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I received your letter the one that was mailed on the 14th. I have not received any of the others. If they were addressed to G. D. at Bragg, I won't get them until after maneuvers. I have not heard from Uncle since I left Walters. You tell me that he moved, chances are he hasn't received my letters with my new address on them so that he may have written to Gen. Del. at Bragg and if that is the case I won't get any mail from him for quite a while. I have written several postcards and sent them to him at Davis. They may not have forwarded the postcards on to him.

So, what I wish you would do is to write him a postcard giving him my address, and telling him to write immediately, as I'd sure like to hear from him. It would be much faster for you to write him and tell him than it would for you to send me his address and have me write him. Also send me his address in your next letter.

Enough for that, this is my

last stamp so it is my last letter until
we get back to civilization. I'll have to
write on postcards. I really stocked up on
postcards as they are easier to carry in my
pockets than stationary would be. I've carried
this paper with me for over two weeks.

We are all getting a fifteen day
furlough in Dec. Half of us starting Dec 5.
The other half will get theirs Dec 20. But
I'm afraid that under the present circumstances
it will be impossible for me to go home
unless I get a lot of courage and hitch-hike.
I may do that (hitch hike) if there isn't any
possibilities of getting furloughs later in
the year, which there probably won't be. They
are being so lenient with three furloughs
because it being near Christmas and then
the boys all being out here as manumers
for so long that they're letting them all
go home. This probably won't happen again
until next Christmas.

I seem to be a victim of circumstances
so I think I better make the best of it and
spend Christmas in Bragg. Now that, what
I used to call home is all broken up I'll
also have to have money in order to pay
for lodgings and eating while away from
Bragg. So about the only way I can go to
Denver and see you is to hitch-hike, and
use what little money I have saved up,
during my stay in Denver, which would



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be necessary. If and when I hear from Uncle, he ~~sounds~~ like he could spare some money, I might ask him for a loan. And tho' he ~~is~~ ^{is} sure of going to see you.

As for the camera that you ask me about, I'll tell you what I had in mind, but I would much rather you kept the money yourself and used it on your own necessities. I'm sure that with prices on everything going sky high you need every penny you can get a hold of in order to make a living on what you are making. As for myself I don't need to worry about anything like that, because U. S. takes care of that for us. Aside from a few toilet articles, laundry and a few other things that don't amount to more than 7 or 8 dollars a month we don't need any more of the money we get.

You ask me what kind of camera I'd like, well I didn't have any one in particular picked out. I just thought I'd take ten or twelve dollars go to the Post Exchange and get one that sold for somewhere near that price at the Exchange. You see we get all of our goods at wholesale prices at the Exchange, which is about 40% below retail price.

That would give me a camera of about fifty
or eighty dollars which would be a pretty good
camera and as long as I was going to buy one
I thought I might as well get me a pretty fair one.
It would have to be a folding camera, no
other kind considered size 120, have a fairly
fast lens and different time settings of
the shutter. ^{fairly fast} Now that is what I had in
mind, I don't know where I could find
one with these features for that price or not
but I thought I'd try.

I have honestly told you what
I had in mind because you asked me. Now
I'm going to ask you not to go to that expense
for me. Please. I'm sure you can't spare the
money and I appreciate ^{it} just as much. I don't
want you to feel hurt by me asking you not
to buy one. I want you to be sensible and
I think it the most sensible thing to do.
Don't you?

On the other hand as I asked
you in my last letter let me know when
you need any money and I'll gladly send it
to you. Now I'm asking you if you
have a good pen and pencil set. If you
don't I'd like to get you one for Xmas. I
want you to be honest about it just
as I was about the camera.

I have one more sheet left so



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better cut it short.

This is very ticklish business. telling you not to buy me the camera but I don't want you to feel hurt or feel that I don't want you to buy it. I didn't know of what other way to tell you so I hope you see it my way. I'm sure that you are having a hard enough time getting along on your salary so please use it for something you need because I surely don't need the camera.

I'll close now. We are in the middle of a battle. I was on patrol last night and I'm rather sleepy, and I had better get some sleep while I can cause no telling when we will pull out without any warning. The army is a long time in making up its mind about doing something, but when it does it does it without warning and on the run.

This is my last stamp

as if you hear from me again during
the winter it will be on postcards.

Look for me around Christmas
but don't plan on it because it is
very uncertain. I want to go so bad
though that I may take the bull by the
horns and hitch hike. It all depends on
how many soldiers are planning on
the same thing. If there are too many
going home on their thumbs it will
jam up the highways and change of
rides will be very slim. So as I say
look for me but don't be disappointed if
I don't turn up.

Will you write and tell me in
detail what happened at home. It upset
me a great deal. Things like that, I thought,
only happen in the movies. What was
the reason for it? Where is Auntie?
Don't say anything about it except what you
tell me in your latest letter which isn't
very much. The other letters you wrote either
were lost or are at Brazz because I haven't
received them.

Also don't forget to write to Uncle
and to send me his address. I hope I
have made myself clear in this letter.
Best soon
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P.S.