

October 18th, 1917.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Received your most welcome letter this morning and am answering it at once. I wrote you a letter yesterday and by now you must have received it.

Things are not going very smoothly now as everything is again upset. There is now 250 men in our company and it takes over an hour to serve out the food. I waited a half hour for dinner and then after waiting so long for such a poor meal believe me I was some disgusted. If we have such a poor supper tonight I am going into town and buy something. I suppose in a couple of weeks things will settle down and we will get better things to eat and more of it. At present they have not got the provisions to meet new demands, therefore we have to suffer.

Mother you spoke about me not spending my money foolishly. I am not. The only thing I use my money for is mostly getting meals in town, which as you may know certainly runs into money.

I do not know Lewis Dillon's address. He is not in the Guards any longer and he did not give me his address. I have no means of getting it, but if he writes and I get his address I will send it to you.

Tell Aunt Ethel I do not at present know of anybody who she could Mother, as is the expression, at present. Will give further particulars later. If she wants to she may write to my bunkie "Dutch" I will give you his full name at the end of the letter as soon as he comes in. His home connections are not very good and I believe he would appreciate mail.

I am very glad you are going to join the Red Cross in our Regiment, as it is a worthy organization. Harry Hornikel's Aunt belongs and attends meetings regular.

My bunkie just came in and would be tickled to death if Aunt Ethel would write to him. He would appreciate it and receives very little mail from home. Please don't forget.

Bugler Charles Lohmiller,  
Co. G. 109th Inf. U. S.  
Camp Hancock,

Ga. (My address)

Everything which I receive I share with him and he is the best companion I have gone with. He is very rough and ready but with a heart like gold and anything of his is part mine. That is his nature.



I was very glad to receive the Parish Recorder. It has some very interesting news and I saw all the items you checked off.

It will not be necessary for you to have my glasses fixed, because these lens I am using are in a steel frame and are not apt to break very easily, anyway, when I come back I will have to have them changed again.

As to my going to church, I am attending services regular every Sunday. Our Chaplin preached a very good sermon on Sunday, in relation to our closeness to God and why we should pray to him daily for help and strength during our walk in every day life. I do not forget either to read my Bible at night or say my prayers. When I come home I ~~xxxx~~ really believe I will be better fitted to start civilian life again, both morally and phisically than ever befor because I am putting into daily practice what has been taught me at home, and which in your letters you remind me of.

All the boys say I am getting fat, especially in the face. One thing I do know, and that is I am feeling fine, even though I am not getting much heavier. I hope you will be able to get some blankets or quilts as I asked for in my last letter, because the weather is very changeable and at present we are having a hot wave, except at night.

I suppose the boys don't mean for me to give all of the cigars away, although I will see that they are distributed as they desire, among the fellows who, need and will appreciate them. I am always glad to receive stamps and Eets always puts a stamp in for the return ~~xxx~~ envelope. I hope in my last letters you will see an improvement over my previous letters in spelling. These I have taken more care with. As yet I have not heard from Mrs. Pitts but Fred's address is;

Frederick R. Pitts  
4 R. House  
State College  
Pennsylvania.

He would be glad if you dropped him a line.

Give my love to Ma Pinkie and best of all Dad keep keep up good cheer and if God wills I will be with you for Christmas Dinner. With his help and my endeavor, we will once again be together even if it is only for a day.

With love to all  
Howard X

I kissed the sheet on X for each dear one at the fireside.

Kiss the pup on the favorite spot.