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Monday
night
April - 1 - 18

My dear Papa - I was very
sorry indeed to have to
write Minton today that
it would be impossible
for me to get away from
Camp this week as
it would have been
particularly pleasing to
me to be there while
Minton and Brownie
were both at home.
But the 2nd Battalion
(1/2 of the Regiment) will
go to the target range

one day, the latter
part of the week and
the general will not
grant passes to Officers
right at this time as
we have opportunity
to get only one week's
practice in this
country. The 1st
Battalion went up
last Saturday and
the 2nd Battalion, which
is the one I am in,
will go when they
return. The range
is 20 miles from here



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and each officer is required to handle his battery and manipulate the fire of the 4 guns and try to hit a target designated by the instructor.

I cannot keep from saying that I am grieved that Brownie could not conform himself to the army life suffi-

ciently to bring himself
to apply his talents
in the direction that
would be satisfactory to
his superiors. But
I suppose that he has
done the right thing as
he said he didn't
like being an officer
and of course he never
could have been suc-
cessful unless he
felt proud of being
one and preferring to
have men wait on
him at the table rather



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then standing in line
at the kitchen and having
a great spoon full of
beans thrown into his
tin-plate by a hot, dirty
cook. I am trying
not to worry over it
as I am afraid that
I will be sent away,
too, if I begin worrying.
And you can always!

find things to worry
over in the army as
things never happen
as you want them to.

For instance I could
worry considerably right
now. Col. Cox returned
last week and almost
immediately made another
change in the officers.
Some were sent back
to their home batteries.
Some were sent to other
batteries. It happened
that I was sent to
battery "D," which is
without a doubt the



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most poorly-trained in
the Regiment. In fact
two officers from this
battery have just been
sent home - leaving
two in charge. My
friend Davis is
in this battery but
Gather is the Senior Lieutenant
who is acting Captain
in the absence of the
Capt. who is at Ft. Lee
takes very little interest

in the work and consequently the battery has really become demoralized. They are very poor on handling the guns, I find today, which is my first day drilling them. Of course we must try to remedy this before we try to fire the guns and I intend to drill them thoroughly this week. Of course a misstep by one of the cannoners will



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Kill some of the men,
which is something I
might worry over if I tried.
However I am going to
try to be a good soldier
anyhow, obey orders, and say
nothing. We will get
back from the range about
April 15th and I will
at once set about
getting a furlough.

With $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Regiment
gone it is very quiet
in Camp and as we are
not having school now
the few officers here
have gone to town tonight.

I am officer of the Day
and think that the
officer of the guard and
myself are the only two
officers in Camp tonight.

I enjoyed so very much
the letter I received from
you Saturday and
appreciate your writing
me. I hope you will write
me whenever you can.



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I write very few letters now, only to you all at home and consequently get only a few.

All of the officers in this Regiment were given a physical examination last week to see if they were fit for service overseas. When the doctor looked at me he said "You don't

look like there is any-
thing the matter with
you." As he made no
unfavorable comment
during the examination
I suppose he found
nothing the matter.

The Captain of the Battery
I sent you was at
I & I see at the time
the picture was taken.

I am so glad that
Uncle Dick's arm
is healing satisfactorily



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and hope he will
be able to use it
before long.

Please tell Mary B.
that Col. Mack is the
one she picked out in
the enclosed picture.

I am enclosing
a summary of a case
I started against
the Sergeant of the Guard

Sometime ago, The
fellow did not willfully
disobey the order but I
forgot to carry it out.
As I must go now and
inspect the guards twice
stop.

I am looking forward
towards seeing you
in a few weeks.

Love to you all

Affec^t

Richd