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Dear Mom + Harry:

On Friday, July 9th ^{Shenango} we
thought that our trip
would be postponed again,
+ right after getting up
in the morning most of us put on
our fatigues. Another
fellow + I were the only
ones who believed that
we were to leave 7:30 A.M.

as we were the only
ones who put on the regular
brown Army uniforms

After eating breakfast
I thought I made a mistake

by putting on my ^{brown} uniform
+ took it off + put on
fatigues. Just as soon
as I made this change
an officer came in + wanted
to know why we weren't
ready to leave. He said
that we should already
be out with all of our
belongings headed for the
train. I'm a mad scramble
everybody changed clothes
+ packed their bags +
ran out.

Each one struggled under
the load of two barracks bags
for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to trucks.

which carried the bags to the train.

We marched in front of a band all the way to the tracks & boarded a train which was our home for the next 5 days.

Our train took a round-about route to Seattle. We traveled thru Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon & Washington.

The first snow-capped mountains I saw in my life were those near Denver.

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I just mailed a big parcel post package with things that were not absolutely necessary. Let me know if you have received it in good condition.

The return address on this letter is only temporary. Don't write to this address but to the one you will receive in the near future on a postal card.

Let me know what parts of this letter are censored so that I'll know what is or what is not censorable.

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I had a pretty good
time looking at the scenery
+ I believe I'll be seeing
more interesting parts of the
world. I hope I come
across Richard.

So long

Eddie

P.S.

When writing to me use
my serial number in the
address. It's ASN 36576155
ASN stands for Army Serial
Number.