

## Letters from Hubert “Hube” Fisher to “his girl” Pearl Sexton from 1917-1919.

The letters begin up in northern Illinois in 1917 where it looks like Hubert had found work shucking corn. These letters continue after he joined military service during WWI – first stationed at Camp Dix in Trenton, NJ, and then sent overseas into France fighting in the Battle of Argonne. In the meantime, Pearl had been working for “The Kinmundy Express” since she graduated from Kinmundy High School in 1898.

Hube came home safely to Kinmundy and back to Pearl. The two were married on March 20, 1920, and he was rehired as a rural mail carrier for Kinmundy – a position which he held for about 25 years both before and after the war. The couple lived for many years in the home just east of the old brick school where Eleanor & Everett Tate raised their family. Eleanor found these letters in this old house. Hubert died in 1948 and Pearl passed away in 1969.



Pearl Sexton and Hubert Fisher

After 5 days, return to

*A. M. Fisher*

HERSCHER, ILL.



*Miss Pearl E. Syster*

*Fumundy*

*Ill*

Clifton Ill.  
11/22/17

Dear Pearl, Well its snowin  
some this a. m. should  
have written sooner

but don't get much time  
am still having some  
trouble with wrist

The dumb things play  
out on me the middle  
of the after noon but  
think they'll get as I  
can go all day pretty  
soon are you having  
any fun down there  
just called John up

+ he was writing letters  
too. He's keeping on his corn  
too don't think he gets more  
than 70 + 80 + has to work hard  
for that. 60 + 70 is all I get  
and I have to work harder  
than that. But if my hands  
get gone I'll be all OK for  
I am stout as an ox + eat  
OK my. I's bet I've gained  
10 lbs. I'm glad to get your  
letters + paper. There is a  
couple of fine boys here  
6 + 8 yrs they are getting read-  
y for school now. one kid  
6 + 8 months old. their dad is  
31 + 4  
33 yrs old got a fine farm  
+ is a fine fellow. If the  
weather is fit we will get  
them here next week. I never  
asked John if he was coming  
home Sun. He talked like  
it last Sun. Dis true + work  
again Sun. Oh yes. Harry.

drove us up to Kankakee  
Sat we. its about 20 miles  
from here seen quite  
a bit of country & some  
pretty good town.

Will see close. Tell  
Bessie Hello & the rest  
of the P.O. force.

your  
Aunt

After 5 days, return to

*A. M. Fisher*

HERSCHER, ILL.



*Miss Pearl L. Sexton  
Quincy  
Ill*

Clifton Pa

Dear Pearl—

Well this is of a sun  
man and I am glad of  
it my wrist still aches  
to day but by tomorrow  
think it'll be o.k. John  
just slipped off & left  
when the snow began  
to fly. I didn't know  
he had gone until I call-  
ed him up that eve. We  
shucked all day that

day I got about 75 bu. The corn  
is only fair makes a fellow  
work pretty hard. I didn't know  
I'd sold Dick until you & Ma  
told me but guess its a  
good thing if a fellow goes  
to war. He's some horse tho.  
but we got a better one coming  
on. So there I got a good letter  
from Ma yesterday too and  
must write her today too.  
How's every thing with you  
I hope as good as it is with  
me. Cause I'm down fine.  
Well dinner is almost ready.  
two chickens and 1 Pigeon I've  
caught. yes I'm intending  
to go to Chicago before I come  
home. How's does Bessie say  
ever. thing goes at P.O. Have  
they cut any body off yet

Well I'll close as I can't  
think of any thing to write  
John can tell you all  
the news. yours

W. H. B. R.

11/25/17

6400  
Carca

CHICAGO, ILL.  
DEC 13-17  
12—M  
JACKSON PARK STAT.



Miss Pearl Sexton  
Fumundy,  
Ill

Chicago Ill.  
Dear Pearl -

Just read your  
letter to Laura. She  
was gone to work but  
I opened it my way.  
I didn't know <sup>but</sup> what  
you & her were doing  
crossing me and I  
wanted to find out so  
I read it. It's snowing  
to beat a fox and is  
getting colder this AM.  
I don't know whether

Tell you I saw one  
last night a lady  
across the hall had I  
wouldn't have cost \$60.  
They held me up for \$75-  
for suit & overcoat.  
Chas got one yesterday  
overcoat for \$60. so you  
see & they are not  
what we want, I took  
the only one I would  
have had. so we are  
in the wrong pen  
for shopping. I suppose  
they have run some  
where, but these people  
don't know or don't

TRENTON, N.J.  
MAY 2  
6 PM  
1918  
DIX BRANCH



Miss Pearl E. Syster  
Lammund  
E.



Wrights town N.J.  
Camp Dix  
May 1-18

Dear Paul Well we  
just arrived at noon  
today & have been  
on the go every since  
we got our shots in  
the arm & our supper  
my dinner tho, but  
the soldiers are sure  
fine to us or have  
been so far that is  
the lower ones I havent  
met up with any  
officers yet they may  
not be so fine I write




you a card in W. V.  
but did not get to  
mail it. Every thing  
is fine & I'll tell  
you more later.  
When I find out  
something, you know  
it's somewhat out of  
my line that I am  
rather out of place  
& not enough sense  
to write so, I'll  
close. I'd like to  
know if every body  
is all right but don't  
know my address yet  
I'm on my cot now  
in the tent I am.

Quitting next to  
Kaggy. Jay and I  
never shot or stamps  
& nobody on the train  
seemed to have either  
so we ~~don't~~ couldn't  
mail anything on  
the train. It was  
some fine trip.  
Coming over. It just  
feels to get tired  
when we got here.  
Well I'll let you  
know our address  
soon. Yours truly

Private Letter


*Brn  
Co 5  
Resident En.  
303 Engineers*

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**POST OFFICE**  
MAY 2 8 PM  
1918  
BRANCH

Name Pearl Sexton

P. O. Thermundy

State Illinois

In the eastern part of W. Virginia. Having a fine trip. It's a pretty good business now. Every thing going fine but I can't write on train some mountain country now all P.M. & its now supper time. From Hubs  
1918



Priv Hubert M Fisher  
Co N. 59 Pioneer Inf.  
Camp 84  
May 11 - 1877

Set afternoon  
just got two  
letters the first  
flood & was about  
ready to draw  
flood from some  
body, because  
being on the road  
so long & so long  
getting settled that  
it would have  
been plenty long  
enough to wait  
with out arousing  
any suspicion but  
alone starting 2  
or 6 days after you

get the address  
This pencil is a  
lumber pencil but  
all I have. We are  
off from noon to-  
day until Mon-  
noon but can't  
get out & wouldn't  
if we could look  
to much like tramp  
you take things  
off they come in  
the army whether  
or no. I haven't heard  
from the folks  
that may be they  
did not write my  
name in full I  
wrote you & mother  
both every day  
until it was time



Cecil Boussman  
got the Farina paper  
to day & haven't read  
it yet tho as I begin  
writing as soon as  
I got your letter I'm  
not in such a  
hurry now. But  
God I wanted to hear  
if you all were  
all right. That trip  
out & time don't go  
so fastly you know  
under quarantine  
& can't go any place  
much & no clothes.  
It rained last night

some rain + thunder-  
-ed + lightning  
how do you spell  
that word) I can't  
get things collected  
in my head at all  
some way. Its sand  
tho + the water soaks  
right on down. + its  
day to day gets  
pretty cool at night  
but warms up in  
day time but is  
chilly in the tent  
to day. We wash  
every thing ourselves  
+ its easy every  
thing so handy in  
wash house. Passed  
a No. 1. in evam.  
all three + was must  
ered



to hear from you  
then I quit you  
to sit on a cot  
& write on your  
knee. You mention  
ed about the shots  
they are over in a  
day or so. But the  
Vaccination still  
holds on nothing  
serious but pain  
ful & makes you  
feel sick. The shot  
hits hard the first  
day & night, but  
is nothing to

to carry in  
could you have to  
keep your eyes open  
or some one is  
likely to fall on  
you. It doesn't  
seem near so  
good over here as  
it was with the  
Engines. They  
were sure as fire  
bunch of the snapper  
fellows to ever I  
saw. Every thing  
right to the mark  
& with a snap,  
which seems to  
be the first & last  
letter of military-  
ness, but it seems  
to be politics or



in allotted time  
\$15.00 & took \$10000.00  
so am all ready  
for clothes & training  
all except 1 shot  
D. Cecil, B. & another  
guy from our tent  
I did kitchen duty  
yesterday that's some  
work. Release me  
the first real work  
I've done. Scrubbing  
the floor & tables  
peeling potatoes  
shredding beans  
& the like & played  
off on him at noon

I ate so much grease  
that I was sick at  
my stomach. Bou-  
man told the sergeant  
& he said for me to  
go to bed. So it  
was pretty soft for  
me in the afternoon  
for me. Bouman  
is one of the great-  
est comforts in the  
camp & that's no joke  
If any body wants  
any thing done they  
pick on "Shorty" that's  
what we all call him.  
I had him guessed  
wrongly for a camp  
well. This is all  
for this time you  
had ought to have #5 let  
by this time. Xite



something else,  
we slip out to a  
field drill once in  
a while. Its pretty  
fast, only the way -  
+ may ride around  
on old horses hold-  
ing the saddle  
horn with both  
hands like damn  
kids. I sharpened  
my pencil. I intended  
to get some view of  
the camp but havn't  
been to the Y. The  
caulden does some  
business. we get

Fruit + Candy + Ice  
cream. Every thing  
you want that's  
good for you, there  
was a Aero plane  
went over the camp  
yesterday. The first  
I had seen in my  
whole life. Too bad  
about Billy S. but  
a good thing to be  
carried mail long  
enough for a man  
his age. Tell Agnes  
she sure would  
get enough salty  
if she was in the  
army. When some  
guy gets dizzy they  
sure put the pills  
& salty to him



Miss Pearl E. Sexton,  
Lussumby,  
D.C.

From.

Priv. Hubert M. Fisher  
303 Ammunition Train  
Head quarter Detachment  
Second Bn  
Camp Dix  
N.J.

Co K 59th Pioneer Inf.



Camp Dix  
Sat Night

Camp Dix.

Dear Pearl say  
I wish you  
would come over  
tomorrow & go  
to Sunday school  
in the morning  
of some place.  
I guess I won't  
be over Sun night  
either. We just  
got in from  
Lynn Co. It was  
good. But ~~Sat~~  
tonight was the

first time we  
have been to any  
thing & it seemed  
bullly (The boys come  
up Sat night &  
I had to quit and  
its now Monday  
evening) We were  
called up Sun  
morn. took down  
our tents & moved  
& have been mov-  
ing every since  
just been exam-  
ined this afternoon  
walked about 3  
miles & when we  
got back our fault  
had moved again  
so you see how  
it goes in the



army but they are  
all good places.  
They don't turn  
many down, take  
em as they come.  
We havin' gotten  
any clothes - we are  
going to be measuring  
this eve. Ill be glad  
when we get every  
thing straightened  
out every thing is  
so rickshandy this  
pencil is so soft  
& having to write  
on your knee &  
your clothes in

such a condition  
But it takes time  
of course. We don't  
see much, only  
drilling that is  
worth the while. Its  
sure fine but  
Officers we had  
in the 303 Eng.  
goes to France in  
10 days. They were  
sure fine fellows  
but they all seem  
to be our address  
now is 59th Pioneer  
Co. K, but we may  
move before I could  
get a letter but it  
would be forwarded  
your friend.

Jim. H. H. H.



May  
Sun 7-18

Camp Dix  
Dear Aunt  
Sunday is  
not moving day  
we moved again  
to day they busted  
us all up & scattered  
us all around. That  
makes it some life  
believe. we just like  
gypsies. you  
can't tell what in  
the deuce you are  
in when you move  
that is only by name  
of rated to leave old  
John Wilson but

you have to live  
if you know. I  
think I'd like it tho  
if I ever got settled.  
I can't see how they  
say we are in quar-  
antine & move us all  
over the camp but they  
can. How's every thing  
at home do you have  
any fun. If you  
don't you better for  
you might have  
to go to war some  
time & the fun you  
have here is all alike  
I wish you could  
see us if we aren't  
a sight for sore  
eyes. This sand blows  
all the time & the tent  
we just moved in



has n't any loss  
in it & all sturdy.  
Just me & a fellow  
named Roger from  
Patoka are together.  
How does Tom M.  
like it at Rockford  
It's getting about  
time for supper.  
The sergeant said  
we were assigned  
permanently, <sup>ent</sup> so if we  
are I can sure  
tell you some thing  
about our work I  
have gotten up a  
tree about some thing

to write just mov-  
ing around. Well  
write me some as  
often as you can  
my dear friend.

Pvt. Hubert M. Fisher  
303 Ammunition Train  
Headquarters Detachment  
Second Battalion  
Camp Dix N.J.  
aint that a bird

Tell the folks about  
the change in address  
as the mail gets mixed  
up bad enough at the  
best. I be glad when  
can write off of a  
table once.

TRENTON, N.J.  
MAY 15  
6 PM  
1868  
DIX BRANCH



Miss Paul E. Sexton,  
Fremont,  
Ill.



Wed-13-18

Camp Dix  
Dear Pearl - I haven't  
done any thing to-  
day but stable please  
that means work all  
day when you get  
that I was over & seen  
John Wilson yesterday  
The first I have been  
away from barracks  
& I guess the last time  
all this bunch says  
we are going over  
in side of a week  
& I guess they are  
about right. So I won't  
see you for a week  
or two. The canteen is

selling out & we don't  
get what we want  
as we did before.  
& The goat is not so  
good here as it was  
in the first place  
but we sweat we  
like it, all or most  
all of these fellows that  
go are haired men  
from N.J. & N.Y. state  
all eastern fellows.  
While they are kicking  
on going out. They don't  
not but they are getting  
out of their feet & that  
is the reason we are  
filling in I think.  
we've gotten a rotten  
deal ever since the  
first west. That is



we are not kicking  
but all the same I  
the truth, but as the  
boys all say: you  
are in the army  
now! - How's every  
body at home. I  
dreamed about you  
all the other night  
& when I awoke I  
felt for the first time  
that I was a long  
way from home.  
Our clothes don't fit  
very well, but I  
suppose I'll send  
my clothes home to

right to I guess  
by express if I can  
for I haven't much  
money. Don't need  
much but a little  
we never have been  
paid yet & of course  
won't if we go over  
right a way Well  
be good & take care  
yourself. From

Hute

P.S. - I got yours  
John W. got it over  
This Camp is 15 miles  
each way they say  
& still growing. I have  
not seen but about a  
mile of it. The have not  
been to Wrights town.  
just don't care to  
go. Hute



Miss Paul E. Sexton,  
Lumbury  
Del



Friday Eve. 17-18

Camp Dix N.J.  
Dear Pearl - I am going  
to try and slip you  
a few lines. I am  
fine on full feed  
now. We are not  
supposed to write  
any letters I mean  
they will be censored  
but there are some  
ladies visiting our  
barracks and they  
say they will mail  
them. we don't know  
any thing only we are  
packing every thing  
up. moving some

where. So when you  
write, don't write  
any thing but what  
will come thru I guess  
we'll go to France  
or England but don't  
know of course we  
won't know. I am with  
headquarters detach-  
ment. Don't drill any  
at all to speak of. They  
are all sergeants but  
no late ones. I guess  
if I stay in here  
I won't get into much  
fighting just a  
messenger on motor  
cycle. The ladies are  
going so till love  
yours  
Hute



Miss Pearl E. Sexton  
Kumunda  
D.C.



Camp Dix NJ

Monday 20 - 18

Best part. Say you  
are better than if that  
you were. I get a  
letter every once in a  
while. which I'm very  
tricked. We are still  
sticking around &  
working some. Well  
I quit for supper. I  
wrote me a letter  
& told her I had to go  
to supper but I started  
a letter to you before  
I went. Then after  
supper we had to do  
maneuver of arms for one  
hour. Hows every little

thing I sure would  
like to walk in on  
you as you said you  
would like for me to.  
Its soldiers, soldiers  
here is all you see.  
I went to Wrights town  
the other evening and  
its just the same  
down there. Our  
Canteen closed up the  
other day & we cant  
get any thing to eat  
only what we get  
in the barracks. a  
milk man just  
drove up & I got a  
pint of ice cold milk.  
They give us some  
liberty now again.  
but guess it wont  
last long but I am



going to try to go  
to Wrightstown to  
mail this letter. We  
are all packed up  
waiting for orders  
but you can't tell  
how long it will be  
before we get them.  
You asked about  
the tents. They are  
not all tents but  
as it happened we  
were just attached  
to companies and  
only ate off them  
now in the ~~Head~~ ~~qdr~~  
detachment the

Barracks are only  
small just have  
21 men in detach  
ment just messengers  
for the ammunition  
train. 17 mounted on  
horses + 4 on motor  
cycles so they needed  
the room in barracks  
so some of them  
had to move out in  
tents. but tents are  
fine when they have  
floors in and we've  
got a floor in ours  
now. Rags just came  
in our tent said he  
might be here for  
a week or two yet.  
but I'm not saying  
myself. because



even our headquarter  
don't know. Ma spoke  
about Mattie DeW  
wanted me to come  
see her. Why good  
gracious she could  
not even get in  
camp if she was  
here. No Company in  
camp only just  
part of the time & we  
can't get out only  
part of the time & you  
can't get a furlough  
at all, some of them  
go any way & get put  
in jail. We got orders

to impact our Curry  
combat brushes so  
we'll have to ~~put~~ Curry  
horses again. Well  
I must quit & talk  
to these boys your  
old Pal  
Huber



Camp Dix N.J.  
Tuesday.

May 22 - 1918

Dear Pearl - It rained  
all night last night.  
That is as far as I got  
this a.m. & have been  
busy every since. Went  
out in the mud and  
drilled. did some signal-  
ing. then mess. then drill-  
ing then more signal  
ing. then retreat. then  
mess again & now. noth-  
ing to do until someone  
tells you. It isn't hard -  
really fine only you  
never know what's next  
When I began writing  
this a.m. it was raining



nobody talks exactly  
right. But officers. lots  
of sergeants are foreign  
ers. you seem to have  
been pretty busy tend-  
ing to social affairs -  
go to it girl, you don't  
know what you are  
missing if you don't.  
Tagy just come in  
wanting me to go to  
wrights town. I told him  
I'd meet him at the  
y.m.c.a. & go when I  
got there I haven't got-  
ten the candy yet but  
may this ev. I doubt  
it tho. some times they

beat you to it. I  
wrote Ma to send  
me some money & am  
living in hopes that  
I receive it as I am  
about to be put that  
doesn't bother you in  
the army, it looks as  
tho we were going  
to get to stay a while  
but you think that  
one minute & some-  
thing turns up & you  
think differently. It  
sure looked as tho we  
were going last week  
every thing closed  
tight as a tick & we  
were all packed with  
over sea equipment.  
The officers that is too.  
and I think that there



are orders in yet to  
be packed on. Moments  
notice. The lieut. just  
came out & asked the ser-  
geant how many men  
he had. Serg. said two.  
Lieut. asked where they were  
said we were to have  
training tonight. So  
that's they do it. I'm  
glad they were all gone.  
I'm going to try &  
get away before they  
call me. For some-  
thing some of the boys  
are having their picture  
taken I will if ma.  
remits in time

I'll send you Hill's  
picture his about The  
Best eastern scout  
Fox struck. Well  
write me give every  
one my regards. I  
should send cards  
but I don't get at it.  
I haven't written a  
soul but you & E.V.  
yet. Oh yes. Gil W M  
organ to so I'll close  
now wishing you  
a merry Xmas &  
a Happy new year  
your  
Hub



Miss Sarah E. Sexton  
Hummel  
Del



Camp Dietz  
Friday 23-18

Dear Pearl -

Well I've tried to write two letters this afternoon but have almost run out of any thing to write. You know this is all about the same around here. I'd be glad to answer any question you'd want that I could do. I don't think of any thing you'd want to know. They are having art practice around

This afternoon you  
can hear the roar  
of the cannons. We  
our detachment has  
not had field practice  
since I got in yet  
guess they won't on  
this side. We carry  
guns & bayonets. They  
don't carry bayonets  
on horses either. But  
motorcycle riders  
do & that is what I  
am supposed to  
be. Vietnams are in  
again but the ban  
goes on at midnight  
tonight until Sun  
night. We are con-  
fined to Barracks &  
no company. The  
latter doesn't bother



me much as I don't  
have much Company  
any way. I have never  
gotten that candy yet  
but I just came by  
the U.S.A. & got me  
some oats. There is  
nothing seasoned  
right in the army  
cooking. You don't get  
enough sugar & not  
enough fruits. & you  
nearly starve to  
death if you don't  
get out & get yourself  
some. You crave it  
- you know. Every

few minutes you  
hear a guard say  
or holler rather 'Corporal  
of the guard' - 1-2 or 3  
per officers. we are  
right close to the  
guard house & a lot  
of the boys take  
French leaves. they  
call them. try to get  
a pass & can't so they  
just go any way.  
As some officers go  
& get in & sleep  
them in the guard  
house. It's all the same  
the one place is about  
as good as another.  
Well I'll quit you  
until further notice  
yours truly  
Hute

SOLDIERS' MAIL.

1  
12 PM  
1918  
D.C.



NO POSTAGE  
NECESSARY.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

Miss Pearl Sexton  
Lynchburg  
Ill

THE SHIP ON WHICH I SAILED HAS ARRIVED  
SAFELY OVERSEAS.

Name Robert M. Gisher

Organization 303 Amm. S. Hdq. Detch.  
2nd Bn.  
American Expeditionary Forces.



From, Private Hubert M. Fisher. <sup>Special Mail.</sup>

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"With the Colors"

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Dear Pearl. I didn't think I'd get to write to you. I have  
some spare time. I'm lying on some health blankets  
and am feeling fine just filled my stomach at the  
y.m. and should have written there but it's always crowded.  
I hope you are not as anxious to hear from me as I  
am from you & also hope you are in as good health.  
The vaccination seems "also the hypog" to strengthen one  
out & start him off right & you feel fine I have enjoyed  
every thing & have had a great trip. My only regret is I didn't  
not had as much training as I would like to have and am  
humiliated many times feeling prone to know what to do  
actly. Would certainly like to be home of course & want  
you to write me what happens as much as possible  
I when I come home I can talk all the time & if you  
won't have to bother me to tell me what has happened. Keep  
on writing & I'll begin getting letters sooner. The homes here  
have the most beautiful surroundings you could imagine. I  
never saw any thing to equal it. I thought Arizona was a good  
spot & is but not so beautiful to me. Surely any action of  
destruction would seem an awful crime to me. I haven't seen  
any destruction as yet but expect to soon. Must close will put my  
address on outside of letter

Rev Robert M Fisher  
No 2 Bn. 2  
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SOLDIERS MAIL



"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Carl E. Sexton

Censored by  
H W Taylor

Union  
Illinois

1st Lt. 303 Amm. Co.

U.S.A.

Dear Pearl-

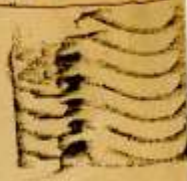
June 23-18  
Sunday A.M.

I am lounging around  
trying to think of some  
thing to write which is  
sure a hard prop. after  
as we were put under  
quarantine again and  
can't get out. and hope  
it is lifted soon for  
there are some towns  
pretty close with a lot  
of girls in them. Some  
told me this was some  
of "Napoleon Bonaparte's" stomp-  
ing ground but some old  
is always telling you  
something in the army  
whether they know any-  
thing or not. but just  
the same it looks historical  
around here. The Camp  
De Meuron I guess you

where that is. Its near Venues  
pronounced Venus you may  
be able to find it on a map  
If you ever write me tell  
me about any little social  
affair because I'm steering  
to death for some of that sort  
could sure walk the dog to  
some good music + drag some  
swell dame across the floor  
at the same time + I would  
covet if it was you even.  
How that. Do you ever hear  
from any of the other boys  
over here I sure wish I  
had their addresses for I may  
get close to some of them  
From the looks of the paper  
we get here the Germans  
are getting whipped some  
but don't seem to lose much  
ground after all. you ought  
to get this about the 4th of  
July + say tell me where  
you spent it + if you  
remember one of some  
time back. + I'll close  
yours Hute

From: Hubert M. Dickel  
1st Lt. 3rd Bn. 303 Army Train,  
American Expeditionary Force

SOLDIER MAIL



Miss Pearl E. Sexton  
Kimmunity  
Illinois  
U.S.A.



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1st Lt. 303 Army Tr

Camp De Meuron

June 30 1918

Dear Pearl,

You don't write enough  
I think you must have  
forgotten me altogether.  
I know about what is  
the matter you are so  
delighted you are rid  
of the pest and so must  
good time all of your  
own to do as you please  
with that you won't  
even write. I'll sure be  
glad to hear from all  
of you. It has been a  
long long <sup>time</sup> it seems I've been  
on guard for once a 24  
hr shift get off at 5 o'clock  
tonight. Then may be I'll  
come over to see you. eh?  
I've just gotten back from  
dinner you know some  
thing to eat - about all

I have on <sup>2</sup> my mind. But  
have plenty to eat & good.  
Do you ever have any  
real fun. I mean go to  
reception or social or some  
thing where both sexes  
mix & mingle that's what  
I'd call real fun just  
at present. Of course we  
have plenty of stag fun  
Face ball Fencing & face  
tail. That latter I'll have to  
explain I expect you form  
a ring of men. one takes  
his belt off goes around  
the ring & hangs it on  
some one's hands (which  
they all hold behind them  
elbows) & that one straps  
the man on his right  
all around the ring.  
Some game. We are  
under quarantine



ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
WITH THE  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

July 7 1918

Dear Pearl-

Camp De Menon  
I am still getting some letters which I hope will continue to come for they are sure great. In your letter of the 27th you was looking for a letter I guess you looked patiently for almost a month but I wrote you every chance I got I went out for a time yesterday the first time & I had some fun & seen people & country I did not go to Vannes just to a small town closer. You said in letter the Susan French had arrived and said you had gotten the same kind news about our boat etc. This I hope Alice & Nettie how does she like the shot in arm they are sure great all say you also said they were having dinner at Alma & Tomatoes but you were not going & I had to laugh. You tell Dick & Liz I'd sure like to have some of their shot cake. For Liz can make the best ones I ever tasted I would like to write all of them tell 'em but take up my limit on you & Ma. Among us all we keep the Secret fairly censoring my letters. Bonkley, an Ellis boy,



Said to me today I believe you like the army you  
never say any thing about it & I must confess I  
haven't any keese coming. I'm like the negro plenty  
to eat good clothes to wear good place to sleep & feel  
as good as I ever did in my life so here I got  
the pictures & sure look at them. I want you to send  
all you can & I want to send you some of  
me some of these days I won't get the packages  
or papers but am glad you were that full of me enough  
of me to send them & only be some other soldier at  
Camp Dix will get the Candy as it'll be good any way  
We have band concerts every eve. & the Y has good  
every eve so we have got times. Take good care of  
yourself & thank until I come home & I'll say  
off & go to the Y. Yours Truly

Hate

P.S. I see by the Casualty list for Downs was killed  
in action Hate



21 QUIBERON. — Vue sur les jûtes. — Lt

OK by *Hubert Fisher*  
*Hubert Fisher*  
 309 KANA

Soldiers mail

CARTE POSTALE

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CORRESPONDAN

July 22-18

Dear friend  
 you will be surprised to hear from me. Hubert Fisher is just a little way from me. I was talking to him last night. It seems good to see him.  
 via Private Harry Richardson  
 Newport Bath 309 Kana Field Astellon

ADRESSE

Miss Pearl Sexton  
 Kimmunday  
 Illinois  
 U.S.A.

WEST  
 10/20/18

Capt Herbert M Fisher  
Sgt D. L. Br. 303 Amm. Train  
American & France



SOLDIER  
MAIL

Miss Pearl E. Sexton

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Censored by  
1st Lt. [unclear]  
Chaplain 302 Amm. Train

U.S.A.

Monday Ev.  
July 29-

Dear Pearl-

I notice by the date  
that I've been away from  
you just 3 months. Time  
slips by at that still it  
seems yrs since I was  
home. Things are still going  
good. We are pretty busy now  
seems like just here & there  
I told mother that I would  
not write you but I could  
not pass you by for you  
are ever a Pal. This mail  
is something great over here  
and when I get a letter  
from any body I always  
get one from you & they  
are dandies. We usually  
get it in bunches I got  
yours of June 27 to 30 one  
from Liz Swift & a card  
from Mrs. Mame & Jim

you did not say any  
thing about the 4th of July  
in them tho. Certainly had  
about Dill Doolen those  
things do not seem to be  
right still they will hap-  
pen. I am going to stand  
guard tonight. I tho't when  
I wrote mother that I would  
have to go on a 7 or 8 day  
trip again. but at present  
its undecided. I wrote  
mother that I got some  
things. so I've sent them  
along this eve. I hope you  
get them & wear them.

Roger is up & back feeling  
like a prince. Shorty  
Brounman was up this  
eve. hadn't had any mail  
as so long I let him read  
your letters & it sure  
made him feel better

I have a bunch of washing  
to do if I ever get to it.  
you'd think I'm just  
lazy but I've been detailed  
here + there for the last  
2 weeks until I'm dizzy -  
It isn't so hard but no  
time for your self.  
Tell every body I'm fine  
Tell them to write I'm  
getting it all O.K. + that  
I'm coming home as soon  
as possible for of all the  
good country I've seen  
Kinnandy is the best  
I'm glad about the crops  
Tell Sam R.H. hello + I'd  
like to hear from him. Tell  
them all the same thing.  
The + I'll quit yours

Labr

*HK*  
1st Lieut. Philip Jonker  
Chaplain 303 Ammunition Train

sure glad to hear from  
him. & I remembered  
& must answer you &  
Ma & Ag must take turn  
a bout on letters. you have  
been pretty faithful in  
one letter you scolded  
you some but I did not  
mean too. I saw John Kagy,  
the other day the first time  
in quite a while He &  
Beueman are in the 1st  
Bn. & we are not right  
together. The 1st is motor &  
2nd is hooped section. I haven't  
seen shot by Beueman but  
owe him 10 Francs anyway  
I suppose you are looking  
for your caps yet & in  
vain but I'll bring them  
to you. I have not had  
any pictures taken but  
would like for you to  
see me as I am for I'm  
some shaggy guy I never  
had my hair clipped short  
but it was now as I

have not had it out for  
some time. I found a  
letter that I could not get  
to mail so I'll put them  
to + close. I got the Lodge  
letter OK. Tell them all  
Hello + that I'm well + as  
happy as one could be so  
far away from so many  
good people + that I won't  
say that I'd like to be  
home for they all know  
that. Tell Robert Rowan  
he'll have to do his work  
+ mine to in taking of  
all you women. Well  
must close. yours

White

Friday Aug 7. 1918.

Dear Pearl - I got some awful  
ly good letters a day or two ago.  
we were out on a two day  
hike & the truck got out mail  
out to us I got the gum & paper  
colliers & letters from you & 2  
from Ma & Ag & your pictures  
they were the best of you yet  
& I sure did look & read. I think  
I've read them over every day since  
Every thing is moving along fine  
I was on P.P. today. Dad will  
know what a high office that  
is. Tell him to stay where he is  
as far as the money is concerned  
for none of us are laying  
by much. & he can do the U.S.  
more good right where he is  
I know I could & he can do  
more than I. any person that  
has charge of 2 or 3 hundred acres  
of land should <sup>not</sup> be called by  
any means. You tell Mitilda N.  
that I was always fast enough  
for most of people but she was  
always stepping so fastly that  
she couldn't notice it & that.  
Dad bring her home another Dutch  
man <sup>or two</sup> & dead ones. How are  
Gil & Mat any way are they  
laying up as heavy as usual  
& how about their children

but when I get asking about  
people I could take up a whole  
book, I thought I could write a book  
when I read your letters but  
I'm dense to night. I wonder  
if Ted Low is any where near here  
I guess not tho. Say your package  
came here to me & I have it in  
my baggage bag. was sorry but  
a new ruling went into effect  
just a day or two before I tried  
to send it. Tell Dorcas I sure  
would like to have a dance  
with her. I am starving to death  
for a good social evening among  
women & dance. you had I'd  
like to dance for 6 hrs straight.  
I think I could pull thru with  
out any tracers for an evening  
or two any way. but put them  
all together & I think I'd live of  
happiness. I don't know whether  
the French dancin dance is not  
I haven't tried them out any  
as yet. I can see where Harvey  
Brown is having the time of his  
life. I go has showed us I'll finish  
tomorrow nite.

Here it is Sun Morn & I  
haven't finished my letter.  
I did not go on pass today  
as that is given getting old  
to me. I think I'll go up to  
see B. J. Green from Vaudale

This afternoon he's encamped  
up the line a little ways.  
I never did get to see him  
in Camp Dix altho I tried  
to but he was always out.  
Some of the Savina Troop  
are with the Fay ette Co  
at the same place you  
spoke of you had how  
he + how in the N. I have  
that of what Sue B. said  
about the Long Island Jews  
a good many times as most  
of the Camp are Jews + Dago.  
She has a good position  
you say at Washington.  
I would like to hear John  
McCormick sing alright.  
But not his soul is march-  
ing on in connection  
with this war as I can't  
seem to connect religion  
with this war at all. But  
will not hinder any body  
else from doing as if they  
see fit so to do

Dear Pearl

Friday Aug 16

I just got thru a good meal I was late for I had to wait until the other got back for two of us are herding horses today which is some soft, so I got back some paper & that I'll try and write. We have talked about home all morning & I thought I would write a note. But when you get at it every thing leaves you. Worth Egan was trying to fatten his folks surely for he weighs 32 or 40 lbs more now than when he came over. I saw John Holt & another fellow from Sarina yesterday. I got your & Alice's letters but none from Ma & Ag. I guess I get most of them but may not hear now for a while. I am sure glad to hear & get pictures. I sent your package & Mas to E. V. by French mail to day as may be you'll

get them. I may get to see  
some fellows from home  
now as we are going to  
move. Ray had you ever sit  
and the grass & try to write  
a letter its some hard job  
I wish you were here so  
I could talk to you instead  
of trying to write & you  
could help herd horses too  
we have 18 out today riding  
horses. I have Ben used a  
horse & saddle instead of a motor  
cycle: you are a great one  
to tell a fellow that some  
gossip is going around &  
not tell him what it is  
you surely want to arouse  
a fellows curiosity I kind of  
figured it out tho but you  
neednt bother such as that  
just keep clear.

For been thro trying to  
get to writing we are  
leaving at 4 o'clock a.m.  
Tomorrow so we have  
some packing to do

There was 2 more letters  
from you + one from Laura  
+ 6 papers when I came from  
supper. Was glad the sick  
ones were better. That I'd  
write to Fred G. - Dr. Sawyer  
& Ed Haley but never did.  
Will be good tell every body  
hello. I haven't written ma  
yet as if I don't get to  
for a while you tell her  
I'm O.K. Should have a lot  
of time to write to in  
the next 8 or 10 days. I don't  
think you fellows get  
mail as fast as you  
might either but of course  
there is lots of letters to  
sort. I was sure glad to  
get those addresses. Went  
Orie writes a little home  
society. Well I guess he is some  
days for every body is. But it's  
not on account of ill treatment  
but you know you can't get  
home for quite a while so  
you have to console yourself  
the best way you can <sup>from</sup> <sub>Hub</sub>

Sept 19 - 18  
Dear Pearl -  
Say may be I can  
write you a little. To  
day was mail day for  
us we all got a bunch  
of letters + was some tick-  
led bunch too. I fellow  
things seem more quiet  
here just at present. But  
gets real lively now + then  
Ted Lowe has been near  
me since we came here  
but I haven't seen him  
he's the only one that I've  
had a line on. A guy prom-  
ised to take me over one  
day but we couldn't make  
connections + I was kinder  
glad of it as I might have  
weathered on this sky  
stuff. But would have liked  
to run in n Ted. We are  
still all O.K. so far +  
of course expect to be

Poor Homer certainly has  
had some suffering & I  
hope he has no more but  
life is pretty sweet at the  
present. While the casual  
ties have been light in  
this drive for such gains  
it can't be said in was  
without loss of life of course  
most of us are hoped up  
now & sure want to see  
you all Xmas, but time  
flies by at that, here sum-  
mer is almost gone & we  
don't know where its gone  
you shure had some  
heat that's one thing I miss  
ed for it hasn't been very  
warm here but has been  
raining quite a bit lately.  
you fellows sure will  
raise come with me when  
you don't <sup>put</sup> far for such  
a long time you won't  
hear so often Tell Mr Moore  
I got his letter & was

From  
Priv. Hubert M. Fisher  
U.S. Army.

Miss Pearl E. Sexton

Newmundy

Illinois

U.S.A.

Sept 23 - 18  
Dear Pearl

Well its raining  
& a bad morning but not  
much doing just at  
present so that I'd drop  
you a line I don't  
know much news. Still  
all of us are O.K. & there  
is a full in the fog  
noise but still the best  
boys but most all night

Tell Alice & Tom to come  
over here to be Chevarri  
if they want noise.

I havent heard from you  
for a little while but  
expect a letter or letter  
any time now. Have been  
reading the old ones over  
& over got one from G.S.  
Conant saying I put  
one over on you at Salem  
~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> because I couldn't

understand. But will  
have him & you explain  
when I get home. you  
wanted to know what  
I did. Well nothing in  
particular & every thing  
in general. We have  
hauling provisions for  
our section with a four  
line team lately. I have  
nt seen Kagy or Beuermann  
for a week. It so but see  
Jones & Berger. Rogier still  
sleeps along side of me.  
I remember you said  
you had been to the lake  
bathing well today is  
our day to bath & I sure  
need it but soon get  
dirty again. Am glad  
it finally rained may  
be it will make some  
corn any way well  
to good. Yours as ever  
H. H.

My address is just the same  
It's a new code not to put it on  
outside when putting return ad-  
dress on outgoing mail. got 2 more  
good letters yesterday of yours

Huber

P.S. It was not our friend that  
that walked 10 miles to see  
Elsie Janis. I hear of her tho  
for the boys sing a song  
about her. Part of it is -

"Elsie Janis she has no  
bread work" now if you  
know what that is you might  
get more out of the song. for I  
don't know what they mean.

Huber

OK.  
H.W. Taylor  
at 305 1st Avenue Train



"WITH THE COLORS"



Oct 21 - 1918

Dear Mr. Pearl -

How's time fly by this time I'm O.K. & some what elated over the cut look not but what we all know it would be good but the swiftness of it I see by the calendar I'm one yr older will never be able to tell when this summer has gone for its slipped by me in spite of the fact that I've been serving as a soldier which is something I never knew much of. Haven't heard from you for a week but got 2 or 3 then & expect mail right away some mistake about 18 or 20 letters at once but to get 2 or 3 at a time usually. Got one from May & Lewis Jones - the same time I got yours & A's. We absolutely see nothing of actors or actresses and sure would appreciate something



"WITH THE COLORS"



of that sort. That I'd try and send  
you a news paper map of where  
I was had a good one the other day  
but can't find it now. Will send  
you the handkerchief that I  
got in Camp Dr. Meuron for Jimmy  
Eagan when I got your caps &  
could not send them. I think I'll  
bring them <sup>caps</sup> to you about 2 mos  
or later. (later I expect) Well here's  
the mail man I hope he has  
some thing for me. No nothing  
but papers & none for me. But  
I do get <sup>your</sup> papers or part of them.  
Well must close & eat mess.  
supper it happens to be as I just  
grabbed off a little time this P.M.  
yours Hute

Tell 'em all Hello.

OK.  
H.W. Taylor  
Lieut U.S. Army

Wed. Oct 30-18

Dear Pearl

Say I've just gotten some mighty good mail lately handkerchief & Cigarettes If I remember correctly you would never send me any Cigarettes & you've broken your vow but we all tried an Illinois smoke & they were good I haven't written for some time the longest I've gone but time slips by & it's partly neglect I'm glad Melburn Jones wrote you we were in no danger I say I didn't find about the handkerchief. I smelled & smelled but could not detect any scent from some es next time put some thing on if its nothing but hand soap. We have shifted some here & there for the last month but guess I won't try to tell you where for it might be leaked out well tell you I hope soon. I got your letter when you had gone to the Fox supper & wondered if you walked & the fair & Theo's pictures & they were alright only don't send me any Takai dressed boys for I see all kinds of them large, tall, great & small & for a picture of myself you are out of luck for out side of Vaynes (a flash light) I have been in a. there and miles of a photographer. Would like to send you one tho or even have one for myself. I haven't seen myself until we went out

+ got a Dutch mirror. We are all fixed  
up now with bath + all. But don't stay  
in one place long enough to fix up  
as well as the Germans were for some  
bungalows are dated back some longer  
than we expect to stay over. I didn't send  
you the Vmas present slip. I lost it  
on purpose. I didn't want you to send  
me any thing but get me a lot  
+ keep em + I'll hang up my sock  
later. Same old story, I about seeing my  
fody. Haven't seen a soul thru some  
of the Rockford Tunnel are near here but  
I know my way from there any way. So Buck  
Miller see some lead men ch. I'll give  
a piece of cap if you want me too. The  
air craft gun + machine gun are spitting  
away. There is quite a little activity  
+ some other big noise now + then  
I see by the paper every thing runs  
along seemingly smooth. Some one  
always keeps the Obituary Column filled  
pretty well up. Did Robert Lee kick in  
or knocked off in action or for why are they  
having memorials. I guess I didn't get that  
letter telling of it. I guess you don't get  
all letters either so I guess said she had  
not received but one from me + I know  
I have written today. She sent me a  
brand new one dollar bill that was admired  
by all Evin Meyer + wished he was where  
they were made well. I close as ever  
W. B.

Post. Hubert M. Fisher  
AMERICAN U.S. Army



Miss Pearl E. Dexter

Greenwood  
Jimmie  
Illinois  
Capt. Hubert M. Fisher, U.S. Army

Dear Pearl - NOV 23 18

I'm sending you  
this card for fear I won't  
get there quite in time  
but keep a stiff upper  
lip + a sharp look out.  
I'm O.K. + hope you are  
yours  
Hubert



The Christmas kept at home and here,  
America and France  
Is Christmas kept in high good cheer,  
Our watchword is "Advance!"

Capt. Hubert M. Dickson  
U.S. Army



Mrs. Paul C. Dickson  
Hannumdy  
Illinois



U.S.A.

Dec 30-1916

Chateau de Villeroy Monty

Dear Pearl - I have seen  
 numerous letters after  
 letter lately that you  
 had not heard from me  
 for some time back  
 thank every one I get  
 you surely have heard  
 but the last dated Dec  
 you had not heard. you  
 certainly should hear  
 as two weeks is as  
 long as I ever run with  
 out writing to some  
 of you. We are still  
 at the Chateau -  
 near Mont Bard & have  
 not started home yet.  
 & while I'm in the  
 writing mood I thought  
 I'd try as you scolded  
 me so much. We have  
 quite a bit of fun

<sup>no</sup>  
<sup>of you are in your</sup>  
<sup>high my in with</sup>  
 the at that to be so some  
 what shorter accustomed  
 out returns to the fact  
 that altho the war is  
 over we are still  
 many miles from home  
 I'm glad the flu has let  
 up into death toll its  
 about as bad as Jerry  
 you said in your last  
 letter you were going  
 to have a dance & would  
 me to go. God god you'll  
 have to dress me in to  
 wear dress shoes even  
 & to dance I'm afraid  
 I've forgotten all about  
 how. I heard a piano  
 on the 10th of Nov. & a  
 graphophone & went on

two ago the only man I've heard since the artiller,  
and since I left Com<sup>pt</sup> Meason & then only  
a year in the Y. & I should get a chance to  
hear a really good dreamer or chest & think I'd  
faint. As far as entertainment is concerned  
well - you faint, kidding you - there has been  
absolutely nothing doing. Of course you  
would not expect it. But in looking over  
the paper you might be led astray so you do  
not need to expect to see some of the well  
refined gentlemen but instead a big old rube  
like that would not know how to act if led into  
a flock of women. So you sent me a Xmas box  
the boys have been getting theirs I told them I'd  
sure send one next yr. Of course I'd appreciate  
it. but really I didn't think. The appreciation  
would over come <sup>the</sup> trouble they would cause getting them  
over. Socks are what they all care about getting but  
every body gets them any way. We are issued a  
plenty but we wear rubber boots & they soon wear  
the heels out. It has been raining here considerably  
for the past month. Well guess I'll run off hope  
you are all OK. I am yours  
White

Corps Hunter M. Fisher  
U.S. Army



SAILOR'S  
MAIL



Miss Paul & Sister

Summerville  
Illinois

U. S. A.

Received by  
H. W. Taylor  
Lt. U. S. Army



Knights of Columbus  
OVERSEAS SERVICE



ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH  
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A.P.O.

DATE *Feb 9-19*

Dear Cecil - Time it is run  
night again. Time slips by  
and I got a letter from  
you. As I am here what  
for which I was very  
thankful for I was afraid  
you all had the flu. I  
hope you all escaped  
it. There has been enough  
of your home folks had  
it all ready. I am at the  
same old place and know  
nothing more about when  
I'm coming home. doesn't  
look any more favorable  
than a month ago only of  
course every day is that  
much nearer. The eats are  
not so good now as we only  
get fresh beef twice a week

x Corned Willie & Bully beef  
are an old story. I was gain-  
ing up until the last couple  
weeks, but am feeling my-  
self again. Just am getting  
some stuff. The Coast made  
that last time, better have  
a bit. I often wonder if  
you have as good Candy like  
before & the like as before, the  
war. The green is some thing  
unheard of in this country.  
Candy is as scarce but on  
account of shortage of Sugar  
I suppose. We had some  
candy now & then but we  
are hated from you Co. or  
Commissaries. But we would  
not be satisfied any where  
only at home. I might not be satis-  
fied then. I hope they will  
be as good as one imagines  
they are from over here. Don't  
you ever have any fun  
or go to any place but Church  
& funerals. Are the 84<sup>th</sup> troops  
home yet. I think they  
were used as a replace-  
ment division. or may be

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A. P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

most of them never seen  
service. I hope not any  
way. The life of a machine  
gunner in the trenches when  
we first landed in France  
was 14 minutes. & most of my  
friends were in M. G. units.  
But in respect advancing etc.  
not so tall for them. The  
Dough boys & as they got  
it they went with me.  
Lieut Lloyd Neil & Mehan home  
& that possibly Lloyd would  
stay with it. I wondered  
what decision Cooney Mc Gee  
was in & when he got to  
the St Michel. We left there  
for Verdun front at Argonne  
the 4th of Oct & it was quiet  
there then but had not taken  
Metz yet so don't know

whether Coome was there then  
or whether they warmed things  
up again. Well that's enough war  
for some night. Tell everybody  
hello & I'll see you just as  
soon as I can. I've addressed  
a letter to Ma but haven't  
written yet & have to go  
over to the office as guess  
I'll put it off tonight no  
news anyway. So you tell  
um while I mark time. Well  
get my pen & write me for  
I guess I'll be here to get  
them. Its too rough a sea  
than Feb & March any way  
wied all get sea sick

Yours  
Hube

Coop Hubert M. Baker  
U.S. Army



SAILOR'S  
MAIL

Miss Pauline



Covered by

Quincy



Illinois

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Feb 21. 1917

Sunday Night

Dear Pearl: - Some time  
Sunday night with all  
you people with the  
flu. I go word from  
you for some time  
but guess if you were  
dead I'd hit it out  
were got colds in the  
detachment but I went  
out the other night &  
got all drunked up  
on coming & that I  
tried to make up every  
thing is running along  
or rather dragging along  
a light snow has been  
on for almost a week  
now but not very cold.  
These places I expect  
the small ones get very  
monotonous to us.

fellows that want to  
see how U.S. would  
go to agony but nothing  
like patience you had  
No new rumors as to  
when we will be sent  
telling you any thing dif-  
ferent. I think I'll  
tell you about visiting  
Captain Cline. He told me  
of just getting back  
from the 7 day leave to  
think he is nice & with  
in a minute. A couple  
of fellows just got  
back to the detachment  
from the same leave  
& report a good time. It  
makes the rest of us  
think we had been  
nothing of the red  
traces that we heard  
it turned before we  
entered there in & that  
we had been deceived.  
We are at present sit-



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try wood from woods  
just a fore out town  
for the Am I am J. P. have  
been hauling it to the  
road for motor section  
Don't know what I'd do  
if I did not have a team  
to take up my horse &  
make it interesting.

Of course I'm not say-  
ing they do much good  
on Sunday evenings.  
Well I must quit &  
write to Ma. I haven't  
heard from her for  
some time before they  
write some more good  
letters so a fellow can  
live. Yours truly

*[Signature]*

at  
H. W. Hagen  
St. U.S. Army

Corp. Hubert M. Baker  
U.S. Army



SOLDIERS



Miss Pearl E. Sexton

Censored by  
M. Baker  
Capt U.S. Army

Ann Arbor  
Illinois  
U.S.A.

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Dec 27, 1914

*W. W. Miller*  
Capt.

Washington's Birthplace  
France

Dear Pearl - Let try & drop  
you a few lines. Just after  
sending mother a card that  
I was in junk of condition  
I was marked quarters for  
4 or 5 days with a cold too  
87 different kinds of physic  
& each did its turn &  
consequently I'm O.K. again  
Just had a second letter  
from Cap. Que but can't  
locate him on the map  
I also got some good letters  
from you this week quite  
a bit of changing needed  
as usual in the early  
spring Don't notice any  
going on over here The Buck  
Miller seems to think the

most important thing now is going home. Nothing seems  
to be moving much yet only Cavalry & charged men  
& partial divisions. No Combat divisions as yet that I know  
of but are going to start now right away & I think (I think  
only) that will be about that is that's mean 2 or 3 months  
the weather is also great out here that is soft now & seems  
some about like April at home. You fellows we great men  
to send packages. You had just as well be stopped as I  
was with my package for as yet I have never received  
any. I think I'll try & send a few things the some of  
these day. I'll send you a few envelopes & France. The  
letter some new out I just made. I got your new paper  
clippings. Gov. Loudens seems to be spreading himself &  
hope he matters it a short in N.Y. for us. There is quite  
a few Illinois boys in the 75th division. One says he is to  
be in Paris the last of month hope he runs down. It's not  
so very far. I've never seen gay Paris as yet don't think  
it has any thing on it by the way. Not many papers there. Good  
papers now & then to here & Moscow but don't think I would  
enjoy them. So bad about Dick Brown hope he gets better  
& is not so bad as reported. The Merion Co. expenses were good  
they are the only ones I read that is of the Co. papers & some  
how the letters from boys over there don't interest a fellow  
here much. Did you ever hear the straight about Herman  
Anna

Say its the hardest job to find  
a page or two of paper. I read  
yours over 2 or 3 times tho I  
am glad to get them so I'll  
have to try. Mat & Ag are  
fussing at me about not  
writing now. but there is  
something wrong for I  
always write them as often  
as I do you. Eli R. M. has  
nt arrived as yet. I'll never  
write you to quit writing  
for I'll let the P. O. authorities  
take care of that. So you  
keep on writing & I'll try  
to answer as long  
yours  
Aunt

Corp. Herbert M. ...  
25 ...



Miss Pearl E. Bixton,

Hammond,

Illinois

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March 4 <sup>1919</sup>

Dear Pearl. I addressed a letter <sup>envelope</sup> to you last night but did not get to write you so here goes. I got the letter that <sup>up</sup> I did not receive to write & let you know but in my better time neither has the 78<sup>th</sup> moved lately but are close to Semmes 11 miles I think. I mean we are of course the 78<sup>th</sup> is scattered all about Semmes. I certainly told you how I spent Xmas but may be you did not get the letter but we did nothing out of common only eat Rabbit & Califlora & nuts grapes & lots of other good eat. No Xmas tree. I think you must been kidding me eh. What other A.E.F. guy are you so interested in - In the

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Rumors are rolling <sup>in</sup> now but nothing of good sense except may. Altho a good many Am. troops have preceded this division across but no such luck for us, I guess. I want you to explain or tell me some of your dreams about me & whether they are all right or not. & whether I'm all right in your dreams. for I have to punch my self to find out if I'm alive or dead or asleep or awake. Omega seems to be furnishing most of the mail and letters for you fellows. You want to go slow that's a pretty fact place. you are certainly doing some changing about in the line of real estate. I would have liked to have heard John McCormack sing

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& I might have accompanied  
you all right had I been at  
home. We are (or rather they are)  
discussing the Fall game of  
tonight. We have hence fall  
or inside ball Fall game out  
side after supper. Television the  
wets & dries & have great fun  
& exercise. Well I can't think  
of any thing as usual so  
Love & my best  
Hate

Capt. M. Fisher  
U.S. Army



SOLDIERS  
MAIL



Miss Pearl E. Weston  
Linnmudg,  
Illinois

Censored by



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April 16 1919

Dear Pearl- you said  
you were having great  
weather well we have  
good. Bad and every kind  
all in one day, it rains  
a while then the sun  
shines some times its  
cool & some times warm  
but never very cold or hot  
but can rain a lot but  
is very rolling & hilly &  
rocky, so it soon dries  
up. I'm still at the  
same job we were to  
start for port the 16<sup>th</sup>  
but have been delayed  
10 days already so you  
can't tell. We've gotten  
rid of a lot of stuff  
such as horses & wagons  
& equipment & are supposed

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to go direct to Bordeaux  
no large boats dock there  
so I guess we'll get  
an old scow but any  
old port in a storm.  
I got the Ady's yesterday  
mail came in today  
but I did not get any<sup>but</sup>  
have received last week  
30 of it so can't kick. Some  
real estate transactions  
going on I'd say some  
money changing hands  
what did merchant get  
for his farm I noticed  
it wasn't put <sup>the</sup> price.  
Well I can't think of any  
thing as usual I  
got a card from Cecil  
B. some days<sup>back</sup> wanted

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me to come over to see  
him at Denver but I  
haven't gone yet. We  
have shows 2 times  
a week now & you'd  
be surprised at the fun  
they are. Just soldiers  
you know from different  
parts of the division  
there's a couple of real  
girls in the one coming  
to morrow night but  
they nearly all have one  
that you can't tell from  
a real girl. Well I'll  
close. Yours  
Hubb



MILITARY  
POST OFFICE  
SOLDIERS MAIL



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs Pearl E. Sinton.  
Kissmiddy  
Illinois



WELCOME  
HOME

Port of New York, U. S. A.

Date May 19 19

ARRIVED SAFELY TO-DAY!

GOING TO  CAMP Big Island East  
 HOSPITAL cion

WILL WRITE LETTER SOON

Signed Hutz

Unit 41 St 2 B 4 303 Am. Train



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WAR ACTIVITIES



CAMP

Dix

May 25 1919

Dear Pearl -

I am here still and may be for a few more. Civil seem to get a hold of that long wicked for piece of paper I met here & just left Ener Zimmerman the first person I've seen from home not in 78th Div. Every body neglected & very much neglected but still in good health. They have us Illinois fellows to our selves & detail hell out of us but don't get much real work out of us at that. We go to Camp Grant from here & suppose stay a month or two there. And say that reception com. for 24's Corp in N. Y. City were asleep when we arrived. Well to good

May be in six months I'll be  
home your Aunt

Corp Hubert McArthur  
U.S. Army



Miss Pearl E. Custer

RECEIVED BY  
Capt. McArthur  
Capt. McArthur

Summerville

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U.S.A.

Mountford France

Jan 22-1919

Dear Pearl - Well I just received three letters dated Dec 31. Jan 2 & 4. Was sorry to hear of the flu. Coming over again for it's dangerous seems as tho. I have been slack about writing since armistice but guess 2<sup>nd</sup> letter begins as it looks as tho will be here for some time 3 or 4 months may be. So we are making it the best we can try to enjoy our selves. I got a letter from Captain

Eric Wanceck. dated Jan 8.  
don't know where he is  
but will write him am  
glad the boys are getting  
home seems to me that  
is about as good a thing  
as could happen to a soldier  
I don't weigh quite so  
but about 175. as I  
go 185 with winter

Clothes on. but having been  
gaining for the past  
month only as I weigh  
the same as usual all  
thru. Glad you had a  
good time at Al's but  
of course you would  
would have liked to have

with you. We are still  
at the Chateau and its a  
good place. I go to Mont  
bard every day day for  
rations. I haven't seen  
Harry Richardson lately  
but he is in 307 Art.

I think it is killed  
around Cloce here. he is  
in 78 division any way  
and is not in Army of  
Occupation as yet. But  
cant tell but we may  
be. But would just as  
soon have been there all  
the time as we would  
have been on move  
& seen more country (over)

I got a good letter from  
Ag. seems as they put it  
all on her to write & she  
does it occasionally. Well  
be careful & good & I'll  
see you later. Yours  
Hate

9/11/16

PHONE 1942



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SIMON KING, PROP.

"IN THE HEART OF THE CITY"

HOT AND COLD  
RUNNING WATER  
IN EVERY ROOM

my Home address  
535 Fulton St.  
Union Hill  
N. Y.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

July 29 1917

Dear Bud

Just a line to say  
Greetings. I am sending  
you under separate cover  
one of the pictures taken  
at Camp Dix of the 19  
battle scared heroes who  
fought so gloriously in the  
famous battle of "Rain la Montagne"  
This picture will set you back  
just exactly one (1) "Bud"  
(American currency preferred, as  
frames and centures are par for  
in these here parts.) Considering  
the strain under which the  
camera labored, I feel that  
the picture turned out very  
good. Well, Bud I presume  
you are accustomed to the

flapping of trousers around your ankles / or more, and all the other joys that came with the shedding of the C.O.'s.

I took 3 weeks vacation and began work on June 7th. I travel from one Branch to another instructing salesmen, and for the summer its very pleasant as well as interesting work.

On November 1st, I will be appointed Sales manager of one of our Branches at Auburn, N.Y. Well all right let me hear from you soon and give an account of yourself to date.

If the picture is worth a dollar to you, send it along, you can get additional pictures by sending a dollar to Camp Dix Pictorial News. I only bought one for each man as that was all the majority of the boys wanted. Hence hoping this finds you well and I might superfluously add - Happy. Sincerely yours  
Langhorst

THE MANCHESTER UNION AND LEADER  
MANCHESTER, N. H.

Mr. H. M. Fisher,  
Kinmundy, Illinois.

My Dear Fisher:-

Lt. Taylor has just supplied me with a list of the addresses of the men who served in the Headquarters Detachment of our battalion, and this gives me a chance to drop each one of you a line expressing my happiness over your safe return to God's country and the wish that you have found a satisfactory occupation upon your return to civil life.

I have a very deep interest in every man who served under me during the war and particularly towards the men of the detachment with whom I was thrown in daily contact. If at any time in the future I can be of service to any of you I hope you will feel more than free to write me. We went through some stirring times together and created a relationship which to me is one which I hold in grateful memory.

I hope you will not fail to write me and let me know how things are going with you. With all best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Frank Knox*

August 5th  
1919  
FK-EM.

Oct. 1.  
Birthday Greetings. 1938.

May the blessings to you on  
the day of your birth,  
May sunshine and gladness  
be given and may the dear  
Father prepair you on earth,  
for a beautiful Birthday  
in heaven.

Happy Birthday to you,  
From Della.  
To Hubert.

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Rank

Countersigned

Rank

C. 116.



*Miss Pearl E. Denton*

*Quincy*

*Illinois*

*U.S.A.*

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

To UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE,  
BUREAUS FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

This card will be presented by

*Hubert M. Fisher*

who is being released from military service.

Will you please see that every effort is made to assist him in  
securing a satisfactory position?

CAMP REPRESENTATIVE,  
U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

14-1877

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
CAMP GRANT, ILL.

After 5 days, return to

H. M. Fisher

P. O. BOX 1111

Clinton



Miss Pearl E. Sexton,  
Tumunda  
Del.

Dear Pearl -

How - every thing  
I am not having any  
fun much. I am  
going over to Herosche  
to fight being as  
this is Wed night.  
We are all right  
close to gether John.  
Frank + D. I haven't  
shucked much yet  
my wrists get too  
sore. My fingers are  
so stiff I can't hardly  
write. You want

to write me in care  
of Annie's Sudentop.  
Clifton Hill. Jim & Gene  
McClure are at the  
same place they shuck  
100 bu between them  
It is cloudy & chilly  
here comes off of  
Lake Michigan the  
wind and is sure  
sharp. Don't let any  
thing happen while  
I'm away. I am getting  
pretty stout and when  
my wrists get all  
right look out. Well

I'll guess I'll close  
send me the paper  
will you I told ma  
to but she may not  
about the time I get  
so I can shuck right  
good we will get into  
the good corn. Then I  
send you my picture  
with a big load of  
corn I shucked. Be  
well so long  
Aunt

Dear Pearl - P.S. - I got a straggling letter this  
eve so I'll try & add a little. As Loring had just  
passed with the message telling of Robert Bee's  
death so that explains one question I asked.  
We haven't been getting papers regularly  
lately so did not get it from Campbell but  
Roger was sitting at the writing table so he  
addressed the envelope & that after wards you  
might think strange but haven't any extra  
envelopes so can't change it. If you read  
Ma's letter closely you can tell where I am.  
We are singing Maudea Lee. We sing quite  
some at night when a ball is on. I haven't  
gotten Merle's letter yet was glad you took  
me to Alma fair. Take her every place

you can for she is a pretty good sort  
of a fellow. I'm writing her tonight & want  
to write Amy & Laura. We are arguing about a  
terrible battle <sup>ground</sup> that we can't even imagine  
what it took to take after we seen the news  
let alone you people at home and you sure  
have to hand it to the Dough boys & Art.  
Well I quit again. It's pretty cool nights  
& mornings a little wet bit of ice thro' the m.  
We got Cigars, Cigarette, Tobacco & jam Candy  
& sardines. No day 1/2 France worth in all  
Our cats are good still. Better than yours  
at home I expect at times for when we  
have fresh beef & that's a good part of the time  
we get all we want. Had hamburger steak  
for dinner today. Well good my Lt.  
H. D.

6235 Langley  
Chicago

Miss Pearl & the Sexton,  
Jimmundys,  
Ill,

Chicago Ill.

Dear Pearl.

Got to Chicago 48  
hours behind the blizzard  
was afraid I'd get snow  
bound 8 miles from  
any town if I stayed  
out any longer. How is  
every little thing down  
home froze up I guess  
I would love to be carry-  
ing the mail now I came  
near walking 25 miles  
Sat just to be out.  
Laura tells me she  
wrote you to take  
care of Ma but I expect  
Ma had better take care

of you instead. She's  
having the time of her  
life now & if she don't  
get sick you & Laura  
mustn't mar her good time  
worrying & fretting around.  
Pir been in with  
Army all day today  
she's sewing around  
her. too cold to get out.  
I'm playing the Victrolas  
most of the time will  
look after things till  
I get back yours  
Aunt



THE CHAPEL, AT STATE HOSPITAL, KANKAKEE, ILL.

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Dear Pearl -  
I checked 40 by Mrs  
Hew & M. + Come  
to the bus this  
eve. Do in better  
now. Hube.

Pearl Sexton  
Kankakee  
Ill.

# Cupid Takes A Rap At Kinmundy

## Fisher-Sexton

On last Saturday evening at the M. E. Parsonage occurred the wedding of Mr. Hubert M. Fisher and Miss Pearl Sexton. This was quite a surprise to their many friends as no one seemed to know of the marriage until the bride and groom were at home on their farm where the groom had spent the past few weeks furnishing and making ready the bridal home.

The groom is the son of Mrs. E. W. Fisher and one of the boys who did his part in the world conflict being in the battle of the Argonne but coming out unscathed. Hubert, as he is known by his host of friends is worthy of a good partner for life, which we are all glad to know he has taken.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. J. T. Sexton has been connected with the Kinmundy Express for the past sixteen years and has become one of the family of every reader of the Express. Hubert's gain is our loss this time but Pearl was promised to lend a hand in time of need; so the Express readers may still expect to receive their paper full of good things to read. The Express joins hands in congratula-

March 25, 1920 - "The Kinmundy Express"

## Obituary of Hubert Fisher – Oct. 14, 1948

Hubert Morgan Fisher, son of David Elihu and Elizabeth Morgan Fisher, was born October 1, 1886 in the old farm house northwest of Kinmundy. He departed this life October 8, 1948 after a courageous fight against an illness of almost a year's duration.

Hubert's father was an invalid for many years, and the son took charge of the farm work after one year of high school. In 1905 he took the civil service examination and entered rural mail carrier service which he gave up to enter the armed forces of World War I.

He entered the army on April 28, 1918 and left that day for Camp Dix, New Jersey where he was attached to Headquarters Co. 2nd Bat. 303 Ammunition Train. Within a month he embarked for overseas. He saw service on four different fronts under the command of Col. Frank Knox, receiving his discharge from Camp Grant, May 27, 1919. He was married to Miss Pearl Sexton March 20, 1920 and they made their first home on the farm where he was born until April 1924 when he was reinstated as rural mail carrier which position he held until his resignation December 1, 1942, because of disability.

Together with his three older sisters Hubert was baptized November 29, 1891 by Rev. A. J. Ewing of the M. E. Church South. For many years he has attended and taken an active interest in choir and church services in the Methodist Church in Kinmundy. He made his faith in God a living reality in his service to the patrons on his route, to neighbors, and all those who needed a helping hand.

Especially was this true in his care of his mother and sisters from the time of his father's death in 1907 their interests came before his own.

He served as a director of the Building and Loan Association, was a member of the American Legion, Marion County Rural Mail Carriers Association, and Rosedale Rebekah Lodge. He served also as a commissioner of the Boy Scouts and in other civic positions.

He leaves his devoted wife whose care during his long illness has been unending and untiring, four sisters Mrs. Mary Jones, Borger, Texas, Mrs. Amy Cockrell, and Mrs. Laura Gresham, Chicago, and Mrs. Agnes Mahan, Centralia. Two brothers, David and Carl died in infancy. Many beloved nephews and nieces on both sides, as well as other relatives and many friends are left to honor his memory.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Orlando Brakemeyer, officiating and Rev. H. R. Avery, assisting. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Feb. 27, 1969

### **Mrs. Pearl Fisher**

Mrs. Pearl E. Fisher, daughter of James T. and Julia Ann (Hooten) Sexton, was born in Edwardsville, Ill., April 28, 1880, and came to Kinmundy with the family when six years of age.

She passed away in the Fayette County Hospital Annex Vandalia, Ill., February 18, 1969.

At an early age, she united with the Presbyterian Church and later when that Church became extinct, she transferred her membership to the First Methodist Church.

She was graduated from the Kinmundy High School with the Class of 1898, and was immediately employed in the office of Mr. Fred O. Grissom, Editor and Publisher of the "Kinmundy Express".

She was married to Hubert M. Fisher March 20, 1920, who passed away, October 6, 1948.

She took an active part in all civic community affairs, having served as President of the Kinmundy Cemetery Association for a number of years; on the Official Board of the First Methodist Church and in other capacities and on committees within the Church; Noble Grand of Rosedale Rebekah No. 371; a member of the Kinmundy Woman's Club, the American Legion's Auxiliary No. 519; the PTA; the Pleasure Hour Club; The American Red Cross, and was awarded a bronze plaque for meritorious service during World War I by the United States government and also a parchment scroll for similar service during World War II.

Funeral services were conducted February 21 at 2 P.M., from the Linton Funeral Home, with Rev. Forrest Slone officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Surviving are sisters: Mrs. F. L. Hunt, Burbank, Calif.; Mrs. B. R. Bailey, Three Rivers, Mich.; Mrs. O. E. Peneton, Hammond, Ind.; Mrs. Ray Hargrave, Centralia, Ill.; and Mrs. Thos. D. Mangner, Chicago, Ill.