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“WITH THE COLORS” YMCA

My dearest Hoosier Valentine:-

Today has been rather a fortunate day for me I have received many letters which were certainly appreciated. I have this day received letters from U. (2) F, Hutsonpillar (1) L.L. Myers (2) Bernice (1) Jesse (1) Father (1) Edna (1) Miss Lucas (1) The last letter was written on Jan 1st and just arrived today. To have been fair I should have forwarded it on to you, yet it was only a mere letter of remembrance and was written at Luthers request, I am sure. Probably you have met her by this time. I am sure she is a first class girl from the characteristics that she presented the only time I saw her. She impressed me as a girl with sound common sense and

that's the kind. Her looks and appearance, I shall not discuss, as they figure as a very minute part of human character.

Just finished writing your brother a letter. Was glad to hear the father and mother are O.L. for I know this cold weather must have been extremely severe for them. No matter how many responsibilities a person may have heaped upon him he always is interested in the welfare of his mother and father.

Glad to hear that you will now have a holiday every week. You know every soldiers approves of the Govt's action as we feel they can sacrifice (I mean business men) a little if it will help our cause. I knew G. Marshall and saw him while at Ft. Thomas. Bryant is now in the motor-Cycle Division and I saw him this night, he was taking an officer (Captain) to Jacksonville in a side car. I think he wanted something to do and

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as long as he is busy he will
be contented no matter where
he may be.

I am tired myself of doing
nothing. Perhaps soon I shall
be given something to do such
as I can feel that I am help-
ing to bring the war to an
end.

I am not believing that
peace is close at hand and
will come only when the
Kaiser comes to the just terms
that are laid down by the Allies
That may be next month and
it may be years. Let us hope
that months and not years
correctly express the time. I
do not want peace only on
Wilson's Terms. To obtain
it on any other terms might
mean separation again and strife
in future years with a less

chance of being victorious

Fred said in his letter, “Opal is all right only her dress is short at both ends”, Ha! Also said, “She says she is going to make them shorter,” and remarked that he didn’t see how you could without leaving it off and that would never do. Ha! You shouldn’t shock Freds modesty that way.

I am sorrow that Oletha is dissatisfied but she may learn that this is not a world without its troubles and disappointment. Forget the remarks that she may have made. Perhaps she feels different now, I hold no malice toward her. All my hatred is centered now upon the d- Kaiser.

Oh! Yes! Wouldn’t you love to see my mustache, now among the finest of the camp. Ha Couldn’t resist telling you, that it’s so fine that you can’t see it! Ha! Catch the idea? There isn’t any to be seen. I was only teasing you as usual. Ha!

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It is now 9 P.M. I suppose
the lights are out at the barracks
but U C I am at the YMCA
this eve. This is one night, I
shall go to bed in the dark. I al-
ways liked that howerer, so I
am not worrying.

You can't hardly step out
anymore unless challenged by
an armed guard. They are get-
ting very careful and every day
or so arrest some suspicious
person. I feel perfectly safe to
sleep now with armed guards
all about every night.

With all those kisses, [???)
and squeezes what more could
I want? When I obtained all those
I would have “U” and that
is all I ask: “C”

Well, I must yet write
a letter to my sister, So Good
nite my dearest Hoosier Valentine

(over)

Your Southern Admirer

Wes

P.S. no [?] as it will be in the dark
and I couldn't stand it. Ha!

I am feeling fine this day

Love to you.