

Fort Oglethorpe,  
June 16, 1938  
7:30 in "Hostel House"

Dear Mama,

I arrived here alright, getting into Chattanooga about 12 o'clock. We were picked up there by Army trucks and ridden to the Fort. The first thing to do after reaching the fort was to go through the "mill" where we had a rigid physical examination. Then on through the same building where we were issued ~~our~~ uniform, field belt, bunk roll etc. The whole camp of 840 sleep in tents of six in a tent. It took about three or four hours to get through the "mill." Hungry and I doing without dinner. At mess time we were hungry as wolves. Tell Jewell I can read Harpers Magazine here. I havent found any other good ones as I havent looked much. We have four mess halls here. One for each ~~Co.~~ Troop. The ~~companies~~ troops are A, D, E, and F.

The Hostel House is one large room with free writing paper and envelopes.

The R. O. T. C. kidded us about how tough they would be on us. One fellow said "Kiss yo clothes good-bye." (We had to leave our clothes in a store room after packing them in a box.

My uniform consists of 14 inch boots, 3 pr. of pants, 4 shirts, black neck tie, 3 pr socks, and hat with red cord band same as Johnney's I suppose.

We had a good supper of cold chocolate drink, roast beef, fresh tomatoes, lettuce, jelly + syrup.

Hugh has written two letters while I have been writing this one. (7:55 now) Hope everybody at home is O.K. Tell ~~Mary~~ "Nellie" <sup>\* Alice</sup>

Hugh and I are not in the same tent and don't guess we ever will be as I heard all the small boys on one side of camp and large ones on the other. I had better stop before I run out of something to say.

Love

Russell

P. S. I will write my address plainer if possible

Troop 7, C. M. T. C.

Fort Oglethorpe Georgia

Write soon