

War Work Council

ARMY AND NAVY.  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

"With the Colors"

October 12, 1917.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Received your letter tonight and as usual answered it at once. Your letters are to precious let go. I received my glasses several days ago and wrote you an swering last letters from you and Dad. In answer to your questions I have written to everybody whom I have received goods from and also letters. Today I received a can of tobacco from Grandma. It was very kind and I will send her a letter either tonight or tomorrow. I want to thank you very much for your letter, stamps and dollar. I can make good use of each thing. Tonight I received five 1 letters one was from Aunt Annie, with a note from dear little Anna. I still have some of Aunt Ethel's salted peanuts left I am not going to hereafter give all my stuff away, but am going to offer it only once and then keep the rest for myself.

Today I had some spare time to myself and in company with my bunkie, the new bugler who is a very nice young fellow, we washed clothes amounting to \$2.50 we went 50-50. These clothes belong to the sargents we charge 15 suits underwear 20¢ shirt, cocks 3¢ handkerchiefs 4 for 5¢ pants 20¢ leggins 5¢. These are our charges. Of course we go 50-50 on all expenses soap. bucket, brushes.

Yesterday "me and me bunkie" went in town on the Captain's pass. We stayed in till nine o'clock and then came back to camp pretty well tired. While in town I bought a ring which nearly all of the boys who have money hve have one, called and Infantry Campaign Ring. I will try to draw for you the exact picture of the ring. It cost me two dollars and is sterling silver. We are not allowed to wear any gold jewelry. They are \$4.00

My pencil is to stumpy blunt to make a good diagram. The ring is surrounded by stars with War of 1917 U. S. Winder cross guns is Infantry. A very neat ring. On the sides is emblazen and eagle with spread wings. I hope you will be able to understand what it is like. After buying several things which I needed such as a pistol care 35¢ We had supper at the Walton Dairy Lunch costing 85¢ Waffles and maple surup. Ham and eggs, french fried, lima beans bread butter, coffee, Pie Ah La Mode. We took in a 10¢ movie in the evening.



Tomorrow we are going to have a field inspection out in the field with regular marching equipment. On Sunday I am going to church.

Tell Dad I received a fine letter from Mr. Jarrett in answer to my postal, also a letter from Mr. Griffith who says in answer to my request that he would let you read my letter.

I have written twice to the boys and received no ~~xxx~~ reply, tell Bill to wake up that bunch of tobacco smokers, especially Pete Ashmead. Please send the bundle, if you do not mind on Wednesdays as it will reach me on Saturday a fine day for cats over Sunday. Will be very much obliged for any stamps as I have used quite a number of books besides those which you sent me. Received a nice postal from Fred and his Mother is going to send me some magazines, which is very kind of her.

Do not worry about my smoking too much. I am taking care of both my stomach and head. Tell Mr Raymond Ryle I will be on the lookout for his box of cigars. Will be very glad to receive my pillow.

Will now say good bye. Please tell Aunt Florie I am very sorry about poor Beauty some dog deaths.

With lots of love,

Howard.