

Fort Bragg, W.C.
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Jo.

Perhaps an apology would be in line for this ~~last~~ delayed answer. However I will not apologize, I will explain. For one whole week I was on K.P. duty. It is famous for being very rough, if you only knew how rough it really is. We go to work, - when an K.P. - at 5.30 in the morning and work until 9.30 at night. ~~W.O.~~ On the nights before inspection we work much later sometimes until midnight. So you see we really have no time to write when on the well known K.P. After we clean up and shave after we are of duty it is time for lights everywhere to be out. We work awfully hard consequently are dead tired at night.

I am in somewhat of a hurry so you will have to be satisfied with a short letter. I promise a longer one next time. I sent you some snapshots

didn't you receive them? Write and tell what you thought of them. I will have more coming so you can expect some more very soon.

I wrote Uncle a big long letter trying to persuade him to stay here. I hope I helped some. I did and said what I could. I pulled no punches either. I gave it to him straight. I hope I don't hurt his feelings.

We had about eight inches of snow last week. It sure reminded me of home. It made me just a little homesick.

There isn't anything new here. All we are doing is simulating and waiting. Waiting for the day when they tell us to pack up! They have rid the ~~row~~ outfit of men who were incompetent. Some because they weren't mentally fit others had other handicaps physical and otherwise. They are getting rid of men who are not wanted.

I'm glad you have heard from Harry, and that you think he is

close to the continent. Yes, you told me about his being a Seaman first class.

No, in many cases it is not inefficiency when men are moved back and forth in the Army. You must remember that many new Divisions are being formed. For these new divisions they need Cadres. By cadres I mean a group of ~~new~~ non-commissioned officers that have been thoroughly trained and sent to these new camps as a nucleus for the new outfits. There have been several cadres left here and more are rumored to go. You see in order to expand the army has to have plans ahead of time for the recruits coming in. Therefore a considerable amount of movement of men is required. I hope I sound convincing?

Yes, I received the clippings you sent me. I thought I had thanked you for them. I will now thank you ever so much. I appreciated it very much.

It is getting awfully late so I'll sign off. Write soon tell me if you received the pictures
Pete.

Please answer
a little sooner. You don't
know how welcomed mail is to
us. If you knew I'm sure you
would write oftener.

Incidentally if you look in
the issue of "Look" of March 10 you
will see a picture of Hiwassee Dam.
It is just exactly as it really is.
I spent many a lonely hour on the
top left hand side of that place.
The dam I mean,