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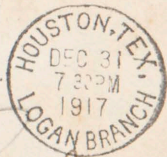
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FROM

H. Friedrich
Adj. Attch.
108 Eng's.
Camp Logan
Houston
Texas.



Mr H Friedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet Ill.

Glenwood
8-7-5

Camp Logan
Dec. 29, 1917.

Dear Father:-

Received your welcome letter today & was very glad to hear from you. Glad to hear that you received the souvenirs I sent for Christmas & that you liked them. I was very much surprised to hear that you invested in a victrola, but I do not think you will regret it, as it will serve as amusement for both of you, & when Ralph & myself get back, will keep us home nights, don't you think so? Was very glad to hear that you had a good Christmas vacation as I think you deserved it. We are having a good vacation down here also, being off duty from the day before Christmas to the day after New Year. The mounted men of the company have to take care of their horses during this time, but that does not amount to much.

We had a fine Christmas dinner here, with turkey, cranberry sauce, oyster dressing, celery, mince pie, a variety of cake, fruit, ice cream, & everything

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Was very sorry to hear that mother's finger still bothered her. Mine is pretty nearly healed up & I scarcely notice it except when I hit it against something.

In your letter you asked me to send Lawrence & Alta one of my pictures. I have already sent them one & received a compliment upon my good looks, ahem, from them. You also asked me if the box you sent reached me in time. I will say it came here about noon Dec. 23, just in good time.

Christmas day here was the warmest I have ever experienced, about eighty degrees above zero, the sun shining & a blue sky, just like an August day in Illinois. The

day after it turned cold & has been getting colder right along until this morning when a layer of ice about an inch thick was on the watering troughs. It is hard to get used to such a climate & causes quite a little sickness throughout the camp. I thought that the changes of weather in Ill. were bad, but they cannot compare with the changes here.

It was semi-officially announced today that the rumor of our leaving this camp was true, but upon a final examination of the division it was found lacking in many ways. You see I came here long after the division was mustered into service. Some of the regiments have been in service over a year. The 108th has been in service for more than eight months, so you see by rights we should be moving. Things do not look much that way ^{at present} however.

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[[Nick Dante 9/23/15]]

[Diedrich Correspondence #22]

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W. Diedrich
Hdqt. Attch.
108 Eng's
Camp Logan
Houston
Texas

[[image – purple U.S. postage 3 cents stamp
of President Washington facing left]]

[[image – black stamp HOUSTON, TEX.
LOGAN BRANCH; center: DEC 31 730PM 1917]]

Mrs. N. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet, Ill.

[[written diagonally across envelope:]] Answered 1-8-18

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