CAMP HANCOCK.

Augusta, Ga.

November 8th, 1917.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Received your letters this morning believe me they certainly are always chuck full of news. I wrote you a postal yesterday as I was short on time, on account of night drill it was afterwards countermanded but I went to bed early. Then the rest of the gang kept me awake telling dirty jokes.

To-day we were paid. This time they paid us in checks and I have to go into town to get it cashed I am going to go easy on the money so as I will have something to spend when I come home on Thanksgiving because I cannot picture myself being refused. I certainly hope and sincerely pray that the Colonel signs my paper so that it will be O. K. Even though we are here Christmas I am positive it will be very hard if not impossible to get one then. There are not very many applying now and for Christmas nearly the entire company is trying for ten days leave. I believe you will see my point and know why I am anxious to get it now.

I would be tickled to death if I could spend Christmas home but I can't get both and am afraid I would be left if I waited till the 25th of December.

To-day I received five letters one from Mrs. Lindauer. Please send me her address in your next letter. Miss Fritsinger wrote me also Laura Sanborn who sent me some magazines several days ago.

Important: Will you ask Miss Fritsinger to write her brother to put in a good word for me with Colonel. She said anytime I wanted a favor done to ask her and she would do all she could. This would help a whole lot and by word to her would be better than wasting several days in a letter. Please see her at once and state the facts.

They have boxing bouts tonight and I am going over to see them. With love to all also to my darling pup.

Howard.

Items are very interesting.