

CAMP HANCOCK.

Augusta, Ga.

2.15 P. M.

December 18th, 1917

Dear Mother and Dad;

Received your letter this morning and am going to hold this letter till tonight incase the box comes. in so as I can tell you. Enclosed you will find a little remembrance to you and Dad to keep. I think it is very appropriate to the occassion, Do you?

Today I learned finally that my furlough was up before the Colonel. They are only leaving twelve go at a time and if mine is accepted I will be one of the first twelve to come home. I am setting all my plans and hopes and prayers on this 1 st effort because if I don't get it, I will never get another one you can rest ~~xx~~ (asure) of that. I believe if I get the date set down for, I will be home making good time at 12/15 Monday P. M. afternoon. Leaving here Sunday on the 1.45 train P. M. If possible on account of Saturday being half day will get excused then over night and take the Saturday train. Will then reach home somewhat later on Sunday. I will come up on the Southern R. R. changing at Washington to the Pennsylvania R. R. good time and no misshaps will land me in North Philadelphia in 23 hours and 30 minutes. Delays not included.

I am getting my hat fixed in town and expect to look real nice when I land home. I am sure you will be surprised in how much broader and heavier also taller I have grown in the last few months.

you soon, I am

I am going to clost now hoping to see

Your loving Son,

Howard.