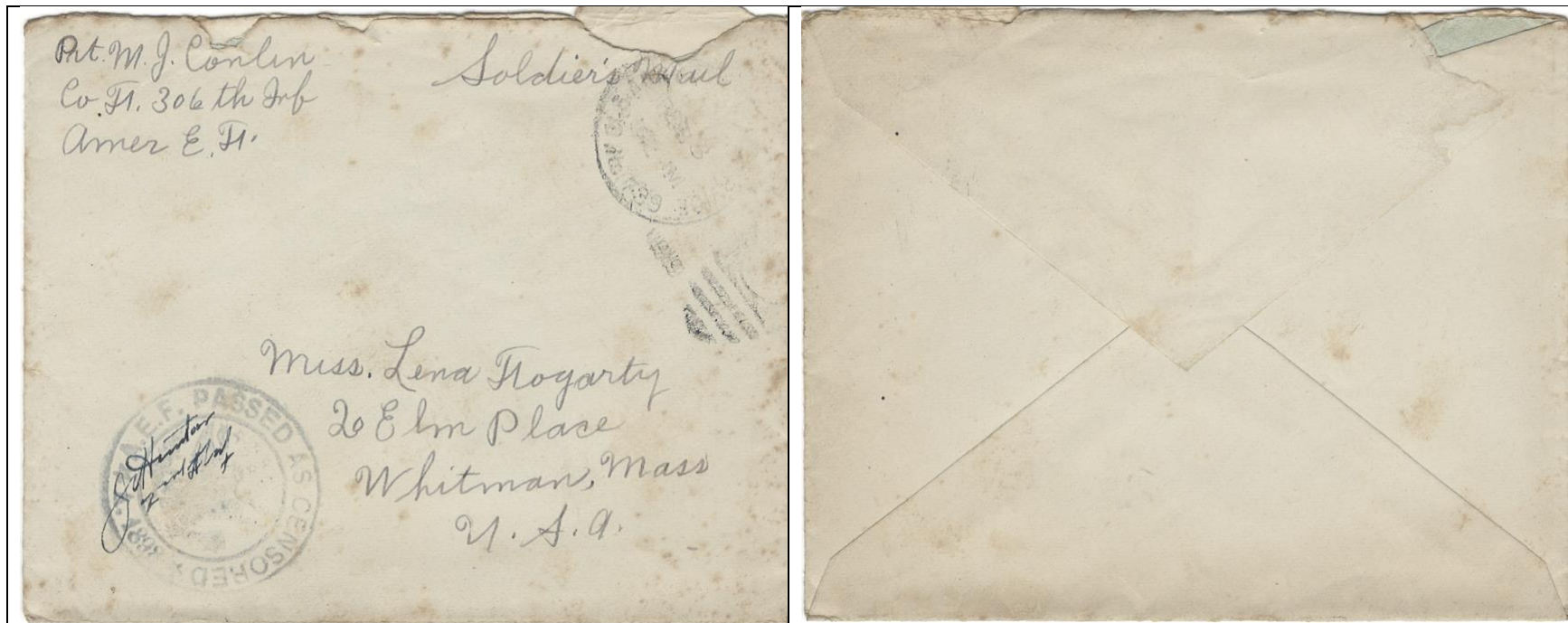


Letter from France. January 29, 1919

Written by Martin J. Conlon, serving with the 306th Infantry Regiment of the American Expeditionary Forces in France to Lena Fogarty, while they were courting.

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