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FROM OUR BOYS HERE AND OVER THERE

Co. M., 155th Inf., Camp Merritt N.J.
Friday afternoon, August 9, 1918.

Dear Folks at Home:

Have arrived at Camp Merritt and like it fine, although it is awful warm here.

Suppose you have gotten some of the cards I sent you all. I had a wonderful trip. Left Beauregard, La., Saturday evening at seven o'clock and got here yesterday (Thursday) at noon. We came through Arkansas, Missiouri, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Canada, New York, Pennsylvania and to Newark, N. J. We are near the coast, about three miles from Hoboken.

This camp is something like Camp Taylor. We have the barracks, instead of tents like we had at Beauregard. Wish I could begin and tell you all about the trip.

We stopped several times and talked to the ladies and girls. You know how Kentucky boys are; they love the women.

The time I enjoyed most was our trip to the great Falls. We stopped in a little place, I have forgotten it at the present time, about a mile and a half from the Falls.

We started, about six hundred of us. Left the train about seven o'clock and by the time we got to the Falls the sun had begun to shine. You know how beautiful it is in the morning when the sun is beginning to shine, and its brightness on the falling water made it look all colors. I never saw anything more beautiful. I had never dreamed of getting to take a trip like that, without it costing me one cent; I mean the train fare.

The Red Cross ladies at Detroit and several places were awfully nice to us. They gave us cigarettes, candy, etc.

Now, I can say I have been out of the United States, but was glad when we came back into New York State.

I could have told you all where I was expecting to come but wasn't sure.

We are here for a short stay and then we will start overseas.

I am getting more anxious to go every day.

I was in hopes I could get home before leaving, but guess it was for the best. I haven't yet found out what boys came, but think all of them that were down at Beauregard.

They certainly have some dandy places up here for us boys to enjoy ourselves. The Y. M. C. A. buildings are real large and give us good pictures. Merritt Theatre is fixed awfully nice. Last night I was up there and run up on Forrest Warren from Carlisle. I was sure glad to see him for he is the first boy from home I have seen.

I don't believe I told you about seeing Raymond Williams at Beauregard about ten days ago. I think he is here now somewhere. I never saw as many soldiers in one place in my life. They are so thick sometimes we can hardly walk.

We have nothing much to do so we ...

July 11, 1918.

To the Dear Folks at Home:

Just a few lines from the Front.

Am well and am glad to see from your letter your are the same.

We've had some busy times the past couple months, and now it is over I'm going to tell you a little bit about it.

One day, some time ago (I am not permitted to give dates) we were told to pack up. We marched a little ways, got on a train and rode several hours and then hiked again. And we certainly did cover some ground. We passed wagon trains, artillery, every kind of horse or mule drawn vehicle, marched from early morning until night, rested two or three hours and would then start again. And no outfit that C Company, 5th Machine Gun Battalion passed ever overtook us. Of course, our anxiety to get to the front helped us to beat out other outfits for this company is one of the crack outfits and is always happiest when the fighting is the hottest. And we surely had some hot fighting which I'll tell about later.

After marching for three or four days, covering according to some reports, 128 miles, in that time we went into the reserve line, after having but two hours sleep. Were we sore because we had to go into action when tired? Hardly! What had our goat was that our road was blocked by other troops going the same way so that it took us longer to get to our destination.

Where did all this occur? In a general way it was at the Second Battle of the Marne. After being on reserve for a couple of days we went into the front line. Did we stop the Boche? We not only stopped him but drove him back. The division that C Company is a part of is now recognized as one of the best divisions in the A. E. F. The old saying that a fellow would rather fight than eat really applies to us for we've done it.

The Hun has tried to get us with gas, rifles, grenades, big shells and little shells, but after he did his worst found himself farther back than when we just met him. You can imagine how hard he tried to get us when on one occasion gas was thrown over for seven and a half hours and shells as large as eight inch that I know of and according to report as large as twelve inch were thrown over. Fritz's efforts cost millions of dollars and all he got out of it was loss of ground, men and supplies. Of course we lost some men, but nothing like what the enemy did. Oh, yes. While I'm on the subject of shells, the twig I sent you was cut from a tree I was standing near by a German shell.

Well, we did our share up at the front and are now going back of the line to rest. I wonder if I'll be able to sleep at night without shells exploding. I'm so used to the noise that I'm afraid that the quiet will keep me awake. Sounds funny, doesn't it. Have the little dugouts we sleep in been described to you? We dig a hole about three feet deep, long enough for a man to stretch out in and wide enough for one or two men. Over the top are put logs with brush to keep out the dirt, and on top of that is piled the dirt. At one end is cut an "L" to crawl in by. Of course these dugouts will not stop even small shell but will stop shrapnel. The idea of the "L" at the entrance is to prevent any stray shrapnel from coming in as it could do if the entrance was a direct one. Then if there is time a deeper dugout is dug for its additional security.

I tell you we had some exciting times, but I'm glad I've been in it—glad I'm a member of such a company and of such a division.

I know I've not been very definite in relating what has happened, but you see we are not allowed to give dates or location of events, nor to name the division. Any news more definite must wait. But any news ...

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Miss Pansie Dorton is spending the week with Miss Ida Mae Ockerman.

The rain we had Sunday helped the crops immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dorton have returned from a visit near Bethel.

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TERMS very liberal and made known on day of sale.

For further information see
W. I. Dorsey, or
C. U. Bramblett, Broker.
Col. Geo. D. Speakes, Auctioneer.

Immediately after the above sale, I will sell at public auction one vacant lot 20x60 located on the corner of Main and Walnut streets, known as the Jas. Archdeacon corner, a very desirable building lot.

C. U. BRAMBLETT, Broker, Carlisle.
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