

Q. M. C.

CAMP JOSEPH E JOHNSTON
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Moi chere Machère

(My Dearest Dear:-

Just returned from mess,

Here was the menu for this dinner

Fish, Soup, Bread, Ice Water, Potatoes

and bread Pudding. Some mess too

wasn't it. Washington's Birthday and

a Holiday for us. Hoo-ray- no drills

etc. Received six letters by morning

mail, 2 from U, 1 from Father and mother,

1 from Pha Jones, 1 from Mrs. Morris

and 1 from the Barber at S. S. I will

spend the most of this P.M. in answer-

ing letters you see. Yours come first as

U are first in all things, U. C.

Well our entertainment was a

success last night. Program and

music was fine and everybody

had a fine time. Am sending

mother a father a Program of the

Company Roster. Well Sulphur Springs is represented by a blacksmith for once. Ha! My name appears 8th on the list. Probably they will show it to you. One is all they gave us so I am unable to send you one. Your invitations will have to suffice for remembrance of the occasion. We had for refreshments. Ice-cream cake, Lettuce, ham + cheese sandwiches punch. Our commander was well pleased and appreciated the honor very much. Much of our forenoon today was spent in cleaning up our parade grounds, so really we are only having a half-day vacation.

Your letter of Sunday makes me feel as if I could have relieved your lonesomeness had I been there. I know you are often blue and wonder when we will return, but remember that we too think of you each day but we try to think of sunshine only and are leaving the rain for the Kaiser. When America's hand is felt he will pray for sunshine but

all he will get will be rain.

This is how a soldier views his future in regard to the serious trials and danger he may be forced to face. If unfortunate enough as to lose our lives we consider that in doing so the world will surely reap at least \wedge^{reap} some gain. We have lost, while mankind and humanity can enjoy those liberties to which all are entitled. Fourteen out of every fifteen will return so worry not.

I hope you have success in your patriotic entertainment at the church.

Eleven boys out of our company were transferred today and my time may come soon. Well any time suits me for I will then know just what I shall have to do.

Am glad to know that Jesse will be at home until April. Trust and hope that it may be even longer. I saw in the papers that many of the boys in the other states were being drafted at the present

but Indiana gave so many volunteers that her quota has been filled without the last draft.

Bryant, Vergil and L.G. just came in and are now talking very freely. The topic of discussion is Oletha. L.G. said he didn't even know where she was or he would send the ring, picture, etc back. He called it junk. Verge laughed and jokingly said. "Oh! Phil I wouldn't do that, I'd keep it, may, be some day you can get a dollar out of it any way." Some remark and estimation of the value. Well, if [Laura] only knew who her bed-companion is like I do, she would probably do as I would. Ha! As for satisfaction, just wait until I return and you may have your fill. Ha! Best regards to your Cincinnati Cousin.

Well with luck, love and every thing at my command, I am

Yours forever

Wes XXX

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This is Washington's Birthday. No work so will think of one for every hr.

Miss Opal Baker,

Sulphur Springs,

Indiana

Henry County