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Monday 12/31/17

9 P.M.

Jacksonville Fla

Darling :-

Will write you a line or so. Have arrived here and have now been waiting nearly 3 hrs for engine to take our car to camp. I am sitting in the car at Depot here. Orders are not to leave car so I will spend my time thus.

Have had a long trip.

Have eaten, slept and rode all in the same car now for about 40 hrs.

I have seen some very rare scenes yesterday and this day. Saw nothing as I

passed thru Tennessee
as we traveled thru that
state Sunday nite while
we were asleep. I was
not asleep however but yet
couldn't C in the dark
ness. Can do something
in the dark but cant look
at scenery C Ha! Ha

Wished I had had u
with me Sunday while
going thru those tunnels
of Ky and Oh! if u
had been with me last
night when I rolled and
tumbled until my bones
were tired and sore on
that rough and jerky
railway thru Tennessee.
I might have used you
for an extra mattress. Ha
“C”. That would have been
nice wouldn't it? For me

at least. 3

I slept with a comrade
from Richmond, Indiana
a splendid fellow.

I understand Camp
Johnson is eight or ten
miles from Depot here
so we still have that
far to travel yet in 1917
That engine had better hurry
or we will finish our trip
in 1918.

How are u this fine New
Years Eve? Well it is not
hot in Florida by any
means. A cold snap has
for a few days struck this
state and today the therm
ometor has registered from
20 to 30 above zero, I expect
it has been below zero
in Old S. Spgs, has it not?

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I am told that a cold snap
only lasts a few days in
Florida so I am looking
ahead to warmer weather
here in a day or two.

If this climate strikes
me, I in after years will
have a longing to spend
my winters here. U can
spend them with me how
ever "C".

When I get into camp
and in assigned quarters
I will then give address
so you can unite me di-
rect. Have been eating those
nuts u gave me all the
way down here. I had the
whole bottom of my travel
ing bag covered with
them.

Has Jesse arrived home yet?

Most of the boys are sleeping
but I never sleep, do
I? Always wide awake and
in mischief!

An overcoat will feel
mighty good here tonite and
we all have the ones we
wore at Ft Thomas, but
would swap my over-
coat for a Ford Rider. Ha!
With U!

Take good care of your-
self this very cold weather.
Whenever you run out
of some where to go, just
come to Florida. Ha! Probably
the best way u could make
this trip would be in an
imaginative way. I hope
the day may come however
when I can show u this
beautiful country. Saw

only about 10 white
 girls in all the towns we
 passed thru in Georgia.
 Rest were negroes. “C”
 none white or black
 in Dixie land interest
 me. I am interested in
 U only away back in
 Indiana. Of course I am
 interested in other friends
 back in Indiana but I am
 talking of true girl friends
 U C. I never found but one
You spells the one. Will
 mail this whenever and
 as soon as I can.

Our negro porter just
 said, “Damn if it aint as
 cold here as in Cincinnati.”
 He is foolish for I bet it
 is below zero there.

Oh! I felt a bump and

so I reckon we shall
soon be moving, so
with an everglowing
love for U my Indiana
sweetheart. I must
close.

With truest affection

Wes

Swak.

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