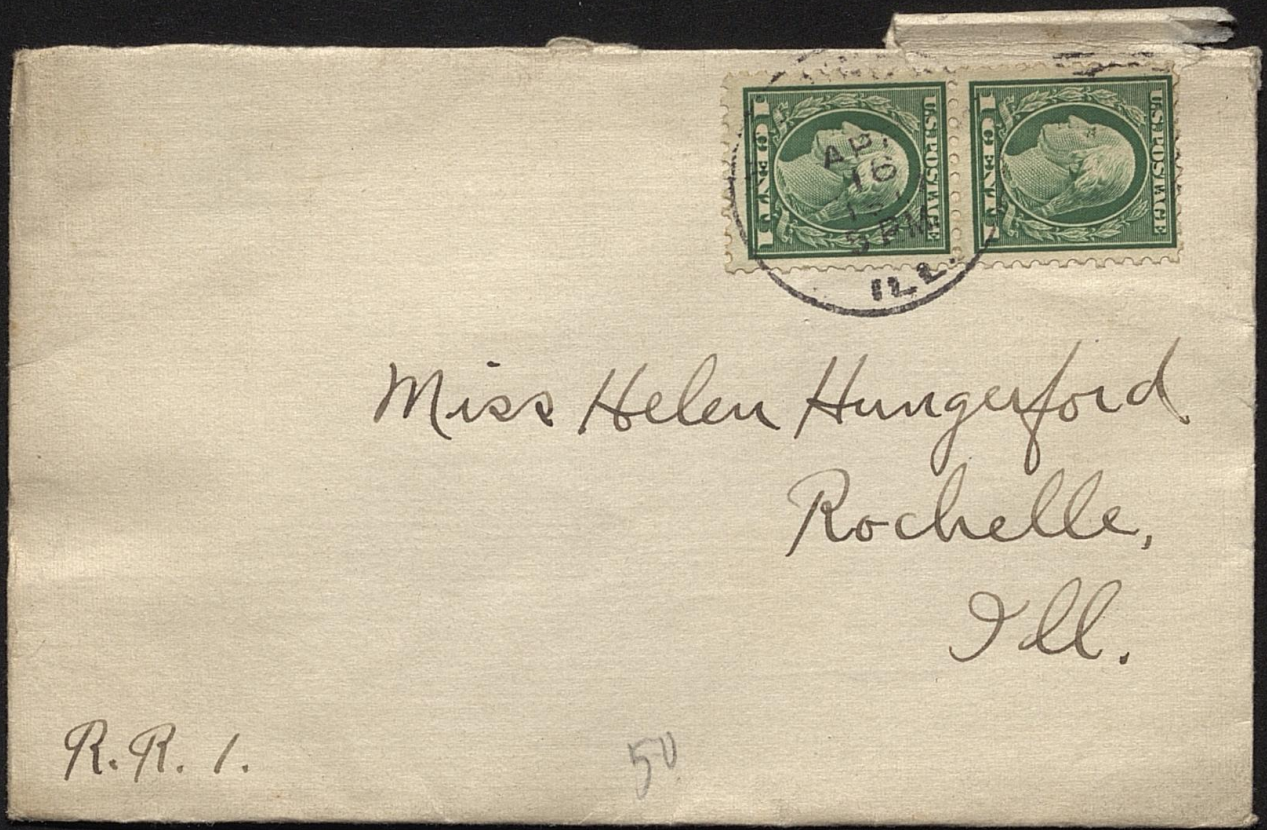
I am glad you like it there and that you are going to play with the M. E. orchestra. Have they a large orchestra?

My class have been very good in attending Sun. School, in fact we have had the best class attendance in

~~She~~ took me to Deer Creek last Thursday. She said, we would go to Peoria this week. She's not a bit afraid to run it any where. Have you gotten your car yet?

I have been reading Red Pepper Burns Patients in the Ladies Home Journal. I have been borrowing the Journal of Bessie Lowery. It certainly is good. I told the girls at class yesterday that I had gotten a card from you and what you wrote. With lots of love Minnie.

Sun. School for the last four Sundays.
I have been going to quite a few parties. Have been quite lucky too. Won first prize at Earnest Rich's. My score was 3750. Then this last Friday was out to May's and won first prize there, score was 3220. She entertained Sat. also. It was a Rook party. She didn't give any prize Sat. because she had some people there that didn't believe in giving prizes.
This week I am invited to Elsie and Frank's wedding. They are going to get married Tues. at four o'clock. Then they are going right to Pekin to housekeeping.
May has a Ford Runabout. She



Miss Helen Hungerford.
Rochelle,
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Washington Ill
April 12. 17

Dear Helen,

Will arrive Sat. eve. Couldn't get there any sooner. If I came through Peoria I would have to leave Friday eve.

How is everything?

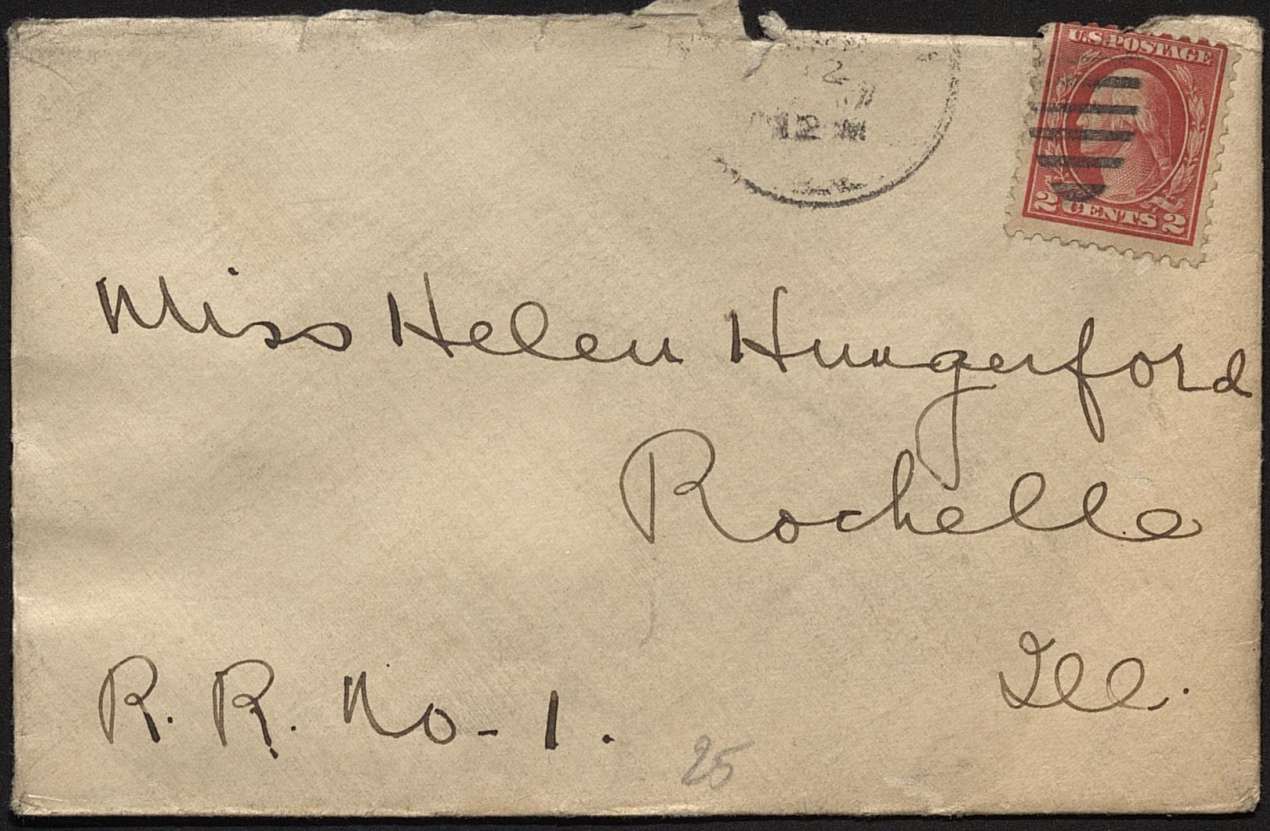
It is time for work. Going to band rehearsal tonight.

Be good till Sat.

In Haste

Glenn

P.S. Bob. was hooked up last night.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Chicago, Ill.
April-10-1917.

Dear Helen,

I received your card of some time ago, and certainly was glad to hear from you.

No doubt, you are quite settled in your new home by this time, + are becoming better acquainted with the people in Rochelle. I can imagine how much Bess + you

miss each other.

What do you think about this war proposition? It seems terrible to think about, but guess it is a case of country first.

Went to a dance one night last week, + had a very nice time. Outside of war, everything seems to be moving about the same in Chi. Hope you + yours are enjoying the best of health, I am Yours lovingly, Lulu.


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1321 Hood Ave.,
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the Methodist church, S.S, & everything else. That is in Wash.

They got sore because the orchestra isn't playing so they want my bells, "the set they bought." Talk about little. I have ordered a new set, "two and one-half octaves," & they can let them sit in the guest room, for all I care.

I am going to play trombone at the Lutheran, S.S. as soon as I can get the bass clef mastered. Don't think I will Sun. We practiced last nite.

I told you I practiced every Fri. But for some

Washington Ill
April 6, 14.

Dear Helen,

At last I have time to write to you. Just back from Union meeting. Say I sure will be up a week from Sunday. Don't know whether I will start Sat. morn. or at noon. Just as you say. Would rather get there at noon Sat. because time will be short anyway.

It seems natural to have you accuse me of not telling you

at Woodruff's house. He is the mayor. Mon. nite. I play & dance at Pro; at the Jefferson till two a.M.

Helen, I could have been playing over there all the time but I didn't care to while you were here. Really.

Now I have every nite with nothing to do but play & rehearse. I sure am sick of it already & wish that you were here. Nothing to the music business.

Say, here is the latest. I wish I could tell you as I hate to write it all, but anyway I have quit all the news. So I am going to do my best. Ha. Ha. P.S. you know H. Cowden is dead? Say we have a decent hotel in town now. Clint Waughop is running it and he sure is doing business.

Yes I am working for Clark again. I sold out because of the band. Wish I hadn't did it now.

I practice every Frinite in Peoria. I played with Spencers Tues. nite. for election. Had a little parade & played

Do you play your horn
much? Say ans this by
Wed. & then I will let
you know just when I
will get there.

The ten-o'clock train
is in now. Time for bed.
Remember when we
would listen for it up
at your house. I will
smoke a while first. Have
to work hard tomorrow.

Good-night

With love,

Glenn H

reason "Moll" didn't call a
rehearsal for to-nite. I
wonder what you will do Easter
Sun. Wish I was going to
see you.

So you are going to card
parties. I'll bet someone
young fellow brings you
home two. I have been
a pretty good kid since
you left, really. I expect
you to believe it unless
some body has wrote &
told you something. Ha. Ha.

When I see you, you
want to be sure & have
Ruth over. Ha. Ha. Tonight
fall for her as old
Foster said I would.

ans. letters, but you just don't want to.

I have more news but you know I am not much for gossip. Ha. Ha. Will tell you a lot more a week from Sat.

I want you to meet me at the train, see.

Say, can a fellow buy descent rags & shoes up there. I might buy some things if they are cheap. Everything in Peor is so high that a person can't buy anything.

Say are you going to enlist as a nurse for Uncle Sam? There is your chance.

We had some doings in town Tues. nite. The band, "Myers' famous," played, but, I had to perform in the city. I'll bet they sounded "punk" without "myself" Ha. Ha. I might have to resign here at home but, "I don't care." Get the money.

So you are raising "hicks", I hope you have good luck. I don't see ~~you~~ why you are so busy though. I'll bet you have lots of time to


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Miss Helen Hungerford
Rochelle
Ills.
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J. D. Calhoun
M. E. Church
Washington, Illinois

Tuesday Ill

Dear Helen, I came unexpectedly last night to this place - found baby better than we feared if she continues to improve I will return on Friday evening and be ready for Pontiac on Saturday morning - Hope we may have a good time -

Hastily J Calhoun

Ruth will go with us if her friend from Clinton does not come to spend Sunday with her -

Mrs. U. Calhoun
Washington, Illinois





Received

Miss. Helen Hungerford

Washington

Illinois

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I have a little head-ache this morn. something unusual, but I will feel better soon.

Now write me real soon & don't forget to make it good & long. I am going to see you in about three weeks, "if you say so," & gee, it seems a long way off.

Well, I will get to work.

I guess I will have to go to the show to-nite. Nothing else to do. Wish you was going along.

Ans. soon

With love,

Glenn

I have no reason to go up in the "east end." Ha. Ha.

Washington, Ill.
50 Mar. 13, 17.

Dearest Helen,

I got your letter Mon-noon. I went to band re-hearsal, "Myers" last night so I will ans. this morn. It is rain-ing & I can't get my clothes out to air & I have plenty of time.

I wish I could surprise you by coming up & cheer you up while you are sick with that tooth. I suppose it is alright now. I hope so.

Gee I wish it would clear up as I have four Wood-men officers robes to get out which they want to-nite.

do that where everybody could see them. Well, I suppose that is very interesting to you.

Are you doing any "bare back broncho busting," yet? I'll bet you will have fun riding, but "none for mine."

The ladies class of the M. E. S.S. invited our class to a St Patricks party at the church Fri. nite. Crazy isn't it.? I think I will stay at home or up-town.

Say I hope your father will get better. Maybe you will have to go out & plow & harrow & do the chores, etc. Ha. Ha.

Saw Bess Sat. nite the first time I believe for a month. There wasn't very many at church or S.S. Sun. morn. Did you go? Say, dear, I won't write only one page to day until you write me a big long letter. Ha. Ha.

I am still carrying something I took from you the last Sun. Do you remember? It is mine "for keeps".

Say Frank Gleason is to be buried this morn. He died Sun. morn. at five.

I went past & I saw them shaving him right in the big window. It seems funny that they would

how he use to suffer with what we all thought was rheumatism. I suppose they have tried Osteopathy. I certainly am a firm believer in it and electrical treatments. Too bad, because he is such a whole-hearted sort and everyone likes him.

I was pleased to hear about all the rest of the kids, I can't think of them except as I remember them in H.S. so that's

Hamilton House
Mar. 13, '17

Dear Helen,

I rec'd your newsy letter some days ago and you may be sure I enjoyed it to the fullest. Your letters are always so interesting. It seemed as tho' we were having a nice little chat.

I surely was sorry to hear about Clyde P. I hadn't heard before, although I remember

thats why I say, kids.
I hope you wont
be as lonesome in
your new home as
I was when we
first moved to Mo.
I missed you all so
much. But as the
time passed and I
received your letters so
regularly I became
accustomed to it and
certainly enjoyed the
many letters. I looked
foward to them as
a kid would to a
sack of candy.
you were all very
good to me. And
I'll never forget it.
Oh I must tell you
of a coincidance. The
very day I rec'd your
letter, we had been
talking of making
a trip to Chicago
in our bus sometime
this summer. So if
we do come we
will certainly run
out to see you. You
must tell me which
way from town
you are located

I have been so fat the last two years that, I'll bet you wouldn't know me. Last summer I weighed 154 but this winter I've been in gymnasium work here at the Y. W. and have lost until I now weigh 137. I want to loose 11 more pounds, then I'll be just right for my heigth. I'm only eating one meal a day. That's

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so we will be able to find you.

Do you still hear from Ella? It has been about eight months ago that I answered her last letter and I don't know whether she didn't receive it or whether she had moved but I haven't heard from her since. In her letter she wrote of going to N. Y. to take a degree. I wonder if she did.


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Mrs W. F. Collins
Hamilton House
339 West Berry St.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Washington, Ill.
March 12, 1917.

Dear Helen -

I'll write this to-night so that you will get at least one letter from me because if Peggy continues to think that she is a fancy trotter there won't be any thing but a lump of jelly left of me.

I'll go away back to a week ago Saturday and start because I know you would like to know who was at club & etc - Now maybe Dona has told all this if so you will have to sit thru it again. Miss Sarah Vaubel entertained the "As You Like It" Club, Sat. March 3. Isabella, Dona, Inez and I were the only ones there until about four o'clock then Imogene and Patience came out. Imogene has organized a dancing class (I can't think how to spell it but its not ball room dancing). Patience is taking. I can't think of any gossip that was passed around. Pat and Imogene had an argument over the war conditions here in U.S. Pat made me weary with her talk. She thot we ought to be fighting - its a pity she can't go if she thinks its so funny.

I staid with Blanche that Saturday night. Maude and I kept Walker while his father and mother went to a card party.

Last Monday Mr. Ben Smith

called on me. He made me feel good - he said lots of nice things. I wish he would come oftener maybe I would feel as if I had accomplished a little something. One nice thing was - he said I had the cleanest school house in the county. also that the youngsters were above average in their recitation work.

Wednesday night Mid had a bunch of girls into play "5-00". I had expected to play but Maude B. failed to come so that broke up one table. I didn't care because I wasn't feeling very sociable.

Thursday night I staid home and went to bed.

Friday night Mildred, Mama and I went to the movies. We all wished that we had staid home. Theda Bara played in "Gold and the Woman". So you can see why we wished we were home.

Saturday mama and I went to Peoria. I bought a new suit - its green, light. The coat has a yoke - the skirt part of coat is pleated on this yoke in little fine box pleats. The skirt is pleated to match the coat. I think it is real pretty but every so often I get cold feet when I think about it. So use now

Helen have you heard that piece "the Hawaian Butterfly". I got it for Mid - I think it is so pretty.

Oh gee, I almost forgot this piece of gossip. Do you remember Alma Ryes? (Viola Ryes sister.) Well, she has married that Mr. Cowden, Harry's father. He was divorced from his first (new) wife Anyway that is what Mrs Fred Castle tells. ahem.

Tell Trix that I miss her. It seems so queer not to see her over there. How does she like farm life?

I saw Edna Hungerford go by Sunday noon with two gentlemen. I could think who the men were at first

its bought and partly paid for. I have to go back Sat. for another fitting. I won't get to go to club but I don't care because Pat is having it. See—

I didn't go to Sunday School yesterday. In the P.M. Mr. Russel Blueminshine called. I entertained him all P.M. by telling stories and looking at books with him.

Smitty came down in the evening. He certainly misses you. He has a bad cold but thats nothing unusual.

then I saw that it was Cliff Tervene and Sam Wagner. I bet she was tickled to death over her escort. I havent seen much of grandpa Hunky. He has forsaken his post by the window.

If you were here we would go down and see Marguerite Clarke in "Silks and Satins" to-morrow night. But your not so I guess ~~you~~ we wont. Gee, I didn't realize how much I was going to miss you until you had gone.

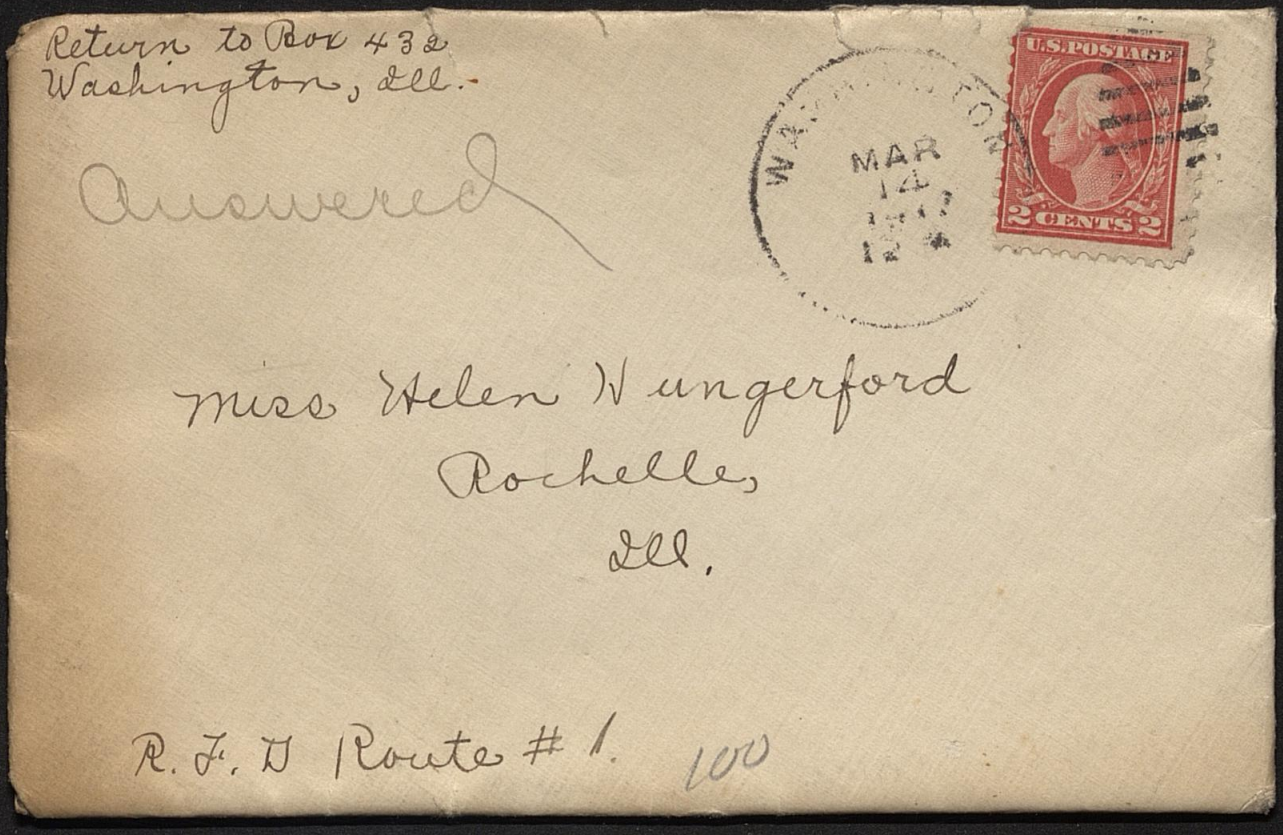
Give my love to your mother, father, Trix and the cat. Now write soon and tell me all about everything.

Mid said tell all of you Hello- mother sends her best

With heaps of love,

Bess.

Have you and Bill been to Rochelle on the motor cycle?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Miss Helen Wungerford
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Washington Ill.
May. 7, 1914.

Dearest Helen,

Reid your card this morning & was sure glad that you made connections alright. D. you know I can't hardly believe that you are gone. You will get this Friday morn & I want you to ans. right away so I will hear from you by Sun. You know I want to write to you Sun. night.

Well I must tell you what I have been doing.

listen dear, I want you to always remember that I will always love you no matter if you are a thousand miles away.

And don't forget what you promised me last Sun. nite. Will you?

Say Iona H. brought me a light waist to clean to-day. I was a little surprised. She will never be as good a friend anymore because I will never forget the party Sat.

Is it cold up there to-nite? See the wind is blowing here & it makes me feel

different to me since you left. Bob goes to lodge to-nite & to-morrow nite he goes to Peoria to see Garnett. & I don't know how I am going to kill the time.

I am awfully anxious to see you, your folks & the place & it isn't going to be very long either before I do. I wish I knew how business is going to be. I will know in about a month. I have been quite busy but just as soon as I have to loaf a little I start to worrying.

Mon. night Bob Horner, Jotts White, Glen Weeks & myself got together & had a little fun rehearsing some new music. I was glad that I had something to do.

Tues. nite Bob & I went to the show & to-nite I am staying at home writing to you & reading. "Honestly I am."

Have you been a little lonesome, blue & homesick? I will tell you how I have felt when I see you. Really this town seems

to write very well. I never could anyway. I must get a typewriter. Ha.

Well, dear, I must quit. I wish I could kiss you good night.

Ans. soon so I will get a letter Sat. nite or Sun. morn. I am going to eat an apple & smoke then go to bed.

With love,
Gleme B. H.

awfully blue. I wish I was with you, "only down here in your old home."

Are you all fixed up in the house yet or are you sitting on barrels & boxes? I'll bet you are all working hard. Tell your mother & Father, "hello" for me & "Bill." I almost forgot him. Are you & Bill real good friends yet? Ha. Ha.

Say boys. Eagle asked me to-day to play for a dancing party he is going to give Sat. Fri. eve. He wants me to play with Mrs. Bland a piano player

from Peoria," she is about forty yrs. old & married but I had to turn it down as I can't play an engagement with non-union musicians.

I don't care & I think he is cheap & it isn't right to expect me to work against the boys at home. He will have a hard time getting music alright.

Say I wish I could see you awfully, awfully soon because I have a lot more to tell you & I can't write it all.

I want you to write just as soon as you get this & don't put it off one minute. You have lots of time. Tell me everything because I can't wait to hear from you. Listen, dear, if you are a little blue, tell me because I am sure I can cheer you up a little.

I'll tell you what to do. You just imagine that you are visiting & remember that I am counting every day till I can see you. That's what I do "Sadly"!

Helen I don't see how you are going to read this as I don't seem



Answered

Miss Helen Hungerford.

Rochelle

Ill.

R. R. No-1

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Lowpoint Ill
2-28-17

Dear Helen;

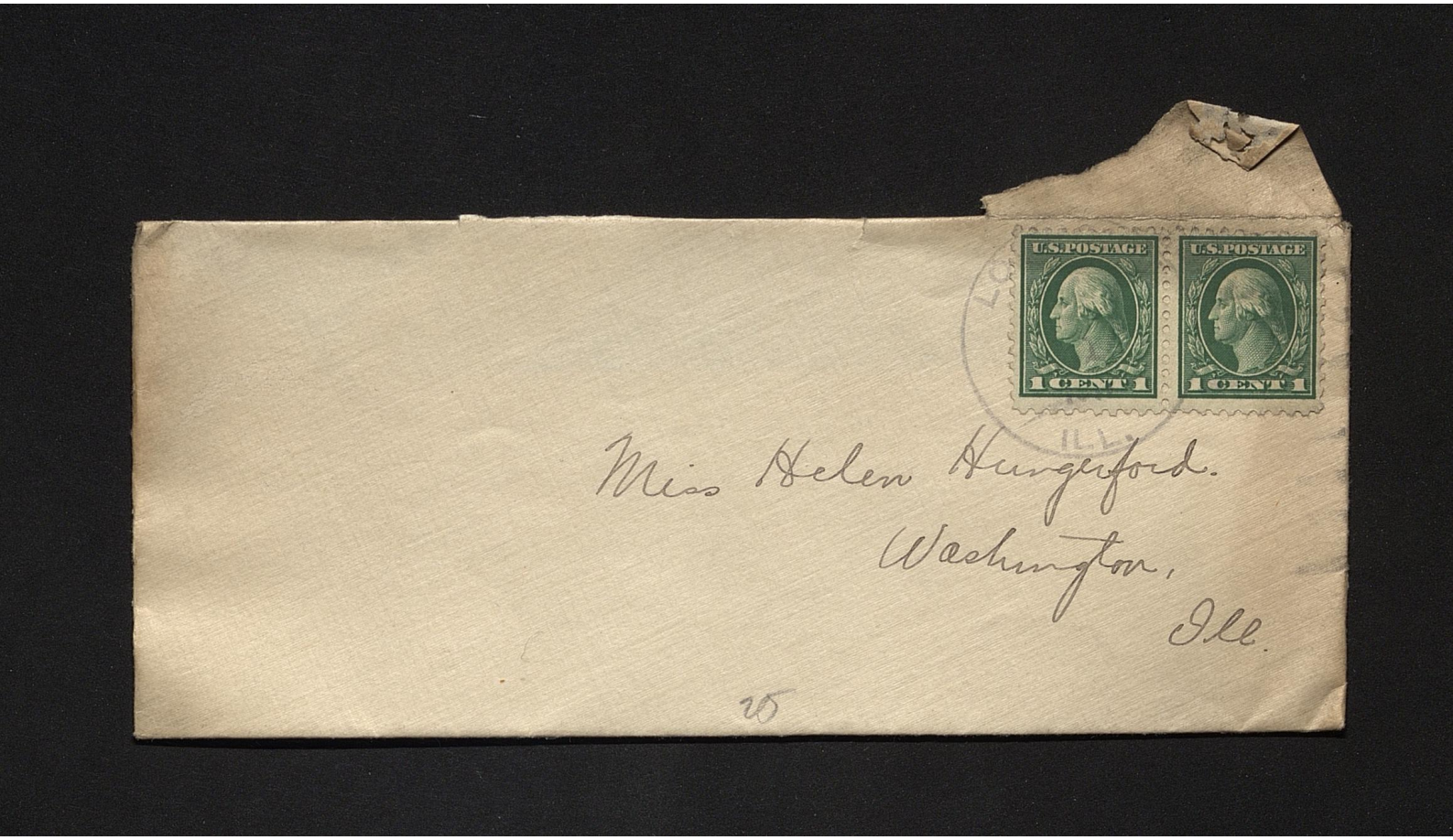
I meant to write (to leave this one out write) to you before but I have been sick for quite a while. Guess it the Grippe, anyway I know I have an awful cold. I suppose you folks are moving now. Well Helen

don't forget to write to me when you get settled. I had an awful nice time while at Washington and hope you don't get away so far that you'll forget to come to Lawpoint. Excuse this scrawl I'm getting so old my hand trembles.

Love to all

always

Emily.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answered and I wondered why for I would love to hear from you.

I have made lots of new friends but I am not the sort that gives up the old friends for the new.

I have a girl friend in Danville who is going to Chicago U. & who met Phil Goddard last year. They were in the same Latin Class together. Wasn't that quite a coincidence?

[Postmarked Feb. 3, 1917]

Hamilton House
West Berry
Ft. Wayne -

Dear Helen,

I rec'd your X-mas card O.K. and have been wondering if you rec'd a letter I wrote to you in the summer. In the letter you wrote me last spring you spoke of moving and when I wrote to you then, I put a return address on the envelope but it didn't come back so I just decided that you had received it.

But you had not

Well, Helen, I would write more but I'm not sure that it would be welcome so I'll just wait. And if you do not answer, then I wont write any more, for I feel that you don't care to correspond. You might at least tell me what I have done to gain your disfavor.

My love to Santa & Mrs Santa

Remember me to your father and mother —

With Love As ever

your old friend

Billy


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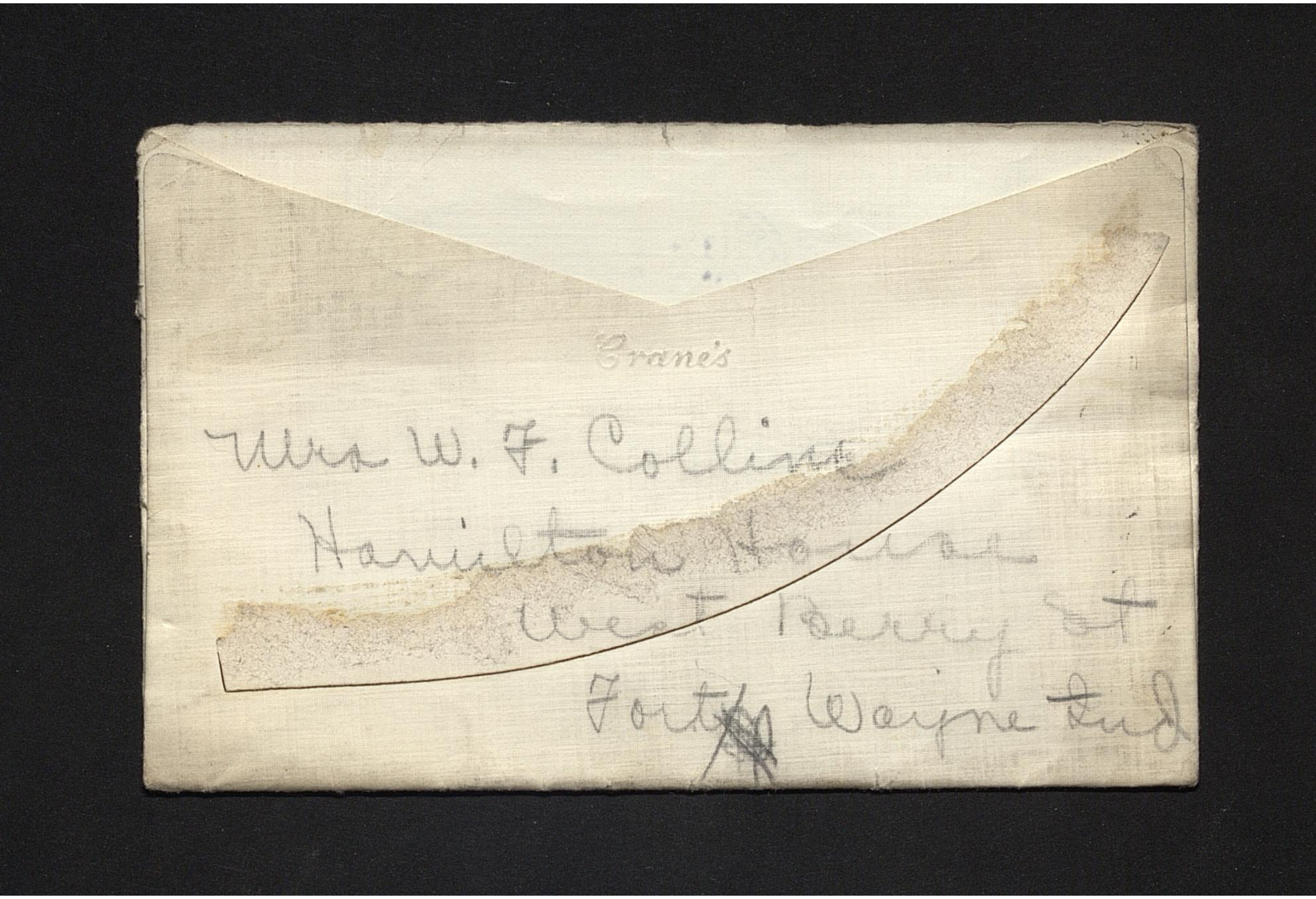
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Mrs W. F. Collins
Hamilton Manor
West Berry St.
Fort Wayne Ind

Did Pat stay in Washington?
I haven't had a scratch from her.

Suppose everyone has gone back to school & Washington is quiet <u>again</u>

Now write real soon & tell me the news.

Tell Lona Hello and give my love to your mother.

With Love
Hazel W.

[Postmarked Jan. 15, 1917]

Dear Helen:

Well how do you like this cold weather? Did you have a good time at the dance? They surely must have had a dandy crowd from what I saw in the paper.

We came home on the 7th and got off at the Lake Erie crossing where Bob + you + I got off

that Sunday, + walked all the way home, thought we would rather walk than wait 2 hrs. in Peoria.

Sunday Earl + Edna, Marie + her friend from Peoria + Rainy were up for supper, then after supper Ello + I went to the Majestic and saw "A Full House". It wasn't very good though. He was up again last night and to-morrow night we are going to Peoria to the University Club dance.

I go twice as much down here as I did in Washington.

I suppose you will soon be packing and getting ready to move. Well I certainly hope that you will like it as well as I do down here.

Mamma hasn't been a bit well and Sibi's husband in Bushnell died so Myt went over there + I have had everything to do alone + believe me it keeps me busy.

Did you have a nice time at Lulu's Was sorry I couldn't come over but of course I can't get over every time.


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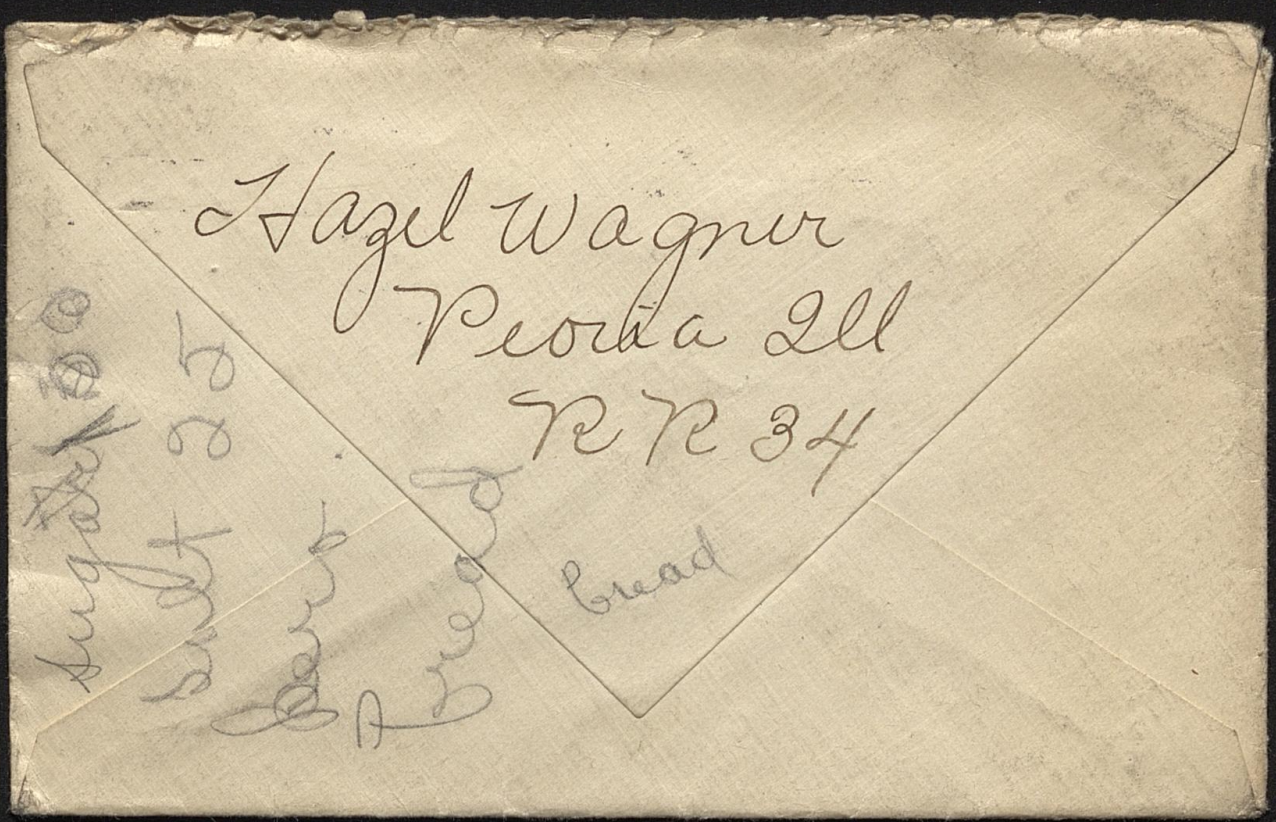
Hazel Wagner
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Washington Ill.
May 21, 1917

Dear Friends;

I passed into the fifth grade, but had to take the arithmetic examination. Pardon me! I am afraid I was using too big words for you to understand!—

Well, I was glad to hear from you, and hope you will write again soon. We just had 23 chickens come off a few days ago. Most of them are black, but a few are white. It seems a study in black and white!—

I have started going barefoots but do not know how long I can keep it up.

at least I saw him walking down the street with her one night!— Haw! haw! haw!

Well I guess I had better stop writing now, as I am apt to be nodding my head off if I keep on.

WAIT A MINUTE! I BESEECH YOU! How is Trix and the cat? And how are those nine red pigs I hear about?

From the old gang

Carl Wood

Mrs. Calhoun was going to take the other Junior leaguers and ME to the Baby Fold in Normal, but I am afraid the rain has spoiled the milk for us and ME. I am not very glad of it either, mind you!

Sister is exposed to the measles, but has them not. Sister can make letters with long legs!

I can draw a map of U.S. Mamma says it's pretty good map, and that it looks almost like the image of a mat.

Mamma had the peanuts hid in a pretty safe place but I found them, and took some to make sure that they were genuine. They were.

All of the marshmallows are most played out - that is eaten up, - and they always have talcum powder on them too. But it doesn't hurt so long as they are candy.

Bob Dougherty was reported dead but afterwards he was reported to be enlisted. He said for me to pinch him to see if he was alive. He was.

Glen Wombeck is awful lonesome since you left. He is going with Florence Berney now.


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Raymond.

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later on in life,

It looks as though we were going to have war, and guess that will take a good many of the young fellow. Well its alright with me, how about you.

Suppose you know Emma Herschel is married. I played her wedding march. She had a large affair about 95 –

Peoria, Ill.
May. 21' 17.

Dear Helen –

No doubt you think somthing has swallowed me up, but such is not the case. Ive been quite busy and so that accounts for me not writing you sooner.

Just had a scrap with my fellow, and he has gone home. Thirty one and he still

scraps. strange creatures these men are. One is more crazy acting than the other.

Now maybe Rochelle has sensible fellows, at least that the way it sounded in your letter.

Well how is everything with you. Are you going away

to school.? Margaret Bergner is still in California. She likes it awfully well so her folks came home and left her there.

Wish I had an easy a life as she has. Nothing to do but take life easy.

Maybe our time will come

him to go to California.
When you come to Peoria be sure and let me know because I want you to come up.
I sure will be glad to see you once again.
Well dearie I must close — Please don't wait so long as I did to write me. Give my best regards to your folks.
And lots of kissies for Yourself As Ever
Margaret.

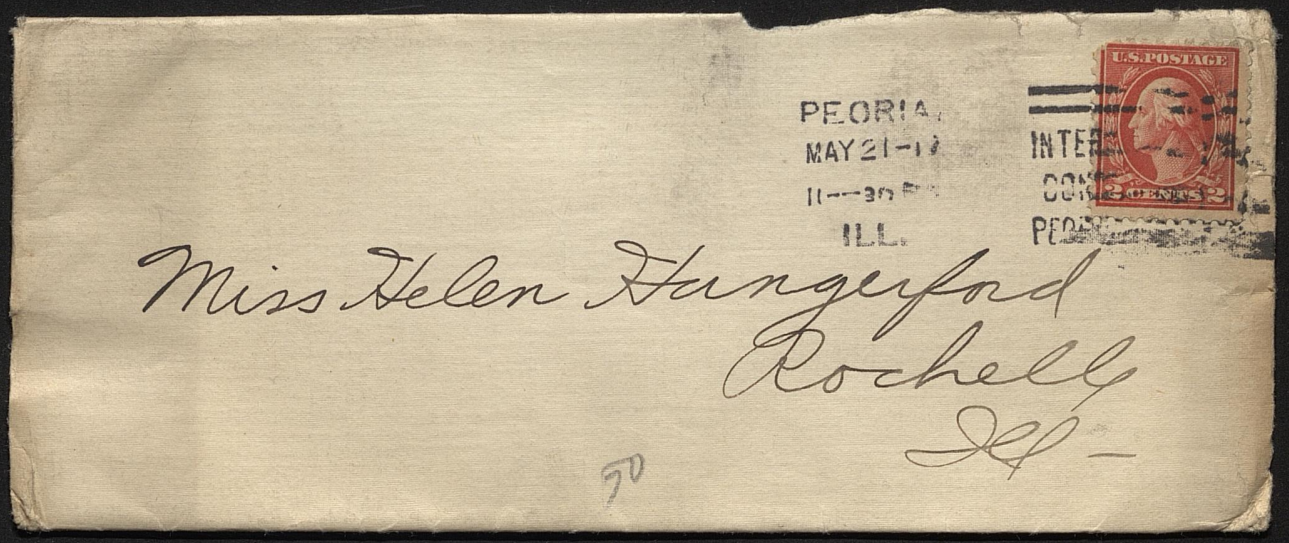
I think her man is awfully nice, as much as I saw of him. They went to Chicago but hear they are back now.
He sure feel into a snap, a whole lot of money. I don't understand why ~~Bula~~ Bula Banta didn't care for him.
When are you coming to Peoria you said sometime this month

believe me I sure did dread the cold weather This week feels like summer and it does get warm over there.

How is your Ma and Pa? Haven't seen any of you folks for such a long time. My Dad is just miserable again. We are trying to get it is most half gone now.

Have you a car yet. Everyone is getting organs this town. Amelia Boelfls folks ~~all~~ have bought one. Guess you never have met her though.

I've been going to Roanoke most every week



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I had better tell you what they was as maybe you would'nt know. I am glad to hear you have so many little chicks hope they all live and do well. they will be quite a care for you. Helen I sent your letter to the address you gave me also five Names and ~~addresses~~ addresses and the whole thing was returned to me by the post office. and had a hand stamped on it and the word "Fraudule" printed on it. so I guess it was a fraud what do you think about it?

I just dread going back to work. I don't like it in the stores any more it is so hard on ones nerves

Washington Dec.
May 17th 1917.

Dear Helen—

Guess it is about time for me to ans— your letter. I have been quite busy. but am thro the hardest of my work now.

I finished house cleaning last Sat— and every thing looks nice now. Pa + I papered the summer kitchen + it look so clean and Pa Painted the ceiling and that adds some to the looks of it.

Ma and Pa both was glad for once to have me

home but has'nt been since.

You should see Grand Ma's new oil stove. she likes it fine. Dud has baked bread with it. I think it is just the thing for her.

Isaac came over for us Sunday morning and brought us home Monday after noon. I have been so busy havn't had time to get lonesome. The first few days I was home I thought I must call you folks up or go over and see you.

Pa sent your strawberries plants and Ma put in some Golden Glows and a box elder tree. I thought home as it was so much help to them.

I really don't see how they would of got it done if I had'nt helped them.

Grand ma does'nt feel at all well yesterday and to-day I dont know if she has a cold or not. She was lying down all after noon

Grandpa is not feeling quite as good as he did last week. They are quite anxious to hear about your colts and calves. also your crops.

Grandpa has'nt seen Grandpa Smith since he came home. He was over twice to see him before he came

out of a cage. And I only hope you have the best of luck. It certainly was nice of Grandpa S— giving you that check. Well Mamma has a man picked out for me. Of course I am anxious to see him. Ha! Ha! One look at me would satisfy him. Well Helen I will quit as I want to write Ida yet to night. Hope this finds you all well. With love to all from all.

Edna H—.

but guess there is no rest for the wicked. I am more contented at home this time than I have been for a long time.

Grand-ma said tell you she was looking for you every day. Bessie told Pa you was coming after the 13th. And Ma has been looking every day since. Ha! Ha! Robt and Maiden are both home now. Robt came home to enlist but guess he has decided not too, as havint heard any more about it.

Hatter don't gain as fast as she should. her heart has been bothering her some. I hope she will soon

been sleeping much ha! ha!

I guess I will not get up to see you folks this time but I get another vacation and will try and get up then. I will try and see Ida this time she coaxed so hard for me to come up. And I feel sorry for her as she is tied down so close and does not get to go any place.

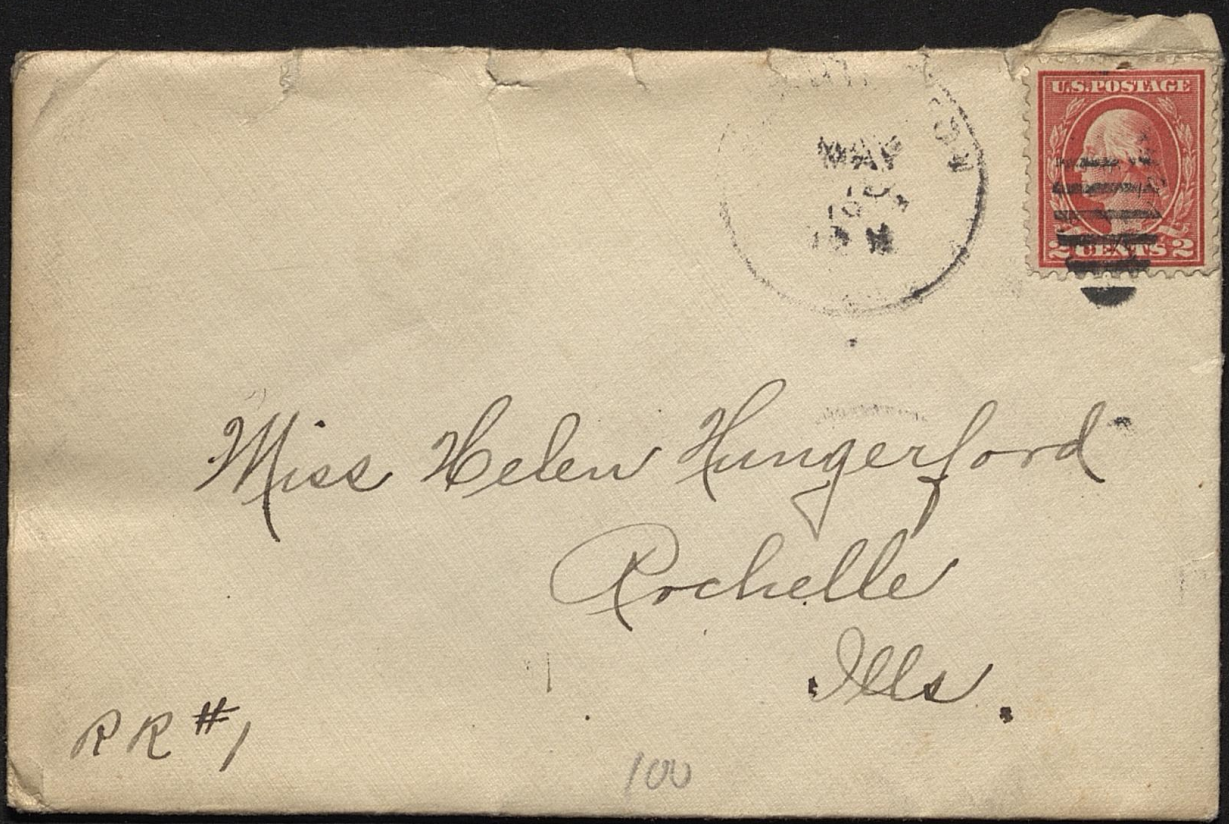
Suppose you folks will all be so fat when I see you that we will not know you.

How does Mamma like it up there by this time. I can imagine you all feel like you was be well again.

I made Grandma a hat to-day and I think it looks real good on her. It is a hat not a bonnet. Made it of some blk silk lace I had and put violets on it.

Grandpa's garden look nice. he waters it every night now and hoes it every day. Ma & I was over to Em's one ev- for a little while

I have fixed over four petticoats and put a new white one on a belt & fitted it. fixed my blk satin one all up cut my blk Taffeta out and got it ready to fit so you can see I have it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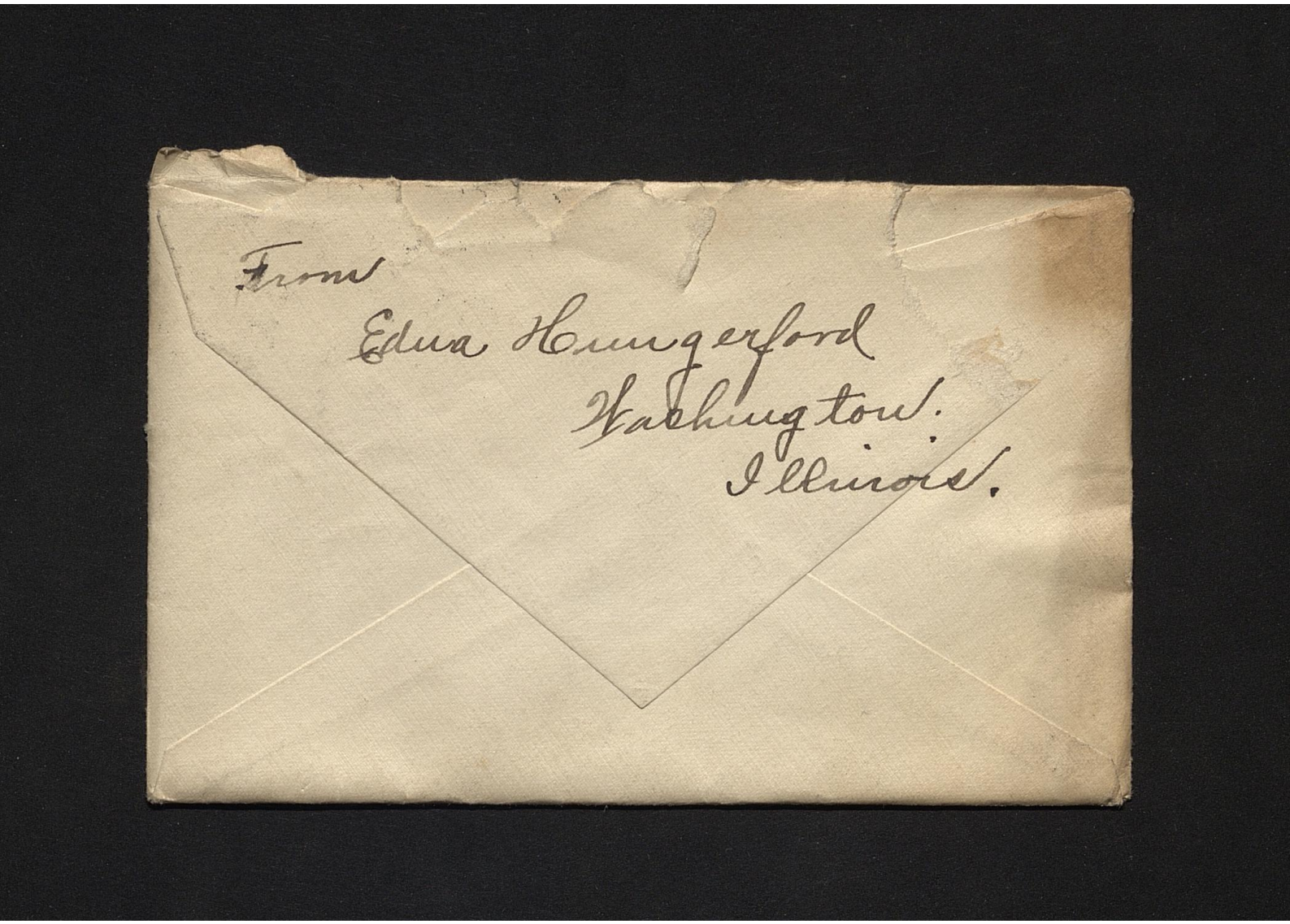
From
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Washington
Illinois.

[Postmarked MAY 1917]

Dear Helen — Yours was Friend.

I just finished my suffer, not getting home until 7 oclock, and it is raining and has been raining all day, so I thot I would sit down and tell you of some of the things I know, and some I dont. The weather here for the last two days has been awful, raining and snowing all the time, The roads between here and Peoria are in the worst shape I ever seen them in. Almost too bad [redacted] to get them in a Ford. They have got the main road to Peoria from the Forks to the 4 corners blocked, Smiths Brothers are putting in concrete bridges, in place of the old ones. There is to be one mile of concrete road put in soon, starting at the end of the pavement.

Well, I suppose you are busy helping your father harrow and plant his corn. My, but I'll bet you will look suded in a year from now. I suppose there are few Oat-ns in the country surrounding Dont you get lonsome, without seeing familar faces. Of course maybe some of the Natives have been up to see you. I heard them roasting one guy in the barber shop the other night about being up in Rochelle, but I couldnt make out what the joke was.

What do you think of this War noise, looks kind of serious. I dont loose any of my sleep worring about it anyway. I am still working down at Holts, and they are working under government orders all the time, night and day. They have U.S. soldiers around the place on Guard all the time. Do you remember this Red Shag.

He was Levi's brother. He has became a soldier and is on duty done there. Them kind of fellows take the ~~joy~~ out off soldier life for me, I dont think I will have to go to war, long as I stay down there. I want to go to farming next year.

Probably a year from now Bess & Smithy will be farming. Well I fel for Smithy. Say do you ever here from H.W. I havent seen her, or heard of her for a long while, that guy that makes them clay brick must have her hypnotize, or memorized or some other kind of an ized. There isn't a thing doing in this town any more. Hotel changed hands. Not even a dance in the last six weeks. Well there was a little excitement last week, all the Dutch preachers for miles

around were in town for
several days.

I suppose you heard about
Harry Gowdin Jr. Wasn't that
awful. Joe & Bob come and
visit with us about every two
weeks. And poor old Pete he
still hobbling around. I believe he
is getting worse instead of
better. Well I must close,
for this session as my bedtime
is 9 o'clock now. I remain as
I always were

Jean Birkett.

Please excuse all ignorances,
my pen etc, I am no hand
to write, but I would like to
here from you a little oftener.
Hoping this letter finds you
well and full of hope I
will close.

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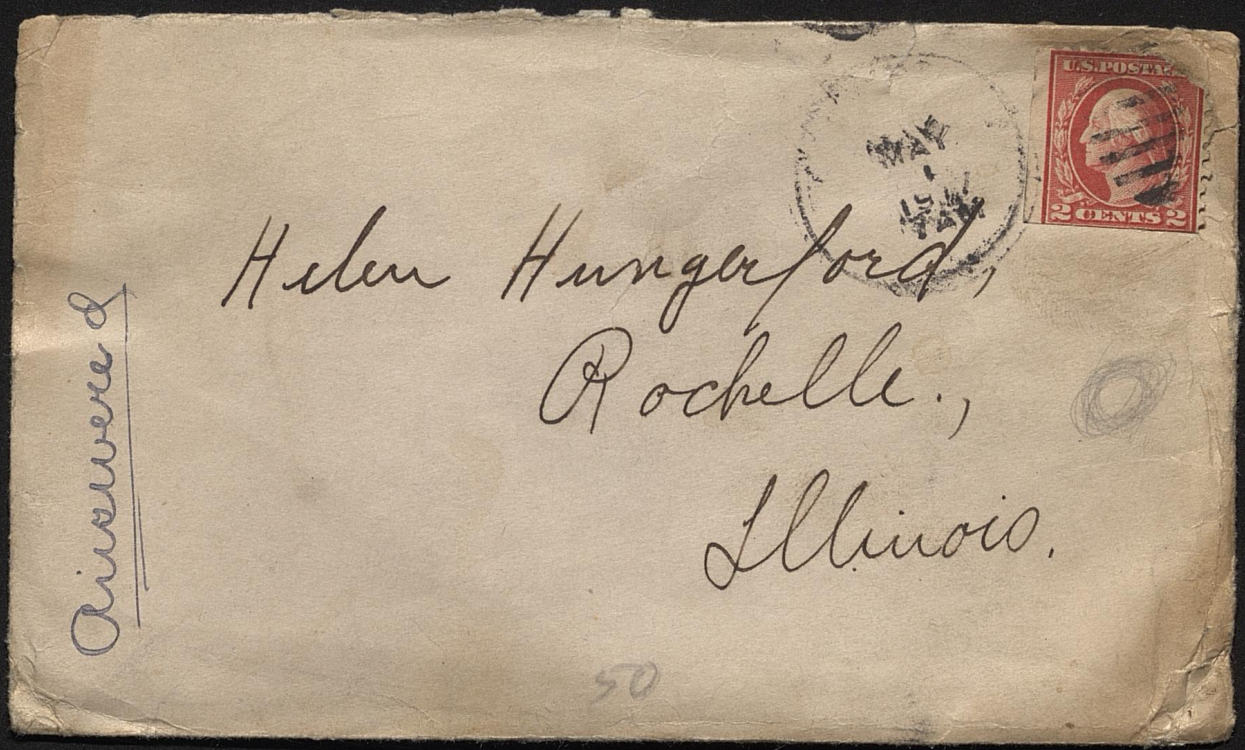
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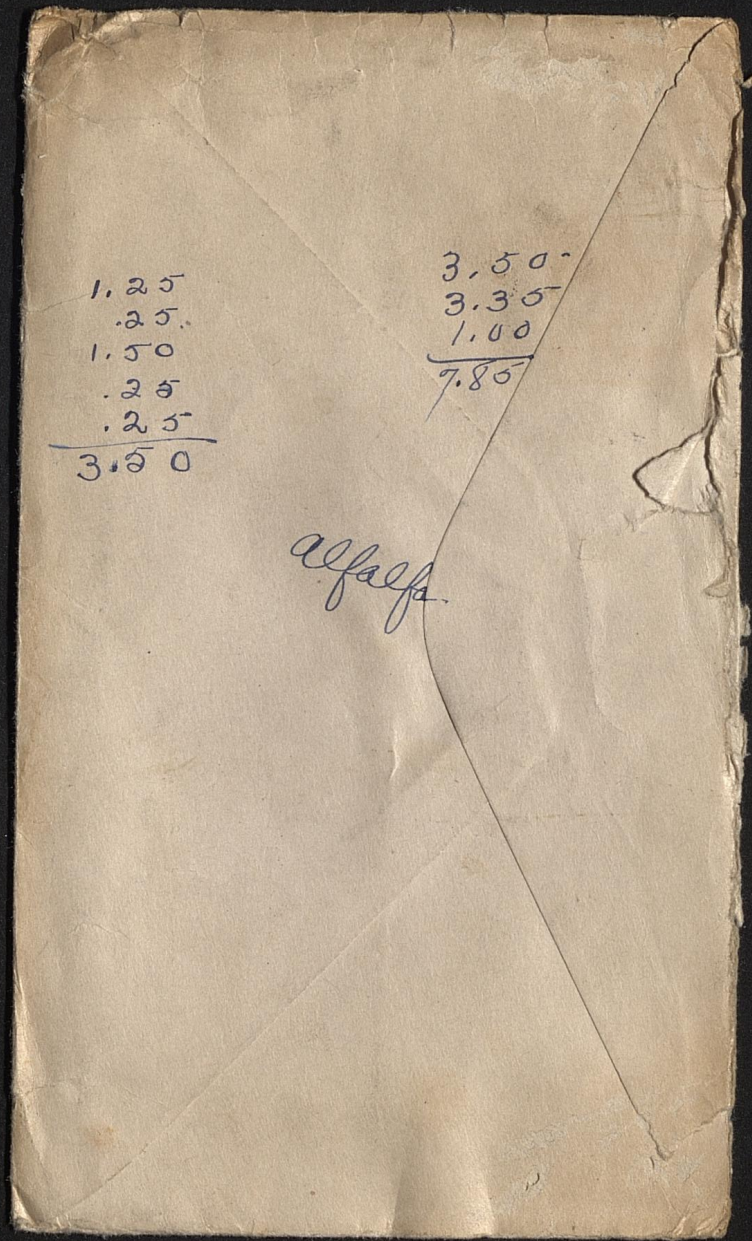
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Washington, Ill.
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Dear Helen,

I was certainly surprised & shocked to hear about you being peeved. I am mostly surprised to hear, and to even think for a minute that you would let those guys bond you and turn you against me the way it has.

Helen, didn't I ask you & tell you that I was coming up again and do to straighten this out.

Listen, dear, please be in town on Sat. nite. the twelfth, a week from Sat. If you will I will run up & see you. Please. You most certainly will do that much if I can at least prove myself not guilty.

I can't hardly believe you are sore at me. It is the first time. Just a year ago this week you were in the country visiting Hazel and it seems queer that now after a

Helen, if you would handle your end in me you wouldn't let the "two Bills" tell you all that stuff.

From the way you write I guess I am "done for," but I'm not going to let this break us up. Not on my account. When you know I have always cared for you & now to think it is all over, I can't bear to think of it.

However there is no use trying to explain on paper and I ask you to please let me see you for one evening

you think that I would deceive you the way you think I have?

I will admit I said something that give them that impression, but it was all in joking way. I didn't suppose they would blow themselves to you. (Excuse bum writing.) and make it twice as bad as it was. They tried to roast me about you having fellows & I just didn't let them get anything on me. I didn't mean a word I said.

year of most dear & pleasant associations we are passing over nothing

I beg of you to let me see you for two or three hours a week from Sat. nite. You will probably be in town anyway. I wonder what your folks think.

Please write as of old and don't write as if you were ready to eat me up. Probably you have forgotten me but

I want to see you just the same. I wish I could be with you because I can't write a decent letter or talk either for that matter.

Am. soon please.

good-night,

With love,

Glenn B. H.

P.S I know this isn't much of an explanation but I want a chance to talk to you


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so I have been kept so busy - am not thru cleaning house - it has rained so much -
then I have sewed - made a couple house dresses and a pink linen for this summer if it ever warms up -
then too Helen - I have joined the "First aid" class (Red Cross) and we meet evenings - Our local physicians are giving the lectures and they are proving so instructive and interesting

[MAY 1, 1917]

My dear Helen -

Please don't judge how we miss you by the length of time I have taken to tell you. It seemed at first as if you were away on a visit and would return - and now the place does look lonely.

By this time I presume you are nicely established and are accustomed to your surroundings - and I sincerely hope you are all delighted.

The past month or

I do not know just about yielding my services in case of war - I am hoping it will not be necessary - and again I feel that some must do the work - Isn't the situation becoming critical - I have been watching the papers closely regarding the drafting proposition

Well Helen how about your chickens - surely this rainy weather is not very good for little chickens - have you made all your garden - you ought to see ours - you remember the flower bed by our back steps and outside cellar door - well this Spring it is blooming with onions and lettuce - and we enjoy seeing the same grow as much as any flower - later we will put our asters in - we have also made some garden up on the farm -

I suppose you have heard of the Community Sing that

phill at Joe's some time ago. I also was at Esther's and Art's. They are getting settled nicely and Esther is falling into the ranks of domestic duty very nobly. I believe Isabelle spent last week end with her.

Frieda informs us that she will be home about the second of June. But plans to be in school again in Chicago part of the summer.

has been organized. - meet every two weeks on Tues. - quite enjoyable - I hear if you were here you would be in demand to accompany with your cornet - By the way, are you playing in your S. S.?

An Evangelical conference was in session here from Tues. until last night - no entertained two ministers during the time - The one was raised near Rochelle -

I don't see Laurence very often since you are not living over here - he may be around the way but you see that's out of my vision - ha - I see Bess every day - either going or coming from school. The neighborhood remains about the same - the weather is disagreeable so much that people are not stirring much. Well I will close - I just called down stairs to mama and told her I was writing you and asked her what to tell you - she said "tell them I often look over there, and how I miss them".

Yours, with love -

Julia.

Remember me kindly to your mother and father - and you may tell your mother this letter is for her too. Will be pleased to hear from you.

Monday evening.


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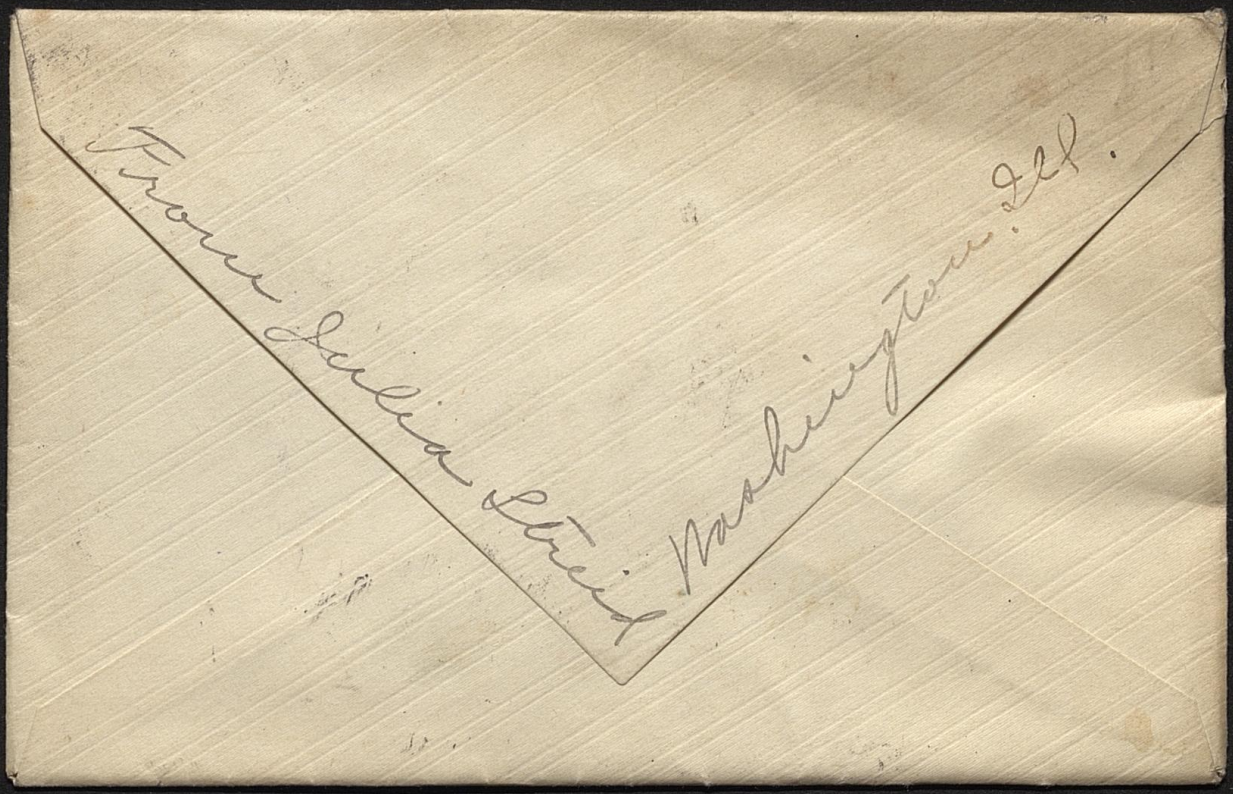

From Selma Reed Washington D.C.

[Postmarked Aug 24, 1917]

My dearest Helen,

The evenings that I stay at home to write to you are the ones that I most enjoy. Helen dear if I had known you were going to thrash I would never had thought of asking you to come up. After I had wrote I thought maybe you were going to thrash & was looking for a letter telling me not to come.

Well dear I haven't been doing much except sit around town. I was at church all day Sun.

It was real nice only in the afternoon we started at two thirty & didn't get through till five. Something. We played in the sun. & I also "sang." I am going to choir practice tomorrow nite. We have the best chorister. Mr. Belsly of Deerbrook. He & his wife are visiting or living rather at the Belsly's. He played cornet with us Sun. Did you know that Esther Vogelsanth died Mon. & was buried Wed? She died at Peoria in the Proctor hospital

following an operation.
I played my last band
concert last nite. Saw
Emily. She came down
with Hollands. Next
week is the last band
concert. They sure went
fast. I didn't suppose
Chick & Joe were still
working for your father.
I suppose you & Joe are
still chummy. Tell Bill
I am sorry about his
accident. I couldn't
imagine what you was
doing last week when I
got a card from Oregon
instead of a letter that

was long past due. Speaking of Rockford I thought maybe you were coming in the "Ford". Listen dear I am going to work at the factory working day & nite for eight weeks & I won't see you for, just think two months or November. But remember I am working for you as well as myself so I will wait & come up after the sum. I wish it was over. Helen you must write me often as I will be lonesome. Won't you? There is only one thing I worry about. That is if

you come down in Sept & I won't get to see you & you know there is some-thing else. I wish I could see you & tell you & make you promise not to do a certain thing when you come. I will think of you at the factory because you know I love you & if you come down manage to be here on Sun. Then I can see you.

It is awfully out-side & if you were only here it wouldn't be so lonesome. I suppose you are joy-riding. I wish I had a

"food" like some folks.
Say dear speaking of Rex & I at Spring Bay. How did you ever here of it? It was nothing so wonderful only a "fishing trip." We didn't catch anything so went to Peoria & then home. I wonder who told you. It was in July. A long time ago.
Fred wants me to come over to see him to — morrow nite but I don't I will go as I must go to church Sun. morn. We quit work at four thirty ~~to~~ on Sat. & say I never worked in such a place.

We 'stall' around + work
about half the time. No man-
agement whatever.

Gert is sending me of
her pictures that is, I made
her. She thinks, as girls do"
that they aren't good.

Well my sweet heart I
must quit. Now answer
this real real soon be-
cause you made me
wait a long time before.

When I get to come
up. I will have lots to
tell + ask you. I feel
happy because of our
love for each other and
I only wish you were

still living in the "end end." I don't know whether you will call this a newsy letter or not but it is at least an effort. Ha. Ha.

I am going to read my Cosmopolitan a while & then go to bed & dream sweet dreams of the girl I love

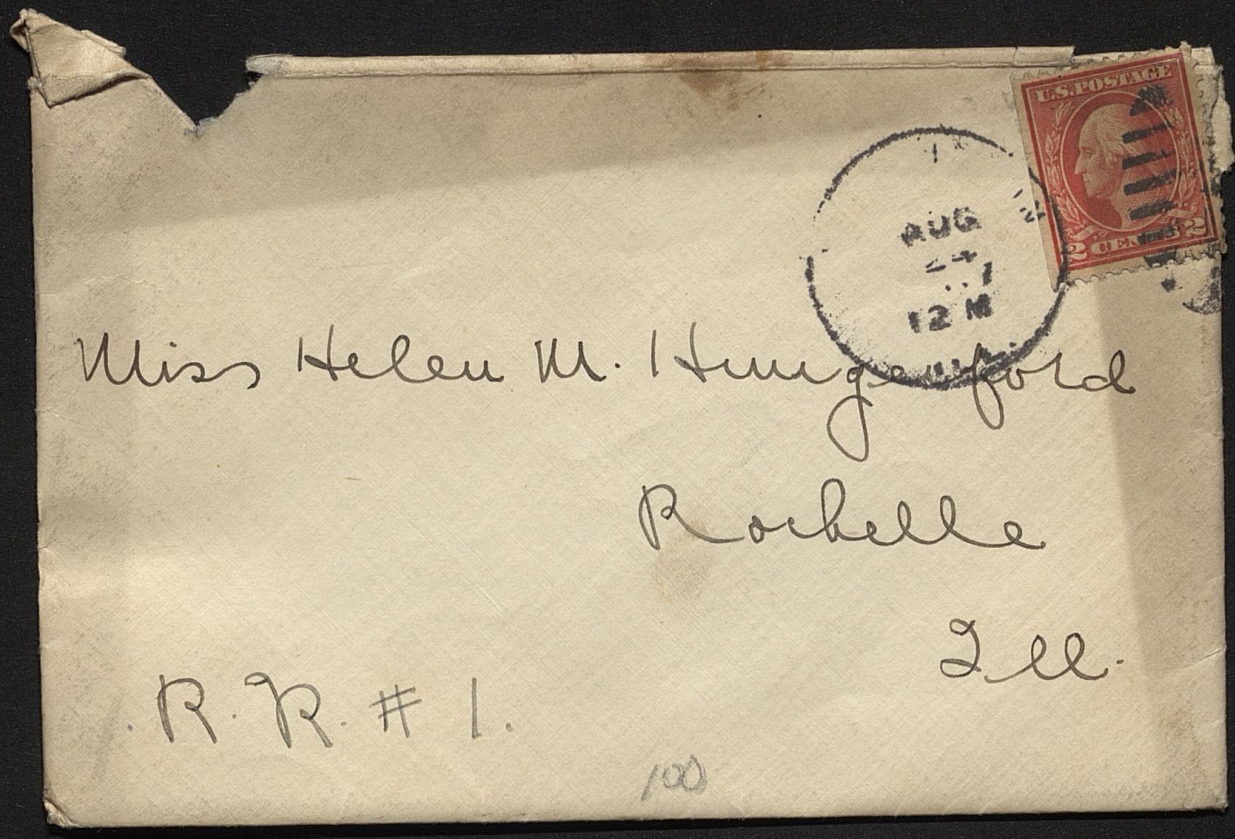
As real soon

With love

Glenn H.

Thurs. eve.

nine-thirty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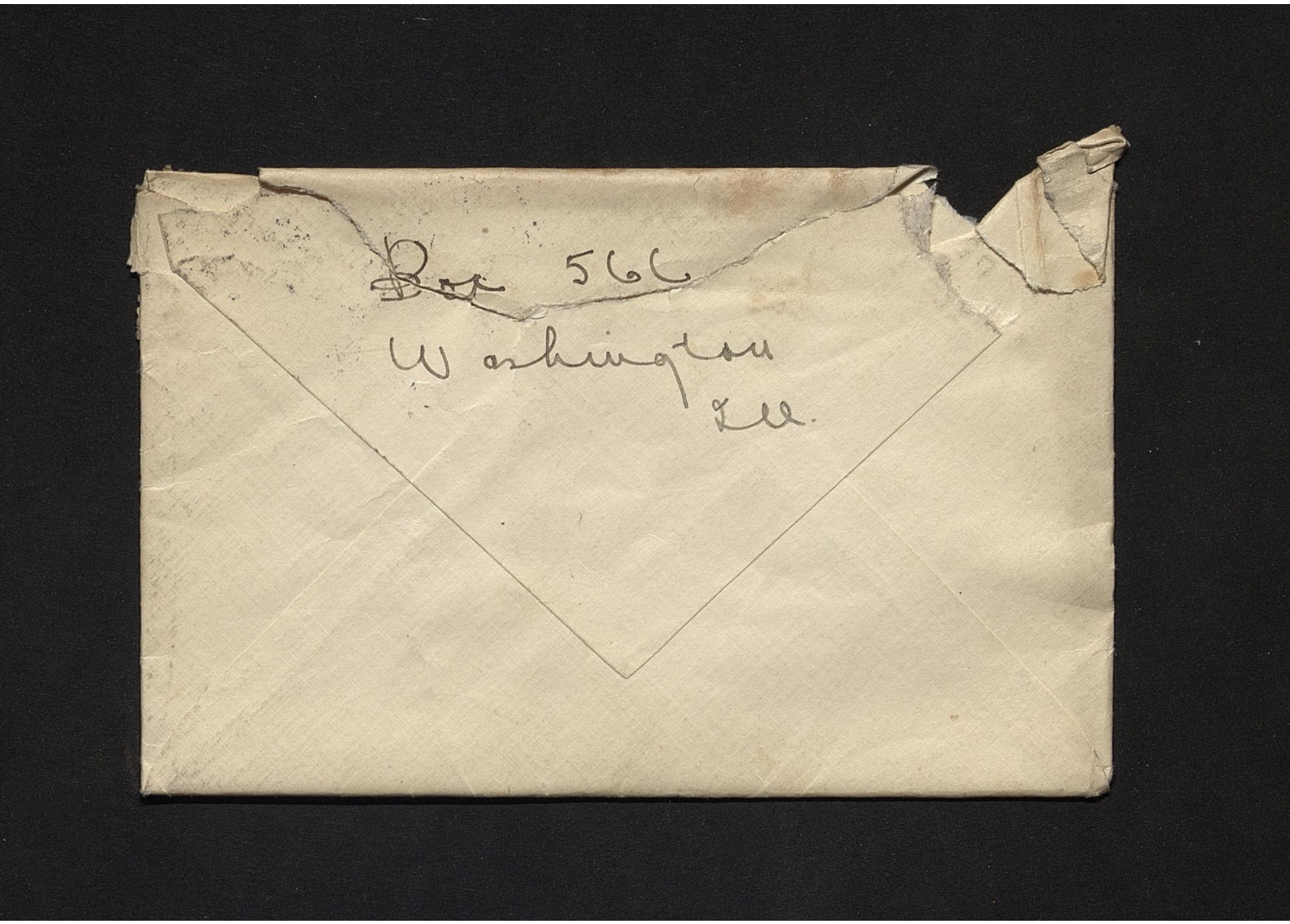

~~Box~~ 566

Washington

Ill.

[Postmarked Aug. 20, 1917] Noon Aug. 19.

Dearest Helen,

Just back from S.S. & I have been wondering why you don't write. I wrote you a week ago Friday & just think seven pages. Maybe you didn't get it. I got your card.

Just finished dinner & I want to get this note on the No. four, the noon train. Gee dear I wish you were here to-day to play with us this afternoon & to-nite.

I am enjoying a solo

to-nite." Oh yes.

The canning factory starts a week from to morrow so I am going to quit Camps Thurs. & I think I will come to see you Fri noon & come home Sat. so I can go to work Mon. I won't get to see you for a long time if I don't because I am sure going to jail.

You probably won't hear from me before then so I will come if something doesn't turn up. I will call you when I get there. Write me a letter dear

just think only one more
I have seen you.

Well I must get this
to the depot + then go to
lunch.

Write soon.
With love

Glenn H.

Excuse writing.

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Program

Morning

10:00. Sermon
Rev. Thomas E. Newland D. D. District Superintendent, Peoria, Illinois

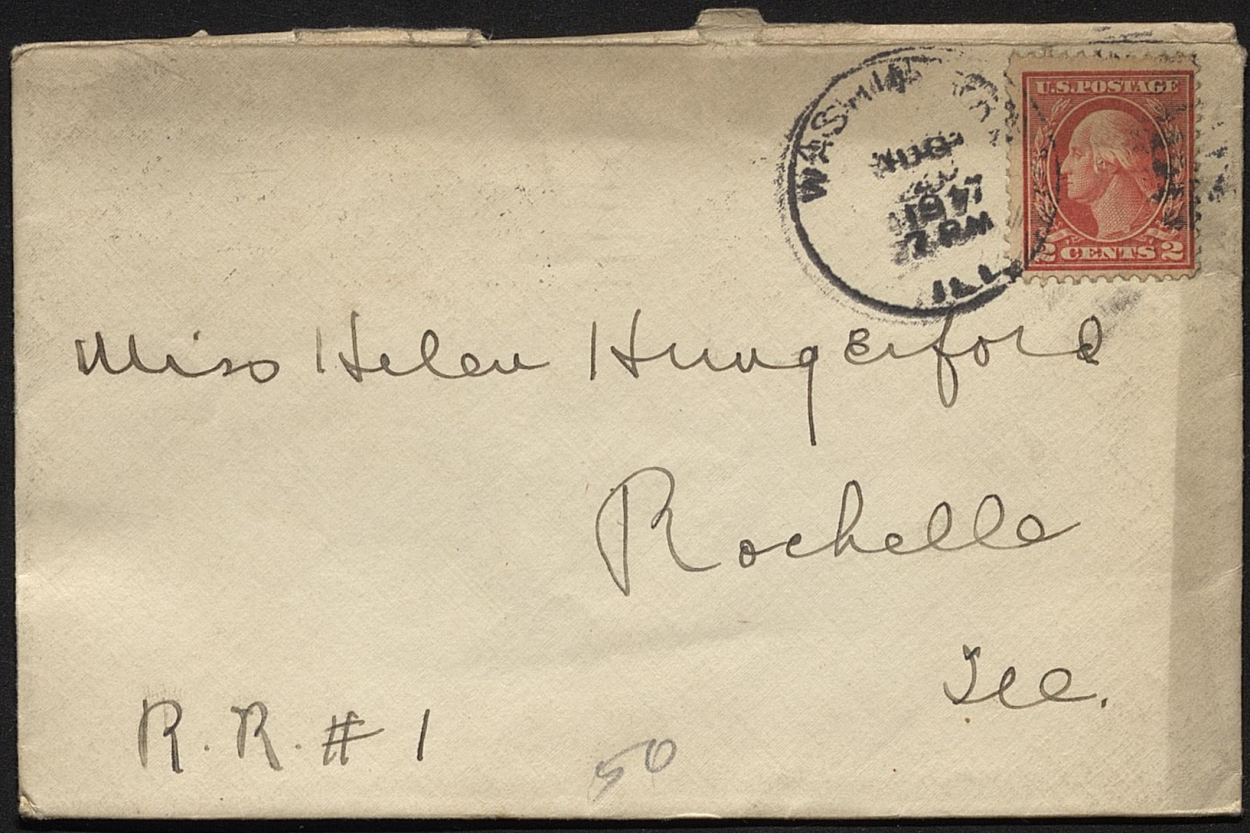
11:15. Sunday School
F. S. Harvey, Superintendent

Afternoon

2:30. Reviewing the Past
Orchestra—A. J. Myers, Leader
Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Invocation—Rev. W. G. Trower
Song—"Faith of Our Fathers"
Introductory Remarks, Pastor
Rev. J. D. Calhoun
Historical—F. S. Harvey
Selection—Orchestra
Choirs and Singers—E. Garber
Reminiscences, Led by G. W. Tobias
Greetings from the Washington Churches—Rev. J. H. Wright
Letters and Greetings
Read by Agnes Enselman
Selection—Orchestra
Doxology and Benediction

Evening

7:00. Epworth League—Josephine Belsly
8:00. Sermon, Rev. J. F. Robinson D. D.
Geneseo, Illinois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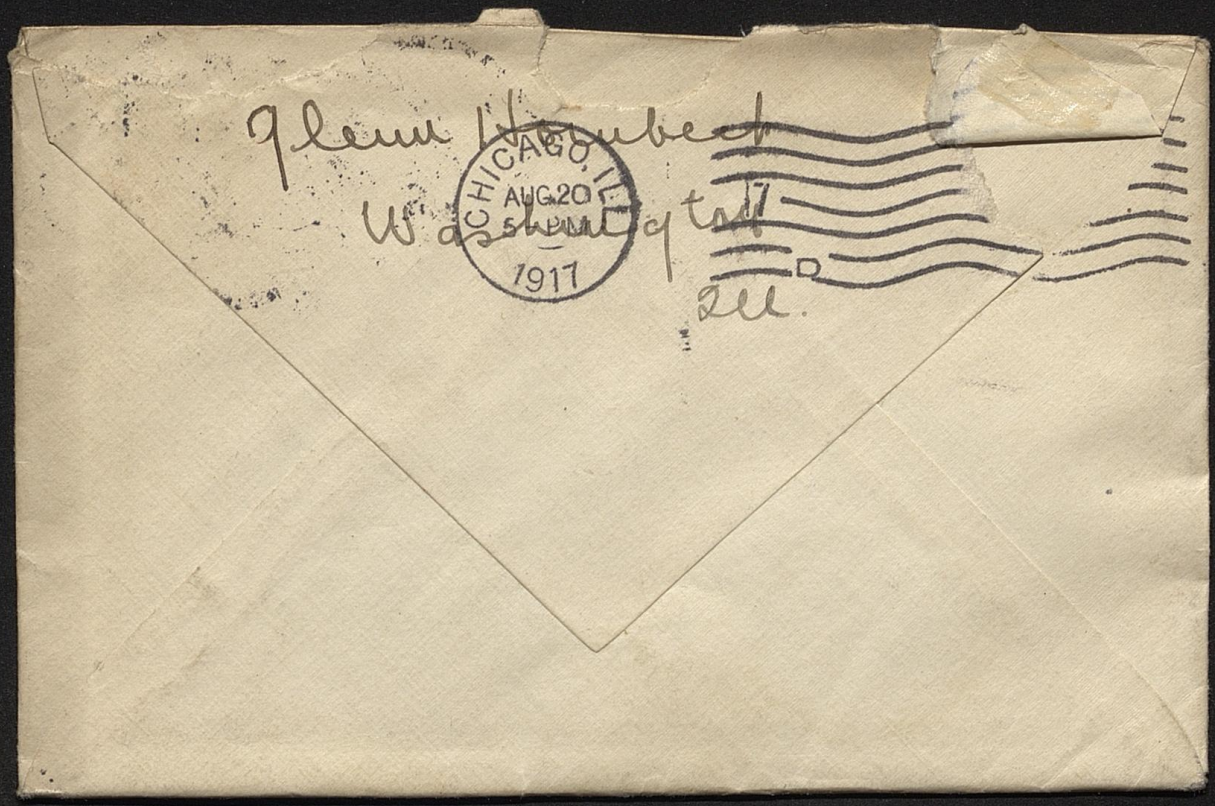
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[Postmarked Aug 11, [illegible]]

My dearest Helen.

Just back from town. Been playing in the barbershop. There is a young fellow here from Petrie who sure can play a mandolin. I wonder what my dear girl is doing to-nite.

I am lonesome as usual & would love to see you. Are you through cutting oats? The next time you haul water it will be in threshing time.

Rex & I drove to Morton last nite to chautauqua but came home early. Were good boys

as usual. Don't think I care to go anymore. Nothing doing down there. D is you go to band-concert Wed. eve. Big crowd here. Saw Dora, Sarah but didn't see any of the other girls. I am going to sing at church Sun. morn. for a change. We started the "choir" again. I know how well you like it. So Emily enjoyed her company the other day. I felt so lonesome, sleepy & tired that it is a wonder she died. Almost forgot. Guess where I am working. At Camps

just till the factory starts.
I hate to work at the factory because that will be about the time you are here and you know, working nites.

Hello my dear I feel so unsettled. I want to see you & have a good long talk with you & ask you a lot of things. I think I will come up before the factory starts, maybe.

Guy just came home & disturbed me. A quarter of ten, pretty late for kids to be out. I love to read him about Bernice G.

Went to the show Tues nite

3 + saw Pauline Frederick. I always go when she is playing because, you know. It started to rain & they couldn't finish the show. Bob Stormer & his wife are visiting down at Browning Ill. this week, that is her old home. I would laugh if they would call his number while he is gone. They examined John Heilman once & refused him & now they called him again. He has to come down from Chi. Isn't that a fright? I guess he would hate to leave Belle Cockbill but she

doesn't care for him, that is what she told my sis. Gert. So you & Joe are getting quite chummy. Say, look here, I want Theis & Joe to leave right away. It's bad enough having Bill trying to get my girl. Ha Ha.

Was over to Peoria Wed. afternoon & went down to Keystone. Could have had a job but, no chance. Will tell you about it. Was up to Fred's room awhile. He is crazy about me coming over & room with him but I would rather stay in Washington when it

5 is so close. You know dear-
est I know my love for you
is true but there is so many
templations you know. I
might get to be a bad little
boy. Ha. Ha. Couldn't get much
worse. I must see you soon.
A lot to say & would rather
tell you there write it. I don't
suppose I will work in Pe
oria until after the corn
run. Better come down
and get a job.

Say Mrs Reproth died
to day, "I don't know how to spell it",
Did you know her? They
live out near where you
did I think.

Well my love it is getting late & now if I could only kiss you good nite. Write soon dear & tell me all about yourself. I don't know what to do Sat & Sun. nite. I will be lonesome but I hope to some day have you with me all my own. The dearest girl in the world.

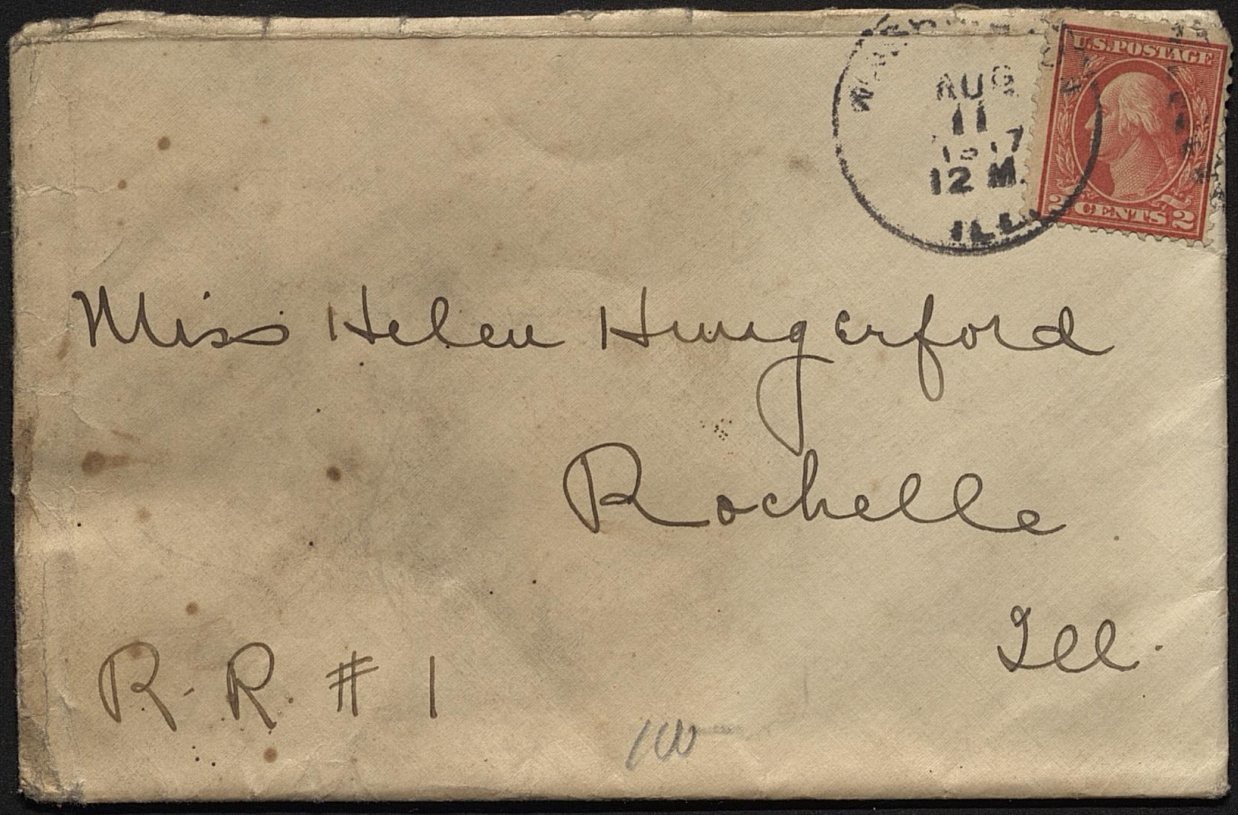
Am soon.

Tell the folks "hello" & good nite to you.

Yours with love,

Glenn

10:15 Fri. eve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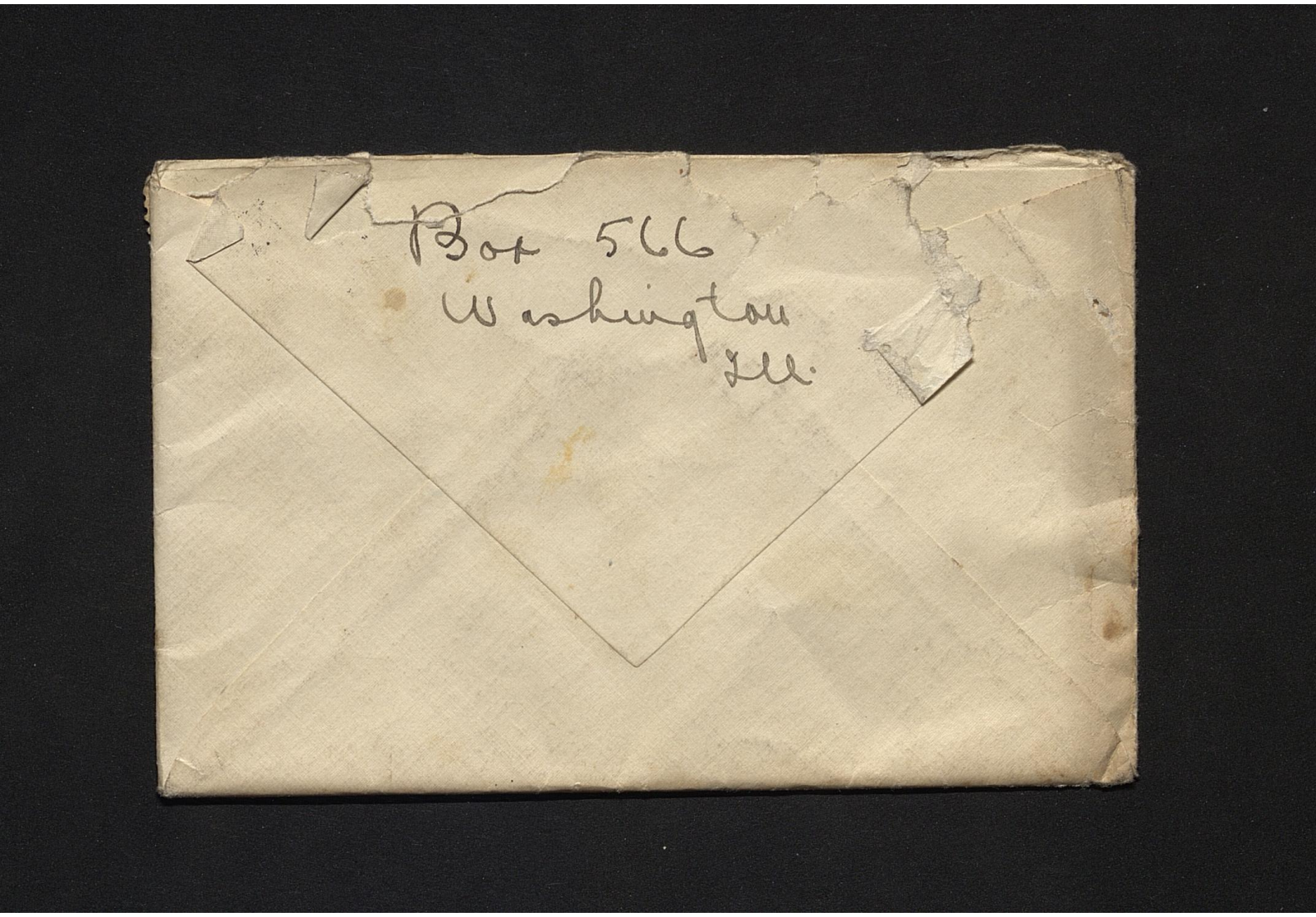
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[Postmarked Aug. 7, 1917]

Mon. Eve
Ten o'clock.

My dear, dearest Helen,

If I ever felt lonely I sure do to night. & I know that you must be too. I wonder what you are doing now. How I long to be near you & call you "dear". I have felt miserable ever since I've been home.

Emily & I had a nice trip home but we were both tired & sleepy. She is awfully nice but I was wishing all the time that it was you instead of her with me on the train.

at Mendota we walked all over town & got a lunch. Some lay over there. When we got to El Paso we went to Seaton's & rested awhile. We waited in Wash about half an hour for her train. It is raining here & it sure is nice. Don't you wish it would rain to-morrow & you could rest?

I have been to band rehearsal & there wasn't hardly anybody there so we didn't practice hardly any. I didn't feel like playing anyway.

I say dear I really do

believe Bill has got a "case" on you Ha. Ha. Don't you feel proud? He seemed to be peeved at me. Didn't act the same to me as he did before. You know he has asked you for dates. Ha. Ha.

Emily & I was laughing to day about him in the parlor last nite. He looked & looked at her & she didn't say anything & then he went out.

Sat. nite. I asked him why he didn't get next to her. Ha Ha

Helen I was so anxious to read your letter when I got home to day but it didn't get here. I was sore a-

about it but it was lost I guess.
Ralph Gilbert is home visit-
ing & say he sure looks fine.
You know he is in the ma-
rines stationed in Virginia.
He says he expects to be
called to France in another
month. Seven more boys
from here went to Pekin to-
day but they were all ex-
empt I think. Roc Zinser
goes the fifteenth. Bennet &
Mr Clung have also joined.
My dear do you know
I just haven't any get up
about me to-nite. I just
sit & dream, dream, dream.
I wonder if love makes

other people like that. I am going to save more money now than I ever did did because "you know." I don't want you to live up there any longer than you have to & dear you have to work pretty hard too. You must get awfully lonely sometimes in the evenings on the farm because I know I would & if I could only be there.

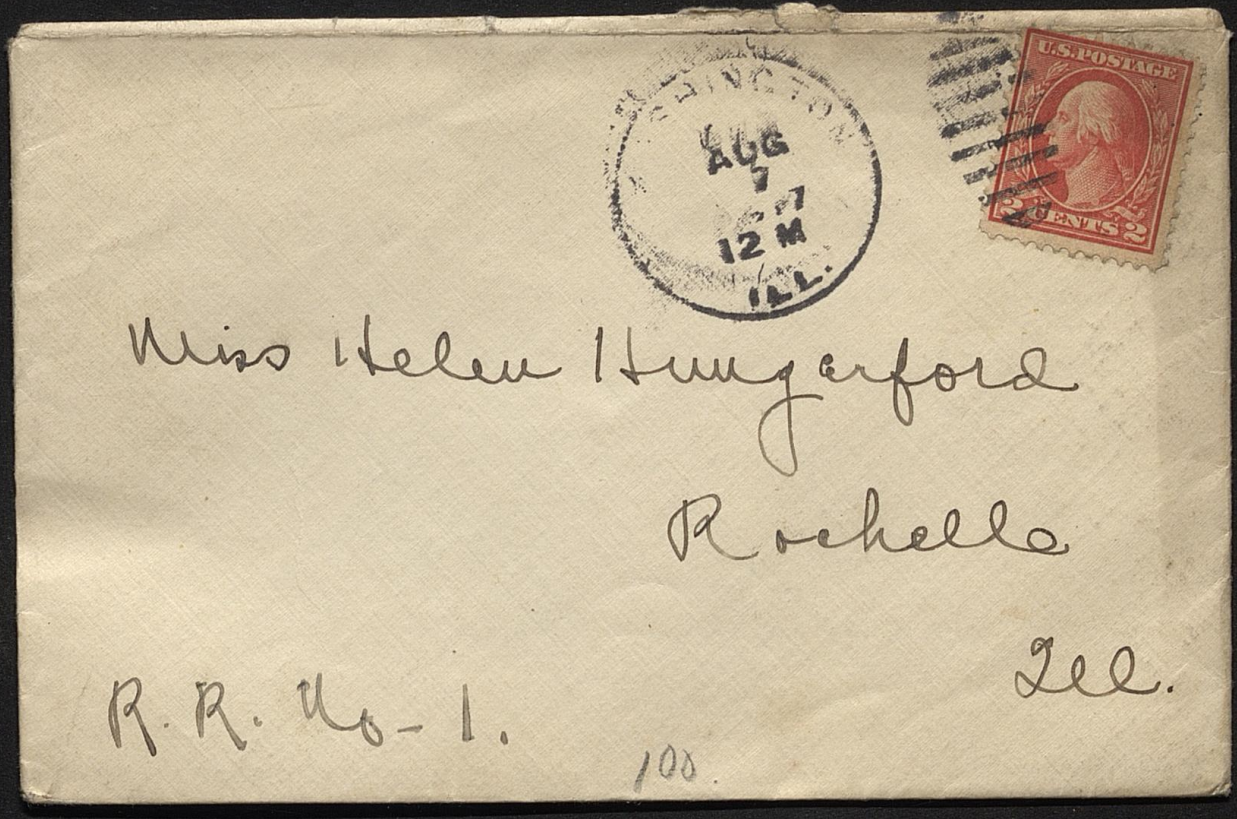
Helen come down as soon as you can because it is an awful long time till the fair at Peoria. I don't know whether I can get up again before that or not

Drive the "Ford" down only you ought to have me along to change your tires. Ha Ha.

Sweetheart it is time to quit & will write more next time. I wish I could take you in my arms & tell you I love you & kiss you good nite. Now dear write just as soon as you can, please. or I will get lonely.

Yours with love,
Glenn B K.

Excuse writing as I am nervous to-nite. Too much smoking.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Helen -

I might see you Fri. eve
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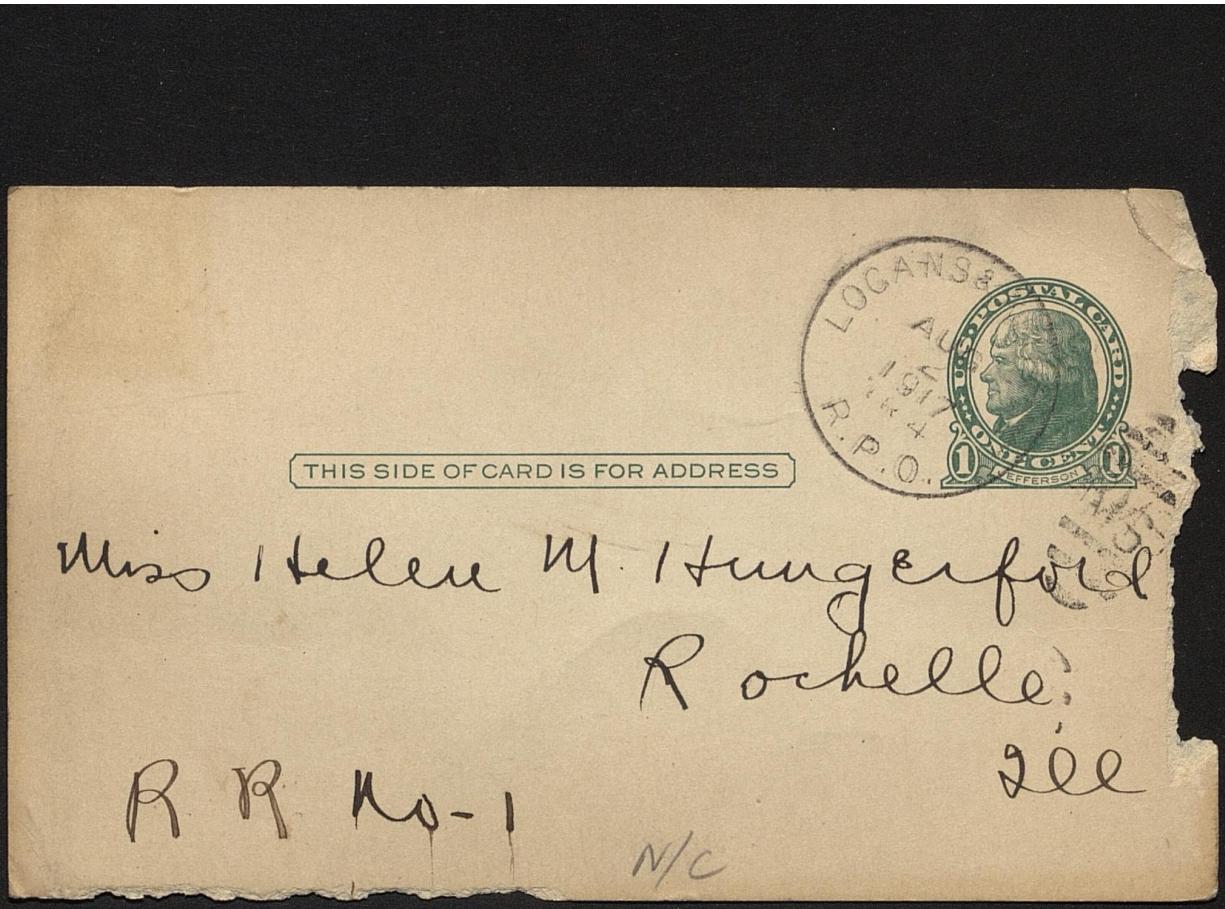
you up if I get through.
How is everything?

Glenn H.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Sunday
July 8, 1917

Dearest Friend—

Now that I know where to send a letter to you I have no other excuse and one can't always give the busy signal.

I shall be very glad to see you, more than I can tell you and your friend, I should be very

glad to meet her but I think the 1st. class is filled—and there is a long waiting list.

My 2nd cross classes are all finished this week and I will be rather glad, there is much planning to do for next winter and my vacation begins in Sept. and I shall be glad of the rest and ready

for work Oct 1st

I have a month with pay which isn't so bad. And then I had such a wonderful time in the east this Spring.

I have an opportunity to go west no the moment. am and think I shall do so.

Harland is in Fort Wadsworth New York.

I hear from him once every week, he is in the Coast Artillery and I do hope he won't have to go to France.

I will tell you more when I see you which I hope will be soon.

much love to you and my kindest regards to your husband.

always.

"Topsy"

[Postmarked June 24, 1917]

My dear Helen,

Your mother called me this a.m. and told me she had heard from you - and you were really saying something about coming home some time this summer - good for you - if you had it said something about it right soon we were coming down after you - just see how much we all think of you.

Wish you would hurry home - have lots of things to do - and there's a man here that wants to meet you very badly. Whit you surely have heard me speak of him - Swent with him a while last summer - he's a very good sport - and like him - don't know when you will or not but then time will tell - He called Wed. and said he + Leo were coming out to spend the P.M. he would so get acquainted etc - but I spoiled it all when I told him you were at home. He has a wonderful big seven passenger Hudson and we can drive all over in it. We have some wonderful ideas for the Fourth so you'd better hurry home.

Haven't been doing much - the girls are all home so we are just tearing around generally, all we do is burn - have been home a good deal also.

Sunday nite we are invited up to Abbys for lunch - but Leo has to work so we aren't going the boys are going tho.

William has taken it into his head to visit with me
twice first time in the History of Man I think - so my letter
may be very disconnected.

Don't know much news and scandal to tell you now
but can tell you a lot of gossip when you get home.
I haven't had a real honest to God date since a
week ago last Sun. nite. Geo & I fought all last
week - were in the trenches right - and this week
he has had to work every nite we might of done
lots worse tho - cause I was with him Mon.
mom. Tues. nite from 6:30 to 8. Wed P.M. &
all yest. P.M.

Wouldn't Bessie consider going with any one
if we should go on a trip the Fourth?

Write to me and hurry home I'm missing
you awfully

Love
Ruth Cook.

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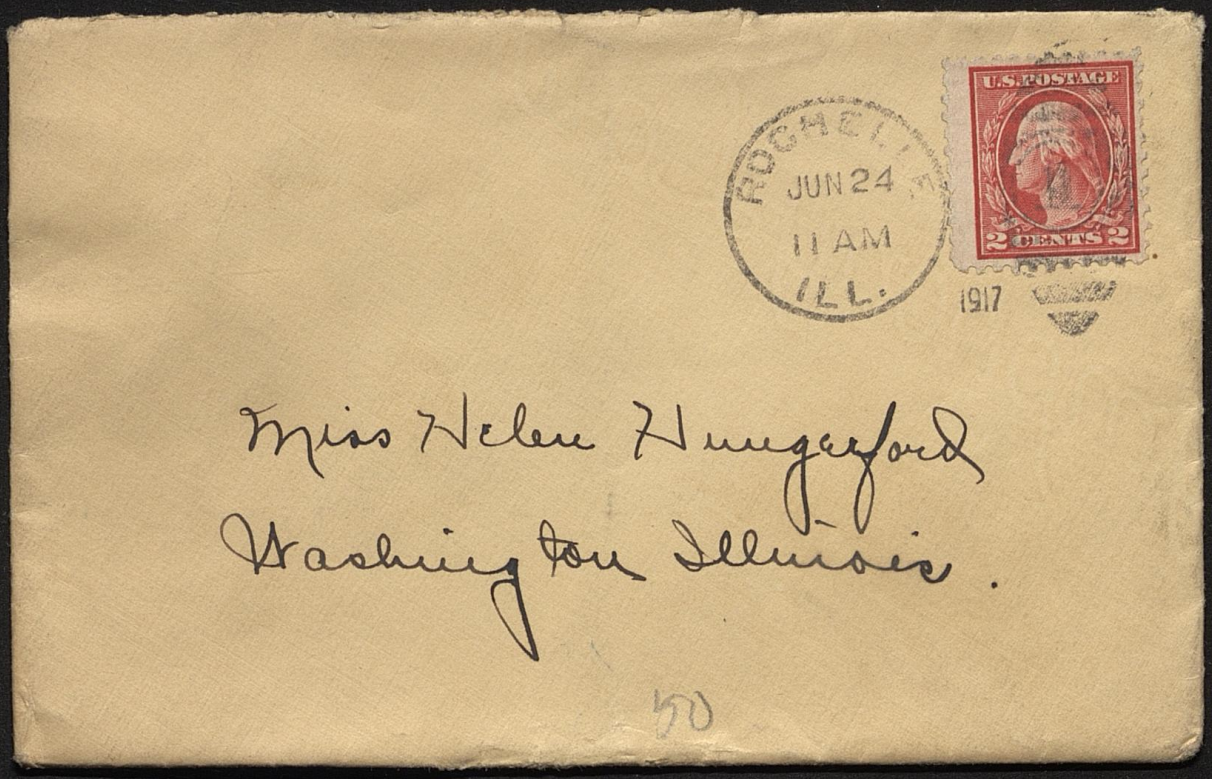
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and it was such a disappointment I'spected to be all de'cor'ated for decoration — and it just poured. Did I tell you I had a new sport dress? Well any way I have & am making it myself. It's going to be terribly cute. And it really can scream right well. Yellow - orange - green - black & white. I think it is artistic myself but no one else seems to think so - made up with a white Russian blouse -

Not a lot of excitement going on - Jess & I broke up last Thurs nite — and Helen - we didn't begin going together — again until Sunday — but we are going together quite steady again - we dated Tues Wed - nites. Graham T. is coming

[Postmarked June 1, 1917]

My dear Helen

Yes I know you didn't ask me to write to you or even put your address on your card - but you can't stop me that way. I'll fool you and write any way. Am so sorry I didn't get to smack you goodbye - but you know how busy I am - and I was in town - I did try to call you tho - so cheer up.

I called your mother last nite and as usual — I couldn't hear her - but of course the new batteries are in long ere this - I don't understand just why I couldn't hear her.

We're having such lovely weather - the sun hasn't been out for about 2 minutes at a time since Tues. P.M.

about you Sunday nite. Wants to come out - I told him you'd be home in about three weeks (is that correct?) well any way — I told him - and he said that would be fine - as his little schoolteacher will be gone - and he will be a free man - and he & Georgie will come out & call on us. How do you like it?

Marian Braiden is home - and Helene will be home Wed nite - so we will all be here - and of course we aren't going to fuss one bit this summer ——— ????

Oh yes - I'm so neglectful - How Is Glen?

Give him my "Hello" will you - now don't come back "he gaged" cause Graham won't be able to come out - and all the other boys.

Geo said they had gotten a letter from John & he was awfully lonesome - Done had sent him a big box of fudge - and he was so glad to get it and it was so good - he was sick. So he gave the other fellows some. "Mickey" - that's "our" older bro. went yesterday. to the Navy.

Loretta came home Tues. nite & is going back tonite she was inquiring about you - said to say "Hi" -

Wm & Franklin are going to Rockford tonite to take their girls to the Class Play - those girls run those poor men ragged - its good.

Say what do you mean about your new car arriving? I'm anxious -

must go mail this - if you have time and want me to write again - you'd better write me. June first.

Love
Ruth Arabs


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well - Mother sends her love to her.

Washington is terribly dead except for Red Cross work. They're giving a concert at the Lutheran church tonight - a 30 piece mandolin orchestra from Eureka. I imagine it will be good.

Lucky for me, Donald comes home every week-end - And with so home I manage to find a little excitement. I hardly ever see Bessie but see Inez quite often.

I'd be glad to hear from you any time you can spare a few moments to write. How is your soldier beau. Has he gone to France yet?

Love to your mother and you from Pat

[Postmarked Oct. 6, 1917]

Home.
Friday.

My dear Helen:

It was awfully sweet of you to write me that nice little letter with best wishes in it. I thank you and hope they'll all come true. I was real sorry, too, that you couldn't come to my party. I thot of asking you that day in Peoria but didn't because of your friend. I didn't want to hurt

her feelings still I didn't think. She, being a stranger, would care to come to an announcement party. However, I hope that the next time you come "home" you'll come to see us.

Isn't it splendid that you can go to Rockford? I'm just wild to see that place and Gilbert. ~~The~~ His address is - G W P —

Ambulance Batt. No 1.
Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

I imagine the best way to do would be to drop him a penny postal saying what day you expect to go and ask him to let you know, as soon as possible, where to meet him. Edith and Jennie and the Doctor drove over and that's what they did. I understand that's it's very crowded and there are lots of visitors so it's probably well to make arrangements before one goes.

I hope your mother is



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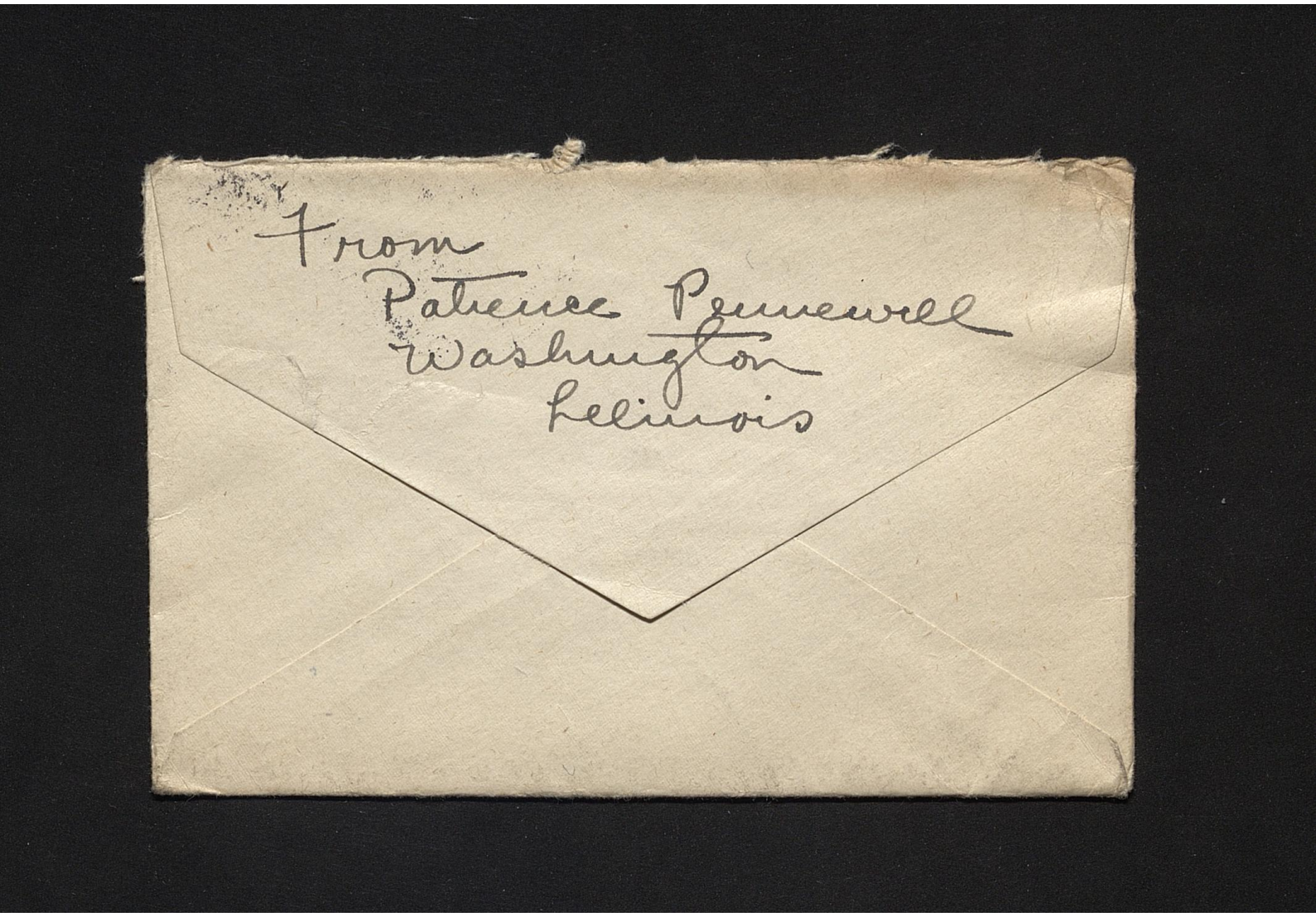
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Peoria Ill.
Oct 19, 14

Dear Helen.

I have often wondered why you never answered the letter I wrote you while you were down here. I think of you often & I can't figure out why & how it has all happened. I am still going back & forth part of the time. I wonder what you are doing & I see no harm in writing you a friendly letter & I wish you would write me once in a while. I have been wondering whether

you would come down when Bess & Lawrence were married. I had to stay over that morning. Didn't hear about it till the day after.

I suppose you have fell in love by this time with some nice little fellow from Rochelle. I want to see you when you come down even if for only ten minutes.

Did you know "Uncle Henry" was married? Say I wish I had all the doe, his wife will get. They are gone till about Xmas.

Fred Seaton is in Ohio & leaves next week for

France. He begged me to go along. I would like to, in a way but, circumstances won't always permit. He wrote me & wanted to know your address. He says his pal left a pipe in your car & that the fellow wanted it very bad. He shouldn't have left it in the car, should he? I am going to play for a dance in Wash. tomorrow nite. I am playing with Glasgow over here this winter & I stay here about three nites a week. That is why I am writing from

Peoria. We are playing to-
nite at the Shrine Temple so
I quit work at four thirty. so
got cleaned up & have lots of
time. I was thinking of you
& thus this note. I quit at
noon to-morrow & then go
home till Mon. morn.

Have you folks started
husking corn? Yes I'll bet
it will be nice & cold this
year getting up at four o'
clock. It is all I can do to
make the six thirty.

Well Helen it is seven fif-
teen & I must go. to work
till eleven thirty.

I don't know how

you will take this friendly or not but I hope you still have some friendships left for me.

Is I old up there? See I am about forge

Your friend,
Glenn H.

Please excuse writing

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Dear Sir

A Remembrance of Kindness to auto-party in the Mud & Rain last Summer.

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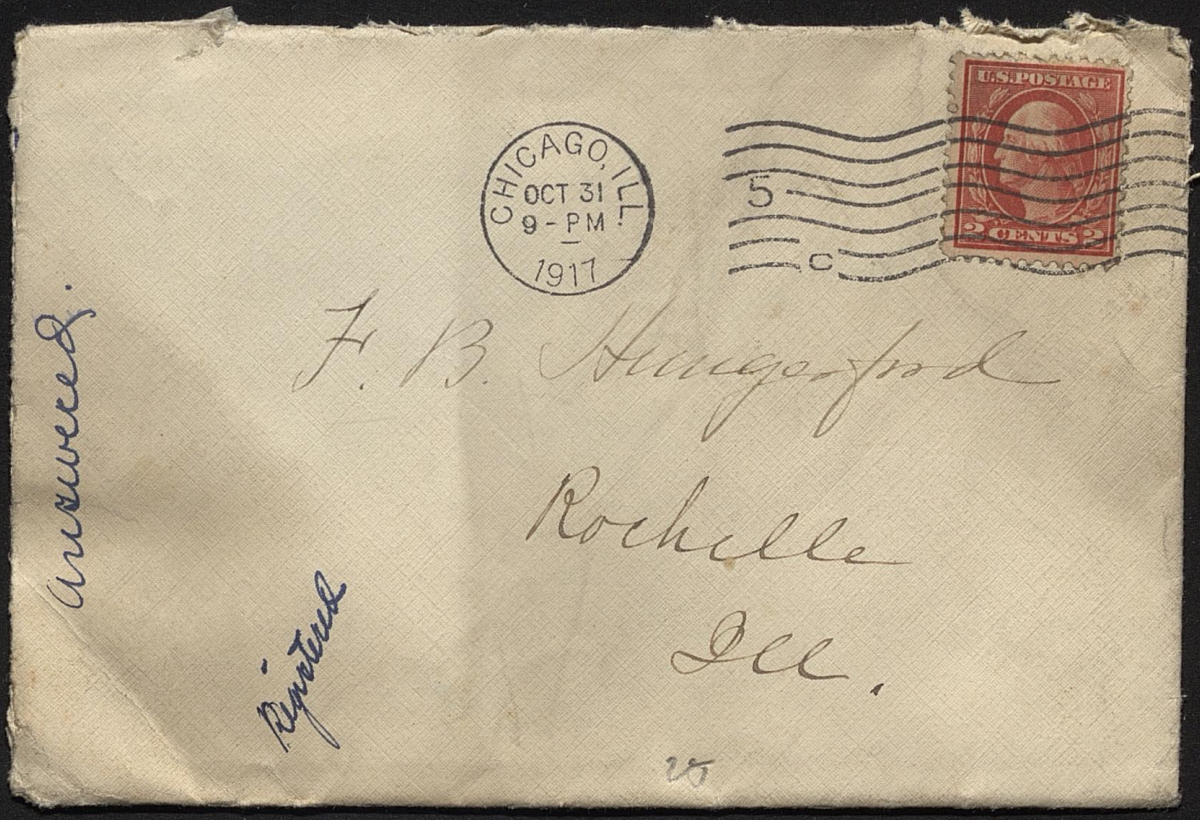
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[Postmarked Dec. 24, 1917]

My dear Helen:- I was very much pleased to get your card of remembrance for Christmas and The New Year.

I certianly wish you a Merry Christmas and hope the New Year will be one of the Happiest you have ever known.

Wish you were living in Washington. I miss you so much in Sun. School and we also are going to

a quite a number of people are cutting out Christmas presents this year, but I am not, only to the people that have written me that they were. Except my Sun. School Class, we have decide to give to the Red Cross instead of to one another. I think that is the only way to cut out Christmas presents on account of the war.

I will be glad to hear from you any time.

With lots of love
Always your friend
Mamie.

Sat. eve.

need you very much as Mr. Myers is going to start the Sun. School orchestra the first of the year.

Olive is coming back to Washington to live and Mr. Myers said we would start just as soon as Olive got moved.

You ought to see Ellen now she is getting awful sweet. Mina and Shelby have a Christmas tree for her. She can say, "Christmas tree". She tries to say so much. She says, "Minnie-Mandy-go-go" I guess she is about right. I am on the road almost every day. It keeps me pretty busy between Mina and May. May hasn't been feeling very good for the last two weeks. She has had such awful headaches.

I guess there won't be many parties this year on account of the war.


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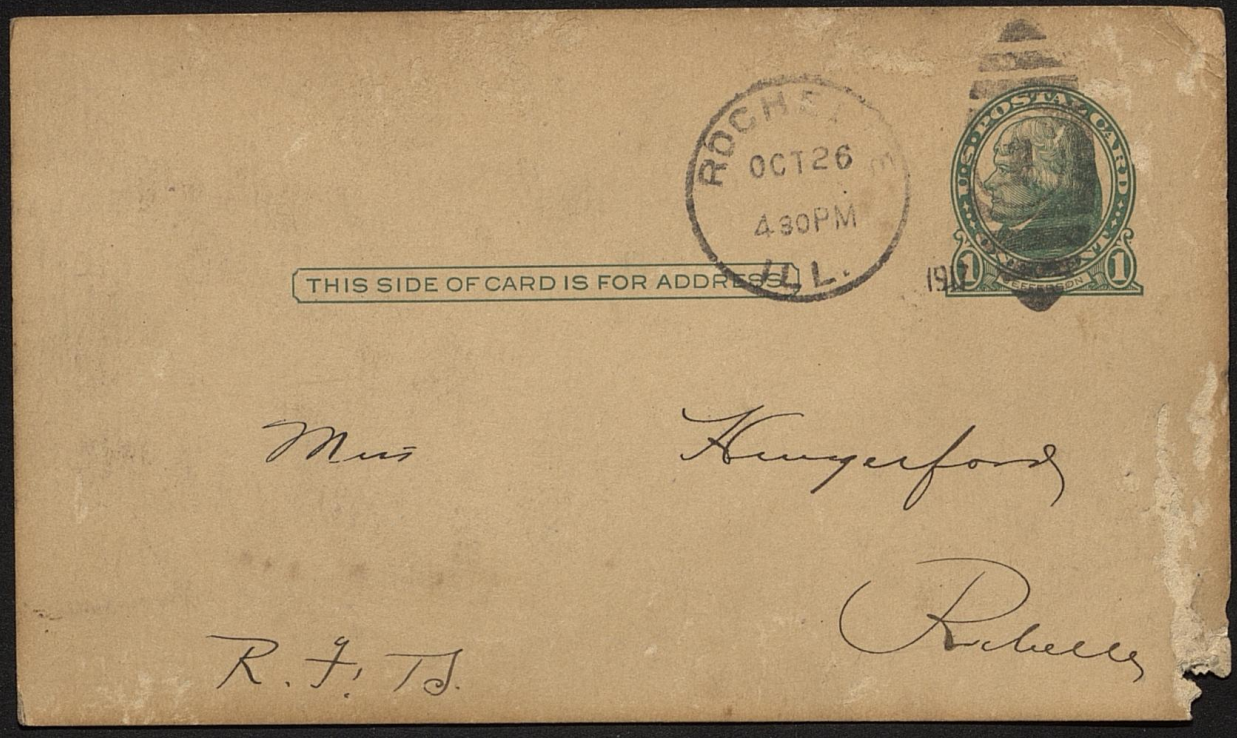
Community chorus and orchestra
rehearse together Monday night at
eight at Chamber of Commerce on
"The Heavens are Telling"
Cornet & core has come.

Yrs E. L. Vail

Hope you can get us.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[Postmarked Sept. 14, 1912]

Dearest Helen,

I am going to be real good & ans. your letter to-nite. Just got it to-day. To-morrow nite I am going to band rehearsal, so that is the reason why. I am going to play for some kind of "blow out" in Matamora Monday. I think the band is going to Pekin Tues. to play for the soldier's farewell. I must go to work tho. I almost wish I was going to war when you hear of all the big celebrations everywhere.

Say dear, I have some

real news for you. I am working in Ped. now for the T. P. & W in the machine shops. Dad has been trying for a couple months to get me in & he finally landed me a job. I quit the factory last week. They pay real well where I am at and I think I will "stick". Don't you think it's about time? It is quite dirty & greasy at the shops & I wish you could see us after work. It takes a month to clean up. I should worry as long as the "mon" is coming. We quit work

at four thirty & then don't get supper till seven o'clock. So-nite I got up town at eight o'clock intending to go to the show but the lights are on the burn so, home I came. They have moved the show back to the Lyric. Guy is running the machine now & feels quite smart about it. I have a good excuse now for not writing "news" because I am in Washington about three hours a day, in the evenings at that. I don't work Sat. afternoons.

Last Sun. I went to church, four times, like

we used to do. I came home rather early Sunday. Monday, Tuesday I went to the show. I am getting the movie fever. I always wish you were with me but then again I remember that I never could get you to go. Saw Smitty Tuesday & he asked me to lend him a pair of short trousers, to give to some girl to wear at a party. Ha. Ha. I told him to see Guy as I was past that stage. He didn't tell me who they were for, but, I have a good idea who it was.

So you still keep the

ford, on the 5 go. Well when
you come down let me know,
because I will come home
on the early morning train, see. Why
pass'n' good on the C & A
the Peo. Fair starts next
Tues. Don'd think I will
go. Don'd care much for it.
Well dear news is scarce,
as usual, & I am sleepy.
I got some rust in my eye
yesterday & I didn't sleep
very well last nite. This
morning I had it taken out
by a fellow at the shop who
knows how & it had work-
ed clear into my eye ball.
It still pains to-nite.


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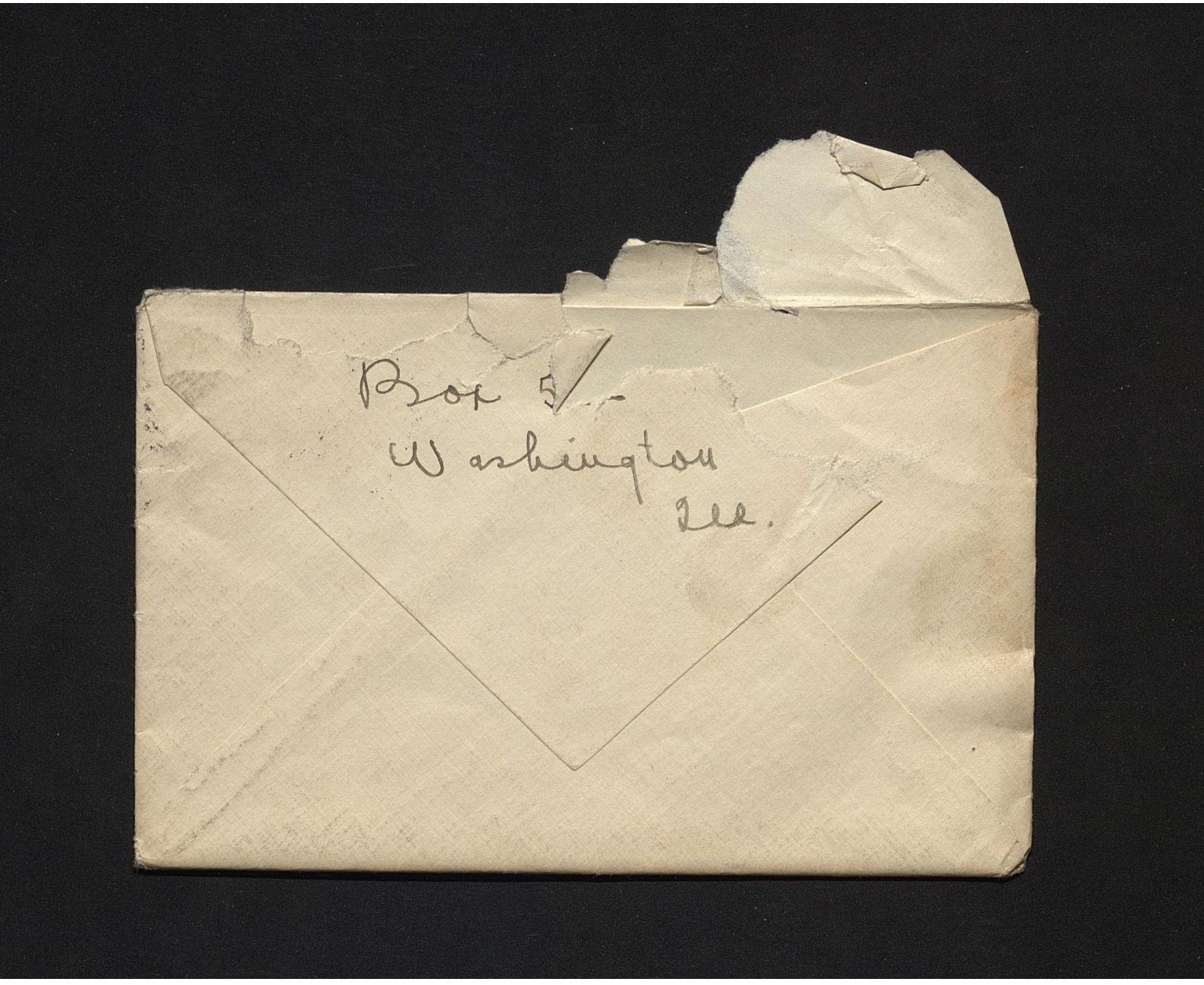
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[Postmarked Sept. 13, 1917]

Which was no queerer than
this

My dear Helen:

Was looking over the map of Illinois the other day, and my eye happened to fall on Rochelle. Didn't hear it hit, did you? But anyway, I was noticing the location, and tho I had always thot that you were about forty miles closer to Chicago, I would say that you are in a very good location, speaking from a joyriding standpoint. It appears that you are within nice driving distance of Dixon, Aurora, Rockford, Freeport, Belvidere and a number of other good sized towns. You know I alwys thot it would be nice to live up in that part of the state because there are so many nice little cities and Chicago and the lake close. I had an opportunity to take a position at Geneva once upon a time, but health interfered.

Well I hardly know what to tell you about Washington. I seldom see Iona or Bess, and I don't think I've talked to Smitty but once since you were here. My Saxon has been laid up for about five weeks with shot gears and I don't get around as handily as when I had it. I used to get a little gossip from the Lowry family by picking Mildred up at noons and taking her home. It also served as a means to aggravate Esser's long nosed grocery boy, Abe Martin Frederick, who seemed to put himself out for the opportunity of hauling Mildred home from work. I don't blame the boy for I think Tootsie is quite some child and I don't see why some of these young bloods around here don't rush her to death. If I wasn't such an old delapidated customer I'd take a shine to her myself.

I guess Ony is away to the fairs now, for I seldom see her. Margo Bennett goes today to Iowa State University to teach Domestic Silence. Isabella is going to teach in Deer Creek H. S. Dutch and John Tanton both going to Illinois. Hoppie is up north fishing, but he intends going to school as long as the exemption board will let him. He is pretty close up on the draft and may not get to finish the year. Holty is in the same boat, but he is going back to Harvard and hopes they will leave him alone till Xmas.

Walter Goddard, Jr., is training at Rantoul Aviation Camp. I have an idea Walt will make a good aviator. Clayton Roehm and Bill Pfieffer say that when the draft gets close to them they are going to California and enlist in the aviation corp. They are going west so as to be sent to the San Diego Camp.

The next bunch of drafted men from this county go on the 19th, and I think that Bobby and Steele Zinser will be among them. Believe me you have to hand it to Bobby. Everybody thot the Duke would have seven kinds of spasms if he had to go, but he is taking his medicine like a gentleman. I think that the chief of Bob's worries is the fear that he will have to work a little. It will hurt him like the duece if he has to soil his hands and uniform. Don't you imagine that Bob will make a dashing figure in khaki.

Well Helen I realize that this is a punk rambly letter, but such as it is it is better than none, for it shows that I have the right spirit and think enough of you, Doods, to write to you once in awhile. Now let me see if you return my affection sufficiently to answer at an early date.

Yours as ever.

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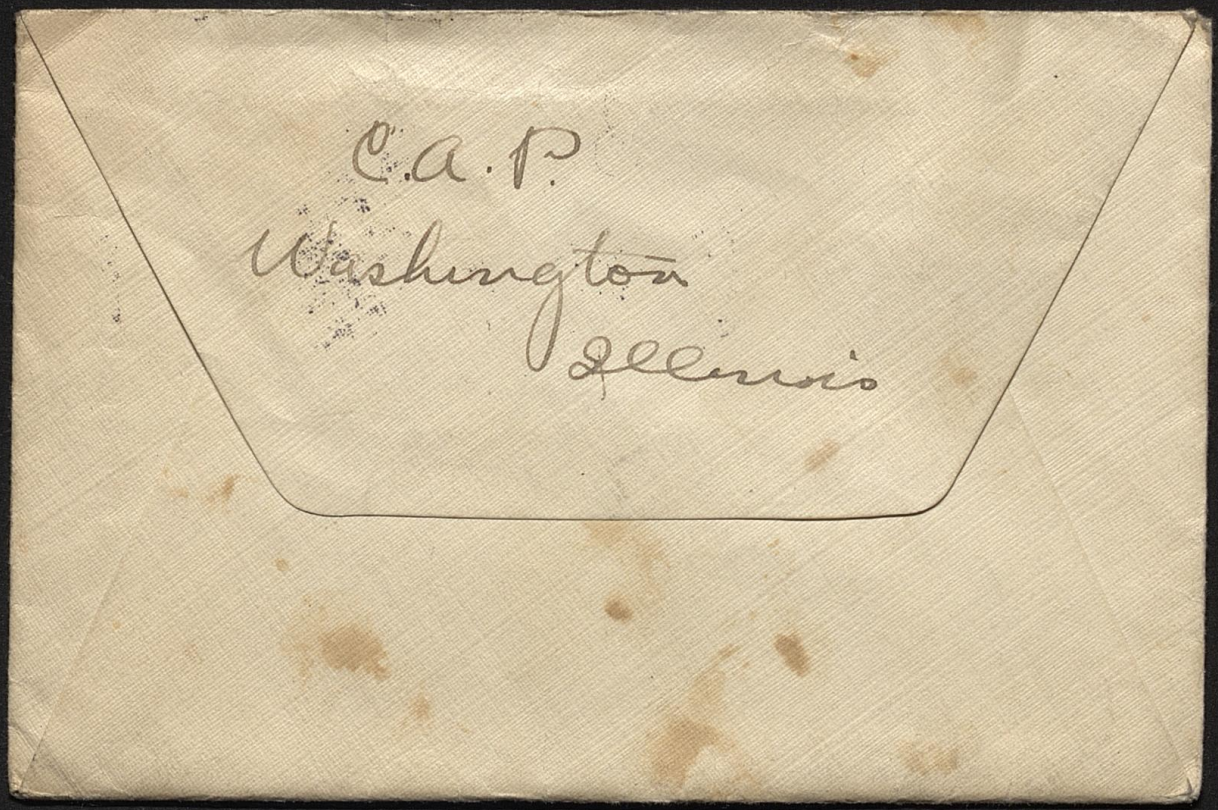
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"HE dropped his cheek on his hand and gazed at it," writes Samuel Merwin in the Cosmopolit[illegible]

[Postmarked Sept. 2, 1915]

My dearest Helen,

I am real lonesome to-nite. I have been to choir practice. It is cold out to nite. It seems like winter & makes me think of old times & of the evenings we have spent to-gether. We didn't work this afternoon & I walked to the east end & went past your place. Rev. Wright lives there. I saw in the house & it made me real lonely to see you.

I know I saw Bessie Smith for a long time. I suppose they are both

busy. Joe B. is working at the factory. He told me lots of nice things about Hungerfords. He said it was just like a picnic working for you folks. & he said you were all the nicest people. I think so to especially you, of course. He didn't find anything on you. I wonder if he could. That would make me angry.

So "Whit" has a bald spot. Well, well, I can imagine "my girl" falling in love with him. Ha Ha Well I have been pretty

good," hounding me. Mildred G. invited the choir down after practice last week & I escorted Miss Berney home & rode home rather with Clyde D. & his wife. That is doing pretty good for a whole month. Ha Ha I am a regular old backslider when I am home. Say you folks don't believe in giving that poor little "God" a rest at all. Do you? Rockford one Sun. & Hixon the next. When are you going to Chi? Say come down some day as I don't know when I will ever be

able to ask you to come up
I have so much news
this time dear but that I
love you still & hope you
still keep a warm spot in
your heart for me.
This is rather short
I know, but I would
tell you lots if I could
have you with me.
Ans soon,
Yours with love,
Glenn W.

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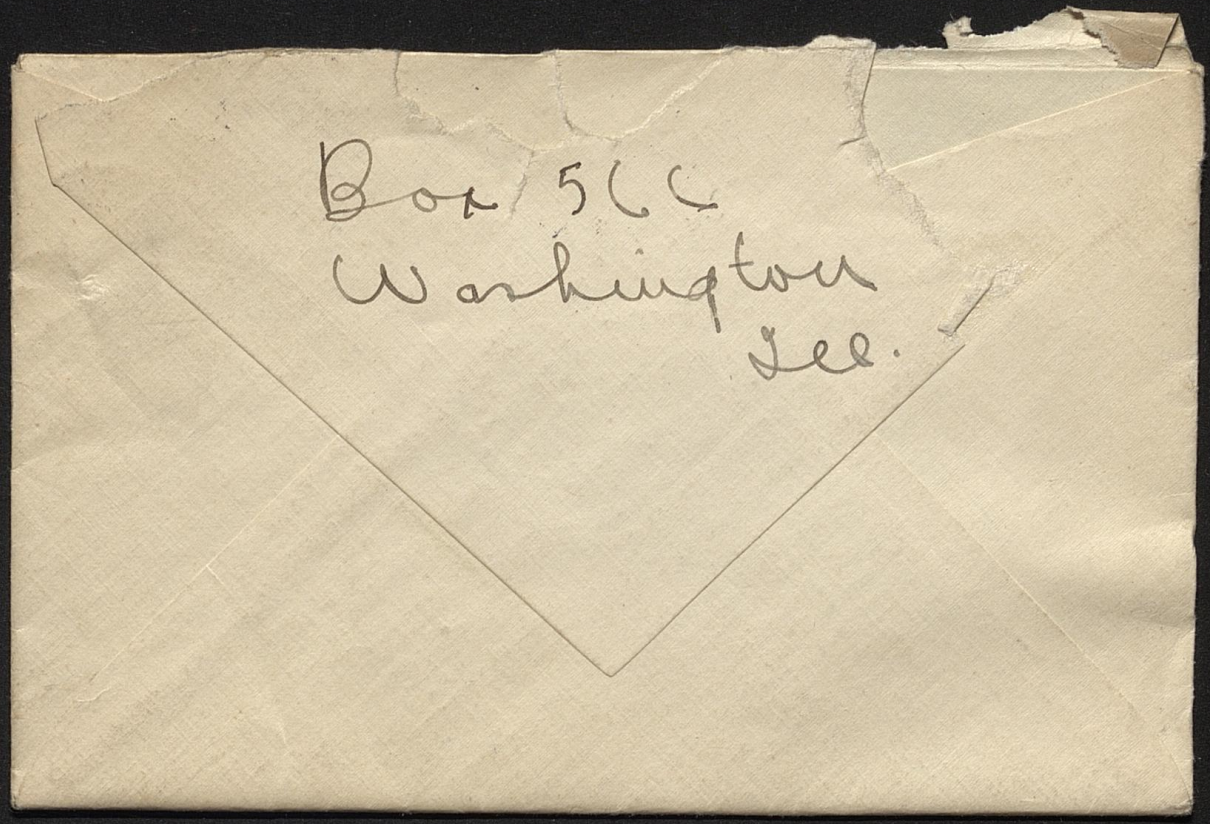
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[Postmarked Sept. 3, 1917]

My dearest Helen,

Back from church. Sang in male quartette to nite. I felt awful lonely to nite & just seemed as tho I ought to see your dear face in the congregation & to take you home afterwards. I am working hard & we are going to work every nite this week real late. Till twelve bells at least. You must write real soon and I will ans. if it is three o'clock in the morn. Only don't expect a real long letter Ha Ha I will do that Sunday.

We worked 2d till eleven last nite & I didn't go to church this morn. Say I feel awfully sorry about your hand. Your sure must have been working some feeding thirty seven men. I wish I would have been there to help you. I guess I had better tell you what I am doing at the factory. I am piling cans in the warehouse. Some hard. We are the last ones to quit. Young Hornish fell in the rolling tomb Tues. & broke his wrist. He was working with us. I had cried brother him all his life -

Louise Ryf, Agnes E. &
Ruth P. are working there
& Louise runs over to the
warehouse about twenty times
a day to see Si Crocker. He
is working on the labeling gang.
School is being held back till
the middle of Sept. on ac-
wint of the factory. Mr. Cat-
lin is back & he brought
a real cute little bride back
with him. I saw him to-
day. He is a prince of a fel-
low.

So "Whit" called you for
a date, well well, Whit I
am getting real jealous.
Does he live in town or on

the farm? 14th You never told me.
My dear girl you shouldn't
lose your head on some of
those young fellows up there.
I wonder who has you out
joy riding now. I know you
wouldn't refuse him, "you
know."

I haven't did much this
week. We didn't work Wed.
nite so I performed on the
baritone. It was the last
concert. We played a re-
quest program. I thot we
would play all nite. Oh yes.
Say I saw Hazel W. Sunday
this week. I will tell you
something when I see you.

Say by the way dear I am anxious to hear the joke on yourself. I wish I could see you soon. Well Helen I am so tired I can hardly write. Remember to write real soon. I have so much to tell you when I see you. Real nice.

Yours soon.

Yours with love.

Glenn

Did you get Carl's picture? She forgot to mail it till Wed.

Seen one

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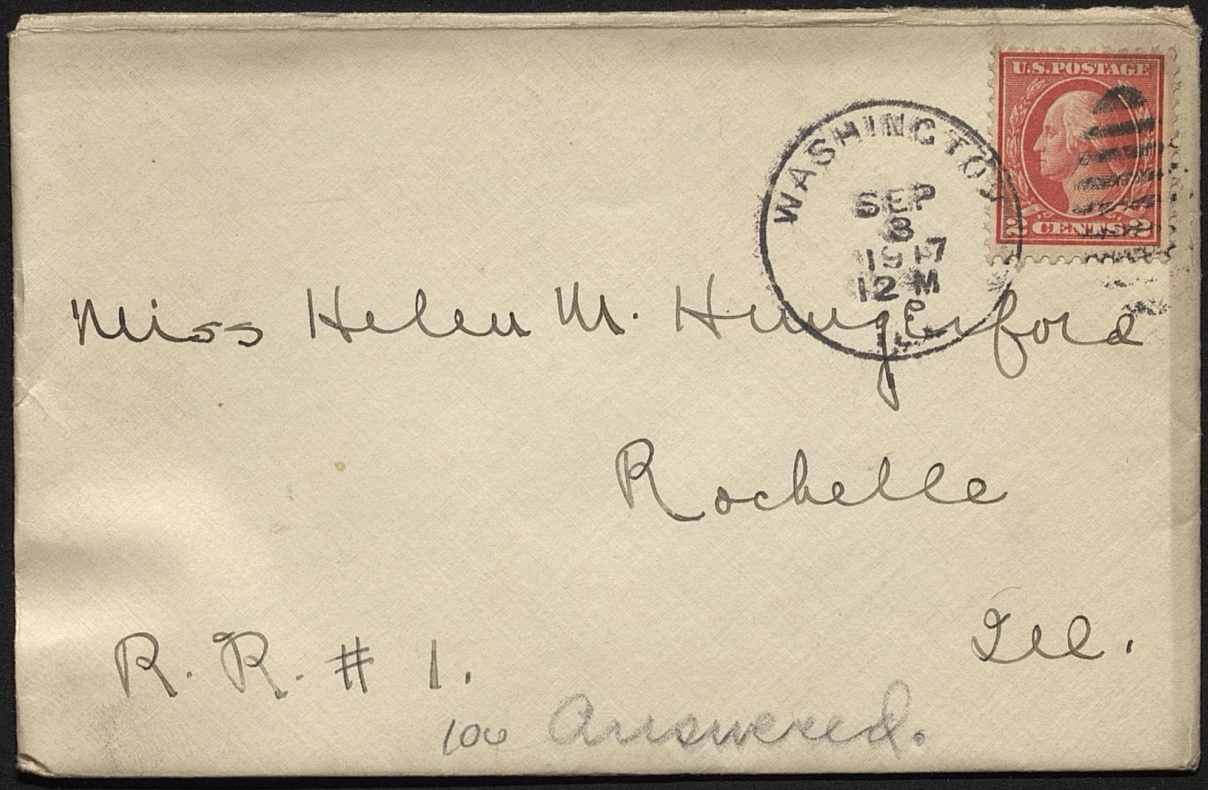

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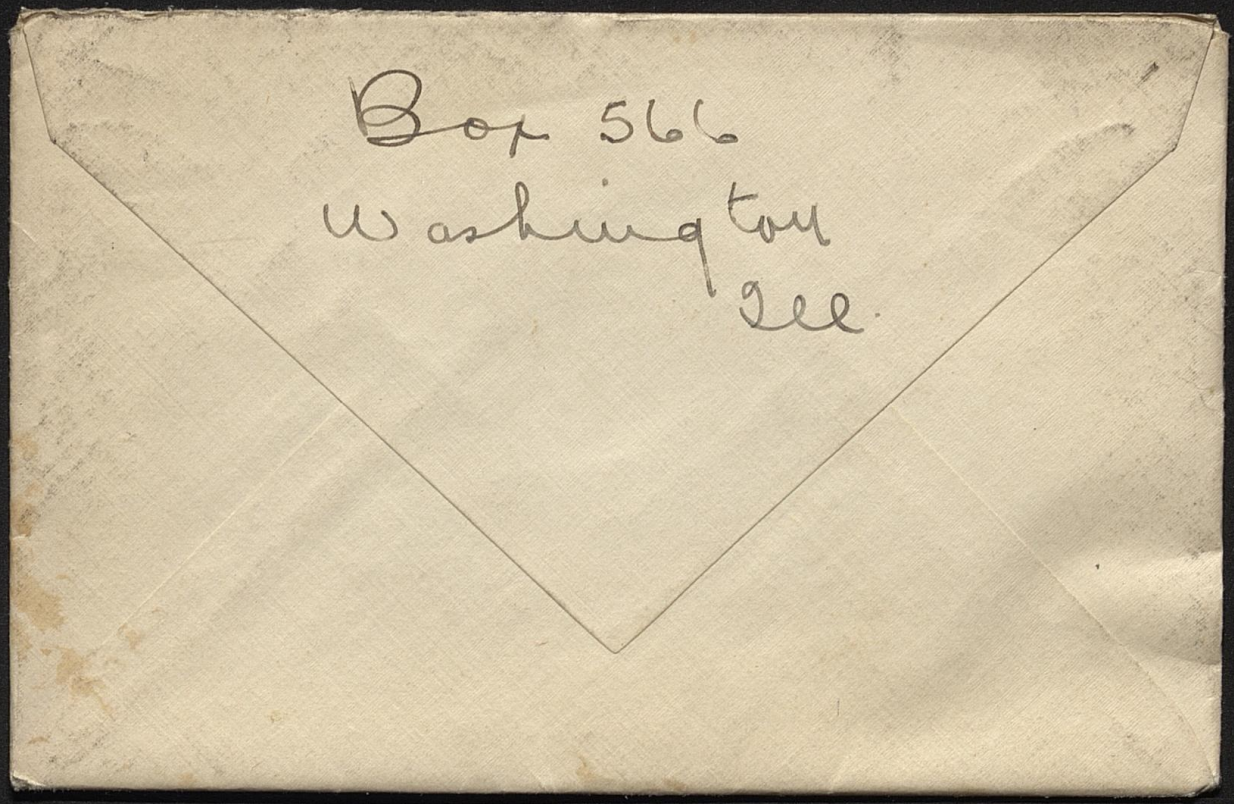
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