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Mt N Driedrich
108 Glenwood Ave.
Joliet Ill.
Camp Merritt Apr 28 1918

Dear Folks:-

Arrived OK this morning at this embarkation camp after a five day journey from Houston. The "engineer" train of our company was the first section of our regiment. Four other sections followed us & the last will be in by tomorrow morning. This will be entire 108 eng. We are the first regiment of the thirty third division to leave and it is considered quite an honor.

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onto the New York Central. Some con-

glomeration, don't you think. There

are several regiments of engineers

here & a fleet of transports are in

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be here for several weeks. We are about

fourteen miles from New York City &

will do some charoing there before

we leave. We will have to go through

some very severe physical examinations

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fore the examinations are over.

We received a royal welcome

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We had ferths on the train & all

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I dropped you a couple postals

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No further news. I will close with

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I wish you would keep
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108 Eng’s
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