

CAMP HANCOCK

Augusta, Ga.

March 18, 1918.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Received last night the box of cats and it was of course fine. Much obliged Dad for the smokes. They are always appreciated heartily.

Yesterday we got an order to send our lockers home at once, giving us only three days to get rid of them. I at once packed my pillow and blankets in my trunk put everything in which I could not use and locked and addressed it. I took it over at once to the Y. M. C. A. and sent it by southern express collect I could not pay on this end as they do not receive or weight freight at this station. It only being a temporary station. I will enclose a receipt which you can give to Dad then take it to the express office and pay the Fee. Whatever it amounts to take out of my money in bank at the Savings Fund.

Last night I was in town to a dance and had a wonderful time. Nearly all of the party, supper and shows was paid for by the fellows who all had checks from home and I chipped \$2.00 the money you sent me. I believe we will be paid on Wednesday so my financial difficulties will be settled.

Got a very nice letter from Pets tonight in which she states about Bob, being in the first Class of the Draft to be called on March 29th. It certainly is too bad he will be called, but everyone sooner or later will feel the burden of the war and for my part I am glad I have been in this long and am nearly ready to be sent across. The general feeling in the ranks is that an honor is conferred upon a fellow if he is sent across. Only the pick of the country fighting force is sent, and one going over an honor. I hope I am given the honor. Tonight was at the Y. M. C. A. church. This letter being written on Sunday night mailed Monday.

When we go over I will not tell you but will arrange things so as you will know at once when I arrive in France or England.

We are supposed to be sent to Yapkank L. I. New York. Here we will be stationed for 10 days Quarentine and then will be shipped out secretly after our big review given there. While we will be at the island at Yaphank, you will be able to come and see me. It will only be a few hours run from Philadelphia and little expense. I am positive we will not

be allowed to leave before going unless we never have had any furlough. I understand they allow visitors in the camp to see the boys at any time. Naturally I would want to see you and will let you know later any developments.

Give my love to every body and if there is any changed plans at all will let you know at once.

The pillow in the trunk you will notice is not finished as I was afraid of spoiling it. If you can it would be nice to finish it.

Lovingly,

Howard.