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Dear Mother,

Gordy and I came down to the ranch today to bake bread. It is much easier to bake 6 loaves down here.

We are having a swell time. We have our camp all set up now and it sure looks nice. We have small evergreen boughs on the floor and it makes it smell good in the tent we have shelves and cabinets built in the tent and this morning I made a rustic log door to go over the part of the doorway not covered by the tent. In back of our tent we have set up a tent we got from the ranch and we have all our supplies in it.

We have the stove set up between the two tents and beside the stove is our wood pile.

Back in the trees a little way we have a water barrel and wash stand set up. They fixed us a barrel with a faucet on it so we have running water. We got a big flat stone about three feet long and two feet wide set upon a log for a wash stand and it sure makes a good one. Paul made a bench this morning and we found a part of an old folding bed out of which we made a seat using the back seat out of the car. This makes our overstuffed discomfort.

Paul + Beel climbed up a mountain right beside our camp and it is so high you can't see the top from our camp. They said they could see seven mountain ranges and about fifty miles in all directions. We are all going hiking tomorrow. We have spent the past four days making camp but that is all finished now.

Tuesday night it got down to freezing and I was cold that night. I made ~~my~~ my bed over and I have slept fine so far.

It snowed just a little last Monday and we all had our sweaters and coats on. It is a fine day today with the sun shining very bright. Mrs. McWakman has been up to see us almost every night and she thinks it is swell.

We all came down to the ranch for supper last night and had all the chocolate ice cream you could eat.

We went to bed the other night at 8 PM and slept until 8:30 AM not bad for one night. It is very easy to get an appetite out here and all the food tastes swell. Gordy and I have done most of the cooking and we have had some good meals. Gordy made biscuits the other morning and they were sure good. Well I am going to take a bath now.

Your loving son
Fred.



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