

August 1st 1918

My dear Papa-

I have been happier in France this past week than before for I have received letters from all of you all besides from several of my friends. Your letter was dated on July 12 and reached me July 28, which is very good service.

Up to the time I rejoined the regiment I had quite a pleasant time as our duties were not so strenuous, but since coming here, the work and study has really been as hard as possible. The 113th has made a good record, however, and our French instructors say that we will be able to give a

good account of ourselves
with the Germans, I certainly
hope I will not be mis-
understood in writing as I
have about the pleasures I have
had in France, for I want you
to feel that I am over here
to do what little I can to ^{help} break
up the war. Of course I can do
very little but I hope my
record will be creditable, at

any rate.

I notice what you
said about the French officer's
opinion as to where I was and
can say that he was mistaken
as the first camp I went to
was probably 6 or 700 miles
from the place he mentioned

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though this camp is nothing like as far. The first camp was really considered the best of its kind in this country.

I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Raleigh and Norfolk papers you have sent me and will be so glad to see the News + Observer and the Pilot again. I hope you can arrange to send me some papers from time to time.

I have not run up with any people from N. C. yet but will probably see very many that I knew after we leave. I have, however, seen quite a few of my old Norfolk friends as I wrote you last week. In the first camp I went to I saw Capt. Rogers, whom I knew

in Newport. He is a brother
of Chas. Rogers of the old
Armistead-Rogers Co. and once
worked for that Company. At
the outbreak of the war he
received a Commission in
the Regular Army.

I appreciate so very
much your writing me
such a newsy letter and
hope you will write as
often as you feel like it. The
weather continues very pleasant.
It becomes quite warm at
times during the middle
of the day but I haven't spent
a night here yet that from 3
to 6 blankets were not necessary.
With love to you all
Devotedly Richard