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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

"With the Colors"

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My Dear Mother and Dad;

Received both letters one from each of you, together this morning. I am very glad you liked Emilys' letter. This morning received a box of cakes and some candy from her party. They tasted very good and I did not offer them to all the tent. Neither will I the buns. I think it was very kind of them to think of me at the party and it makes me feel more like fighting on and sticking down on the job.

Believe me it certainly is hard at times to do what is supposed to be my duty. Please tell Mr. Dunn that I will come home with a clean slate. I am very glad you have got the service flag out, as I have seen so many I thought it would be nice to have one.

Received also today your envelopes which were just in time and a box of candy from Fets Bless her soul, she certainly is good hearted. George Mathews, as I said in my last letter was here on Saturday he sends his regards.

Yesterday I went over to see Sgt. DeBee. We had a confidential talk and he sends his best regards. As to the sweater its value can not be estimated down here. All the boys rave about it. In Augusta I saw some, costing \$6.50. They are very thin and not worth over \$3.00. I am glad you spoke about stamps as I had to buy some. I wrote a letter to Dr. Douglas and a postal to Mr. McIlheny. Please tell the Doctor if you see him how much I appreciate and value his pipe. A pipe down here is my best silent friend. If Grandma says she wants to buy anymore tobacco. I am nearly out and she wants to keep me supplied.

I think it is just as well I write my letters addressed to Mother and Dad but to be opened by either one. No partiality to be shown and letters are for both, because I love one as well as the other and love both together.

I am very glad you and Dad are going to the Resurrection Church as much as possible. I certainly do love that good old church. Please give my regards to Mr Lindsley, and tell Ma for me that the Molasses cake certainly hit me between the eyes and I enjoyed it with my coffee. "What was left after I gave the boys some."

I will look up Francis Steve., but I do not know where the Hospital is.

There certainly is some class to your poem, Dad, I always knew you were a poet. I am very glad you are taking care of me pet. She is dear to me, especially comparing her with dogs in camp.

In this letter you will find a poem certainly suited to you Dad and I wish you would keep it. The farther I am from you and Mother the more I think of you.

Yesterday on my trip in town I wrote you a postal from the Y. M. C. A. I suppose you got it before this letter.

I waited till about 5.50 before I went for supper, and I was so hungry I just thought I could eat the store out. I determined to get a good meal to-day, no matter what it cost even if I didn't have another cent left. I went in sat down at a double table and without looking at the Menu just ordered up my meal. I had ordered a double of French Fried and double of Lima Beans. They informed me they only had string beans so I took them and an order of peas a side of rice two big breaded veal chops two hot rolls, cup coffee piece apple pie and plate of ice cream. The waiter looked at me as though I was crazy or had eyes three times bigger than my stomach. Believe me I fooled the ears off of him. I cleaned up that meal and made the out fit look sick. The waiter stood back of me and looked at me all through the meal. After he gave me the check which amounted to \$1.00 including cigar 5¢ which I had lit before I walked up to the desk. The cashier looked at me and smiled. He didn't realize what a real man with a real appetite could eat. Believe me this sleeping out and living all together in the open is a pocket book breaker for an appetite. I got weighed later in the evening and I weigh about 128 lbs with my clothes counting what I had lost, I am the gainer of three lbs ~~xxx~~ since arrival.

Will close with love and best wished.

Your loving son,

Howard.

Please do not forget my glasses as my eyes are bothering me a great deal.

Were innoculated again to-day. This makes my third down here and I believe there is only one more. To be put in the base of the spine, against spine trouble.