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Lt WPKeesler
316 F.A.
A.E.F
Mrs S.R. Keesler
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316th F.A. A.E.F.
May 7 1919

Dearest Mother,

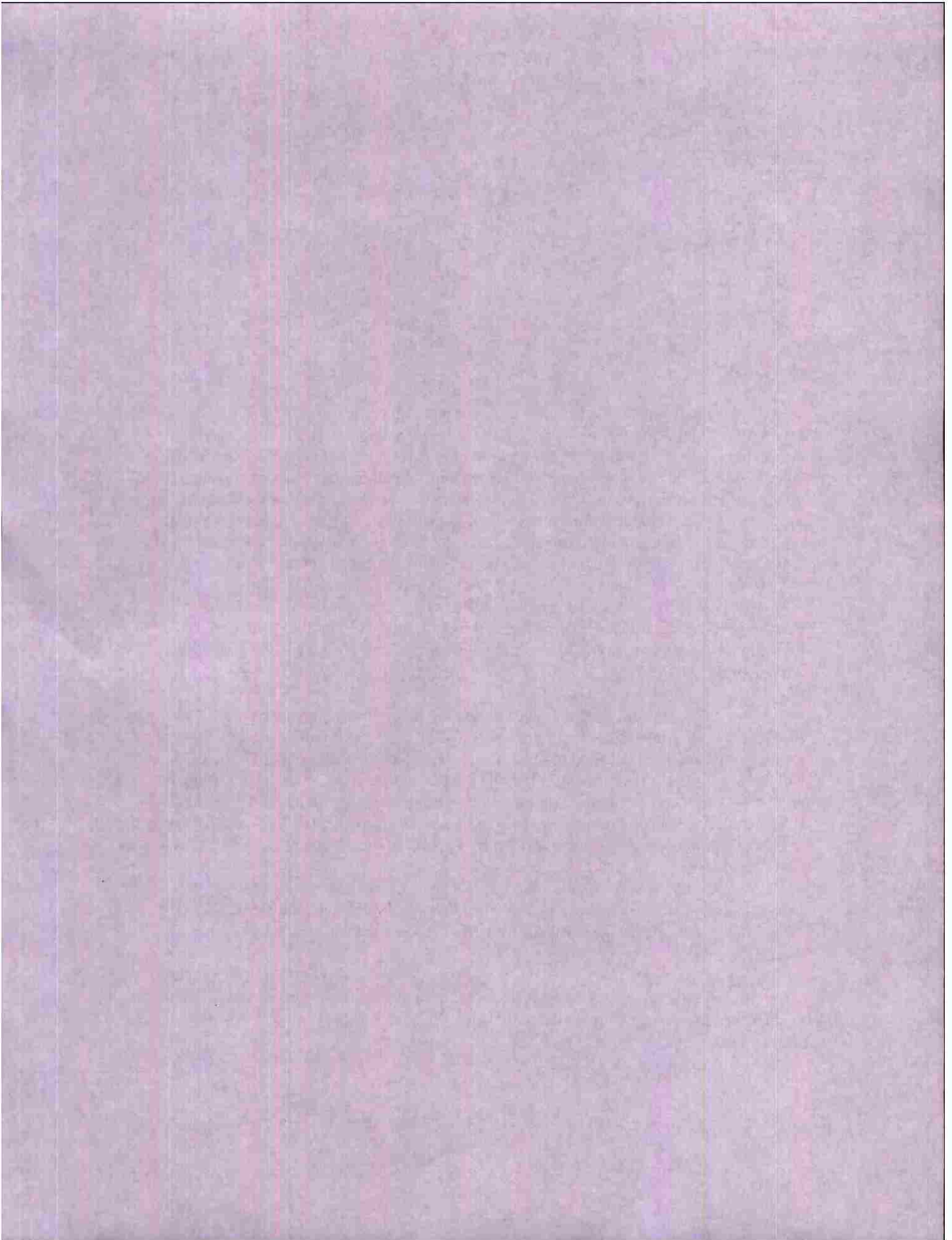
We are all excited over turning over our material & etc, turning it back to the O.M.C., Ord, Sig Corp, & Engineers. We have been packaging, making inventories & etc all this week. You should see the amount of stuff a regiment can get together in six to eight months. I don't know where it all came from. We don't care very much where it goes to, after our receipts are signed. Capt. Glentworth is handling all of that, leaving me the motors to keep going. Tomorrow I've got to make a trip to Bourg to get some parts replaced. We turned in a lot of our spare parts and now all the trucks are taking a notion to break down. It seems like they should be good now we are so near the end.

Honest we are as excited as if we were to sail next week, we have only just gone into the hands of the S.O.S. We may not sail for a month yet. But the strain of not knowing whether we are going home or to Germany is relieved and we don't care about but one thing. HOME.

We spend most of the time when not on the Road Detail, playing baseball. That is the Batteries do. I myself being on Special Duty don't get much ball playing to do. Even for all that I'm playing left field on the officer's team (Regimental) and am hitting the ball hard. Last game I got three hits including a triple. The Road Detail is the men who are detailed daily to go out under the supervision of an Engineer Lieut. To fix up the Roads around Chateauvillain. We have about ten miles of roads to fix up. The American truck and auto mobile while fine to ride in are the ruin of the French rock roads.

The weather is wonderful now. Such a change from the snow and rain of last week. The sun shines, the trees are getting green fast, the birds are singing and everything is wonderful. One can almost forget the bad weather when we have such weather as this.

Last night our band gave us a concert. They have been away on a trip to Nice and we have been suffering from the lack of music. We sure did enjoy the concert. The trip seems to have improved them.



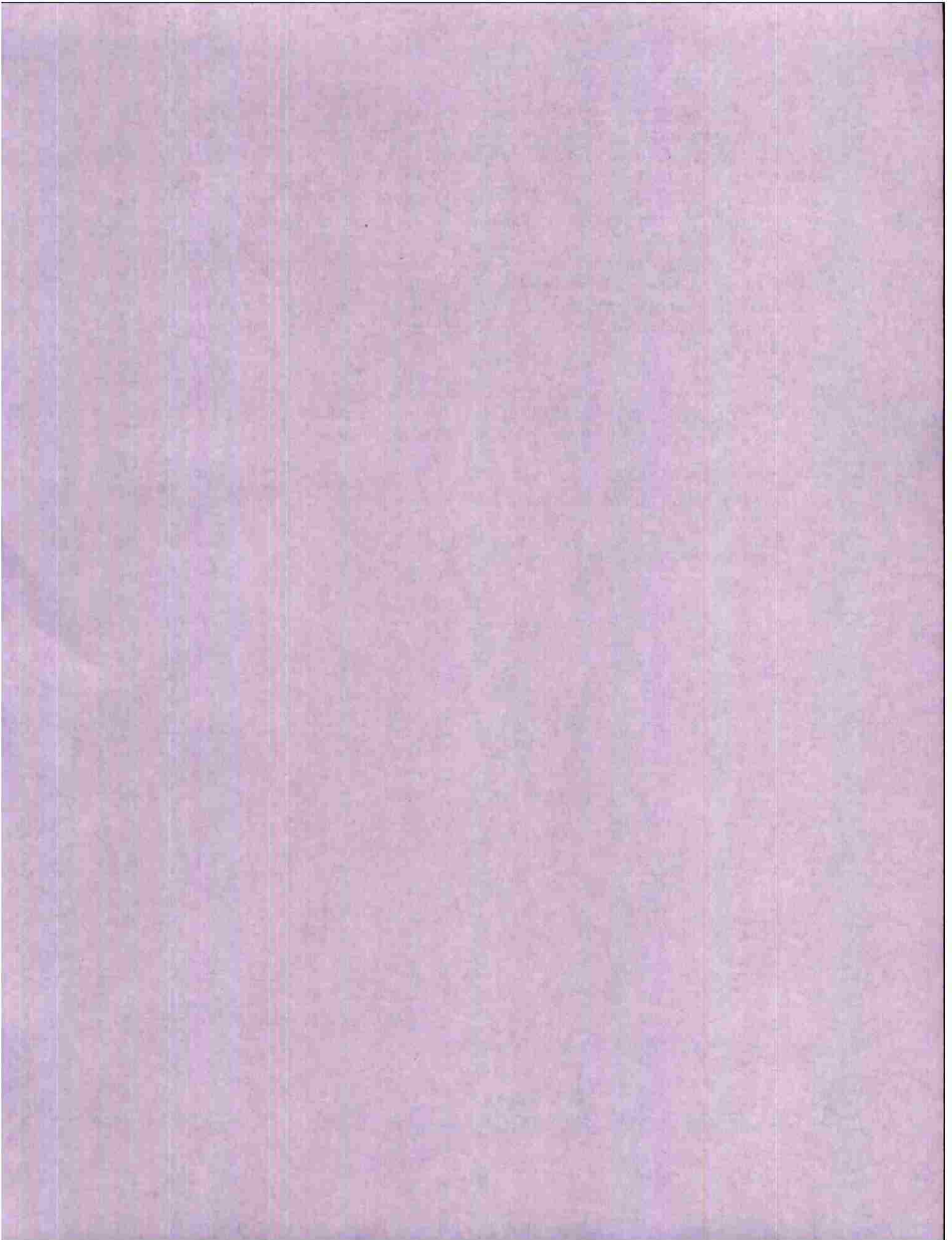
From the papers it seems that we are going to have Peace before long. I'll be glad. We of the A.E.F. won't ever understand just how much history we have had a hand in making. History & Geography will be hard subject now. Question on Exam in History. 1. Give the causes of the Great War. 2. Why did not Poland get Dantig while Japan got that China place? I sure do want to see the final draft of the Peace Treaty. The Treaty will have no effect of our coming home tho. We are on the way now.

Chaplin (sic) Arnie had to leave to go up to the Army of Occupation. He was selected out of a number of Chaplins who had volunteered. He is going up into Germany to one of the regiments in the Regular Army. He hated to go but felt like if they needed him, it was his duty to go. We hated to see Charlie go too. He is a fine man as fine as any I ever knew.

I've just had to go out and fix up a F man who had a broken down machine (motorcycle). I heard too that some Ord. Men had just come to take over our guns & tractors. I'm sure glad believe me. We start loading them tomorrow. Must stop & go see them.

Best of love to very one of you & lots for yourself. I'm very happy now.

Your devoted son
William



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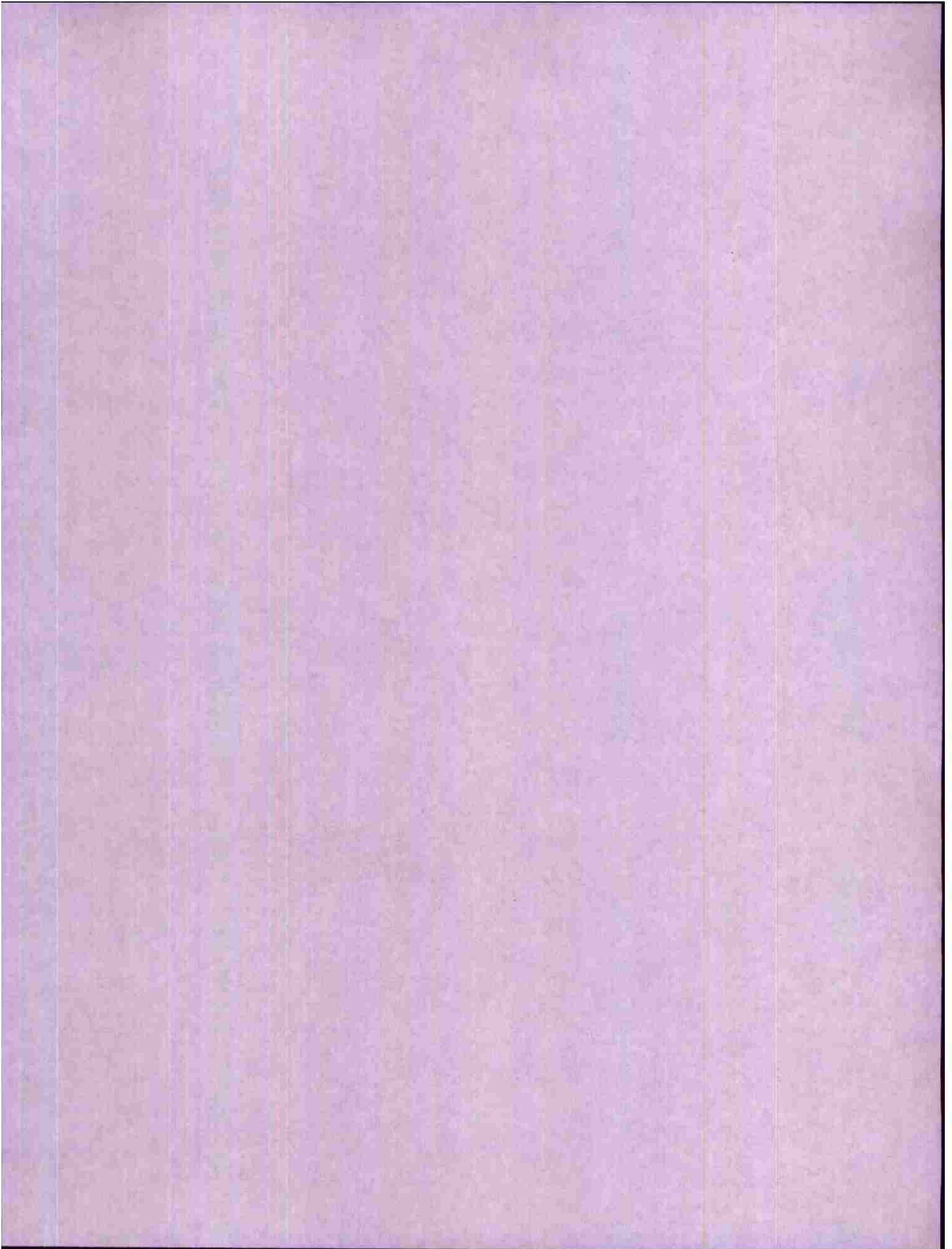
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for a whole week we have done nothing but pack them in organic meat. When one sees all the mustard which is in there you get together in six months or so. We will finish tomorrow and then there will be no more worry. I will have the pleasure of turning back in the same truck I drove away back in September. We have only 8 of them left now. There is that is over, I go to catch the regiment. I will be glad when the time comes, there are all sorts of rumors out. The best sounding one is that we will go straight to the port and not wait for a few weeks in the Tanon area.

Dearest Mother,

316th A. May 11/49

Today is mother's day but why say just today when I will be every day is my mother's day. But today is supposed to be more and it is, it is the day before I start back to you. We leave tomorrow at 7:15 PM. for the camp near the port. It is a great day for that reason. To come back home to mother, those words mean lots, more than I can write. It will not be long now before I can talk to you instead of writing and then wait for he happy together. It will be wonderful. We cannot go to Montreat for this summer.

That certainly won't make me
 mad at all.
 This afternoon I went down
 to the 2nd floor. I spent
 a couple of hours with him. He gave
 the pictures in morning. He came
 up to night too. We had quite a
 little chat together. He doesn't know
 what will become of himself. There
 is a rumor out that JAC will be
 moved to Davis. But he hopes to be
 home in a couple of months. He
 asked me to tell the U. S. folks
 and give him love to every one of you.
 He left here about an hour and a
 half ago to go to Chastin. He is
 he could find a friend who has
 some pictures. I saw took while he was
 at release at Chastin. I am hope
 to get them. He will come back
 by here in an hour or so.
 To-day I got your two letters
 written just after you had received
 my letter from Chastin. I thank
 you for the paper & letter too. I
 am so happy. He. Charlotte is
 getting along fine. She had another

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as I had made the team
and was going to play left
field. Maybe we were set a
chance to play again later, I
hope so.

I hope when we get to
them that we won't have
to stay there any length of time.
But what we have got right
out for home. The sooner the
better for me. I showed
them we should be going
by the middle June. I hope
so. It is certain that after
we get home we certainly don't
stay in camp long. July 2nd
before is the limit. I guess
we can stand that.

ago but that will come out
all, Auntie. Let's see my
niece too. She sure does
keep her self busy helping
them. But that's Auntie.

Saturday we had our last
review. The Colonel reviewed us.
and after word presented by C.
with a banner for being the
Champion Battery of the Regiment.
I missed this as I had to
make a trip to Saigon for
some white wheel bearing. At
least like I never saw lucky
except to be here when we do
anything big. After the review
the officers team played the
31st officers team. We got beat
4 to 3. It must have been a good

I received a letter from Joe. Chemist
 about the Alumni Association. He is asking for all
 Sanderson men to meet on May 20
 at Sanderson & discuss the future
 of the chapter at Sanderson. Sure
 with Secular is there. But there is
 in of a chance. I wonder when it
 close this year.
 The picture was taken the Sunday
 I spent with Ed. Not my good but
 they showed what the car looks
 like. It will be about as close
 as I will bring to the form state. He
 pictures I have made & myself
 didn't turn out well. He has some
 more made later.

Mud cleve. Our well. With the
 my best love & warmest love for
 you. Your devoted son
 William

Officers Mail
 From Lt WPKeesler
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316th F.A. May 11/19

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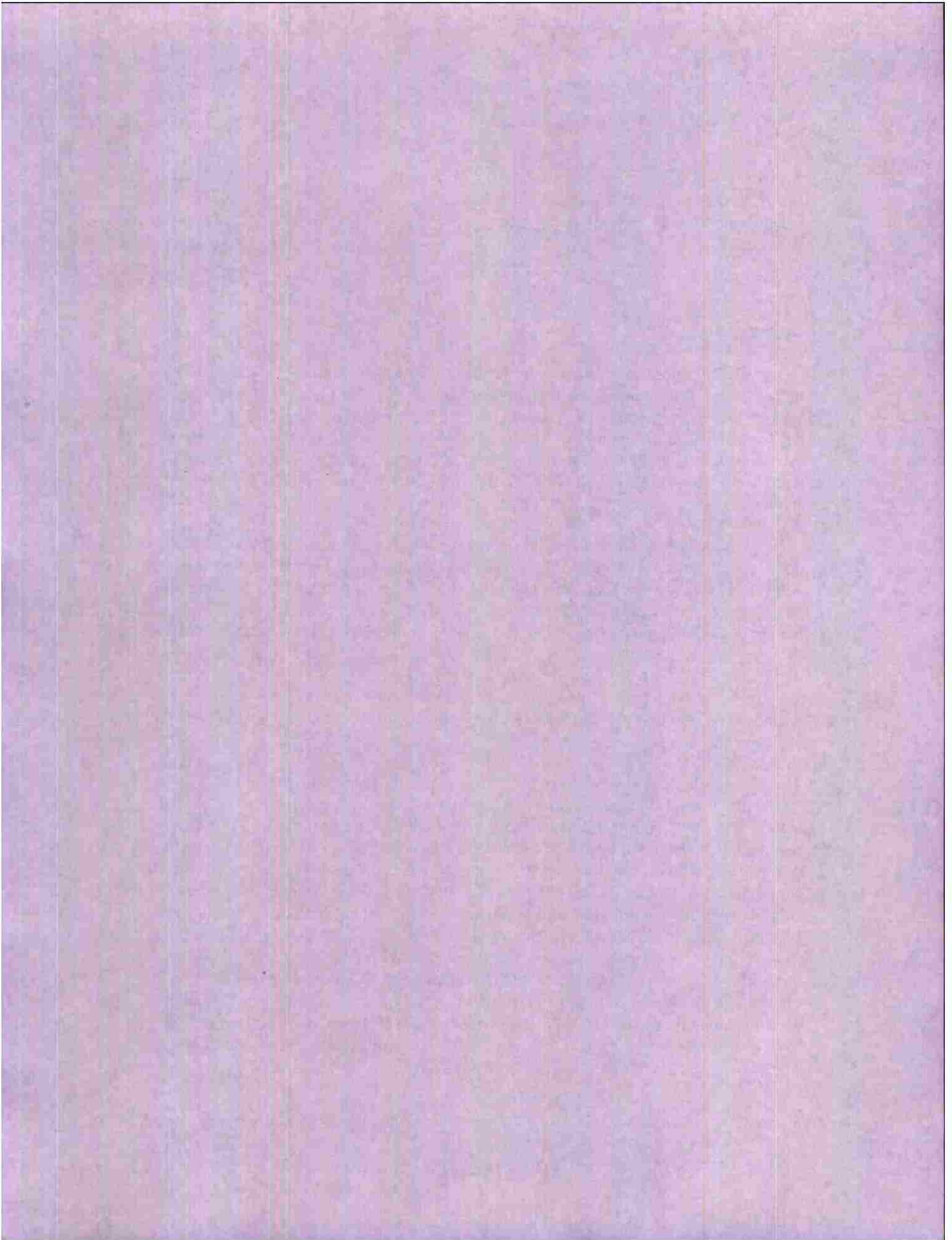
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For a whole week we have done nothing but pack & turn in equipment. When one sees all the material which 1500 men can get together in six months one wonders. We will finish tomorrow and then there will be no more worry. I will have the pleasure of turning back in the same trucks I drew way back in September. We have only 8 of them left now. Then when that is over, I go to catch the regiment. I will be glad when the time comes.

There are all sorts of rumors out. The best sounding one is that we will go straight to the port and not wait for a few weeks in the Lamons area. That certainly won't make me mad at all.

This after noon I went down to Chaumont to tell Ed goodbye. I spent a couple of hours with him. He gave the pictures I'm enclosing. He came up to-night too. We had quite a little chat together. He doesn't know what will become of himself. There is a rumor out that GHQ will be moved to Paris. But he hopes to be home in a couple of months. He asked me to tell the U.S. hello and give his love to every one of you. He left here about an hour and a half ago to go to Chatillon S/S to see if he could find a friend of his who had some pictures Sam took while he was at school at Chatillon. I sure hope he gets them. He will come back by here in an hour or so.

To-day I got your two letters written just after you had received my letter from Chateauvillain. I thank you for the papers & letters too. I sure do enjoy them. Charlotte is getting along fine. Too bad about her eyes but that will come out O.K. Aunties letters were very interesting too. She sure does keep her self busy helping others. But that is Auntie.



Saturday we had our last review. The colonel reviewed us and afterward presented Bty C. with a banner for being the champion batter of the Regiment. I missed this as I had to make a trip to Laugres for some white wheel bearing. It seems like I never am lucky enough to be here when we do anything big. After the review our officers team played the 318th officers team. We got beat 4 to 3. It must have been a good game. I hated to miss it as I had made the team and was going to play left field. Maybe we will get a chance to play again later. I hope so.

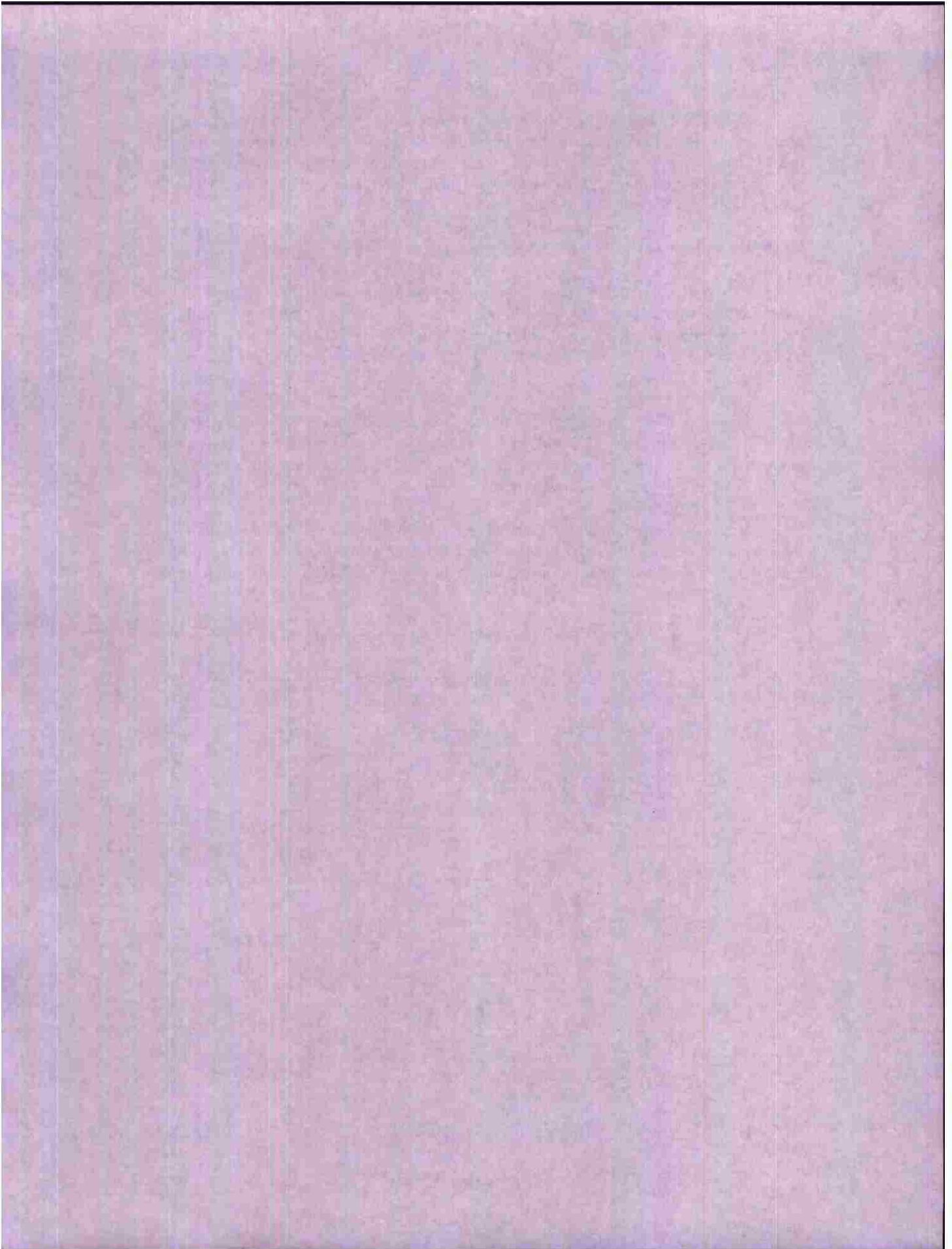
I hope when we get to LeMons that we won't have to stay there any length of time. But that we can get right out for home. The sooner, the better for me. I should think we should be going by the middle of June. I hope so. It is certain that after we get home we certainly don't stay in camp long. Forty eight hours is the limit. I guess we can stand that.

I received a letter from Lou Chambliss about the Alumni Association of Beta Theta Pi. He is calling for all Davidson men to meet on May 20 at Davidson to discuss the future of the chapter at Davidson. Sure wish I could be there. But there is not a chance. I wonder when D.C. closes this year.

The pictures were taken the Sunday I spent with Ed. Not very good but they show what the car looks like. That will be about as close as I will ever get to the four stars. The pictures I had made of myself didn't turn out well. I'll have some more made later.

Must close. Am well. With the very best of love to all and lots for you.

Your devoted son
William



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From: William Kestler
May 21/1917

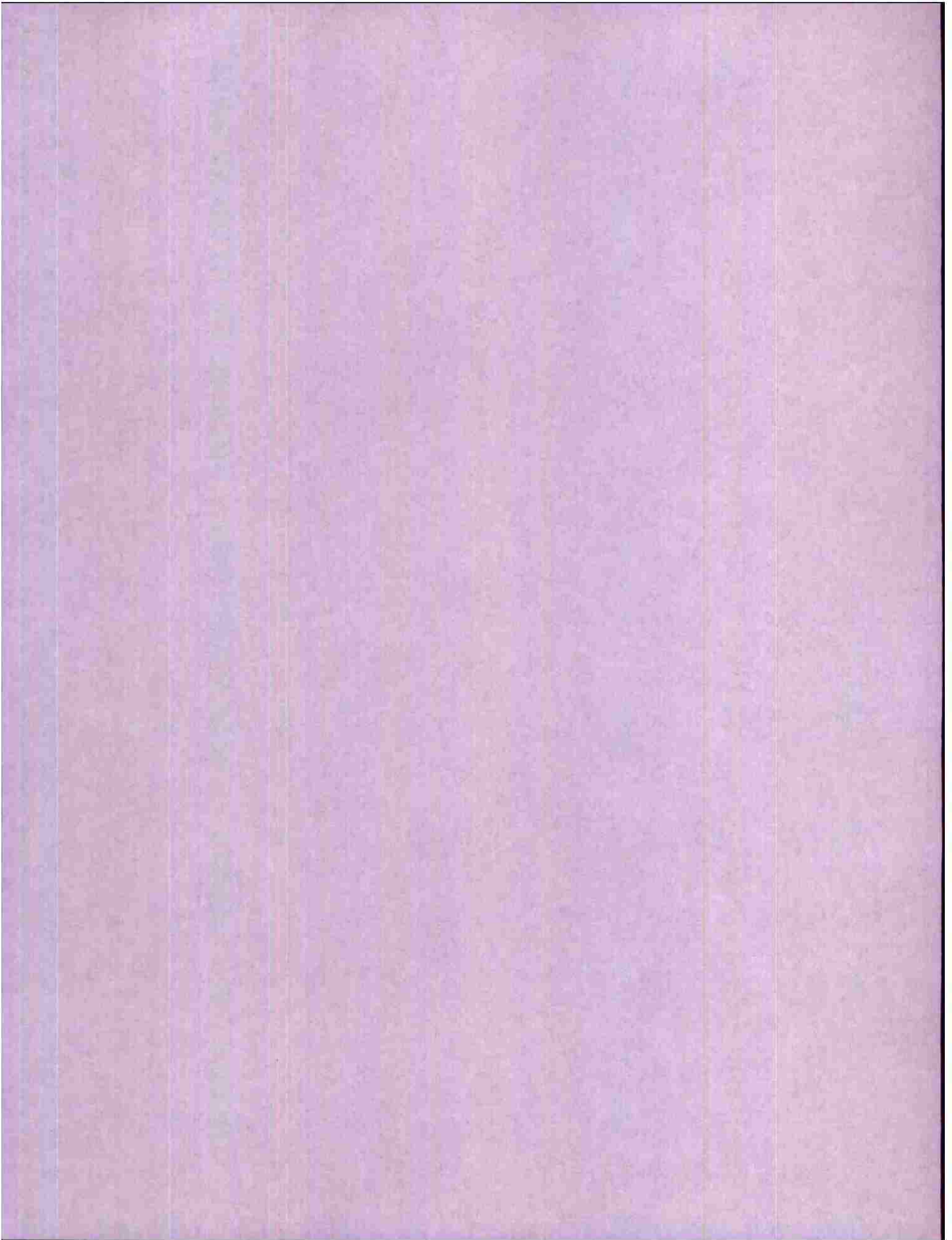
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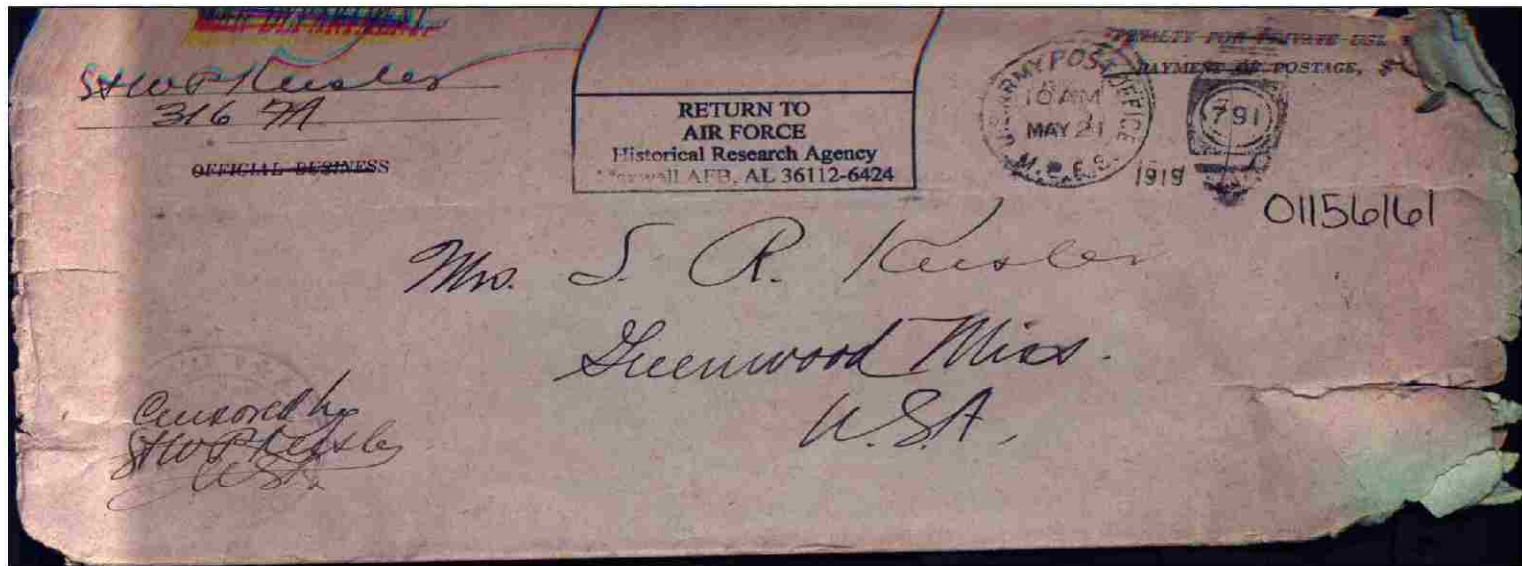
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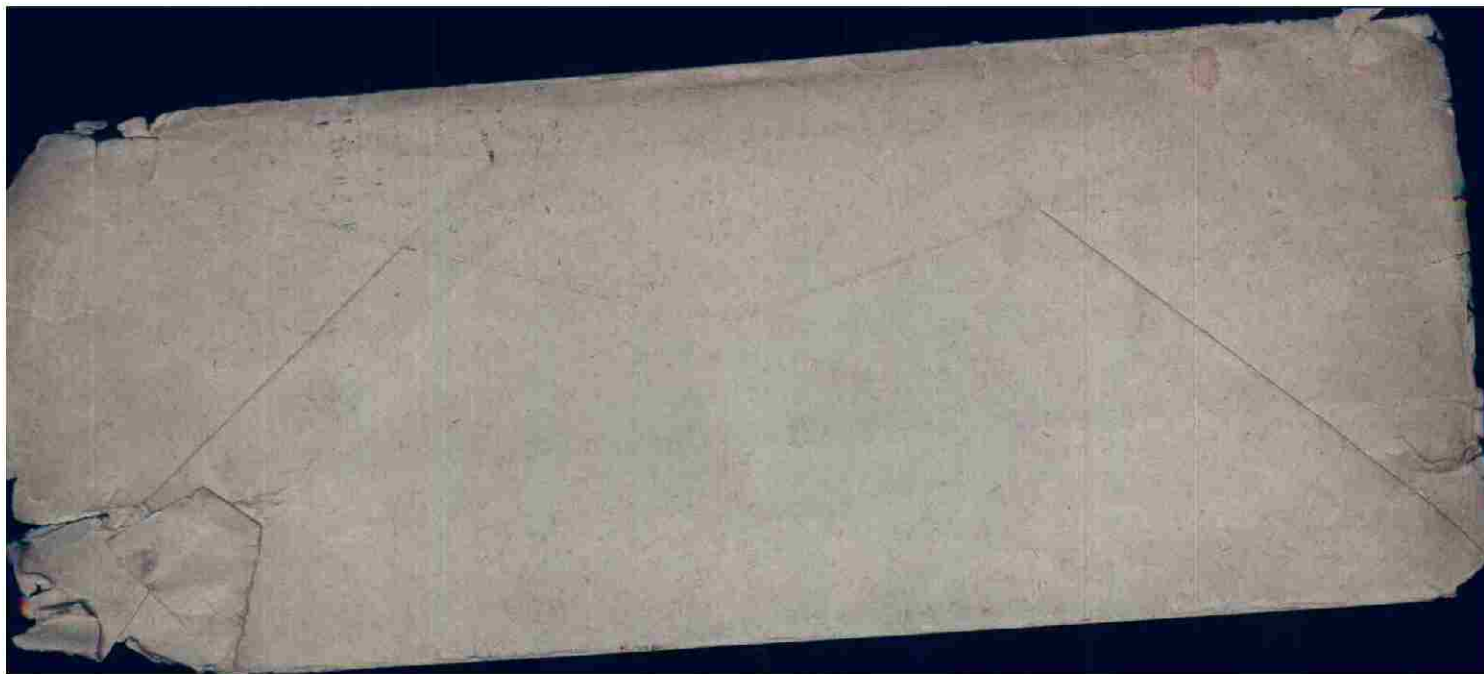


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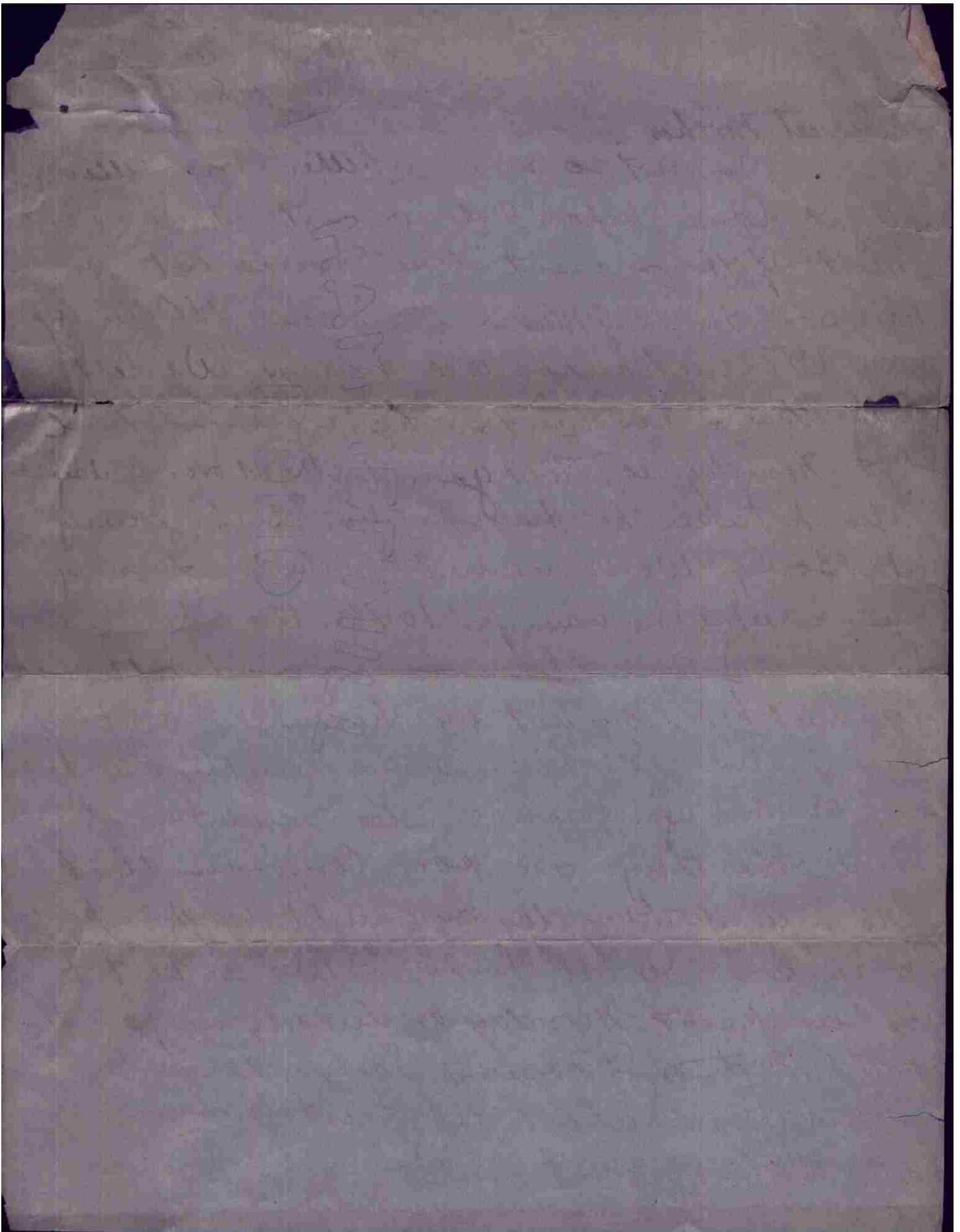


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3/6th H. Amer. Ex. Force
May 18/1919.

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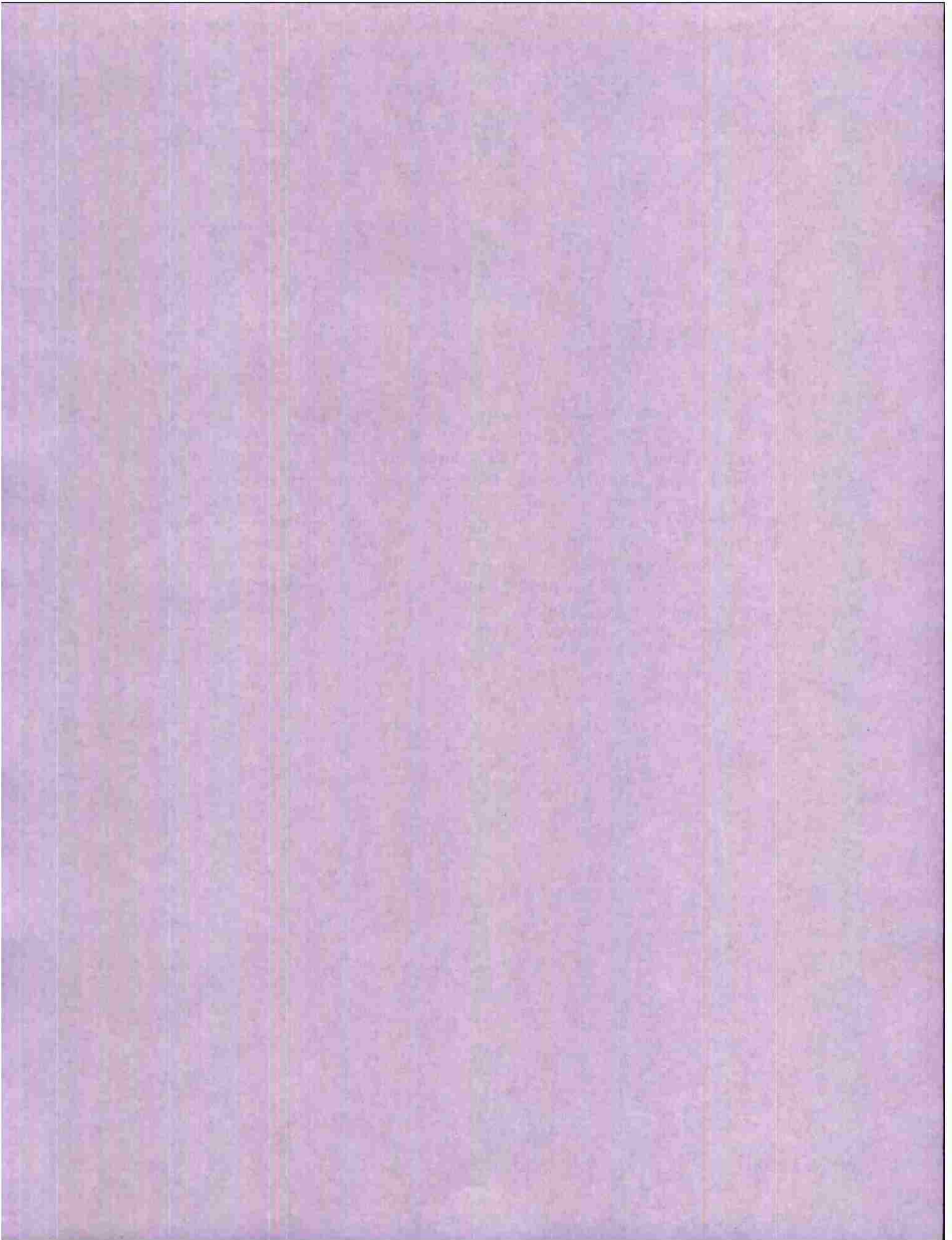
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William



To William H. Hester
From: Corp. Stewart
Box 24, 1944

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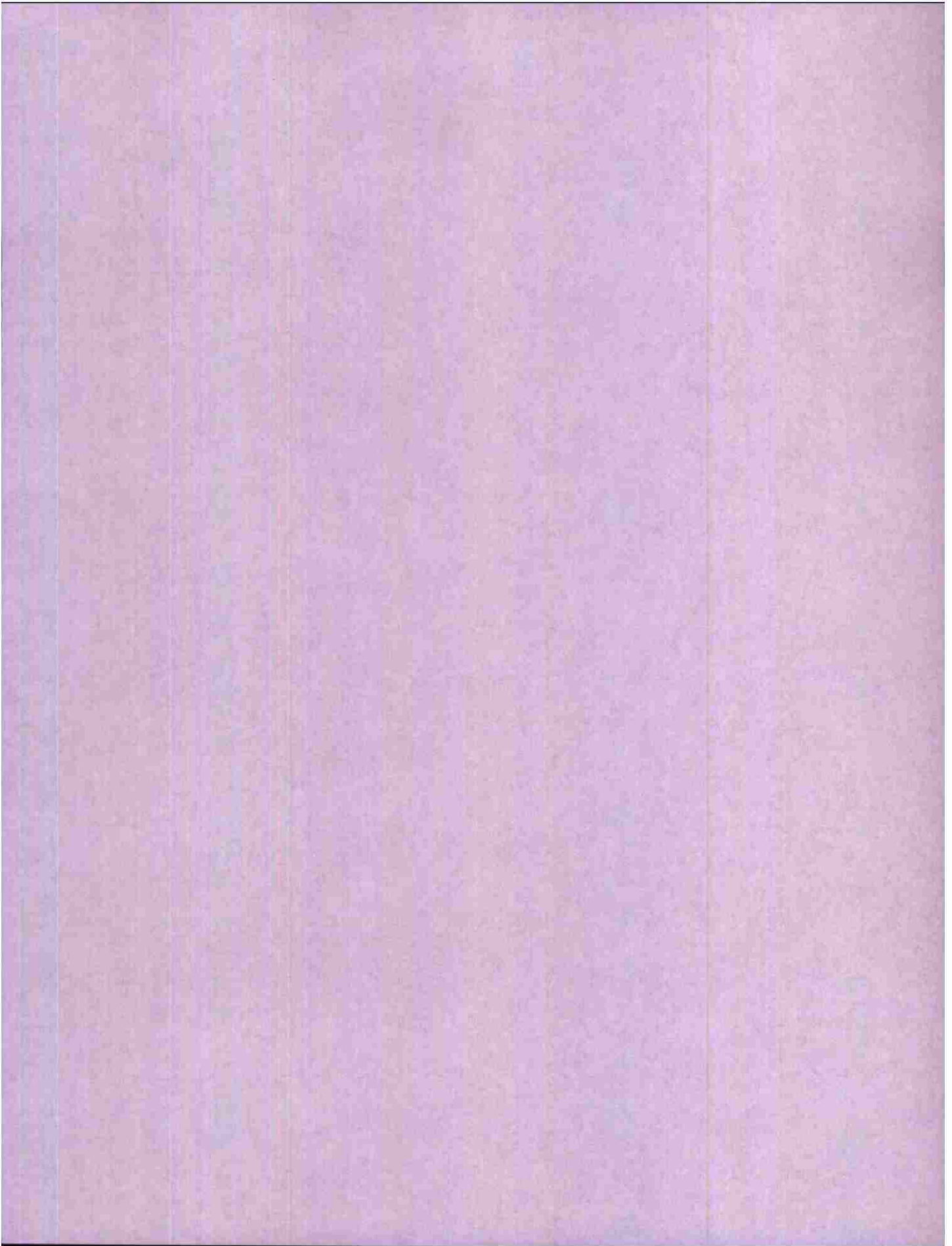
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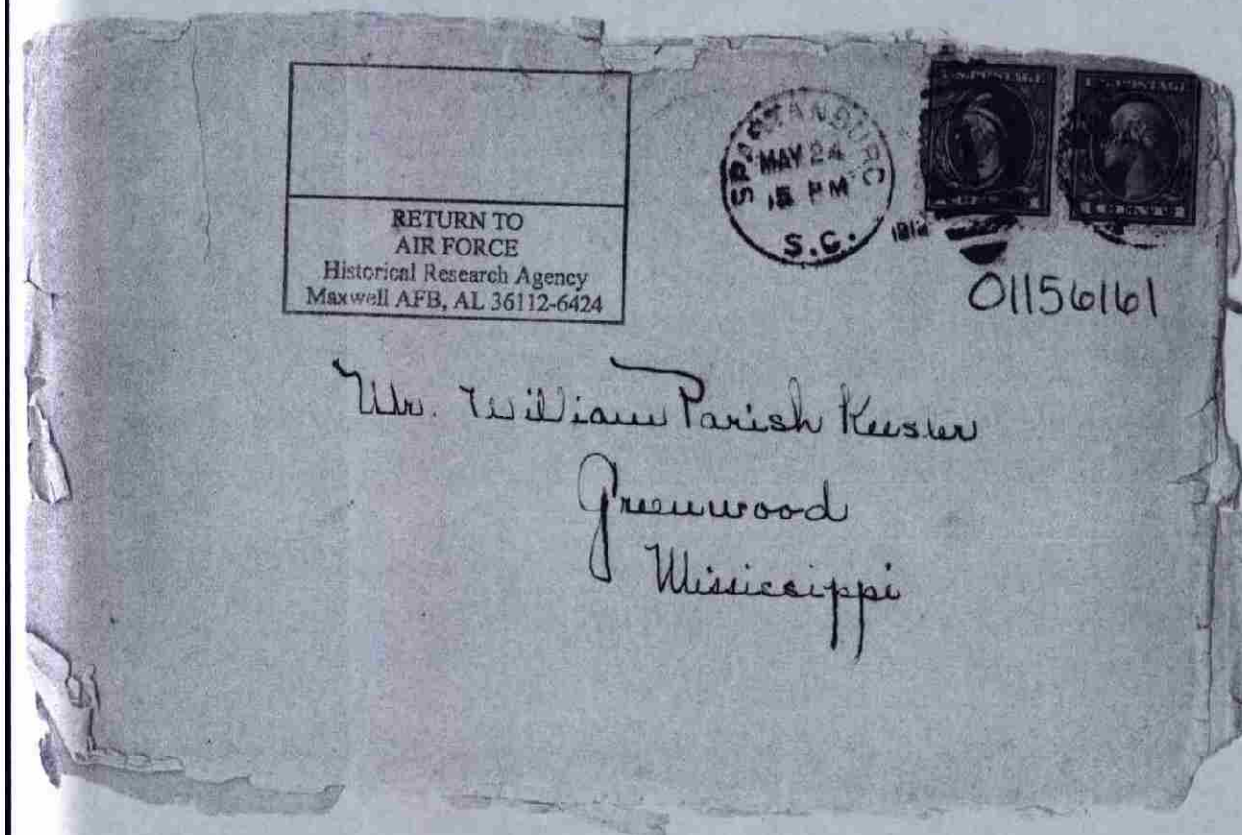
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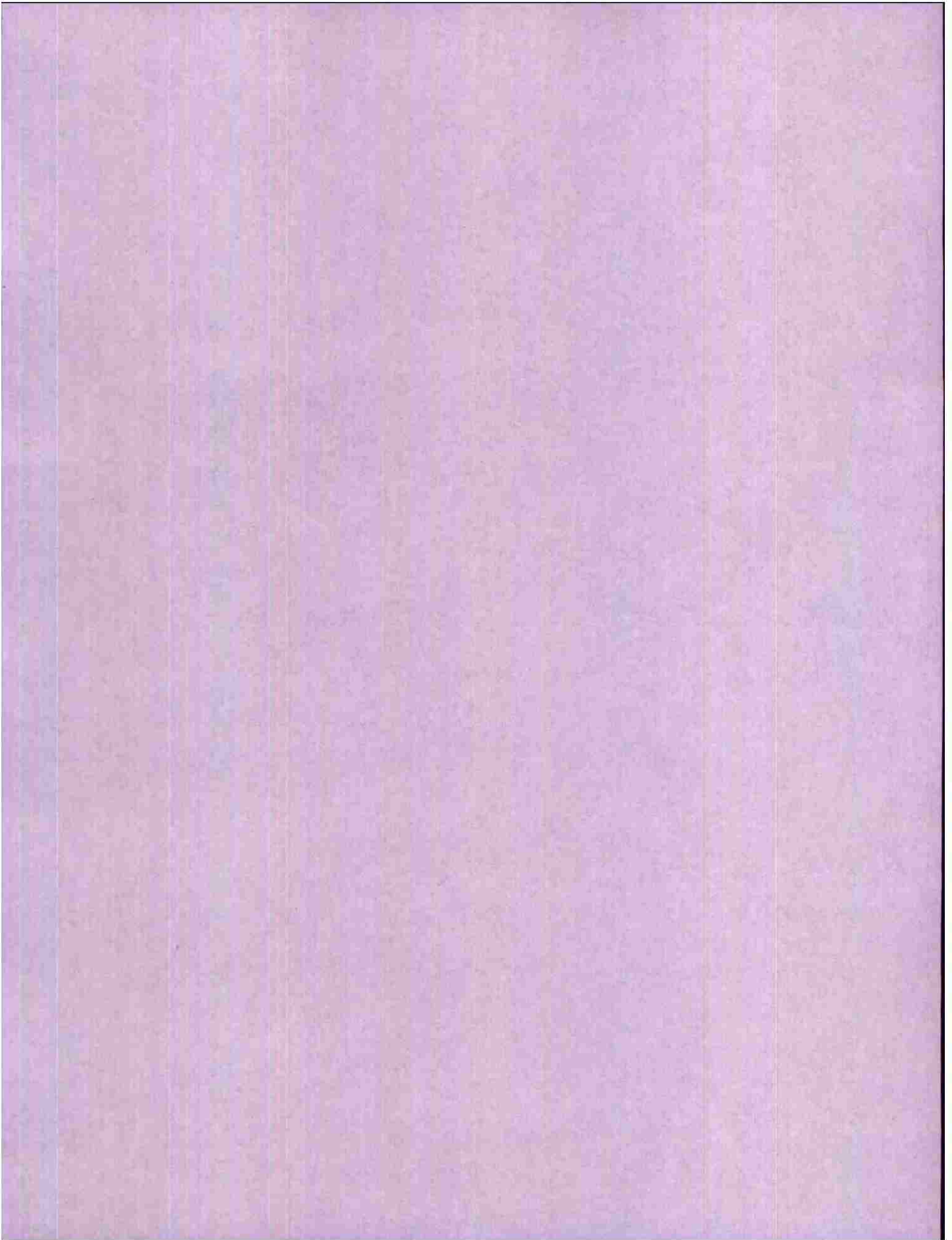
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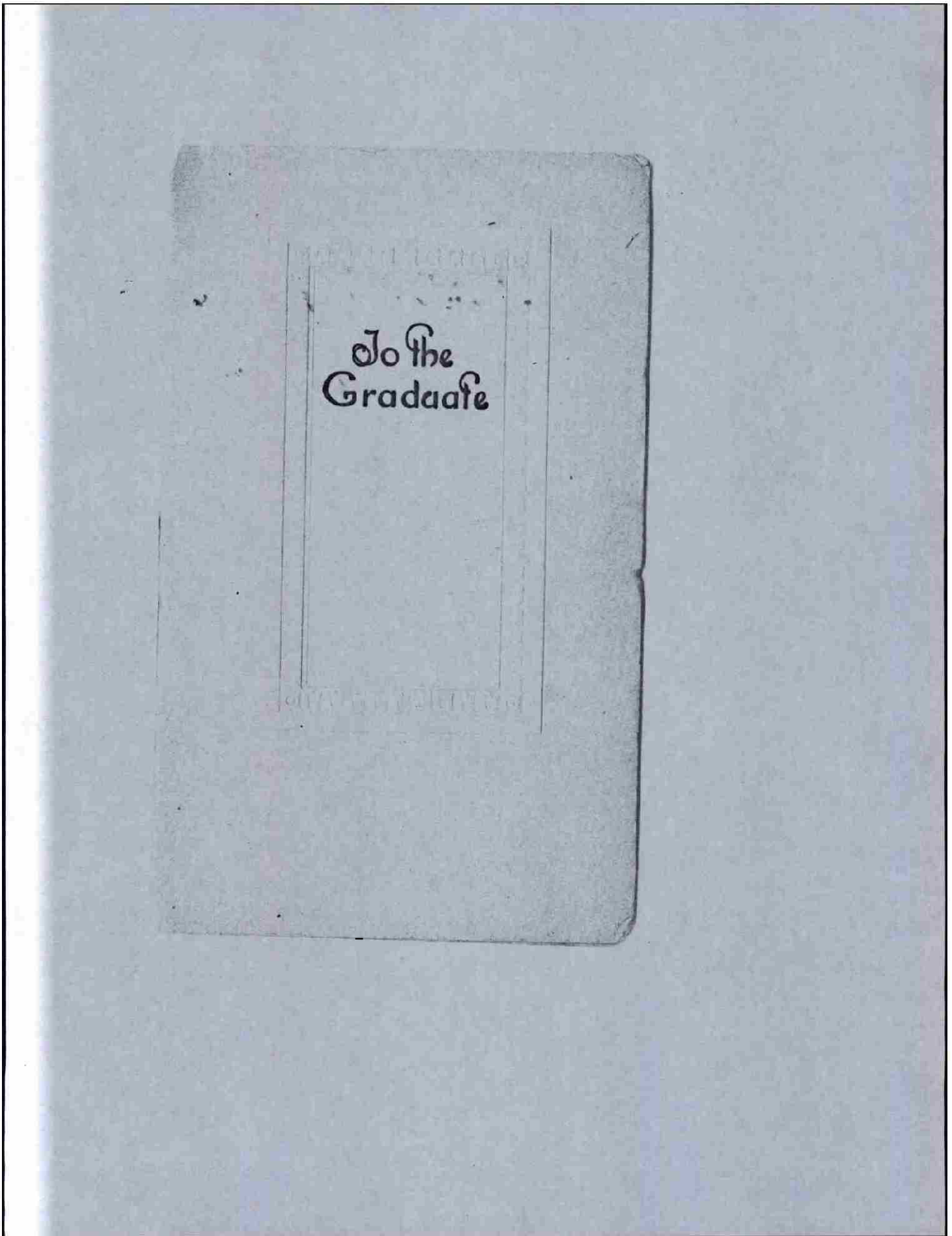
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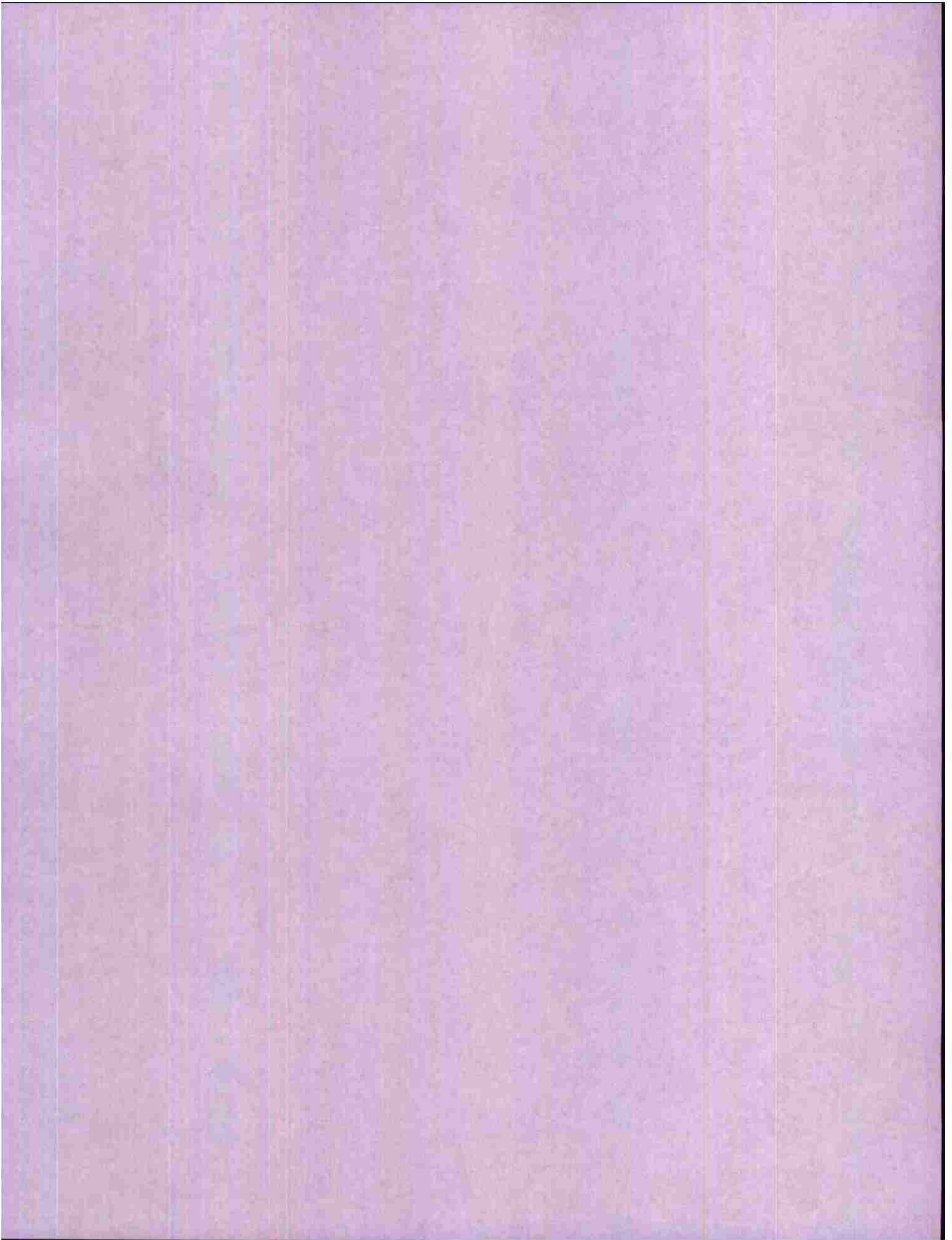
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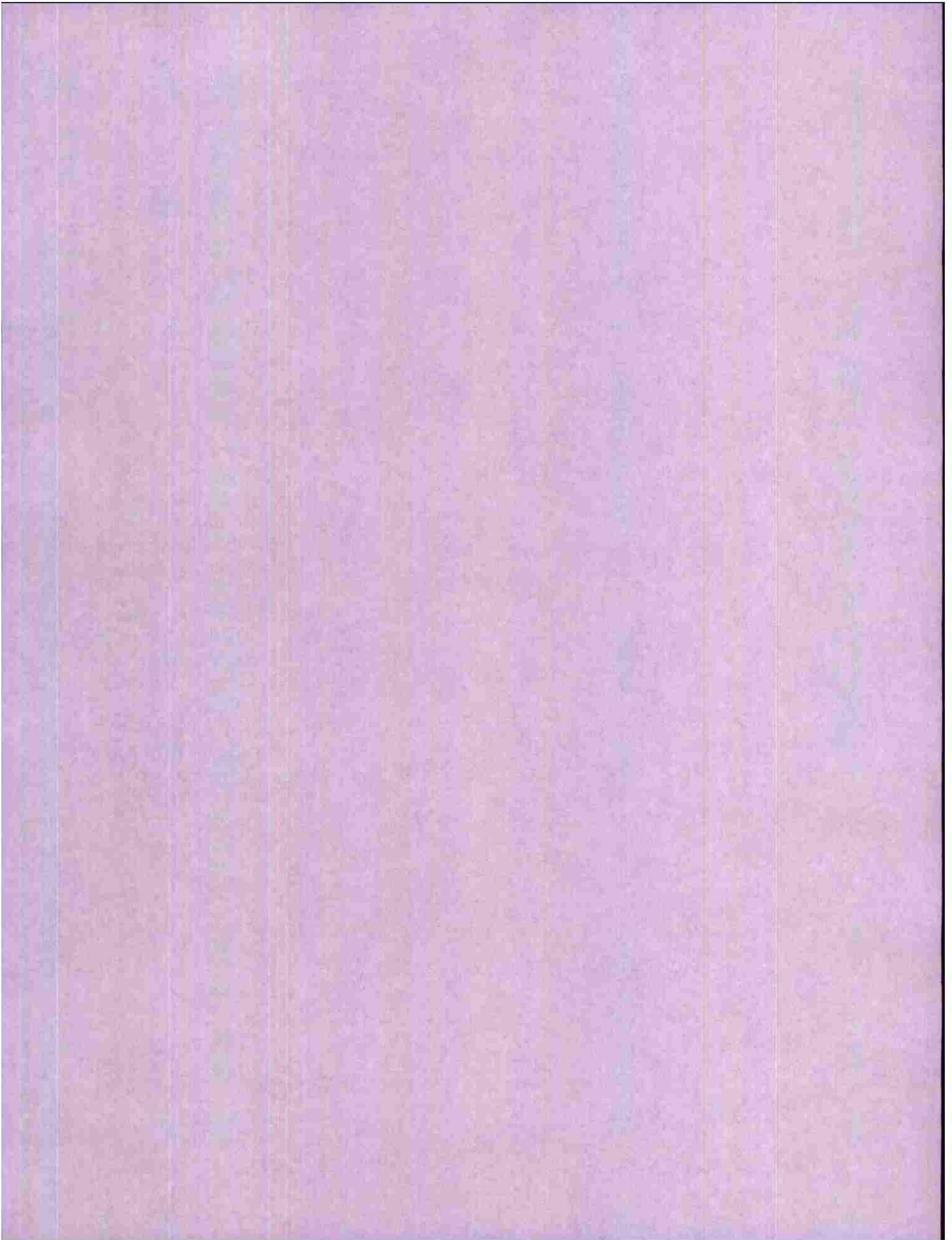






Miss Carrie Lipscomb Stewart

To live each day with heart
To fight ^{content} for all that's good;
To hold your anger till
it's spent;
To meet life as you should;
To keep your destiny in mind;
To work and rest each day;
To guard your tongue and to
be kind;
To watch and wait and pray;
To feed the pauper at the door;
To keep your purpose true;
These things, my happy graduate,
May strength be yours to do.

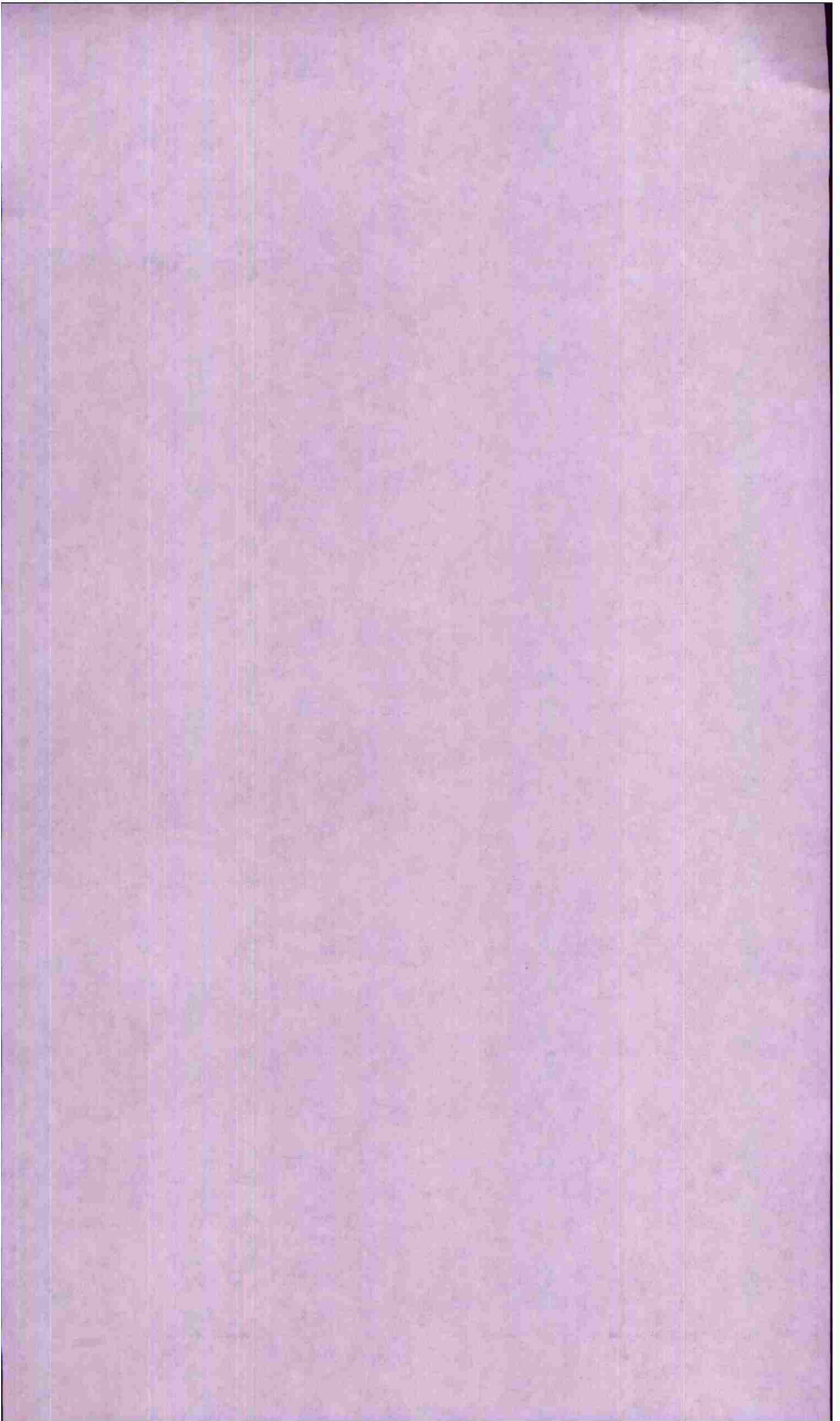


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Tune's Tune, June 12, 1919

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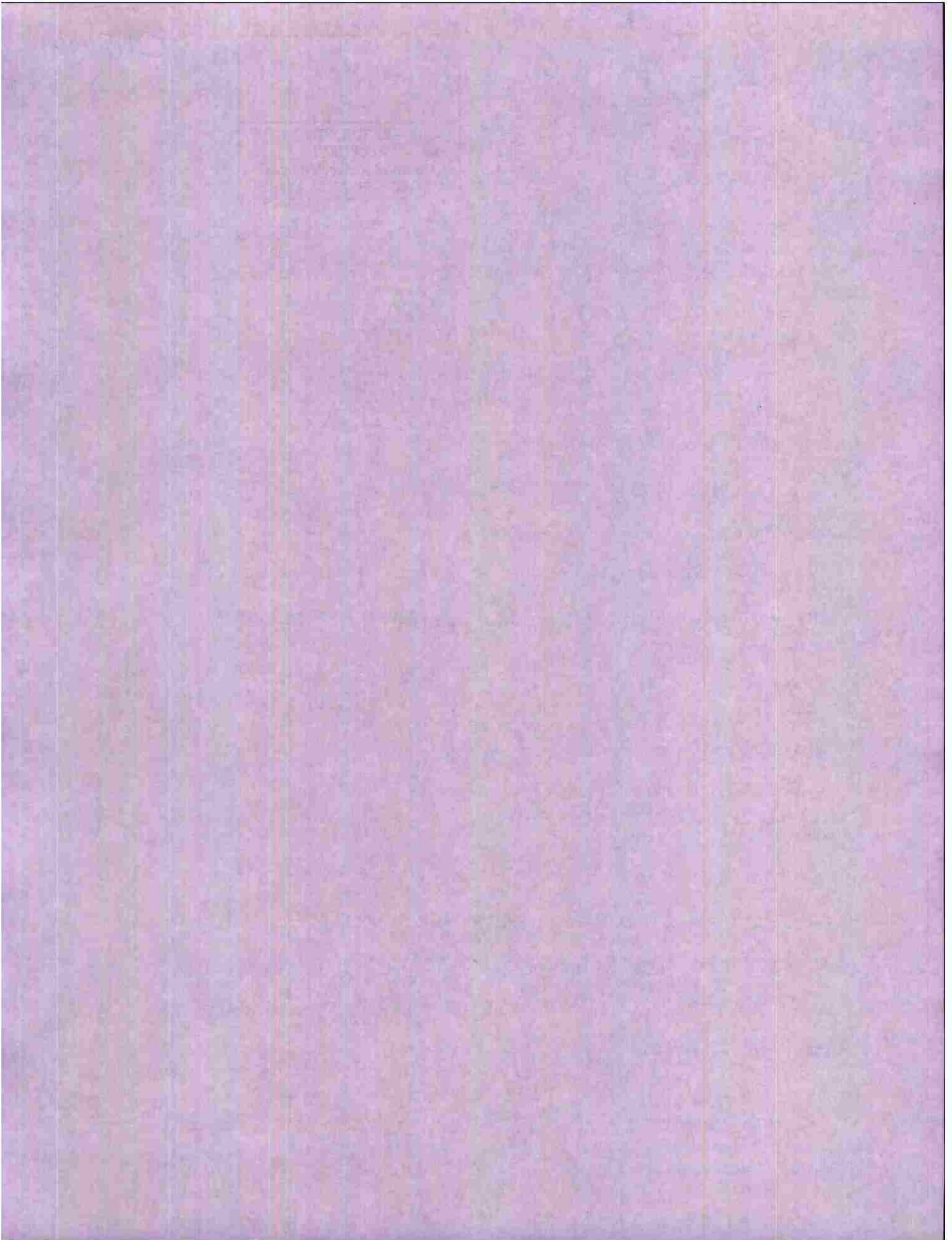
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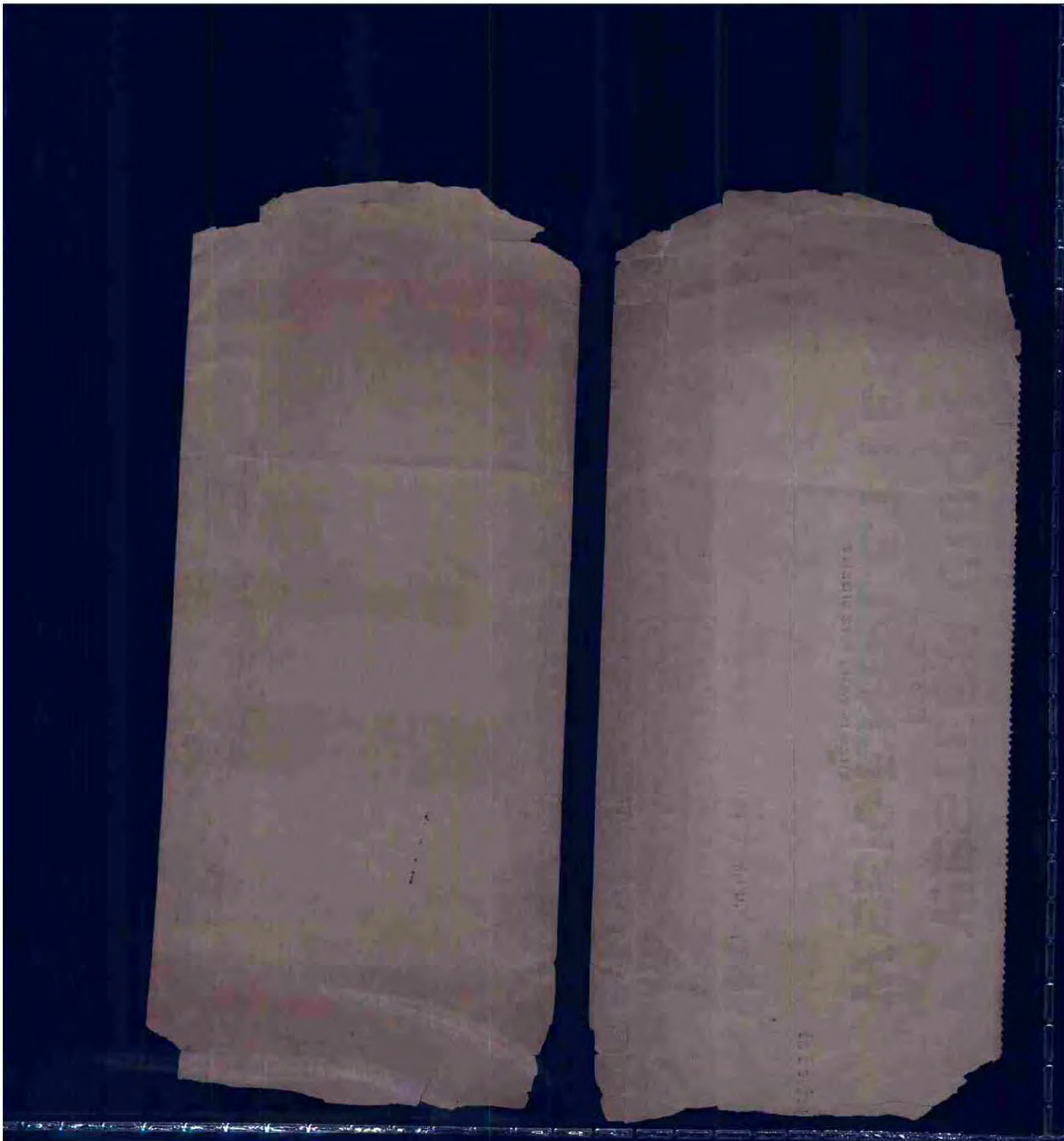
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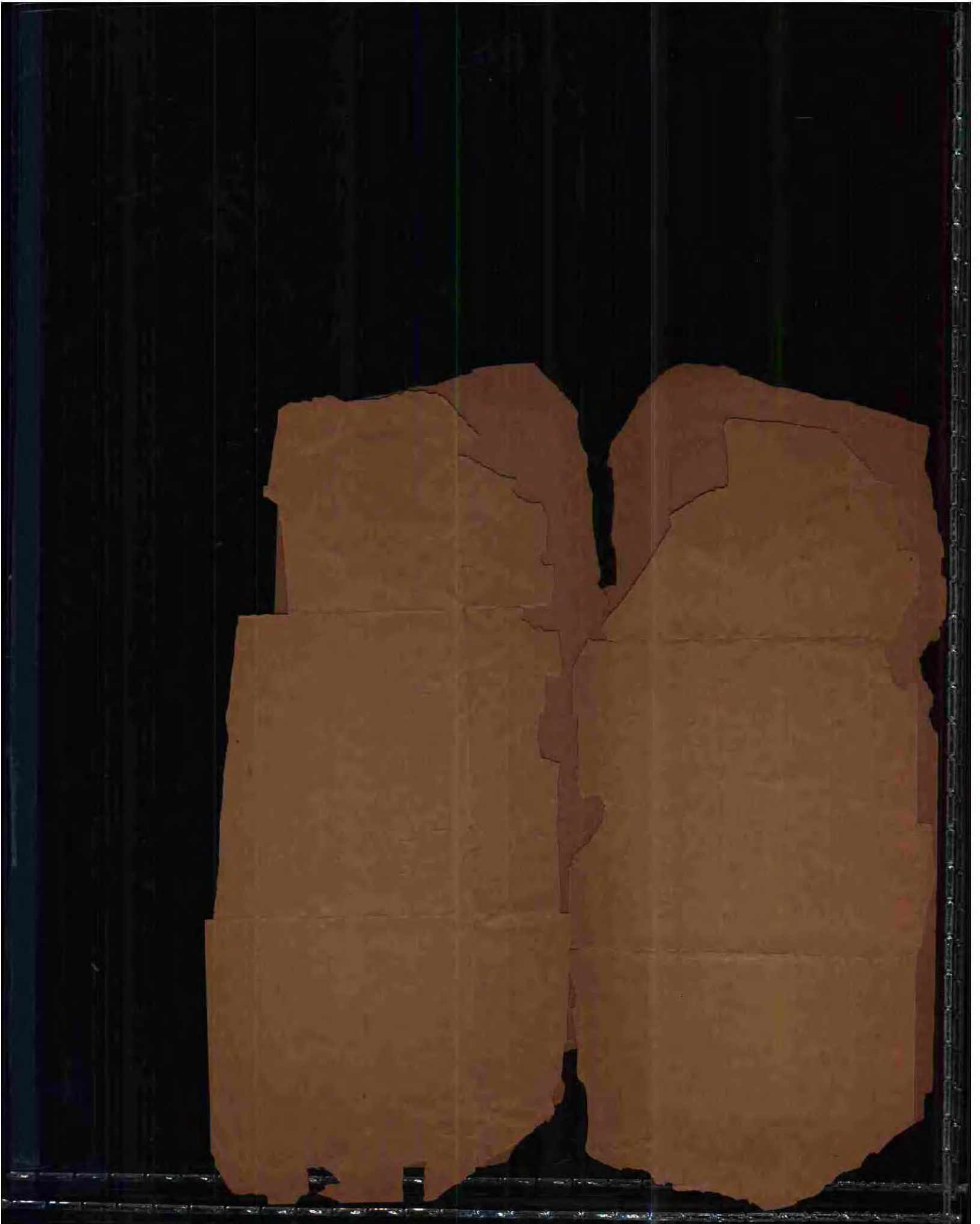
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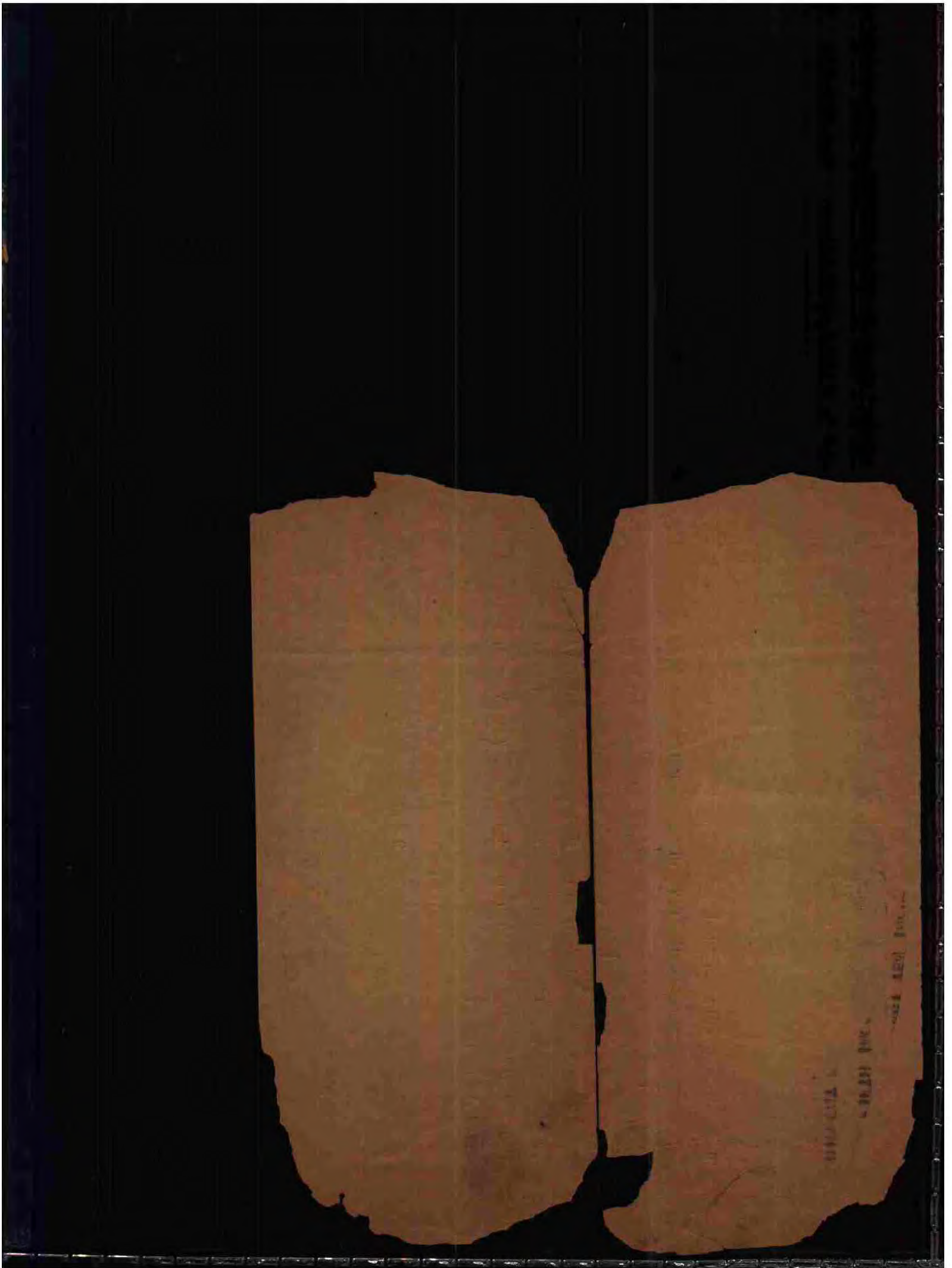
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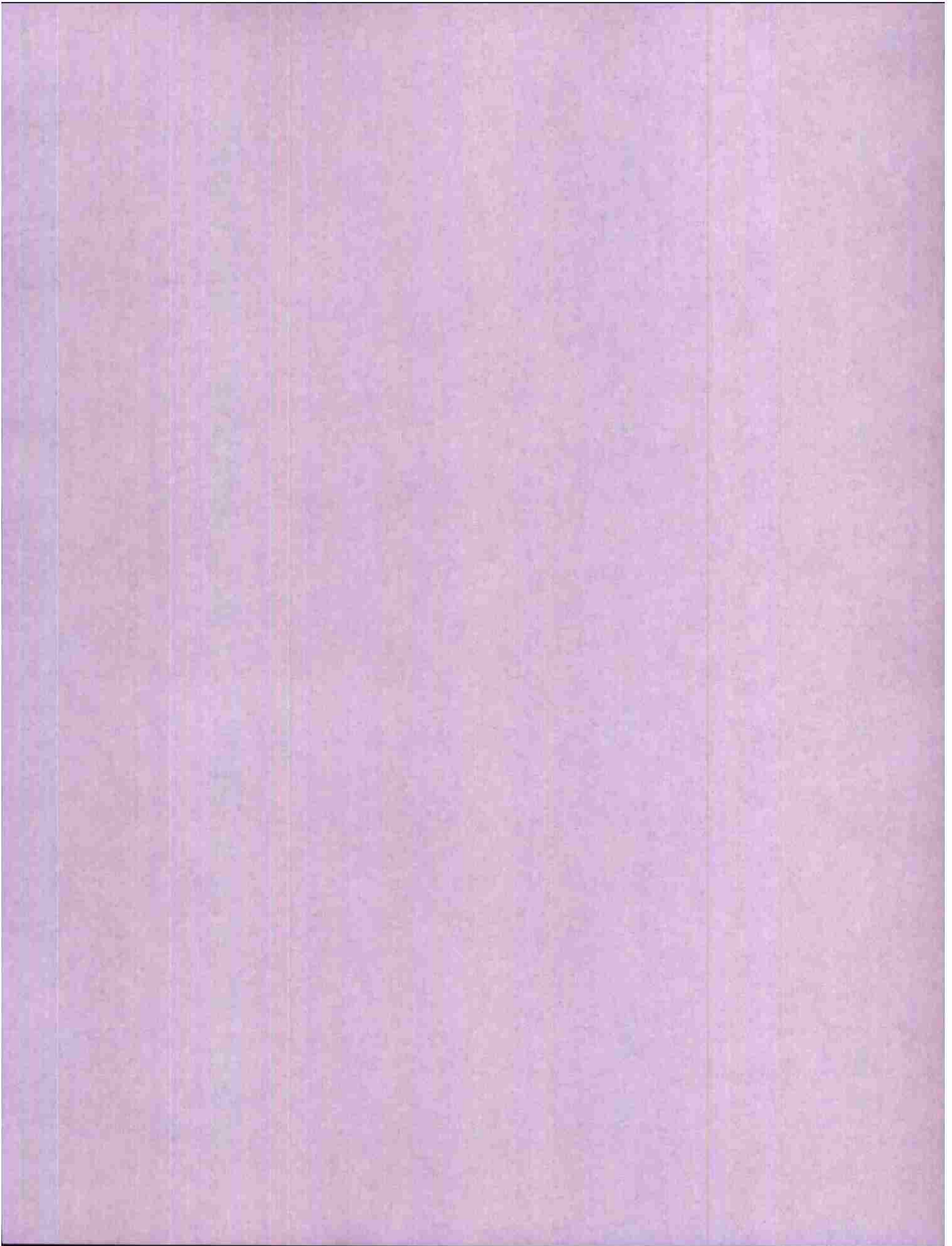
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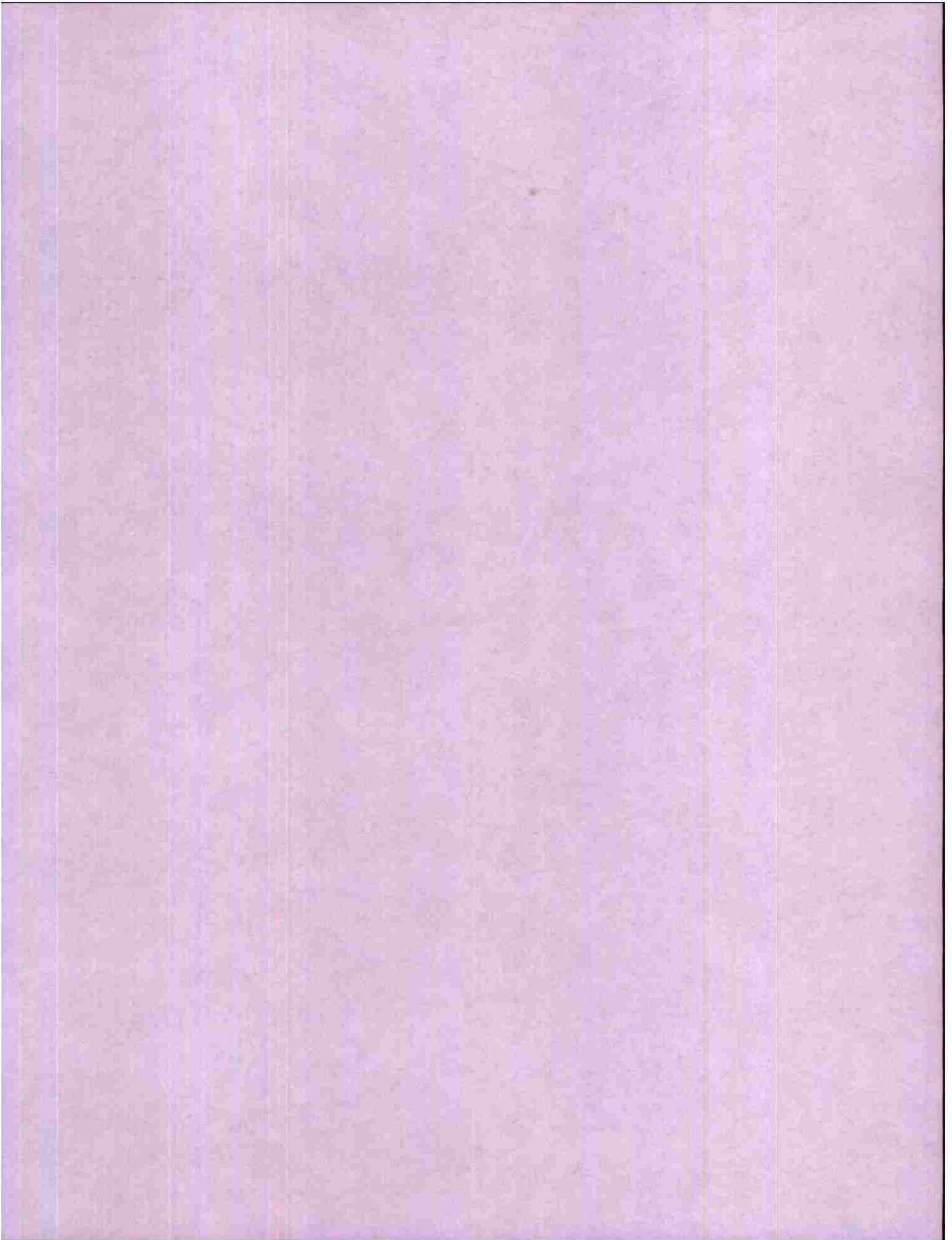
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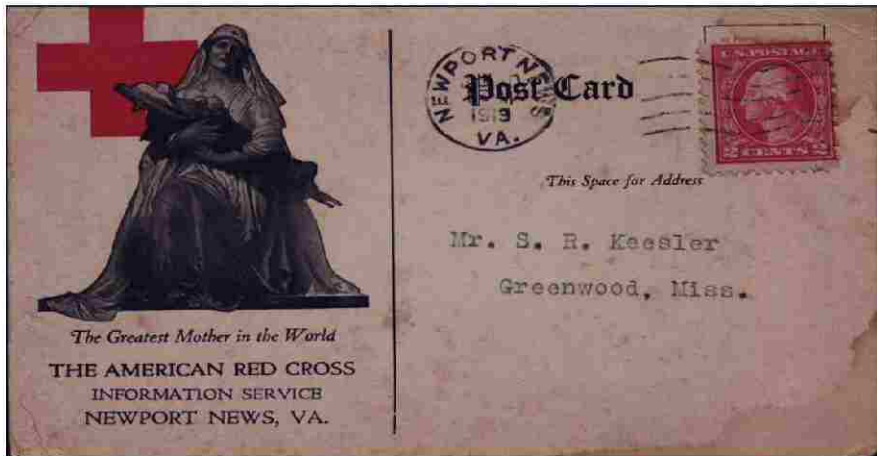


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AMERICAN RED CROSS
INFORMATION SERVICE
TELEPHONE 1789
Newport News, Va.,

JUN 9 1919

Have just arrived at this port safely and am feeling well. My stay here will be too short (probably two or three days) for you to try to see me. Our program is to go quickly to camps near home for discharge. If, however, anything develops that necessitates your communicating with me, telegraph or telephone the Information Service of the American Red Cross at this port, giving number of my regiment. They will do their best to locate me or forward a message to the demobilization camp. Love.

William

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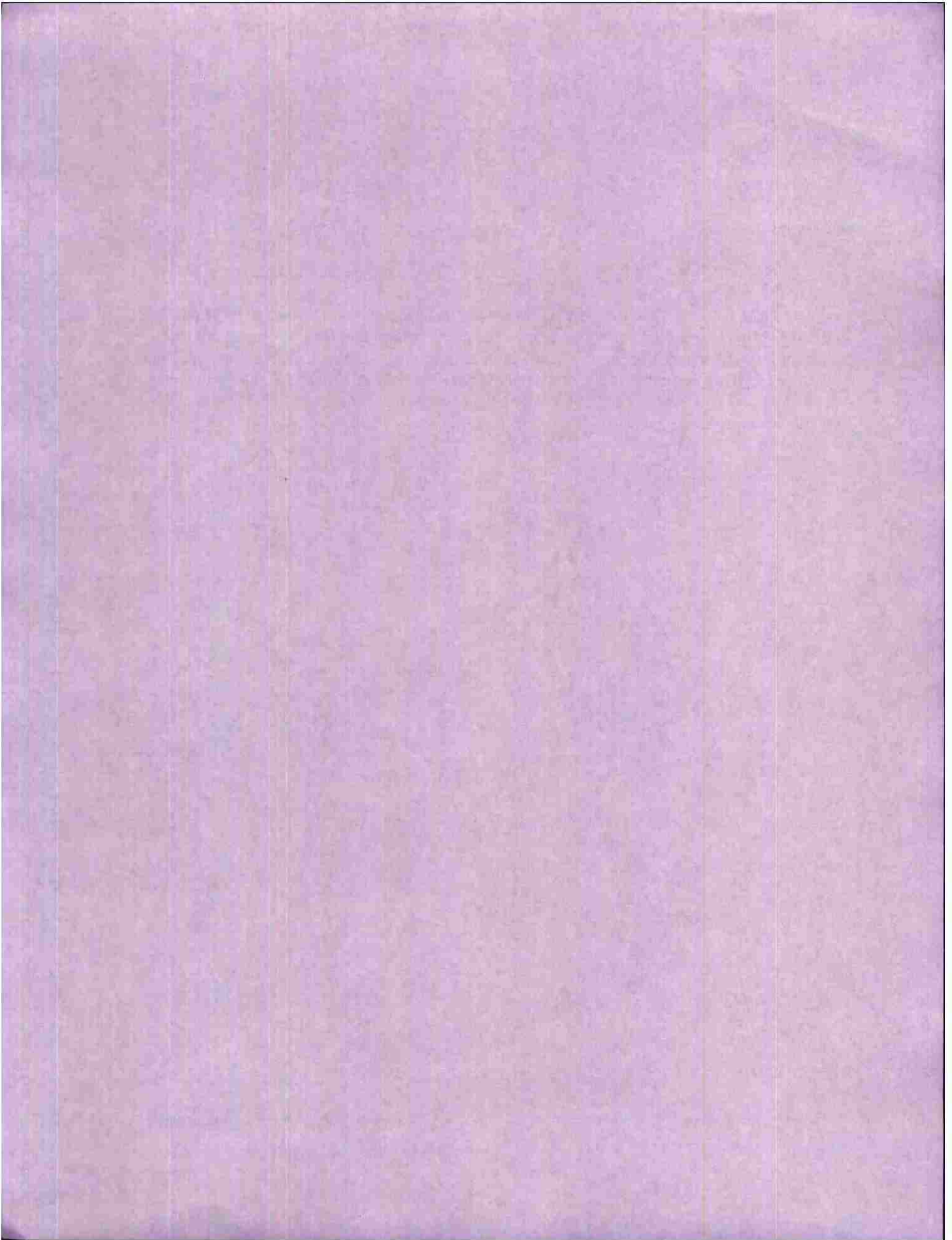
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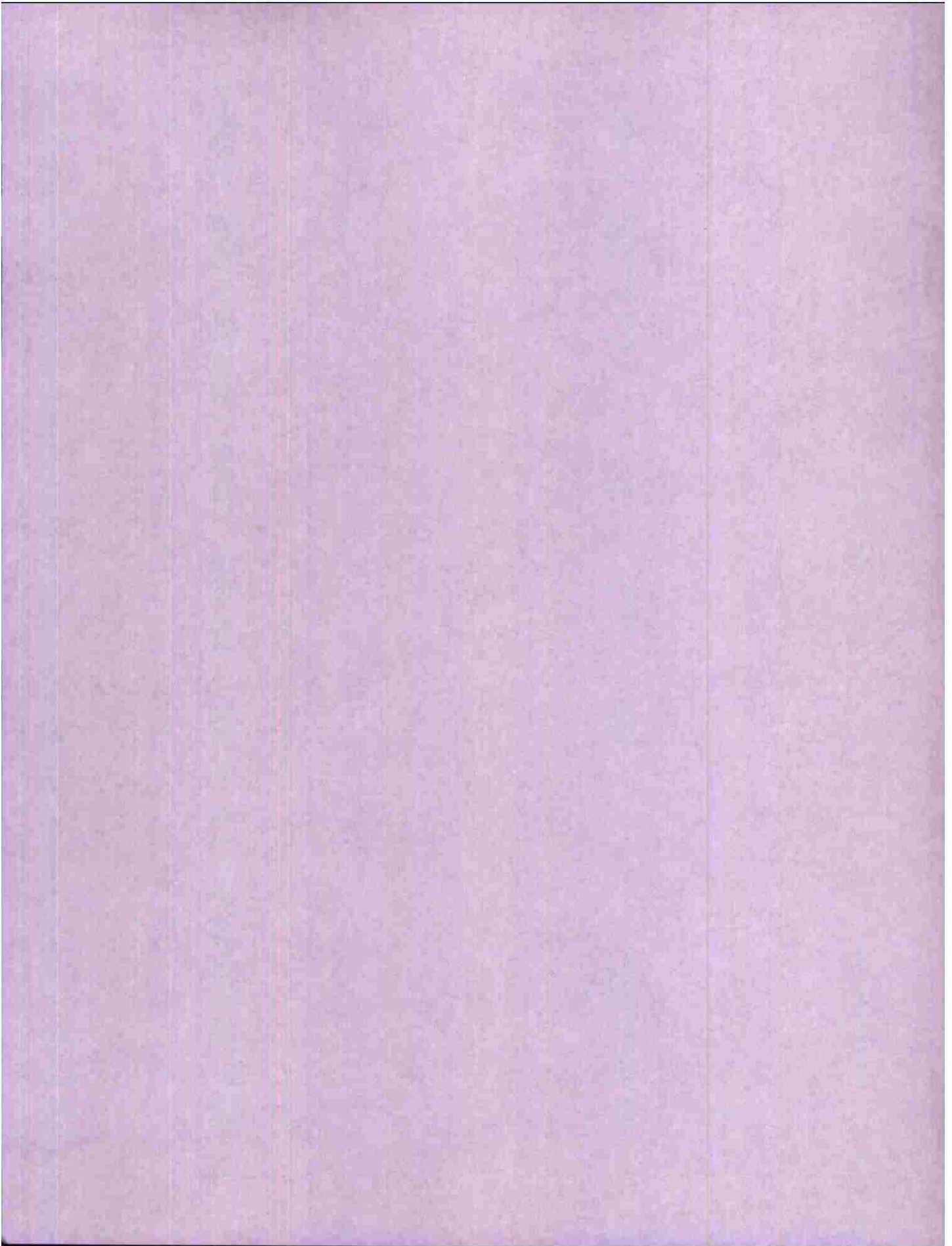
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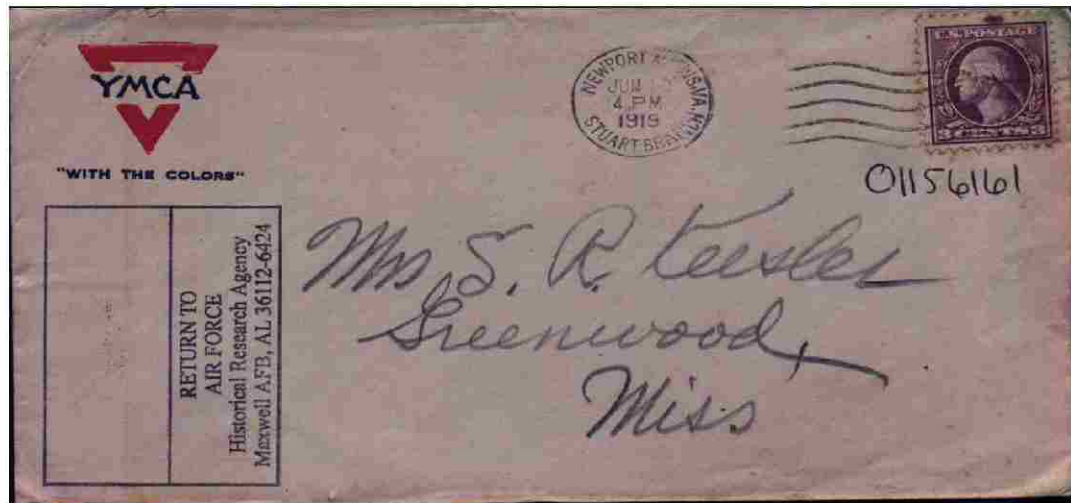
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ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



June 9/1919

Dear Mother,

Just got in this morning.
Happy well I guess. A three mile
hike in a boiling hot sun couldn't
make up stop smiling. Had a
good trip over on the U.S. Minnesota
kind of slow but very smooth.
Wasn't sick at all. Am well &
fat now and feeling fine. We
don't know how long we will
have to stay here but three or four
days should see the 316 7th
mustered out I hope.

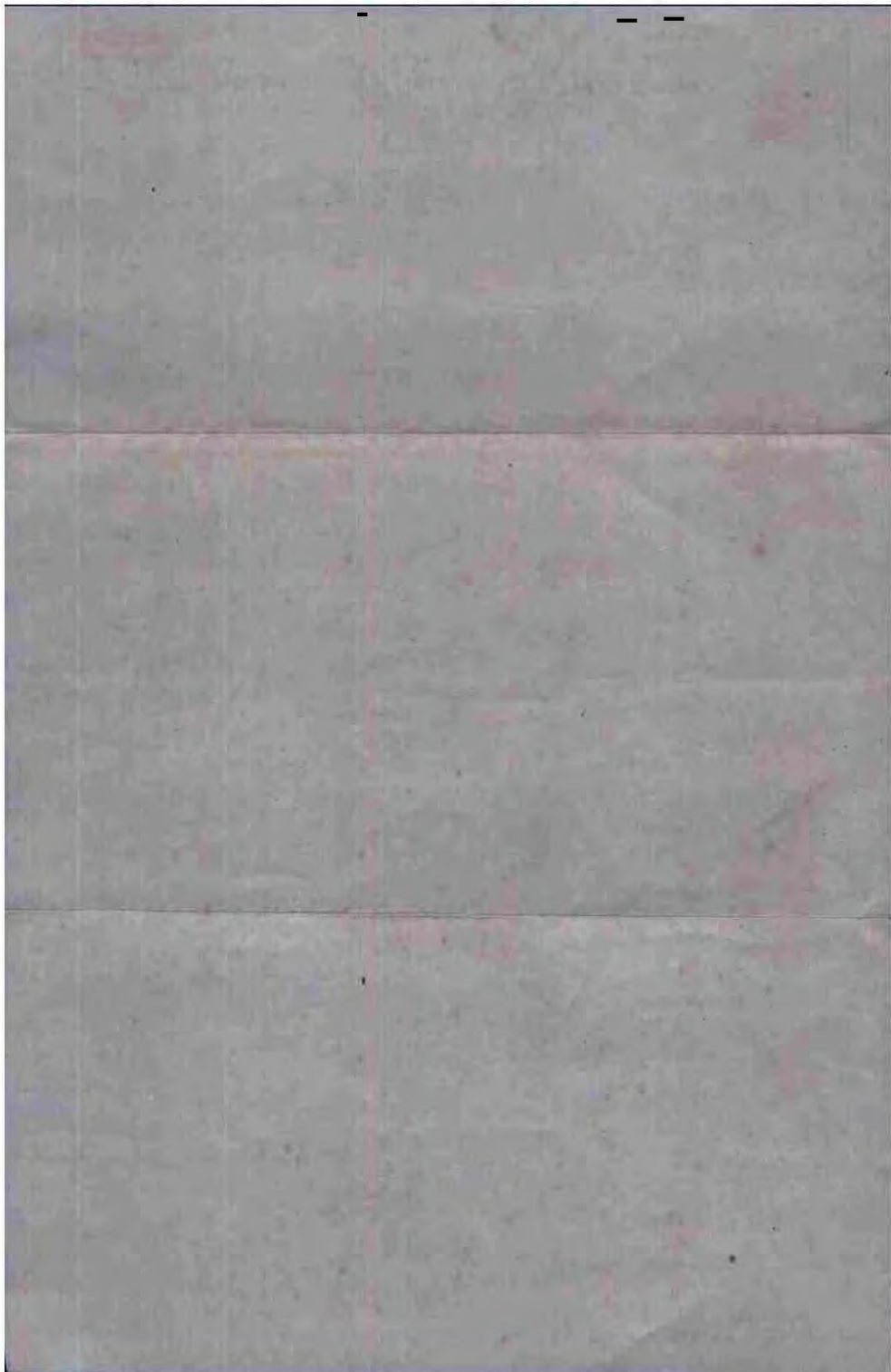
Just called up Elizabeth. So
was real surprised to hear me
on the end of the phone. Am
hoping to be able to go up there
pass a night at least.

Will write later and in detail

Best of love

William

TO THE WRITER: SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER. TO THE FOLKS AT HOME: SAVE FOOD, BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS



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Stuart Branch, Newport News VA
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To: Mrs S.R. Keesler
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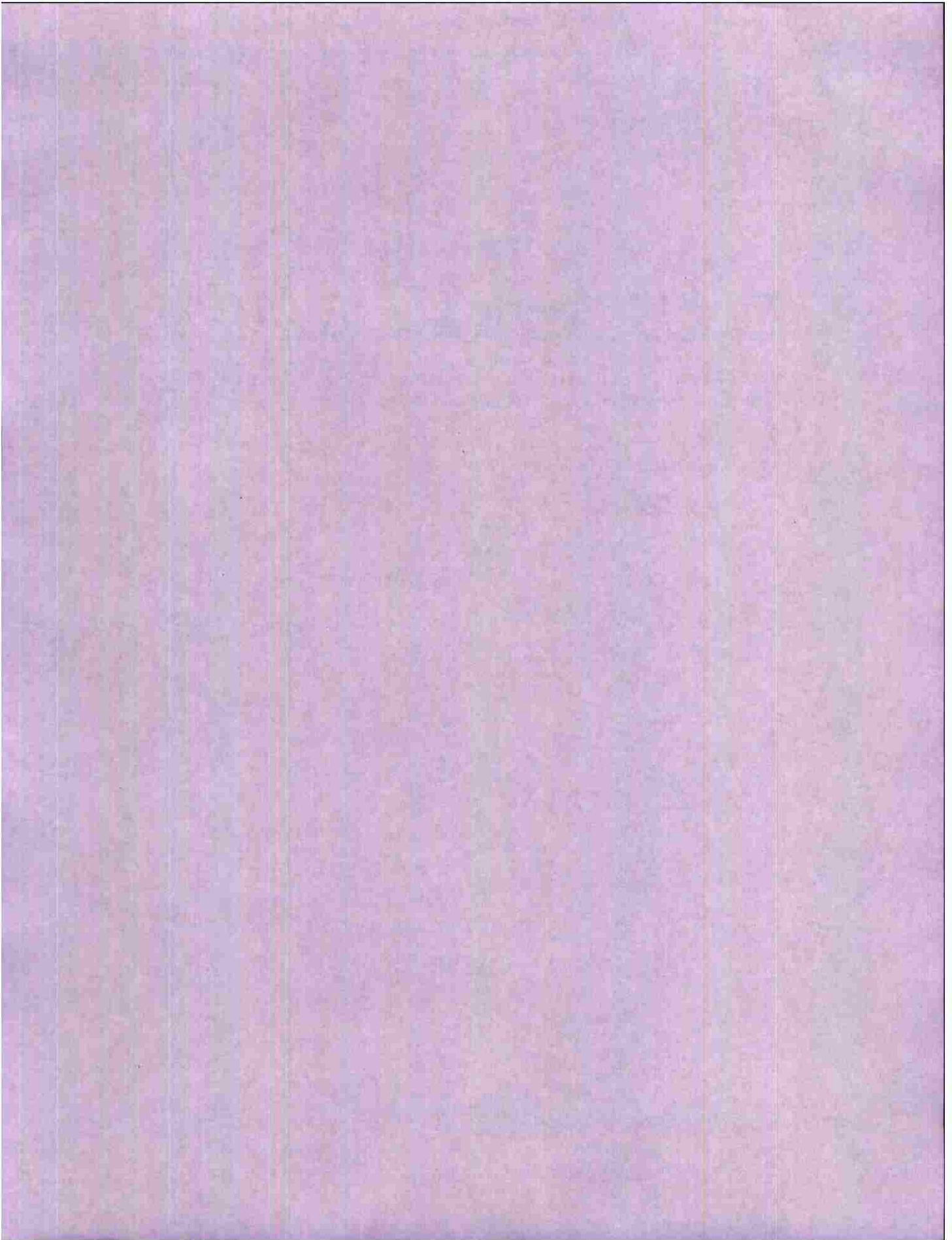
Dear Mother,

Just got in this morning. Happy - well I guess. A three mile hike in a boiling hot sun couldn't make us stop smiling. Had a good trip over on the U.S.S. Minnesota, kind of slow but very smooth. Wasn't sick at all. Am well & fat now and feeling fine. We don't know how long we will have to stay here but three or four days should see the 316th mustered out I hope.

Just called up Elizabeth. She was real surprised to hear me on the end of the phone. Am hoping to be able to go up there for a night at least.

Will write later and in detail.

Best of love,
William



To: Mrs. S. R. Hester
From: William Koster
June 18, 1967

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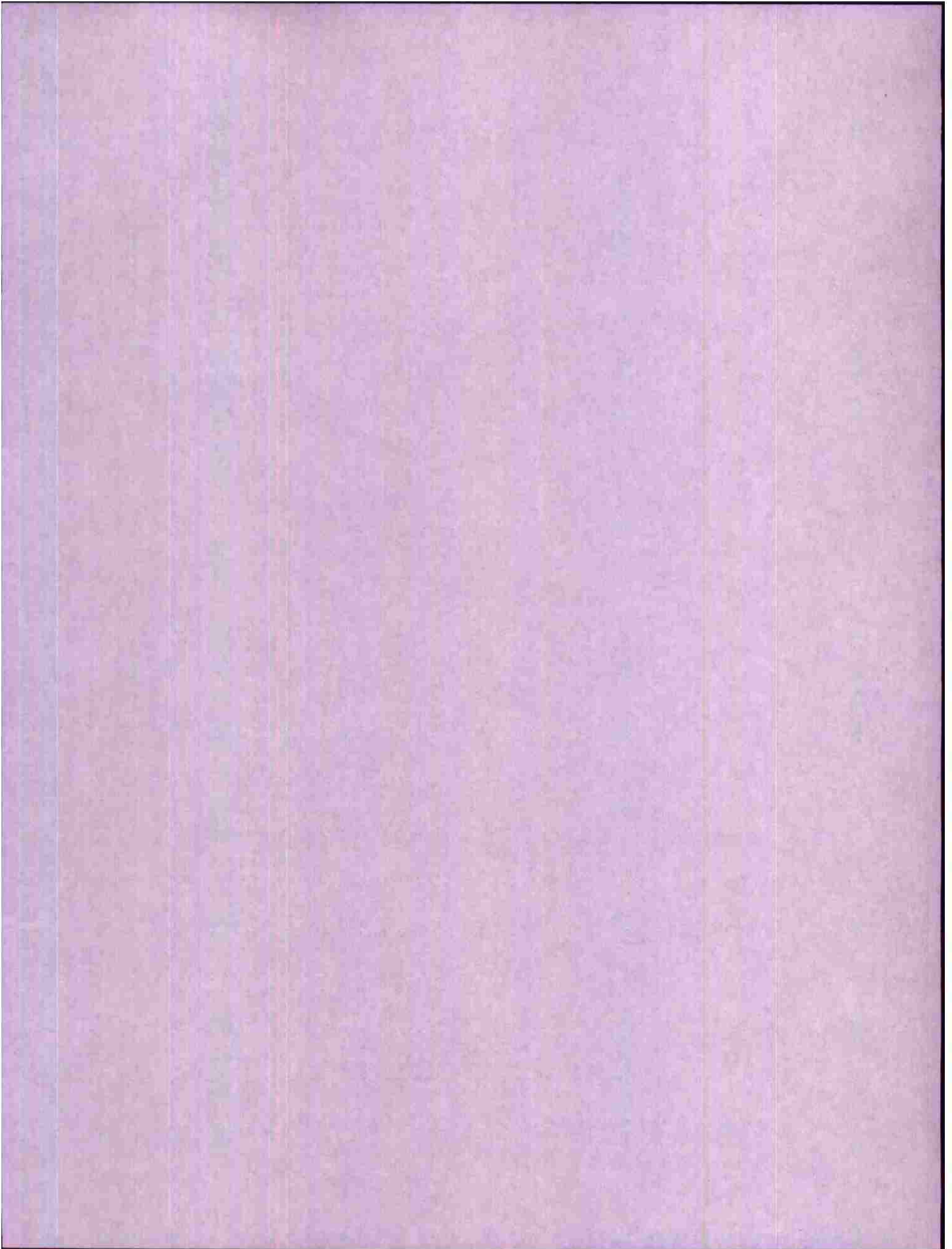
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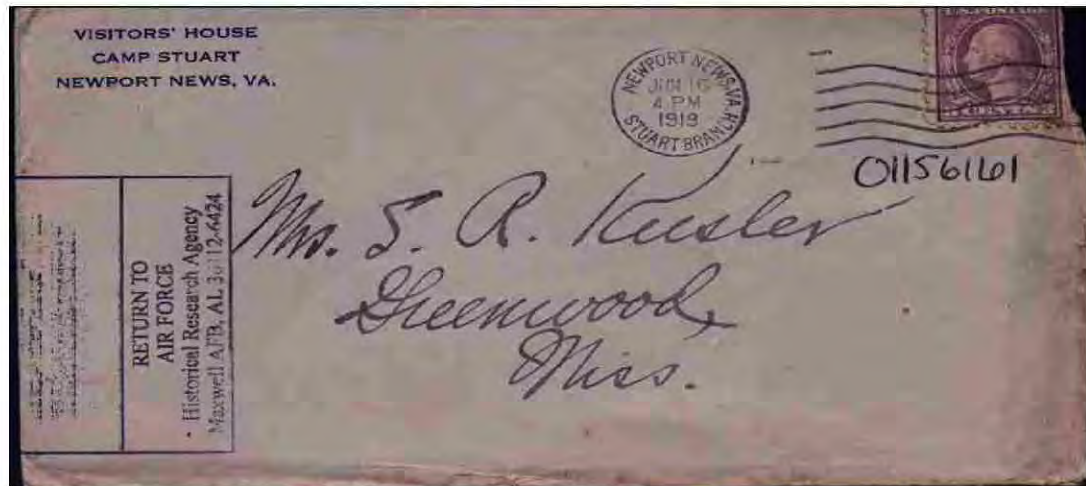
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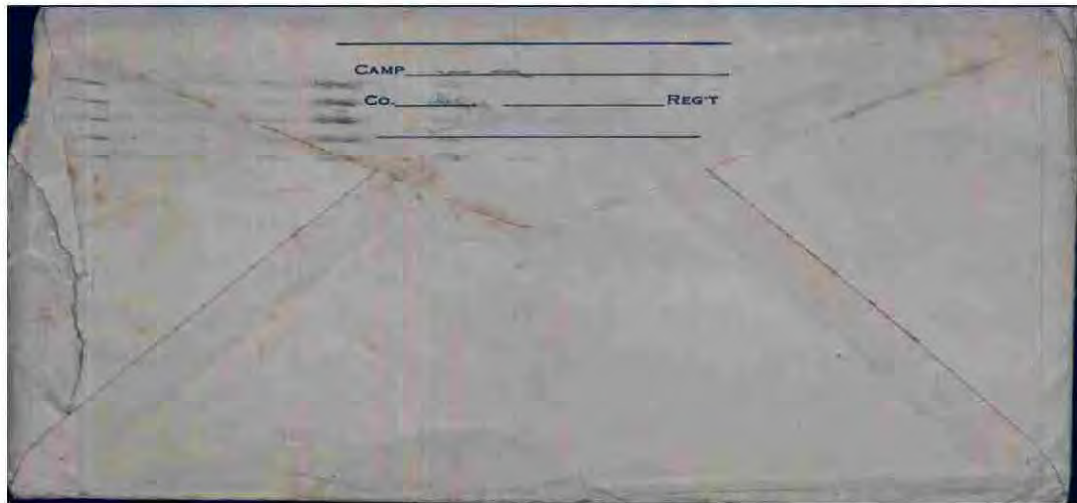


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FOR SOLDIERS



Visitors House

Camp Stuart, Newport News, Va.

June 15 1917

Dear Folks.

Being in Camp Stuart is worst than being in France. Never saw such a place before. One can't do a thing but wait and wish & long to be away. It won't be long now before we start towards Camp Shelby. One can't say how long we will be on the way tho. I will write you while I'm on the way. I guess we will go to Birmingham and from there straight to Hattiesburg. I hope to be there by the 20 or 25 and be home by the 29. But one can never tell in the army.

Since my last letter from France we have been moving around right good deal. The regiment left Chateaurailles May 12. I was

left behind with a detachment
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 the night there and was ordered
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Visitors House

Camp Stuart, Newport News, Va.

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a good time. The little kids were great. There were a couple at the house where I stayed that I just wanted to bring home with me. It was a different sort of France that we had been used to and we sure enjoyed it. They enjoyed the Americans too. Our band gave a concert every afternoon and the whole village turned out to ~~say~~ listen. We were happy too.

We spent ~~after~~ a week or a little more then moved to Brest. Brest Camp is the most wonderful place I ever saw. I can see no reason for the criticisms that have been poured at it. We don't think about what would happen to one of our camps over here if it

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 the year. Why it couldn't help
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 it has something left over
 and. The defense, equipment and
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Ever since then we have been here, wasting time mostly. The regiment woke up day before yesterday. Most of it going to Camp Lee Va. I have to wait until Tuesday before I can leave. But it is coming slowly.

Yesterday I ran up to Richmond for a few hours. Had a wonderful time of course. They were all looking well. Never saw Elizabeth look better but maybe two months has something to do with that. They are expecting to go to Montreat the first week in June. I guess that will be about the time for

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and Richard Spenser (Thompson). We
had a nice time.
Must stop now. We will
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best love
your son,
William

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 Camp Stuart
 Newport News, Va.

June 15, 1919

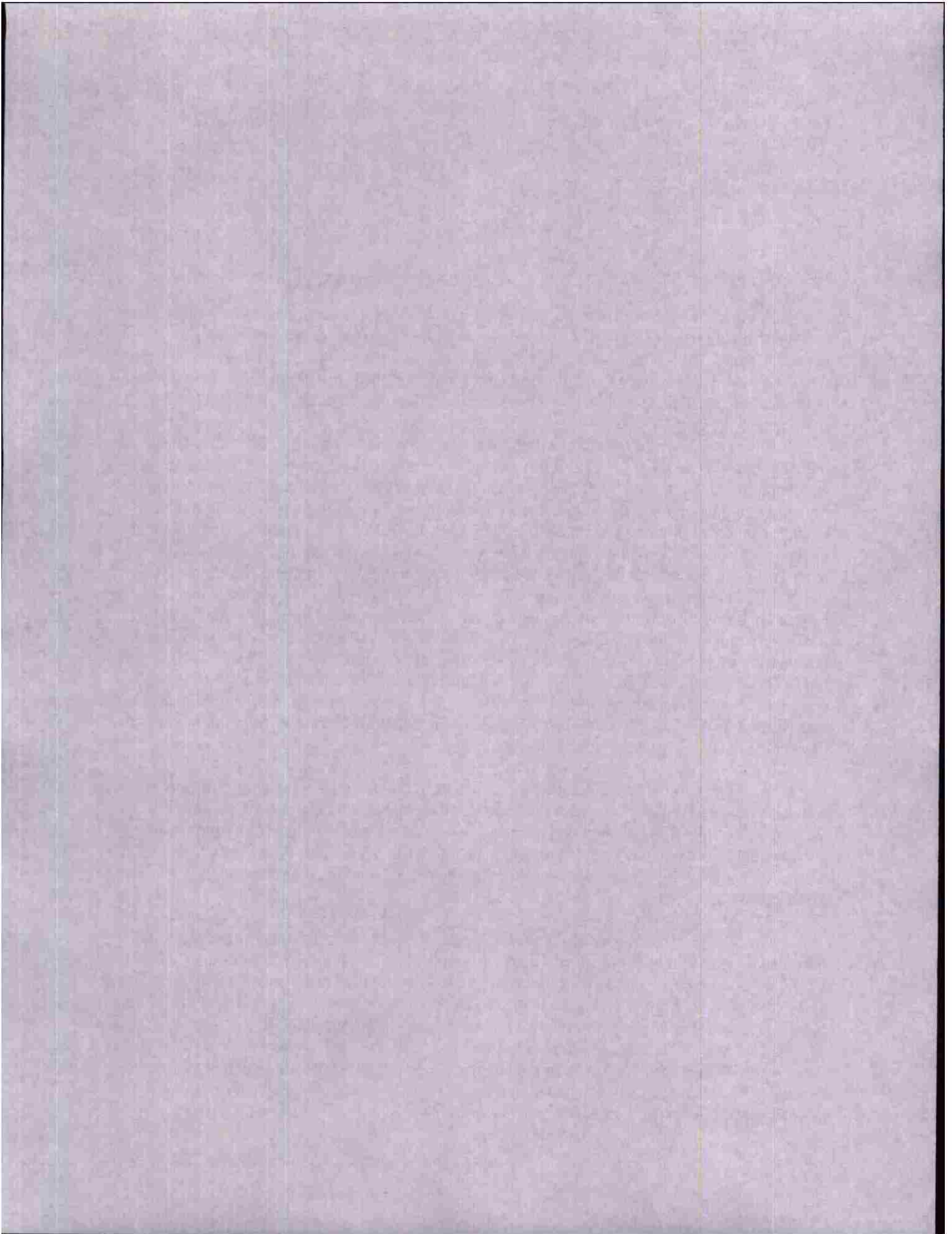
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On 28 we marched down to the boat, happy and content. Our boat the Minnesota left at 3 P.M. that evening and by 5 France was gone from sight and those ten months went in the past to exist only as a memory. We had fairly good quarters on board the boat. It was crowded of course but as we took the southern route by the Azores the men stayed on deck most of the time. For 12 days we sailed the seas over almost the same route Columbus took. It was wonderful. The sea was very smooth except on two or three days. They (sic) last two days it looked like a lake instead of an ocean. But we were mighty glad to see Cape Henry coming up out of the early morning mist on June 9th. We landed at 9 o'clock. There were but few people down to meet us. We had slipped in a day ahead of schedule however.



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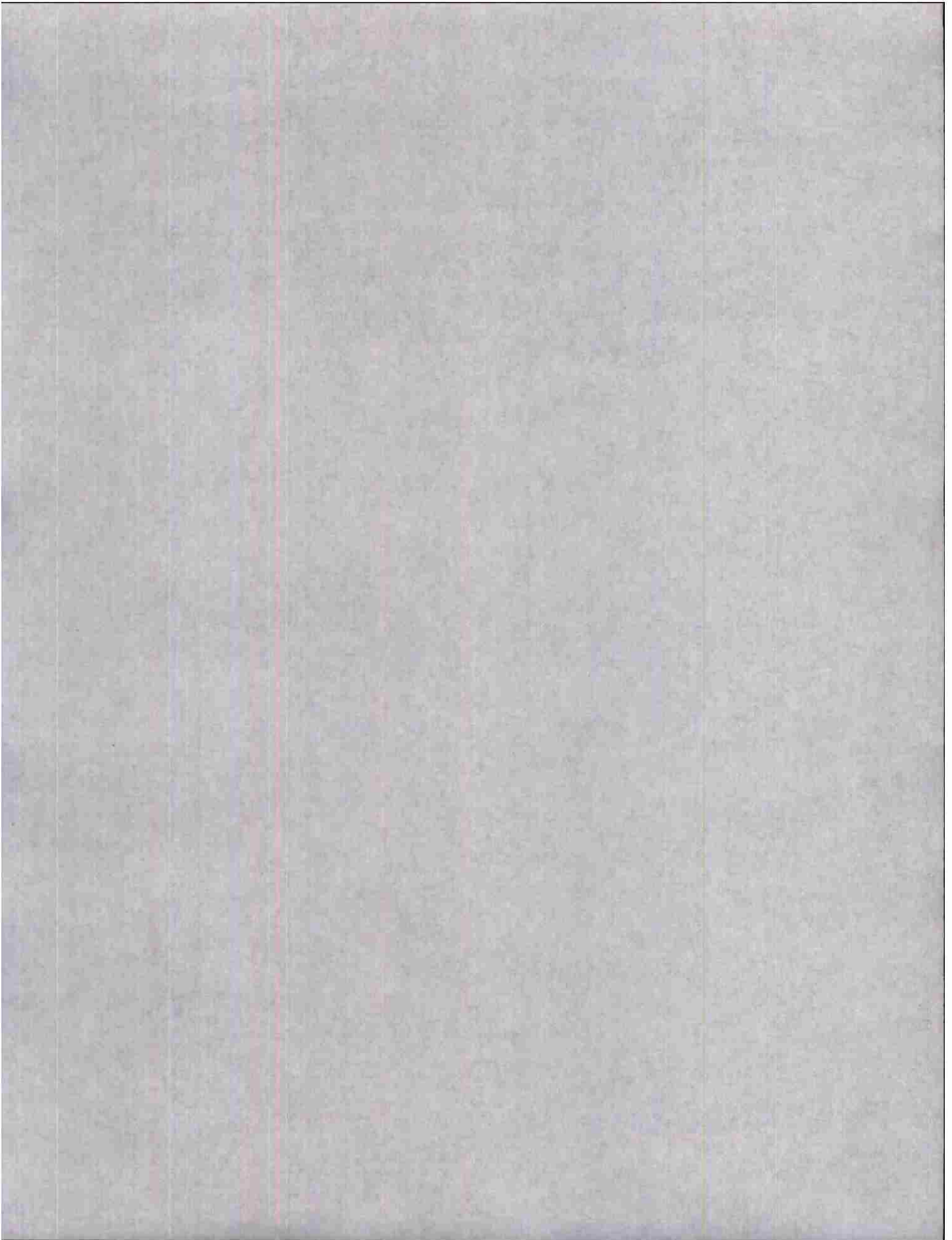
The other night I had supper with Mildred Spunier (Mrs Topp). We had a fine time.

Must stop now. Am well and very anxious to get home.

Best love.

Your son,

William



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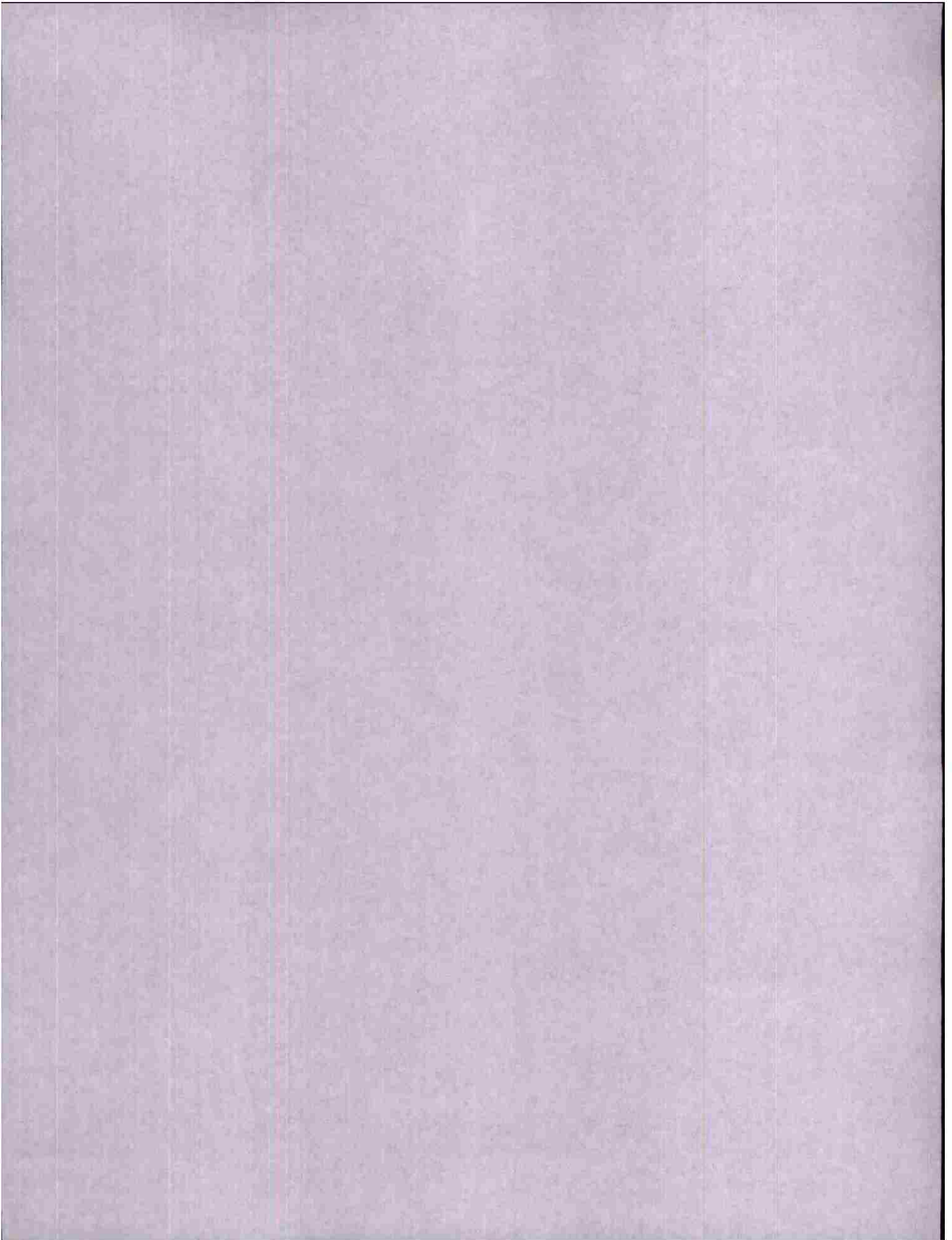
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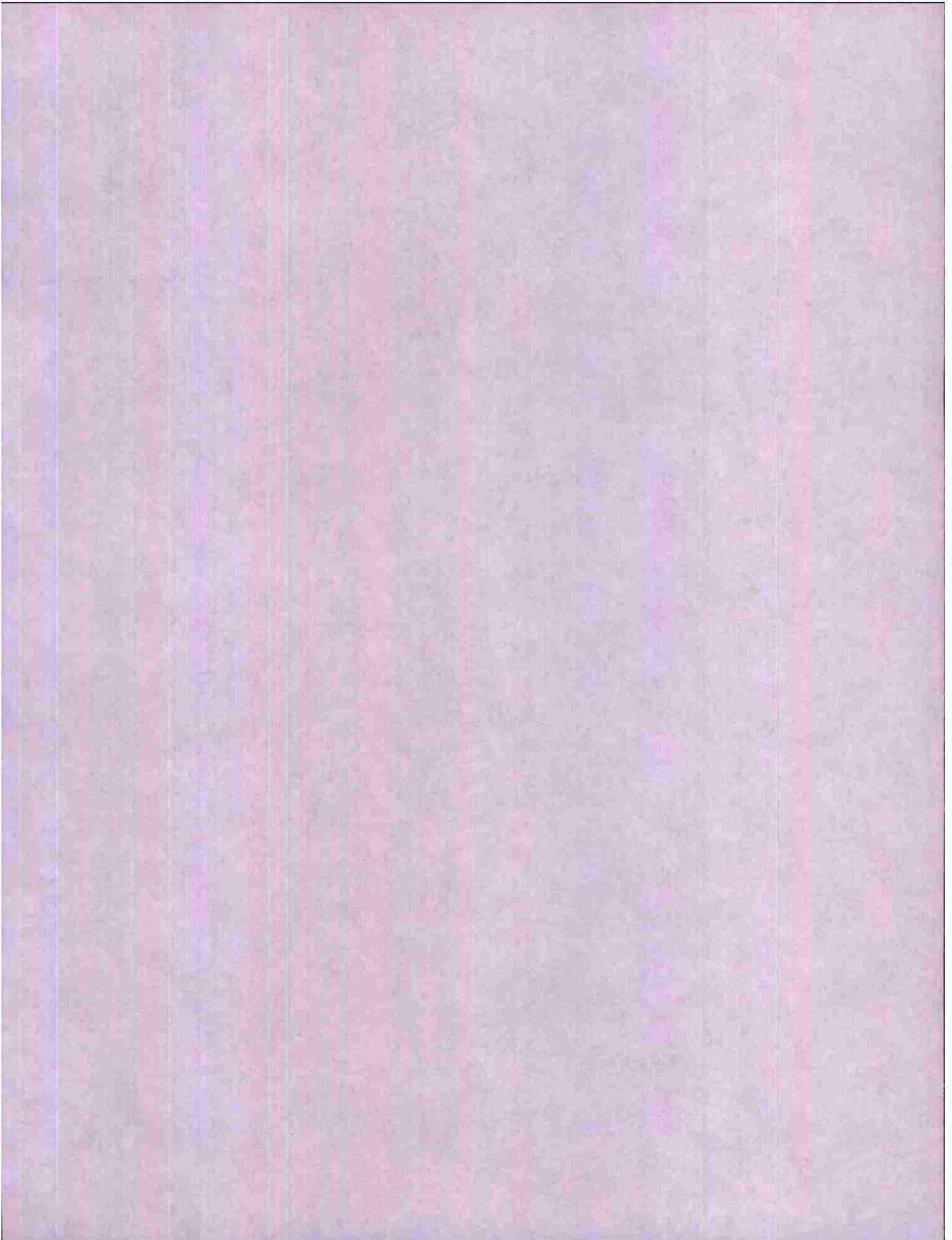
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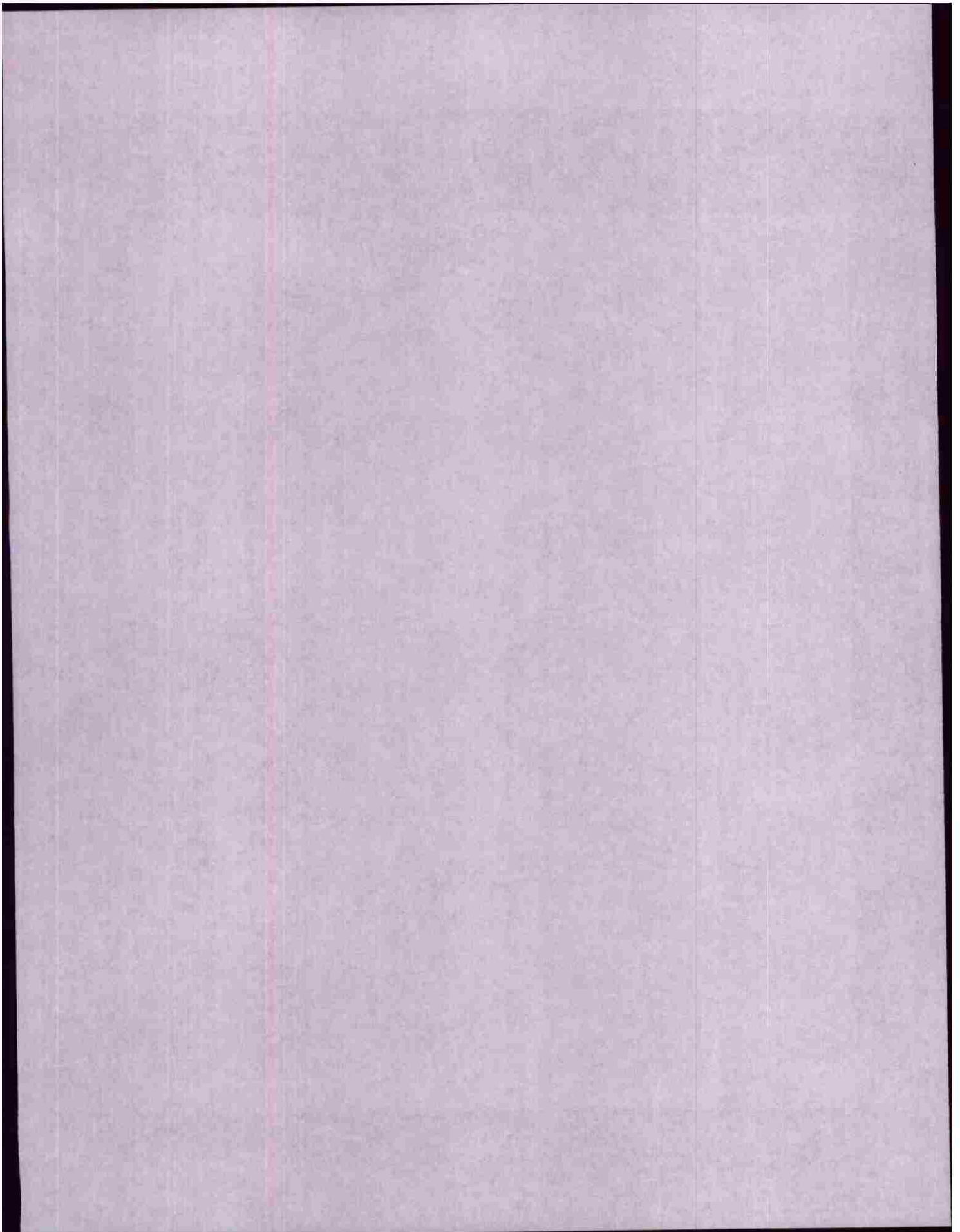
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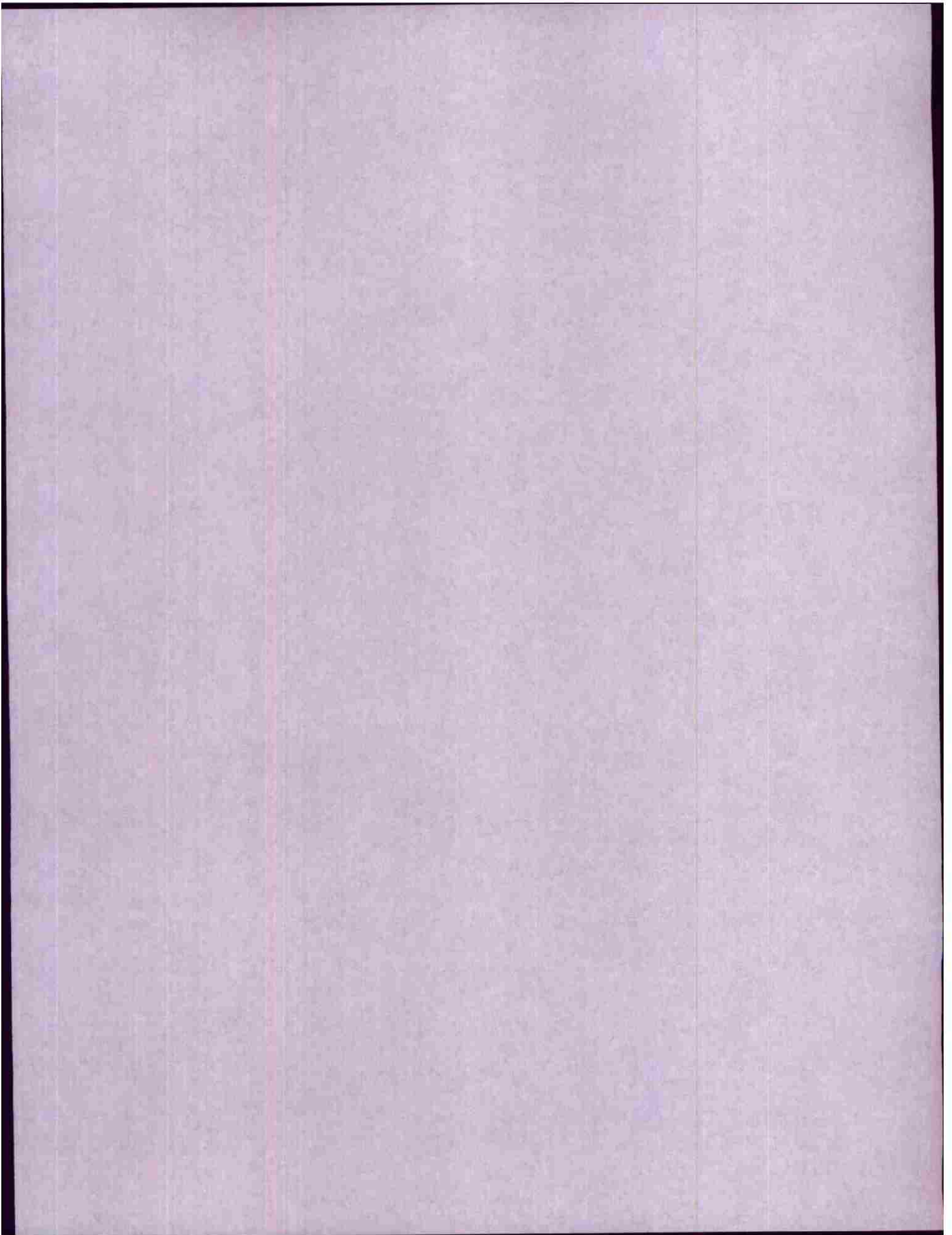
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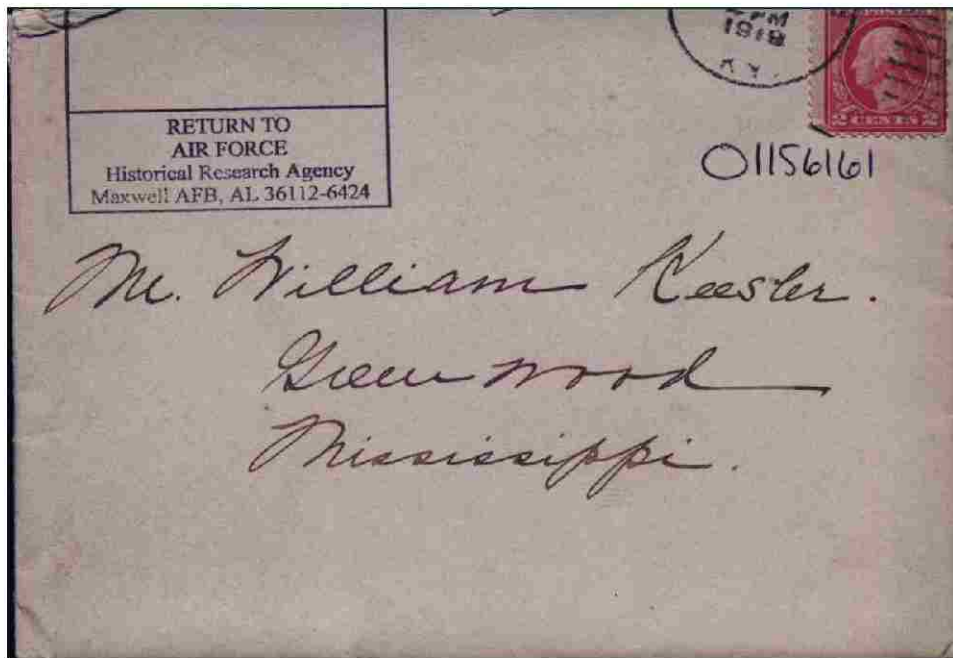
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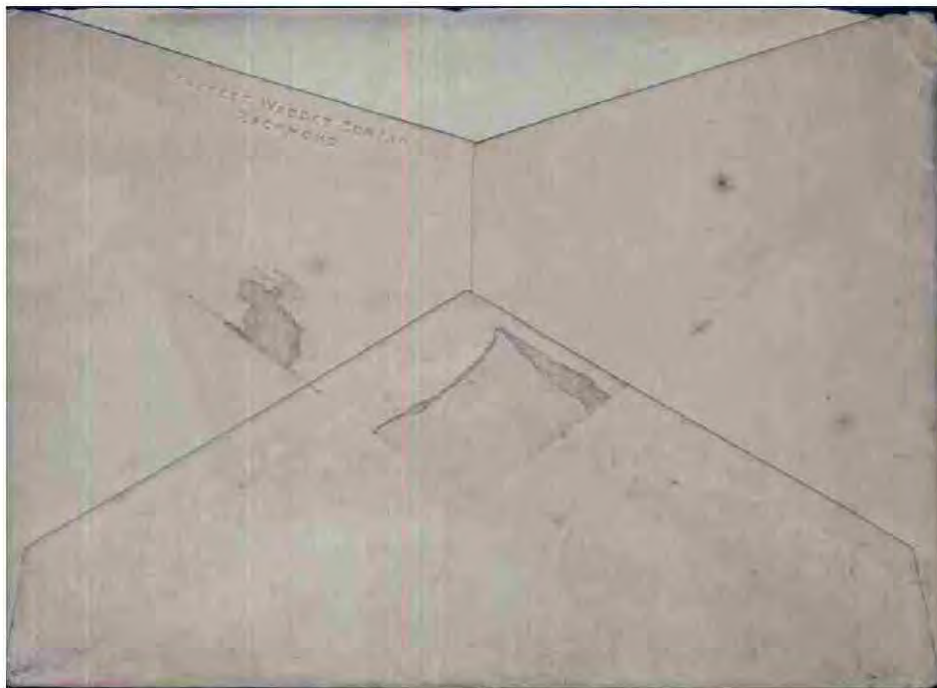


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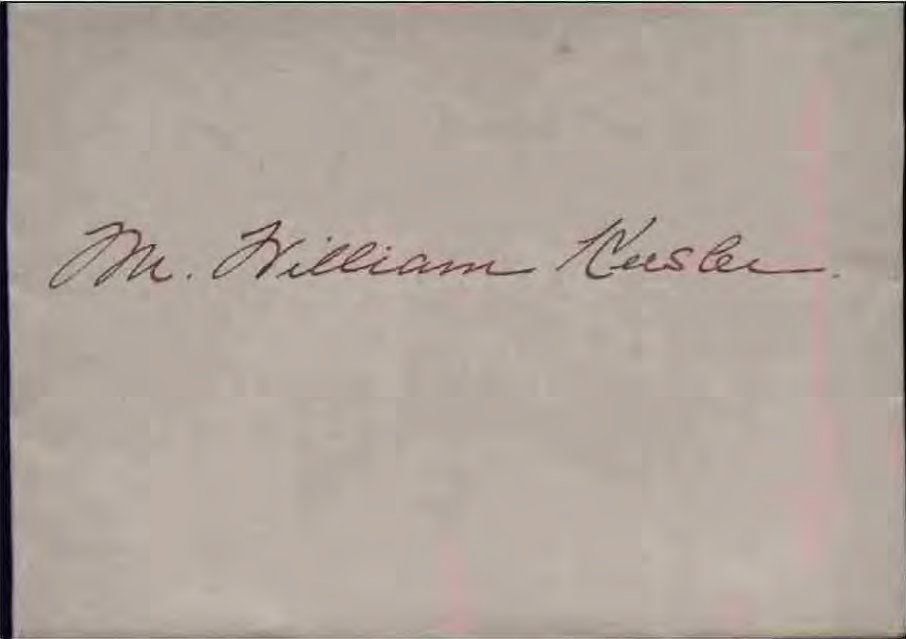
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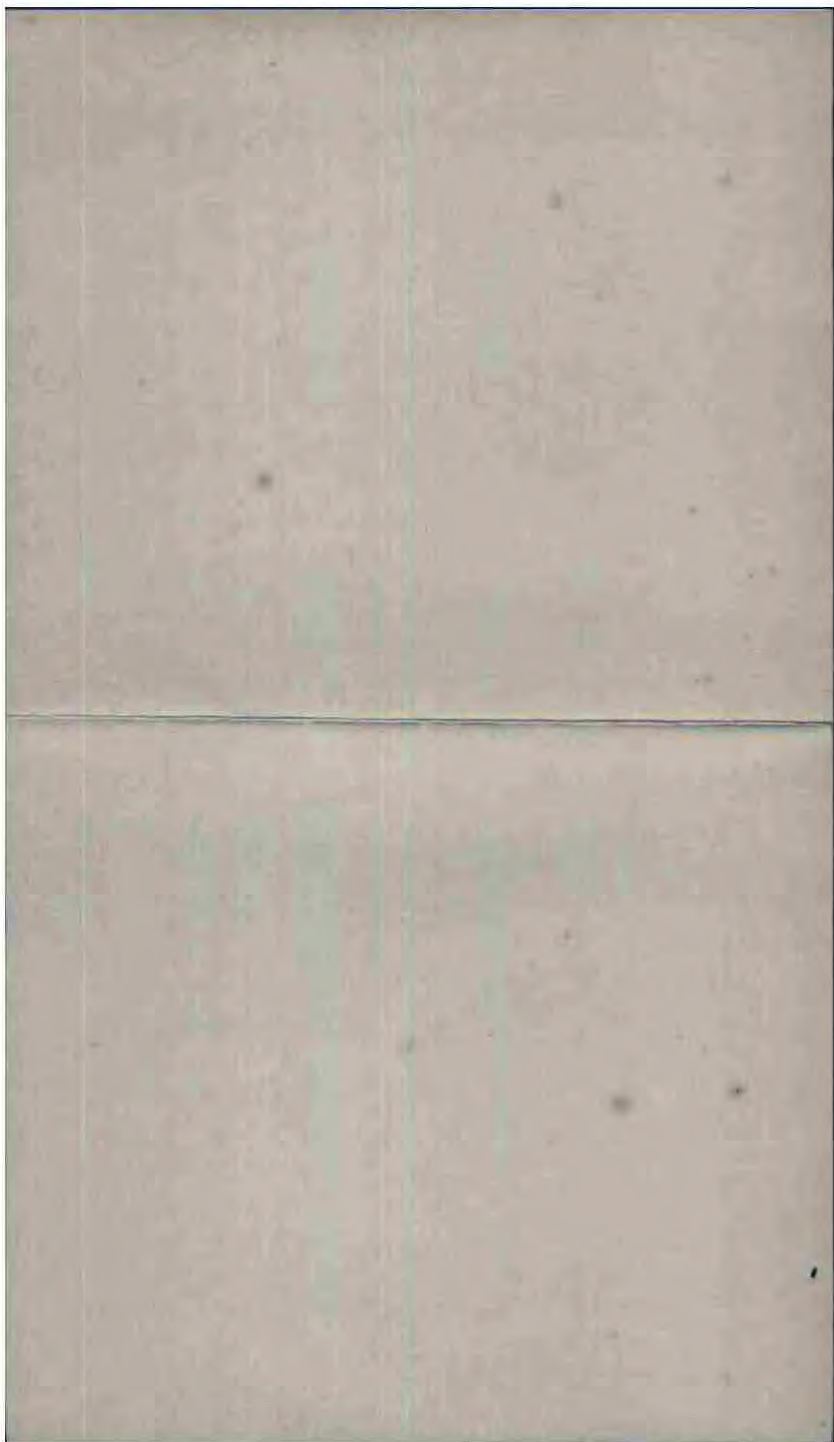
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Mr. and Mrs. Perry Morton Beard
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Mary Franklin
to

Mr. Andrew Raymond Reeves
on Tuesday, the seventh of October
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Methodist Episcopal Church South
Hartinsburg, Kentucky



To: Mr. [illegible] 16 Oct 1977
From: Laurens
Ref: 351 15 109

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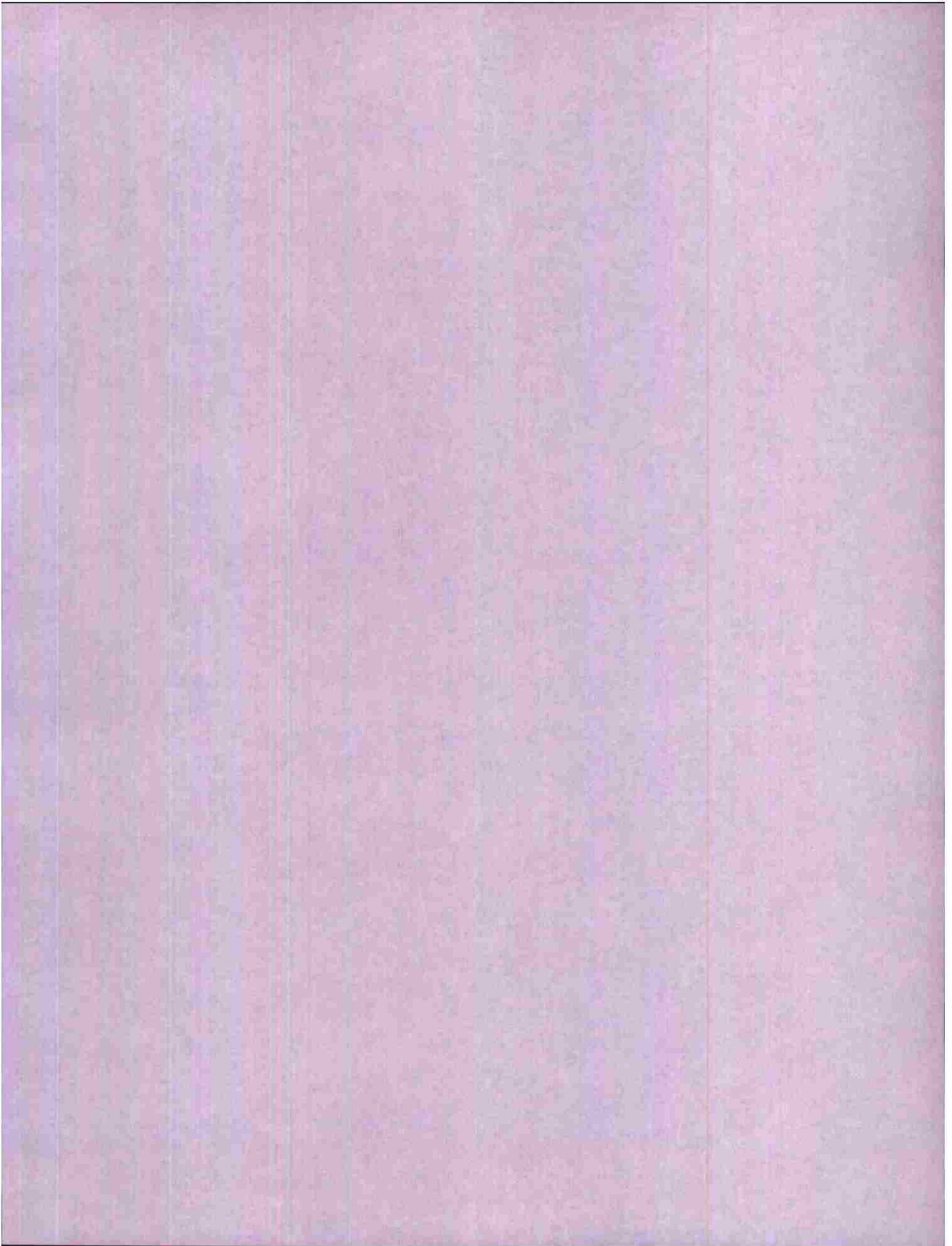
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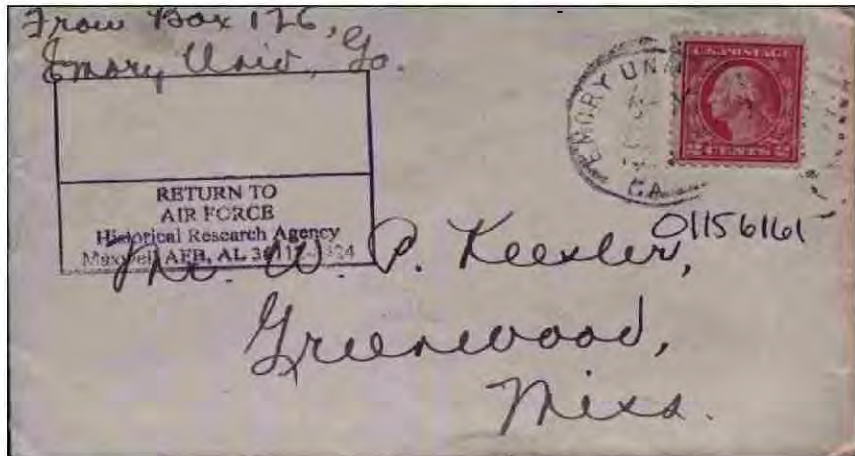
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lotte are club sisters.
As yet I have not
been able to meet her,
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Agnes West twice and

Ernest, Maria, "Ja."
Nov. 25, 1919.

Dear Alice!

I have just returned
from taking exercise
and am rather shaky,
but guess my writing
will be legible.

Some time or three
weeks ago was in town
with Emily, John and
a young lady from
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 This is my first year at
 Emory University, just begin-
 ning a three year theological
 course. Fortunately I am
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 can't see how with all the
 work I am in - KQ, Lawrence.
 (My request to
 Mary, Mary, Mary, etc.)

From Box 126
Emory Univ., GA
To Mr. W. P. Keesler
Greenwood, Miss

Emory Univ., Ga.
Nov 25, 1919

Dear Bill:

I have just returned from taking exercise and am rather shaky, but guess my writing will be legible.

Some two or three weeks ago was in town with Emery Flinn and a young lady from Agnes Scott. In the course of our conversation I was very surprised and glad to learn that your sister Charlotte is in school here. Lois McIntyre (the young lady we were with) and Charlotte are club sisters. As yet I have not been able to meet her, tho I have been out to Agnes Scott twice and mainly to try to see her. This afternoon, however, I called up Lois and made arrangements to meet both her and Charlotte in town tomorrow afternoon. Wish you could join us.

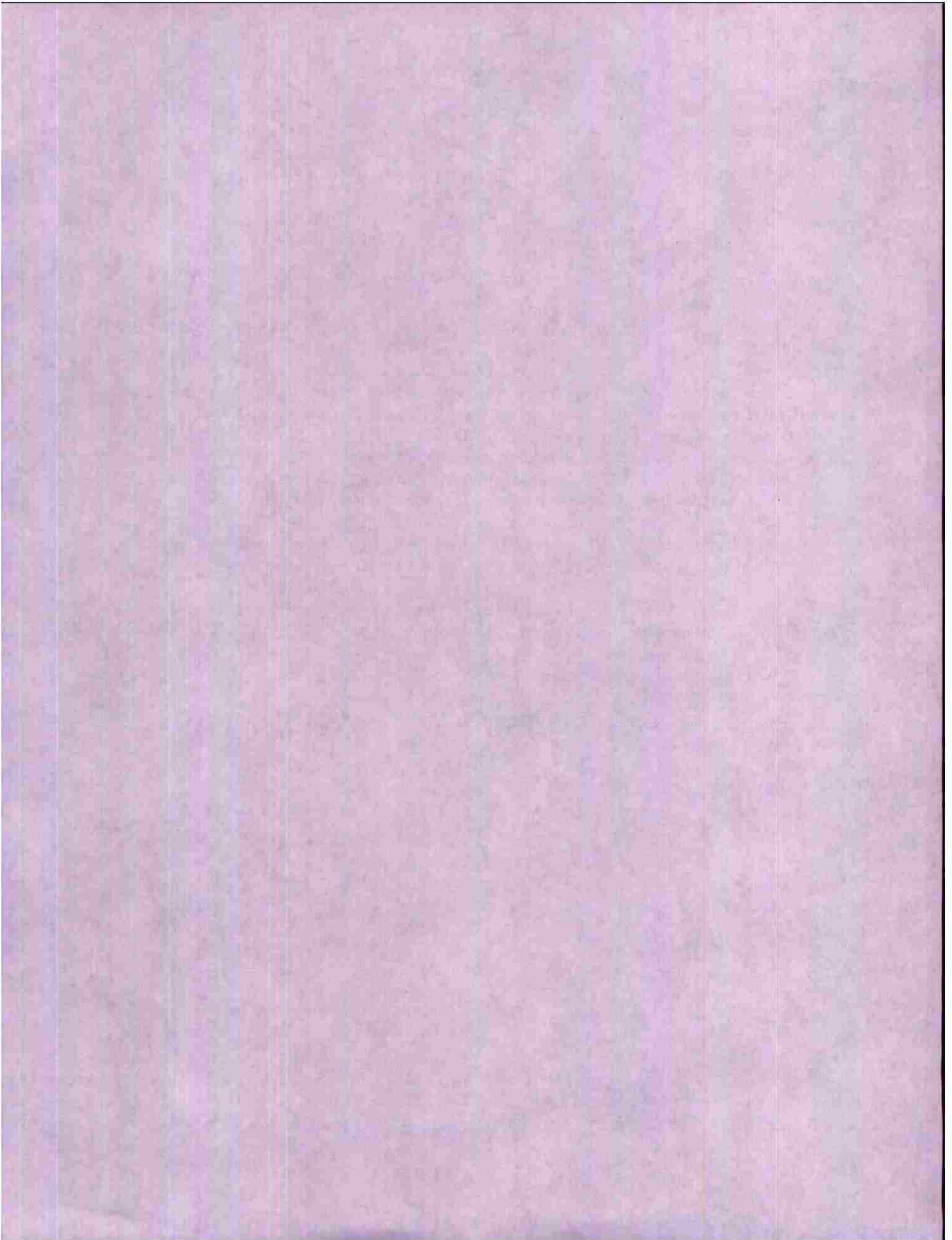
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This is my first year at Emory University, just beginning a three year theological course. Fortunately I like everything fine, tho it really can't compare with old D.C.

Write me. (My regards to Maynard, Guy, etc.)

Yours in KJ

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To: Gen. and Mrs. F. M. Winter
From: H. C. Cooper
Date: March 2nd, 1947

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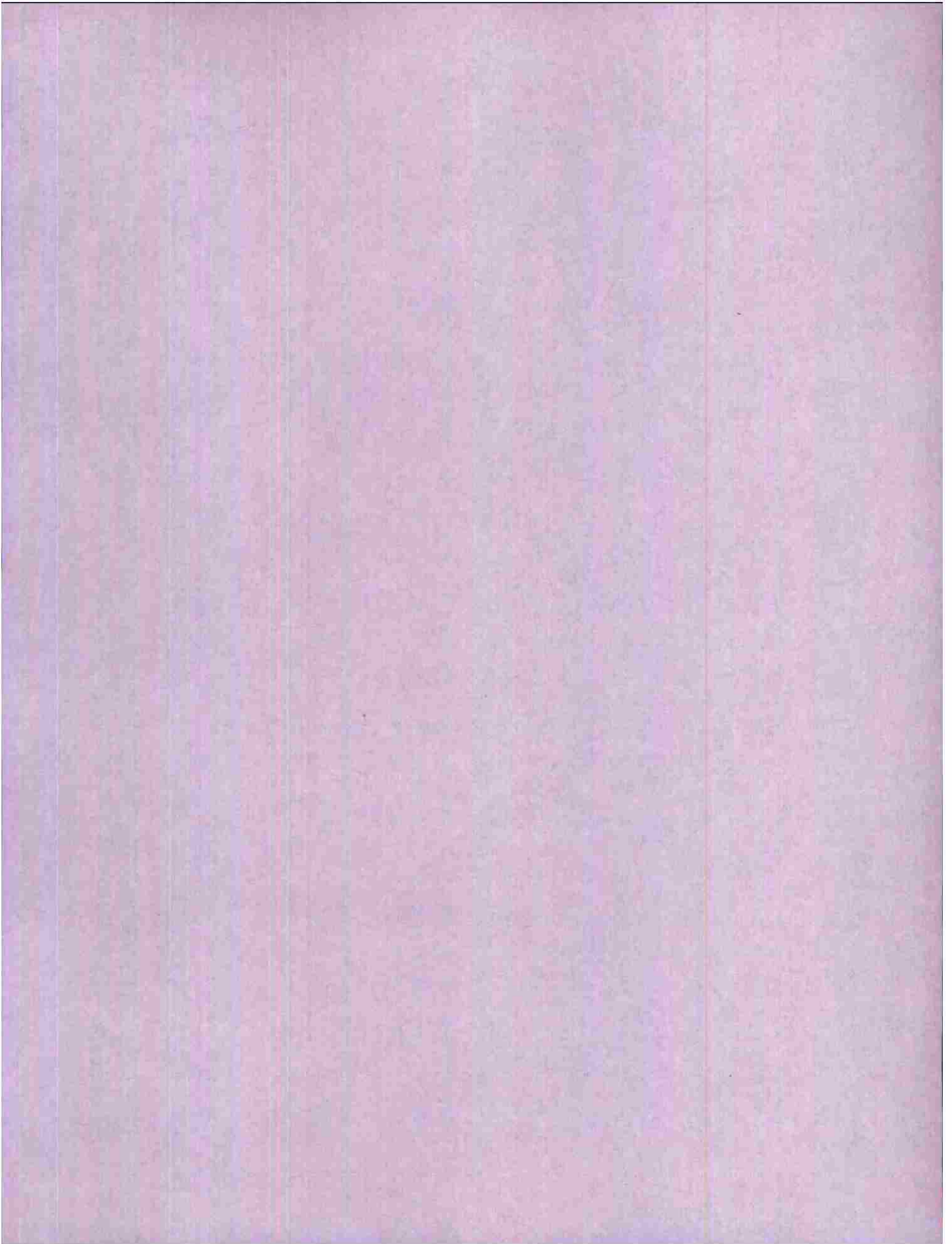
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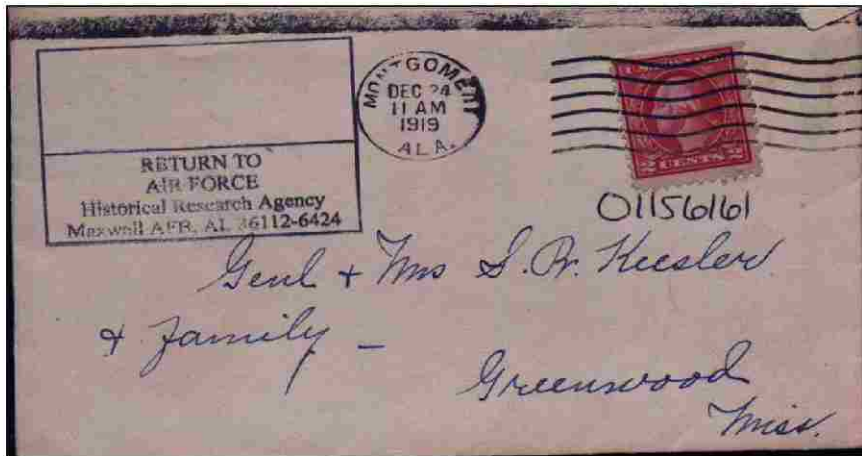
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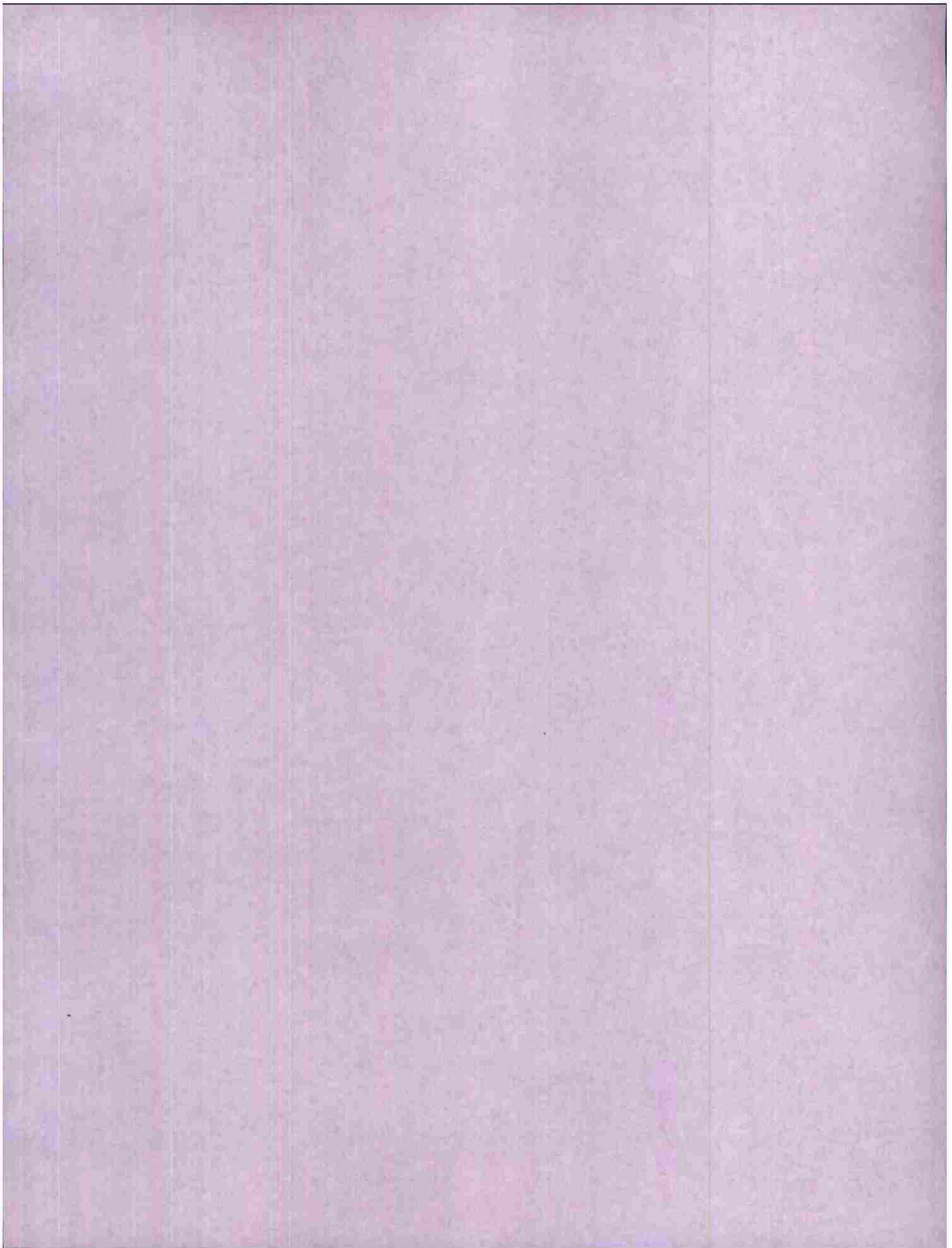
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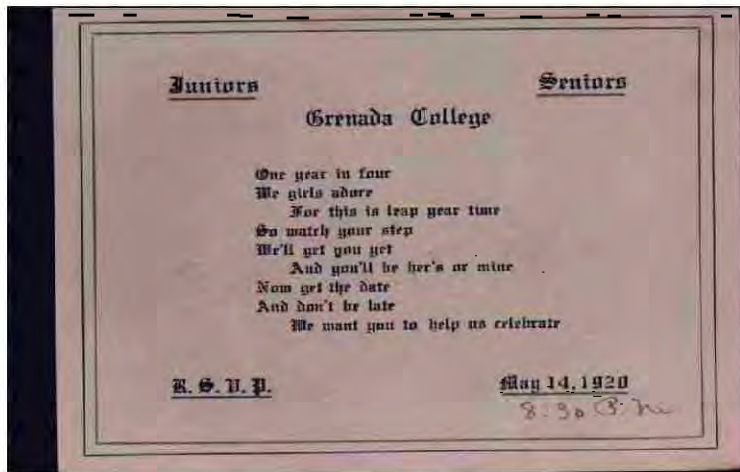
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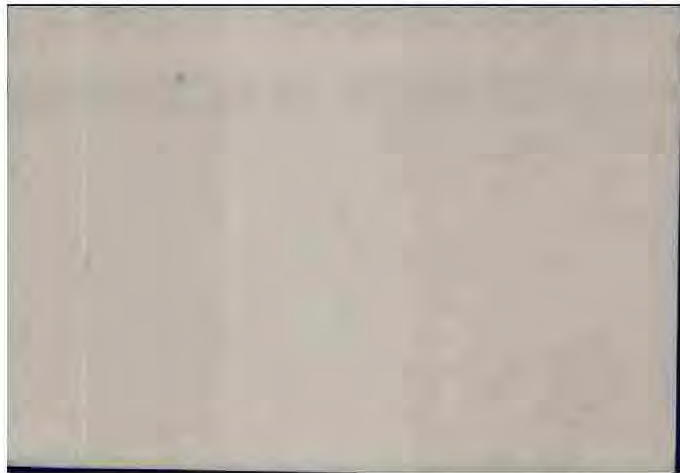
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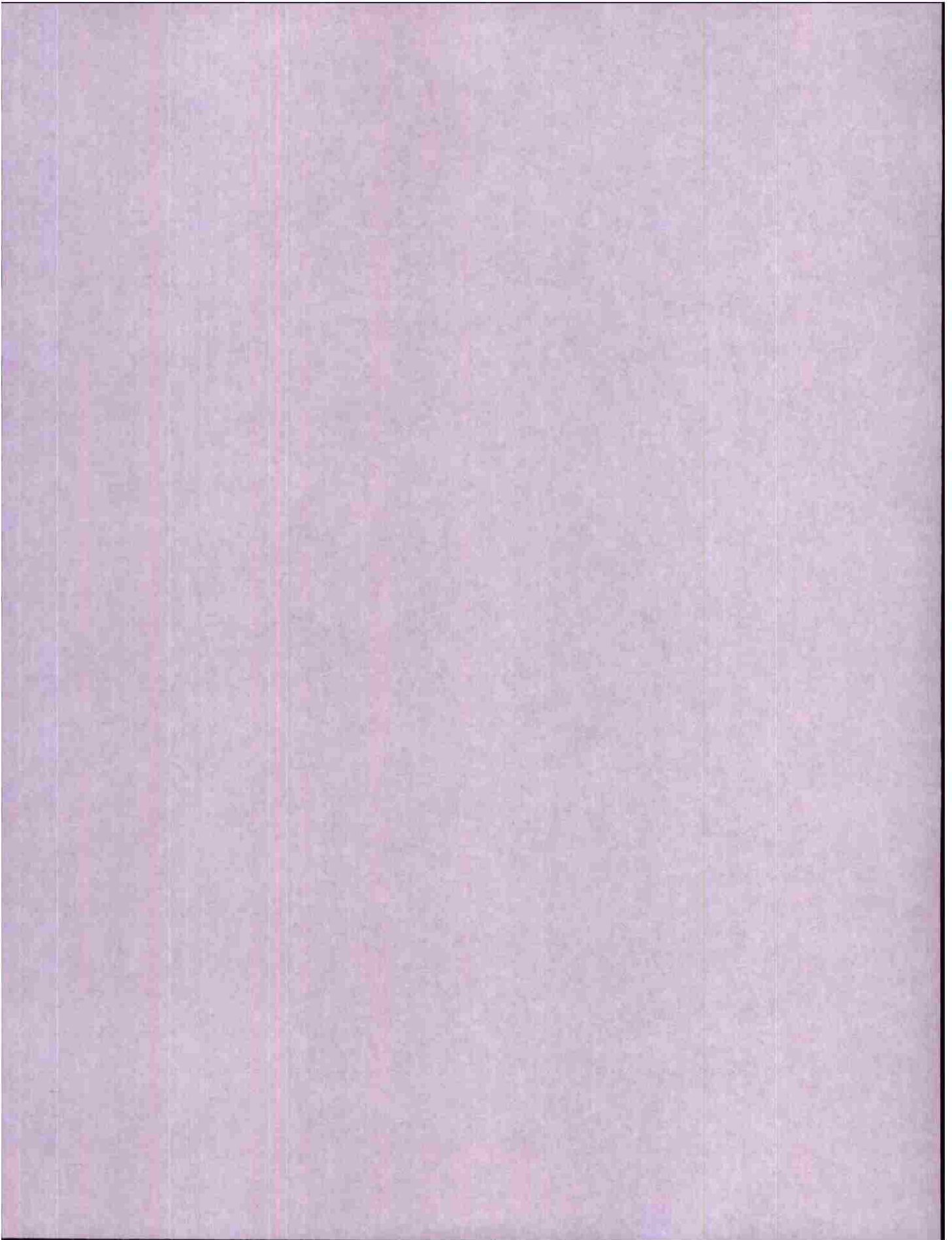
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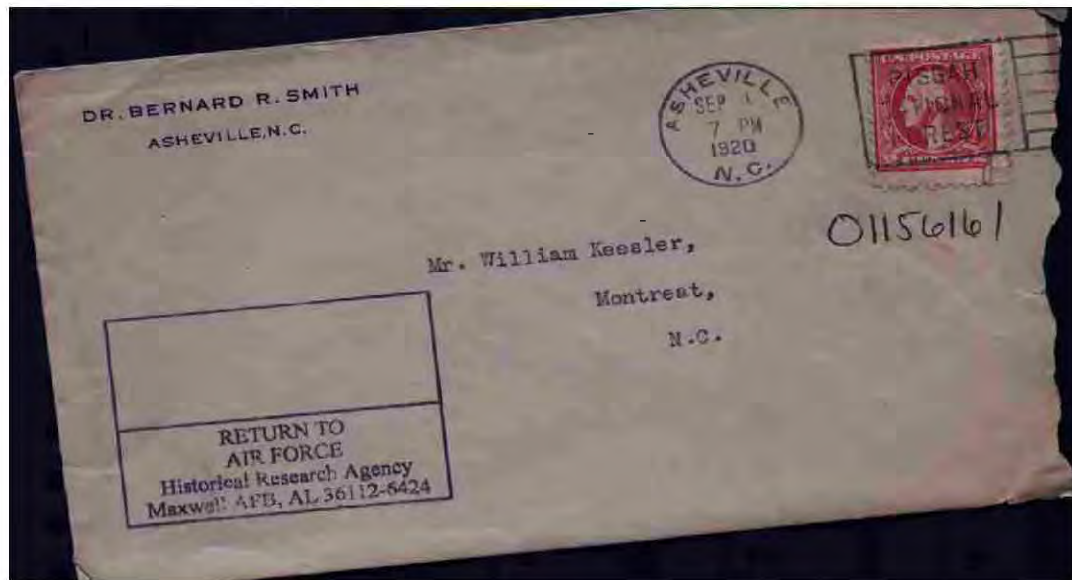
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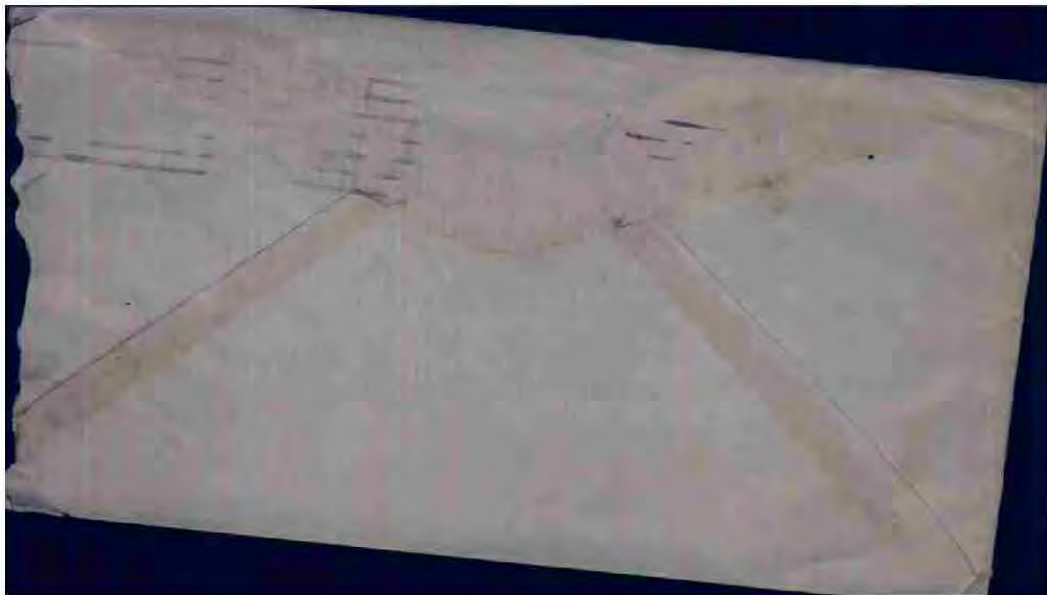


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Asheville, N. C.
September, 4th, 1920.

Mr. William Keesler,
Montreat, N. C.

My dear William:

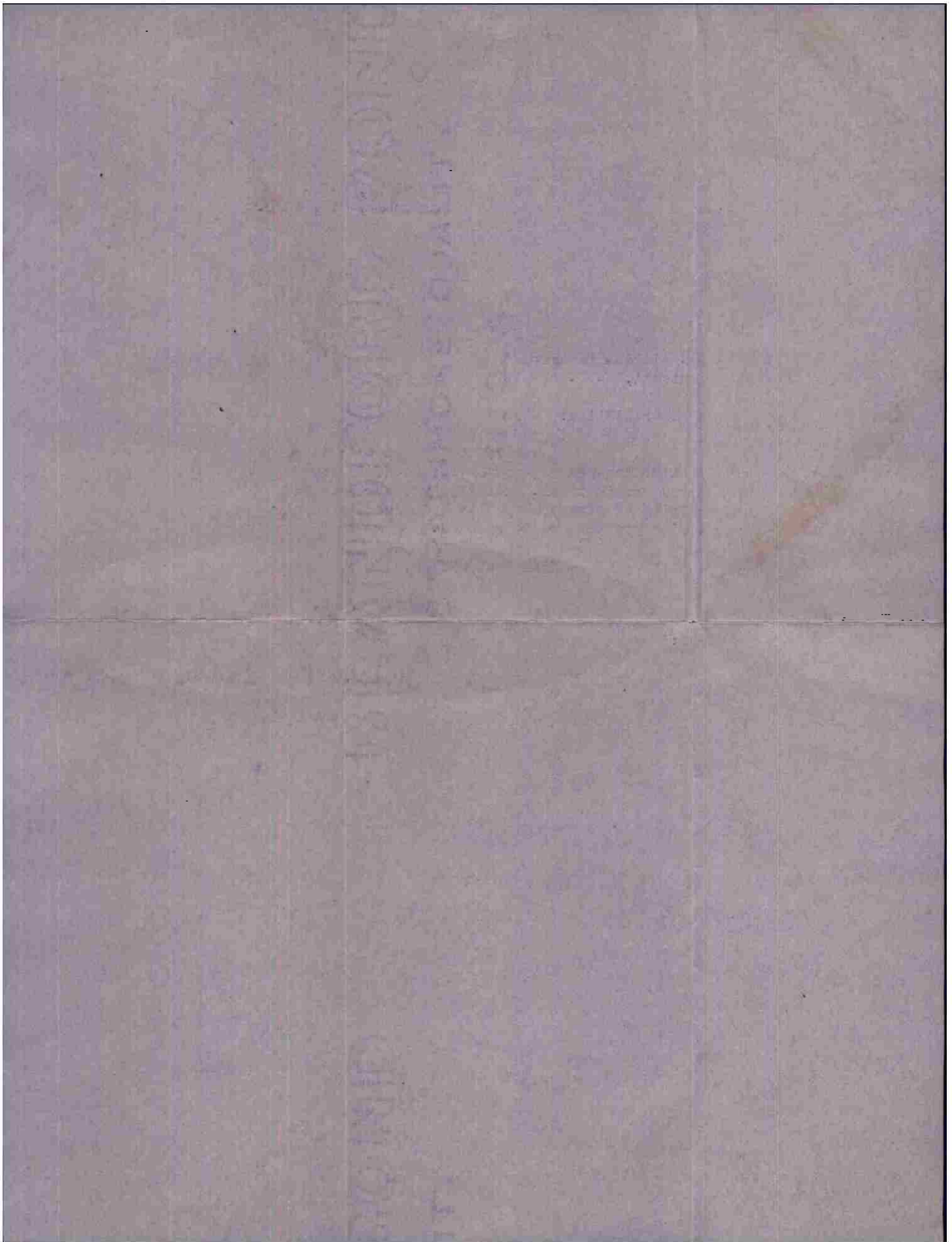
I am glad to report to you
that no trouble whatsoever was found in the
blood examinations. Most likely your tooth is
helping to give you some trouble and I strongly
advise you to have it removed.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

BRS:B

Bernard R. Smith -
M.D.



TO: Mr. S. H. [unclear]
FROM: [unclear]
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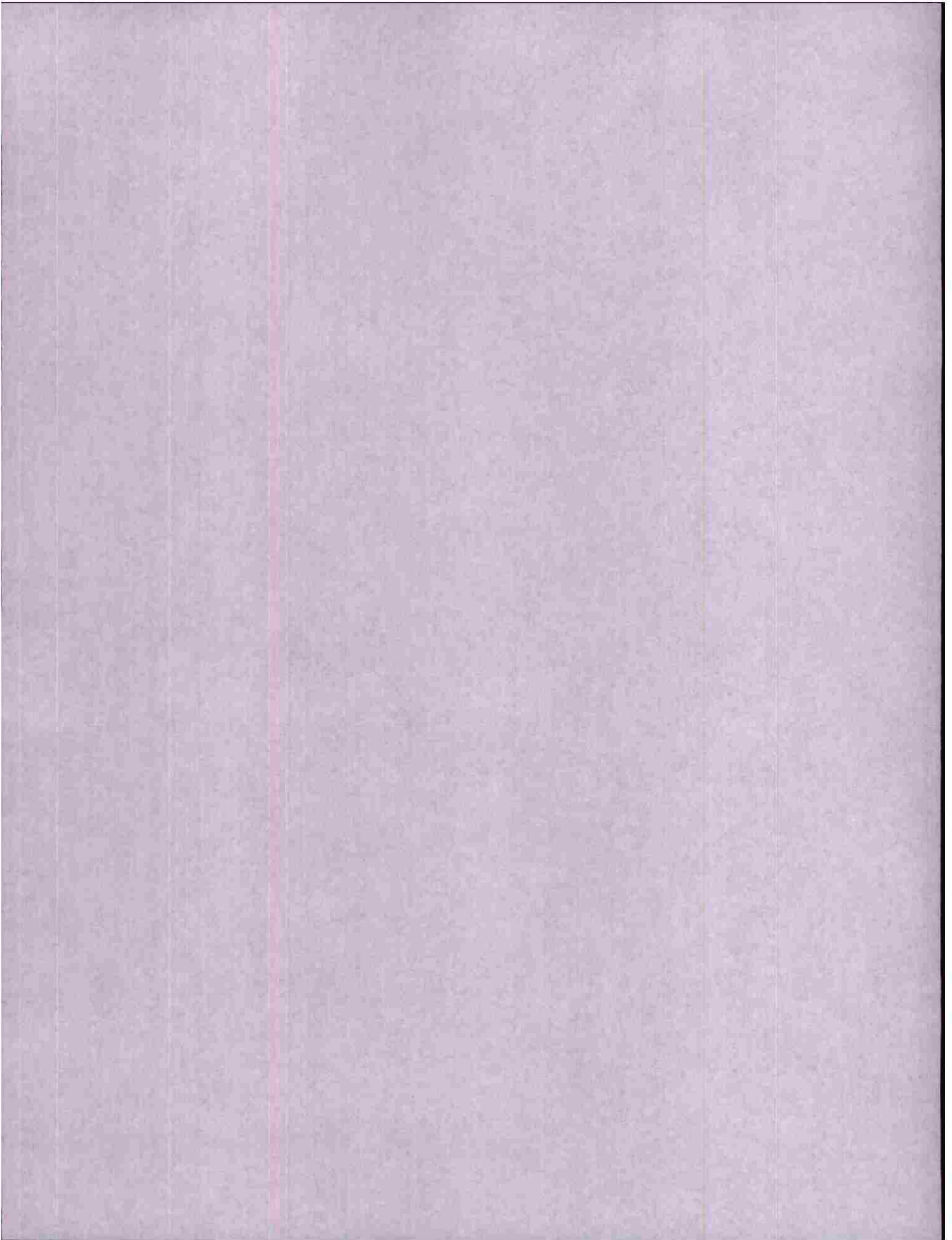
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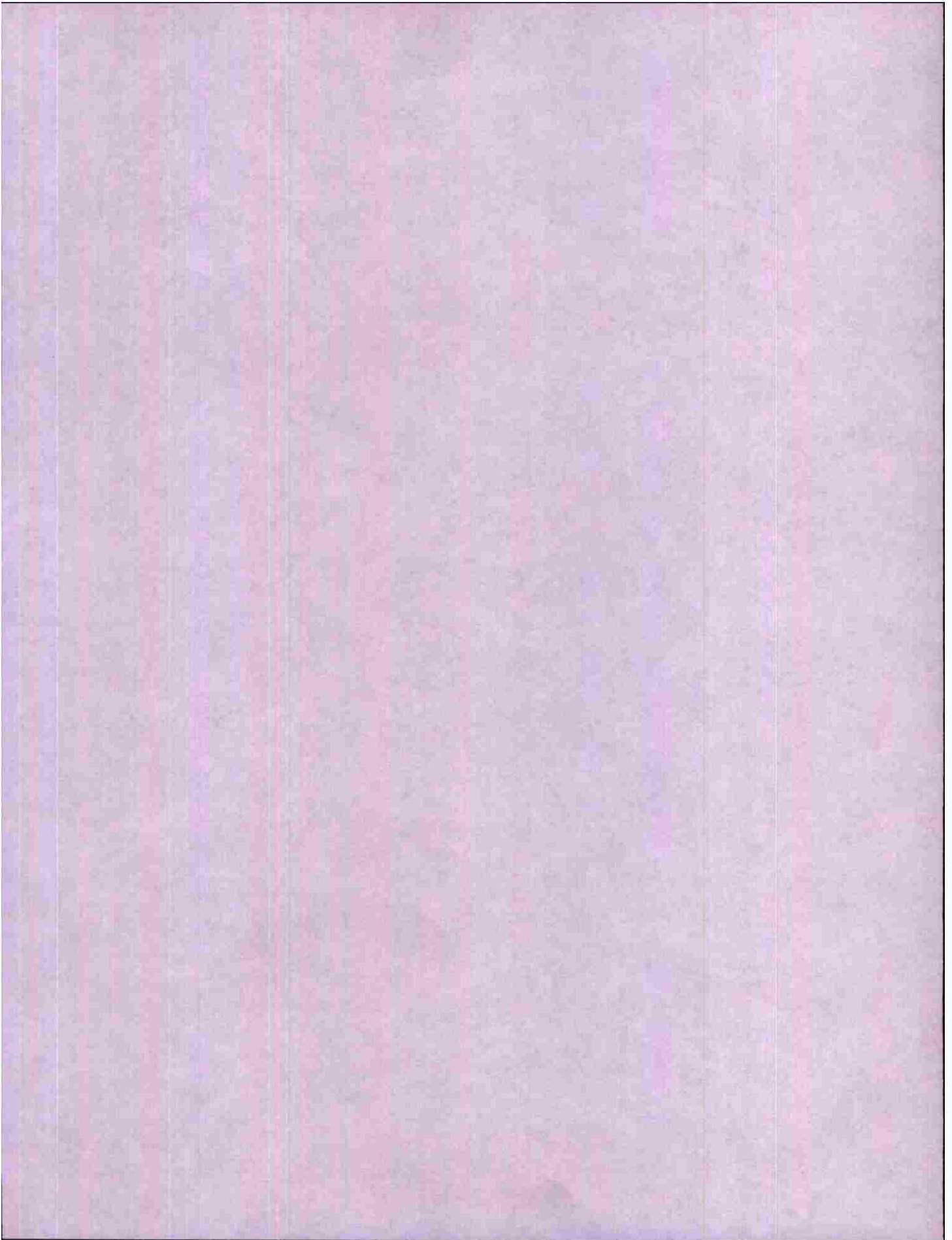
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THE LEON HOTEL
ON THREE HIGHWAYS
DIXIE, SPANISH TRAIL & BEE LINE
J.R. RANDLE,
LESSEE AND MANAGER.



MOORE HAVEN HOTEL
ON LAKE GREEKHOBBE, A.C.L. R.R.
AND CANAL THRU EVERGLADES.
J.R. RANDLE, LESSEE.
I.F. WILLIAMS, MGR.

MOORE HAVEN HOTEL

Moore Haven, Fla.

Tampa, Fla., 4/19/21.

My Dear Sister:-

If you will pardon the use of the typewriter I will chat with you this beautiful morning--- I wanted to write Sunday afternoon but indulged in a chill --- yesterday I didn't feel any too good--today, I am O. K.

It seems impossible that there can be such terrible weather--storms and so much rain in our near-by Southern states, when it is so wonderful down here and has been all the winter--- I watch the papers for reports of the storm in your section--so far no heavy damage reports--- I am certainly glad you are escaping; Birmingham got her share of the storm and such terrible rains---the Age Herald tells of one instance of how the storm wrecked a big touring car parked on the 20th St. side of the hotel---said it turned the car around carried it into the plate glass of the hotel in front of where it was parked and landed it inside of the hotel on its side, badly damaged--no one hurt---blew out twenty seven windows in the hotel---this was at the Tutwiler---you remember where William parked the morning we left--right there--- Down here we are having such glorious days---today is a little cool but by noon it will be summer heat---this has been the most wonderful winter I have ever spent in Florida.

I certainly enjoyed Charlotte's letter, she writes so fluently and correctly, and then too I admire her ambition to go on up higher in the educational world--and hope she can do all she wants to do, so few girls want to keep their education after they have put a four-year college course---she always aims high in

Thank you for the
papers - always en-
joy them

anything she is doing--which I think shows ambition.

Tell Isabelle she has "my vote and influence" as the politicians say, in her race to be May Queen--- she's right young starting out to be an elected Queen although in the hearts of those who love her she is already a Queen---for I think she is one of the sweetest, loveliest girls I know---and I am proud of her as my name sake, somehow she gets the real genuine admiration and love of people----- As to my coming to her graduating night----I am going to try--it depends on the date----I cannot leave here until until about the 12th of June---for business reasons---and I fear that's too late for me to get there in time, anyway--I am going to try to. What are your plans for the summer? It's a little early to know--I guess---but I was wondering if you were going at all or had other plans---- perhaps you haven't given it any thought as yet----- or perhaps you and Brother are waiting until later on.

Yes, Dear--I did think of you on the eleventh--yesterday a week ago---It doesn't seem twenty five years ago since that never-to-be-forgotten night when your precious boy came for us all to love ---and think I was with you and Janie too, how the years go by but we wouldn't notice these past twenty five years if he was with us--- but the sweet memory we have of him---the knowledge that he lived all those years in such perfect harmony with the higher things of life, and then gave his young life that others might live on, makes us realize that his coming and going was planned by God----I think of him daily---never look up at his picture but so many thoughts of him come to me---- on his birthday I put some beautiful pink oleanders by his picture in memory of him---the oleanders are so beautiful now--- I wish I could send you some but they would not keep intransit. Sorry Fannie Walton is not well--give her my love when you see her---I often think of her---she and Sam would have been so happy.

Glad Janie is enjoying her visit---she finds quite a change in Greenwood---a near little city now compared to when she was there last.

Must stop now---it's time to go to breakfast-- I have a full day before me--- I am so tired at night that I just can't write so got up early--- you will have to excuse mistakes---my eyes are hardly open good yet . Love to each and lots and lots for yourself

Sister.

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MOORE HAVEN HOTEL

Moore Haven, Fla.

To: William West
From: Elizabeth Keener
August 22, 1921

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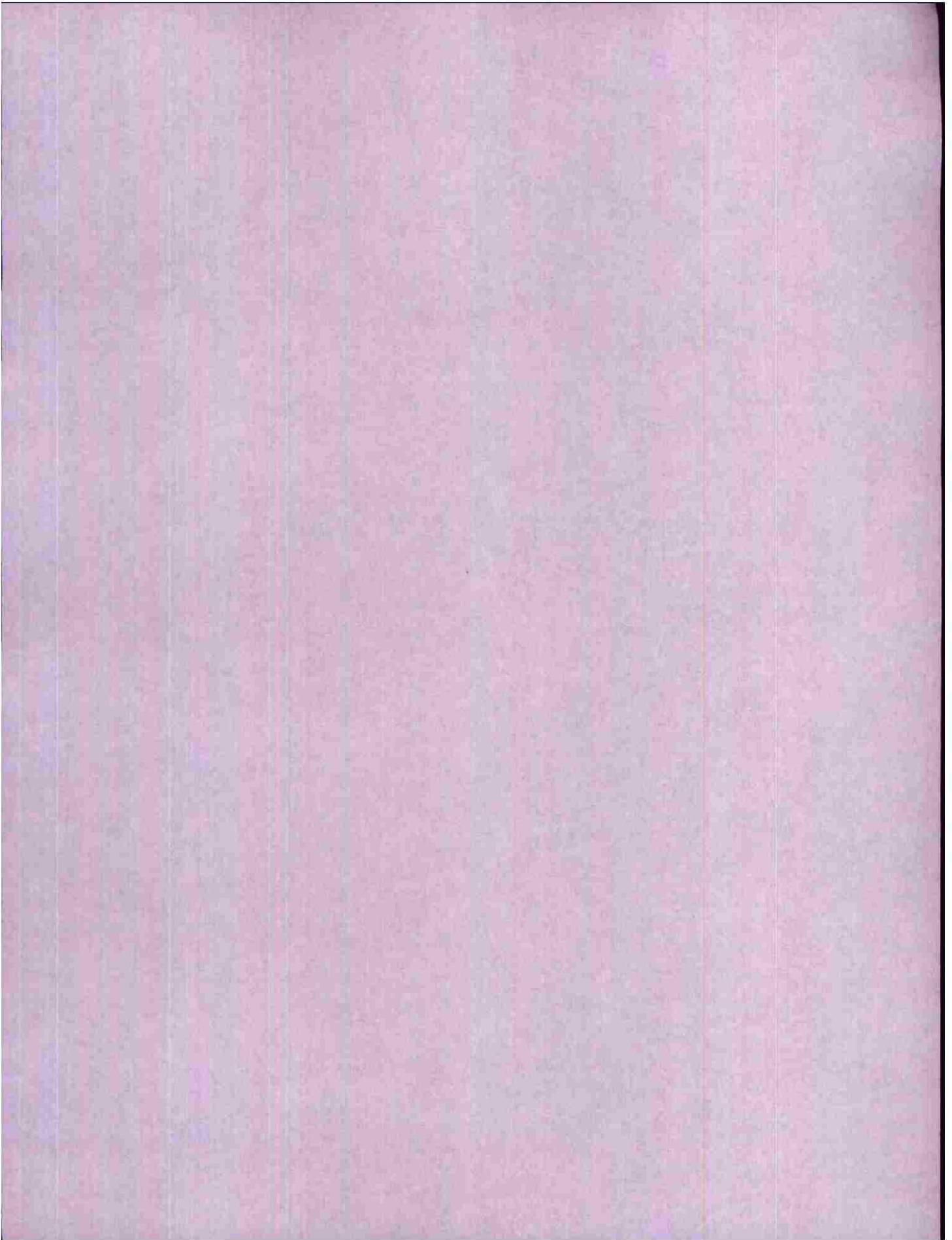
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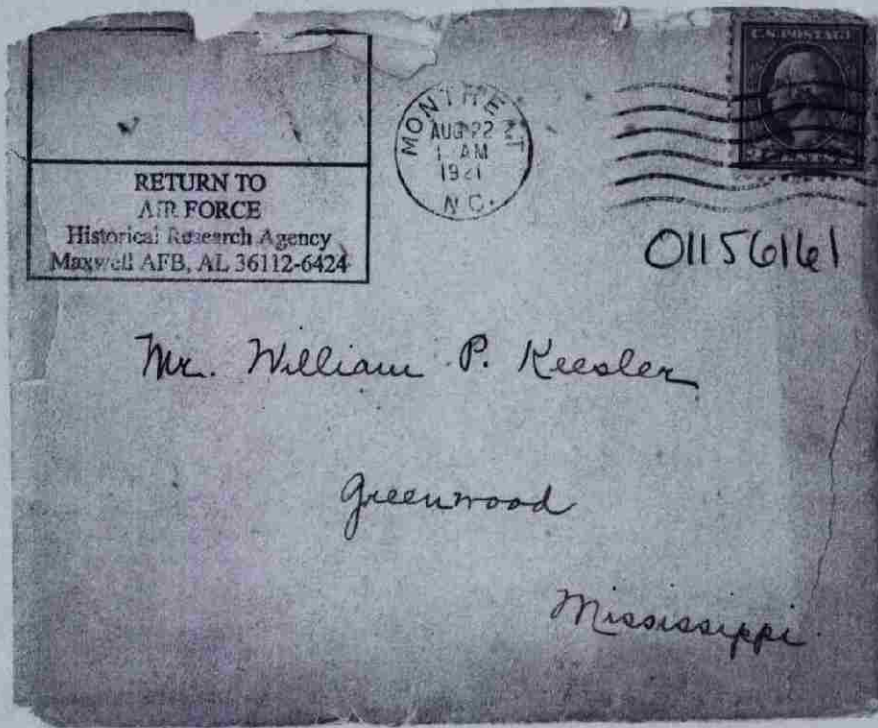
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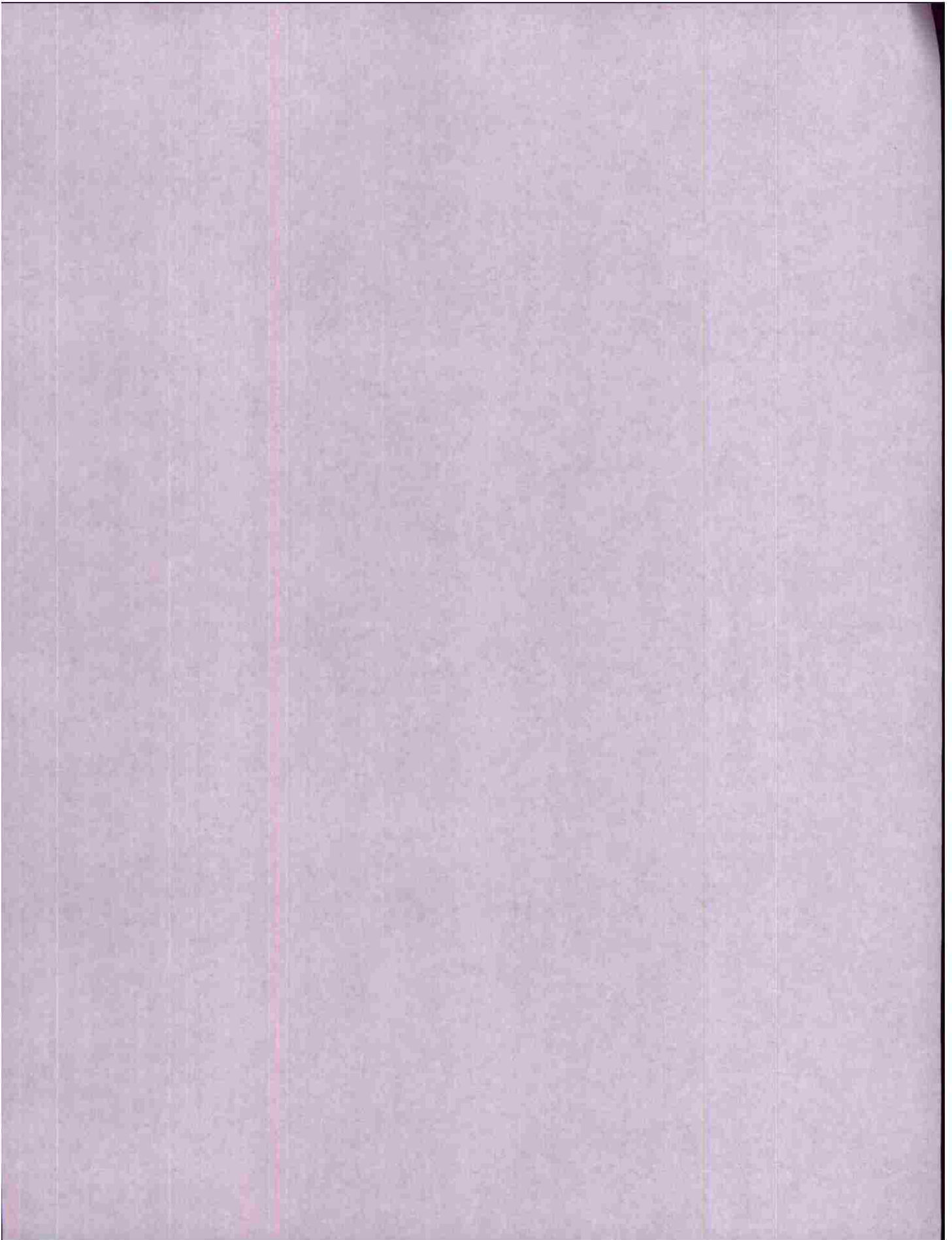
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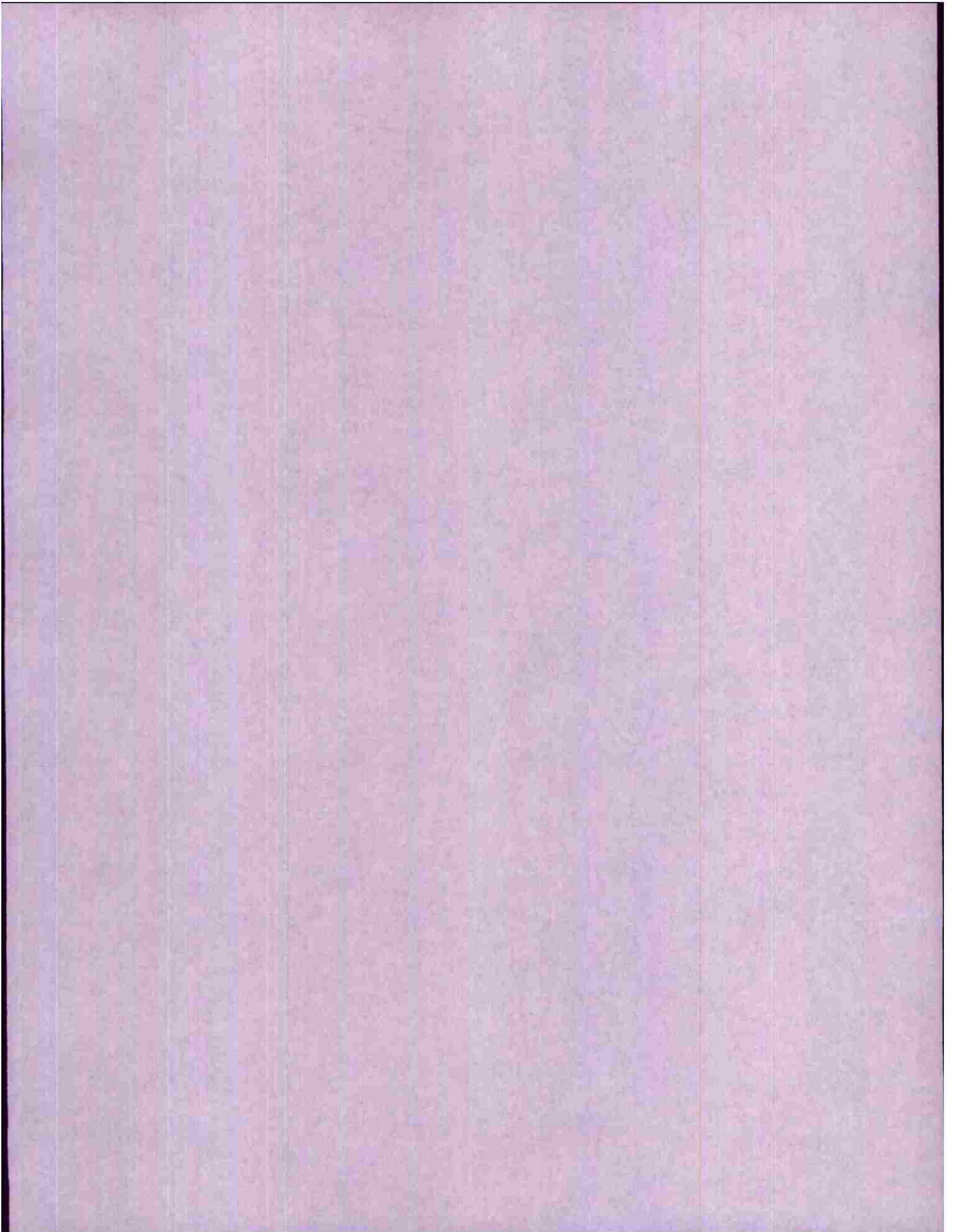
Sunday, Aug. 21, '21.

Maynard come? I'd love to
have supper on Look Out,
wouldn't you?

Well, we dressed up in our
very best clothes today and went
to church and when church was
over it was pouring rain, so I wish you were here to take
me had a wild dash to the
Dodge and got home pretty
well wet up. It was very
distressing. Here after I think
we'll wear middies - they will
wash.

My darling,

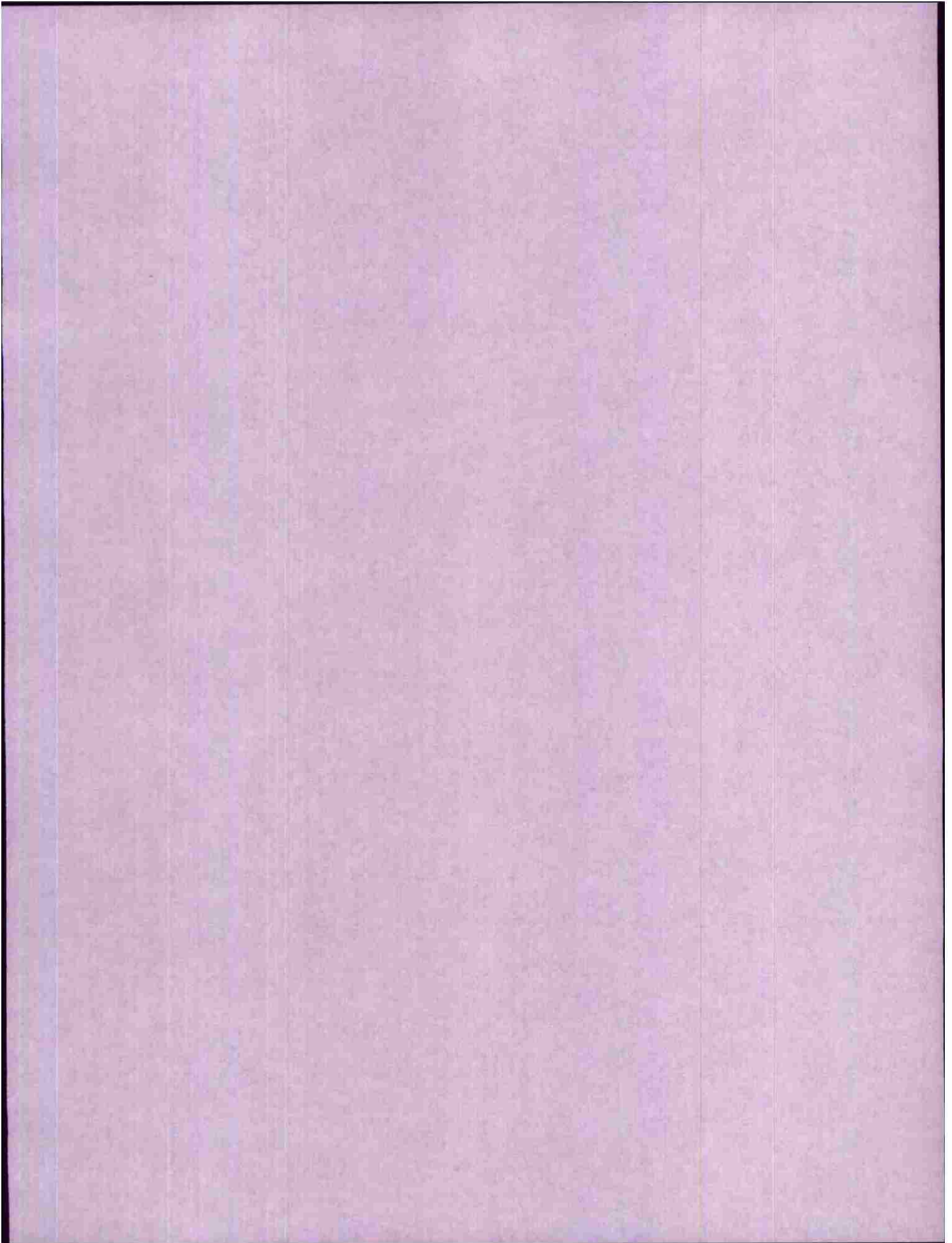
It is just gorgeous out
of doors today. Cool and clear,
just right for a good walk, and
I wish you were here to take
that walk with me. I haven't
taken a real walk this summer
not to either reservoir or up a
single mountain. Do you guess
we will have time for a
mountain climb after you and



Last night was girl's stunt night so of course we all went down. It was very attractive but rather too long as usual. They had six separate little stunts and took a long time to get ready between acts. Isabelle was quite a star and certainly did look pretty.

Charlotte has Elizabeth Malloy visiting her now. She seems to be a very sweet girl and isn't she tiny! I wish I were little but not quite that little.

Well, tomorrow is the day for Jeanette Archers' party for Helen Jait. It is to be a shower so I think I'll just take ^{two} some of my pretty handkerchiefs to her as I have lots and had rather do that than buy something. Honey, what will we do



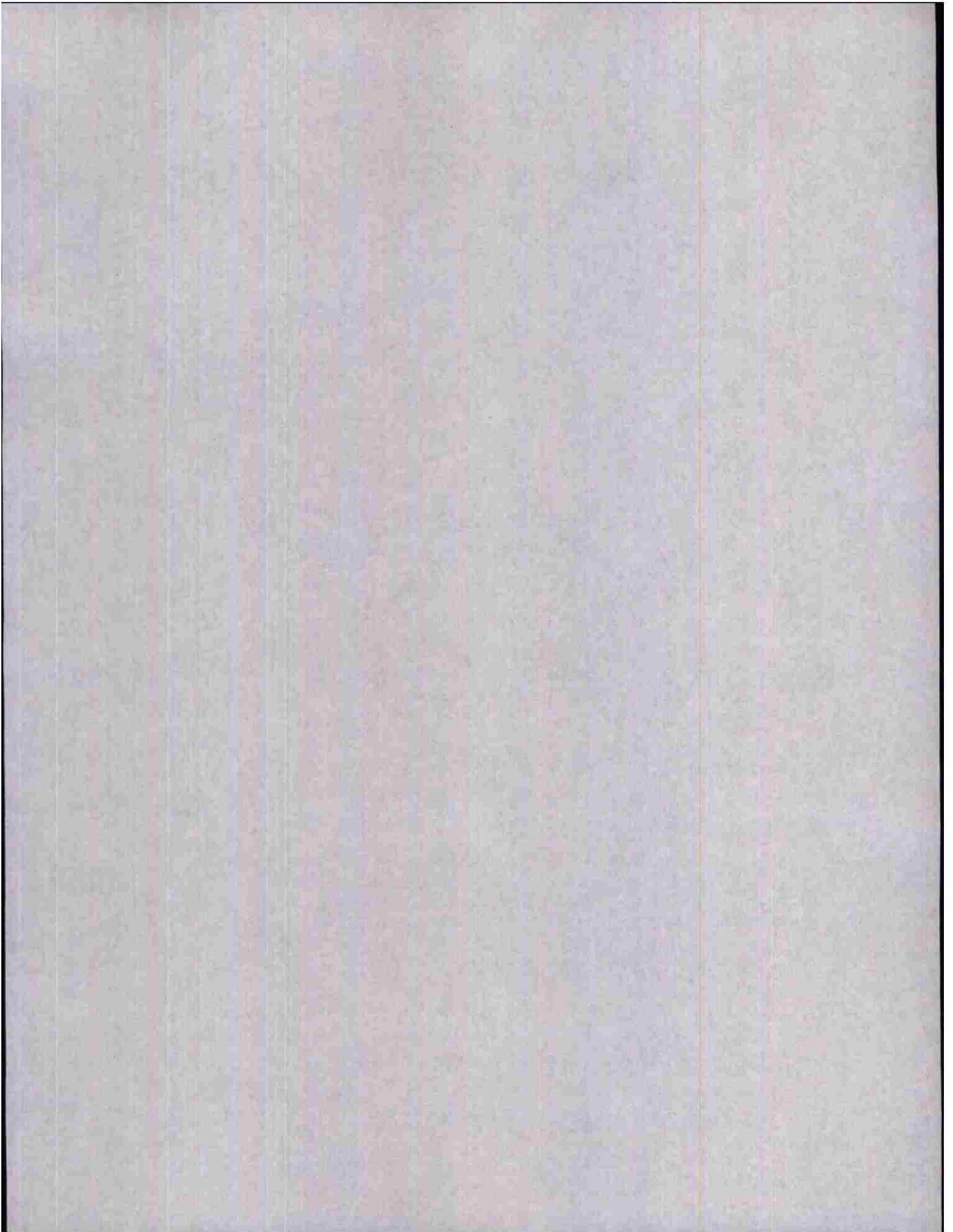
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Meemiller in Rd. and he quoted
 very good prices on asters and
 a brides bouquet; but if I can
 come to any agreement in Asheville
 I think I'll do it as it would
 probably be safer and the flowers
 probably fresher. I guess we'll
 have to use gladioluses as they
 have no asters in Asheville. It
 really won't matter much tho, as
 only the effect is noticed. I'll
 do what I can and let you
 hear.

for a wedding present for Helen?
 Of course we can and probably
 will just each send her one
 but if our's should begin to come
 in by then we might send her
 a duplicate that we wouldn't
 need. I have two brass tea pots
 tho so think I'll send her one.

Darling, I think I'll try to go
 to Asheville in the morning early
 and make final arrangements
 about our flowers. I hear from

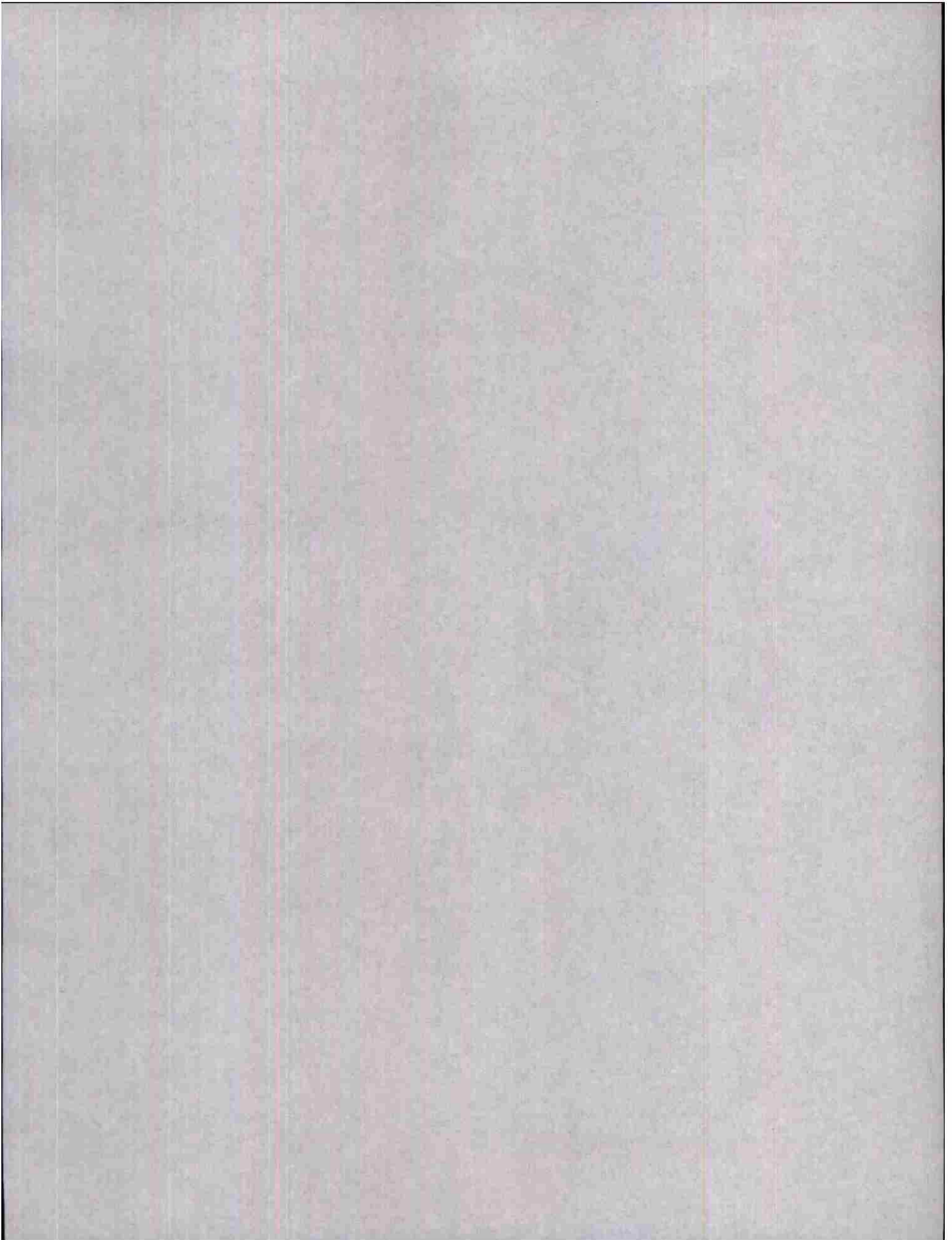


I haven't heard from Tommy recently, but her
 aunt in Scottsville was sick and Tommy had gone
 to look after her when Janet left Rd. I do hope
 that she can come tho. Sadie Magill will have
 to leave about Sept. 1st as her school starts then, so
 she can't be here for the wedding.

Sweetheart, I really can't believe that our time
 is drawing so near- it just doesn't seem possible.
 I'll be so happy when you get here and two weeks
 from today you'll be here. Oh joyful thought!

I must write a note to Miss Shields now and
 thank her for the candle stick and tea pot - just
 take care of yourself and

Love
 Elizabeth



To: Mrs. S. R. Wooten
From: William and Elizabeth Wooten
September 12, 1951

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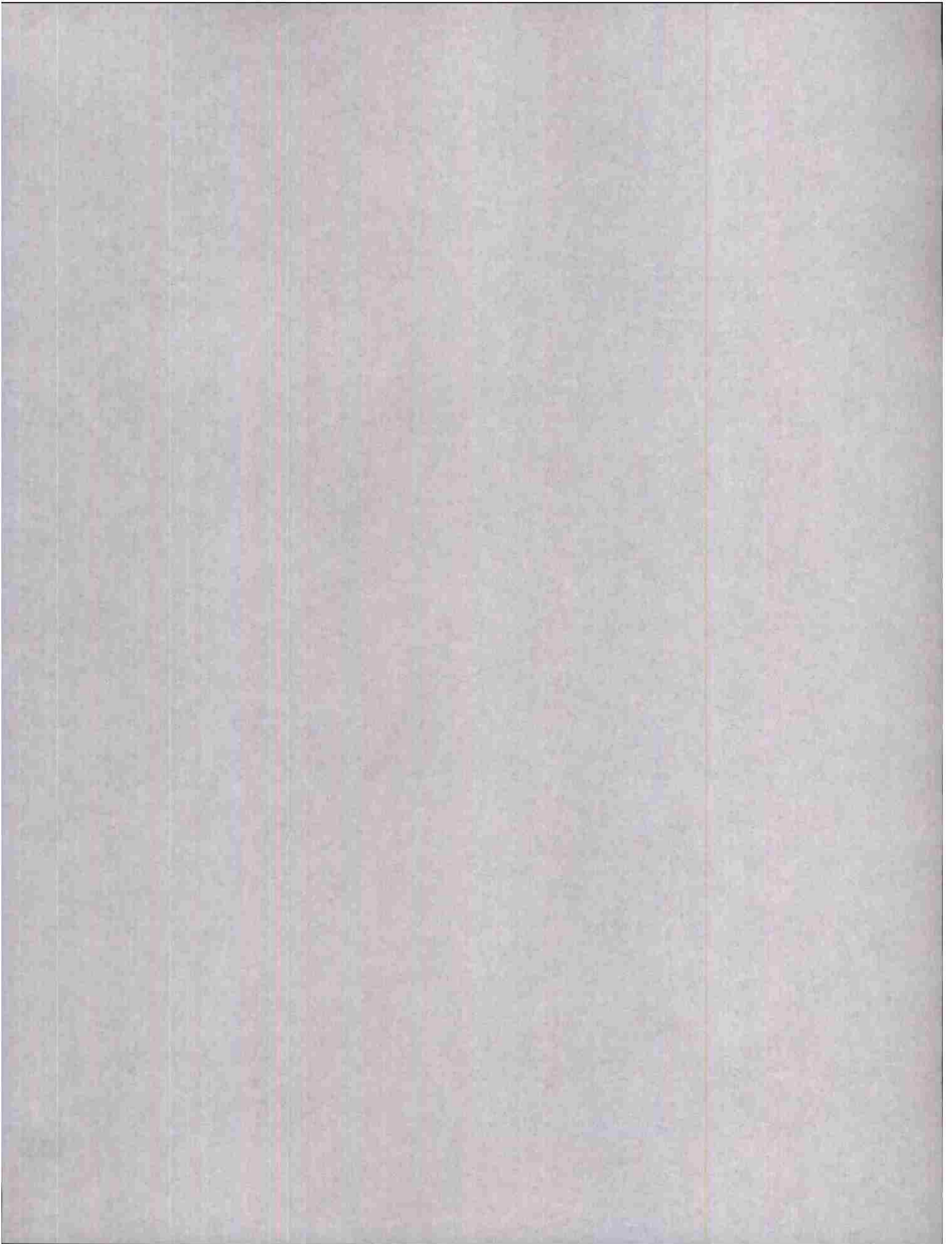
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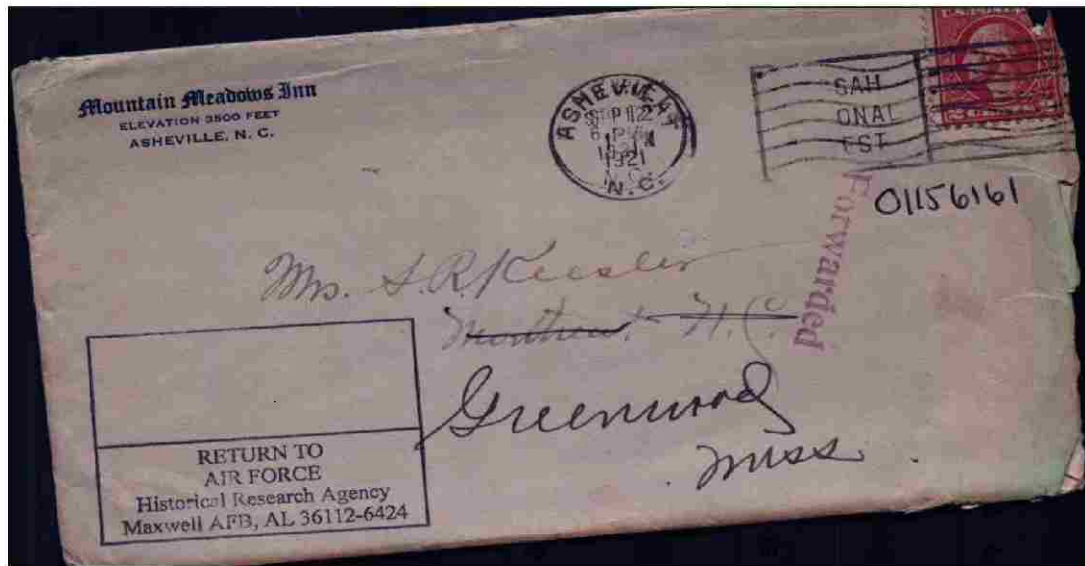
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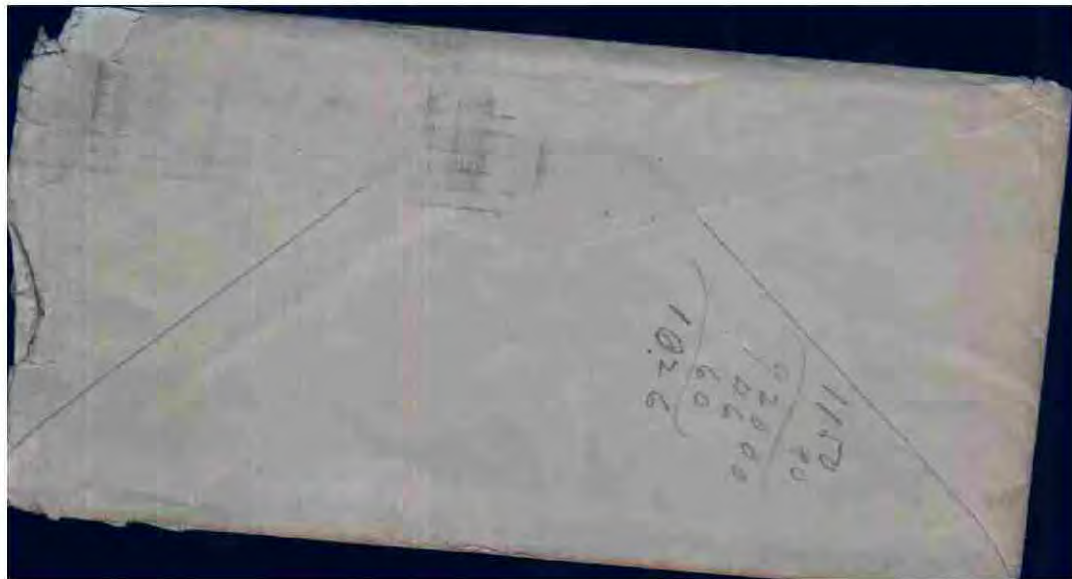


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Mountain Meadows Inn
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Sunday

Dear Folks,

I don't know just where to start but first I want to thank each and everyone of you for what you did for us before the wedding, at the wedding and after the wedding. It has been the most gloriously happy part of my life and I am largely to you and I just can't ever thank you enough.

We came up here the morning of the 30th and ever since we have just simply enjoyed every minute. We have talked, walked, climbed and played. It is a beautiful spot but you know that is you

I am here, the document at
 for an interview. The first
 a telephone call was in
 about a year and a half
 but within a few days I
 had phone or saw a number
 of people who had been
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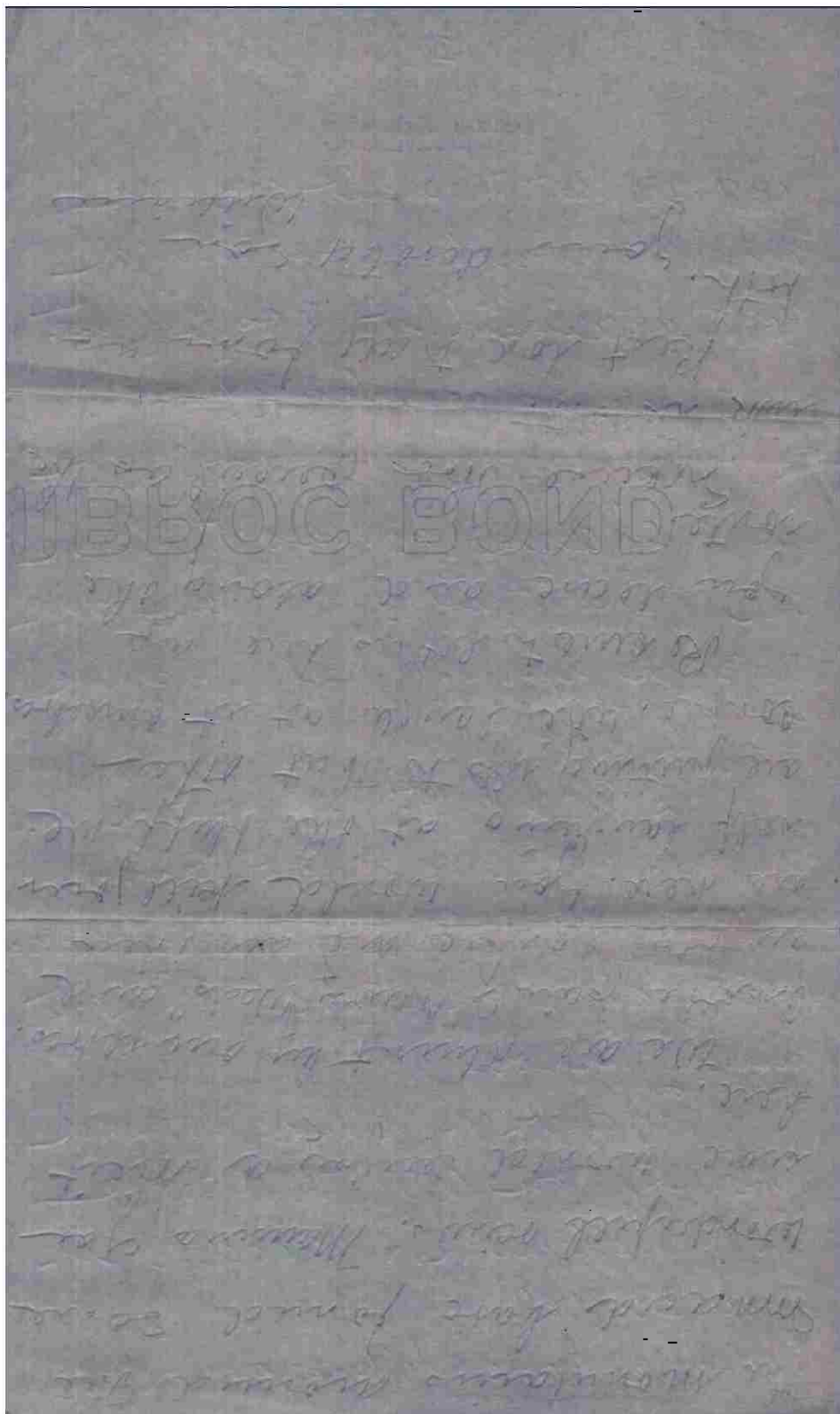
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can you wait as we
thought maybe you would
call again if it was urgent.
When we saw that the
travellers we had picked up
is a shame for us to have
all those things for you all
to pack up. We feel like we
should help.

Has father left camp & before
I know it has gone down
the river. We had that same
I suddenly have gone without
him & know.

Isabel & I since would
like for you all to come
up for dinner. I would like
you could come.
We have liked all of you.



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ASHEVILLE, N. C.

My dearest newly acquired family,
We feel most like we
are within speaking distance of
you all as we can see cars
going along the Black Mt. -
Asheville road and wonder each
time if they are the Packard,
or the Dodge.

We are having a wonderful
time and William drinks not
less than two glasses of milk
at each meal. He says that

even Auntie would be satisfied
with his appetite here.

We figure that you may have
left Montreal and were phoning
yesterday to let us know, but
will ~~cancel this letter~~ ^{cancel this letter}
anyway, for if you have left
this will probably get there first.

I just can't thank all of
you enough for being so wonderful
at the ~~time~~ ^{time}.

Love her to without you.

I won't start thanking you for
the gifts as that deserves a book
to itself.

Best love,
Elizabeth