

CAMP HANCOCK.

Augusta, Ga.

November 11th, 1917.

Dear Mother and Dad;

I am writing this letter in answer to both yours and Dad's received the package on Friday night. Everything in it was fine and you can send me just a few envelopes but no pencils for a long time. You must thank Aunt Annie for the apples and Cousin Em for the Walnut candy. The apples were delicious also the candy which I love very much. You need not send my underwear, as yet it is not cold enough. I am very glad you are sending the gloves because some mornings my hands stick to the bugle. One thing you can send next week. Look in my bureau draw and get my grey swade gloves. They will be very good for full dress or going in to town. I left off writing to go blow church call and then went to Church. It is now 10.20.

Yesterday I sent a real long letter to Bill, Ask him to let you read it. Also sent Aunt Jessie a small souvenir, just a remembrance from Sunny South.

Now about my furlough. If I do not hear about it during this week I know it will have been turned down. I certainly hope I can get it because the Colonel in Church this morning remarked about the certainty of our departure somewhere between the 16th and 30th of December. About the only reason we have not sailed is the lack of Woolen Uniforms. of which we are to get two heavy suits upon time of sailing. Everything will be collected and entire new outfits given to each man, even new gun.

IMPORTANT:

In case I cannot get my furlough I know you will want to send me some eats for Thanksgiving. Directions are as follows.

Pack securely in light wooden box not over 25 lbs in all and give to Mayor in his office on or before, not a minute later than November 20th. Nothing to be put in which will not last 6 days. These boxes will be sent free of charge direct to our Chaplin in 109th Regiment through courtsey of Philadelphia relief and soldiers fund. We were told this morning and the stuff will be sent by special car, with cooperation of the railroad.

I am telling you this because in case I am unable to get atfurlough, then as you spoke about sending me a box I thought perhaps you would be interested in this news. Please send me a few cigars and if anybody else sends any tell them to "Bold" (strong) I am crazy over them and they are a Philadelphia cigar.

Wednesday I go on Guard again and if in conversation with the Colonel am going to ask him if my furlough was accepted. If it is will write at once. Will say good bye and will write later.

With love,
Howard.

Dad;

My pen is still working great and is a beautiful gift. Would have a hard time without it. Regards to the men who wished to be remembered to me. H.