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"WITH THE COLORS"



Nov 5, 1918  
My Dear Little Girl -  
Here's hoping  
that this letter finds you as  
well as you can be. You  
know, it wouldn't do to get  
sick on any account as long  
as I am not at home so I  
can come and see you every  
night. It looks now as if  
I wouldn't be able to come home  
until a week from next Sunday.  
It all depends on how they are  
going to work the passes. Latest  
rumors say that the first eight  
squads get leave next Sunday  
and the last eight the following  
week. I don't know what I'll  
do if I can't see you. Suppose  
I can't do anything.  
We got our  
checks tonight and I'll bet you



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can't guess how much I got.  
Name a sum in your next letter  
and I'll tell you if you win or  
lose. All the same we got  
paid, that's the main thing after  
all, isn't it dear? You and I  
can have a swell time on that  
don't you think? I'll promise  
not to spend a penny of it  
until I get home. <sup>since I am rich,</sup> Now, you can  
be sure of your little wrist  
watch, Grace. Make up your  
mind exactly what shape  
you'd like and what you want  
engrooved on it. Then I can  
instruct the jeweler and the  
watch is yours. Won't that be  
grand? Oh, Baby, how I do  
love you dear. I wish you  
were here now, what I wouldn't  
do to you just for addressing  
your letter as "dear Chauncey."



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As you said its a good thing that  
you're way far away from here or  
I might kiss you and kiss you and  
never stop. My bunkie suggested  
that now when I have the money I  
may as well get married. I told  
him I was willing long ago but  
that my girl didn't want to just  
yet. What do you think of that?  
Some day though, Sweetheart, I'll  
be back to you and we can  
realize some of our dreams.

For evening  
mess we had salad potatoes,  
weenies, corn bread, white bread  
and butter and cocoa and apple  
pudding. Imagine Joe eating  
salad potatoes and stretch a little  
and imagine him getting another  
helping. Wonderful things are  
happening here now and Joe  
will be different in many ways



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when he gets home, again. But if anything he'll love you more than ever, just so he gets a chance, you can rely on that, Sweetheart.

Now was transferred to our company tonight, and had to appear for examination tonight for the officers school.

If he passes he'll be gone in a few days, if he doesn't he'll stay here a good while yet. In the morning they are going to pull some fellows for aviation pilots. Hope to dickens I get a show pretty soon. If I can't get home now I may as well be far away, don't you think so?

Then I could come home on a furlough and have a good time.

About my confiding in you. I'm sure I don't keep anything from you, dear. And I hope the time will never come



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when I will. I'm sincerely glad to have anyone interested, <sup>enough</sup> in me to listen to my thoughts. And then to know that you love me, is certainly the crowning point in it all.

So Elsie began to kid you about your staring into space. You got the best of her when you admitted it. She's old enough to learn a few things yet, or maybe she's too aged. So art still interested in her or is he carrying out his threat concerning my girl? I'd better not try, cause I belong to Uncle Sam now and he don't.

I'm dead tired tonight and my pen refuses to work right.

Your letter certainly was a corker. May there be many more.  
Yours always  
J. E.



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P.S. You might suggest to your boss to make that change in his letterhead. I think your name look better anyway. Of course if you are going to quit it makes a difference but then you may not. See?  
Jve.



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