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30th DIVISION UNITED STATES ARMY

Monday.

Nov 26-1917.

My dear Papa-

I am still
in the same status as
I wrote Mary Beverly
last week - back here in
the woods with two other
Lieutenants and about
250 men who are
quarantined for measles.
I can't remember whether
I had the measles when
a child [tho' I suppose
I did] but even if
I didn't I did not run

any ^{extra} risk in volunteering
to come here to keep
keep these men straight
than if I had remained
in camp, for measles
are breaking out
there every day and
we do not have
many new cases
down here. Of course

as soon as a man
has them he is sent
to the Hospital. We
have now gotten things
in very creditable



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shape down here in
the woods and I am
sure it is helping me
considerately as I have
more responsibility than
back in camp. The
other two officers
down here are two
of the best in the
Regiment and I get
very good military
ideas from them.

They are both about
my age - one of them,
Lt. Crayton, is from
Charlotte and is 1st
Lt Battery "F", which
Battery was organized
at Mooresville a small
place near Charlotte. of
course the personnel
of this Battery is made
up of men from all
around the neighboring
country. Crayton has
had considerable military



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experience both in the
National Guard and
having taught and acted
as Commandant for
for 5 years at a large
military school. Brooks,
the other Lieutenant is
a Reserve officer from
Baltimore, having gotten
his 2nd Lieutenantcy
in Artillery at Fort

Myer Training Camp
last Summer. He is
attached to this
Regiment to help in
the instruction and
is a very bright
fellow. We are
naturally considerably
isolated down here
but believe I am getting
on as well as the
boys back at Camp as
they are not allowed
to go to Greenville now.
I do not know whether



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the Colonel intends
keeping us three down
here untill the
epidemic has passed
or sending other Lieutenants
to relieve us shortly. I
am rather of the
opinion that he
will relieve us in a
few weeks.

Mary's letter about
the box of good things
to eat was certainly
very acceptable and the

box will also be very
thankfully received as
we do not get many good
things to eat here in
the woods and our
meals are brought to
us in a waiter from
the Regimental mess, one
mile away.

Minton has been
writing me lately
about his having to
come up in the next
draft, since the order
of liability has been

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changed, and I have suggested to him that he not wait until he is actually drafted but to make arrangements to dispose of his business and to get into the Navy preferably the Naval Reserves, as soon as possible. The navy is the best branch

of the Service. Food is
always at hand and
a dry place to sleep,
not to mention the
Chance to keep yourself
and clothes clean. These
things are not the
case when foot-
soldiers are in the
field. Men on
land suffer terribly
and I wouldn't advise
anyone to choose the
Army.

I know what
suffering it has caused



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you to have two of
your boys on the eve
of going to war and
a third preparing
to enlist, but then
again I am sure
this feeling must
be overwhelmed by
the grand thought
that your sons in
time of a national
danger, were not

afraid to take their
places in the line.

I hope that you
are feeling about
the same and that
everything at home
is running smoothly.

I wish every day that
I could be near you
and try to be as
any I keep possible
to you.

Affectionately your son,

Richard

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P.S.

Please get Mac & Mary
to procure a photographic
album and keep in it
the pictures I am sending
you all from time
to time. They will
be interesting to me and I
hope to all the family
after the war is
over.

affee
Rich'd