

CAMP HANCOCK.

Augusta, Ga.

November 20th, 1917.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Received Mother's letter of the 17th last night. It is a beautiful letter and the things you asked of me in regard to my manhood, I am doing my best to hold up. So far I have not even spoken to a woman since I have been down except one of our boy's wives.

How do you like my new stationery some class. The tablet only costs 15 cents for 50 sheets so I bought three different kinds.

Yesterday who should come down our street but four hospital men on horses. I did not recognize Steven I believe his name is Steven Stevenson am I (right) anyhow, from Dad's church I had a ride on his horse and was introduced to his friends and invited over to his camp. Field Hosp. No. 3. He is a dandy fellow and looks great. His friends, who was with him is a town mate of one of the sargents, Bill Wallace in our tent. The both of us are going to give them a return visit.

This morning some of the fellows had a dispute so they put on the boxing gloves and fought it out. That is the way of camp life. There are some more camp rumors which, are supposed to have come from General Stillwell's headquarters. That all the regiments which were broken up are to be returned to the commands. Then the regiments are going on Guard duty all over the U. S. using only the 28th Division which our regiment is a member. In one way, I hope this is true but one can never tell a bout these camp rumors.

Now as to gifts for Christmas it is rather hard for me to think of anything as a present I don't believe I need anything especially, but here is some things which I certainly would like to have and will make me very happy that does not mean that I am discontented, the following articles are as follows, and you can pass them on to my Aunts and Uncles if they intend to remember me.

1 Jar Tobacco. ~~Box~~ 1 lb. Jar (Walnut Blend)
(get it at Middleton's, Front and Dock St.)

1 Straight stem pipe only
1 box of cigars strong (Bold)
1 pair Putties (leggings) Number 1's

Please do not get ones with strap on bottom. They are called leggings, but I want canvas putties worth either \$1.50 or \$2.00 I could use two pair nicely in case some of my Aunts would like to get me a pair. If you send me any of the above articles

it would tickle me to death if you would, strickly follow directions because each is what I want and cannot get otherwise.

Something else also, I do not believe you can buy it but if so it is up to you. A long piece of cloth with pockets ~~xxxx~~ in, to hold my toilet articles tablet as wide as this large sheet tooth brush and comb box of powder shaving brush and razor also brush, with a strap at each end to roll up in a ball and tie see sketch.

If this is not plain enough tell me what you do not understand. It is made out of canvas like my pillow top and is hung up on the side of the tent by the rings. When not in use is rolled up and tied up with the tapes. The exact length is 2 feet. one pocket is run faced with rubber like the bag you sent me.

To-day one boy returned from a furlough and brought a huge box of eats from home. Tonight we are going to have a huge feast.

Write soon, with love,

Howard,

Enclosed something true to dear old Dad.

Can pass around for Christmas, of course I don't expect to get all of these things but pick out what you think I need and then my friends can do the rest.

50 - 3¢ stamps (25 in each book)

Shaving brush, real soft.

Shaving strap

Wash rag

French mirror (polished on both sides with case so as it does not get scratched.

Goodbye, with love,

Howard

Please give letter to Aunt Ethel.