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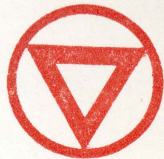

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September 16, 1917

My Dear Grace:-

The sun has just come out and it sure is welcome. Just through washing clothes. I didn't like to do it today, but I had to. I was to church this morning and I enjoyed it very much. I felt ~~to~~ at home.

Those boys left this morning. I was down to the depot to see them off. My dear I can't explain how I felt when the train started off. I wanted to go along. The band was there and played and we cheered for them. But then I thought pretty soon ~~to~~ my turn will come. I want to go now. I guess I must have the fever. You can't satisfy a Marine. I wish I could have been


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present at Dr. Lundberg farewell social. I bet there was a crowd there and that you had a good time.

I am glad your cold is so much better but I hope you will be rid of it before two weeks are up. When you are rid of it, be careful and don't get another. Take my advise for once.

No Grace, I will be glad to get back to a respectable house again. This life may be suitable for some but not for me. I want a home as I am used to having. To tell the truth I am tired of this life and want to come home soon. Just had supper and I am at the Y. M. C. A. now.

Would I send you away, should you suddenly pop in on me, hardly.



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At least not until it was time for you to go. If I only could have you if only for one day before I leave. I feel lonesome tonight my dear and before I was thinking of home and church and I was wishing I could be home and have you with me. I am not blue by any means, but very lonesome. I am going to see the Passion pictures of 1910 tonight. They are given by the Episcopate here at the Y. M. C. A. I hope they will be able to take some of my lonesomeness away. If only I had you my dear.

I wrote your daddy a letter last nite. It is about the same as your mother's. I should have thought of it before you suggested it, but I will do better next time. I promise I will.



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I hope you received my letter today. I tried to make it a better letter as I was feeling pretty good Friday.

I heard today that we are to take four hikes this week. That means four days of good time. I like the hikes very much as we get out in the country and we learn more than if we drilled. They can't teach me any drills any more as I know it all now. Five months of it ought to be enough, don't you think?

Will close for this time, best regards to your folks, and to you my dear, I give my heart full of love with mistakes.

Your lonesome boy,  
Dave.

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