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From: A. C. Brown
Hq 108 Cns
334th Division
Camp Dorothea
Mexico
Camp Logan 11.24 1917

Dear Folks:

Received your letter today and was very glad to hear from you, but very sorry to hear that mother was having trouble with her finger and hope it is nothing serious. I am having my usual health and turn the scales at one hundred and eighty pounds with clothes so you can imagine that I am not getting thinner.

In regards to my beds, I am very glad that you got rid of them as someone has probably been tampering with them and might have made off with everything of value before I got back. Counting on that money what money you get from my motorcycle besides what I have from my pay, I ought to have a neat little sum of money in the bank by the time of my discharge.

In regards to moving from this camp, it is not only this regiment but the whole thirty-third division including some thirty thousand men. It is almost certain that we will move soon as we have been issued two pairs of hot nail service shoes and our field shoes are being called in. We are also being issued woolen underwear and woolen uniforms; none of these things are necessary in
this climate. At four o'clock Monday morning we are going out on the rifle range, about ten miles from here. We'll probably be there for about three days and each of the three days each man must shoot ninety rounds. These rifle ranges have a tremendous kick, even more than the heaviest shotgun, so I will probably have a pretty sore shoulder before I come back.

We have a young six-year-old alligator down here for a mascot for our company. I had my picture taken with it, but the alligator moved and spoiled the film so it couldn't be printed.

You speak of having meatless days in Joliet. The only meatless day we have in the army is Friday, and then we sometimes have meat for supper. The rest of the week we have two meals with meat, potatoes, vegetables, and all the puddings etc. that go with it. We have chicken and sweet potatoes every Sunday, so that gives you an idea of our fare. The only thing that I miss is cake, pies, candy, cookies, such things. We also have fruit for breakfast and supper each day, but I suppose that the fare will be much pleasant.
lighter after we go across. Well I suppose you are tired of reading this junk so I will close.

From your loving son,

J. H. E.
Mrs. N. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet, Ill.
From W. Diedrich
Hdqt. Attech.
108 Eng’s
33rd Division
Camp Logan
Tex.
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