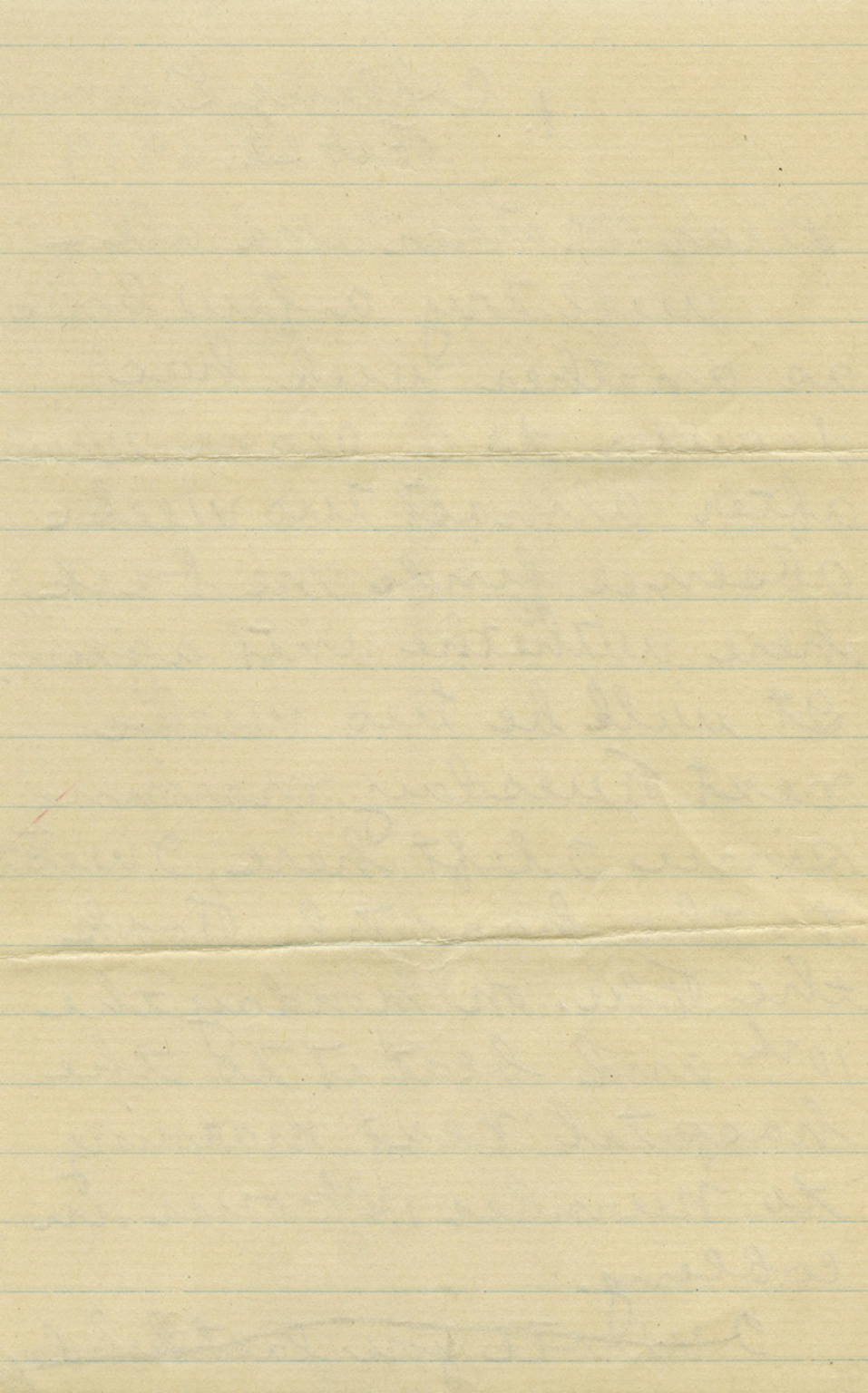


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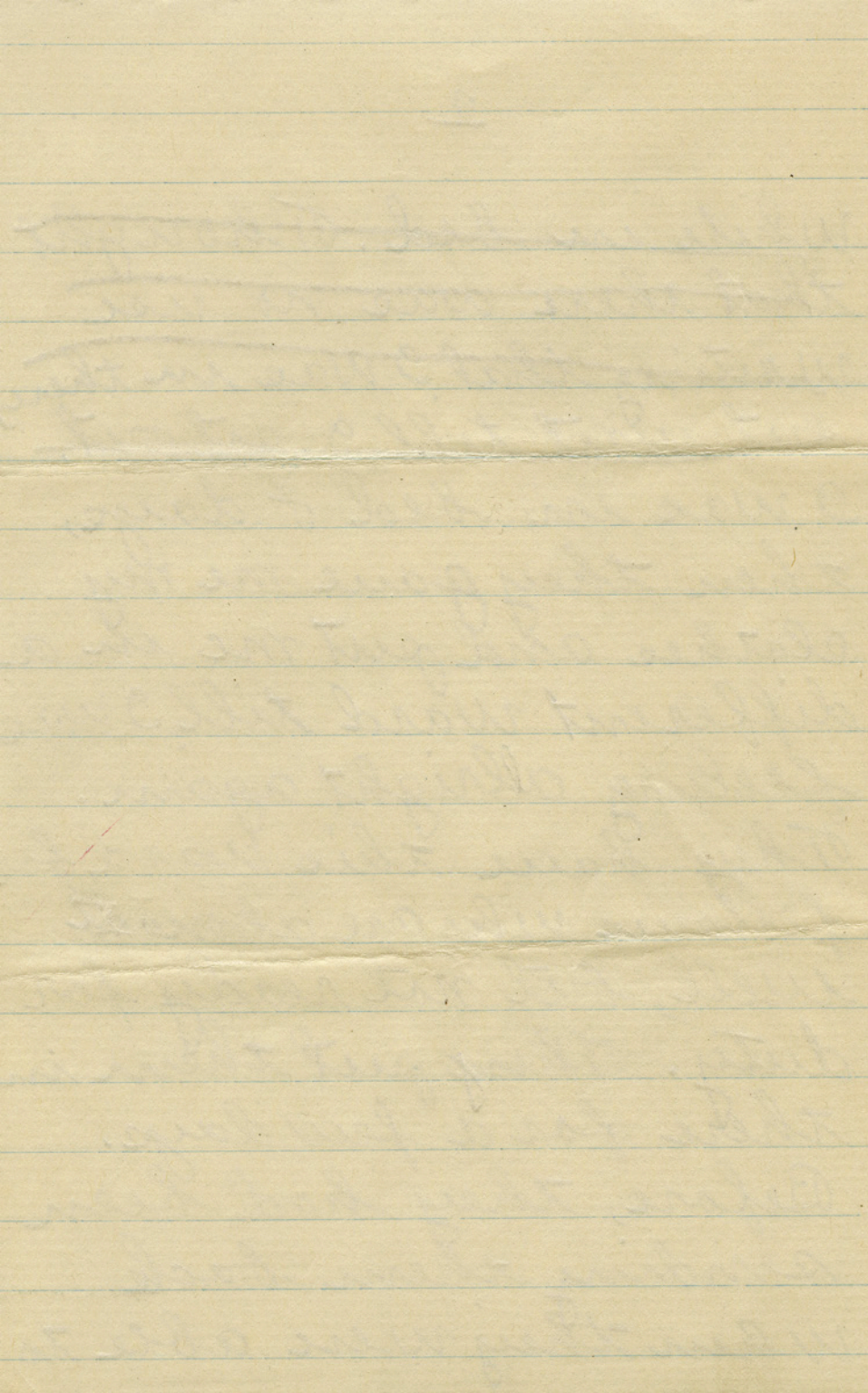
Dear mother and all -

Will try a few lines
as another week has
drawn to a close, which
after almost two weeks
absence finds me back
here with the unit again.
It will be two weeks
next Tuesday morning
since I left here, I went
to the hospital. Took
the Flu. on Monday the
10th and beat it to the
hospital next morning
to number 14th over in
Coblenz.

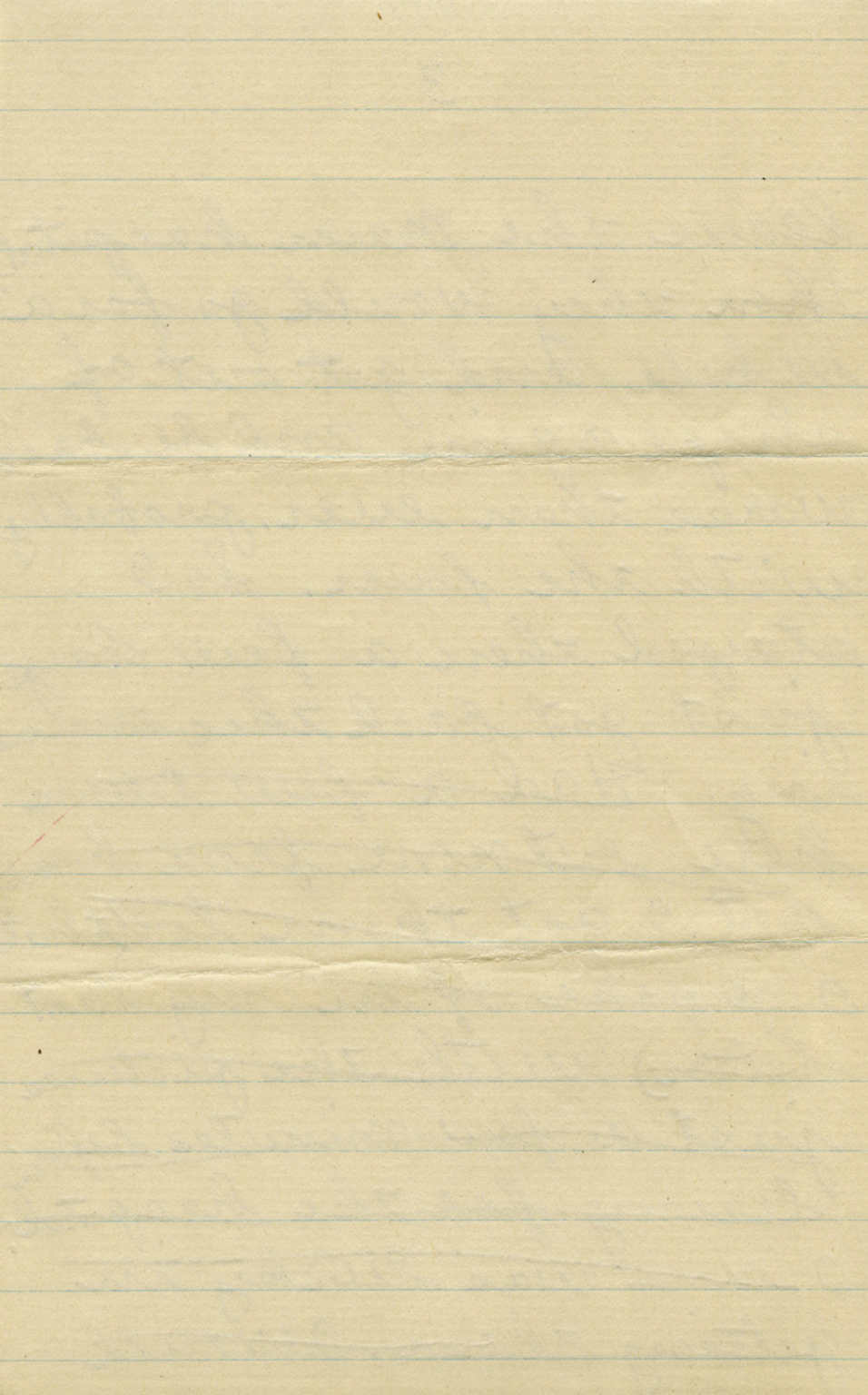
~~I wrote you last Sunday~~



~~While in bed. I thought~~
~~that there was no use~~
~~writing that I was in there,~~
~~but wait till I get out.~~
I was in bed 8 days,
then they gave me my
clothes and put me in a
different ward till I was
feeling alright again.
They have this ward for
fellows who are almost
well, but not ready for
duty. They put them in
there for a few days.
Before, they had been
sending them back
when they were able to



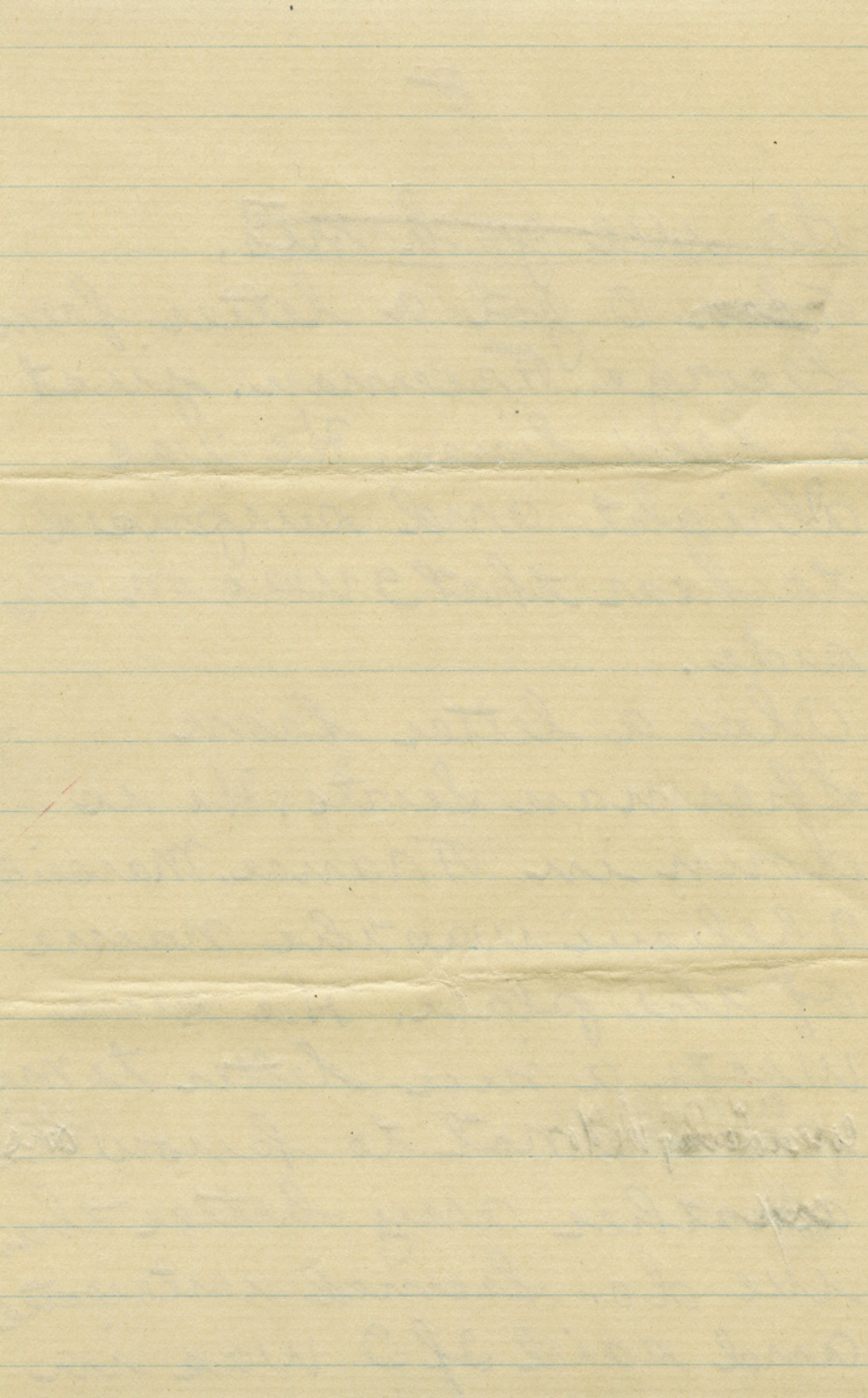
leave the main hospital
then they would go for a
while, and get out of
shape again and be back
worse than ever, probably
with the fever. So I
stayed there a few days
just got back this even-
ing. Had a few letters
here, but none from home
but I got them too (that
I spoke of in my last
letter) with the pictures
just a few minutes before
leaving for the hospital.
I sure was lucky in
getting them. I would



do we go home?

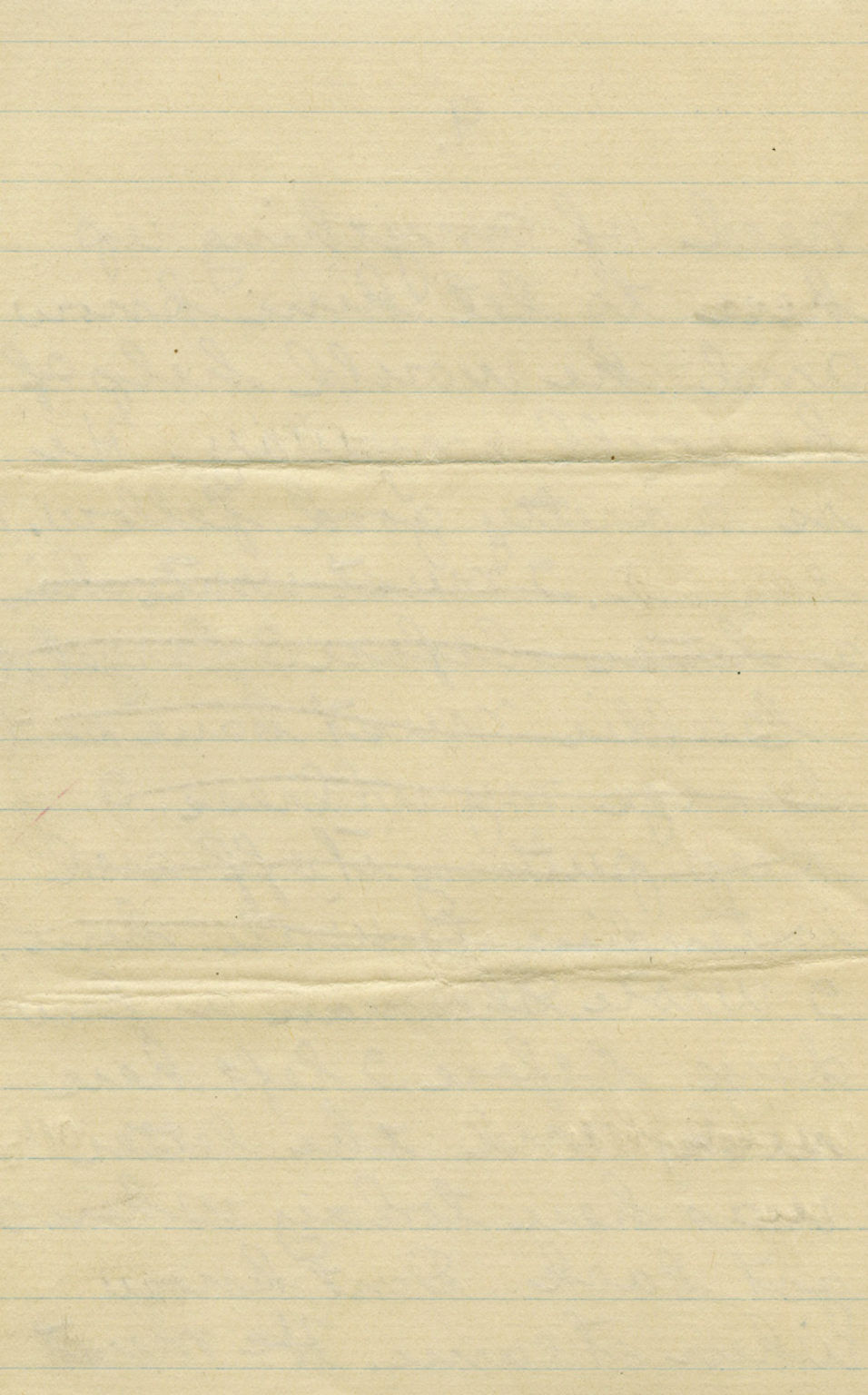
~~Then~~ I got a letter from George Freeman, just a few lines. He was alright and surprised to hear that I was on this side.

Also a letter from Sherman Leverts. He is down in France. Marseille I believe was the name of the place. He sure wrote a nice letter to me considering we do not know one another any better than we do. Seemed interested and said if I was in



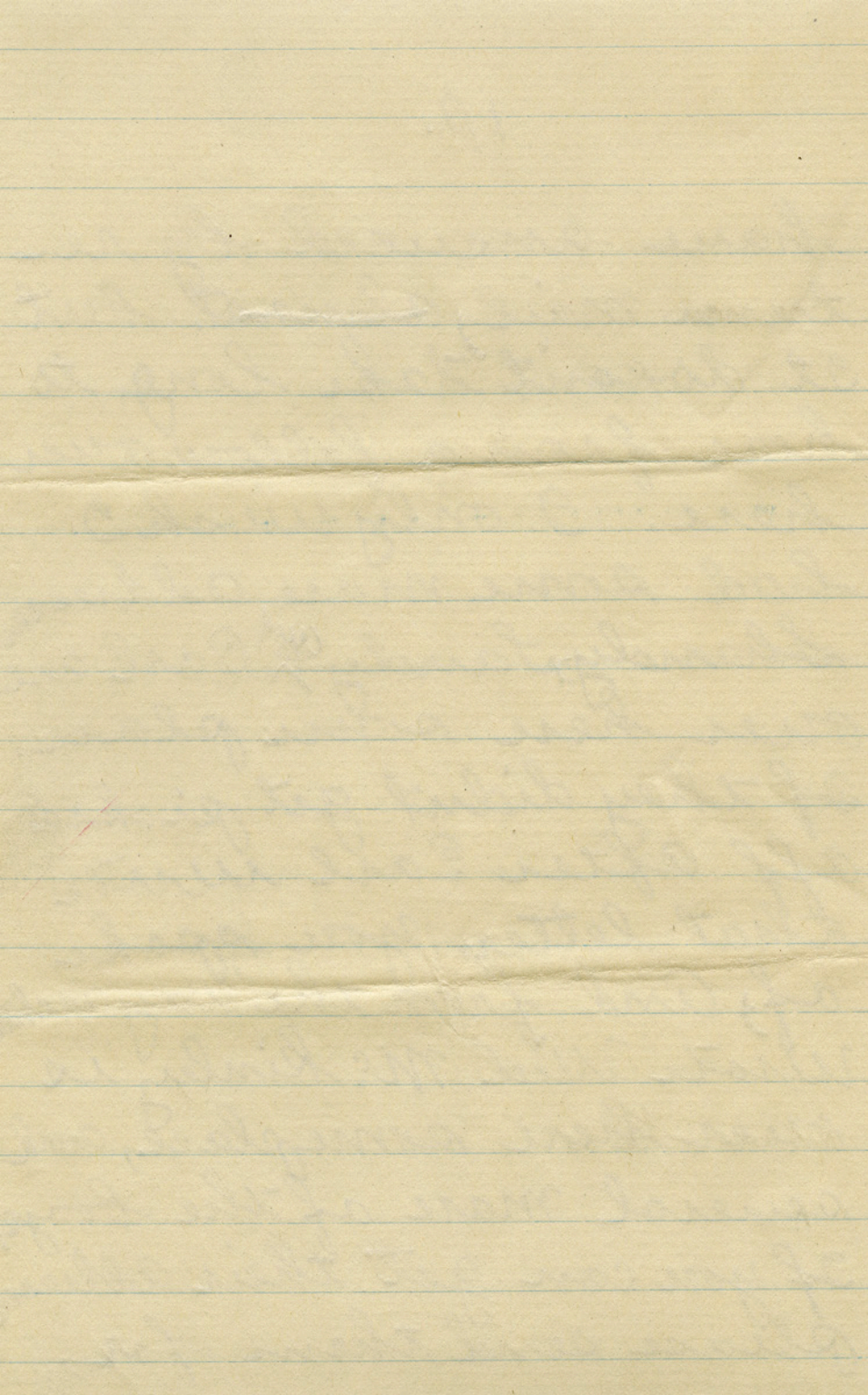
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need of anything up here to let him know and he would help if he could anyway. He is a pretty good fellow. I must write him a letter before I forget it. Galdie must have sent George my address. I keep putting it off and intending to write him. I wrote Sherman a few days before I left here sick, and the letter was here today when I got back. Don't know when it came. He must



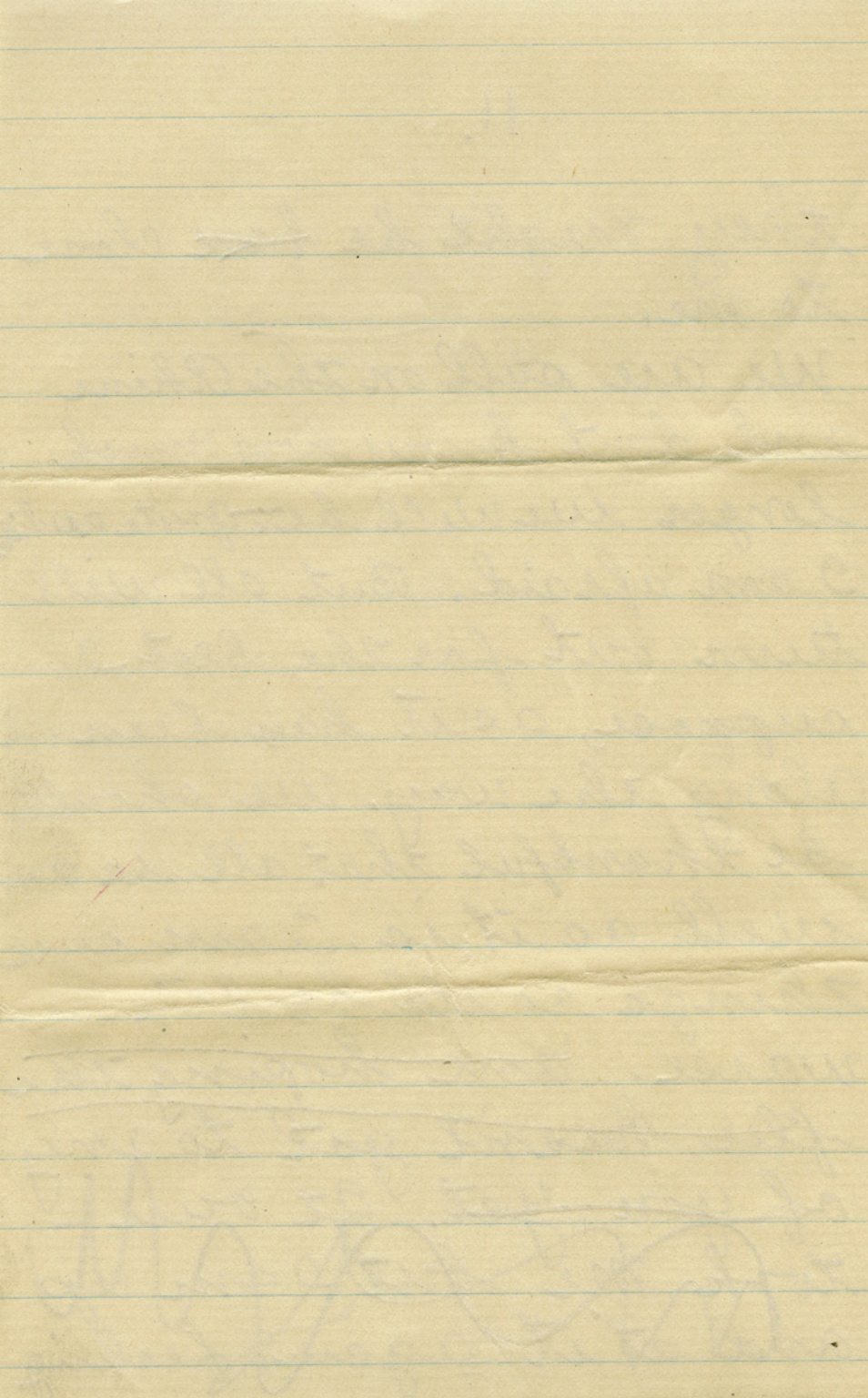
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have answered by re-
turn mail, ~~almost~~, but
it doesn't take long to
hear from a fellow over
here. I only wish I
had some more addresses.
Shandy, Landy ^{and} Carl are
over here some place.
If they didn't get picked
off after Carl wrote
that letter you spoke
of, and from the way archie
wrote Wid McKinley is
over here some place, and
several more of the boys.
If you can get their addresses
please send them for the



they might be ~~here~~ close to me.

We are still on the Rhine and don't know how much longer we will be. quite as ^{well} I am afraid. But all will turn out for the best I suppose, as it has been all along the way. We should be thankful that all is as well as it is. I am sure things could be lots warse. ~~I am hoping the flu hasn't got to any of you yet. It ought to be me but I am up and at it again, feeling~~



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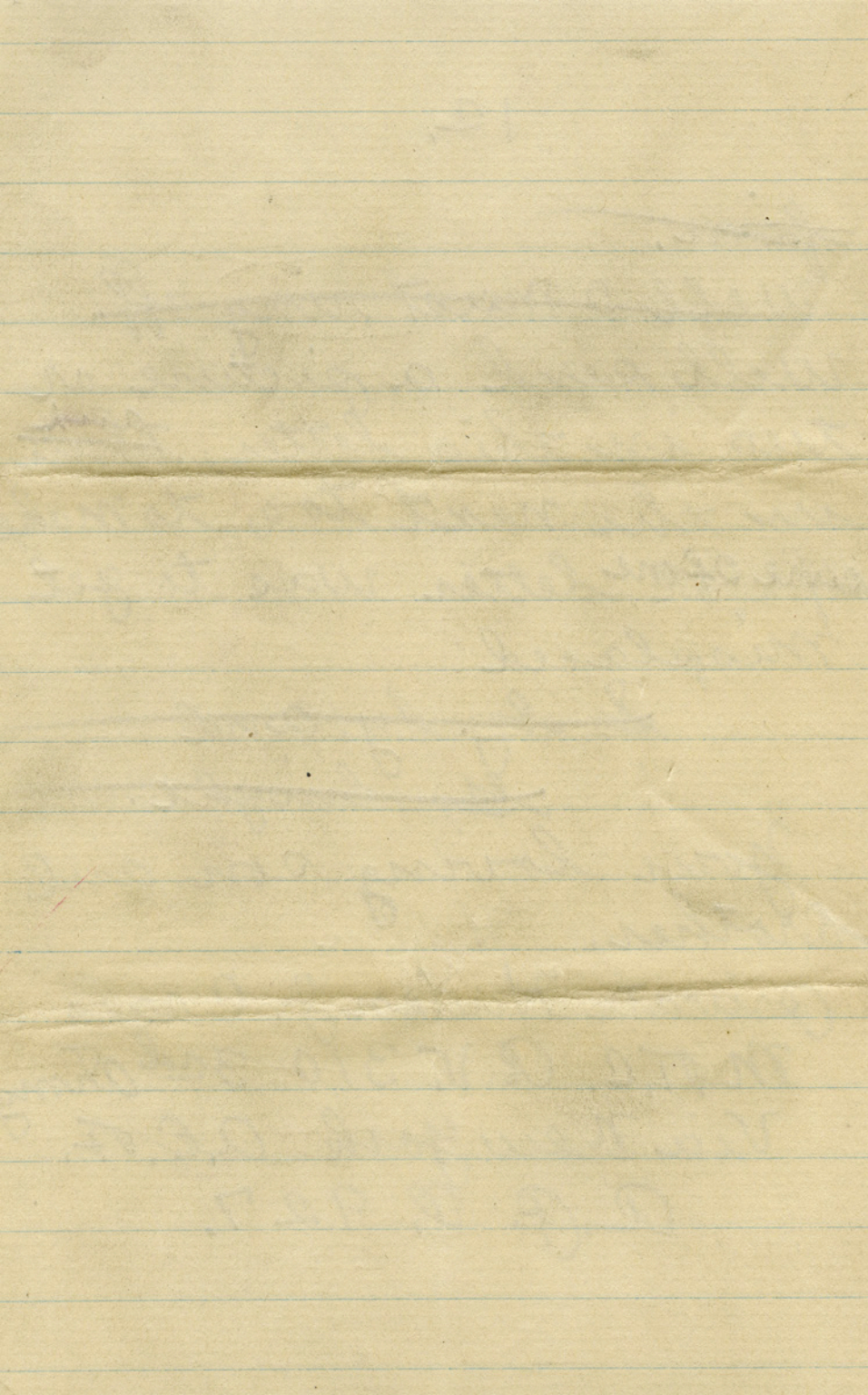
~~fine.~~

~~well I must ring off.~~
Will send a picture or
two in this letter, ~~then~~ ^{and}
in the next too, to make
sure ~~of one~~ letter was to get
misplaced.

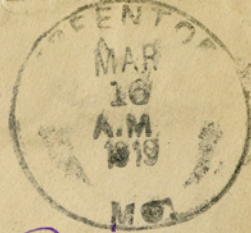
~~So by by, and~~
~~Goodnight.~~

Your loving son and
brother.

Private Haden J. Craig
M. P. C. R. V. 310 3rd Army
Via New York A. E. F.
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