



Editor of The Caduceus:

Dear Sir: As a soldier I feel as though I have the right to say something on the subject of soldiers' sweethearts, which is becoming very interesting indeed, and bound to assume big dimensions among the readers of The Caduceus.

In the last two issues of the Caduceus have appeared three letters, one from a mother on Elizabeth avenue, and the other two from a Charlotte girl, and a girl in Dilworth. Mother, in her letter, has attacked the soldiers with the violence of a battery of 75's, for making a sweetheart in every camp or port they stop, advising the girls at the same time to keep away from the soldiers. But, what has made "Mother" assume such an attitude? I don't know; she knows.

I made the acquaintance of several girls during my eight months in this camp. I went to their homes, dined with them, went to shows, dances and church, but none of them has considered me as a sweetheart. Nearly every soldier has left a girl behind that longs to see him back, prays for his health and safety, wears the service flag and writes to him sweet and encouraging letters. That's his sweetheart, the girl every soldier loves and whose picture he carries near his heart.

Of course there are some soldiers who for one reason or another have not a sweetheart. But shall they be condemned if they do make one in the camp where they stop? Only in Turkey the girls are covered up and locked into the house so that none of the male sex can see them.

"Mother's" remarks remind me of some people in the southern part of Europe who will not allow their girl to go to school, fearing that she may exchange letters with some young man. So, does "Mother," with her attacks and advices towards the soldiers and the girls, want to form a barrier between them, or is she in favor of the Turkish and Calabrian customs. If we get acquainted with the sisters and sweethearts of our comrades and are entertained by them, our sweethearts and sisters are entertaining other boys, remaining faithful to us and not making them sweethearts. I believe that "Mother" shall not consider this as a counter-attack, but merely a defense of the soldier's dignity and pride. I wish to assure "Mother" not to fear and suspect the soldiers a bit. They are not Sultans and are not forming harems, but being away from their dear ones, they

always wish to know some one to talk to.

Thanking you in advance, Mr. Editor, for the publication of the above, I am,

Yours with best esteem,
PRIVATE GEORGE.

A LETTER FROM A SOLDIER TO HIS SWEETHEART.

My Adored Bessie:

In the last two letters you are complaining for not hearing from me, fearing also that I forgot all about you; but, my dear, you must remember that besides you there is another sweetheart who always comes first and that is America. Now let me tell you why you have not heard from me all this time.

Two months ago, while in the battle, an enemy bullet hit me on the left side, broke one of my ribs and made its way toward my heart, but when it reached the heart, it remembered you, it pitied you, and there it stopped, listening to all its beatings and all its worryings for you alone. Now, I am sending this bullet which will tell you word by word all the secrets of my heart, as it stood there listening for many, many hours. And any time you doubt my love towards you, ask the bullet and it will tell you the message my heart sends to you, also how much I do love you and think of you.

With love and good-bye until we meet again.

YOUR JACK.

The above letter was addressed to his sweetheart and not to his girl friend.

SOME ARE JEALOUS.

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Dear Sir: I have just finished reading the letter from the Greensboro girl who asks for enlightenment on why civilians do not like soldiers.

I don't say this in regard to all civilians but there are a good many who have sweethearts and have known them for some time. They feel jealous of every movement of this sweetheart and therefore when a khaki clad youth comes into her life and gets acquainted with her the civilian feels that his girl will fall in love with this soldier and leave him flat.

I will say that any man who loves a girl and will not trust her does not deserve her love.

I have a nice girl friend in my home town and I feel that if she wants to "cheer up" the other soldier brothers of mine it is up to her to do so. More than that it is her duty.

—A Soldier.

DID YOU SEE IT?

Did you notice that a part of the restaurants are raising the price since the camp is filling up? These appear to be lunches, however, which have not been fully Americanized.

—Orderly.

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