

A Letter from a Soldier Boy

Camp Dix, N. J., July 2, 1918

Dear Friend:

We landed safe and sound in Camp Dix and had some trip.

Left Camp Pike, Ark., on Sunday morning, June 18, and got here on Wednesday night. We went through nearly every state in the South.

We left Arkansas, went to Memphis, Tenn., from there to Mississippi, then to Alabama, back to Tennessee, from there to Virginia, then to Delaware, from there to Washington, D. C., then to Maryland, from there to Pennsylvania, and finally from there to Camp Dix, so you see we had some trip which certainly was a very interesting one.

Everything seems fine and dandy in New Jersey. I like myself much better here than in Arkansas, for one thing it don't get so hot here. It was almost too hot to live in Arkansas when we left so I don't see how people can live there in July and August.

I do not know just how long we will stay here, but don't thing it will be very long, perhaps till the last of this month, at least that's what they tell us, unless something turns up.

It don't matter much to me how soon we will go across as I'm raving to go. We are about the only ones left who came in the same time as I did, and lots who came in later than I did are "Over There" long ago.

I saw Chester Wallum the day he left Camp Pike. He went to Camp Merrit, N. J., and maybe he has left for France by now. They shipped out all the privates for over sea service a few days before the rest of us. They were supposed to go right across but I guess they had to wait for ships. There are only 43 left of our company that came here. These are corporals and sergeants.

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