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“WITH THE COLORS” YMCA

Tuesday Eve.

Dearest Valentine:-

And how be U? I am feeling rather drowsy myself. I suppose it is because I have worked so hard this day. Ha! About all I have done that is worthy of mention is the taking of a 5 mile hike this A.M.

What is walking 5 mi to a soldier? Of course we are glad that it stops at that but yet we are almost forced to laugh that it is not more.

With January almost half gone 1918 is stepping out lively. This has been a very nice day here. We had a very hard rain here last eve and night. We had just a little excitement too at 10-30 P.M. The Fire Alarm called every one out of bed About the time we all got dressed We were told to get to bed again A false alarm! Almost agravating

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but yet we get use to all little things. Of course some are grouchy and grumble but most of us laugh at our misfortune and feel better of course than the grumbler. The evenings here resemble the ones of Fall in Indiana as about 4 P.M. the atmosphere begins to get cool. A few more weeks its said and then we shall have real spring weather here. Sorry that u must stand the cold weather back in Indiana but I know you don't ever begin to think of Spring back there yet. We occasionally see a few flies here already. no mosquitoes yet have shown themselves.

Well slim just came in, the fellow, who is 6 ft. 8 in tall. Just think 9 ½ inches taller than I am. Doesn't seem very much but yet a whole lot. It is according to where it is just Imagine 9 ½ more to [X] and Oh! too much. That would mean the death of some one. Ha! Wouldn't it?

All of that wouldn't hardly do for a lady. Ha!

And how is everyone about S.S.? Any more war babies? Say

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By the way how does Edith [illegible]
look? Anything new about the
old town?

I see a mule team passing just
now. One of them is certainly wiggling
its ears some, as if to say, I'm just
right today. Ha!

Yes, you would be surprised to
be here and hear the conversations
between we boys. Scarcely ever is a
word spoken about a girl or do we
talk of them. Most of us however I
am sure keep our thoughts to ourselves
The boys talk mostly about how
they expect to get the Kaiser and
such as that.

Have just answered, roll-call
and were told that commanding
General will inspect the Camp to-
morrow. That means that everything
must be clean and such as that.
Let him come. Will be glad to
c him once any ways.

Kind a feel as if I wanted

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to be patriotic myself this eve Ha!
Stomach feels a little that way, but
perhaps it is because it is want-
ings its supper. Ha! Now 5-30 P.M.
½ hr till Supper. Am going to rest
till then and finish this after supper.

Supper over, now 8 P.M.
and as soon as this is finished I
am going to bed. Don't u wish
U were here? Oh! Yes! Don't I?

Since supper I have talked to
Bryant + Vergil a while, shined
my shoes, and washed my leggins
I am generally busy at something
from 5 A.M. in the morn until
9 P.M. at night. Can't C to work
after lights are out at 9 P.M.
If u were here I could entertain
you without lights and so
would be busy the full 24 hrs.
of a day. Could u beat that?

Some of the boys are playing
poker right next bed to mine, but
that doesn't interest me.

How is Jim? Is she as
mischeivious as ever? More so, I ex
pect. I just recently found out why
L. Huff married the Miss Hoover.

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As I am told it was a matter of choice
with him, either the one he got as
the late sister-in-law of mine near
Cadiz. Coming down to facts I heard
he was instrumental in helping
Nellie to attain her present condition.

Well, I can't pity her, for perhaps
a fall now will be more profitable to
her than at a later time. You can't
blame the fellow that did it, only he
should have been more careful and
have looked after her welfare also.

Some fellows however forget in
a mix-up like that, They forget
U C.

Bryant said it was somewhat
a pleasure to him not because of the
humiliation to Nellie, but because
of her mother and father who always
filled her head with wild fancies and
caused her to be a regular fool.

Well, there is a good chance
for some war slacker to get her for
it would put him in class 2 as

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well as she! Ha!

Well I believe I will close,
hoping this finds you in the best
of health and contentment I

am as ever,

Your Southern admirer,

Wes

P.S. H perhaps now in order.

S.W.A.K. And just mention it
and you are welcome to whatever
maybe.

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