Co. 1268
Highbridge N.J.
State Park No. 5

December 28 - 35
Saturday

Worked today because it rained Friday. Had a talk with Pop today about my marks. He didn't know if meant unreliable. Expect an improvement from now on.

Whata makes you get tonight. We're going back to east on the tenth. The weather is staying. No being sent to Albany.

It's a tough break.
December 29-35
Sunday
After breakfast went back to bed till noon.
Wrote some letters.
After lunch and did some reading.
All you can hear around camp is “going back east.”
Everyone feels good except the one who are staying here.
Walked to Clarkia after supper for some stamps.
Made me a spot of tea this afternoon.

December 30-35
Monday
It rained and snowed today but we went to work—some of the fellows signed out for New Year so they wouldn’t have to work, but they were caught at lunch time and fined a dollar.
Dropped a tamarack that was 200 ft high.
Saw a flying squirrel today. It took time the air about fifty yards.
Walked to Clarkia after show.

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December 31, 1935

Tuesday

Snow

It was snowing so we didn’t go to work. Stayed around reading and writing.

Went to a New Year Eve Dance at Clarkie’s. When I got there was drafted into playing the drums for the orchestra. Got a dollar out of it. Danced with a small blond (Vera Webb). Dined with her around 3:30 a.m. I grated some one else’s pocket in the dance hall around a whole pack of Chesterfields on the floor and gave them the pocket.
January 2-36 Thursday

Snow.

It was a terrible day today. Rain, snow, sleet, etc., but they sent us out to work. Boy did we get soaked. We even went back to work after lunch – but they sent us out for us to stand there – I don’t know what ever made them think of it.

Did some washing before show.

Just hung around the barracks all evening.

Made the “skin” list today. Dirty floor even tho’ I had mopped it.

January 3-36

Tuesday

Came in to camp for lunch today. No more eating on the job.

Made the “skin” list again. It’s getting to be a habit.

That makes four times this week I pay place so much better than a lot of other, but he insists on making me for some reason. I’m probably have to work Sunday.
January 4, 1936

Saturday

Snowed hard but we went out to work to make up a half day. We skidded snow around camp.

Slept all afternoon.

Stayed around the barracks all evening checking the fat about foremen, personal records, etc.

Words got locked inside of his locker.

January 5, 1936

Sunday

Did some reading and sleeping.

Took a walk with Bob in the afternoon.

Did some lettering on my foot locker.
January 6, 1936

Monday

Had a tough time plowing thru the snow on the job today. It was up to our waists in some spots. The best way to travel is on your hands and knees. The crust holds you up then.

The fellows left for Anvyr tonight. Said good bye to little William. It sure was tough. I may see him at Camp Dix when we check out in March.

Uncle Ab, Bob and I are the only ones left of our gang now.

January 7, 1936

Tuesday

It snowed off and on most of the day. At night went up to see Pop about my record again. All the foreman thought it was satisfactory but Sandy has it otherwise. A lot of records will have to be changed.
January 8 - 36
Wednesday
Snow
Dropped a couple of big ones today. There was quite a wind blowing which made it a ticklish job on the big ones. The snow was up to our waists in most places today. It sure was cold working in that.
Pack a lot of my things to take tonight. Only a half day tomorrow.
January 10, 1936
Friday

Turned in bed, had after show. Clean up barracks and then loaded luggage. Left for St. Marie at 7:00 A.M. Train pulled out at 5:00 P.M. McCue, Uncle Al and I share the same compartment. Uncle Al struggled Cleo aboard the train in the baggage car.

Passed thru some towns we saw snow on and eight feet deep. Went to sleep in Montana.

January 11, 1936
Saturday

Still in Montana. Stopped at Harlowton and Miles City. Passed the troop trail with the bunch going on to our old camp. Entered Marmie, N. Dakota around 3:00 P.M. Passed the line into N. Dakota after supper. Went up ahead and fed Cleo. Stopped at the bridge for 20 minutes. Bought at the cafe.
January 12, 36
Sunday

Pulled into Minneapolis, Minn. at 7:00 A.M. Stopped over for an hour.

Now passing through Iowa.

Saw the engine, climbing

with the heating engineer.

5:00 P.M. Stopped in

Waterloo, Iowa. Mail

destined to Dennis and Frank.

8:30 P.M. Dubuque, Iowa.

9:00 P.M. Crossed the

Mississippi into Illinois.

January 13, 36
Monday

Entered Lima, Ohio after breakfast.

Canton after lunch.

4:00 P.M. Passed along

the Ohio river in

Pennsylvania.

7:30 P.M. In Pittsburg.

7:15 A.M. Altoona.

Kept walking there.

The cars discovered the

coupling had come loose

between our car and

the one behind. They

had to stop the train

and fix it. One of the

Black porters came

looked around.
January 14 36

Tuesday

6:00 A.M. Pulling into Dietz. Fourteen troop trains coming in today. Hooked for unloading baggage - marched into camp for chow. Quite a difference from the last time I walked that road. Some old Camp Dietz chow. All new York fellows came to n.y. Roberta, Mullin, Wood, etc. - quite a lot of our fellows are still together. Going to Highbridge. NO - had a 53 mile ride in open trucks. Was it cold. Pulled into camp 8:00 P.M.

January 15 36

Wednesday

The camp isn't so bad. The inmates are a bunch of goons. They go to bed and then throw their shoes at the legs to put them on.

Spent the morning dodging work. In the afternoon got hooked for k.p. with Shade and Ripplack. What a job. Better peel cabbages and scraped grease off the stove and polished them. Didn't finish till 8:15 P.M.

The camp is 1268 - Camp Voorhees - State Park.
January 16, 1936
Thursday
Went out to work today.
Digging up a road with a pick - we have no clothing yet.
Went to town at night to inquire about train home. Then went to a show.
No train till 8:10 p.m.
No going to hitch like before.

January 17, 1936
Friday
We are getting the afternoon off to go home - left the road at 3:10 p.m., got a lift in an army truck as far as Clinton.
Got a lift to New Brunswick in a coal truck and from there into South River. Walked from South River into South Amboy and got the bus - it was great to get home again after nine months.
January 18, 1936
Saturday
Went over & saw Aunt Alia and Grandpa Wend. Rode around in the afternoon with Uncle Kenny and saw Ruby and Howard. Also saw Hudson and the Grants.
In the evening went around & saw Ray and later the Bollers. It feels like a million dollars being home.

January 19, 1936
Sunday

Sick
Jan 20-36
Monday

Jan 21-36
Tuesday

Rick

Rick
Jan. 23-36
Wednesday

Jan. 23-36
Thursday

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Jan. 24-36

Thursday

Quarters

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Saturday

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Jan-30-36
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Jan-31-36
Friday

Return to camp.
Pulled into camp about 3:00 P.M. Took an awful cold
sitting down from the C.O. for no reason at all. He was going to
me 45.0 but after he
could down he let me
go because I brought a
disc note.
went to the show at
night