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Dear Folks:-

Am keeping my promise and am writing today as I said I would I suppose you received my telegram sometime this morning. I thought I would surprise you a little so I send it. It sure is cheap enough. Fifty words for sixty-five cents. Pretty cheap isnt it? I suppose you received some letters from me before you got the telegram. I hope this letter finds you all well and in the best of health. For myself I will say that I am feeling fine. Remember the time I wrote and said that I weighted 140 lbs. Well I weighted myself in New York yesterday and I weighted 146 ½ lbs. That is a gain of about 6 ½ lbs in the last three weeks. I say that is going pretty good. What do you think? I believe the last time I wrote was Thursday so I will write what news there is to write since then. Friday morning we had to pass muster and then we went on a hike. We took a nice little hike and were gone about two hours. After we came back we did bunk fatigue the rest of the day. We sat around all day and there was nothing doing. As night they issued woolen socks. Each man got four pairs They are good heavy socks and sure will come in handy. Saturday morning I got up for reveille and then got my pass for New York. Wallie was supposed to go with me but he got in a hurry and went with another fellow that was going. I had to borrow some money and I left it to the last minute so while I was trying to get some he went away. I should worry I had a better time than he did. I went to one of the Lieutenants and got some money. I then took the bus to Genafly. At Genafly I took the street car to the Ferry. I got on the Ferry Boat and went across the river to Manhattan St. About three blocks from the ferry I got on the Subway. I rode as far as The Grand Central Depot. I got off and went over to Fifth Avenue. A walked down Fifth Ave until it hit Broadway. I stopped there and bought some postal cards. I then went down Broadway. I walked steady for two hours, taking in the sighted. I went in the Woolworth building and looked around. I didn't go to the top because they charge fifty five cents. After a while I got tired and hungry so I stopped to get something to eat. I eat dinner at the Oxford Restaurant on Broadway. I had a good dinner and was ready to do some more walking. I walked around for- awhile and decided to take a ride on the Subway. I got on the cars and rode as far as 110th St. I got on another car and came back the way I had come. I rode as far as 42nd St. and then got off. I stood on the platform and pretty soon a car came along that said Brooklyn Bridge on it. I decided to get on and see if I couldnt go on the Bridge. I got off as the Brooklyn Bridge Station and walked through the Subway to the street and sure enough there was the Brooklyn Bridge. I walked across the bridge and it was a nice little walk. You can have no idea of how large the bridge is. On each side there is a road for traffic and street cars and in the center is two tracks for the Subway cars. The Bridge starts by the Subway and goes over lots of buildings and then across the river and over buildings in Brooklyn and ends at the Brooklyn Subway. There were lots of ship in the river when I went over. The bridge is way up in the air so it sure was cold walking across. I walked around the Brooklyn Subway Station and then took the cars for New York. I got off at 42nd St and went over to Broadway. I walked down Broadway until I got to the Telegraph office. When I went by it I decided I would send a telegram so I went back. I sent the telegram about 7:30 P.M. I told you in the message that I was going to the Hippodrome. Well I did. I had bought a triket in the afternoon and got a good seat in the Second Balcony. The name of the play was Cheer Up. And I want to say it was the most wonderful show I ever saw. The Hippodrome is a vaudeville theatre and there was some wonderful scenery. In the whole cast there must have been about 150 men and women. In one act they had a big



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After the show I met a fellow from the 126th Infantry and we walked around together. We met two pretty Jeddish "mad-els" and took them home. We had some ride on the Subway too because they lived way out in Brooklyn it was after two by the time we got there and you can imagine what time we got back to Camp. I got back to Camp at 7:30 A.M and wanted to go up stairs when I noticed a sign on the door. Our Barracks is under quarantine for measles, so I suppose they will keep us in for about two weeks. One of the fellows was taken to the Hospital with the Measles last week and now they wake up and put us under quarantine I don't mind it because we dont have to do anything but loaf. I got up at 9:30 and it is 5:30 now and I havent even dressed yet. I am laying on Wallie cot writing this letter in my underwear. Well the whistle just blew for supper so I have to dress and get something to eat. Well supper is over and I am going to finish this letter. There is nothing to do but read and sing. We can't go to the Y.M.C.A. or any place else. I dont blieve I told you that I received two letters from you. One was dated the 21st and the other the 25th. The one from the 21st was supposed to be from Marcus + Rose but they were both in the same hand writing and I doubt if either Marcus or Rose wrote it at all. I can excuse Rose because she has blood poison in her finger, but Marcus won't hear from me until he sends me a regular letter. I know I sent him the Signal Codes and some information about them, also, everytime I write I send a few lines in the code but does he ever answer? No, at least I never got an answer from him. I hope Rose's finger is alright by this time and that she is able to write. I got some postal cards and will send them in this letter. I notice in your letter that you say that I sent the policy home. Well I didnt send it home. When I wrote it out they asked one where I want it sent to and I told them to send it home. Probably they haven't sent it yet. Ill say it was about time that that letter should come from Jefferson Brks. Did you ever get the letter back with the dollar in it. You wrote about the allotment. I suppose you ought to get it pretty soon. You seem to be worrying about getting mail from me. Well before we leave you will have a wagon load of letters yet, so don't worry about mail. You ask if I need anything in the line of clothing and underwear. I dont need anything that I know of. See if you think I do. Here is what I have that I know of:

2 pr. Hobnail Shoes
2 pr. Russet Shoes
6 "Light Weight Wool Socks"
5 Heavy "----"
3 Suits Woolen Underwear
2 Woolen Uniforms
3 Woolen Shirts
2 pr leggings
1 hat
about 15 handerchiefs
4 towel, 3 issue and one Turkish
2 Razors



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- 1 shaving Brush
- 1 tube and one cake shaving soap
- 2 tubes tooth paste
- 1 tooth brush
- 2 cans powder
- 2 combs
- 1 hair brush
- 1 trench mirror
- 2 pipes
- 1 cigarette case
- 1 Wrist Watch
- 2 cakes soap Face
- 1 cake Washing Soap
- 1 pair Woolen Gloves
- 3 blankets
- 1 poncho
- 1 shelter half
- 1 bed ticks
- 1 overcoat
- 1 mess kit and implements (cup, spoon, knife, fork)
- 1 canon, (I mean rifle)
- 1 pack
- 1 meat can
- 1 acondamon can
- 6 pair shoestring
- 3 pr legging laces
- 1 tent pole
- 5 tent pins
- 1 set side arms and bayonet
- 1 canteen
- 1 canteen
- 1 barracks bag
- 1 first aid packet
- ½ fountain pen
- 1 sweater

This is about all I remember and even at that I think I have enough of a load. We will get more stuff in a little while. We are going to get a trench hat, helmet (woolen) sweater and I don't know what else. This is about all that I have to write for this time so I will close with love and Best regards to all.

From you loving Son & Brother
Max



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dinner and was ready to do some more
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and decided to take a ride on the subway.
I got on the cars and rode as far as
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 we got there and you can imagine
 what time we got back to camp.
 I got back to camp at 7:30 A.M.
 and wanted to go up stairs when I
 noticed a sign on the door Our
 Bunks in under quarantine for
 measles, so I suppose they will keep us
 in for about two weeks. One of the
 fellows was taken to the Hospital with
 the Measles last week and now they
 wake up and put us under quarantine.


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I don't mind it because we don't have to do anything but ~~work~~. I got up at 9:30 and it is 5:30 now and I haven't even dressed yet. I am lying on Wallie cot writing this letter in my underwear. Well the whistle just blew for supper so I have to dress and get something to eat. Well supper is over and I am now going to finish this letter. There is nothing to do but read and sing.

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- 1 pack
- 1 meat can
- 1 accordion can
- 6 pair shoestring



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- 3 pr. legging laces.
- 1 tent pole
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This is about all that I have to write for this time so I will close with love and Best regards to all
From your loving
Son + Brother
M. J. [Signature]

The wrist watch inside the envelope
is for Rose.



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