

Union Station

Pittsburgh

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Dear Papa: --

Your letter containing check for \$14.10 duly received. I have paid the \$64.10 to the Insurance and received their receipt to day [sic]. At last I have had to leave old Greensburg and am living in Pittsburgh. Am in temporary charge of a department and have about two hundred and seventy people under me. Do not know how long I will be here though as was told that I was just to hold the position until some permanent appointment was made. It has been about ten days since I came out here, but have been very busy ever since, and have had almost no opportunity to write sooner. I hated very much to leave Greensburg and especially at this time of year when it is so delightful out there and so hot and dirty in the city, but unfortunately a fellow cannot always do as he likes. For the first few days I was pretty homesick, about as much so as when I did leave home, for in no place that I have yet been have I had so many friends and pleasant acquaintances, besides liking the town and every thing [sic] about it. I am awfully sorry to hear of Robs [sic] hard luck & hope that he has found a good position by this time. Let me know what success Sid meets with. The competition examination comes off very soon does it not? Had a letter from Reg a few days ago giving the latest Lake George news. How I would enjoy a visit to the dear old lake again. It is almost three years since I have been up there, but I often think of the good times that I have had there. On account of this new job I will be knocked out of my summer vacation and camp with the regiment. I did not apply for a discharge but had the captain suspend me, by doing so am excused from camp and at the same time should I ever go back to Greensburg can take up my old place in the company without reenlisting. They are going to camp in a delightful place this year – Canneaut Lake in the northwestern part of the state and about one hundred and forty miles from here, and I hope to run up Saturday night and stay over Sunday with them when camp opens. Well it is pretty nearly time for me to be taking the train to East Liberty where I room, so good night, I hope you are well and will have a pleasant trip on the launch. Would like very much to be going along with you, much as I used to hate steam launches, but we see very little water here except dark ponds, would find a weeks [sic] in a boat quite a novelty.

Your affectionate son

Saturday night

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