



FORT BRAGG, N. C.

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Hello Folks,

Received both of your letters this week. Might I add that they were very nice.

You ask me if the watch I sent you was all broken up. When I wrapped it up it was in one piece it only needed cleaning. Evidently it was treated rather rough. I should have known better then to ship it the way I did.

We have vacated the barracks. We are now living in pup tents out in the woods. We are still at Bragg, about twelve miles from the post. A new outfit has moved into the barracks. Part of our outfit has moved away from this section. Where? That is a "military secret." We will follow soon. The outfit is moving in echelon

so that there won't be too much
congestion.

My address will remain
the same until I tell you
different.

These past two days we
have been clearing brush in
~~preparation for the rest of~~ ^{the} company.
We were picked for the advanced
party. We cleared an area about
three hundred yards long by forty yards
wide. As usual the minute we
leave our shelter it starts to rain.
It has rained all day making it
a very enjoyable week-end. Like fun!

I hope we move soon.
Because it is hard to get out of
this place, and quite dusty. So
~~when we can get away we will~~
be ~~dusty~~ filthy before we get
anywhere.

If you should happen to
leave Dines, be sure you leave
a forwarding address. Because
Dines is my emergency address,
and from there on it will be
hard to change it.

I haven't heard from Barrie



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In your next letter tell her to write. I don't have her address.

Jo. hasn't written for some time. I expect a letter from her any day now.

Junior, your Mother tells me you are busy collecting scrap iron. Good for you! But you surely ought to find time to drop me a line or two now and then. I enjoy hearing from you. However you shouldn't burn rubber insulation off of copper wire. The heat causes a chemical change in the copper. Instead why don't you try ~~so~~ hammering it off with a hammer and anvil. You will find it is much easier and often times faster.

I was thinking of leaving camp again this week-end but the last two excursions left me rather low on funds. So

until this Thursday when we should get paid (and mine should be a big one). I'm going to have to stay in. I have come to the conclusion that I have not been leaving the Post often enough. So have decided to leave at every opportunity. The reason I was staying in, is that I was being thrifty in case a furlough should happen to come my way. But now we have given up hope for any more furloughs. So I'm going out, ^{at} every opportunity. As the saying goes, "Make hay while the sun shines".

We are now packing everything we own in our barracks bags. Wherever we set these down is our home. It really isn't as bad as it sounds. There are a lot of things that improve when we live like this. For instance we don't work as hard, we have more liberties, no inspections, at least not like when we are in barracks. Even though we can't keep as clean, our health seems to



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improve, thus we gain weight. The only drawback is the cleanliness of our clothes.

Although we get soaking wet, sleep on wet ground, sometimes we nearly freeze, I haven't had a cold for a long time.

The last I heard of Johnny he was in the Army in California, and he didn't like it.

I'm glad to hear of Junior's interest in electricity & mechanics. If he is so inclined I'd give him all the encouragement possible.

I might add too, that later on (when he starts high school), draw his attention to the first few lessons of my ^{radio} course. Anyone electrically inclined will find these lessons fascinating, and choke full of interesting information concerning the fundamentals of electricity.

We have just had a discussion on our letters

We all agreed to read the last sentence, and compare.

No, we are not going crazy either. It is just that we have nothing else to do.

I'll close now. Answer soon. Family gossip is just what I want to ~~see~~ read about.

One more thing send me a snapshot of all three of you together. If you have one of you ~~have one~~ of you three and go together, why send it, too.

Write often

As ever

Peto.

No more radios for us. We haven't ~~to~~ read a paper for four days. So now anything can happen, and we wouldn't know about it.

I have become quite a newspaper reader, keeping up with the latest developments. We often have discussions on them.

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