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Ordinance Supply School,
Provisional Co. D,
Camp Hancock, Ga.

Dear Mother:

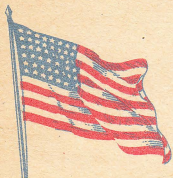
I began a letter to you last evening and George Hoge came in and I talked to him until it was almost time for the lights to go out. I had not seen him since the evening of our arrival. We had the misfortune to be placed in quarantine the next day after we got here on account of a case of mumps that broke out in Co. B. That means confinement to our Company Street for two weeks - a Street about

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ten rods long, - unless the
quarantine is lifted. We
are not permitted to go down
town for two weeks anyway,
so I am glad it came when
it did. It is George's Com-
pany that has the care
of mumps and is also
under quarantine. George
slipped by the guards in
order to visit at our tent.

They are not maintaining
a very strict quarantine.

We are not working
today as we had our
third shot for typhoid
yesterday and nearly
all the fellows are
just about half on the
bum on account of it.
It affected me more than
any of the others and I
had had five before.

It has been beauti-
ful weather here ever
since our arrival here.



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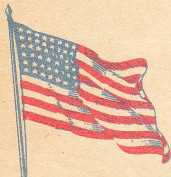


I do not believe that I have seen a cloud since my arrival in "Dixie Land." It has been truly "The Sunny South". The sun has been so hot during the day that we have been too lazy to leave our tents until told to do so. The night have been the opposite - so cold that we could scarcely sleep. We have ^{each} had five army blankets and still slept cold. I am not able to explain that.

We had a very nice trip down here. As Mary has probably told you, we left Pittsburgh on Monday evening.

and arrived in Washington, D.C., about 9:00 A.M. the next day. We were at liberty then to take in the City until about 2:00 P.M., at which time we had to assemble to take the train again.

We arrived at Augusta the next day about 10:45 A.M. and then had a "lay-over" there until about 3:00 P.M., when we came on out to camp. I was somewhat surprised at the country thru which we passed. I expected to see old Southern Homesteads like we read about, but we missed them all. I think I saw one and it was not up to my expectations. The country thru which we passed from Washington down here was filled up



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principally with negro huts, and the general appearance of the country would not indicate the degree of thrift we see characterizing the northern farms.

We are staying in tents. They have floors in them and weatherboarded about three feet high around the sides. They are fairly comfortable.

The camp is situated on the top of a hill. It is not very high as most of the land here is moderately regular and level. It is very sandy, almost like a sea shore. I imagine it is a very

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healthy place. It is
said to be one of the
most healthful camps
in the United States.

The only trees seen are
the Georgia pines.

The camp is
situated about four
miles out from Augusta,
Augusta in a beauti-
ful city of about
forty-five thousand in-
habitants, - a large per-
centage of which are
colored. The colored and
whites are kept separate
down here. They have
their own places in cars,
waiting-rooms, &c. I will
be glad when we are
permitted to get down
town.

I think that we
start our studies about
Monday week.

Your son,
Gerrit.

5/4/18