

a military wedding. It was a shame that Marie Barron had to have a quiet wedding after all their plans for the grand affair they were going to have.

Thursday afternoon

Well, Louis your letters only came today. Aunt Maggie's this morning and the one out home this afternoon.

I am very sorry to hear that you all are quarantined. But I suppose they will be able to see you. Every body is well and sends their love. Hallie

Thursday - 9. M.
May 2nd - 18

Dear Louis:-

As I just finished cutting the clipping out of the papers I thought I would write you a letter and send them on to you. I suppose by this time you have seen Clara and Aunt Maggie. I imagine you were very much surprised to hear they were coming but Clara thought if she did not go now, she would not get anywhere this summer. Uncle Frank got a postal from them at Knoxville.

this morning. I am keeping house at Third
E^{ly} Walnut. As Hallie is here I haven't much
else to do but the cooking. I suppose Cousin
Albert told you he received his letter
and folder. You wanted to know what
came first your satchel or the letter.
Your satchel got here Wednesday
morning. Uncle Frank called me up
and said, O, they are too late, Louis
satchel has come and I know he has
gone from there. But I remembered
you telling ~~us~~ us in one of your
letters that you had to send your
grips home by May 1st. During the
morning Willie opened it, and they
found your note, so they knew you
were still there. I suppose Clara told
you about Sunday night. Father Mahoney
and Father McCaffrey are both certainly
very jolly and witty priests. Cousin Mel
Hessel told Aunt Maggie the other night
that Jessie Barron is going to get married
to Lieut. Madden. Just so they can have

seemed pleased that you had
remembered her. I wonder if
you got the cake that Jorie
Descher sent you. I will
get the things you want to-
morrow afternoon when I
go down-town. Well as I
want this to get off this
afternoon I will close

Your loving sister
Ollie

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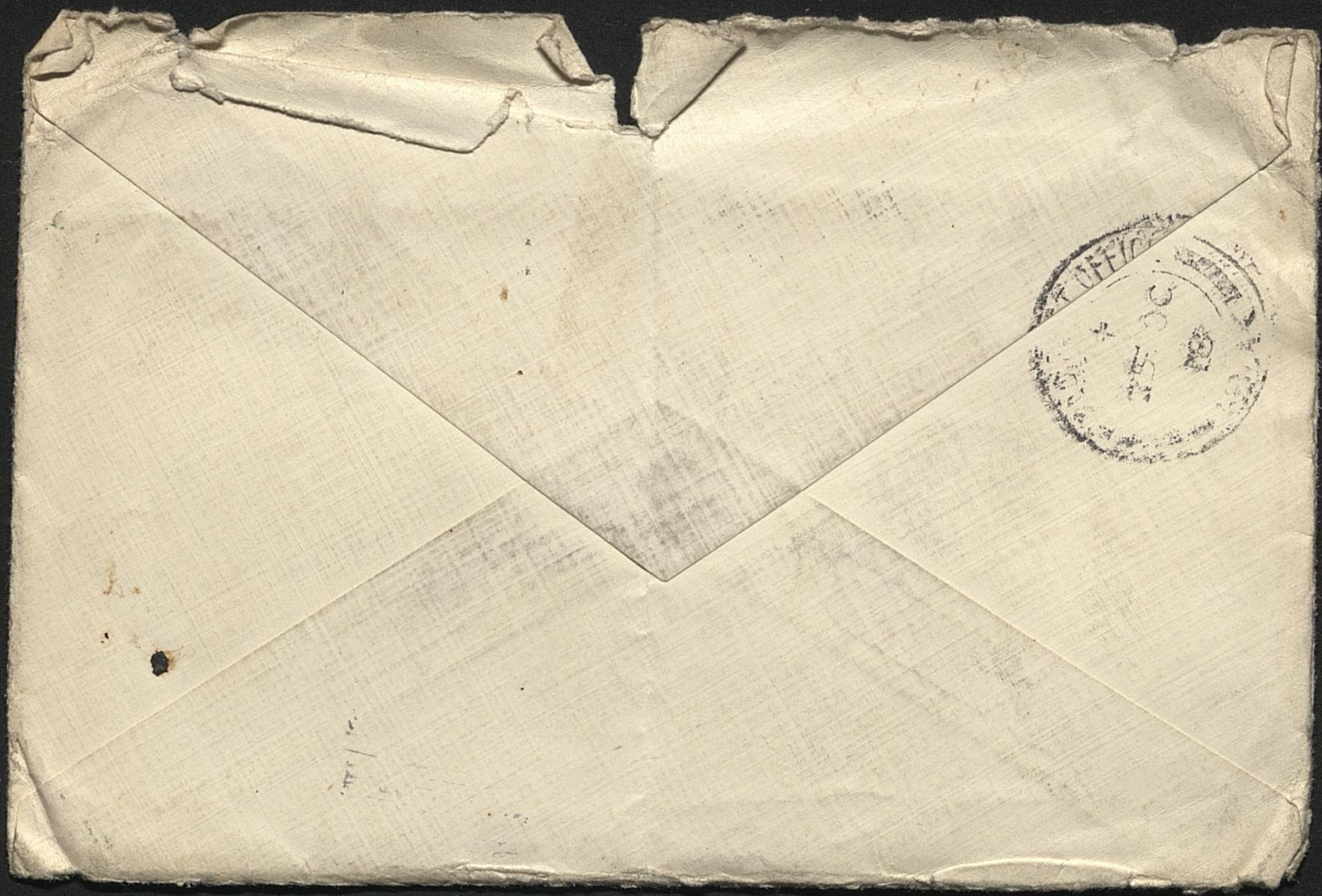
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Letter # 38

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via
New York

Post 918



Letter No. 38

Mon. P.M. Sept 16/18

Dear Louis: No letter from you today everybody disappointed but perhaps we will get one tomorrow. I forgot to tell you in my last letter that Catherine Geiger and Bugs Alley were married Saturday a week ago and last week was taken to the infirmary to be operated on for appendicitis rather exciting don't you think? They are living with his people, both very young. Mr Geiger would not let them live at her home.

Elizabeth Leonhard's engagement announced yesterday, some Lieutenant from Honolulu, I suppose the Ukelele got him. Willie Kaelin died Friday and was buried this morning, last week he went to Drew's for a bucket of beer he got dizzy and fell on the floor striking the back of his head. Sunday he was taken to St. Anthony's hospital meningitis I believe finally caused his death.

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Wed. P.M. Sept 19th

It has turned cool and we have had some
rush, that is why my letter did not
get off, we still have none from you
but see that you all are active again
on that front so that explains it. I
imagine you all would rather be in
France with the Americans wouldn't you?
Johnnie Mulloy was in the store the
other day, you should see how nice
he looks in a uniform, he has a good
fit, is in the Quartermasters Dept.
Dries got a letter today from Henry
Stapenhorst, he is at Camp Perry, Norfolk
Va. does not say what he is doing.
Dr. Dal Abraham's father died last
week, had been in bed for seven months.
Sunday afternoon we had another meeting
for the Service Flag, I believe we will
have thirty stars, going to have the
celebration on the first Sunday in October.
Ray Weber has been transferred back
to Texas again, he moves around enough.
Louis Ryan left for the army today
I believe he is going to Lexington, it is
time he is going he has been so worried
about everybody else getting into it.
Willie, Otilia and I are going out to the

K.C. Hall tonight, they³ are going to put
up another service flag. Willie was
in fixing up the castings today.
Cecelia was going to take Aunt Lou
and Josie up to see the Kollross's today.
Mrs. Kollross has been sick. Dominic
is out at camp, he does not like it.
I will try to write a better letter
next time, it is six o'clock so I
will have to say goodbye with
lots of love
Clara

Geo. Fisher is here, he said to tell
you Hello! was surprised to hear
you were "Over There".

I saw Dorothy S. at the Britling
today, but did not talk to her.

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American Expeditionary Force

Via New York

Miss M. F. Disher
Jeffersontown
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and Papa and Aunt Lou.
all went out to the
cemetery. Whenever Cecelia
drives the car and Papa
goes along, he insists on
sitting in the front &
directing her. We had so
many pretty flowers.
The red sage is perfectly
coolly and of course Cecelia
had to take her beautiful
genias along. I just hate them
~~along~~ they are so stiff.
We very nearly had two of
Billy's invited guests for
dinner today, but we supposed
on account of the reason they
did not call up. They were
Kof C's from Pennsylvania in
the training school.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 1918.

Dear Louis: I certainly have had
a time of it, with my eye, but
thank goodness it is getting
better now. I have a pair of
smoked glass, tortoise shell rim
pinchers, high gold nose piece,
and a black card on them.
For the first two weeks I
wore them all the time,
but now I only wear them
in the machine and when
I read. Cousin Albert said
he thinks they make me
look quite distinguished, and
lots of the different boys &
girls wanted to know if
I was wearing them for
style. I wonder what you
would think of them. You
always were a good critic.

It sure is dreary this afternoon,
has been raining all day. I had
an engagement to go walking
in Cherokee park, but the weather
changed things around a little
bit, so I am writing letters instead.
Cecilia & Clara went to Vespers
and Otillia went down town
with Constance Schildt to a show.
Papa & Billy are sleeping. Otillia
said she thought all the people
must have come down for the
picture shows. Margaret Clark
was to have been at the ^{Margaret}
in "Out of a clear sky," but the
bills must have gotten mixed up
and the show that was to have
been there the last of the week
is there for the first.

The show she said was not good,
but they had the Margaret Clark's
crowd alright. Well, Louis we can't
use the machine any more on
Sundays, of course we use it
for the morning services, but the
rest of the day it sits in the
garage, because now we have
gasoline ~~let~~ Sundays in Louisville.
Every one has to take the car
or walk to their destinations.
Yesterday afternoon Cecilia, Otillia

Wellenbrink boys and
they were saying they
leave next week for the
Lexington military college.
Mrs. Harping and Laura
left Thursday to take Robert
to Notre Dame college, then
they are going to stop by
to see Joe and then to
see Ed. at St. Louis. Well I
think I have told you all
the news, so will close for
this time as it is getting
late. Hoping to hear from
you Monday. With love from all.
Mary Frances.

Expense this writing

At the dance last night
was a mob, we could
hardly move around
and when we were
dancing it really was
wonderful, that we came
out alive. The largest crowd
they have ever had. But
we had lots of fun and
enjoyed it very much.
Cecilia has the craze now
also & goes every week with
me & we always take another
girl or two along. Billy
goes to the G. M. C. A. to work
and comes over to the
hall for a while and then
we all go home in the
machine. Louis Schrantz

is on the entertaining committee. He told Billy the other night, the dance is only complete when he arrives. He was asking about you last night. You know he goes in this draft. John Hargett is over in France. He said its all right except some things. Everyone asks about you every week. They know that when ever we get a letter from you it comes on Monday, they are always anxious to hear the latest news.

Two of my friends, Sergt Major Walker and Sergt Duiville ^{Central Officer} left for the Infantry Training school at Camp Gordon Ga.

I heard from Walker Friday. He said they sure are making them see the mark, and he will have to work mighty hard to stick in the school. I went to Mass at the Cathedral this morning and then to the Doctor's. He is still treating my eye. I was talking to the

people were not obliged to go.
We said the Rosary at ten o'clock,
and then Hallie and I got
dinner. Played cards for a while,
then Cousin Albert left and
Uncle Frank went to the store.
I have finished reading the
papers and thought I would
write a few lines to you. The
flu situation is better out at
camp, but it is getting worse
in town. People all over the
city have it. I suppose you

Sunday afternoon.
Oct. 20-18.

Dear Louis:- This surely has been a
 queer day, it was another one of
our Churchless Sundays, and it
certainly seems strange not to go
to Mass on Sunday. I am staying
in town, came in on Friday.
Aunt Maggie has had a cold
for several weeks, and the other
night she felt so badly and
had such an awful head-
ache they thought she was getting

the flu, so they sent for the doctor.
He ordered her to bed for a few
days. He said yesterday if she hadn't
gone to bed when she did, she
would very likely have gotten it.
I have been doing the cooking and
waiting on her. Yesterday morning I
went to market in a pouring rain.
We have been having lovely weather
all along, but yesterday morning
it started to rain and rained all
day and last night, and today it
is just a gloomy, old fall day.
Uncle Frank went out to the cemetery
this morning and stopped in at St.
Vincent de Paul church to make a visit
and they were having Mass. All the
churches were allowed to have open
for the people to visit, but in some
of them they had Mass, although the

in the battle at de Cateau.
He certainly praises you all and
the 27th Division. Cousin Albert
said he thought you were very
likely there, but he did not
see how it could have taken
you all that long to get there.

Aunt Maggie is getting better.
She is able to be up, but is very
weak. Well, I suppose I had
better close, as I want to go
down town for a while.

With lots of love and kisses
Your Affectionate
Sister Ethel.

remember Edwin Haye and
Douglas Blvd. He had influenza
and pneumonia only a week,
and he died Friday noon.
It seems strange for all the
picture shows to be closed.

Yesterday all the saloons, and
confectionaries were ordered to
have closed at six-thirty. And
now they are going to limit
the number of people on the
street cars. We were very
glad to hear you had been

moved back to France. You all certainly
had to do some hiking to get there.
I read in General Marsh's letter last
night that the 84 Division had
arrived in France so maybe you
will get to see some of the boys,
some time soon. Louis Akara told
me to ask you how much you paid,
in our money, for your first spring
chicken. Everyone wondered how
much. He heard they are anywhere
from [#]1.50 to [#]5.00.

Tuesday Afternoon

I had to stop writing on Sunday
so I thought I would finish ^{my} ~~the~~
^{letter} today and take it to the post office
to mail. yesterday we received a
postal from you dated Sept. 27.
In last night's papers General
Haig mentions the 30 division being

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will be back to normal again, I
hope so anyway. I hope it won't
be long before you will be back
here safe & sound & will can have
a good old time together once
again. See that sounds good
doesn't it? I hope & pray it will
come true very soon.

I am working hard
every day & like my position
better all the time. I will be
there two months the 27th of this
month. The time sure flies doesn't

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Louisville Ky
Oct. 31, 1918

My dear Louis;

Today I received your
card dated Sept. 27. and I am
awfully disappointed to hear that
you haven't received my letter dated
Oct. 4. I hope that by this time you
have received it. Let me know
if you get it & when, will you?

Clara called me up
last week & read me two of your

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letters & I enjoyed them immensely.
I met her last Wednesday at
lunch and she looks fine and
dandy & as sweet as ever.

We are having a terrible time
here with "Spanish Influenza" &
I have taken every kind of medicine
imaginable to keep from taking
it & I hope that I won't take it.

Louis, your name was in
the Courier-Journal yesterday with the
list of boys who have graduated

from St. "X." There were was a long list of
boys who are now in the service & of course
I found your name first & I am very proud
if you believe me.

Somerville is terribly dead these
days & picture shows, dance halls, roller
parks etc are closed on account of the

epidemic which is carrying the people away
by the whole sale. The health department
has gotten the disease checked & I think things

it? I have gotten two raises since ⁵
I have been there. That is pretty
good don't you think? I will be
a sure enough working lady
when you come home.

John is still out here at
camp & he is now at Base Hospital
nursing the sick soldiers. He is
fine & I hope he will continue
to stay that way.

I am glad to hear that
you are well and for goodness
sake stay that way. Good health

is everything.

Well Lois, it is now eleven o'clock & time for all good little girls like me to be in bed.

Please write me soon as I am so anxious to hear from you.

Be good and don't forget that I never forget you in my prayers every night & morning. I think of you so much & wish that you were back here again.

Best regards from Mother & Mary, the whole family in

Aunt

Don't forget to write soon, real soon.

Yours as ever,

Lois

Thursday night I stayed at First
+ Walnut we played 500 for
quite a while. Thursday Willie
came in town in the morning
went to the Draft Board No. 8
to tell them he would like to
get in the next Motor School
which they open as he thinks
he would like that better than
the Navy, you know the Navy is
allright for those who enter
as yeoman to do office work
or in the radio service, but
I do not believe he could have
gotten in either of those branches
just to be a regular seaman
I do not think would be very
good, do you? He has not told
Uncle Frank, I am afraid he
will not like it very much.
Willie of course has always
wanted to get in service and
you really can not blame
him, I for one would not tell
him to stay out and hear about it later.

Letter No. 46

Sunday A.M. Oct. 27/18.

Dear Louis: I think I forgot
to tell you in my last letter
how much we appreciated your
thoughtfulness in sending the
cable it was very nice thing to do.
now for some questions, did you
get very sick crossing the English
channel to get to Bath, or
didnt you know anything about it?
you remember Aunt Maggie said
it was so rough when she crossed.
you did not finish spelling out
the name of the place where you
were billeted after you moved
from Ypres. you got as far as
L.C.N. we supposed it was Sens
were we right? just tell us
in your next letter if that place
had only four letters and we
will know if Sens was the place.
you have never told us where
you get your paper and ink
you never mention any Y.M.C.A.
R.C. or any of those catteens.

Is your fountain pen² allright or did that prove to be as unsatisfactory as the watch? Write me the number of it any time you need new points, in several letters it looked like it was writing badly but perhaps it was lack of ink, for your last letter was written very distinctly, the piece of poetry was very good and certainly was very true for you, I am glad you could relax in a good bed in a hospital for awhile. I am sure Bath must be a very pretty place because before the war you always read of it being a very popular watering place or summer resort, I am enclosing a letter Dr. Robt. Pirtle had in the Post last night, I wonder if perhaps he is at that hospital you know he is Mr. William Pirtle's brother who lived over at Wetters for several years. I intend to call and ask his mother where he is stationed. Did you meet any Louisville doctors or nurses? Referring again to your last letter written on Sept. 25th and received by us on Oct 25th, was the whole 30th Division called shock troops or only certain companies? In your former letter you said your squad had been picked as Anti Air Craft Gun squad, am I right does that mean that you all would watch for and shoot at the enemy Air Planes? Did you remain that after moving? Were you all not fighting with the 4th British Army, according to a letter in last night's Post that battle which began on Sept 26th was the deciding point of the war, I will mail it to you some time.

I spoke to Laura⁴ H. Friday night
Elsie and Christine are better
they did not get the flu, but
Antoinette Goss has it, they now
have a card out. Mr. Oscar
Buchart who lives two doors
from Aunt Lou has it also.
Yesterday afternoon Dorothy
stopped at the store on her
way home, she wanted to know
if we had heard any more
particulars about you. I left
her read your two last letters
she seems to be very much
concerned. Yesterday afternoon
Ceelia and Mary Frances went
to town in the machine they
took Aunt Maggie ^{per} potatoes
butter, butter milk, lettuce etc.
We had planned for the five
of us to go down to Mass
this morning, but last night
Josie called to tell us that
Father Rothent had just gotten
word that the church must be

locked today, so ⁵I slept until nine o'clock. Willie just came home he took Agnes Hinkle for a ride this morning as Cecelia wanted to use the machine this afternoon. They went up the River Road but it is blowing so hard that it was not a very pleasant ride, we are still having warm weather but the past week it has rained almost every day. They did manage to get all of their potatoes out; it was a good crop. Miss Gussie just called up to ask about you, she heard at the grocery last night about the cable, still traveling. We moved our clocks back an hour last night to the old time again. The little gray kitten recovered from her accident of last Sunday.

Joe Hehemann left yesterday morning for Camp Pike, Ark. to enter the Infantry Officers Training school there, all those whose names had been sent on to Wash. to be selected as lieutenants and were not commissioned now had to go into the Training School. They are calling me to come down to dinner so I will close this letter and it can be mailed when they go out this afternoon. Papa and all are well. Hoping to get a letter from you real soon I remain

Everybody thinks it so nice how you manage to tell us things between lines so many people get no information at all from their letters. Smart ooz, eh!

Yours lovingly
Clara