

I. G. M. Y.
Sept 7-17

Dear Mother + Father
It certainly seemed funny
to wake up Thur. morning
and find myself so far from
home. I hope you are all
well and happy as I am the
same I was certainly glad
to see you at the train before
I left. Elizabeth that judge didn't
last five minutes. it certainly
was good. we got into St Louis
5.30 P. M. next day. we left the
train and marched up through
the city for exercise. I had been
helping cook all the way up
so I could get all I could eat
our train meals consists of coffee
canned beans, potted ham, tomatoes

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bread, and sometimes sugar
in the coffee. M. S. certainly fed
their men well especially me.
If you don't help yourself, no-
body will. we went through the
center of St L - some city.

Our train was all marked up
with writing. Kansas devils,
not drafted, submarine chaser etc
we certainly had lots of fun
on the train. Every bod cheered
at every town. some towns
blowed their whistles. At Columbus
Ohio we went up through the
struts for exercise land there at
10.30 next day. we went on the
Penn. lines from St Louis. They
certainly sped.

arrived at Pittsburg 7 P.M.
 Tuesday night. say talk about
 a city you could lose D.C. in
 Pittsburg, sure is some mfg
 city. We met the D.C. signal
 corps on the way some of the
 fellows I knew. After we left
 Pittsburg out through the mountains
 this night, some of the prettiest
 scenes you ever saw, around
 horse shoe bend some seen.

We seen the Bethlehem steel
 Co. smelters. never seen such
 big places. At Plattsburg seen
 every whistle in town blow
 you ought to have heard us
 fellows yell. That all we did
 when we came into a town

At Philadelphia Penn. we
marched through the streets
This is a real pretty city.

We came into New York on
Wednesday evening all the
way from Phila to N.Y. is
just a regular city all the way.

We went through the big station
at N.Y. under the Hudson River
and several other rivers. I thought
we would never get through
N.Y. it is so big. we had
2 spec train 3 men to a double
seat. It was night when we
got to camp. The rainbow div.
have been coming into camp
as fast as they can get here.

We walked about 3 miles
before we arrived to our camp.

You can't see nothing but
soldiers all around. We had
to put up our pup tents to
sleep in this night, but got
our squad tent next day.

Talk about being busy. It is sure
a job to get things straightened
out for a decent camp, especially
the way the government want
it. Our camp is laid out
in co streets. There is a
biplane school close by
biplane in the air all the
time. We are about 4 miles
from the ocean. I have not
had time to go have camp set.

There is about 30,000 soldiers here so it is said. They gave us rain coats, and more blankets it is warm in day time but awful cool at nights. There is a Y.M.C.A. on the grounds here. The bunch is all down there now just raising the dickens. They have a victrola and piano. People come out from N.Y. and give entertainments there. I wrote some cards at different cities on the train I hope you got them, also from here. Mama I hope you are keeping well and not worrying about me don't do that. Because if anybody

is going to look after her
 it is going to be me. Every body
 for himself. If papa happens
 to build be sure and let me
 know. If you can't read
 this letter it is not my fault
 I am sitting on the end of a
 cot trying to write on my knee
 Papa how are things going
 with you. I hope you are
 well and happy and not
 working too hard. It is
 not known when we will
 go to France but it can't be
 very long. You know it
 take quite a while to get a
 letter back and forth so don't
 be long in writing.