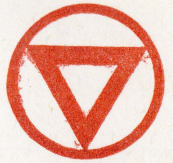



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My own dear Grace:-

How to answer your letter of the 9. Hain't that cold of you left you? Better get rid of it before winter comes, or I feel sorry for you I am glad you are better and I hope by the time this letter reaches you you will be entirely well. Yes you are entirely forgiven when that is the case. You know me.

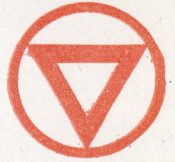
Yes, you are correct my dear as you always are. I was feeling very blue and homesick last Friday. I tried not to put it in writing, but you got me at my own game. I will have to try some thing else another time, if there will be another time. I hope not and will try to make it so.


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Yes, I guess we are fifty fifty.  
 Why not? Our captain told us  
 today we would for certain be  
 here by October 1. After that he  
 would not say. I don't care either.  
 One day they say one thing and  
 the next another. I won't believe  
 a word until we are off. I hate  
 to stay in these bunk houses  
 though. Cold, no name for it.  
 This morning when we got up  
 we all froze. You never did see  
 such a scurry as then. I felt  
 miserable. That just about  
 describes it. A good thing the  
 sun has been shining or I  
 don't know what we would do.  
 I ~~remember~~ remember now I did  
 say that. I give myself away  
 all the time. I won't do it again.  
 Can you believe me, this time?

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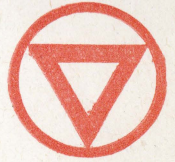
Many times I wish you were here to comfort me. I know you can do it. But why wish. It can't be did.

I received the letter from your mother today and I was very glad to get it. I was pleased too. Now I am satisfied. I suppose you know what was in the letter. I felt sure your mother approved so in a way I did not worry. Your mother will never feel sorry for writing what she did. Both she and you will be able to trust me. I know I am slow. I should have thought of that long ago. I will write to your father. I know I will find a friend in him. We have always been friends as far as I know. Thank my dear

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for reminding me of it and please  
excuse my slow thinking brain.  
Best regards to your folks.  
Be good you self. My heart full  
of love for you with mistakes.

Your own true Marine,  
Dave.

S. W. 4/C's.