Guide to the John A. Jungwirth Letters, 1918-1919

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ABSTRACT:
This collection consists of thirty-one letters from John. A. Jungwirth, United States Navy, to his girlfriend, Marie Andres, Detroit, Michigan, during World War I. These letters are dated from Jun 7, 1918, to September 13, 1919. His letters discuss his duties at Camp Paul Jones and Camp Luce, Illinois, and later aboard the U.S.S. Missouri and the U.S.S. Wisconsin. He was for a time in the U. S. Naval Hospital at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE:
John A. Jungwirth served in the United States Navy during World War I. He was at Camp Paul Jones, Great Lakes, Illinois, Camp Luce, Great Lakes, Illinois, in the 16th Regiment, aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in the 3rd Division, and aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:
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He describes being at Camp Paul Jones, Great Lakes, Illinois. He writes about having to learn and execute wig-wagging (flag signals used by the U.S. Navy), visiting Chicago, says they are drilling and guarding, and tells of his daily activities. In a later letter, he mentions that he has moved to Camp Luce, Great Lakes, Illinois, and is in the 16th Regiment.

He states in the July 5, 1918, letter that he saw his own death notice in the Mekeel’s Weekly. The August 26, 1918, and the October 3, 1918, letters are written on Knights of Columbus War Activities stationery. The September 5, 1918, the October 17, 1918, and a few other letters are written on The Union League of Philadelphia stationery. In the September 5, 1918, letter, he writes that he is now on the U.S.S. Missouri, 3rd Division, and that his letters will now be censored. Then he is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the U. S. Naval Hospital. He caught pneumonia but recovered. In his November 7, 1918 letter, he stated that peace had been declared. On April 5, 1919, he writes that he is on the U.S.S. Wisconsin. Aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin, he traveled to Norfolk, Virginia, and New York.

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Letter: From John A. Jungwirth, Great Lakes, Illinois to Marie Andres, Detroit, Michigan, August 16, 1918.


Envelope: To Marie Andres, Detroit, Michigan,
postmarked August 20, 1918.

Letter: From John A. Jungwirth, Camp Luce, Great Lakes, Illinois to Marie Andres, Detroit, Michigan, August 26, 1918.


Letter: From John A. Jungwirth, aboard the *U.S.S. Wisconsin*, to Marie Andres, Detroit, Michigan, April 5, 1919.


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