



FORT BRAGG, N. C.

Station Hospital  
March 20, 1942.

Go.  
Thought I'd write and tell you I'm progressing as expected. I can't sit up in bed yet. I'm writing from a half sitting half lying position making it very difficult to write.

I should be able to walk around a little in two or three days, and if everything goes well I should be out by Wed. or Thurs. Of one thing I am convinced that is that I'm going to live. I'm too tough for even an army doctor to kill me off.

I'm writing in

pencil because my pen  
is almost out of ink I  
thought I better save what  
little is left for addressing  
envelopes.

I will sure be  
glad to be up and about  
again not having to ask  
someone to do everything  
for me.

I recieved your  
package I regret to say  
that it came at a most  
unopportune time. Just  
when I can't eat. I have  
no appetite at all. I have  
to force myself to eat at  
meal times. You can rest  
assured that the cookies won't  
go to waste. I haven't opened  
the package yet, but  
will do so in the morning.

I haven't heard from  
Uncle for over two weeks.  
You don't suppose I offended  
him with my last letter?



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I hope not!

In case I didn't tell you in my last letter, the mules are quite pretty and young. Of course the boys pestel them until they almost drive them nuts.

I regret to tell you that I'm unable to send you the pictures yet.

Don't get to optimistic but my chances for a furlough are very good. I just discovered <sup>that</sup> all men convalescing from operations are recommended for quite large furloughs. Don't count on it too much but chances are the best ever. Of course I will have to wait until after pay day,

I wrote and told Uncle about it and told him not to tell you anything about the furlough because I wanted to surprise you. I have changed my mind though and thought I'd tell you.

The only thing that stands in the way is the movement of the outfit sometime between now and the time my furlough comes into effect. This movement is very imminent as outfits are moving out right and left. I will tell you no more about it until I actually arrive there.

If you want to see me wish me luck. I'll write again soon as I get out of bed which will probably be Sunday.

Incidentally my address remains the same.

Bye now  
Rito