



"WITH THE COLORS"



2nd Co 1st Training Battalion
158 Depot Brigade

Camp Sherman

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Dear Folks:-

Rather interesting things have taken place since I sent you my letter yesterday, with its startling news of immediate overseas duty.

Last evening after supper a ^{1st} Lieut. Stone from Cleveland came in to see me. He said he knew of me in Cleveland, and wondered if I really wanted to be transferred so soon. (I guess he either had a letter from Miss Quiggle who is in charge of the Red Cross, Civilian Relief in Cleveland, or else heard of me there her at one time or another). Before the notice came to be transferred, I was in hopes that I would be transferred to the Division from the Depot Brigade, to help make up the new regiments, which will take the place of the 3 or 4 regiments which will be sent overseas very soon. Of course, I didn't kick on being sent overseas immediately with the

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the 3 or 4 old regiments, who have
trained for 7 or 8 months, and it was
a question as to which way to turn. But the
Lieut, who is adjutant and Personnel Officer for
this Battalion, advised me to stick here, for
advancement would be much more rapid. I told
him if that seemed the wise thing ^{to do} ~~to do~~
He evidently talked to our Captain, Cederquist,
and he, in turn, came to me and asked me
if I was looking for a chance to work up. He
advised me to stick around, so I told
him not to transfer me. As the officers
camp set for May 15 was postponed, I don't
know much about the prospects for that
sort of thing, but it don't look as though it
would be long until I have a non-com's job.

Lizgett came up to see me (I'm still in quarters)
and was a little disappointed to know that I
wasn't going to France when his regiment
goes. But after reconsidering he didn't think
my decision was so bad.

When my stuff arrives from Cleveland
I hope you will hunt up the books - "A Student
in Arms" by Hankley - in the little bag. I think
the 1st volume the best war book yet.

May send considerable junk home in a few days
I bought some things I don't need. With love to
mom