POST CARD

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Ushville M. A. Sat 2 had.

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connections and are one days

late already, Succe we will

yet to camp about from today

Sure with I was bank in

Tomogrille instead of home

See if this wish comes true

will write later Lewis.





"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Merritt N.J. Mean Manie: Here I am still at camp Merritt with nary a promise Lase of watch ful waiting worlding too much for I thow I am bound to get out some time if & latay here long enough. It is not such an awful place to evait considering leverything, The people of New York and adjoining count try seem to do del in Their power to make their pleasant during com stay, Covery Sundy Clarge crowds
Help four Country by Saving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper.

wostly gils and women corresort and visit cell over the camp having their headquarters at the liosters liodines and when the gills spot a downcust soldier (There are very few of that think here) they are du his trail fesore the realizes what is talking place and pretty soonthe wears the flant est surje of any are in carry So by one can plainly face that it pays to look / friendless evel If you are not There are a number of Exosters houses where the boys and girls can go aling eryor their selves and thefe there is Merutt Ttell for all thirds of ro. fresher ents and late hesides the library & have always heard of the lack of liberitating me ther east



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but I am beginning the think that his a prong opinion of else the people gre Cleaning Every ach whom There coule in contact with seem to be fust the opposite. Say is the sed there get? It if cold as the mischief here. Every morning there is ice out the growing and the last & dolps an overevet felt plant all the day, Elle, for the suring shores of balifornia, I den sure it is file weather three wow and just a ting bit too warmen to be follogant in the sundine Weith Lagree with the Help your Country by Saving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper.

siegro there. The better the siku shines the better & New York Friday and yes. terday, & get refly, part all. right and gotto My at went to see blue lelin believe a Musicle Cornedy sind it is a fine one too, after the show I went to the soldies and sailors, y. Un. Qa. and there spirit the right. West morning I burned around a enflite thun game back to comp. ah. I beliaved very mich, I' ever complificantil my. seld on thow well I behaved, afte leaving spent two mouths him as dry a state as Morth Colonia. Things are pretty well closed in M.y. on account of so many soldiers and sailors



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being there. Cited today! That's given up to getting fresh die and striking letters but sometion my Guerres are all musting differy time someone closes adfor I nearly jump out of my chair bud ad you Early plainly all my hand are very untsteady. He you have the reason entirely young It couldn't be that. I calit till what really is the cause. That's what bothus me Ou Cutain occassions & could lasily have explained but this time I plead "Not Guilty". Perhaps a slight cold likes Help your Country by Salving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper.

who can tell! anyway ? will let it go at that, to ask you to forgive this short letter and I will prove ise to write again this afternoon och tornorrow. as ever Lewis.



American E. F.

240 1919

GENERAL PERSHING has asked us not to give up our War Risk Insurance, at least until we have returned to the U.S. and had full opportunity of studying the new form of Government contracts, to which the present contracts may be converted. I am going to do as General Pershing has asked.

Torbierre Signature

Soldiers Mail

Mai

St. Hapliel (Var) France 2-5-19 bleer marrie. Every soldie in the AE. F. could to their marent relation telling them their present location perpied condition and which ser-Janyateon they are with clarky inferiors come from horfrefolles about the boys and these cards tell them all I am meling you a copy of the Steers and stripes I I lunge your get it. Hur is home interesting read. ing in it. Will write det little soon, mitil their, bye bye. I with love Lewis.

Myeres Var! april 20, 1919 Mear Manrie; I did not try to resist the temptation to write you a letter Ahris beautiful Caster Sunday When it came to me a day as beautiful as this are is not to be shared alone sure, The way of fel this marring, I would like to go way and into the country away from all the angry mot and have a day to my self of course if the light one were here then my ideal party would consist of that us two and no more but as that is impossible short of a miracle, the second party will exist only in thought. of all the

beautiful days that I've seen lune in France, and they are many I have never seen an that could equel this one at survive this marring, everything looked so clean that you would think all the would had taken a bath the night before you could see as far as the eye could let you and every object was very distinct in the clearnes. It is warm but not enough to be uncomfaitable Just about the kind that makes la boy feel like it is time to hunt the swining pool for the first time, and yet he in in hopes that mother will not question him too close as to

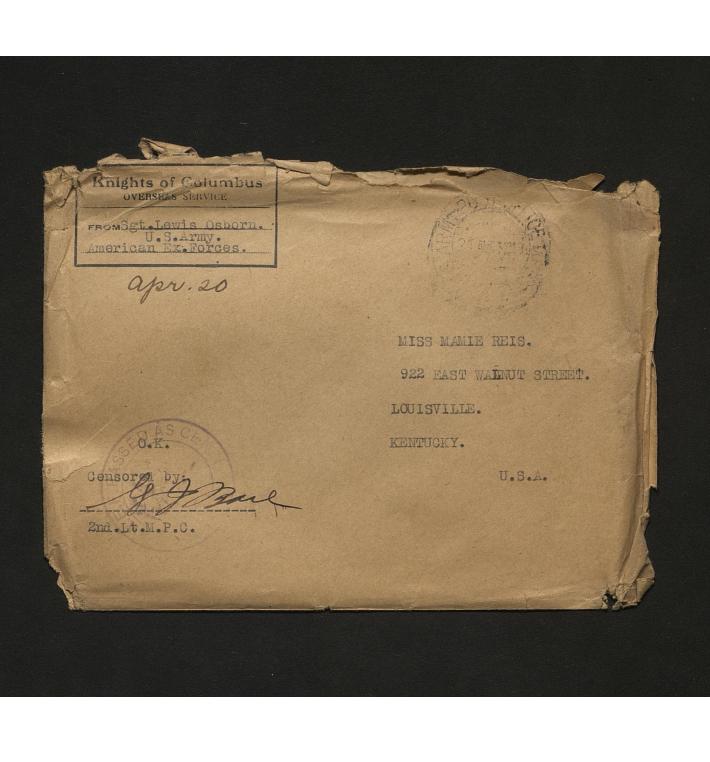
when he got his hair wet. If I knew of a pool like that one neary by I think I would be tempted to try it myself today. There is a lovely beach not for fun here and I may wander out there yet before the day has passed. I have tried it once already this year but I must have stayed in the water too løng for I mursid a congle sind some throat over it for mare than a week and that have Made une a little more careful. How I would love to be buck in the States and we are the new hats and dressex

that will pass in review on Main St." Then will sure be a show of them I am sure for Easter will be Easter, war ar m war, Well I can't boast of a new hat now in fact a new any thing but it is Caster to Me the same as if I were all dolled up in men clather There is very little attention paid to Castu luce in France, Jac day that they hold about the seuvre as we do Easter is Good Friday all furniess is surpended on that day and the people all go to clinich.

In fact I think That and when someone dies is the only time they do go to church. Here you would never know Sinday from any other day, Every thing is wide opin. The only thing that is different is the large crowd that you will see out walking in the afternoon with tell their glad rage Well Manie the latest rumore are sending us to the. arry of accupation after these hospitals clase so if you receive letters from Gennary soon you will know their source. about all the runn will amount to I think will be scare the

Jop and make them with they were not M. P. & There is a General ander aut from G. H. g. which says that no M.a. man will be sent to The any of Occupation and from that I am not uniany about this unit going there as an arganzation although it housed not surprise me at any toine to get an ærder to go there my telf for you de I am only a volunteer; I don't leardey think they would tear up a muit though just to get the Regular any min aut get. but you ean were tell.

I am sending you a surpabout that some of the boys took the arthur day aut in front of Alu hotel. It is not good but they did not give me time to smile, look pleasant as any of the things that go to make a good pecture. Hun my leat Aleader my face but ungert be as well that it did. The time is limited as well as the capacity of the unelope no I will leave this to be continued at air early date, With love Lewis



Ty ever Val. april 29, 1919 Mear Marrie. Guest you think I will new Jet aver the effects of my last effort but I think I will survive, at least I feel that way now Well to tell you the real reason why I haven't written to you before this, we are real busy first now trying to get all the patients cleaned out of there hotels and that requires quite a bit of time them I fust returned from Marseille, where I delevent four prisoners, today. I went up Saturday and came buck today

so you su I had a real suice little trip, and just here let me tell you that I received your lettu tetling me yan were sun I would love to be in Maniello with that little Frog girl Juine and almost gave me your Congretulations Well just here lit whe releive your wind as to that fact. There is no little French Mademainelle at that end of the line. These little clie, Madeinaiselles are alright in their place but their place is not by my side. They are mice to look at and all that but they don't look the same to me as the american Branties and I think I choose

the house product everytime There are a quest many of the soldiers that don't think the same way about it but thut is their misfartum, I am sure there will be many a brollen heart left in France When the americans leave but I am sure it is not my fault if I leave any It is not the faut of the american soldier that they are so lovable, and such treast-breakur a girl told me the attenday that the AFF French people than the Gunan diel. Of Course that is putting it, reither strong but I dupperse

The had the right willed, Well there one no fresh runais at present thut affect this organization solain not prepared to say when no when will go from here, I bellive the latest one sends us to Marseille about the 15 the of next mouth but it my be Elianged before their time, Cel the patients are ant of there now to I thunk this place will be closed on time, I have gotten to where I like this place very well now and I am sure d'eaurat lieve thing better gury when else that &

might go all the boys here seey they are sitting on the would "to if you know the meaning of that, you know how we are fareing. There is absolutely nathing of interest to tell you now sol will wait a few days and prelieps I will have whom to tell Tala good care of yourself. and don't work too hard, With Tove Tewis Where do you get the idea of the "Cousin" stunt, & Heinth a change in relations would better things &

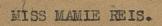


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FROM Sgt. Lewis Osborn.

U.S. Army. AEF

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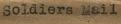
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



WAR ACTIVITIES

CAMP Merritt

aug. 31 1919. Wear Manie. is the peace turns have been rutified by the parties concerned & should think that a state of Sosolute Veace may be declared. Now comes the Reconstruction Period. Some speople clarin this is the whost delicate facerod and must be danded with much care. Vouder how I am as a Mislomat? a part of the 12 hour arrived in Carry yesterday and among the ar-Jenisations well Co. B. 28 th My low remember me telling you of the soun that where transfered to

That orginization from the 37th high in film 1917. perhaps. Well there were 135 transfeld from Cv. VB. 37 the luf. (which by the way is my ariginal olganijation) to Co. 13. 28 th ky land as soon as I learned that unit was in Camp this maring I went lawr to see them There are any about 10 of them left and they may be truly classed as Hettle - worn Vitekans the mast of them having bun would ded severall times and three of them waring decorations. It seemfed abmost Will getting home to see all those fellows and we were thent reach attree trusy answering questrons for a while. Who of I Could any get ansemel

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WAR ACTIVITIES



Willing the proverbial two sirely with one stone for they are gaing a Carry Gay wil yout see. I who gaping to put and last offart to get to them but I have they doubto. compat thus my from Myring they can andy till spre is and her tiponed that before as it will nat far me much. The boys tell me that the Co. I is a good an and that belys. o day is your last day of freeblow. a workdet thou you are spend meg it & Wars wit it hum Erchel to go buck to voiling

at the same ald place with the same people Men you with day's It would surely your me the blue of am sure. I would dream about it for deup in advance Il and were. If the cars darit get to running before tomarrow yath are sure garing to have houre walk. The army truck sures to be that any means of travel if the cars don't run! Here accept, my syrinpattry for Live kiddling bounty trucks and o can say they are nat brill for t spend ar comfart but durab-By all that runs just. Today shared be pery-day but it being butte Shriday and the

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WAR ACTIVITIES



CAMP

Sunday win Fornarrow is Tabar day as & quear we will be put loff until Tuesday for der Jean shanke to have us wifit so long fur aur well-egrine (?) pay init it & By day doesn't sum to lebed the clearen Ture ago. a wonder why? denles for sturing me to soule retirestily reading. I will look the copies of up at my first opportunity. The firest of The realding & do is books although I dem reading a finde continued states in the Red Book by

Charence Budnington Relland Fre Little mornents of Xappiness. Can say that the author surly must have been al soldier en France ar Theore Conditions incudingly will. It sure does flit the men returning with the French war brifles lattering insimpling, but things that are libely to l'eonfront them their levery-dery life. It were grifes ofm some food for thought. all is about the same as much here in Curry Mulling Can theyspend there it / news What will be aut of the ardinary. Same beed Might drill in the day

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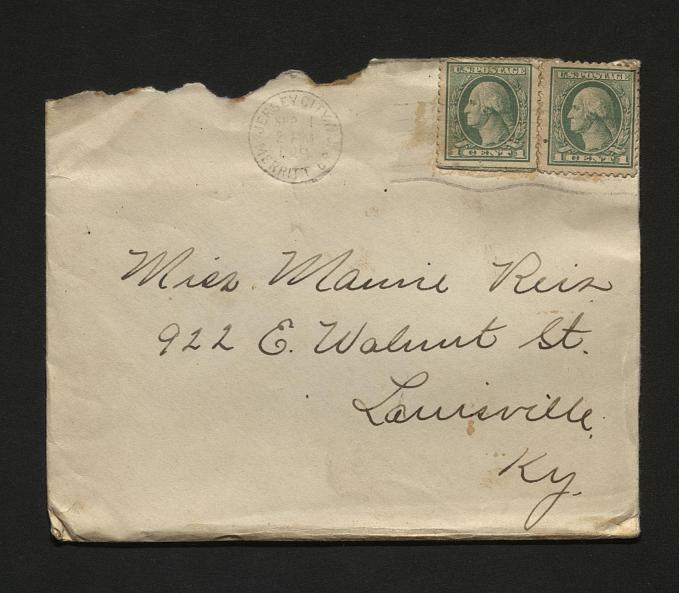
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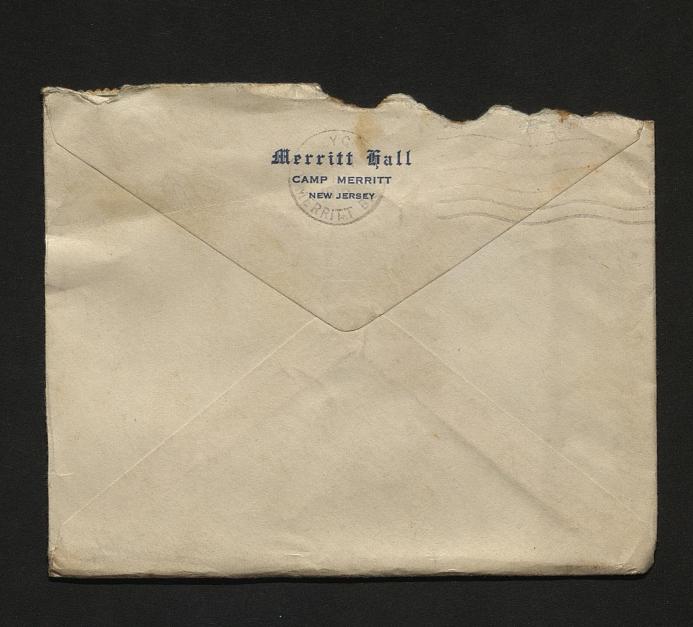


CAMP

a show at might then to bed. Something did happin the attrest night That was worried here ever surce. I went aver to the Ferrade ground to see a should and the ground was daning. I sat an the grass our during the show and The present was a cold The next marine that still insists on Tremistrifies I dectary my all flast sugat so I will fixed my fine ston-I am I relevied from The Camal Co as I'am will get be gehard about

the next time this I promised to come back ever where those ald time friends of more are this afternoon and if I until teleping my Just promise I refirst get at more on for it Vis 3 o'clock mon! Flug Will any remain there about of week & Thurs it is The 6 an that they parade in n. y. and & theing they go from there to Washkington for a parade. So until anather trine not far off. fye - bye. With love Luvis.





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TELEGRAMS DAY LETTERS - NIGHT LETTERS MONEY TRANSFERRED BY TELEGRAPH

oct.12th.1919.

Dear Mamie:

Sunday night and all alone in the Captains office so I think I can write without the usual interuptions that I have when I try to write a letter.Of course if the Captain comes in here then I must vacate but I think I am fairly safe from that as he very seldom comes here after supper.And besides I heard him tell the lst.Sergt.this afternoom that he was going to Baltimore to see his "FRIEND"so you see I am not afraid of him tonight.Usually when I start a letter to you I must stop about a million times and do this and that and then I am all out of sorts and I have a hard time to collect my thoughts again.That has always been my hard luck I think for when I start anything that I must keep my mind on.just then someone wants something that no one can give them but myself.Just to show you how well they keep track on me.I was just starting to write this letter tonight when the Lt.came in and wanted me to go to the Personnel office and get him some furlough blanks,like he could not have sent any of the hundred men that are here doing nothing instead of picking on me. Since I began this letter I find that my nerves are in an awful shape and I cannot seem to quiet them any way.So if I start fussing at you,you will know that I am not responsible for it.I guess I must have those awful blues that you spoke of when you wrote to me and beleive me if I only could,I would be many miles from here tonight but you see I have not gotten my divorce yet and so I must stick to my "wife".I'll tell you when I hate to get the blues:when I am all alone with nobody to tell how bad yet feel or to talk to and try to forget them.If I can go some where then I am alright but when I must stay here in this barracks and think and think, then is when it hurts.But there is one thing that I want to assure you of and that is that the letter that you wrote to me and told me that you had the blues did not have the effect that you think it did.It is in no way the cause for this spell that I have tonight.I think they come on me periodically (Sp.?) and that

Listen Mamie, I never intended that the letter with all those A's and B's should be a puzzle for you but I can readily see where it would be possible for it to be I'lltell you all about it: I made a mistake (I do that often i.e. make mistakes) and got two sheets of paper when I intended to get only one and I never noticed my mistake until I was through with the page and then I did not take the time to change it for the boys were fussing at me for keeping the lights burning so they could not sleep. Sorry I put you too all the trouble in reading the letter but I will try to remember it the next time. I did not send you that letter to get revenge on you or anything like that but you know a guilty conciense needs no accusing, not that you are guilty or anything like that, No. certainly not but then I remembered that quotation you see and I had to

put it in you see.

Speaking of that decorated Major that you saw reminds me of some of the heroes(?) that we have in this Camp. No reflections on the Major for I guess he was a real hero, but some of these men come in here with everything that they can buy, pinned on them and some of them are so ridiculous that I have to laugh at them. I saw one today that had the spanish-American campaign badge on and honest he was not a day over 18 years old so I guess he had a father in the war. I was so interested that I stopped him and started to talk to him in a hero-worshiping manner and soon won his confidence. He told me that the badge was for the battle of the Marne and I pretented that I had not gotten to go over and so got him started on some of his hair-raising tales of the resent war and you can beleive me they were some corkers too. He told me that he had landed in Tours and as that is about 100 kilometers from the coast, I presume he made the trip im an areoplane. After I had listened to him with all the patience that I could manage, and I was real interesting for it was so unblievable that it was interesting to me, I let him go and left the correcting job for some one else to do for I did not have the heart to tell him his mistake. One came into the office of the Captain the other day with about as many as he could have on his blouse and the Capt.asked him how long he had been in the service and he told the Capt. that he had been in since the first of March, 1919, so the Capt. asked him where he got the authority to wear those badges and he said some one told him that all men who were in this Camp ready to go over-seas were entitled to them and so he was not to be beaten out of anything that he was entitled to. The Captain only laughed at him and told him to take them off. I never like to see any one with all those bars on that are not entitled to them. It makes the real value of them decrease and those that are really entitled to them hate to wear them just for that reason. I know how many I am entitled to and I never wear any more than that and sometimes not #1/ those. I have the papers to wear these "war ribbons" of mine and I have been asked to show them many times but then they are not so strict here in this camp as they are in some of them. In Merritt they would stop you in the 'bus when you were going to town and ask you if you had the authority to wear those badges and if you did not have them you were required to pull the badges off and report, with the authority, to the A.P.M. the next morning. Of course that was going to the extremes but then there were so many war heroes there that it was begining to become a joke to wear anything and the ones that really had them coming were given no credit for it. Such is war though I guess and there was never a war that some one did not get the credit that rightfully belonged to some one else Now you can take the celebrated 1st. Div. and it is beginning to be a joke now when one of them comes down the street with all those decorations on for they have been abused so much. The most of the men that deserve the honor are over there pushing up daisies now and the ones that are here are reaping the reward earned by some one else. It is not so bad now as it was when the drafted men were in the lst.for they were all wearing the ropes that you speak of and they were only there in France about six months. The regiment was decorated sure but then that only included those men that were there in the regiment when the offensive was put on and still all the men wear them. The people have given the 1st. Div. so much praise that they are real "stuck up" about their regiment and while the 1st.did do some real good work, they were by no means the best nor

were they the worst hit. I speak like it made a bit of difference to me but it does not except for the fairness of the thing. You see I cannot speak from jealousy for I was an "M.P." in the rear.

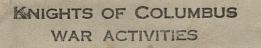
Now I have written and written and never have told you how I was getting along with these pets of mine.Well here goes.Iam getting well fast I think although I am not doing any work at present for various reasons, the main one being that I am getting by with this excuse of mine and I do not see that I should push forward and try to doe all the work that is to be done.I still go to the infirmary and that helps me get by you see.No, all joking aside,I am getting along fine and I think that I will soon be as sound as I ever was, including the "Ivory part" of me. I have only about six to keep me company now and I think they will about finish the series when they get well.I hope they are the farewell ones for I have had enough company I think for a while at least.I have been very fortunate though while I had them for I have not had to work very hard and all the officers that have had anything to do with me have treated me fine. The old General was passing me the other day and I gave him about a half a salute and he stopped me and asked me how long I had been in the army and I told him.He asked me if the officers that I had had in the past did not teach me to salute better than that and I proceeded to roll up my sleeve and show him the reason for the sloppy salute that I had rendered.He asked me is I was doing duty with that arm and I told him that I was pretending to.Well when got here to the company there was an order from him to put me on light duty until further orders and they have not come yet so I am still on light duty through the kindness of a General.Not many people can boast of that can they?He will fool me some time and ask me how I am and then all the good times will vanish.

Now I think I have about written anough this time and I am going to bed and perhaps I will be able to write a better letter than this one the next time. I hope I am anyway for this has been an awful attempt. I do not write a letter when I feel like this usually but this time I determined to finish the letter with the results that are only too well apparent. I tried to write with a pen and I could not do a thing. The pen I tried to use scratched like the devil and I tried another with the same results so I tried the fountain pen and that was worser so then as a last resort I tried the machine and it looks as if it has also made a mess out of the affair. Cheer up though for I am sure this spell will not last for long and when it gets off of me I will try to make up for this letter.

Now it is good night and pleasant dreams to you. I will write again very soon.

With love,

Cervis.



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MISS MAMIE REIS,

922 EAST WALNUT STREET,

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