

Fort Bragg, N. C.

July 1, 1942

Hello Folks,

In a few days it will be one year that I left home. It ~~has seemed~~ does seem like a long, long time. A year ago I was looking forward to this July because my year would then be up.

I believe that this month we will not have a holiday ~~of~~ on the "Fourth". We will go on with regular duty. Not even any passes will be given because of the rush crowds.

A week from tomorrow we leave Fort Bragg for

good. We are going on a two week maneuver, then returning to a new camp somewhere in Virginia. Where we will be nearer the coast for more training on water.

Uncle, did you receive ~~my~~^{your} birthday present to you. I hope it was satisfactory. As for my present, just forget. If you haven't sent it, don't send it until you hear from me, ~~telling~~^{telling} you we are settled. Of course you know that things can change at any time. Everything is unsettled they are sending

men out in twos and threes
to different outfits leaving
the country. So that now
the organization of the
company is all shot. It
will take some time
to straighten things out.

I'm sending
Josephine an allotment so
she can save it for me.
I am able to save it now,
but whenever we leave
then it will be almost
impossible for me to either
send it home, and if
I save it someone will
probably steal it. By making
this allotment she will get
it no matter where I go.
I recieved your
money order today. Thank you

But you shouldn't have done it. You have more worries than I, and you surely need the money more than I do.

Has the gas rationing affected you yet? During this rubber drive they didn't take your tires away from you did they?

I could sure do with some of those good old mountain breezes, and some good cold water.

Our drinking water is quite poor and warm as soup.

I can't find time to do any swimming. I have been going nights, but I have to stay in and ~~rest~~ write to often.

Usually I'm behind so many letters, that I just don't know where to begin.

At the present the picture overseas really is looking very dark, and seems to be getting worse and worse. I'm wondering whether the tide will ever turn in our favor.

Now that our raise has come through (even though we are not sure of whether we will get it this month or not), the prices in articles have already gone up same as hair cut rates, bus fares, etc. They want to take it away as fast as we get it.

I suppose though, it is only fair.

I think I've covered almost everything of interest so I'll close.

I'll write again before I leave, and again when we are settled. Until then my address remains the same. Don't be surprised at anything, however. We're just as apt to come back to Bragg as we are not to.

Answer soon,

As ever

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