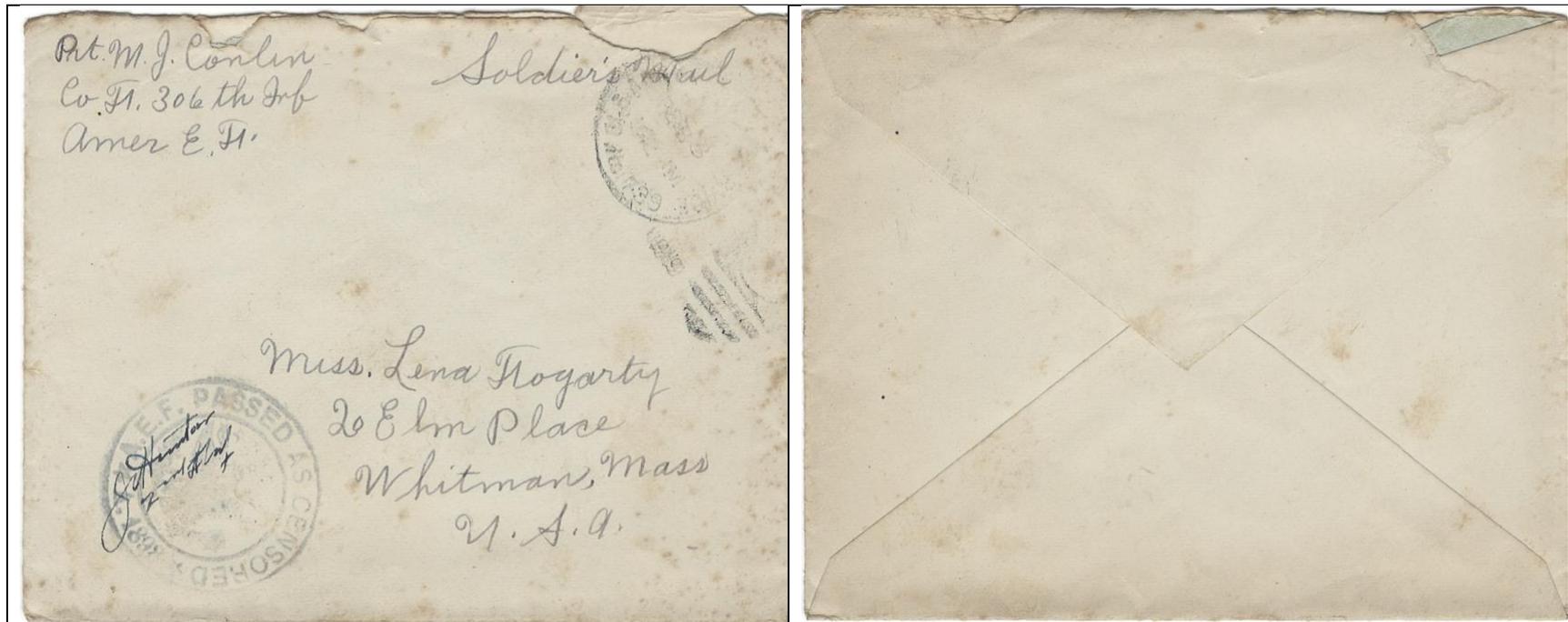


# Letter from France. January 29, 1919

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

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