

1/22/18

“WITH THE COLORS” YMCA

My Hoosier Dear:-

Well, mail is traveling much faster [----- illegible -----] I have now before me a letter from you dated 1/19/18 and mailed the same date as shown by postmark yet when you closed you said you were going to retire. Do you go to bed in the daytime? Did some one mail the letter or what. The Postmark say Jan 19th 8 A.M. Ha! Fred must have forgotten to change his date. Oh! No difference just so I got it. Also received a letter from Bea and Edna and a box from each. From Bea I received two union suits, a lb of seeded raisins, some dried beef, a box of candy, two Kakai handkerchief and a \$1 bill.

From Edna I received a sweater, helmet, 3 pair of woolen socks and some washrags.

Well I certainly am fortunate but I intend giving Bryant the Union suits Sweater Helmet Socks and Scarf and as much of the candy and other as he wants. I think he will see France before I and if he does he will need them. I would not feel right if he were to go and I keep them. I rather believe they were intended for the first one that goes. If it is I he can turn them back to me. The boys seem to think that I am a favorite at home as I receive many letters and other things. Well, I can appreciate and do appreciate anything ^{^even} as much as a postcard. Tho' a thousand miles from home, not a day passes but what some one remembers me. This tends to make anyone feel at home and know that he is cared for by those at home.

Poor Old Steve, He wont be able to read that sign. He is too d- ignorant. Well if the Gov't

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would close the doors of every pool-room until the war is over it would be mighty pleasing to the soldiers.

We are sacrificing all our amusement and social enjoyments and it wouldn't hurt civilians to sacrifice a part of their unnecessary amusement. I know you couldn't get a civilian to think that way but put him in uniform and he will very quickly change his opinion.

Instead of boosting Steve's or any other pool room account let them boost the war and thus get a quicker peace. Buy thrift stamps or something that will slap the Kaiser.

The last two days have been very cool here. It rained all of last night.

Haven't seen any of the

boys today.

Well I passed a physical
Ex. today. Heart, lungs,
nerves, eyes, throat and
all above waiste line. Well
I was O.K. and not a sign
of nervous-ness. So you C
that all these [?] I am getting
are not making me ner
vous. Ha!

And yes what in the
devil do I care what people
say or think of me? People
who find fault had better cor-
rect their own. I never pro-
fessed to be an angel, but
rather a human being.

I must close and
go see Bryant this eve
so good-bye until the
morrow.

Your lover in Dixieland.

Wes

Swak and a dozen
or more [?]

Wes L. Bouslog

Camp Rec. 33

Joseph E. Johnston

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Miss Opal V. Baker,

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