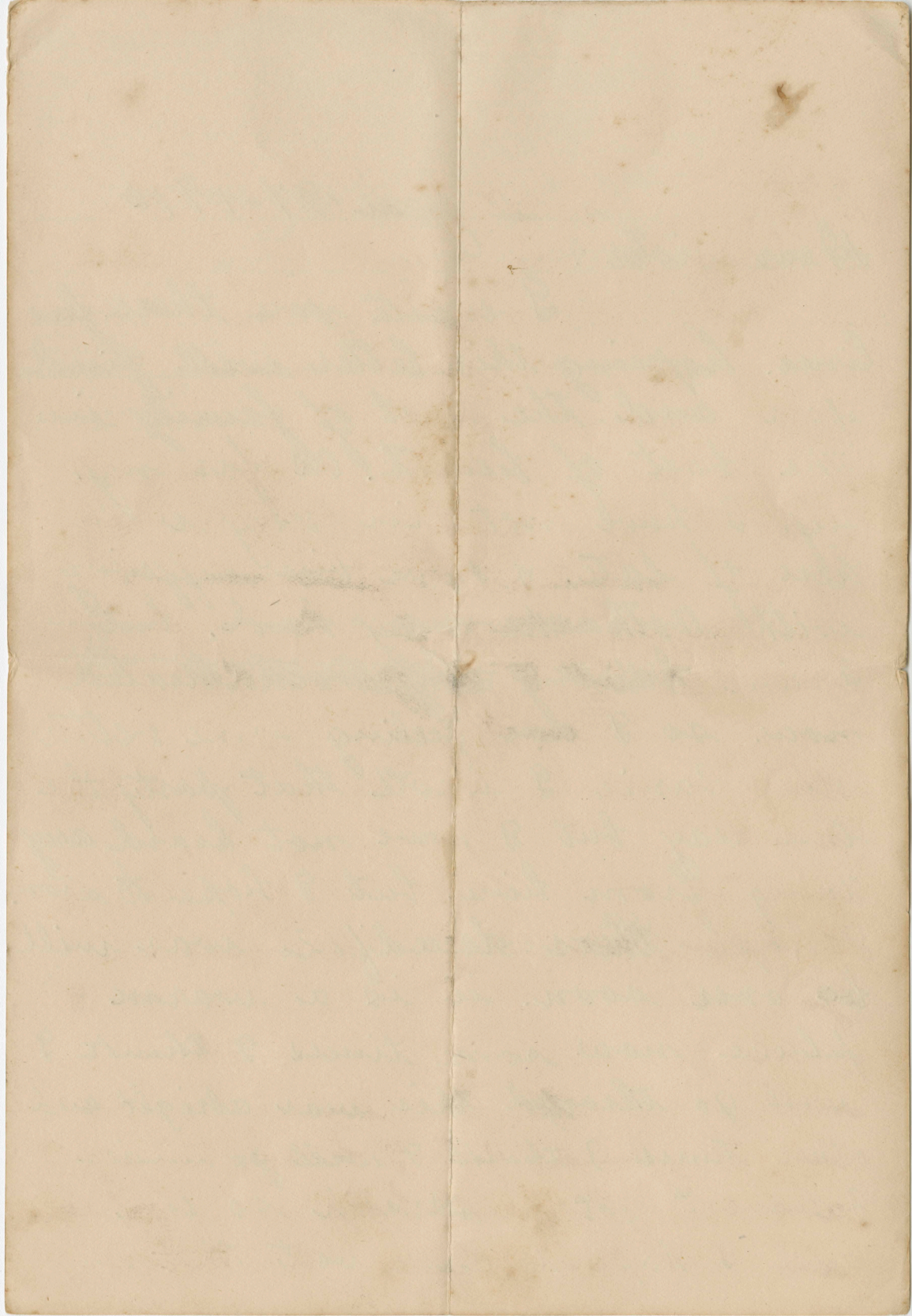


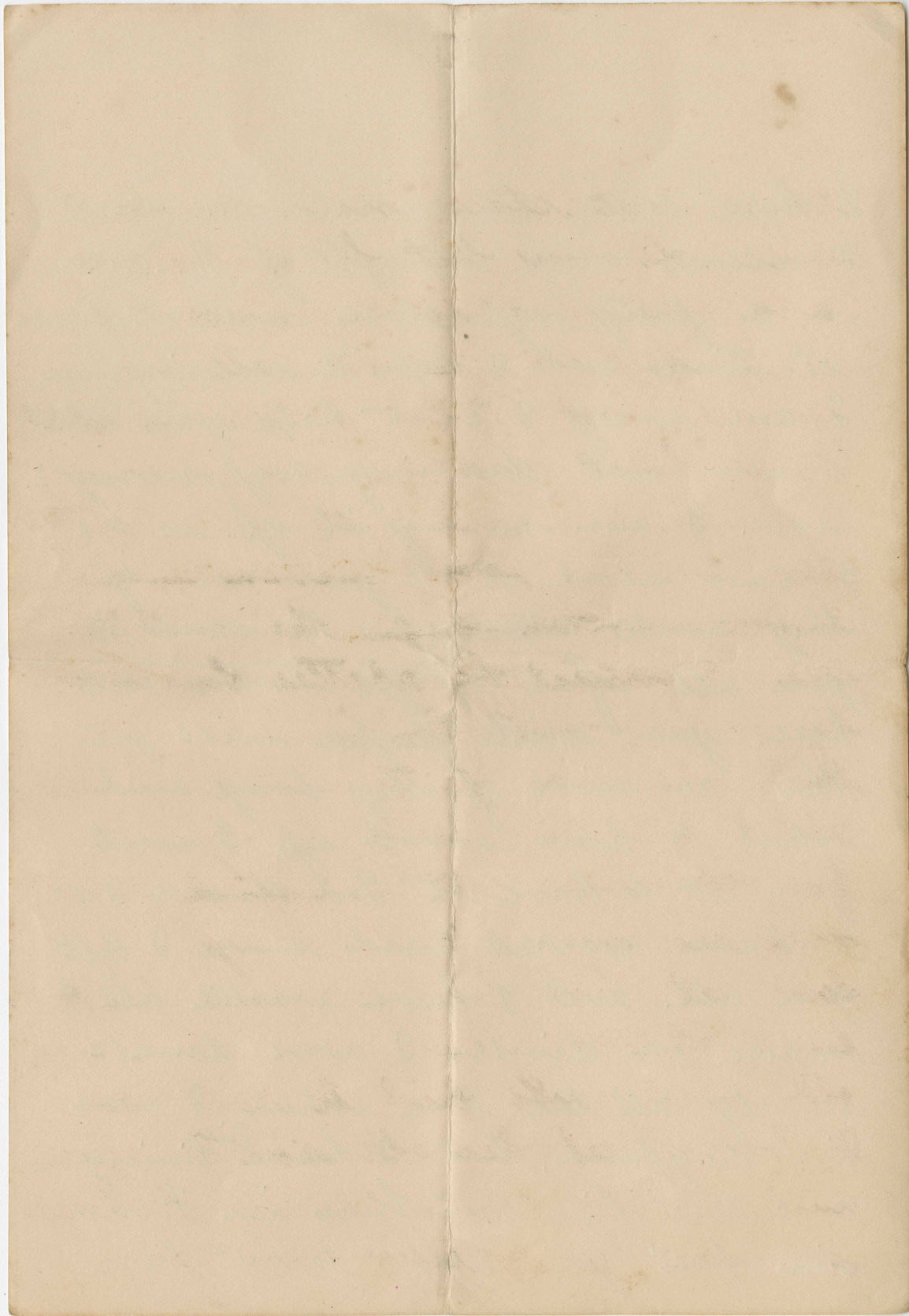
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Dear Sister:

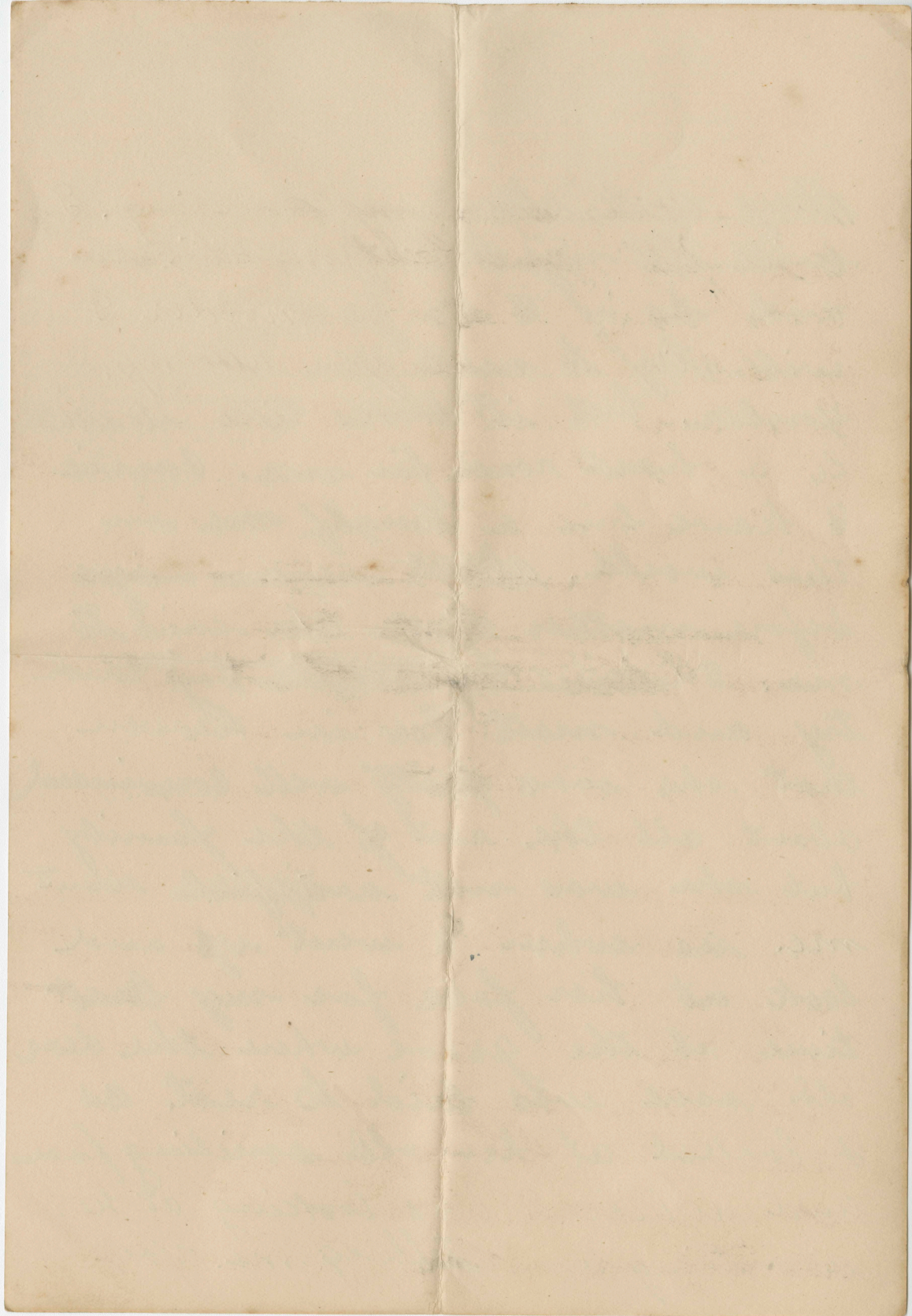
I write you these few lines, hoping this letter will find you and the rest of family in the best of health. As far as myself, I have not been very well here of late. I have been suffering with toothache very bad, but I am having my tooth treated now, so I am feeling some better now. Carrie I wrote that party the other day but I have not heard anything from him, but I hope to soon. I hope this dreadful war will be over soon. It is a warm place now. Some times I think I will go through this war alright and other times I think I will go under. I haven't got a scratch so far and I hope to come out that way



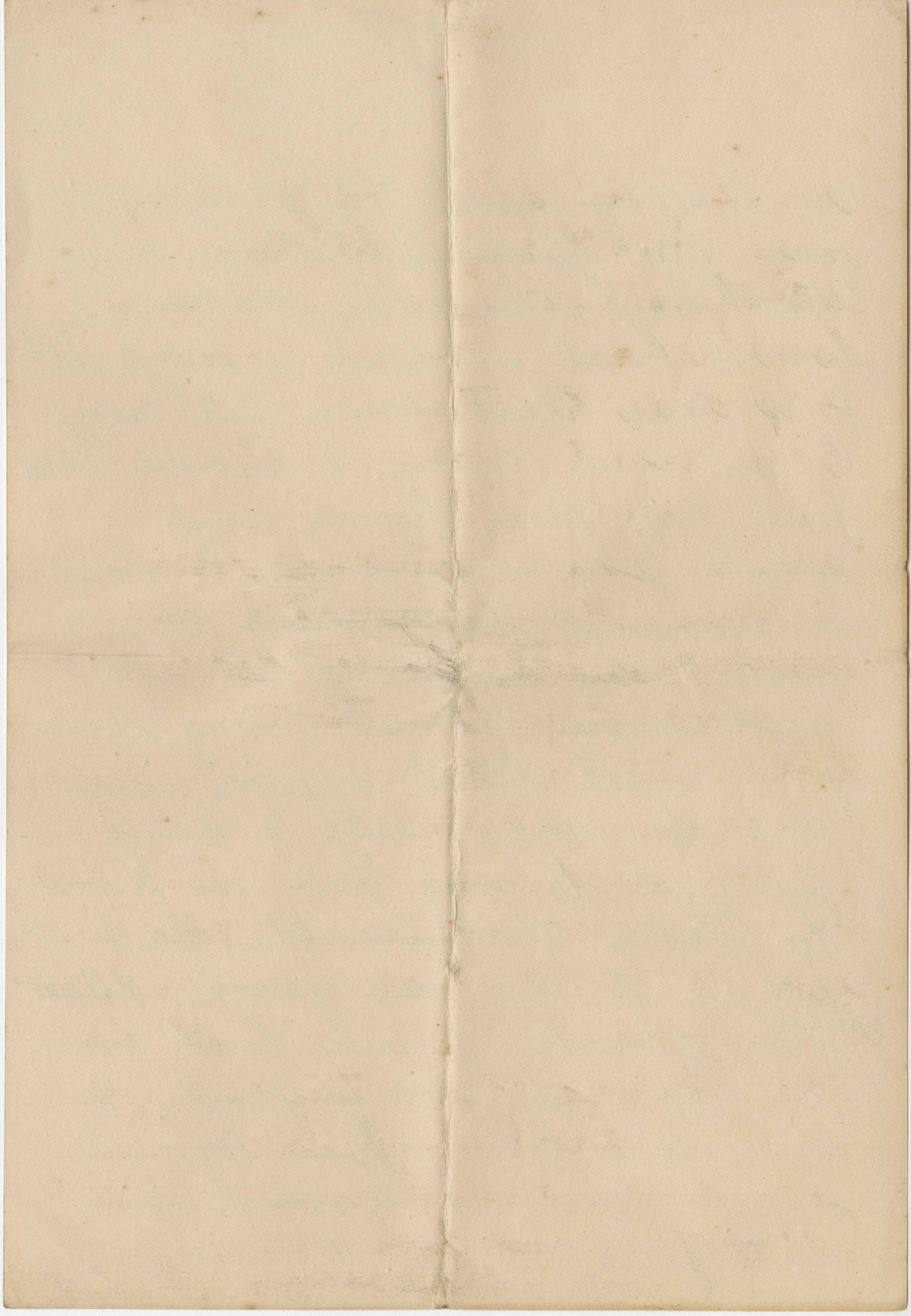
I have seen things out here that
 I never once thought of. I am
 in a pretty safe place now at pres-
 ent. time and I hope to remain here
 I am sorry I cant help you all
 I am not drawing any money
 now. I am saving it up. so as
 I can send it to you all if
 they will allow me to send to.
 you all. if I do go under out
 here. you and popa will get
 the remains of my body and
 what I have saved up. I want
 you all to have it God knows I do
 I have worked hard since I left
 you all. and I have wasted all I
 made on drink. I was drunk
 nearly all the time when I was
 in England. but I have ^{been} living
 a better life out here in France
 in fact you have to out here



they dont stand no messing. I will do my best from this on and so if I do go under I will try to meet you all up yonder. but it looks like it will be a hard road for me. Carrie I have bin a tough one in this world. about seven days before mother died she said to me. I must be a better boy and try and meet her in heaven that she was pretty well convinced about all the rest of the family but she was not satisfied about me. so when I went up and look at her face for my last time at the grave where the dear old soul was laid to rest. as I looked at her old smiling face and while I was looking at her something was telling me. you



are looking upon my sweet smiling
 face for your last time my
 dear boy, that the reason I
 turned and walked a way, it
 hurt me deep down in my
 heart, and when I made that
 first trip from home and
 while I was away, I did
 a unjust trike and drink
 was the cause of it all,
 and now I am being tem-
 pted with that affair in
 the trenches, and I have
 prayed to my God in heaven
 to take that trouble, but it
 seems to do no good, that
^{makes} me think I am lost one
 in the sight of God, I
 have bin living in torment
 every since, I havent bin
 satisfied since, Carrie I



want you all to be good and
 meet mother in heaven. I am
 satisfied she is in a happy
 land if any one is. Carrie tell
 my dear Brothers to be good
 boys and dont go astray like
 me. and tell them I hope
 them good luck to them.

I am down hearted. and
 crummy with body lice but
 I cant help it. and I want you
 three sisters to be good to one
 another. and tell father I said
 I am not mad with him. but
 there is one man in this world
 that I have it in for. and that
 is ^{the} Sheriff. and I hope I will have
 the chance of meeting him again
 that is the only person I envy
 so I will say good bye to
 all of you. and good luck to you.
 same address as before. your ^{bro} ^{carson}

The letters may be stopped
now pretty soon for a month
so if I happen to go under
between now and then, I will
tell you all good bye now.
I will try to meet you all
over there, but I am doubtful
God bye and God bless
you all.