

Supply Company,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Regt.,  
Camp Sherman, O.

Dear Mother:

When I sent you the telegram on last Sunday, I thought that I would be at home before this time, but now I am not sure that I will get to come at all. We had our physical examination last Saturday. The first doctors marked me up for a special examination on flat

2 feet. I went before a  
flat foot specialist on  
Sunday morning. He  
told me I had a bad  
kind of flat feet and  
could not stand a  
long march and  
marked my card  
"Rejected." I have not  
heard anything since.  
I think there is a  
possibility of there  
placing me in  
some clerical posi-  
tion that will not  
require marching.  
Our crowd was placed  
in a supply company  
for the 330<sup>th</sup> Regt. If  
I should have to go,

3 I would rather go in the supply company than any other way I know. But I do not expect to go that way now.

The night we got here (Friday) was about the most disagreeable time I ever saw. We had all been on the train until we were tired, and then got off in a drizzling rain. We lined up for about two hours. It just reminded me of emigrants landing at Ellis Island. It was all carried out on the same principle. They made us open our mouths until they could see in them with a flash light. That was a fake & done to see if we had been drinking. It is a very serious offence to bring liquor into camp. They went through our luggage to see if we had any.

I am with a fine bunch of fellows. I do not think I could have selected as finer if

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I had been given  
an opportunity,  
three or four of  
the fellows, I espe-  
cially like.

We were vacci-  
nated on last  
Saturday & had the  
first typhus in-  
jection. I have  
not felt the effects  
of either yet.

I did not write  
for a few days  
because I (as well  
as all the other  
fellows) was so  
sick of the place

5/ from the time we arrived, that I could not make up courage to begin a letter. I do not care very much for it yet, but will make the best of it if they tell me to remain.

They work us like sin here. I am so tired at night that I could sleep on a fence rail. We get up by 5:30, eat at 6:00 and out at exercises of all

kinds from 7:20 A.M. ~~on~~  
 on until 5:00 o'clock  
 in the afternoon. We  
 had a hard day today  
 and the sun was terribly  
 warm.

The nights are cold  
 here and the days hot.  
 I have been almost  
 freezing to death at  
 night. I think I  
 shall go to Chellicothe  
 this evening & get some  
 bed-clothes of my own.

The camp here is  
 about four miles square.  
 Each <sup>building</sup> barracks holds  
 one company - one hun-  
 dred fifty men. you  
 cannot imagine how  
 large it is until you  
 see it. It is a regular  
 city.

Send me a ten dol-  
 lar bill. You may  
 draw on my account.  
 I have to go into town  
 often to get something fit  
 to eat. Will write soon again.  
 Your son, Henry.

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Did not go to town because I could not see any chance to get in. I found a hundred, or more fellows lined up waiting on a car. When the next crowd gets in, I suspect a person will have to walk in to get there. I came out Sunday evening, and found

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an almost solid  
line-up of cars  
all the way out -  
about three miles.  
They require us  
to be in by 9:00  
o'clock.

I came down  
to the Y. M. C. A.  
They have some  
fine ones here.  
They are great  
things when  
you are required  
to endure barriack  
life.

I saw Dave  
Conger there on



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four times. He was pretty tired of the place when I saw him. I guess the young fellows of this country have not been accustomed to the hardships of army life, and as a result, it is pretty tough for them.

Will ask you  
to send me sev-  
eral things if  
they decide I  
am to remain  
here.

How does  
Mary like her  
school?

I waited on table  
& helped wash  
dishes at the officers  
mess-hall for  
seventy-five day  
before yesterday.  
That was worse  
than for threshers.  
I was very tired  
when it was over.  
Guy,