

WAR WORK COUNCIL



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



"WITH THE COLORS"

Sept. 9, 1917

Dear Marie,

If any girl's letters could fill a man with enthusiasm and ambition, yours surely do. You are every bit the girl that I have always believed you were and I know I need never have any cause to doubt you. I know that this war can't last very much longer and I feel that I will surely come back to you no matter how things go. Somehow, I can't

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See the dark side of anything
anymore. Everything
seems to come my way.
I wonder if you expect
very much of a change
in me when I come back.

If you do you will surely
be disappointed because
I'll be the same boy
that said "goodbye" that
Tuesday night. Marie
are you sure you love me
enough to give yourself
to me for all time? I
should like to know
just what you think you
know of me. That is
something you can tell me
when we see each other again.
I am anxiously waiting


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for the fudges. Blanche sent some more but they go pretty fast. Sorry you had I had luck the first time. I just got a mighty fine military wrist watch from Art Goss. It is sure some watch 15 jewel with Swiss movement, and luminous dial and hands. Almost half of the men & all the officers have wrist watches; no fobs are allowed to be worn. I guess we get

(4) paid tomorrow so I
will get the Vest Pocket
camera. Corporal Westrum
and I went out taking
pictures this afternoon.
If they are good I will
send some. Westrum is
acting as Co. clerk at
present and he says
they expect to hear from
Washington what is to be
done with photographers
very soon now. I don't
want to leave here
very soon as this is sure
a great place. Yesterday
the 4th section moved
into a separate room of our
own. We have got a fine
sergeant. He curses us


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up and down during
 the foot drill period
 but I guess we deserve it.
 Friday 5 other men &
 I were detailed to
 round up 11 new mules
 and lead them to the
 A-6th stables. They
 were loose in a little
 half acre corral and
 believe me we had
 our troubles. They were
 a wild bunch and it
 took the six of us over
 an hour to get the ropes

(6) on them. I'm glad there are no mules in the wagon section. Yesterday morning I had my first very close call. When we groom the horse, we take them from the corral and tie them a yard apart to a chain stretched taut ~~to~~ between posts about four feet high. I was brushing the hind legs of 1 of the new mules. The suddenly plunged around sideways at me, kicking with both feet. I stepped a head just in time to miss the hoofs but was pinned in between the picket chain & the mule. The chain caught

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me between the ribs and
the hip bone and the
force of the blow doubled
me up for a minute. Friday
afternoon, another fellow
from the Ith section
went to the hospital —
more horse thump prints.

Take it from yours truly,
this lad is going to
watch his step.

I know just exactly
how you felt about
that sweaters coat. It is
yours until I come

(8) back and Ethel had
no right to urge you to
loan it to her after
you refused it. I do
not care if she wears
it—but I want you
to do just as you want
to. I do think

your folks were wrong
in making you give
the sweater to Ethel.

Well I suppose you
will be back to school
when this reaches you.
If I were you I would drop
that piano playing
at school. Do your
own work the best you
can and no more.

Yours,
Farrest.



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