

Letter No. 63

Tuesday P.M. Mar 4/19.

Dear Louis: My second day at the store after being home two weeks with a case of bronchitis, the doctor says, but it is very hard to convince people that it was not the influenza. This will explain my long silence, my last letter was written on Feb. 12th that was the week I had a bad cough and was hoarse but kept on going and took no medicine so I had to blame myself for my case of illness. On Monday night Feb. 10th we had our window open as usual and Cecelia decided to leave the hall door open so Papa would not have to call her so long in the morning, this caused a draught which gave both of us a cold! On Tuesday night we went down to Goepfer on Wednesday went to the Sively or Old Maids Social at St. Bonifade on Thursday to the camp in Louise Campbell's Open Ford and it rained so the result can be imagined. On Saturday I decided to spend the night with Aunt Maggie because she was alone Uncle Frank having left Thursday morning for French Lick Springs to take a little rest. Sunday morning I got up feeling almost too bad to go out, but having gone to confession the night before, I did want to go to Communion so managed to get out to St. Francis for the 7³⁰ mass. Albert

and Aunt Maggie came out for dinner and
spent the rest of the day. Dr. Gabbert
put me to bed on a liquid diet ² and mustard
plasters on my chest during the day
and antiphlogestine at night. I had
tickets to see Lauretta Taylor in "Happiness"
for Monday night but Cecelia got the
money back on them, I certainly was
disappointed as Mary F. and Otillia saw
it on Wednesday afternoon and said it
was fine. Uncle Frank came home on
Wednesday afternoon as he was scheduled
to speak on Geo. Washington at the K.C. meeting
that night, he prepared I suppose a very
flowery ~~one~~ ^{speech} while away, then the meeting
lasted so long that he could not deliver it.
My ticket came for the dance at camp on
Thursday night, Papa thought it was
awful for them to go and some one sick
in bed at home but they finally managed it.
They went with Louise again in their Ford.
On Saturday afternoon Otillia and Mary F.
went to see "My new Curate" at St. Xavier
Mrs. Harpring and Laura went along.
On Sunday night Uncle Frank and
Aunt Maggie came out to see me, Cecelia
Mary F. the Traubs and Louise Campbell
took a run out to camp after vespers
to look up some dance, that one had
been called off but they picked up an
officer and he took them to No. 3 Bldg where
one was going on. I think it is the
limit to dance on Sunday, don't you?
On Monday Aunt Lou came up to spend

the day with me and ³ Albert Deig came
out for an hour in the afternoon, I
had gotten up on Friday was only in
bed five days while I had fever.
Tuesday I wrote letters all day, Wednesday
I cleared our desk, Thursday and Friday
read old papers which accounts for
the enclosed old clippings. Thursday
night Cecelia finally braved taking
our machine out to camp, it turned
rather cold during the evening and
she could not start it when they were
ready to leave for home but of course
there were many willing hands to crank.
Eleanor Vonderhude called the girls and
asked if they wanted to go in on a
subscription dance some of the girls
were giving on Sat. P. M. March 1st at
the Tyler for Officers, you know how
willing they were so they attended it
had rather a good time, Eleanor Gambert
Marie Schimpeler with her younger sister
Alvina Krebs, Lillian and Margaret Kastner
and others were there. Cecelia would not
go to the K. C. at night, Mary F. had an
invitation to go to the big ball at the
armory with the Kastners but we would
not let her go, think once a day is enough.
The Kastners have bought a home on
Barringer Ave, expect to get in it in June.
On Sunday we had Uncle Will, Aunt Teresa
Elizabeth and Aunt Lou for the day
Uncle Will was feeling very sick, was
not at work on Monday, came yesterday
and again this morning but Uncle Frank

sent him home about 8 o'clock, they said he looked very sick. Flu and pneumonia is very bad here again, Catherine Strohman was buried last Saturday this morning Mrs. Jos. Moening (Lillie Faulstich) died, leaves two little children. There has been about eighteen priests and students sick up at St. Boniface following the social, one fine young priest, just 30 years old Father Sician died the Saturday after, it cast quite a gloom over things up there after them being so jubilant about making over seventeen hundred dollars. I saw Middlecamp at church Sunday has just returned from Overseas looks just the same, Will Kelly is out of the navy and John Goss came home the past week. I had a long talk with Dorothy the other night, she had been at home too for a few days. I had a postal from Fount from Paris, was very glad to receive it, his mother was telling me of his three day furlough there. Joe Kurzendorfer is home the second week now with the flu, Dries was on jury the past two weeks and now Johnnie Beirne is on the jury, he was home for two days while I was away with a bad cold, his sister Sallie, Mrs. Vondick has been very sick thought she would die. They say Henrietta Bannon is at a sanitarium, has lost her mind from the effects of influenza. Papa served

seven days on the jury ⁵ during the past two weeks, I think the change was good for him. This week he and his little coon hauled 100 bushels of corn from over on the Bardstown road, \$1.75 per bushel. Monday night Millie went to the St. Helena dance at the Tyler, and last night to the fancy dress ball at the K. C. Hall, he seemed to have had a very nice time last night but had to walk home in a heavy rain about one this morning. He went alone both times, he said Helen H. and Gates stopped in after the show. There were lots of pretty costumes there, he did not dress up. He had borrowed Martin's clown suit which he wore on Monday night to the Turners but he looked so horrible that he would not wear it. Martin took Margaret Habich to the Turners oh yes Martin had a crowd at his house Sunday before last for the evening Millie and Mary F. were invited and spent a most enjoyable evening. Martin is glad Lent has come, his good times are costing him too much. Uncle Frank was invited to come to the K. C. Auditorium on Monday night to meet Gen. Ketchum the new camp commander, Aunt M. was not much struck on getting out his dress suit but we persuaded her to have him go. Every Monday night there is an officers dance there but as usual we have not been able to get an invitation and Mary F. thought he might manage to

get them one if he went to this reception.
The usual supposed to be select crowd
was there in fancy dress, Bannous, Duane
Murphys, Pfulfers, O'Briens etc.
The decorations were beautiful and
Uncle F. said they must have had about
a million electric lights (more or less)
in the ceiling which evidently was
too many for the circuit because
when they turned them all on the fuses
burnt out and the rest of the evening
was spent in candle light furnished
by Father Barrett's mass candles. All
the pretty costumes did not show
up at all. Uncle F. told Clines he would
like for his nieces to attend these affairs
and he told him whenever he wanted
to he could bring them out. Monday
my invitation arrived for the same
dance to be repeated for the enlisted
men on Mardi Gras last night also
fancy dress, so you can imagine the
talk and excitement that caused.
Well, Mary F. decided to be a valentine
wore a white dress with hearts sewed
all over it, hearts for slipper buckles
and a red tam o' shanter on her head
she was attractive and Cecelia looked
very pretty in the light blue canteen
apron and veil borrowed from Mrs. Young
The Traubs went as Yam Yam girls,
Cecelia took the Overland and had no
trouble this time, only it started to
rain while on the way home, but oh

they had a wonderful⁷ time, of course
the trouble with the lights had been fixed
they said the decorations were from
the Automobile show at the Armory
and certainly did look fine. Only about
twenty five girls there and what made
the evening best of all, Father Barrett
asked why they never came on Monday
of course they informed him that they
were most anxious to come, he gave
Ceelia his card and said he would
expect them next Monday. To Papa's
and Aunt Maggie's sorrow the dances
are to continue during Lent but
only men in uniform will be admitted.
Willie does not approve of that but he is
not as foolish about it as he used to be
attended a Gibson dance at the Seelbach
last week and had very many inquiries
about you from girls and boys.
I am anxious to see where this letter
will reach you, as you said not
to write but I thought I would
try another one. The latest news
we saw of the 30th Division was
that they would sail on March 21th
so of course you had lots of time to
regain your strength. I am very
tired so will close with love
and hopes of seeing you soon
Yours lovingly
Clara.

Letter No. 65 Friday-March 14/19

Dear Louis: Your letter of Feb. 24th reached us in two weeks, service improving. I thought I would write one more letter, perhaps you might get it when you land. I hope not on the other side. I know you will be surprised to hear that Mr. Heber died Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Sunday Willie and I went to early mass, Papa and Cecelia to high mass. Otilia and Mary F. in bed with the Flu, the doctor says. Sunday afternoon Papa, Willie and I went to ves pers and on our way home stopped to see Mr. Heber he looked nice but had gotten much thinner. When Monday came, Cecelia's cold was still bad and Mary Frances in bed so the ticket for the Officers Dance at the Auditorium only caused regrets but they thought it

a shame to waste the ticket
so I chaperoned the Traubs
and Louise Campbell. Leila
said she had a good time
but the other two decided
they much prefer the private
dance on Thursday night
although they were glad to be
there. They had the usual
crowd Murphy, Malone, Duane
Cassilly, Pfeiffer, Schildt etc.
I sat with some of the stiff
bunch for a while and also
talked to Oscar Weiss and Flynn
the N.C. Secretaries. Father Barrett
is always lovely to us and
towards the end of the evening
a Capt. Higgins who was
not dancing sat with me
he was very anxious to
have me ask him out but
I thought not on first acquaintance
he wanted me to promise to
call Taylor 3 whenever I
expected to come out to the
Monday night dances. We
went out in our regular
jitney and Willie came
out to get us about eleven.

yesterday a ticket came for
a dance at the Aud. for Saturday
afternoon and I just got
one in the last mail for
a green and white costume
dance for Monday night.

Otilia was worse this morning
becelia had to have the doctor
again, ^{for her} the two got too smart
they were allowed to sit up
the last two days and they
read a great deal. I imagine
she had fever and was put
back to bed on a liquid diet.
Josie just told me that
Alexina has the influenza
and that little Albert Zimlich
is very sick of pneumonia.
Poor John Kesler is having
a time of it, the whole family
sick and two of his children
have died of the Flu. Joe
Kurzendorfer and his family
had it but are now all right
he is back at work. That
is about all you hear of these
days, everybody sick.
Father Keil had the sermon
Wednesday night. Willie and
want and when we got

home we worked on Papa's income tax return. You can imagine the job that was where there is no complete record of sales and expenses. Papa will not have to pay any because as a householder he is allowed \$2000.00 but on account of being a widower and with income over \$1000.00 had to make a return. Last night Ceelia ordered the seeds, we are still arguing about that beautiful flower bed of ours. He want to sow it in grain and put a few beds of flowers in it, but Ceelia says she has enough grass to cut now. Millie said to tell you a fellow named Kearns spoke to him after Church Wednesday and asked about you, I said to tell you Howdy for him. I ate lunch with Dorothy at the Britling yesterday, she is very anxious to see you.

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Otilia was better this morning also Alexina and Albert Zimlich. While I was at dinner, Casey was in the store all dolled up in Ensign uniform, has been discharged and I believe to take back his old position next door, although he says he hates to think of it.

We are having warm rainy weather here today. Aunt Maggie is going to Evansville on Monday to stay for a few days to see Minnie Bolkmear take the veil at the Poor Clares convent, she is a cousin of ours who has been praying for you ever since you went across. We have been real busy today, so I have had no time to write.

Almost six so I will close with lots of love and in hopes of seeing you very very soon!

Telegraph if you can from New York to Jos. Fischer Taylorville road, because they
Louisville, Ky.

telephone ^b the telegrams
anyway. Everybody
keeps on asking about you.
Laura Harpring was telling
me the other night that
Capt. Trame was out for
supper, he is at Camp 1.
to be demobilized. Had a
friend with him from St. Louis
who had interesting tales
to tell of the battles he was
in. You will have some
job when you get back,
save your tongue now.
Laura's latest beau is Alfred
Huber, are you not surprised?
Good luck and goodbye

Lelara

From
D. A. Shelley
1321-Floyd St.
Louisville-KY



~~RETURN TO WRITER~~
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~~Corporal~~ ~~James F. Fischer.~~
~~Company F. 120th Infantry.~~
~~30th Division~~
~~Camp Jackson~~
~~South Carolina.~~

From T. A. Shelley
1321 Lloyd Street
Louisville Kentucky

to keep for you ⁹ until you returned.

I am feeling fine these days and I truly hope that you are enjoying the best health ever.

Well Louis, be good and I hope and pray that will soon be able to talk to one another once again.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible if it is only a few words because I am always so glad to hear from you.

With love & all my prayers

I am, yours as always,
Dorothy

I will write real soon again.

Mother ^{O.S.} says be sure and remember me to Louis, ¹
Dorothy

Louisville Kentucky
April 17, 1919

My dear Louis,

It seems almost like a dream for me to be able to write to you when you are in dear old U.S.A. I hope that you will never have to leave these dear old shores again.

Clara called me Sunday morning and told me that you had arrived safely. That surely was

good news and I was so happy that I could hardly believe it was true. I knew that God would hear my prayers and bring you back safely and soundly. It certainly will be a happy day when we will meet again and I look forward to it and wait patiently.

I received your dear sweet card written Sunday and believe me I was glad to get it and I hope that you will soon be home and that we can have some great

times like we did before you left.

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will love you to promise me that you will take dinner with me some day as soon as possible after your return. I will make some good hot rolls which I am sure you will enjoy. Will you promise to let me have that pleasure?

There is a surprise awaiting for you when you return and that is a surprise remembrance for your birthday (March 23rd). I didn't forget the date and I gave it to Clara

Please don't forget to write & let
me know when you will arrive at Camp Taylor
will you?

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215 WEST MARKET STREET

Wed. P.M. April 23/19
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Dear Louis: You certainly do have one awful time; but it is really better that you are taken care of properly and they surely can do it better out there than you could at home. Be content now to stay as long as necessary make them sure you completely. Everybody was distressed to hear that you were in the hospital John Goss was in this morning, he has started out as salesman for the OK. Stove Co. here in the city now but later expects to go out of town. He wants us to let him know if you can have company. Will



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Ehlig said he is sorry the Gibson affair had such a bad effect on you, but was very glad you had come. Lorena Huber Rosenberger was in looking at a gas range, they are going to keep house again, has been living with her people but Ed. is expected soon and they will be too crowded. She showed me a dandy picture of Ed. he is still in France, drove an ambulance at first but is a Mess Sgt. now, Bud Brocar and Charlie Pfeiffer she thinks are now at New Jersey. That talk about C.P. must be another one of those wild rumors, I have

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

asked Rommel if he is well and he said yes. they hear from him often. Willie is provoked about his invitation for the Lyber tonight, which was promptly delivered to you at camp this morning. Mary Ross had promised to mail it to him and he anxiously watched the mail today, but luckily he looked at it himself last night and did not think about her being there so I can not be blamed. I suppose he intended to go after retreat tonight at the Cathedral, the K.C.'s are to have a Passionist army chaplain to speak. Father Rothent was taken

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to St. Anthony's Hospital yesterday he has been complaining for some time. We had planned to have him and Father Barrett to supper some night this week. Father B. told us last night he is reading mass out at St. Francis every morning, inquire for Father R. if he comes to see you. Write to us every day if you can, it will help to while away the time, also write and thank D.S. for the purse, I told her you only got it Monday evening so as to excuse you for not thanking her on Monday so you will not have to mention when you received it she surely was disappointed at not

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seeing you, she seemed to be very much pleased with the bag. We all had a good time last night but quite a time getting there. When we are out on the Poplar Level road quite a distance we found the road closed for repairs which are badly needed. Cecelia was very nervous about backing on the narrow road with those ditches on each side. We made it alright came back to a lane which run through the Prest. St. road then went through Audubon Park, only got to the dance at 9³⁰. When we came back there was a

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

dense fog you could only see about two feet in front of the machine. Mrs. Helms wants us to go out to Stithton for a dance on Thursday May 1st they will leave Louisville about five. Cecelia went to her club at Doerhoefer's this afternoon and Mary F. came in to the eye doctor, she is having trouble with them since she had the flu. Otillia has an abscess on her tooth, she spent the morning at Dr. Eble's, then went for her treatment at Dr. Koehler's her heart is fast again, (we are some family) Six o'clock so I must say good-bye. Your bundle came from D.C. this morning. Clara