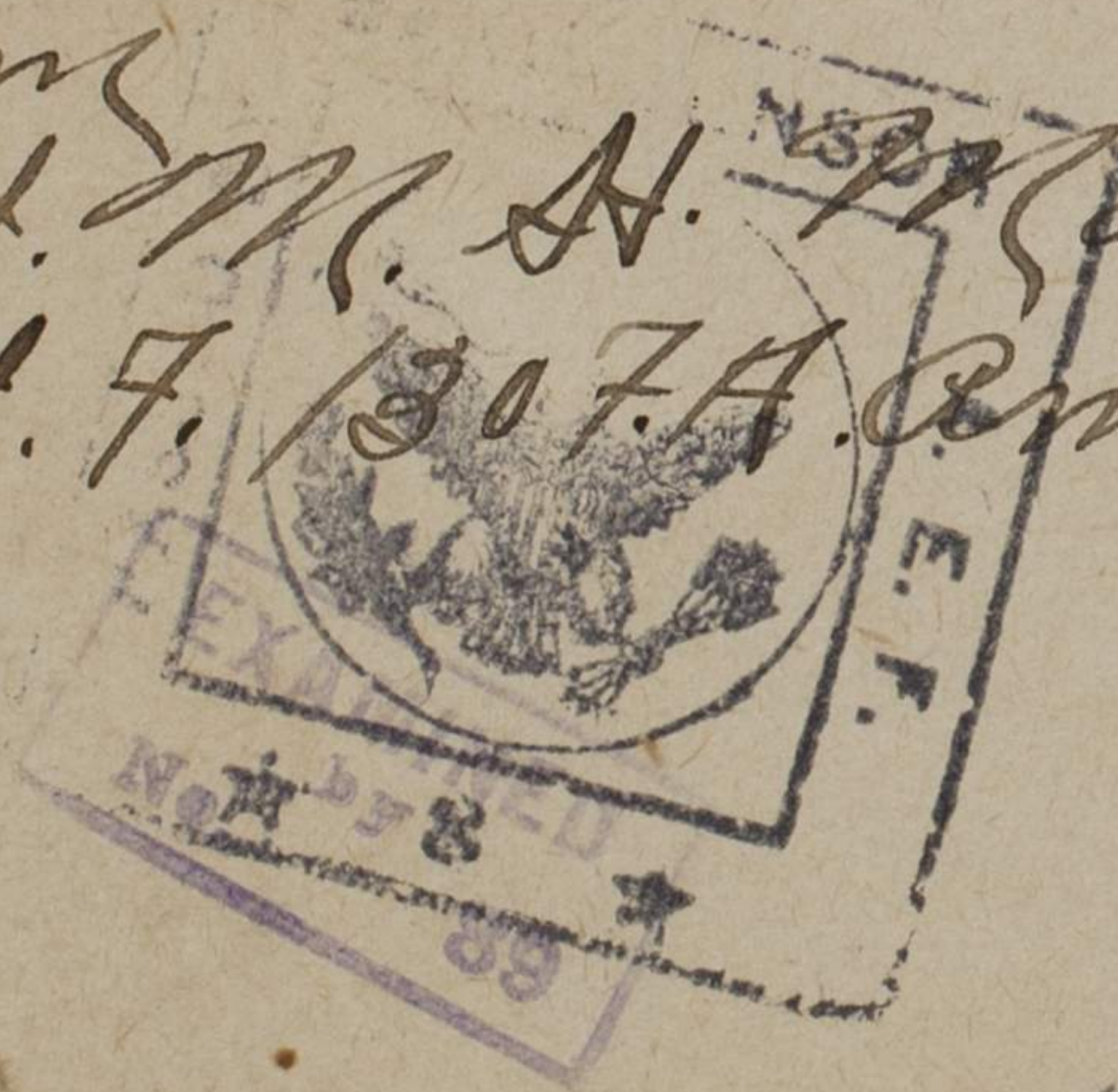




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"WITH THE COLORS"

*From
Capt. M. A. Main.
Bat. F. 1307th Am. E.F.*



*Wm Main.
Oregon,
U.S.A. Kansas.*



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Wed. Oct. 9th '18.

Somewhere in France but
soon Everywhere in Berlin.
Dear Father and Sister:-
To-day the boys "Overhere"
are anxiously awaiting Pres.
Wilson's reply to the Kaiser.

Received your letter
from you this A. M., one
containing the clipping
about Lt. Hooley a
Officer that F. Bat. boys
hated to see leave their
organization. The letters
I received to-day were
dated; two 9/18, 9/19 and
9/20 also six when we were
up in the "Lines" or on the
"Front" dated Aug. 12th, 16th,
28th, 29th, 30th and 31st.

Wish that you would
have explained about the

J. W. A. deal.

I received a letter from Raymond Flou yesterday stating that if he was in Eng. I yet, but expected to cross the Channel soon.

We have sure been having a fine time at 3. M. Here in this French home. Am sitting before a bright fire in a big fire place this evening after a hot shower-bath and donning a new suit of Uncle Sam's woolen underwears. Also have been keeping my hide filled with hot-cakes, beef-steaks, French and Swiss cheese, Pumpkin-pie, apples and hazel-nuts galore. Wait until I step out in my new uniform which I am expecting to-morrow. The lady of the house insists that we meet the fair



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village queens of her city. I saw a whole show to be in a French home. While we were eating breakfast this A. M. the pheasant was threshing with his one-horse threshing machine not 30 ft. from the dining room door. I started to come in this big building last night and instead of getting in the living apartment I found myself in the cow dept. All the farming here is done inside. One pheasant was threshing with two big 600 lb. hogs yesterday. (I mentioned in my last letter about their machines being driven by tread mills). This life back of

the Lines sure beats being
up there where the rats
(larger than cats) run
relay races with the "Cooties".

Am enclosing part of a
cigarette box which I
picked up in the under-
ground city of Jerry's when
up this of last time on
Front.

We, this Regt. were
exceptionally fortunate in
this last of drive we made.
Our "Lost in Action" will
not exceed Sam Scott's
heirs. It will be some
months before we go
up again. The reason I
will tell you when I
get home. Want to go
and see the C.S. to-
morrow.

Don't become alarmed
about "Old Mike" if you
fail to hear from him
for weeks. For the



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trouble lies between him
and the A. E. F. mail
service. Am getting fatter
than ever since we got
back out of the Line.

Did you ever receive
the check on J. W. Hall that
I cashed for Roy Overhere and
mailed home?

The home "Bunch" are
all here and feeling fine.
Harlow is also getting of
taking a hot shower
bath in P. M. He's a case.

Thanking you for
writing so often, which
I can not express myself
how I enjoy the letters, I
remain

Your son & bro.,
Pat. Nils H. Main.
Bat. 7. / 30 7. Ft. American
E. F. (over)