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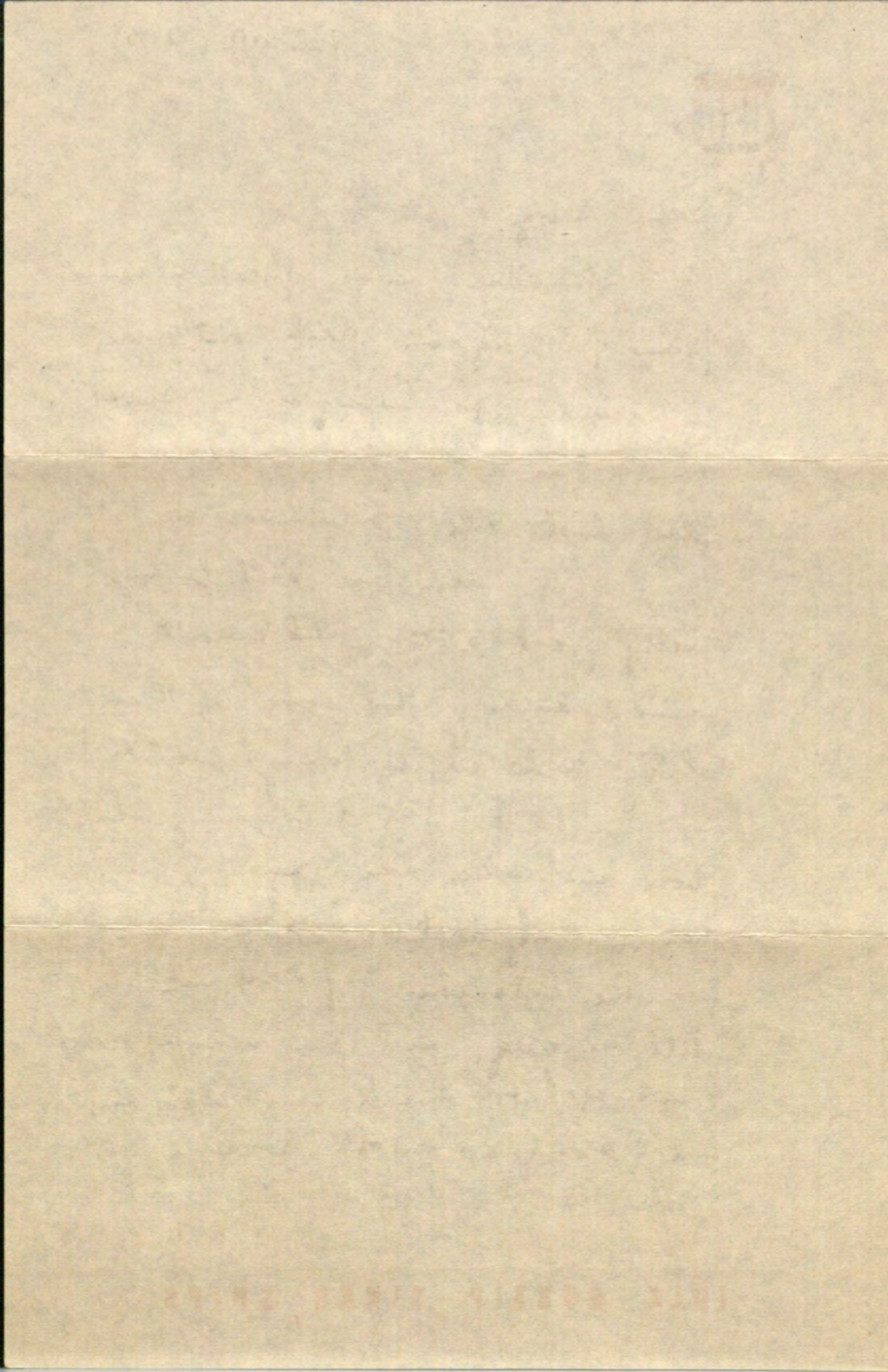
Dear George.

It sure was great hearing from you again. Being out here, is similar to living in a "Ghost Town", for that's just what this place looks like - only more so.

My men are still firing pretty good scores, and I don't mind admitting that some of their ability to do so, is to my credit.

Today I was coaching all the men who didn't qualify in their shooting. That is, all the men from the battalion. My ears are still ringing, and I'm nearly deaf. I managed to sneak five shots in, and I scored 24 out of a possible 25. I guess the old eye is still good.

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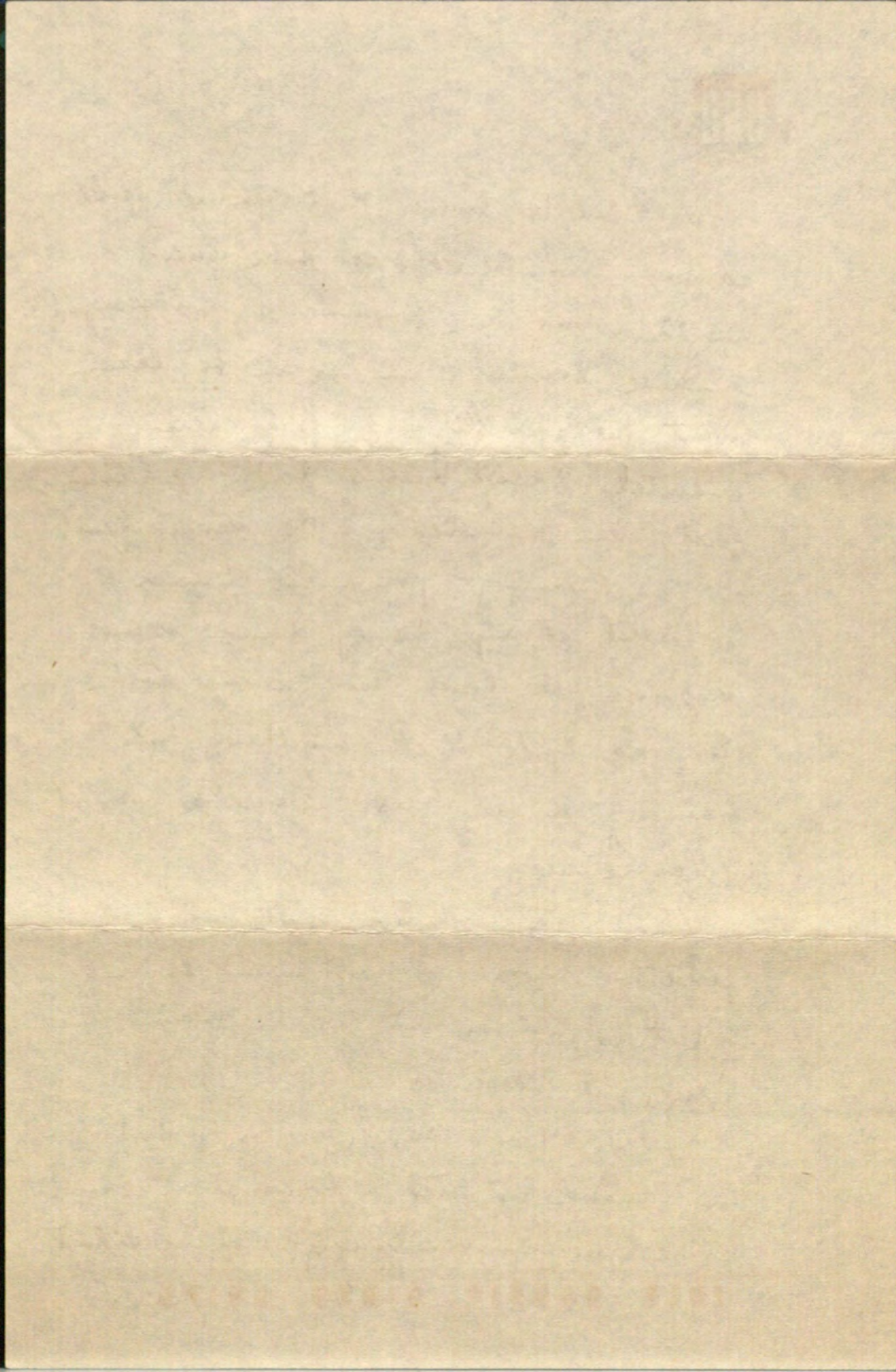
Glad to know that you're still so busy in the office. Hope your night work is proving a successful venture. However, am sorry to learn about the possibility of your being inducted. Hasn't news to the contrary just been published in the newspapers?

Knowing you, all were so elated at my being home is no surprise. We have all always gotten along so well, that anything but harmony among us would be most disagreeable.

You mention not being perfect - George, I don't want to be perfect. I just want to be plain - silly, but idealistic.

I'm glad, if, as you put it, we may have started a discussion on something unnecessary, that we didn't

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hang up a few at the bar. But then, we've always managed before. However, I'm really glad we didn't start one of those discussions; for George, I've got my mind made up. And I frankly tell you that neither love nor money could change my mind. All this seems a long way off, so let's not discuss it. It will be futile on your yours or anyone's part, any way.

See, has it been cold down here! Today, it finally warmed up a bit, and I'm of the opinion that maybe it'll be smoother sailing from here on in. —

Jim's a great kid. Both in looks and in actions. You finally scored a possible. You and Florence sure

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have something to be proud of -
 Florence will, if anyone can, sure
 take excellent care of Jim. She's
 doing a wonderful job of it now -
 when it counts most -

Hoping the war ends
 soon, and that you're not in it,
 any more than you are now -

With that handshake in mind (not too
 hard, or my hand will break off - it's
 been so cold these last few days)

Bob

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