

March 9

Dear Folks

It looks like we'll be here till about Thursday. We just got inducted, tagged and given IQ test today. We won't have a permanent address until we reach a training camp. Tomorrow we get checked over and are given shots for every damn thing under the sun.

I stood fire guard last night for 2 1/2 hours from 2:30 to 5. Some new guys came in about 9:15 and filled up the barracks. We three S.Dak. boys thought we were to have it all to ourselves. Kansas boys are now in the lead for numbers but it changes every day. New men coming in and the veterans up from 3 to 10 days going out.

I wouldn't mind staying here for a while. We get fed better than we'll ever get fed in a training camp. If they keep us on the run like they did today we'll be in the front lines by Mar. 15. But I guess we'll be somewhere in the good old USA for about seven months yet.

This will have to be all for now because I got to shave tonight no time in the morning. I'll write Wed if I get time.

Don't leave all the mopeing go till I get home – I don't like to do it anyway.

So long for now Lyle

P.S. Can see the prison from here but it don't look as good as our camp.