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Camp Funston, Kansas, Oct. 30, 1917

Mr. W. J. Bray  
Kirksville, Mo.

My dear Mr. Bray,

I will try and  
write you that long promised letter.

I am now a soldier and have  
been one for about six weeks.

Army life is not so bad after  
you get used to it. Sometimes I  
think I will never get used to it.

I am in Headquarters Co of the  
356 Infantry. There are fourteen  
other companies in the 356 regiment  
besides this one. There are now  
about two hundred men to each  
company making a total of about  
twentyeight hundred in all.

There will be more men in  
the regiment however.





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I think the full ~~was~~ strength of each company will be about two hundred and fiftyfive men.

Headquarters Co. is a new division of troops in the regiment and it is made up of several divisions or platoons, some of the platoons are: signal, cooks, sappers, orderlies, band and one or two others. At present, with the exception of band, all of the boys are ~~are~~ receiving the same training as the regular infantry. But later they will be divided into these respective groups and receive special training.

I am in the band. Earl Stillingen is also in it. The band is composed of twenty eight men

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WE practice about four or five days per week and drill the rest. We practiced about eight hours today. All of the boys are signing the muster roll tonight. We will get our pay in the next few days. Everything is on the go and hurry tonight as tomorrow is a special inspection and everybody wants to pass.

We are comfortably housed in large wooden barracks. The barracks are steam heated (the last two days) electric lighted and are complete in itself. Each barrack is supposed to hold one company, but by the time about two hundred men get into one there is not very much spare room.





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I have now received the Index  
and would like very much to get it.

There are several of the other K.S.N.S  
boys here and I get to see one (an Index)  
pretty often. There are about four  
K.S.N.S boys in this company. Robert  
Alexander is our Mess sergeant, Ben  
Craig is a corporal and Earl Helling  
and myself are in the band.

A number of we K.S.N.S boys planned  
to have a sort of a reunion some  
Saturday afternoon but the weather  
has been so unfavorable that we  
have not been able to have it.

I do not know whether we will have it  
now as it is getting pretty late in  
the season for picnics,

How is school coming? and how  
are the football boys this year?





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WE boys of the band think we are having  
it pretty easy as we are getting  
paid to study music instead  
of paying. We do not have to drill  
as much as the regulars and  
also receive more pay.

There has been a great campaign  
on among the soldiers to get them  
to buy liberty bonds most every  
man has at least one. All companies  
that the men all bought bonds  
were given passes from Friday night  
until Monday morning. Our Co. all  
went home. The visit was very short  
but it seemed mighty good to get  
home even for such a short stay.

There is some talk of us being  
moved to another camp but do  
not think we will be until about





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The first of next year and then  
may be not until we go to France.  
No one seems to know when we are  
going but I think we will go over  
during the first two months of next  
year. That is merely a guess however.  
Well I will close ere I tire  
you with this nonsense.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Childers  
1649 Co. 356 Inf.  
Camp Funston  
Kan.

P.S. "Bob" Alexander said to  
send you his best regards  
J.A.C.

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Dear Sir:

The first of the year has just passed and the  
club has been a very successful one  
and we think we will give  
during the first six months of the year  
and that is a very good  
and we will give out to all  
in with the  
successful year  
Yours truly,  
George Washington  
1911  
P.S. The club has been  
very successful and we will  
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