

Camp Stevens, Mass.,
Thursday Night.

Dear Brother: —

I guess our darling mother has been pretty much sick, Win, but I got a letter from her to - night, and she says she is ever so much better now. I wrote to the Doctor the first of the week and told him to watch out very closely for mother, and go up to see her as often as necessary, and not hesitate even if mother said she was all right.

I got a letter back from the
doctor and he said she was
getting along all right, no need
for worry now at all, and that
her fever was all gone. I have
written mother and told her to
remain in the house until one
of us got home unless an unusu-
ally nice day came around. I
got a letter from Charles to-
day and he is keeping watch
out, and Mrs. Bacon, the Harts
and Mr. Williams are doing
everything for mother. So I
guess Win everything is all
right now, but mother had a
mighty close call from having
pneumonia. She got her cold in
church on the Sunday I was
home, before Thanksgiving. I've
told her to stay away from
church cold Sundays hereafter, the
place is so poorly heated.

Well, Win, your brother
is now a Sergeant. Yes sir!
I'm now wearing three stripes
instead of two. I was appointed

Corporal December 1st, and
Sergeant December 11th.

I'm happier than a bed-
bug. Look out! you'll
have to salute your "bird"
brother soon, if I keep
going up. I have charge
of sixteen men now and
half of this morning I
had a platoon out on the
well-field drilling them.
When there is fatigue
work to do for my
section, I simply oversee
it and am not compelled
to lift my hand, but I

do, to keep from freezing
to death, with the ther-
mometer now actually
twelve below zero,
mornings around here.

I'm afraid I won't
be able to see Lieutenant
Jenkins before I get home
Christmas, if we're fort-
unate in getting out, as
our quarantine won't be
lifted until a week from
to-morrow, (Friday).

We had a demonstra-
tion this afternoon in
the use of our 44
Automatic Colts which all

non-commissioned officers are to carry. All non-coms. also are mounted continually on a cavalry horse. Can you imagine me with a "seven-shooter" by my side. I'll get there yet, you can bet. I'll be a man soon.

Every one here is giving to the Halifax fund. It surely was awful, almost unbelievable,

I am thinking very strongly of selling my shares in the Grafton Bank, and give the money to mother, so she won't have to do any extra work. I guess the money amounts to nearly two hundred dollars. I am not going to do anything about it until I get home, though.

I am wondering how you are getting along with that Landscape Gardening examination? I hope you got an A.

Am glad you and Carly went to the movies at Bangor last Saturday night, for a change.

As to your giving mother
something for Christmas,
I think she would rather
you had not give her any-
thing this year. My \$50.00
will be sufficient, I guess.

Well, I guess I'll close
for this time. I am fine
now, and don't worry now
about mother for she's getting
along finely. Lots of Love
to you ~~to~~ from
Your Brother
Wm.

Enclosed find a few views
of our things here at
Camp, 14a - hat,



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For.

Mr. Winthrop Albert Bennett
University of Maine,
Orono, Maine.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon House.

From

Sergt. M. C. Bennett.

Caisson Co. #1,

Ammunition Train,

301st Regiment,

Camp Devos,

Mass.

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