



UNITED STATES ARMY

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Dear Mother and Dad.

Just a note to indicate my new home address having now been assigned to the 70th Field Hospital, Camp Berkeley, Texas.

When and if this unit leave will be in a position to really see some front line action - rumors have it we are hot but I analyse it as being a rumor - we will see say the wise one!

I am not wilfully sticking my head out for this type of adventure (never was too good at ducking artillery shells) but if there is a place in this army that requires my efforts will accept, whatever it might be, without a moment's hesitation - the job has got to be done.

Am desperately running low in socks and am wondering if you could 'draw together' the apertures in those socks I used for insulating my camera, and send them on to Berkeley. Socks in the army disintegrate like a warm breath on a cold mirror. Any extra ones will help out.

Leave tomorrow morning at 5:30 AM for field operations but will keep you informed. My first job will be to acknowledge Dads most inspiring letter. I certainly received it with a thrill.

Love

James.