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Dear Brother:

I want to say that it just seems like yesterday that I wrote you & here it is a week ago already. I don't suppose you're used to the army yet. From all that I've heard it takes quite a while before anybody becomes acclimated to the drastic change from civilian life to being regimented and brought up to top form in a fighting outfit. There's only one advantage for you and that's that you're young and able to adapt yourself quicker than an older fellow like myself. But no matter how quick the change is it still takes you a lot of time and hard feeling to forget everything and concentrate on learning the army and what it's all about. I thought you would write me another letter but I guess your time flies just as fast as mine. Here I am sitting around and still

it's an effort to sit down and write you, even tho I can't do much else but write.

The thing that cripes me is that I am taking so long to get my strength back. It will be 4 weeks Tuesday that I came home and my knees are still shaky on the steps. Of course from what the doctor says that's the way pneumonia hits a fellow, so you stay away from it. Like I said in my last letter just take care in dressing and avoid taking cold. I suppose the Army doesn't let you lose any more time than is absolutely necessary, because they are trying to train you as fast as they can. So just remember that if you're in good health everything looks rosier.

Your time down here at Camp Lee is almost over, and I don't

imagine you have any idea yet where you are going or what you are going to do. As soon as you learn why leave us know. After all we don't know anything only what you write. If there's anything we can get you, leave us know. There enough of us back here, if you don't ask for too much. You get a good price on everything, so I suppose the only thing you really need is money. That's one thing more if we have too much of, but we all manage.

There's nothing new here only that Xmas is coming and that's all the kids have on their mind is Santa Claus. It makes me realize that I'm getting old when I ~~hear~~ and see their anticipation and remember how we used to go thru that same feeling and just sense the tension in the air up til Xmas Day. Nowadays

though there is only one thing
Santa Claus can bring and satisfy
everybody and that's the end
of this war. If not peace, then
an abiding faith in God to
help us through anything that
the future may hold for us, be-
cause it hits us back here a
lot more than anybody knows.
When you get right down to the
bottom, I figure like Pa used
to, that we will all live as
long as we are supposed to.

Jack, if you run across
somebody you know, why let
us in on it. Leave us know
things are going with you and
what you really need that you
can't get.

The kids all say hello to their
Uncle Jack and Jean too. So I
will close with best wishes for
good health & luck. Love Brother
Doc.