

Sat. Aug. 11, 1917

Dear Marie,

Won't you please "open
your heart" and take a chance
on my understanding? I will
never see you until I come home
for good, and that is a
long time — at least a year
I ahead. Please sit on my
lap again and tell me
everything. I wonder if you
think my letters are too "soft,"
like Edgar & Grace? Do you?
Mother sent me the pictures of
you eating cherries and
in the canoe with the duck.
I can picture you perfectly
in your new clothes. Gee,
but I am hungry for a
sight of you — to look
into those soft brown eyes.

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and hear you talk again.
Won't you please talk to me
as if we were together? I
am going to wait one more
week and then I am going
to go to the Battalion
commander, Moore, and ask
him to transfer me to the photo-
graphic section of the Signal
Corps. Whether I leave here
right away, or in six weeks,
I don't count on seeing me
again till the finish. I
wonder why you call yourself
my friend? Have you found
that you can't be a little
more than that to me? Dear
little girl, please be perfectly
frank with me in every thing.
You can't imagine how much
I hate any kind of pretense.

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We passed the hat here this afternoon and bought a ~~25~~ Victor with some records.

About 45 of us bunk in this room so we expect to get a good bunch of records.

This morning the fourth & fifth sections of Co. A 6th helped unload a shipment of saddle horses and pack mules from El Paso, Texas. Believe me it was a lively job to lead that bunch, two at a time, from the cars to the corral. One fellow from Co. B-6th was sent to the hospital with a mule's "thumbprints" on his chest. We were off this afternoon so I went to Lavenworth City, which is a little larger than Beloit. A lot of fellows went

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to Kansas City for over Sunday.
I am pretty near broke again
and won't get last month's pay
until September. Blanche
sent me some stamps — will
you feel prieved if I pass
some on to you? I don't think
your mother will mind very
much because you spoke on
the stage. Congratulations, etc.
Now you will have to stop
biting your nails.

I got Vera's card alright.
and yours too, today. Did

Lawetta get my letter?
Be sure to tell me soon enough
when you leave Chi. so
none of my letters will go
there after you're gone.

Yours,
Forrest.



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