



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



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My Own Dear Girl-

Well dear,
I've got a little time to write this
morning and I'm feeling fine, so here
goes. The famous quartette is
in John's room and we've got
oranges, cookies and cake. John
and Ben are sewing buttons on overcoats,
Hank is reading the Oak Leaves to us,
and Joe is writing to his girl at
home. As soon as they get finished
sewing they're going to write to their
girls too. Hank doesn't write
any more than once or twice a month.
Some combination we've got, isn't
it? (Joe-Hank-Ben-John)

The orderly just
now came up with the mail and
said, "Here Joe is the blue envelope,"
and threw your letter over to me. I



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certainly was tickled to get it,
and just when I was writing to you
too. The other guys are trying to kid
me for getting mail so regularly, all
except John, he got one letter too. Don
is mad as a hornet and is going to
write a piece of his mind right
away, to his girl. Hank got one letter
last week and his record is not
broken yet. John has the best
bass voice I ever heard, wonderful
range and tone quality - oh my.
Don has an equally good tenor, and
the two are now entertaining Hank and
I with impromptu duets. Pretty
fair harmony believe me. Yes, Dear,
we're in the army all right, but
this is the first really good chance
we've had to get together. Monday is
usually very dismal after the
excitement of Sunday leave, so this



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morning as none of us had a class,
we came up to John's room and
brought all the eats we could find.
We're eating yet and the others are
working peacefully over their cigarettes.
John just got an inspiration, he's the
funniest gay guy I've seen. He can
twist himself into the queerest shapes,
and faces and he's clever. We all tell
him he's wasting his time here, he
ought to go out as a comedian.

I'm not going to say more
about them just now. I'm always
thinking of you, sweetheart, and of
the times coming when I'll be home with
you. We know nothing as yet about
leave for Thanksgiving, but I'm sure
I'll be home at least for dinner. I've
got to see you at any rate.

With all the noise around
me here, I can't write as fast as



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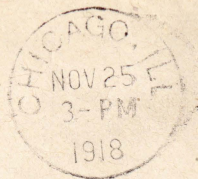


I'd like to but everything I have said
is about all I have to say. I'll call
you up tonight at the regular time,
providing, of course.

Behave yourself, dear and
try and be good.

Oceans of love and a kiss
on every wave for you only.

yours for always
Joe.



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