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2ND CORPS AREA TRAINING CENTRE  
CAMP DIX, N. J.

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My dear Fairall:

First of all allow me to thank you for the file of the " Camp Dédger " which I received a few days ago. The old familiar columns certainly brought back tender memories of our days in France.

I note what you say about receiving copy of orders assigning you as Intelligence Officer of the 3rd Battalion, 350th Infantry. Undoubtedly then you must ~~of~~ <sup>have</sup> been on the Reserve rolls all the while. However, since Polk is to be a Colonel and he wants you and you would like to be with him, ask to be so assigned and ask Polk to write to Colonel Willard at the same time requesting it. If it requires a man of Captain's rank in that position, have Polk recommend you.

I think you can land it. I do not know what the rules or regulations are for advancement in the Reserves, but it would appear that if Polk can get a Colonelcy you should land a Captaincy. The case of Arnold is one of many of a similiar nature that I have heard of. Many will fall down when tried out.

I have not written to Briggs in regards to the next reunion. In fact, I have not given it much thought as yet. It should be held in the ~~Fall~~ after the harvest time so as to be sure of a good attendance. It was too early last year. I think anywhere from the 7th to the 15th of September would be a good time. One of the important matters to consider is the housing and food for the rank and file. Calculation should be made as to about how many might attend, how they can be cared for at least expense, amusements, and interesting ~~subject~~ <sup>night</sup> to be seen. Maybe trips ~~could~~ be provided. Anything to get to-gether and make the 2, 3, or 4 days an enjoyable one to-gether with perhaps a parade, dances, theatres~~m~~ etc., The main ones to consider are the rank and file. Officers can always get along but the other fellows always think they are slighted and the Officers get all the cream. This must be avoided. I prefer to have the affair in the twin cities rather than at Fort Snelling but no doubt the Post would help out on cots, etc., and perhaps cooks, etc.,

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if we can find places to house the men. All these are details which the fellows on the spot can look into rather than outsiders. We must make it the men's re-union and if they have a good time, I am sure the Officers will.

Hotels and other accomadations must likewise be considered for the Officers and such enlisted men as have the means and wish to pay for same. It would be great if we could get to-gether some part of the old show -- " Who Can Tell " and show it in an Opera House or a large tent. Collins, Gear, and some of the others are in Chicago, and vicinity, I understand. You are liberty to give Briggs this dope, little as it is worth, but I would like to keep in touch with what is being done.

The parade might take on some form with the Civic population, ~~on~~ the New Reserve Division, etc., to make it big.

Let me know how you make out on your Reserve Commission. With best wishes and again thanking you for the " Camp Dodger " set.

Sincerely Yours;



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Brigadier General, U. S. A.