

Friday, 4/19/18

My Queen of Hoosierland:-

Rec'd a letter today of the 4/15  
and you said you were happy, I  
certainly am glad to hear it. Why  
can't it be so all the time?

In speaking of talent, don't  
confuse the brilliant with the  
plain, for mine is just plain  
everyday common judgement.

You spoke of the papers  
looking good to you. Never worry  
The Stars + Stripes have never  
yet met defeat and never shall.  
If you could see the American  
boys of the camps and the spirit  
and pep which they have, you  
would not fear for victory.

I am glad that Jesse is contented  
and also that he will possibly be  
left in the U.S. As for myself, I  
have no choice, I may never

leave the U.S. and again I may.

Personally I am eager to land on the other side and do my share. The wide Atlantic, the German Beasts, etc cast no pall of terror over U.S. lads.

It is for our homes, our country, brother, sisters, etc that we will go anywhere at any time in order to protect their liberties and future happiness. Give me a pen, gun shovel, pick or anything and I will do my part. While I feel that way a million others and more feel just the same. If we were all selfish and considered only our own welfare personally of course we would all then want to stay in the U.S.A. Not one in a hundred objects to going overseas. We expect no pleasures there but the desire to back and aid the ones who are already there prompts the spirit we have. Every man almost looks upon another as a brother in the Army. That is

how the lads of America look upon  
one another.

You signed yourself as a sweet  
heart in S Spgs. Well I remind you  
that it is impossible for a sweet  
heart to exist elsewhere.

To bad for Watkins + Decker  
but it might have been worse.

As for Floyd W. and that buggy  
ride, why should you worry?  
Do you think for a moment that  
I question your loyalty to me? Your  
judgement and decisions in all  
cases like this are not to be quest  
ioned by me. Care not, “What people  
Say.” Let them say what they choose  
as they will say it anyway and  
what they say will not change  
me in the least. My confidence  
in your loyalty can not be shaken  
by the gossip of others. Do as you  
please, Go as you desire and the  
pleasure you obtain from the same

will also be a pleasure to me.

Just because I am unable to see enjoyments and have the opportunities of seeing such does not influence me to C you also restricted.

“Your way is mine.” That is the decision from the confidence I have in you. I ask nothing of you that I would be unwilling to abide by myself. I repeat that I hope you will see all the pleasures that you desire in any way that you see fit. The outside world may say what it pleases, but will find ~~that~~ their talk non-fluential in creating any breach between you and I.

Well I well remember one year ago today, it was my last time with Helen J. Yelton. Fate was kind to me and today, I am glad that her father gave me cause to look elsewhere. Well I have rather a good memory haven't I? I can easily forgive but never forget. That's nature within me.

We can forgive all but one and that is Kaiser Bill. H- l is too

good a place for him. At judgment day Satan himself will undoubtedly kick him out of Hades for a punishment which he richly deserves.

Raining here today. When it rains here it rains and then stops. Showers are like cloudbursts for a short time and then the sun shines bright. That's Florida!

Can you beat it?

Well, I just finished a letter to Bryant. I only wish I had his opportunity of sending a few Germans to Hades. The motor Truck lads are the real fighting stuff of the Q.M.C. A Blue hat cord and they would pass and fulfill the duties of the Infantry. They have the latest model of Endfield Rifle the one used by all of U.S. boys and even equipped with a bayonet for protection. We all love our arms

but all we get thus far is  
what we (By we I mean pen-pushers)  
call side-arms which are revolvers  
only and to be used in case of  
defense only. U.S. expects every  
man to have sufficient protection  
in case it is needed. If here  
long the boys of my company are  
anticipating some real target  
practice. You see we may never  
have any use for it but again we  
might. It don't hurt to know it and  
to know it may be sufficient to  
save ourselves if such an opportunity  
comes. This is how a soldier views  
everything. "We are content to  
accept such fortunes as may befall  
us, let it be as it may."

1918 is the year that the Kaiser  
will say U Sam. I accept the right and  
submit to the Stars + Stripes.

With best wishes and love to you

I am always

Yours

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