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Dear Marie,

I think you got two letters this week didn't you? Will be expecting a visit from Mose pretty soon now but can't see how you expect me to like him if you like him nearly as well as you like me. And please be careful not to be too much in love with the Camp Grant boys because that sure would make me jealous.

I thought your reading, "The Service Flag" was good. Are you still taking both elocution and music? It seems to me you must be

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pretty busy, and I am not sure it would be a good thing for you to learn telegraphy.

What are your plans for this summer's vacation, and what grade will you be in if you "pass" in June? Please really be my "little sister" and tell me more about yourself and what you intend to do.

Well I am going to go ahead and tell you more about telegraphy, but want you to tell me whether or not you really want to take the time and trouble to study it in earnest. If you do want to learn it I will do a lot more to help you.

I explained in Mother's letter, last night, how my transfer from Co A-6 has been blocked by



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Colonel Allison so you see I should become a pretty fair operator if I keep up with the progress I have already made. Of course it is slow work as telegraphy is only a small fraction of the "stuff" a signalman has to learn and we don't get very much practice with it.

I am going to try to explain in as simple a manner possible how the apparatus works. Now please be fair and tell me if you don't really understand any of the things I try to explain because I am sure I can

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make everything quite plain
and clear if you just tell
me what you don't "get".

To hear goes with a
few definitions, descriptions,
etc. especially revised
and calculated for a
bugger telegraph student.

— Will mail in a separate
envelope — J.



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