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7th Training Co. C.A.C.

Fort Monro Va

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Dear friend Bray

Your letter came the beginning of the week and to say the least I was pleased to get it. I wish you would thank the lodge for me for their kindness in sending the Express. It is highly appreciated even though my time for reading it is very limited. It is about the only news I get from Hixsville at all. I have gotten two copies of the Index so far. I see they now have my correct address so I presume it will come regularly from now on. Tell those Bull Togs for me to get in the game and win. Tell them to stick it out to the end and not lose in the least five minutes of play any more.


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I'm expecting to hear of them ¹⁹¹⁷
 in the future as another
 championship team.

As to my own work I
 don't know that any thing I
 could tell you would be of much
 interest. I might say this, that
 I have run in my life run
 up against such star drivers
 as these instructors here are.

The Coast Artillery is by far the
 hardest branch of the service to
 win a commission in. They're
 kicking them out of here every
 day — To want today — and I
 would not be surprised any time
 to be notified that my services
 are no longer required. We have
 had so far instruction in Gunnery,
 Mechanical Manuevers, Field Artillery,
 War Game Tactics, Mortars, Administration

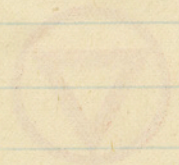

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Courts-Martial, Telephones and Signalling,
 Small Arms Firing, Artillery Maps,
 Field Fortifications and Contour Maps.
 Now if that ain't a mess I'll quit.
 We go from seven in the morning
 to 5:15 p.m., then from 7¹⁵ p.m. to
 9³⁰ p.m. That much is required.
 It generally takes two hours more
 a day than that and then I
 don't get half the stuff.

Fort Monroe — or Old Point
 Comfort — is one of the most
 beautiful places I have ever
 seen. It's quite a historic spot
 also. It is here that Jefferson Davis
 was in prison at the end of
 the war, and within half a mile
 of here that the Monitor and
 Merrimack had their little scrap
 during the civil war. Hampton
 Institute is within 2 miles of



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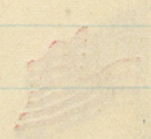
line x ~~that~~ Norfolk, New Port News
 and Lamestown are all in
 sight from the pier.

But I must close — Regards
 to Mrs Bray and any members of
 the faculty who may be
 interested in my whereabouts

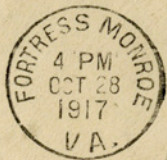
Sincerely,
 Chas. A. Opperson



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