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"WITH THE COLORS"

Monday

1/21/18
YMCA

My dearest Hoosier Valentine:—

Today has been rather a fortunate day for me I have received many letters which were certainly appreciated. I have this day received letters from U. (2) F. Hutson Pillar (1) L. L. Myers (2) Bernice (1) Jesse (1) Father (1) Edna (1) Miss Lucas (1) The last letter was written on Jan 1st and just arrived today. To have been fair I should have forwarded it on to you, yet it was only a mere letter of remembrance and was written at Luther's request, I am sure. Probably you have met her by this time. I am sure she is a first-class girl from the characteristics that she presented the only time I saw her. She impressed me as a girl with sound common sense and

that's the kind. His looks and appearance, I shall not discuss, as they figure as a very minute part of the man's character.

Just finished writing your brother a letter. Was glad to hear the father and mother are O.K. for I know this cold weather ^{must} have been extremely severe for them. No matter how many responsibilities a person may have heaped upon him he always is interested in the welfare of his mother and father.

Glad to hear that you will now have a holiday every week. You know every soldier approves of the Gov't's action as we feel they can sacrifice (I mean business men) a little if it will help our cause. I knew G. Marshall and saw him while at Ft. Thomas. Bryant is now in the motor-cycle Division and I saw him this night, he was taking an officer (Captain) to Jacksonville in a side car. I think he wanted something to do and



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as long as he is busy he will be contented no matter where he may be.

I am tired myself of doing nothing. Perhaps soon I shall be given something to do such as I can feel that I am helping to bring the war to an end.

I am not believing that peace is close at hand and will come only when the Kaiser comes to the just terms that are laid down by the Allies. That may be next month and it may be years. Let us hope that months and not years correctly express the time. I do not want peace only on Wilson's Terms. To obtain it on any other terms might mean separation again and strife in future years with a less

Chance of being victorious

Fred said in his letter, "Opal is all right only her dress is short at both ends", Ha! Also said, "she says she is going to make them shorter," and remarked that he didn't see how you could without leaving it off and that would never do!" Ha!

You shouldn't shock Fred's modesty that way.

I am sorrow that Oletha is dissatisfied but she may learn that this is not a world without its troubles and disappointment. Forget the remarks that she may have made. Perhaps she feels different now. I hold no malice towards her. All my hatred is centered now upon the D-Kaiser.

Oh! Yes! Wouldn't you love to see my mustache, now among the finest of the camp. Ha! Couldn't resist telling you, that it's so fine that you can't see it! Ha! Catch the idea? There is not any to be seen. I was only teasing you as usual. Ha!



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It is now 9 P.M. I suppose the lights are out at the barracks but U C I am at the Ymca this eve. This is one night, I shall go to bed in the dark, I always liked that however, so I am not worrying.

You can't hardly step out any more unless challenged by an armed guard. They are getting very careful and every day or so arrest some suspicious person. I feel perfectly safe to sleep now with armed guards all about every night.

With all those kisses, H H H and squeezes what more could I want? When I obtained all those I would have "U" and that is all I ask: "C"

Well, I must yet write a letter to my sister, so Good nite my dearest Hoosier Valentine

From Southern Admirer
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P.S. no 4 as it will be in the dark
and I couldn't stand it. Ha!
I am feeling fine this day

Love to you.

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Henry County, Indiana

