



Mansion House Hos.
Alexandria Va.

Saturday Ev Mar 29th

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My Dear Mother —

I recd yours & James
letter, written last Sunday & mailed
Monday, to day. For some reason
it had been a whole weeks
conning. I will ancurr the
line you sent in it to night
and James tomorrow. You
say you hope I shall not go
off with the Army until I am
able to. The Army has already
gone, when I get able I shall
go on and join my Regt
and not before, do not think
I am going on after the Regt
when I am half sick. —

Yes, you have said every time
you have written, "why not