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ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENT
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
(IN THE FIELD)
GENERAL OFFICE
124 EAST 28TH STREET, NEW YORK, U. S. A.
Dear Mother:

Received father's letter yesterday and was glad to hear that your hand was better, but sorry to hear that Irene & the kids were laid up with a cold. Had the picture OK & thank you for them.

There is going to be a parade of all the soldiers on Camp Logan through Houston tomorrow. I am going to see it. There will be about thirty thousand soldiers taking part in it. About five hundred drafted men drove in here each day. So you see the number of men here is rapidly going up. There are rumors afloat that we will leave here the first of next month and camp at the pier in Chicago for about a month and then leave for New York, then across but I don't know how much truth there is to it.

We were paid off yesterday & I am sending you fifteen dollars to put in the bank for me. I had quite a few things to buy or I could have sent more. Hereafter they are going to keep half our pay for us until we are discharged so that we will
Camp Logan, Oct. 5, 1917

I have something to start out on in curl life. However, I will try to send a little home besides that.

Say, Mother will you and Irene make me up one of those comfort kits with a small mirror like the one that hangs under the clock in the kitchen, a small pair of scissors, some white, black, and khaki color thread some needles some buttons five eights inch in diameter. The prices for such things are ridiculous down here. Put it up in a small khaki packet and send it down here by parcel post, thanking you in advance. I remain as ever your loving son

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P.S. What do you think of this picture. I just had it snapped for the fun of it and wasn't fixed up so you can't expect much of a picture.
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Today an army aeroplane came here with dispatches, and then took some of the officers up for a ride. In coming down the last time the pilot hit a bump and broke a wheel and the machine is laid up here. Yesterday I was on guard duty for eight hours. This is a fine life.

When we are drilled we have rest for about half the time that is we drill for one half hour and then rest for a half so you see it isn't half so bad. We get up at 5:30 and quit at the same time in the evening. We expect to get out of here some time next week possibly Monday. Well
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