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Sunday Afternoon

Dear Folks,

Well here I am in Ft. Jackson, S.C.
So far I am not very elated about it
but anyway I am not any farther
away from home. I am in an infantry
rifle company at present and it seems
very likely where I'll stay. This was
about the least of my ambitions but
~~we just~~ got a bad break, that's all.
I am not with any of my close buddies
but most of them landed in the
same kind of place that I did so
I am not the only one who didn't
get anything fancy.

We are going to take sort of a
refresher basic for the next few
weeks ^{to} get us into the swing of
things. After that we will go into
training with the regular division.



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This division has been organized for about a year and part of it has been sent overseas. We are filling in the vacancies that were made by those that left. I don't know all the details of our situation but I'll let you know more as I find out myself.

at least we have barracks to live in here and there are few more conveniences that we didn't have before.

We left Ft. Benning on Friday about noon and got here about 10:00 yesterday morning. It usually wouldn't take that long to travel over this distance but in the usual style of troop trains, we zig-zagged back and forth across Georgia and South Carolina instead of coming straight here.

There were a little better accommodations ^{than on my last train ride} on the train, and we even-



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had gullman beds to sleep in. Of course we had to sleep two in a single bed but it wasn't too bad sleeping.

We got to see a good bit of scenery but it was a whole lot all the same. The territory here is just about the same as where we came from. The ground is hilly and the soil is sand or clay. The only difference is that the clay isn't quite so red as it was down there.

We spent all day yesterday waiting to be classified, having our equipment inspected, getting settled in our barracks and getting our clothing straightened out. We took a physical examination this morning at 9:00 and I have been busy almost all after-



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getting my rifle cleaned. I was hoping
that maybe I wouldn't be using a
rifle for a while but it seems that
I'll be doing it regularly from now
on.

I am sure anxious to hear from
you so here is my address.

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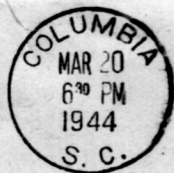
Write me as soon as you can and
I'll probably be sending you a lot
of short letters for a while.

Lots of love,
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