



CAMP WADSWORTH
SPARTANBURG, S. C.



Co. 6 Am. Tn.,
Sept. 21, 1917.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

After much shifting and a short period of uncertainty, we have at last landed in Spartanburg, S.C. We have been in camp at Camp Summer Spacum and at Pelham Bay Park, N.Y., and now we are in the "Sunny South" awaiting orders.

We are now in condition to meet any orders we may receive. We have received orders by telephone, to break camp, so now we are used to doing things on short notice.

I received a clipping of the "Y.M." and "Y.W." reception and I am thinking of Lima tonight. I trust that this may be a prosperous year for both teachers and students. Please remember me to any who may be inquiring for me.

I left the "mota" at Mineis, and I trust it may bring what it is worth. The money shall be turned over to G. H. S.

I am sitting on my cot trying to write, with a tent full of noisy men and I am hardly able to concentrate my mind long enough

to write.

We are getting pretty good training, hikes of about ten miles every forenoon then drill in the p.m. When we are not drilling we are put at some sort of labor to keep us in shape. I hardly know when we leave here, but last night major told one of our men we would leave for France about the first of the month. We hardly know when we are at yet for this battalion will soon be all split up.

We have had quite a lot of experience even though we are not yet near the front. (I do not relish Army life,) yet it is for that which we love most so there is consolation after all. (There are so many different problems to meet both physically & spiritually. The physical endurance is trying in many instances, yet after all the moral problems are much more trying. There is no moral restraint whatever to hold the soldier, only his relation to God and thoughts of those who are expecting great things of those) who are now in camp life. I have seen the physical struggle but not so much of the moral struggle, that is, according to outward appearance. There is a great chance for Christian work here. One has to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves".

There was an attempt made to poison us a short time ago through the water supply. Since then the guard has been doubled.



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Wed. night I was awakened by a succession of shots on a post near my quarters. In the morning I heard a man had been shot ^{and killed} by our night guard. He refused to halt when challenged.

I visited the Presbyterian church at Spartanburg last Sunday and heard a Rochester man preach. Mr. Barber. Also Mr. Bevin of Lake Ave. Baptist Church visited us today. He won the hearts of the men the first thing. He certainly has a wonderful personality and knows men. Such little inspiring talks help out.

Our camp life is very confining and I may say lonely at times. We are not allowed to leave the Reservation now until we shall have passed our examination. At first the orders were, no man should leave camp until after Sept 30, 1917, but that was changed.

Where is Gordon Ross? Can you tell me what Company or regiment he joined?

I saw Walter Mamer, he is in the 3d Regiment in the medical corps. Mr. Hardman an old Lima man, is in the same Ammunition train as myself. Miss Hall knew him well. I see him & eat with him every day. Walter Mamer wanted to be remembered to

Miss Hall. I shall write her shortly.

When it is possible I shall pay up my bill at Lima.

I now begin to value my training at Lima more and more. I have seen such a help to me even during the short period of my enlistment. I should have liked to have finished my course, but I believe my duty was and is, to give what I can for my country. I never knew I did love old U.S. ^{so much} until I faced the fact that there is a possibility of being left on European soil. I can hardly see now where one can stand by and not do his "bit" whatever that bit may be, for the flag that stands for his protection whether he be at the ends of the earth or right here in America.

Please remember us in your prayers. I believe we are being remembered in your Wednesday night meetings and it helps.

Best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous year.

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

George Heath.

P.S. Kindly remember me to the teachers also.

October 8, 1917.

Priv. George Heath,
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My dear George:

Thank you for the good letter which I have just received. I gave part of your message to the students in chapel. We are glad to hear from our boys and find that the interests of the Seminary are already reached very widely.

Professor Mosher is in France, 31 Ave. Montaigne, Paris, France, Headquarters Y.M.C.A. James Gordon Ross, First Regiment Engineers, Company D. U. S. Expeditional Forces in France. He tells me his address is c/o Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. Raymond Cobb is also in France as well as Bill Ross and Walter Wight. Earl Burdick is Company C, 112 U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia. Others of the boys are dropping out. Lawrence Plummer has been called and must report in a few days. Carlyle Boynton has not been able to secure exemption and will soon be called into service.

We are greatly interested in our boys who are in the service. We realize that you are placed in many positions of severe testing but we believe that you will depend upon Divine grace to help you so that the principles of your life which we have tried to help you to more deeply imbed in yourself here will help you to make a worthy witness for the things in which we believe. You are much in our thought and prayer.

Mr. Miner has not yet disposed of the motorcycle but will report to me as soon as sale is made. Thank you for caring for the matter.

With all good wishes to you from us all, I am

Heartily yours,