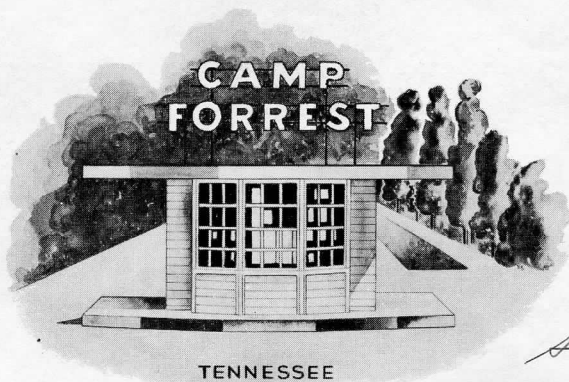




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Dear Mama,

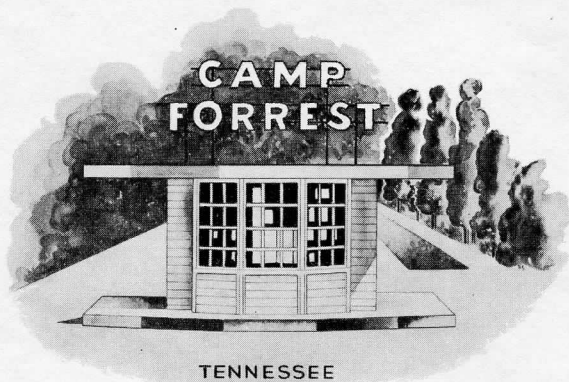
I have quite some time to kill here so will write a few letters.

I have been here since about 3 PM. Have to wait here until I get my train + meal tickets. Don't know how long that will be - Leave tomorrow ~~and~~ ^{at} 10.

The "boys" in my outfit gave me a "going away" present of \$10. Also gave me a can of C rations all wrapped and tied with a ribbon. Hi! They certainly are a nice bunch. I hated to leave them.

Heard from Jewell yesterday. She wants me to call her if I pass thru Nashville. I don't think I will have time. May not go through there anyway.

I suppose you had a nice visit with Grace. Don't worry about not writing. Of course I like to hear from you but I know how busy you are.



I still have hopes of being stationed somewhere near home. Don't think I will be in Jefferson Bks. longer than two or three weeks. From there I will go to some school for a period of three months.

I got along fine in the field. Didn't get wet but did lose lots of sleep. I've never felt better in my life tho - so don't worry about me.

Dad should quit the R.P. I don't see why he should have to work any longer.

Tell Alice patience is the best solution to algebra. Hi!

I'll write again when I get to St. Louis so you will have my address. Don't work too hard.

Love to all

Russell