

Fort Bragg, N. C.  
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Jo.

I suppose that there is no use in me giving you another bawling out for your delayed letter. It doesn't seem to do much good for me to tell you to write often. However I understand perfectly why you can't write any often. I would appreciate a card whenever you are more than a week in writing.

I have several snapshots to send you. However I will send them next time. As I expect some more this week. I now have a camera so I am able to take pictures to my heart's content.

Concerning Harry, always remember that no news is good news. If anything happens you will know soon thereafter through official channels.

I'm glad to hear of the raise in your salary. Good work keep it up. I'm also glad to hear of Francis's good fortune. Tell her not to lose any sleep over having to work seven days a

week. There are many who are giving more than just a few extra hours a week. Besides longer harder hours seems to be becoming universal. I have heard from some of the boys in Texas. In Texas the recruit training camps are on a seven day weekly schedule. I am convinced that as time goes on we will all be called upon to give more and more. ~~The~~ The enemy seems to be scoring many victories. As each day passes, it seems that the situation grows more critical, and may continue to do so for some time.

Concerning Uncle, I don't know just what to say. Of course any advice from me would also be <sup>of a</sup> negative <sup>nature</sup>, for many obvious reasons. However if he makes up his mind no one can change it, except perhaps Auntie. The first and main reason for his staying here would be for the ~~sake~~ sake of Junior. I believe that they would both be better off here. Of course the final decision rests with him, but I will do what I can to convince him not to leave.

I can't see where you can

possibly consider yourself selfish for telling him what you thought. Of course it is quite a problem to convince him. There doesn't seem to be much we can do about it though. Just tell him what we think of the idea, then pray and hope for the best.

He hasn't written me of his intentions. Soon as he does I'll do everything in my power to make him see it our way.

By all indications it seems that this is going to be a long war, and a tough one. It seems as though we <sup>all</sup> are off to a very poor start. Let's hope that in the very near future things will look brighter.

We are all through at the rifle range. It seems as though rumors have it that our training is to be changed to <sup>training for</sup> a different phase of battle. Of course there is no confirmation to this rumor, but according to cancellations of certain schedules, there may be something in the rumor.

I would just as soon we went into it <sup>(action)</sup>. The sooner the better. We

aren't doing any good here, and God knows we certainly couldn't any harm on some front. According to the papers something should be done to check the continuous victory the enemy is scoring.

I think it best not to disclose the nature of the change in our training (if it does take place). However it is nothing to lose any sleep over.

There is a cadre leaving soon to some ~~new~~ new army camp. Cadre is a group of trained non-commissioned officers to be the nucleus of a new camp. There are to be more later on, according to rumors.

We just finished another series of inoculations for typhoid, yellow fever, and lockjaw. Making a total of 10 different inoculations and vaccinations, and more to come. Before this is over our arms will feel like an inner tube does after it has run over a boxful of tacks.

We had our simulated entrainment. Everything was make believe except our packing up and getting rid

practically everything we had. We embarked on the make believe train with our equipment, and had to sit in place, for three hours, raining all the while.

These "dry runs" are a pain in the neck, and I believe in many instances, unnecessary. But then who am I to say what should be done and what shouldn't be done.

We or that is most of us have colds on top of the inoculations, therefore there aren't many of us who feel up to par.

I seem to have run out of anything of any interest ~~ing~~ so I'll call it a day. If you want the pictures I must have a quick reply to this letter. Expecting an answer very soon, I remain

As ever

Gito.

Concerning some of these dry runs, the army doesn't give the soldiers credit for having the mentality of at least a ten year old.