

my dear Papa -

[May, 1918]

We are in a large  
detention camp 14 miles from  
New York City and will remain  
here until we embark. It is  
expected that we will leave  
here Monday or Tuesday <sup>for Europe</sup>. Our  
duties have been very light since  
getting here - simply getting a  
few necessary articles of equip-  
ment that we couldn't procure  
in South Carolina. We have  
accordingly spent most of  
the time in New York, having  
a good time and I have certainly  
thoroughly enjoyed being  
in the big town again.  
New York is certainly patriotic.  
Parades all the time and the

Theatres are constantly suspending  
their programs for a few minutes  
to allow some speaker to  
address the audience on Liberty  
Bonds, etc. Soldiers from all  
of the allied nations are to be seen  
here and are constantly being called  
upon to make talks on the war,  
all of them appear confident that  
Germany will never pierce the  
Western line and all feel that  
the allied armies will be victorious.  
It is very inspiring to us new  
soldiers to see such brave  
determined men. Soldiers in  
New York are given every  
consideration and everybody

Areas to do <sup>(3)</sup> something for them.  
This is a tremendous camp-  
having capacity for 40 000 men  
and is used only to concentrate  
the forces going overseas. All

troops on their way over are  
kept here a week or two to  
be carefully inspected to see that  
they are free from disease and  
that they have sufficient equipment.  
Of course sometimes there are  
delays in waiting for transports.

I will always regret  
more that I can ever tell you  
that I was unable to get  
to see you to tell you good-bye  
but the Colonel received orders

A sudden to send 15 officers  
over and I was selected among  
the number. Royter, Means and  
Rooman Quon are among the  
number but I regret that  
Davis was not included.

I hope that everything at home  
is as usual. Please tell Mary  
that I received her letter just  
before leaving Sever and will  
write her tomorrow.

In the quiet business  
in civil life I have always tried  
to conduct my work and  
results in a way to bring  
forth your approval - in fact  
it was always my constant thought  
that I must be a success, for  
I wanted you to be pleased with me.

In the <sup>5</sup> bloody business of war,  
even there there is such a  
thing as being a success and  
this is what I want to strive to  
do and I want to strive to do  
this because I believe you  
would rather have me do the  
job well - at any cost.

Take care of yourself  
until I get back. All of us  
of course are glad to go but  
we want to make the job as  
quick as possible and to get  
back home.

Will write you all whenever  
I get any interesting news about our  
movement and will write you the  
day we leave. (over)

Please do not mention  
contents to anybody. I will get  
trouble if you do.

Apper  
Rich'd

Please write to me address  
as follows:-

Care School Detachment

30th Division

Camp Merritt N.J.

If you write me at Hoboken  
the letters will be sent up here.

I will write you all how to  
address me about as soon as  
I find out how this is done

Richard

may 4  
~~Apr 30~~  
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"WITH THE COLORS"

St R D Dr n  
Advance School  
Detachment  
30th Div. 113 Fa  
Amer. E. F.

Officers  
Mail.

PASSED  
MAY 15 1918  
BY CL. J. J. [Signature]

Judge McKivon.

Edenton

North Carolina

U. S. A.

[Handwritten initials]

Missin July 2.