

drive almost here and there. This
is to a fact. The same as at
the weather is strong but not
understandably so far. There has been
a warm breeze blowing all the time
the last night I have left with
blanket.
Yesterday, Saturday I was in hits
duty and attended my duty, was
hot & hard, feeling pretty etc.
To-morrow I am going over to
Londrina and we about my
office job. I guess I will be a
week than a sick week.
The main type of conversation
has to do with bugs and marks. The
there always with country, marks
and marks & marks. Everything is
to death. There are plenty of treated

Sunday

Dear Mother;

at last I have a few minutes to
write to you. I have been really busy
since we arrived. However, I'll start by
telling a bit about the train ride.

We left on Monday about 10 AM. We
had nice cars. I think to a berth. We
alternated on the single upper. It was
of course a bit crowded because every
space was taken. At first it was quite
noisy but after a few hours things
settled down. You seem to know
about the cooking & stove in the baggage
car. There were several accordions and
guitars along so we sang. Occasionally
when we stopped, the porter would
run out for a bit of beer. We all
went to bed about 8 or so. I slept
well.

Every day the train stopped and we
got out and exercised. We had no

free time in any of the tours. Our route took us to Polygheepie, then along the water-level route to Chicago. We went there about 2 A.M. and I didn't wake up.

From there we went to St. Louis. We got there in the after-noon. Crossing the Mississippi was rather a nice experience. St. Louis was quite warm and seemed quite dirty.

From there we went to Springfield Mo.

I soon got tired of the flat country.

We then passed through Oklahoma into Dallas Texas. We arrived at Dallas Thursday after-noon. It seemed like a nice city and quite big. By that time we had seen corn, wheat + cotton fields. The first time for most of us. The weather all the way had been perfect.

We pulled into Balcones (the city nearest camp about 1 1/2 miles), about 8 A.M. We had previously gotten up at 5. Just before we arrived we ran into a regular down pour. It came in buckets. The first rain in four months. Right away the whole area became a regular mud whole. Fortunately the rain stopped, but the mud remained. It is about 4 inches deep. We walk on duck-boards except when we are working (which is most the time).

Camp Hudson is located on the plains of Texas. You can see for miles. There isn't a tree in sight. It isn't sandy, but rather a coarse grass growing on a black clay. I imagine it will be very dirty when the weather is dry. We have mess sharks with

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but you can get pretty sick. I'm not
too pleased with that part of camp.
The toilets are pretty lousy too.
They aren't flush, nor is there any
hot water. However new ones are
being built. The construction activity
is much like Camp Edwards.

There are three regiments down here.
One from New Hampshire and one
from Missouri. We are located
near a bay but the water is about
9 feet deep and full of jelly fish
& sting rays. so you can't go in
swimming. I haven't looked
around much so I have something
to look forward to. (?)

This morning we went to church
out of doors. Just a short

service. The minister was all dressed up - with hat. He is high Episcopalian but very nice and gives a rather good talk.

also this morning I had a third injection for typhoid. So far I haven't felt it, but I'm waiting. This is the last typhoid injection.

Well we all have to make coat racks now so I'll stop.

Lots of love to all.

Fred.

P.S. I received your letter this morning also the one from Bob. I also got the package today. It was forwarded from Cape Cod. Thanks for the stamp also the apples.

I may need a few things particularly my camera but wait, I'll let you know when to send it. Please let me know the results of the election.

I received my ballot today.

J.

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