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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



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Dear Sweetheart Grace.

Your two letters came today and I had the whole company jealous. Some only received one letter each and most received navy as one. A fellow came up to me and complained that he hadn't heard from his girl in two weeks and had begun an inquiry among marriage and death records in order to determine what had happened to her. I told him he was out of luck and he readily agreed with me. I should worry as long as my girl doesn't forget to write to me, and what's more to have the satisfaction



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I knowing that nothing of the sort
will ever happen.

You don't have
to excuse yourself, Clear, for wanting
me to spend that hour with you
alone Sunday. When you mentioned
it to me over the phone, I didn't know
how you had been feeling. But now,
the first chance I get I'm coming up
to see you regardless of anything else.

I certainly was
kidding about that fifteen years. Do
you suppose I could wait that long?
I'd be dead from love sickness long
before that time was up. Maybe
you would too?

Latest orders say
that no leaves will be granted
until December. Saturday we get our
uniforms and get the first "shot" in
the arm. Then follows a detention
period of three weeks. Tonight at



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retreat, our commander said that if peace were settled on tomorrow, we would still stay here for several months yet. The papers tonight stated that no official confirmation of an armistice has been received as yet. Army headquarters in Washington D.C. have sent no communications on the subject whatsoever. Don't you see how bright the prospects are of my coming home? I hate to think of it myself. Won't be able to come home and see you for a whole month. Sherman was right!

I'll arrange somehow or other to have your watch ready for you in due time, so no unnecessary delay will occur. About our "watch", just don't worry about that radium on the



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number ten, I'll have that fixed when I get home.

Tomorrow I am Company Clerk, whatever that means. My hours are from 6.30 in the morning until 10:15 at night, time out for meals. How do you like those for hours, and all for one dollar a day too? Oh that guess of yours \$23 is exactly the amount I received. How did you guess it, anyway? I'm got eleven and my bankie seventeen. I got most of anybody in the company and they're all mad. I don't blame them either, do you?

Saturday our team plays the S. A. T. C. from Michigan U., and today a big mass meeting was held to practice the yell. Then when this peace talk floated in, the whole bunch, coeds included,



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marched over to the Gymnasium and
 after the Gob orchestra began, a
 dance followed. That was going on
 when I called you up. Gee, lately
 we've been cheating the telephone company
 very severely; when I call home,
 I always call you too, and mostly
 the time I talk for nothing. It's very
 simple, and when you make only
 one dollar pay, the nickels count. We
 get only about four cents an hour to
 eat, sleep, drill and study. Isn't
 that an enormous pay? Well, they
 danced from two o'clock until five and
 then all noise was prohibited.
 Tonight the guard is doubled and
 roll call is taken every hour to catch
 anyone who tries to desert. No noise
 is allowed and at night the sergeants
 have to go through the barracks
 every hour to see that everyone is in all
 night long. This is all on account



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'Extra orders from headquarters. So do you see what effect peace talk has on the army.'

You bet, Grace, you have to brace up. Get control of yourself and don't let loose until I get home. I can't bear to think of you home there alone, with really no one who really seriously understands you. Sweetheart, you'll just have to wait for me, that's all, and when I do get there, I'm going to love you and be near you forever. Just wait, Girl, until it's just "me and you." You've got to buck up, dear, just for me, for I don't feel right when you don't. But don't for any reason hesitate to tell me exactly how you feel, for I claim it my special privilege to know. I'm glad in the past, that you have done so, and I know you will in the future. As to your



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teasing me over the phone, that doesn't lead me to doubt your love for me at all, it but serves to increase my own. Nevertheless it works against the grain, for I haven't been accustomed to that sort of treatment. I suppose I can learn as well as anybody else, though.

Here's hoping I'll be home to see you soon

Your Soldier Boy in Love
Joe.

P.S. That clipping refers to the S.A.T.C exclusively. A big bunch are leaving this week and will be leaving every week now. This peace may have some effect, but I doubt it.
Joe.



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