

# LETTER FROM CAMP GREEN

G. W. Swenson Writes Interesting  
Account of Trip and Camp  
Life.

162nd Field Hospital,  
41st Division,  
Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C.,  
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Dear Irish:-

Gee, it is cold, and raining, too. This country has North Dakota beat when it comes to being cold at night. In the day time it is hot. Am mud clear up to the knees and have only been to the mess hall twice, so you can imagine how it is here.

We were transferred to the Field Hospital when we arrived here, as they wanted a certain number and we just filled the bill. Some class, eh?

Our camp is swell; electric lights in every tent, own bath room and toilet room. Part of the camp is in a cottonfield. There are nine companies, part from Idaho, North Dakota and Washington in our camp. There are camps everywhere you look and each camp has so much ground for its own. Each company has a mess hall and the tents are behind each mess hall. The streets are as good as any city street. I hear the whole outfit consists of 4,200 acres. They are building all the time. The whole thing will be tents soon. The grounds are mostly hilly and wooded, but they are being cleared and graded. Some work, and I wish you could see it.

Our camp was over to the postoffice, Saturday, which is about two miles from here, and heard the Secretary of War speak. Also saw Chicago and New York play one of their games. The paper here has one of those electric ball diamonds, and it is good. This was the first one I ever saw.

There is some bunch of soldiers here. Am going over to see Torger one of these days, as we have Wednesday afternoons and all day Saturday off. Have off from six o'clock until ten every evening, and until eleven if we get a pass. We took a walk Sunday afternoon and ran into a park and nobody would have thought of finding anything like it. There were all kinds of animals and birds, big dance hall, eating places, swimming pool, and all kinds of amusements imaginable.

We are two blocks from the car line and about two miles from town.

The town is pretty enough but they hold a fellow up for what he gets. A meal costs 50 cents, which pays for the meat, the rest costs extra. Oh it is some place alright. There are lots of coons here, and everybody says fo' and hea'. Olsen, Peterson and I hired a car and took in some interesting sights Sunday forenoon. There are many factories here. The farmers raise corn, cotton and cattle. I wouldn't farm this land if I could get anything else as there are so many hills and rocks.

Going through the mountains was the most interesting part of our trip out here. We went through tunnels, some of which were a mile long. We didn't notice the first one as it was dark, until the car filled up

One engine had all it could do to pull through. We passed close by a fountain at the foot of the mountain which shot a stream 30 feet high, and was very pretty. I wouldn't have missed this trip for anything, even if we have to go to France. Maybe we'll see more over there, eh?

Oh yes! There's one thing about it, we have two good cooks, so have good grub. We haven't received our new uniforms yet but expect to by the latter part of this week.

Well, Irish, old man, must close, it's dinner time. Greet everybody you see from me, and write once in awhile. Don't forget to send The Times to me. With love to all in Binford.

Your friend,  
Gustav W. Swenson.

P. S. Ta Ta. I am having a fine time. Our 2nd regiment smashed to —

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