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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS



"WITH THE COLORS"

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Dear Mother:

Tonight I received a package. One pair of socks. Essie told me Pa sent them. Aren't they fine. I have not had time to try them or yet. I have been up to take out my insurance, and am sneaking this note, while waiting my turn, in line.

Mail conditions are very bad here. Owing to the storm. We are going to have another mail call at 8:30. Maybe I'll get something else.

Now I'm going to sneak in a shave, if I can make it. I am going to take out \$3,000. That will cost \$3.25 a month. Do you think that is bad?

Will finish this later.

Jan 16 I took out \$10,000, worth of insurance. It will cost \$6.50 a month, but I'll go light

own expenses, and see if I can make it up.  
We got paid last night. I got \$40.<sup>63</sup> Will  
send home \$35.<sup>00</sup>, as soon as I can get a  
minute. Things are in an awful state  
here. The new system went into effect  
yesterday. Mac Gowan + I got fired. Then  
we were called back to straighten out a  
mess, and now the Adjutant has ordered  
us away again, but the head of the school  
La Follette, (a brother to the politicians), the chief  
instructor, Mac Daniel, and the lieutenant in  
charge refuse to let us go. So in the end, maybe  
I'll stay here. I think the order goes through  
tonight. Am awfully busy. Received two letters  
from Co tonight. Good. Send some more. Got the  
picture, send some more. Got up at 5<sup>15</sup> Got to  
work at 7<sup>30</sup> and will be here till 10 P.M. That's  
on the way it will be for some time, maybe a  
month. Explain it to my friends, and don't  
expect to get my mail, except about once a week.  
Am getting fat. Will send some pictures, if I  
can get some taken.

Love to all.

Pick.

Don't expect me home for a week of Sunday or more.



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If not delivered in Ten days return to

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152nd Aero Sq'd'n.

Rantoul, Illinois.

Chenute, Field.

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