

Fort Bragg, N.C.
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Jo.

This is going to be a short letter. I'm waiting for your answer, I will then write a longer one.

I just want to ask you some questions. First of all I have some civilian clothes and I don't know what to do with them. I wonder if I could send them to you until Uncle gets settled somewhere. They aren't much but I'd kind of like to keep them for awhile, and Uncle may pull out and leave somewhere ~~so~~ I wouldn't like to burden him with anymore of my stuff. I thought that if they wouldn't be in your way I could send them to you until we know where Uncle gets settled somewhere then you can send them on to him. ~~I may not have~~ But on the other hand if you don't have room for all of it I can keep it here. I have one suit, an extra pair of pants and three shirts.

The reason for me wanting to

send my stuff home is, we no longer are allowed to wear civilian clothes (I've only worn them once), and we may be moved most any time, where I don't know. I sure want to get rid of as much as I can because we will have to travel light. Since being on maneuvers I know what it is to take care of clothes, so the less I have the better.

Be truthful in answering, tell me if you are able to take care of the stuff. Also tell me if you would like it sent in a suitcase (about $1\frac{1}{2}' \times 1' \times 3'$) or if you would rather I sent it in a package.

The most important question is your phone number and where I could get ahold of you at a moment's notice? Both your residential phone no. and your office phone no. The reason for this is that we may be moved at any time, and if we go in a westerly direction we will more than likely hit Denver on our way through. I might be able to get a few minutes off at least to make a phone call. So send me addresses and phone no.'s of all places you frequent I will then be able to contact you if the occasion arises.

If we are moved it will more than likely be to the West coast.

The boys are all leaving on furloughs this morning. They are getting ten days. There won't be very many of us left.

Is Uncle still at Wyo.? I'd like to know so I can send them a Christmas present.

Have you heard from Harry lately? Where was he the last time he wrote?

It is cold awfully cold. There are icicles outdoors. It has been raining continuously for nearly a week. We are in ~~the~~ barracks now after a lot of moving around from one location to another always in tents.

The morale has improved somewhat ~~since~~ ^{with} the declaration of war. It looks rather dark, we will no doubt see action it will be just a matter of time. I hope before being moved we will get a furlough. I think we will but no one can tell.

Have you heard from Auntie yet? I sure hope something happens that will improve the situation at home.

I recieved your other letter but I'm expecting another one from you today.

Write as soon as you have the time and send me the information I asked for.

I seem to have run down for the present so until someone reminds me up again I'll quit.

Tell the girls hello. Have you moved yet?

Jo., now is your chance to get some civil service job so make some applications. I have an idea that work will be plentiful for a while. Wages will also no doubt be better.

Prices will go sky high so try to get you a position where you will draw better pay. You can do it if you try. I guess that there isn't much I can tell you that you already know in regards to work, pay, prices, and hard times that will follow when this blows over. So look forward to the future and do something about it.

As for our interests in Mexico, as far as Jim concerned sell. Sell for the most possible. You use your judgement on that and don't neglect it. Do something about it as soon as convenient. That's all for now I'll write again as soon as I receive your letter. Bye now
Peto.

P.S.

Thank you for the stamps, but it won't be necessary for you to send me anymore, as we are back in civilization where we can easily buy stamps and writing necessities.

You no doubt are worried about Harry. I wouldn't worry too much about it. No amount of worrying will help. I know it is hard to keep from it but a person can, if he makes up his mind to it.

Rumors have it that we are to be called for special guard duty in some of the principle cities in the vicinity. Nothing definite is known. Very little information is given regarding troop movements, future duties etc. Because of fear that the information will get to enemy ears. One outfit though is on special duty in some of the towns near here.

If we are sent anywhere I sure

hope it will be worth, on account of skating.

Incidentally has a soldier from Walters made your acquaintance yet? He wanted me to give him your address but I didn't do it. He said that he was sure going to make your acquaintance though. Has he made good his threat? He is from South Texas. As far as I know he is a very nice fellow, rather good looking too. To my notion girls would be crazy over him.

Dad is hoping Santa is good to you. I'm sure he will be if you were a good girl. Where are you and the rest of the girls going to spend Christmas? Unless there is a sudden change I will probably spend Xmas here at Bragg. Don't be too long in answering my questions.

Your bud
Pete.