

Wednesday

Dear Folks -

I thought you might be interested in knowing that I will soon be a private in the ranks of our national army. Apparently my application didn't hold & I can appeal it and possibly push it through, but I don't care to. The fact remains that it will be considerably better to go to the first camp than the second. Promotion will be quicker, there will

both the first Officers Training  
camp and then the navy  
so I could work a few  
months and pay off my debts.  
I can't get into the Navy  
now.

There is nothing to worry  
about of course. The war  
may be over before we even  
get across. We can't possibly  
be ready to go before next  
June or July. Lots of things  
can happen between now and  
then.

I am planning now of I  
have to report in October third,

to have special details, and  
there will probably be a third  
Officers Reserve Camp formed  
from the drifted men. So  
I figure that I am not so

badly off. I am going to  
get all the influence to earn  
in the War Department toward  
an early promotion. I  
have several leads for special  
details -- such as experimental  
psychologists, statisticians etc.

The only thing that makes me  
mad is that I gave up

which seems likely, to leave  
here the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will  
give me money enough to pay  
off all of my little bills and  
have enough to get home &

I will probably have to go  
to Madison to report.

I shall let you know more  
as soon as I receive more  
definite information myself. I

will probably begin sending  
things home soon. I am  
not sorry I am called and I  
shall rather look forward to  
reporting to camp. Here's  
hoping I see you all soon!  
Lots of love,  
Melvin.