

Warns Against a New Swindle

Parents of soldiers in camps are warned by the War Department of a swindle which has been successfully operated in various camps.

A telegram is sent informing that the soldier has a furlough, and requesting funds by wire to come home, waiving identification. The rest is a mere matter of detail.

Parents and friends should be warned of this game and of the similar one where the telegraphic request is to mail money to the soldier care general delivery.

J. M. Nickerson Writes from Camp
Camp Grant, Ill., April 22, '18
To The Enterprise:

If anyone suggests going south from North Dakota to reach a warmer climate, just tell him for me, "don't do it." We've been enjoying a cold rain for three days, varied by snow Saturday, and before the rain started we nearly froze, all the time since arriving in camp. There is a particularly damp wind that must come from Lake Michigan—no one here knows when it returns and blows the other way—and it is about as raw and unpleasant as can be imagined. South of St. Paul great heaps of ice were piled up on the banks of the Mississippi when we passed, and a particularly obstinate snow drift here in the camp is just disappearing under the influence of the rain. But they say when it warms up it does so in earnest.

This cantonment is situated about eighty miles west of Chicago, and is just outside of Rockford, a city of 25,000 people. A trolley line and innumerable busses run into town. The camp has its own railway station. The cantonment is not nearly full at present. Most of the men have been moved to other camps for finishing their training. There are about 10,000 here now, including 4,000 negroes recently drafted from Alabama and the two regiments of railway men, one construction unit and one operating.

We have been drilling when the weather would permit and going to lectures inside at other times, and have gone on two long hikes. They intend to drill us enough so we can claim to be soldiers and can defend ourselves if need arises. No one knows when the regiments will move but we all hope soon.

In closing this I want to mention the work the Y. M. C. A. is doing in these camps. This is being written in a Y. M. C. A. hall on paper furnished by them. There are eight of these halls in this camp. Here we have graphophones, pianos, checker boards and other games, magazines and books. Each is in charge of a secretary who has stamps for sale, weighs and rates parcel post and is

an express agent among his other accomplishments. Every evening some form of free entertainment is provided, movies four nights a week, and others on other nights. Last night we heard the Milton College Glee Club, a bunch of young men,

and Tuesday, two grand opera singers from Chicago appeared. The regimental chaplains hold church services here on Sundays. The boys appreciate the Y. M. C. A. and the attendance is always good. The Knights of Columbus have three

halls here just like these except that their Sunday services are Catholic.

Greetings to my friends in Hannaford.

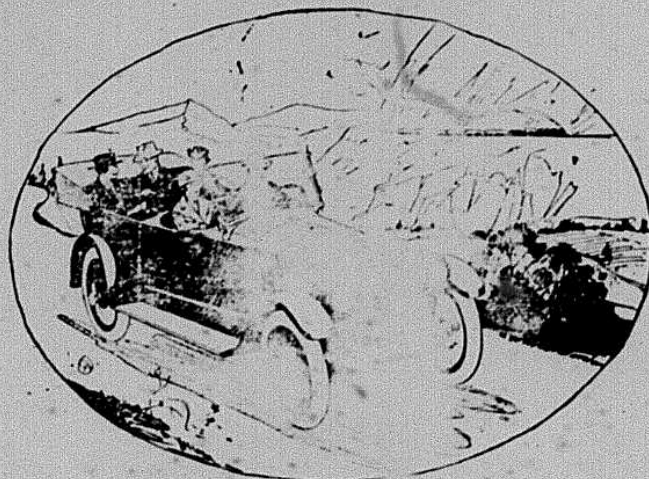
Yours truly,

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There is a tremendous movement of freight on the railroads. War supplies are being transported in such vast quantities that congestion is bound to develop at terminal points.

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