

CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMP
FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA

June 18, 1940

Dear Mama,

I got your letter yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you. Glad everyone is OK. Thanks for the money.

We went through tear gas again today for the last time I hope. The whites had to instruct the others on the use of gas masks.

Our first parade went off pretty well. Basics are plentiful in our platoon but we had a fair line with only one boy out of step. I don't know whether I told you in the last letter but we are using the new manual of arms. It's not as hard as the other.

I went to the machine gun range today but didn't get to fire. Probably will tomorrow. The ones we fire are 30 c and are water cooled. Yesterday we were taught how to field strip them. I have taken them apart and put the back so many times I believe I could do it blind.

I don't have your letter with me. If you asked me any questions I can't remember them. We haven't been paid so the dollar came in handy. I have been to the show once - saw Sewane River.

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The war news is looking pretty bad. We don't have a radio in our tent but I hear a little and read the paper some. The boys here don't seem to take the war very seriously.

I hope everyone is ~~alright~~ alright. Don't work too hard. Tell Caroline not to work too hard or eat too much.

Love,

Russell

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I didn't pay anything for the stationery.