

Thursday Evn

“WITH THE COLORS”

YMCA

Red. Co 33. K. 17.

Camp Johnston

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dearest:-

When you see a new address you will know that I have changed locations. Until then I will omit the heading of my letters.

I received the large box sent by you and its choicest menu within. Everything was in splendid condition. Had just eaten my supper and was so full when I got it that I put it away and will sure have a nine – o'clock supper before going to bed. I am unable to express by words the keen appreciation which I always feel for your remembrances in this respect.

Milton D. ought to be glad that we boys are away for the money spent by friends at home in remembering us by way of

eats and letters will buy him many  
a good menu. The Poor Old Fellow  
however can use all he gets I  
expect. Opal, however, I don't want  
you for a moment to think that  
I am going hungry. I have had  
All I could eat while here and  
tho' perhaps I am more fortunate  
in that respect than others, I  
will not deceive you as to true  
conditions. As to this I only can  
speak for myself and my company.  
And as every company has its own  
mess hall and cooks, I cannot say  
how others fare outside of my own.  
The Gov allows the mess-sergeant  
40 cts a day per man, yet many  
a mess sergeant has been kicked  
out because he tried to feed his  
men on 15 or 20 cts a day. For supper  
I had all the minced ham I could  
eat, potatoes, Blackberry Jam, coffee  
and bread. For dinner I had  
beans, roast beef and potatoes  
I want you however to not  
worry thinking that I have ever  
gone hungry. When I am not

well fed, I will be honest and  
tell you.

If I should have to go hungry  
at Times, I shall then know how  
to sympathize with the poor  
Belgians and French, who have  
Been rendered homeless and destitute

A Soldier from the very be-  
ginning learns to bear his own  
misfortunes and discomfitures  
in a mannerly way. I am not  
of the disposition to fret and  
worry about the treatment I re-  
ceive. Every soldier must bear  
in mind that it is a battle

“For the survival of the fittest.”

I never have failed in my  
attempts in civil life and  
I assure you I will be just  
the same in military life  
if it be possible.

I cannot express my thanks  
in words for your remembrance  
but sometime, somewhere and

somehow, I will be afforded  
the opportunity of reciprocating  
all your kindness.

I have received one letter from  
direct only while here and have  
received two that were forwarded  
from Ft. Thomas. When my mail  
gets straightened out I will get a  
barrelful I suppose. I had just got  
it straightened out when in co. 46  
but when I moved to 33 I was  
forced to fill out a new card with  
my new address and this card is filed  
in the P. O. the Co. Commander  
fills out our cards and sometimes  
they delay a week or more for  
they are not caring about others.  
as long as they get their own mail.  
Before anyone can receive mail  
The P. O. must have on file a card  
with person's name, address, etc,  
so I patiently am waiting until  
this is done by our new Co. Comman-  
der. He seems to be a very nice  
man but not as sociable as our  
last one.

I now live in the K. Block on  
13<sup>th</sup> St. 13 is my lucky star

my registration number was 13  
K. stands for Kaiser and of course  
if 13 is lucky for me it will sure  
be unlucky for the Kaiser.

Don't worry about this for nothing  
is gained by being superstitious

Have not seen any of the  
boys for a couple of days. Have  
been busy and haven't had time to  
look them up. I suppose they are still  
at the same old place.

This has been a fine day here.  
An overcoat is very pleasant at night  
but today we were able to go with-  
out our coats or blouses as our coats are  
called. Have drilled today and am  
somewhat tired my cold is breaking  
up and I feel quite different today  
Hope you are much better.

Well, I am dreaming again  
When I dream, u will know I am  
my Old self. Ha! My dreams are  
always of u and imitations  
of the Ford tours we use to  
take! Ha! The only thing I don't

like about them is that U are  
never here when I awake. Yet  
Dreams of today may be realities  
of the morrow.

When I am in the service 3 mo  
I can get a 15 da furlough and  
if 6 mo a 30 da furlough.  
Before the three months are up I  
will have an idea of what I will  
have to do. If I “c” that I am  
to leave the U.S.A. I shall take  
a 15 da furlough then and “c”  
Indiana + u. If I find that  
I will be stationed in the USA  
I will wait until 6 mo is up  
and get a whole month’s  
furlough. Wouldn’t that  
sound good?

Hoping this finds you  
much better and with  
thoughts of you, I am

Your Florida Studebaker,

Wes

4 Love that words are unable to  
express and a S.W.A.K.

Hullo Everybody!

P.S. Tell Mr Davis that I thank him  
A thousandfold for his remembrance

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