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Mrs. N. Diedrich
109 Glenwood Av.
Joliet Ill.
From: H. Frederick
H. Atch
7108 Eng
Camp Logan
Tex.
My dear mother:—

Received father's letter today and was very glad to hear from you. Was very sorry to hear of your accident but hope you are well and feeling fine by now. I am well having a good time. We had a lot of hiking in our routine and also a lot of sleeping (in the daytime). At night we can go to a part of the camp where there is several shows and all sorts of amusement. We take a trip to Houston about once a week for a change of scenery.

When you write the next time mother please send me a couple of the pictures that were on the coat pocket of the suit that I sent home. I haven't sent you my picture in uniform yet because I haven't got it yet. But I am going to try a camera as soon as I get paid and I want something to remember this place by in after years.

Drafted men are arriving here every day from Rockford and the number of men here
is growing every day.

Reverend Brown's son is here in the YMCA service. You probably recollect seeing him in Joliet before he enlisted. He wears a gray uniform instead of a brown one such as army men wear. In his letter he spoke of Fred Dreeve enlisting, but I've heard the word flow before he'd talked he would never get in as the examination is very rigid to see some of husky men who are rejected seem very funny. Over half the men who leave for the barracks are rejected there as was shown at the 'shoes when truly, Gilkin & several others came back after they had gone that far. And as the ranking officer at the barracks said that they were taking nothing but the cream of the country. I am not boasting about myself but just giving you facts. Well & guess this will take up enough of your time reading this so I will close. Give my love to Irene & the kids I would...
Oct. 29, 1917

I like to be there to fool around with them and have a few scraps with them but I hope they will be there when I get back.

I remain as ever,

Your loving son,

"Kie"
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