

June 2, 1917.

My Dear Girl:-

So you think I need a guardian to look over my mail. I didn't know I was learning army habit so quickly. My tent mate says he will comply with your request. Of course you must realize that I have a little to say. If I write something to you that I don't want him to see I won't let him, Sed. I hope you do. Yes perhaps I was afraid to introduce him to you. You might leave me for him. Can you blame me for being careful of you.

Our company is still doing police duty. We have to be through to-morrow. I felt very tired yesterday but got over it. I did not write yesterday on account of police duty. We are free all day to-day.

I received your postal yesterday and wish to thank you for it. The church surely seems to be a fine one. Western Spring I suppose is a fine town too. I have never been there so I don't know.

I will give you a piece or two of that cake and also my tent mate. I'm not as stingy as you may think me to be. I have feelings for others at times.

No I can't read shorthand myself, but another boy in the company can and we put our heads together and translated it. I asked you what that one figure meant, but you didn't let me know. Please do, as I am not sure as to its meaning.

We may leave here any time now. It is not certain, but it may be Cuba. We will complete our training down there before going to France.

We lost the ball game Thursday.
13 to 8. Our team played awful
ball, but we are not down hearted.
We have just started to play and
a few more games will set us
in good condition.

I have done my washing this
morning. I brought my clothes up
to the sergeant for him to inspect
and he said there was no need for
him inspecting them as he knew
they would be clean. We have a
couple of dopes in the company and
he is trying to clean them out.
They are fellows who don't care or
they haven't the brains to learn
anything. He is becoming tired of
their mistakes because it spoils
the whole company. Oh, you have
to be awake and alive to be a Marine.
Just like I am. See?

We got a raise beginning June
1. Thirty dollars a month. I will

be able to buy a Ford when I come ^{home} a
if I stay here a couple of years. I
suppose by that time you wouldn't
ride in a Ford. How would you?

How is Joe getting along?
Was he good to you at the
Convention?

Well be good and take care
of your self.

Send my regards to your
folks and my best love to you.

Your soldier boy,

Dave.