

CAMP HANCOCK

Augusta, Ga.

February, 1st. 1918.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Yesterday, we signed the payroll and I suppose we will get paid about the 10th of the month. Today I am on Guard being relieved at 4.30 P. M. As yet my package has not arrived but am expecting it in every mail.

The foot locker is just wonderful and believe me I certainly do love it. Everything can be kept so nice and clean.

Last night the fellows played a joke on me. They twined my cot upside down with everything on it. Then they placed my trunk on top of the pile, added to this they blocked up the door with logs of wood buckets, washboard, tub and everything moveable in the tent. Then just under the electric light they placed a pail of water which I walked on and spilt on my shoes. Such are the daily pranks done by the jokers of the camp. Last week one of the fellows in our tent began to kick and crab so when he went in to town we filled his cot and blankets with a cord of wind.

I received a letter from Aunt Ethel written by her on the typewriter. She is making out pretty good so far as I can see. In one of the empty mess halls they have taken out the tables and put new drop lights over half the tables. These we use for writing and playing games. The other half we use for dancing. We have our new Victrola there and all our dance records. Last night between calls I was dancing and playing checkers. Some of the boys swear they will make me a champion checker player. I like the game and am anxious to learn.

Saturday night I expect to go into town to a dance. I am anxious to get to it as I like dancing and now since I have danced in the mess hall I want to continue the pleasure.

One of our boys in this tent is now smelling a bottle which had a pint of booze in it. He is winking his eye and smacking his lips. Give my love to all and take care of yourself.

Lovingly,
Howard.

P.S. I took out \$5,000 of insurance, I knew this would please you and in case of a quick muster out I have an expensive policy on a cheap basis, yet thoroughly reliable.

H.