

Fort Bragg, N.C.
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Hello Folks,

Perhaps you are wondering what happened to me? I assure you I'm still ~~all~~ altogether. I have finished my week of "K.P." It almost sent me back to the hospital. It really was very rough. My legs and feet almost fell off they were so sore. K.P. may be described to civilians but no one can fully understand what it is unless he actually takes part in it.

The boys were going on a ~~to~~ ~~maneuver~~ but now we are in quarantine for mumps. So the rest of the Regiment goes but not us. I was not to go on the maneuver anyway so it doesn't really make any difference to me. We aren't able to go anywhere now for three whole weeks. We have to stay in our quarters unless we are drilling. It is a funny sort of a quarantine

For Gask sake W R I F E

We may drill and work with the other companies ~~but not~~ in the daytime but soon as our day is over we are restricted to the barracks.

Enough of that, I'll now tell you that I'm really quite happy and relieved to have gone home and found it as I did. All of my troubles seem to have vanished with that.

However my being home made it very difficult to come back to this place. But knowing that you two and Junior were happy again took a big load off my mind. And made living much more worth while, and not so hard to .

I stayed with Josephine two days and nearly two night. For I left Denver at midnight of the second day. I had a swell time in Denver, but seeing Jo. was enough in itself.

My trip was long and uneventful! I was in Chicago four hours, so I went for a stroll. Nothing extraordinary, just a lot of smoky buildings and a lot of traffic. I also walked around in Omaha it was as bad as Chicago.

In Pittsburg I also had a few hours so I saw part of that town also.

In Washington I had an eleven hour wait. I missed the train by seconds, because of the train from Pittsburg being late. Another Soldier and I saw the town. I was disappointed with the Smithsonian Institute but found the Museum very interesting. We also ~~saw~~^{visited} the Capitol Building and the Art Gallery. The Capitol was nothing, I was disappointed in it also. I didn't know what to expect but was still disappointed. Of course in the Art Gallery there are so many paintings but not being one who appreciates art I found nothing of any interest.

We also walked downtown and found it to be jammed with traffic. We counted fourteen street cars on one corner all on the same block.

I arrived in camp two days late. I'm very fortunate in not being either broken to \$21 a month or punished. For now all men

who are absent are obliged to take three twenty mile hikes for every day of absence. These twenty mile hikes seem to be the favorite punishment. One man walked twenty miles for not having shaven, his Squad leader had to walk sixty miles because he didn't see to it that the man was shaven.

These hikes are rough because it is in addition to the regular days work. They start at four p. m. and walk until 11:00 or 12:00 at night. The next day they go on with the regular schedule. Another man was given three of these hikes because he didn't salute the Major.

We have had a interruption, we had an assembly for the reason of telling us our schedule. Boy! it is going to be tough! I hope I can stand it.

I have to get ready for inspection tomorrow. We are to have inspection twice daily.

I'm sending you a picture taken in Washington. One of these pictures taken on the street. I was talking to my companion, at the time

You may keep it if you wish.
I have a lot of work to do so
I'll close now. Let me hear from you
I've been expecting a letter from you.
Why haven't you written or didn't
you get any letter. Of course Auntie
I also expect and want to hear
from you by all means.

I'll be waiting for your
letter

Peto.

By the way did you think the
army has influenced or changed
me in any way? Do you think
it has done me any harm or good?
Or am I still the same nephew
I left last July.

I have no time to read
this letter and correct my mistakes
so please overlook them.

Let me know if this
free mail is getting through.

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