

Tuesday Morning,
May 6th, 1919
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My own Artie,

Your 220th, 221st, 222nd
and 223rd letters came this morning,
also the "Brief History of the Fifth
Field Artillery."

Dearest, you cannot
imagine how much I appreciate
your sympathy for me when I
had that awful attack of the blues
a few weeks ago. It helps a great
deal to know that you care so much.
Those spells are perfectly dreadful.
As hard as you try, it is impossible to
become cheerful until they have run

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their course, and that usually
takes three or four days. Why
at times, dear, I would get so
low that I'd wish the earth
would open and swallow me, so
as to end the terrible suffering.
But I did not know then that
you were unhappy, too. Since
receiving that little picture in
which you look so sad, my weak-
ness has fled, and I feel like a
young Gibraltar. Wasn't there
truth in that little poem of
Darrach's?

“The weakness that you know is
yours
She in her strength would vitally
sustain,

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And that fine strength you drew
from her
You would when she had need, re-
turn to her again.

Yes, where your strength were great
and she were weak,
You'd courage her and strengthen
her
Until the heavy burdens given her
to bear
Would be tasks easy for her new
found will."

You remember that, don't you dear?

It is so nice that you have
met those two Newark boys, as
that little touch of home must
greatly relieve the lonesomeness.

Percy Pearce's girl's name is Ethel Case. It is too bad that your acquaintance with him didn't spring up a few months sooner, for he would probably have had lots of news for you then, but as I have told you before, I do not see much of her now. At one time Hilda went around with her a lot, but she doesn't have much to do with her anymore either, and whether of not it is for the same reason as mine, I do not know. Ethel's younger sister - Agnes - is to be married next month and last Tuesday Hilda and I were invited up there to see her trousseau (By the way - Ethel had heard from

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Percy that morning, and he told her about having had dinner with you, and having been invited to the dance your regiment was to give. He likes you very much.) I have invited Ethel and Agnes to Hilda's "shower," but outside of an occasional afternoon like that, we never see them.

Dearest, in reply to the letter that I sent to Washington for the contact prints, I received the following –

“Referring to your communication of recent date you are advised that the numbers of the photographs requested by you are the Paris Laboratory numbers and do not correspond with

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the Signal Corps numbers on the photographs in our files. A comparative list of the two sets of numbers is expected within a short time and we shall then be able to trace the photographs desired by you." Dearest, would you like to have me give you these pictures and an album for your birthday, or would you prefer something else?

Honey, we have two more presents for our chiffonier. Mrs. Leake gave me one of those Princeton table cloths and Aunt Tana returned from the Pacific coast yesterday and brought me a very handsome vase.

Darling, if you were here now I'd give you the biggest hug and

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kiss that you have ever had.

Oh! I love you, love you, love
you, my own, and you must
come home soon!!!!!!!!!!

Longingly yours

Lessie.

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Dearie,

Well, to-day is Georgi's birthday. She is coming up here right after school and at quarter of six we're going around to Mandeville's. We have planned a little surprise on her. We'll not mention her birthday at dinner, but at nine o'clock Miss Mandeville is going to slip quietly out into the dining room and prepare refreshments, which will be in the form of ice cream, candy and a birthday

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cake with sixteen candles on.
At Georgi's place will be her
gifts from us all. Don't you
think it will be a nice little
party?

Saturday, May tenth (that
wonderful day that brought
me my darling) will be
the surprise on Hilda. Have
I told you how the shower is
to be arranged? I have made
a May-pole out of an old
curtain pole and Xmas tree
stand, and covered it with red,
white and blue crepe paper.
The gifts will be attached to
the ends of the streamers. Mrs.
Knight has invited her to

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luncheon. The Hartdegens are living at Knights now, so the only way that Mrs. Hartdegen and Anna can get away will be to say that Mr. Hartdegen is going to take them to the theatre. That will also account for their “dolled up” appearance. They will come right down for me in the car, and we’ll go up to the house and get things ready. When all the guests have arrived Mrs. Tunis (Hilda’s mother) will call Hilda up and say that some friend is there, and to come right home. Mrs. Knight will offer

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to walk around with her, and as they enter the door we'll all yell, "Surprise!" About twenty will be there. I'm hoping it will be a success.

Gus was up yesterday and the day before for tea. He is a very good child to be so attentive to his poor little lonesome sister.

To-morrow brother is coming. He will stay over night and leave Friday morning for the south. Friday afternoon I am going to a tea, of course Saturday I'll be at Hilda's. Sunday I expect to run down to 423, and I think I'll begin teaching again on Monday.

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Please write to me lots, dear,
for the only happiness I find
these days is in your letters.

Hoping to be in your arms
soon, I am

Your own little
Girl.

P.S. I am looking forward to
reading the two books that you
mentioned in your last.

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