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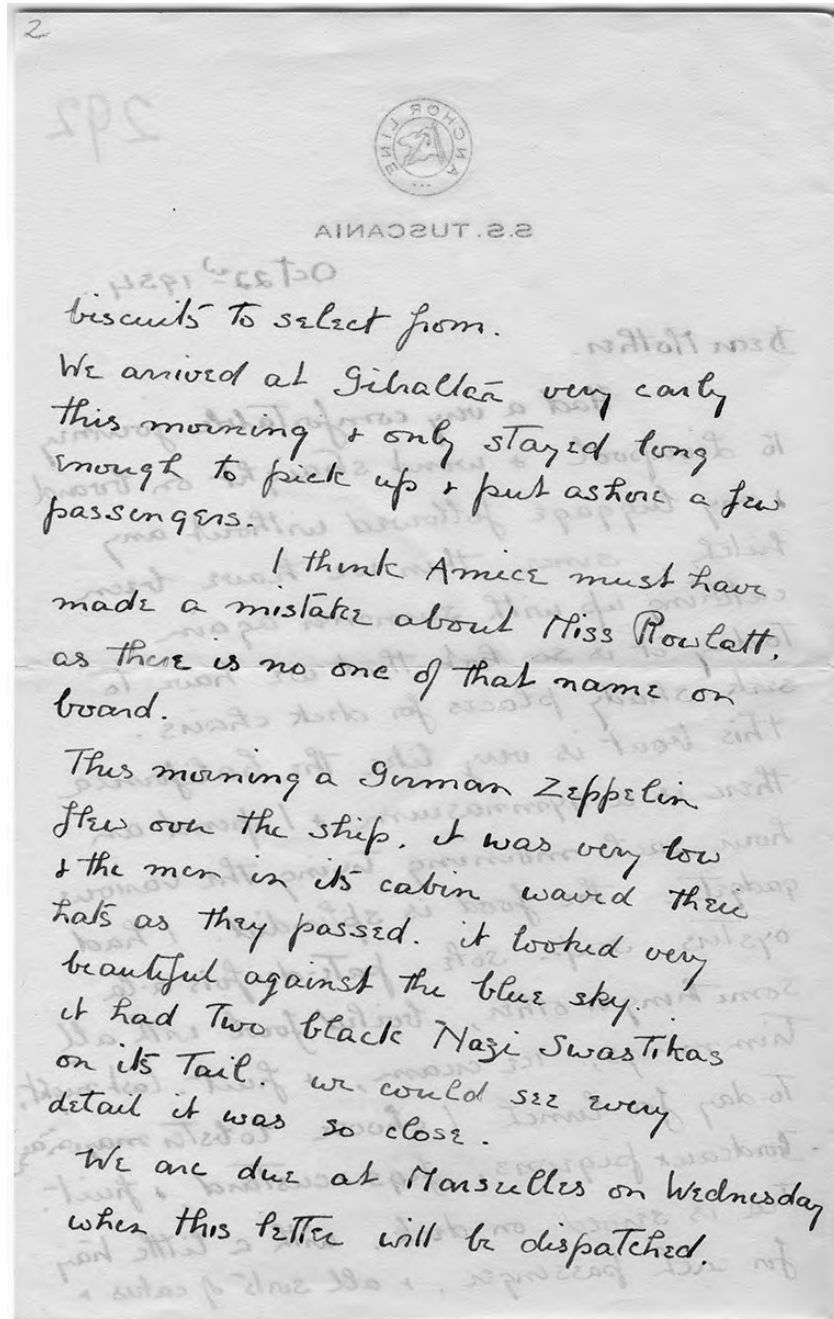
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We arrived at Gibraltar very early this morning & only stayed long enough to pick up & put ashore a few passengers.

I think Amice must have made a mistake about Miss Rowlatt, as there is no one of that name on board.

This morning a German Zeppelin flew over the ship. It was very low & the men in its cabin waved their hats as they passed. It looked very beautiful against the blue sky. It had two black Nazi Swastikas on its tail. We could see every detail it was so close.

We are due at Marseilles on Wednesday when this letter will be dispatched.

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