

CAMP HANCOCK

Augusta, Ga.

December 5th, 1917.

Dear Mother;

I have just put in for another furlough dating from next Thursday 12th to 22nd Dec. Christmas will be impossible so have put it aside. I do not know whether it even will be passed by the Captain but am trying hard. Now don't bank on this or build air castles because there are hundreds trying just like me and some of us will be turned down. If it is accepted I will know by Tuesday 12 A. M. I have the necessary funds and by that time most likely will be paid again. One of the sargents has very kindly consented to make up as good a report as possible. The rifle range for me is all over and I am glad in one way and very sorry in another.

To-day was a peach, a rainy northern day and very cold. At present the phonograph is going full tilt likewise the fire and we are nice and comfortable. At 9 o'clock I have to play Tatoo and then turn in. Enclosed will find a copy of our Thanksgiving services I also had a bullet which had been shot through a target but have lost it. To-night received your letter in reply to my one of Thanksgiving day.

Believe me I thought a good deal of you Dad and likewise of Sister. I do not write about her but often think of her and as yet I can't hardly believe she is not home ready to welcome me when I return. Her memory is so sacred to forget and even when we feel blue, we always have pleasure in the thought that we love her as few daughters and sisters are loved and we will always think of her as the dear old Dot. God Bless her soul in heaven because sister will always be the same to me. "Sister" and I to her as "Kid"

Dad's answer in his letter as to my going to his store rather all is great and relieves me of a great deal of worry and hard thinking as to my future. I now can attack my present job with more vigor and think less of the future. I am now going to make up my bed for the night so will close with love to all. Don't forget Ma as I am afraid I am neglecting her, but I love her just the same. Goodbye with love,

Howard.