

Saturday

2/9/18

Camp Joseph E. Johnston

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dearest Valentine:-

Yes! I hope that two months more may C me nearer home, but do not believe my hopes will in anyway be realized.

I rec'd the pillow, slips and rings today and appreciate them very much. The ring was the correct size and will always be treasure to me. I trust that few are fortunate enuf to receive such and the spirit in which given shall be forever remembered.

Well, Perry and Bertha are evidently mistaken in saying that I was wearing a mustache for I have never desired to wear one since being in the Army. It is quite the fashion but U C I al-

ways want to be different from others! I was on duty today and until tomorrow noon. K.P. duty. Yet! I am taking life easy if it may be expressed in that way. Army life is one long vacation. Ha!

Oh! Patriotic? Well we all admire patriotism. Ha! So we not always find patriotism in the Army but also in civilian life. Your reference to O.K. shall be kept secret. Probably all things happen for the best and if so I hope it may be to L.G.'s advantage this time.

One of the boys in our Company died yesterday. He was removed from our barracks about two weeks ago and taken to the hospital A complication of measles and pneumonia was too much for his constitution. Just a few hours before his death he was sitting up and was expecting to come back to our barracks within a few days. However we all

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regret very much his death
for he was a pleasant fellow.
His wife arrived in camp to
day. Our Company raised a
Flower fund of \$25 for him
this morning. It was the
only way left for us to show
his wife and other friends that
he had been one of our company.

Well, I am thankful that
I am enjoying health and
contentment and hope I may
retain the same.

Well my letters may seem
very short but really I can't
think of much to say, but hope
that they may be just as pleas-
ing as a longer one.

Our Company Commander

is now leaving for town
and hard to tell what may
happen during his absence.

Well I will close

Yours

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S.W.A.K.

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