

From
Miss Clara Discher
215 W. Mkt.
Louisville, Ky.



Louis J. Discher
Co. F. 120 Infantry
Camp Sevier
S. C.

May I have
Fred West,
Wm. J. Beaman,
Morris

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Wed. P.M.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

April 10/18.

My dear Brother: I was very glad to hear that you might go to Honolulu. I would pray every day that the rumor would prove to be a fact. I am afraid though that you are mistaken. You all should continue to study French if possible for it will be such a help to you when you get across. I see at Camp Taylor that all the officers have to study it now. Well that Sunday night party was not so bad after all we had a dandy time. I surely was surprised when Young arrived on the light o'clock car, he enjoyed Mary Hinkley's singing very much. She had all of the very latest songs and she also played for the rest of the bunch to dance. We served strawberry ice cream, angel food

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chocolate cake, pea nuts and candy. Martin especially enjoyed the lunch and Young said Cecelia would do very well for mess sergeant at camp as he had never eaten any better ice cream. Willie took the Hinkle girls home and then really drove out to camp. Now for news of Co. C. They all have their pack now ready for over sea service, although Young seems to have no idea of going. He does not care though where he goes after May 1st, one more Derby then he does not care what happens. He is trying now to get a furlough of ten days for the Lexington races. He is now taking a post graduate course at school (snipers course) having finished very well in

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the other section. He is sorry now he did so well, does not care for sniping. Nothing but preaching out there for them to be more strict and less familiar with the new men. He dug a few sods the other day for Lieut. Curran. Young told Mary Frances that Lieut King, he thinks is to be the best man at the wedding, he also gave Mary Frances the information she wanted about Lieut King, which I think she had better not give to Elizabeth. I am sure I would recognize him on the street. Young said when he left that he is going to bring his bald head friend out real soon I suppose he meant Bueren. Somebody told Papa Saturday that you could have been one of the thirteen to remain here, that they asked who preferred to stay, was it don't

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that way? We have heard it again ^{another way.} You never have said, did Capt. Adams tell you all good-bye. It is always best for us to have real facts, you hear so much. Lieut. Dal Abraham left yesterday for Fort Ogelthorpe, Ia. and Agnes for St. Louis. Miss Donohoe of St. Pauls Church was in the store yesterday talking about Lawrence Haming who is at Omaha, Nebraska in the aviation branch, she had read his last letter home. He wrote that on Easter Saturday afternoon he went to confession and then on Sunday morning when it was time for him to go to mass and Holy Communion they had inspection. He did not eat breakfast, hoping something would turn up that he could go. So some people of Omaha came to camp and asked

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him for dinner. He at once ^{LOUISVILLE, KY.} asked the man to take him to a Catholic Church for mass, the man took him to the Cathedral to a most solemn High Mass. He wrote to the girls, "you should have seen your little brother kneeling all alone at the communion rail at one o'clock and can imagine how he felt". Father Donohoe said good for St. Paul's teaching. I was wondering if our little brother would have been faithful enough to have done likewise. Try if possible to go to mass Sunday and if you succeed be sure and go to confession and Holy communion you went last on March 17th. I mailed your photograph yesterday and some papers. If you want to return the picture, just keep the card board and mail it back to me.

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I saw your picture ^b framed at Rogers today it looks fine. We are going to have ours standing on the piano in one of those easel frames which are very new. Cecelia telephoned me that your long letter had just arrived please do write one to Uncle Frank ^(to the store) at once if you have not already done so, I think he feels very hurt that you have only sent him that card without a line or greeting. I could not read your last letter to them because you mentioned in it that you have lots of time to write. Later on then write one to Aunt Maggie and mention Albert in it. It has been snowing here since early this morning, a fine wet snow very cold and disagreeable. We sent the Dim to the paint shop on Monday and today the

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Commerce would not run, so we had to go down and get the Vin. This afternoon Willie took the Commerce and Ford up to Althouse Kaellin to be made into one machine, so its goodbye little Ford and I never did get to run it. Cecelia will buy the goods tomorrow for the bag, will make it Friday and mail it on Saturday, should reach you Monday or Tuesday. Watch for the package. I am going to see Julia Sanderson and Cawthon in the "Rambler Rose" Saturday night. I suppose you all will soon be starting out to see things in Greenville. As it is nearing five o'clock I will close. With love
Write often.
Cecelia

April 22, 1918.
Monday Night.

cards. Louise said nothing
she the girls about it
before the day, because
she wanted to surprise
them. Well, Olga got peevish
because she was not
informed of it before and
they had a squabble
together at Olga's home
which she started herself
and she just simply
dropped out. Wednesday
I went to see the Girls
High School play, "Captain
Jinks," at Macaulay. It
certainly was good.

Saturday I was going
to the Bannon Curran
wedding at high noon

Dear Louis: This has
been a very busy day
and I am winding it
up by writing to you.
You know we are in
the midst of our spring
house cleaning. We bought
two lovely reed parlor
chairs, and they came
out today. One straight
and the other a rocker
with the magazine
rack on the side.
With all the other wicker

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- Soldier's sister in Louisville to be in at camp in S.C.
- Very gossipy / all the women women

2 letters x10 = 20

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Wed. 5 P.M. April 3/18.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

My dear Brother: I received your Easter card that you mailed at Chattanooga, on Monday morning. Then nothing more until your letter came this afternoon. I thought perhaps we would get a letter from "Somewhere in France". But the quarantine explains it, we might have expected that. Serqt. Fehrer told me at church Friday night that you all only left in the afternoon and that all did not go. He got your pictures on Saturday, very good but rather large. Willie and I delivered one out to the Shelley residence on our way home Saturday night. Sunday after vespers we went in to the Flag raising at St. N. College (will mail the program) brought Uncle Frank and Aunt Maggie out with us, Albert came out on the car. He missed

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You very very much. LOUISVILLE, KY.
Monday night Cecelia and I went to see
Maud Adams at Macanleys, we enjoyed it,
she is so charming. Willie and Mary Frances
went to the K. C. Dance, Mary F. will write
you about it. Louise Goepfert and Ursula Hettiger
were in today and inquired for you.
Everybody very sorry to hear that you had been
transferred, Brother Celestine sends his regards.
I called out at Kremer's on Tuesday to see if
Fount had gone and if they had heard from
him, I spoke to his uncle, he was glad to
hear that we had received the card from
Chattanooqa because they had heard nothing.
I saw Walter Diemer standing on the porch
when I passed last night. Willie went to
the Vertuner dance last night, rotten time

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He and Papa are farming alone, Robert did not show up on Monday morning, I believe he has gone to work for Fanelle at the camp. Raymond Weber has been sent back to Kelly Field, San Antonio Texas. Leo Michael is on the way to France, Albert Kaellin is also on the way over. Florence Walter had a little picture of him Sunday with his pack on his back, he has raised a mustache, looks fine, don't you all want to try it? I have lots of clippings at home about the camp, we will mail them tomorrow. Would you like for me to mail you the Herald every day, or would the news be too stale, let me know when

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You receive this first ^{LOUISVILLE, KY.} letter. Please explain in your next letter what you meant by your (P.S. I lost my rank. I was busted) I do not understand the last, was your purse stolen? Are there any other Louisville boys there? Aunt Maggie wants to know when you ate your lunch. Did you take it with you? Oh yes Antoinette Goss thinks you are better looking than your picture, I gave her one for John, Bertha said you should have given it to her. As it is six o'clock I will have to close with lots of love from
Elara.
Tell Fount K. hello for me.

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Thurs. 3 P.M.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Dear Louis: Enclosed find clippings I thought might interest you. It is rather cool here today. Joe Kirchdorfer was in this morning, he asked about you, he goes in class 1 A. Did I tell you Cooney Parker has quit, is working at the Government Depot in Jeffersonville. Gus came to see Uncle Frank last night, you know he has not been here since February, he asked if Uncle Frank would give him another chance. But I do not think he will, he says he can get a job at Bomar Summers but would rather work here. You asked if Ray Fach had been to Greenville S.C. No he was at Asheville N.C. but on the map it does not look like it is very far from there. Mary Frances telephoned me that they received the picture of Camp Sevier in today's mail. Your loving sister Clara.

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Sat. P.M.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

April 20/18.

Dear Brother: We at last received your letter yesterday afternoon, the one you wrote last Monday, we surely thought you had left S. C., if the letter had not come I was not going to send any more mail to Camp Sevier. Wednesday night Uncle Frank, Aunt Maggie, Cecelia and I went to see the New Curate at St. X. it was very good for amateurs. We now have our combination truck it is alright, Kaclin sold the Ford body for \$30⁰⁰ but we still have the Commerce chassis to dispose of, I hope we soon get rid of it. Hillie took the best tires off of the Commerce and put some of our old ones on instead. Hallie Jones husband died Thursday afternoon and was buried from St. Peter Claver church this morning. You know he came back to the church

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since he has been sick. Whenever you write to Aunt Maggie extend your sympathy to Hallie. She will appreciate your mention of her bereavement. The fire yesterday afternoon was most disastrous, the entire academy burnt to the ground, all they saved out of the building was five pianos and a few rugs, although fortunately no one was hurt. Mary Frances thought it was perfectly awful that Willie would not take her over to see it, Agatha Schuler said she never saw so many machines at one place in her life, Cherokee Drive was packed. Laura Harpring called Mary F. to tell her about the fire, but Willie must have seen it from the start. The Harprings went over in their machine. They sent all the girls from the city to their homes, they

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had only the clothes they put on that morning. Were you not surprised and distressed to hear of Dick Curran's sudden illness and the postponement of the wedding? I suppose hard work and very likely many engagements in the evening were too much for him. Mr. Fraas telephoned me yesterday evening that they were very sorry they could not accept our invitation for tomorrow, but will be very glad to come next Sunday. He are going to have company though anyway, and I know you will be sorry that you were not home. Uncle Willie Aunt Theresa and Elizabeth are coming. Chas. Talbott inquired about you the other morning, Claude is with the aviation div. in France since November, by the way

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Mary Frances heard the other day that
Chas. Talbott is going to marry Minnie Zehnder
you know he formerly went with Amelia Graf.
Strange things do happen. Albert Kaelin
has arrived in France also Ed. Lawless brother.
I inquired for Walter Diemer this morning
his father said he has left the hospital and
is now confined to the barracks. Uncle
Frank got a letter from Lieut. ^{D.E.} Abraham
Camp Greenleaf, Chickamauga Park, Ga.
I heard that Roy Goepfer is going to or
has enlisted in the navy.
Mary Emma was telling me last night that
Raymond had sent his woollen suit home
because he now must wear khaki, poor boy
he just bought it when he reached San Antonio

furniture I think the porch will be quite crowded this summer. The bricks have been reddened and the grass gets cut every week, and with no chickens wandering around, our lawn certainly does look fine. My five hundred club met at Olga Flun's last Thursday. I took her a large bunch of lilacs they are beautiful this year. The clusters are so large and they are lasting so long. I suppose it is because we are having such cool weather. John is sick all the time never much improvement in his condition. Olga got out of the club because of some misunderstanding with Louise Goepfer. We did not intend to play five hundred at the shower that we gave for Edith Herbold at Louise Goepfer's home, but Mrs Goepfer thought it would be too sticky just to sit around as we had asked twenty girls, so she said she would give two prizes so we could play.

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he said there are so many many accidents there, machines colliding in the air and dropping down on the tents injuring so many men. Speaking of khaki, maybe you were a bit envious when you read of the camp Taylor boys and their spring uniforms, do not worry, you should see some of them. Some of the blouses match the trousers and very many do not, and some are almost washed white. I met Lois Stice on the street yesterday morning, she was on her way to the train. She was going home for her sister's graduation and stay for the week end. We were glad to hear you enjoyed the cake, how did the ham keep? Otilia is so sorry she made such

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a blunder on your bags. I knew that I was not right but did not realize what was wrong about it, the girls said you should just rip out the initials, I know what you thought when the second one came. Did Uncle Frank's gifts reach you safely, Oh yes you did not mention your picture how did you like it? Did it arrive whole? Be sure that you send all of the relatives a card or letter from S.C., I suppose you have sent one to Aunt Lou. Mrs. Block mentioned you having written to Sillian Geiger and I am quite sure she spread the news, so you might sometime drop them a line or two. I was so glad to know that you had the pleasure of hearing

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the Paulist Choristers. Ollie said they have been trying to get one of the records she read about them in the Extension. Do they have Mass at Camp Sevier, if not you must go in to confession on Saturday and Sunday morning leave camp earlier so you could have the priest to give you all communion before the 11 o'clock mass, you could explain the situation to him on Saturday and perhaps he would give you a cup of coffee before mass. As it is getting late and I can think of no more news to tell I will close with lots of love.

Your devoted sister
Clara.

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Second Page.

Boniface Church for
Benediction and got
Aunt Maggie and we
went out to the ruins
of Sacred Heart Academy.
It certainly was a terrible
fire, and there is nothing
left of it but a few of the
brick ~~walls~~ walls,
but it certainly is
wonderful that they
saved the old house that
was joined to the school.
You know there was
only a driveway between
and the flames were
going that way.
They said the machines
were standing all

with a bunch of girls,
and then Leut; Curran
had to get pneumonia.
I was speaking to Elizabeth
Campbell this ~~afternoon~~ ^{evening}
and she said he was
desperately ill Saturday
and that he was better
this morning, but worse
again tonight. She said
he has a very severe
case of pneumonia.
Saturday night Billy
and myself went to the
K of C. military dance.
They had a very good
crowd. More boys than
girls, something you
seldom see at their dances
now.

Agnes & Maud Hinkle were there
with Mary Rose Lehman and her
father. We took both sets home
in the machine with us.

Sergeant Ryan and Kern were there
they are two of the boys that we
have been having a good time with
out at Camp when we go out to
mend on Saturdays. Mr Traass was
there and I met lots of the boys

but could not begin to remember
all their names. Mr & Mrs. Brown
brought Margaret and they went to picture
show and then called for her. Jessie
Bannon was there with her Lieut, and
sat in the parlor all evening with him.
We arrived there at nine and did not get
home till after one so you know we
did have a very good time. Mr and Mrs N.W.
Heil, and Elizabeth, and Aunt Lou spent the
day with us Sunday. Aunt Maggie,
Uncle Frank and Albert Deig came for
supper. Aunt Theresa, Elizabeth, Cecelia,
Billy and myself went in to St.

Third Page.

We went over in the new building and went to see the chapel. It is beautiful. We did not go through the building Sunday but will some other time. Our company all left at ten, the Heils on the car and Billy took all the others home. Louis, be sure and write a little note of thanks to everyone that sends you any gifts. Billy said, that tall, lanky, jolly, black eyed girl who used to promenade Fourth Ave. with you always asks about you. Send her a postal if you have her address. Tell Faust Kerner that we enjoy his letters very much. Hoping to hear from you real soon. I remain your loving little sister. Mary Frances.

the way to St. Matthews and how many across the road. I heard from a few that were out there at the fire in machines, that when they got home they found they had big holes burned in the top of their machines from the sparks. It was not true what was in the paper about the children jumping off the porch. Every one went out before it got that far and no one had a scratch or burn on him. They think it

was caused by the tinner
working on the roof in the
morning, and that a spark
caught it, because it started
in the fourth floor. They
certainly can be thankful
that it did not happen at
night. I know when I went
there I often thought how
awful it would be if a fire
should break out at night,
when we were all sleeping
on the third floor, the nuns
that taught us and all the girls.
The sisters said they never saw
a fire gain such headway as that
one did. The only things they saved
~~were~~ a St. Joseph statue that turned
it's self around and slid off
the pedestal to safety, and five
pianos, some rugs and a very few
of the oil paintings. They all seemed
to think it a miracle about that
statue. They sent all the girls home and
have not decided yet what they will
do about it.

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Wed. P.M.

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Dear Louis: This is a perfectly miserable day, a cold rain since early this morning St. Anthony Hospital is having their match I suppose that accounts for it. Enclosed find \$1.00 Aunt Teresa gave me last Sunday she said I should buy you a box of candy but I thought perhaps you would appreciate the cash more because Aunt Maggie sent chocolates yesterday. Johnnie Beirne said he would like to write you a letter but thinks you might have sent him a card I suggested that to you once but none have ever come. I think you heard us mention about Mary Long Hanlon corresponding with a sailor who had received her comfort bag at Christmas. Lode was telling me that

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in his last letter he said he would soon be in other waters, she thought now you might happen to sail on the same ship. She addresses him "Tony Demore - Battleship South Carolina U.S.A. % New York Post Office" they seem to think he is at a S.C. sea port. We received the nice long letter yesterday that you wrote on Friday. No wonder you never mention the meals, you all surely have splendid food, but what about that question mark of yours on the clipping. I was glad to hear that you intended going to Holy communion on Sunday, now try to go again before you sail. If I were you I would write all of my addresses in your note book before you sail and I would send all my letters home in the grip because

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You will surely enjoy reading them later in life, and besides if you were hurt perhaps you would not want strangers going through your mail. Be sure that you keep your rosary, scapulars and all of your medals. Inquire there about your insurance policy, I spent the night with Agatha Schuler Monday and she spoke of Ray Weber writing about sending his policy home. See what they tell you. Watson got your Liberty Bond from the bank yesterday and I will soon send you the \$100 interest due in May. I want to leave early to go to the Euclid so I will close with love
Clara

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

April 27-18

Corporal

~~Mr.~~ Louis J. Discher

My dear Louis

Received your letter & was glad to hear from you. I am sorry that you will have to leave so soon. I hope that you will be able to telegraph. Perhaps Clara & Maggie can meet you at Hoboken to bid you farewell. I am very proud of the fact that you have regained your title of Corporal & I hope that when you are "over there" you will make a good record. I am done with Germany. Ever since the entry of our country into the war, I have gradually become so enthused with the ideals of our own beloved country that I have given up all sympathy & feeling for Germany. I want our country to throw the Kaiser down & want you to help do it. Louisville has gone way "over the top" in the 3^d Liberty Loan.

We now have Albert Dietzsch in the store and I believe that he will "make good."

Tomorrow Sunday April 28, your sisters will have Father Grasshof & another chaplain, your friends Kelly & Fraas and your aunt Maggie, Albert & I for supper.



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LOUISVILLE, KY.

The St Xavier's "My new Curate" was a great success. There are so many inquiries about you that I really believe that you have a host of friends in Louisville. Clara always brings your letters to the store for me. I read your hint in stating that the "ghost" had not walked. It sounded like a bugle and I answer it by enclosing my response.

Next Sunday May 5th our Louisville Council of the K of C will have an initiation. We now have 102 candidates and more to come. If you were in Louisville I would have insisted on you being one also. I am trying to get our Father Simons to get up a service flag. However he is like your cousin Albert - not very enthusiastic.

Well Dear Louis so be a good soldier & a good Catholic. Do your duty towards God & Country, let come what will. Uphold the honor of our flag. Help that it may forever wave in triumph.

with love and best wishes I am as ever

your loving uncle Frank A Geher