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"WITH THE COLORS"



Monday eve, 1/7/18

Dearest Valentine :-

I have just finished supper and also reading two letters from you written on Dec. 26 and Dec. 28. Just received them this eve and it seemed more like home when I saw your handwriting again. These two had been forwarded from Mr. Thomas. I will remind u of some of the things you spoke of w/ them by answering some of your questions.

When it comes to bed fellows I am a good one for I am always very quiet. Ha! Of course that makes it much easier to sleep, and I agree with you that it would be great fun to have u. for a bed-companion.

That house that your father intends to build with concealed beds in the walls will be great but suppose they might close up while

some one was in them! Ha! Of course
if u and I were there it wouldnt
matter for I might land on top of
u or u on me, and it wouldnt
hardly matter which way.

I did not enlist because I was
scared into it, but because I thought
it my duty and am sure the other
boys were in the same frame of mind
I stayed at home many months
longer than I felt that I should
and each day I could hear
the question ringing in my
ear. Will you not answer
your country's call. I have
from the beginning of this
war read the papers from day
to day and believe I under-
stand just why and for what
the allies have been strug-
gling for and the U.S. will
forever be praised for entering
this war on the side of right
and for the sacred principles
of humanity.

I hope to God that it
will be put in class for
for we do not want men



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Of yellow blood in our sight
we want men of Red blood
men who act instead of talk
ing. just ask St. Why he did
it fill his agreement with me
when at the beginning of
this war he said to me, "When
you go, I will go too. My life
is just as precious to me
as his is to him but if
they were all like him he
would meekly sit and see his
mother, sisters and friends
subjected to untold miseries
and treatment which the Ger-
mans never hesitate to im-
plicit. He need not worry
however for the Red blooded
men of America will protect
him. If he is ever forced
to go, he will not go like a
slave. C if I am not right
I blame no man for not
wanting to enter military
life but I know as well as I

that Mr. H. would be much
better that if he would
just keep still. I keep still
and do not express my opi-
nion to him for that would
cause hard feelings between
you and him.

Have done very little to-
day. Only carry the mail.
This takes about one hr in
the Am. and one in the P.
M. Am feeling somewhat
vulnerable today.

Received a letter from
Harry B. Roberts today. I see
close it that you may read
it. Return it at your
leisure.

This has been a very nice
day here today. Many of
the boys died but I do
not have to unless I want
to. By being mail orderly
I escape all such duties.
Every body will and
heartily. How is Ethel, Fudge?



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Tell her I send her my kindest regards with best wishes that she will soon return to her usual good health. If she were in Florida I know the pretty sunshine would help her.

Oh, yes! Dear! A few weeks here and I shall subscribe my self as your dark-skinned Dixie sweetheart. Beauty is only skin-deep, so I will lose none of my beauty for I have none to lose. Ha! Black or white I know u will love me just the same, won't you? Some day I hope u may have the opportunity of being sunshine Florida. Newspapers here cost three cents a piece. Our most popular ones at camp are the Jacksonville Times Union and the Atlanta Georgian. I never

miss reading them. I suppose
that as long as a paper is pub-
lished I will read one. I know
I always did at home. Well I hav-
ent changed. The greatest change
about me is that I am not
so particular but can eat
most anything.

Excuse my outbreaks and
war references but this is what
I heard some fellow just say. Go-
H- with Kaiser Bill, I hope some
fellow will cut his balls off and
feed them to the dogs. I fear the dogs
would be too good to even touch
them. I have read the two letters
I received this eve three times and
yet they are interesting to me.

This is 14 letters since Xmas
that says two weeks more gone.
Time is making all the dearest
to me so with sweetest memories
and with truest love, I am.

Your Florida Dremette.
Ha!



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Miss Pearl Valentine Baker,
Sulphur Springs,
Henry County, Indiana

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If undelivered
return to Wm L
Bouslog, Sulphur
Springs, Indiana
Henry Co.

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