

Thursday 2/7/18

Camp Joseph E. Johnston

Jacksonville, Florida

Mon Machèree:-

Rec'd your letter of the 3d this day in which you were feeling very badly and seemed very blue. Well, I am not feeling the best myself. Have taken cold somehow but how I don't know. I presume by the sweat-outs we have and their cooling of too quick but we shall get use to that some day. Well, luck and success to the [illegible]Dance Given By the Red Cross." If I were there I would surely waltz you around and cheer U up. Do you think I could do as much? Well I would certainly try. Am certainly sorry that you feel so badly and blue and would certainly do anything in my power to remedy it, but as we are so far apart, each of us must fight our own battles the best we can. Well you said you would like to C me. I had intended to go to the city and have my pictures taken Sat. P.M. but shall be on duty so I shall have to wait until the next Sat. Just keep looking on the bright side of life. My sense of duty leads me to put forth my efforts and do my duty in a cheerful way.

I certainly remember the last time I was with U in Muncie. Those were happy days yet I am in hopes of seeing happier ones. I am not preparing to die but all the time preparing to live. Well present my congratulations and sincerest wishes to Hugh and Ruth that their life may be happy and full of prosperity. That they are now united, I hope that nothing but death shall ever separate them. If this only separates them then the world shall know that they were true and faithful to each other. Well, we are going to all chip in and rent a piano for our mess hall and have some music to drive the blues away. "C." I am so happy to know that you will try enjoy yourself by going to a dance or any other amusement. I would be much happier if you would get about and enjoy your self in my absence instead of sitting at home and worrying. Just because I can enjoy no social entertainments does not impress me that you should not enjoy them. Your happiness is mine as well. You can have a good time and enjoy yourself and yet you are showing me no disrespect or unfaithfulness. I cannot make plain just what I would like to in words but can say that whatever you do shall never be questioned by me nor shall anything that you may do be enuf to lessen my faith and love in you.

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Now you C how I am. Without selfishness, without distrust and without question I hope and desire your happiness and welfare.

One week from today and you shall be sweet seventeen. Wish I were there to return such a birthday present as you gave me. Ha! But may I be with my Valentine in 1919. Well with love and an interest in you that words cannot express, I remain

Yours in sunny-land,

Wes

P.S. S.w.a.k. But remember mine are sugarless now. How would they suit you now. Lights soon will go out, so

Bonne nuit mon Machèree

(Good night my dearest.)

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