Showd stretch of work but the solvery plenty of time to rest up. Indeed it is the boundary cand monotony that is the work. Ment as us are getting pretty with up manewers. We have would with and I for one would like to int in a chair. Me lither stand up has eve lie down two mouths I am sure will be enough.

Some of our battery (we travel by batteries not as a regiment & have been captived and they had a grand time. They may you meet fellows from all and and it is a great diversion.

are allowed to go to a neighboring town, but it is always so full as wholis that the is wat much point in it However

Dear mather -I am somy not to have written before, but this outdoor life to not very conduciose to letter uniting. Once I have a cord but it got will before I could mail it Received your letters regularly- thanks. I was interted about Bill. I froma co quite Comman in the army and in & reary for a discharge-too bod for Bill. We have led a vother revelers life for the port worth and now we have only about three weeks mone. Our/vanture concers a revises of problems which are military situations thought up at headquarters. Each problem losts about 3 or four days. During that time we are always under war conditions - no lights, carrieflage, night mavements etc. Our partialer

Diegiment is in a ned army. We are suffered to be an invoding army morning north from Men Alleans. Il undertand that we have about 45,000 men an our ride with about 65,000 force. The 'blue' or enemy It is all quite confiring and ment of the Time we don't prove whole or what we are doing. Some night me get an atent and ports up and more off about 30 or 30 miles. The cut ut up camp to tay pourly a few hours or possibly a few I wate about and our change sites are vorsed, sometimes in a field, other times in a swampy fact. He new de much mark than make our beds on the

ground. Sometimes if it is wet & of the are too wany runhes, we sleep in the trucks. Strangely enough I haven't been at all bother with runs trouble. It is bethe than it has been all year. I can't surportand it. I have though been botherd by pour they I have some of it still on my chest. Some of the boys had it last and took infections More unit that box. there has also been some desigentary, but so for I have availed even the elighter touch. all in all & fell fine and am getting fat and lazy. The is nothing to do all day but lelef and lat. Sometimes its two has to deep no we lat work. When I see the work done by the engineers and infunting I Every now and then we have a

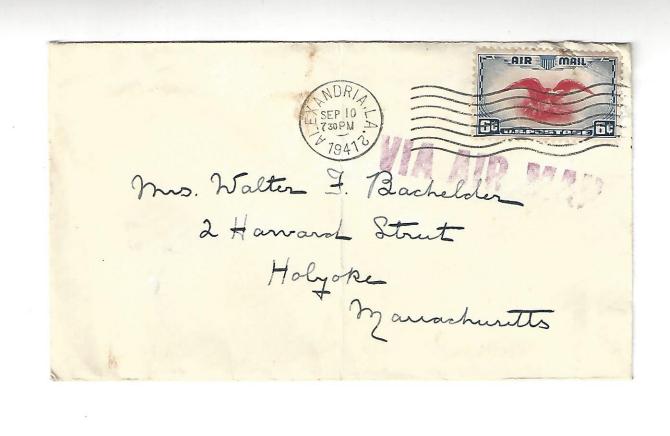
the the whole time. But they we might also work around. anyway the address will be the rund.

now I came to the big news. Perhaps you know that they are going to let rome men ant nell it looks now as though I will be one of the bushy and I'm not me if it will be exactly a month from today but the chevies are fretly good. It hardly reems possible. Don't however could it portive because a lot can happen in a month. I aly hope we don't go to war. now as unal I am full of plans and rdles. Providing they don't ween a troop train home, the any pos I believe 5 ants a mile for transportation to point of enlistment. It totals

about \$ 10000 from leyes. now if I get and in octobe and get the movey, a friend and myelf are windly coulding going to the coort for about a month. Three are all routs of ways we can get and cheaply and lit ileas like an excellent drawl to see the country. It would of course must be gone long, put a few weeks. The has relatives their who have arted him out and I know a few fellows I would like to her.

a lot hinges on conditions - but occasionally there ideas materally 2 wite a few of the boys one doing it but I would want to go only with the one fellow. Its all out though if they don't give us the many

know made but I didn't want most of us try it first for it to come as a conflete ruping the change and possibly a at the rune time I would look bottle of beer efter an honer want. for a Job, the are many Right now we (Battery A) are apportantes in the west and located new Colfay (11 miles). I'would be crozy not to look me and in the words and into Them. sheltred unde trees. It are living worthy in the trucks. nell men call him rounded It is our weed that the blue and I have to go and lot. Coming is why wear and we one fot of love to bill. about to be captured. It seems the reds are dertined to long nev. this portioning problem I fowled it will all be out until the 15 7th when the final and bigget game that which will lost two weeks steady. It is any against any and well probably include and a half million men. He are we just while our regement will be. It I might very well be net up new a: bridge and vail blad and stay



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