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My own dear Grace:-

I received your letter of the 9 and oh my dear how I wish I could be near you. I know how it is when you are lonely, I have had the same spells my self. But my own little girl the only way I ever come my loneliness is, to that even though I am lonely, ~~and~~ my little girl is lonely too, and that these feelings only tend to strengthen our love and trust in each other. I am so glad you told me just how you felt Grace. You ~~do~~ haven't done it so often and then I think, well she doesn't trust me, that is why she does not tell me, but do tell me every time you feel lonely, it helps me

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my dear and not the way you think. Understand Grace? How I wish I had you here to talk to you, I have so much I would like to say.

We too, are having very cold weather. Today has been a little warmer, because the sun has been shining, but other wise I have felt very cold. I don't want to change to my heavy clothes until I absolutely have to.

Good for you Grace. I hope you will enjoy your lessons. They will help you to overcome your loneliness and forget me for the time being. You need something to occupy your mind and the lessons will be a very good

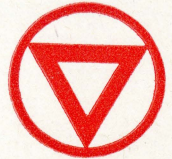

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thing. Now don't misunderstand me, my dear, when I say forget me for the time being. You know what I mean, don't you Grace? I shall await very eagerly the time when I can sit and listen to you. I am going to look forward to it very much.

Does Oakes think Sat. night is a better night. I should think not, but I suppose it never hurts to try a thing. I am so glad the League has started something new. I hope they keep it up and get some thing started this winter. I wish I were home to help along. Maybe it was a good thing when I left. We never

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knows. I hope so.
When I lay on my bunk during the day I picture my farewell and I have you there to say good by and I think, just to have Grace in my arms once more and one more farewell kiss. But then I come back to life and I know it cannot be that way so I make the best of it. You will have to do the same Grace. Oh how I wish I could be home and then you would not have to feel that way. It is all my fault, but my dear, as you say, it helps me because I know I am having the same spells. So let's be as cheery as possible and I will soon be home when we both

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can be happy again. I am glad you told me dearest, just how you felt.

We had a review today before the Commanding Officer. One more to-morrow. All these big fellows must inspect us before we go, which I hope will be soon. All the boys are up in the air because they will not tell us definitely when we leave and we dare not do anything for fear of losing out. Some don't even dare wash clothes for fear we may get orders to leave and the clothes will not be dry. Oh this is some outfit. I have to laugh and then I get disgusted. I try to make the best of it though and let the bad slip

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by. I don't know Grace if this
letter is cheerful but I hope
it helps you some.
Best regards to your folks.
All my hearts love and
its true love with trust and
mistakes I give to you Grace
dear from your own true boy,
Dave.

S. W. 4/1's.

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