

NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL

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YOUNG MEN'S CRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

"WITH THE COLORS"

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1917

Receiving Co. 46. Block B 27

Camp Joseph. E. Johnston

Jacksonville, Florida.

Dearest Friend ~

And again I will repeat
that the sun is shining brightly
here again today and I am
feeling such that I think I shall
have to change physicians. Ha! Ha!
But take it I still have plenty
of a bad cold but no worse than
yesterday. Haven't done much
today but eat two good meals
and almost ready for the third.
For dinner we had Roast Beef,
bread, brown gravy, Ice Tea
sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes
and pudding and all u could
eat of any of them. Our meals
here are really better than
those at Ft Thomas.

I think that if I am here

long enuf I shall get fat. Ha!
If you were here I am sure
you would, It wouldn't be
natural fat however Ha! Never
have yet have u? Well I be
lieve it is always best to judge
a person by their past record so
if I may do that I know you
wouldn't get fat "See"

Well and yet I have not
see any mail here or female
either today. I am not however
looking for any female unless
she were from Indiana and
would have to be well made
at that. U for instance.

Well if I knew what to
write about I would be able to
perhaps scribble an interesting
letter. Yet I think I tell you
about all that happens I say
so much that I expect I
repeat things many times, but
anyway I try to let u know
what I am doing and also that
I write to relieve my thots
which are of you.

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I have [illegible] supper since I began this letter now I feel better. Had a fine supper. Just received a card with 101 questions to answer. It is our qualification card and when this card is filled out the Government will have a record by how your life has been spent and what you are best fitted for and ^u will then be assigned to such work as your ability shows you can do.

I notice it asked how many wives, children and all this. Doesn't say whether you must have μ or not. Ha! I think we will be given most of tomorrow to fill out this card I am ashamed almost to believe that I am so lazy for I have done nothing since

coming here but that hasn't been my fault. We are sometimes given the little tasks of cutting wood or something of that sort, but I call that play.

Bryant and Virgil are going to call upon me tonite and so I am going to finish this letter by 6 P.M. I expect L.G. will be with them. Gee! I wish it were I calling up on you but never mind, dear, I will make up for all lost time someday. If I stay here three or four months I am going to apply for a 15 [da] furlough. Soldiers can now ride for 1 ct a mile. I saw this pasted on a bulletin board today. It would cost me \$20 round trip for fare but what does that amount to? You can tell my parents that this is my address I shall condense and shorten it the best I can. Here it is.

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Wes L. Bouslog

Camp Joseph E. Johnston

Jacksonville, Fla.

46th Co. Bldg. B. 27

The co. number and building no are essential and an important part of the address.

Our Lieutenant called today for some one who had had experience in handling mail. I was the only one in our barracks who had had experience and he asked me if I would become mail Orderly for his company. To do this I would have to go to P.O. here twice a day and get all letters and parcels belonging to our company and bring them to out barracks and call them out so that each might get their mail

HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING. WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

I understand a mail orderly
is relieved of all kitchen duty
etc. if he acts, so if the
Lieutenant offers me the
job a will do it and thus
make life easier will here.
And also I would carry
my own mail from P.O. and
thus would be sure of getting
it. The Camp P.O. is about
½ mile from barracks, but
in case mail is too heavy
I suppose I can get an
assistant. Well I always did
like to handle mail, so he
had better no offer me the
job again, "C"

Well, Dearest, with a
world of love to u I must
close and go to barracks to
receive my company. Good
bye until the morrow.

Your ardent lover,

Wes

[?], S.W.A.K. and 100 squeezes