

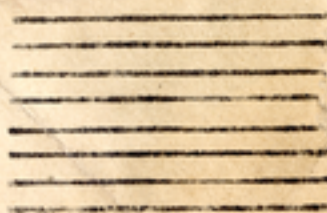


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Dear Mother + Father Bros
and sisters.

Received your welcome letter
and again glad to hear you
are all well, as the same is
with me. Mama if you are
not well; papa is, and if papa
is not well, you are. That's the
way it used to go; isn't it?

Papa, surely that \$350 saving
bill could not give you a pain
in the back - "could it?" By the
time this letter reaches you
I hope you feeling better.

I received a letter from Aunt
Amelia today. She is feeling
well, but Uncle Bob has been
troubled with indigestion.
She was asking about you
+ papa. They have struck
water on their farm and

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she seemed glad about it.
I wrote her some time ago but
in her letter, she had not got
it at that time. Smithy wrote me
the other day, he does not like
the camp they are at. Earl says
smithy's name was out on the
draft list the other day. ha! ha!
I bet smithy is sure laughing
~~to~~ himself. Mama you say
willie may be drafted in
Jan. I hope he will not have
to go. well from what I have
already learned it takes a
long while to make a soldier.
By the time the next draft is
~~called~~ trained the war will
be over. I think as far as Rich
is concerned; he would be out
of the question. when we get
across, we will not see action

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until at least march or april.
maybe may. Most everyone in
this Div has gone now. We
have orders to pack up tonight.
I have turned in my cot
and clumped out the straw
on the tent floor. Our barracks
bags are all packed ready
to go. We will probably leave
Wednesday. but may not get
on the water for a week. some
excitement in camp. Everyone
anxious to go. The Mo. signal
corps left some time ago.

The camp sure looks dead
now. The tents are left standing
as they are. This camp will be
occupied by other soldiers
soon. Harry Lander put on a
short play at the camp Saturday
"Free" He was pretty good. He

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certainly had some audience. He also made a talk on the war. When the Oklahoma sanitary train left. All of us fellows took their stoves from the tents. The place was guarded to keep the fellows from taking them. Every time the guards would turn their back someone would run out with a stove under his arm. until every one in our co. had a stove. It certainly was sport. getting em. Papa you might ask; who lights the fire in the morning? well I haven't lit it yet. ha! ha! The soldiers sure do treat a few mean here. sometimes they go down where they have their concessions and take everything they have in it. ~~The~~ Mama the Red Cross of



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M. Y. have donated us wool sweaters, wristlets, mufflers, and wool helmets. and other small things. There would be no hurry in sending those other thing until later. But if you have already sent them it will be alright.

I told you about throwing the picture away I had taken.

The first time I have a chance I will get some more. Received Joe's + Florence's letters today.

The play is just starting at this Y. M. The wooden tables are rocking and fellows pushing my arm so I will close for now. Hoping all the best with the best of love

Your lovin' son + Bro.

will try and write before leaving.

George.