



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



May 27, 1918.

Dear Marie,

I have read your letter of the 23rd over and over again today although it came two days ago. There is something in the letters from my little Make-believe Sister that make me want her so much.

I am glad you tell me about your school work.

Please don't ever think of giving it up. Even if you should fail this semester that would hardly be an excuse for being discouraged.

Play hard outdoors this summer and get plenty of sleep. Don't allow



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anything to interfere with
a good, complete,
refreshing rest every night.
It is during these periods
of sleep, or at least relaxation,
that we grow and are
rebuilt. So don't fail to
realize the importance of
early to bed, and, if you
can, get up when you
feel like it. Of course
it is hard to sleep
during the early hours
of a hot night. A
short time ago you spoke
of often feeling very tired
and worn out before the
end of the day. Now
it is hard for one to be
cheerful and happy and
also to stand above our



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little pet weaknesses
when he is tired and
restless. Get all the real
outdoor fun, the real
fun of hiking, swimming
riding, that you can
and try to avoid the things
that make you mentally
tired. Are you going to
stop both your music
and elocution lessons?
I think that your health
and then your school
work should come above,
and be considered before,
anything else.

Have you started to
learn to ride yet? What
kind of a saddle have
you, and how do you
like it? Please tell



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me everything about it.

Do you think you will learn to swim this summer? How about your outdoor girls' club?

Is there any kind of a girls' camp that you could and would like to go to for a short period during your vacation?

Tell me as much as you can about these things.

Make the most of every chance you have to be a true Outdoor Girl.

Everyone loves a Tomboy girl if she can be a real Girl at the same time.

A girl should be as much a lover of good



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active outdoor fun as any boy, but at the same time I keep all her girlish ways.

Well I wonder what other folks would think if they read my letters like this one. Other boys don't write like this I am sure and maybe I am wrong in doing so. Please tell me exactly what you think.

I guess I am just telling you the kind of a girl that appeals to me - or rather one reason why I love a little girl whose deep brown eyes are so full of warmth and love.



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Marie, no one can
see you and know
you without loving
you and I am glad
that I know you so
well.

Will please answer
my letters as soon as
you can and talk
to me about everything.

With love,
Forrest.



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