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Dear Folks,

I got my identification (dog)
tag today so now I can write you.
We have to have our no. in
our address.

I had to wait in alert for
over an hour before taking my
first train ride, and then coming
through Anderson I got mixed
up on my directions. I am not
sure that I am straightened out
even now. It seemed as though
I was going north and that the
reformatory was on the east
side of the road.

When I got here we checked
in and got our beds then waited
around in the barracks for the
rest of the day with the except-
ion of time out for chow.

I was so bored that I went
to a show put on by the
soldiers themselves in the recrea-
tion hall. They had a band,
sang songs, did imitations, etc

This morning we got up at 5.00 and today we have made up for our yesterday's lazyness.

We have spent the day listening to speeches, taking classification tests, getting our insurance etc. We are off for about an hour and a half and then after supper we have got another speech or something to listen to.

Tomorrow we are supposed to get our uniforms, start taking shots, and what all else I don't know.

In our barracks are most of the boys that came with me and also that big tall Burkenbine that played on the Elwood basketball team.

When we were getting our our insurance, I asked if we had to take \$10,000 worth. He said that he wouldn't say I had to but the only way out would be to see someone

else and that wouldn't do
me any good. so it seems to
be practically compulsory.

after I get settled more
permanently I want you to send
me my shaving brush, but
don't send it here unless
I find out how long I will
stay.

Writes
Donald.

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