

Enclosed will find key to trunk, the other will follow later
for safty. -105-

CAMP HANCOCK

Augusta, Ga.

March 19, 1918.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Received your letter last night and now we are camped back at the 109th to stay till leaving time. Tomorrow night we go on Guard. They are not wasting any time you can bet on that.

The mail is coming in better now, but rather slowly, I am very glad you read about the review. Maybe before we go over you may see the entire division on parade. Let us hope so anyhow. There have been numerous pictures taken of the division at drill, maybe some time you will see them, as I understand they are to be shown to the Military Authorities first and then the public.

I am very sorry I can't be with you for a while especially to sample the beans and a good square meal. When I do come back, believe me you will have to increase your larder. May your thoughts be as longing and sweet as mine are when you eat the "Lima Beans".

I wrote and thanked Cousin Ida for her efforts on my behalf with the C. T. C. I also keep in close communication with Charles Bell.

In the letter you spoke about clippings from the Blue and White. They were not enclosed and I would be very glad if you would send them so as I can keep in touch with events of the old school.

Here at the regiment, I am quartered with the cooks, so expect to fare better. It has been raining steadily for three days and the roads are a mess. Just at present it is pouring rain and they blew recall from drill. This morning when Dutch and I reported to Little he certainly was glad to see us back.

Mother as Easter is drawing near I know you will send me a nice large box. Now instead of buying too much Easter Eggs or maybe a gift, I would much rather have a good box of CIGARS and you can tell the same to anybody who wishes to send me stuff. Tonight we expect to get paid. Let us hope so.

Easter Sunday if I am not on Guard, I am going into Church to Communion at St. Pauls Episcopal church. I think that I will stay in town that night so as I can go to early service.

Give my love to Ma tell her I haven't forgotten her,

As ever,

Lovingly,

Howard.

P. S. Just received a much better and warmer overcoat.

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