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November 15, 1917.

My own darling sweetheart:

How
to answer your two letters
of the Oct 13 and 27 which
I received last Sunday.
You can't imagine how
how they made me feel.
I felt like a new person
dearest. Your letters mean
so much more to me now.

No Grace, I never did
doubt your trusting me,
but I wanted you to tell
me how you felt. If I
only had you near enough
to talk to you my dear.
Don't talk about feeling
lonely. But then I do as
you do. Grace, I make
myself be cheerful, but

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down in my heart I
am so lonely and just
for you darling.

So you are taking
leave for me dear. Gosh
I don't have words to
express how I feel.

I want my letters
to be a help to you and
I hope they always will
be a help. I am glad
my ring is a comfort to
you. I wanted it for that
purpose. My love for you
just grows dearest when
I read your letters. There
is not a doubt in my
mind of your love and
trust.

Auster sure is taking
first prize for carnivals

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this fall. Wish I was home to enjoy them with you.

I hope the package social was a success. When you write of the church work I just feel like packing up and coming home. But I can't. War is h—.

Do you like Pastor Gordon? I think he is a good man and I hope you people have a good time in Austin this winter.

Our weather is fine. I hope we won't have any snow. Don't want it. I hope by this time you have received my

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first letter. I am writing
as often as I have time
space. You will soon
get over your being spoiled.
I will see that I never spoil
you in that way again,
dearest. See? Well it
won't be my fault if you
don't get my mail. I will
write and the rest is for
the censors and Uncle Sam.

A good thing that
gossip soon dies down. If
they only knew, wouldn't
they open their eyes. They
are better off as it is, I
don't know how the
gossip gets started. Oh,
well they can't prove what
they say and so don't
worry and I know you



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you don't.
I too have the same
feeling some times Grace.
When will I see her again.
But I don't let it remain
with me very long. I know
I will come home to you
again, it may be a year
or two, but that time will
soon pass. Don't allow
those feelings and thoughts
to have the better of you
dearest. Just smile them
away and smile and say,
"When he comes home I can
have him all the time."

I want you to tell
me how you feel Grace.
Don't hold back anything
nothing to ask forgiveness
for dearest. I can stand



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to know how you feel. Many times I feel tempted to throw up every thing, but then I think of you dearest and when I come home and I feel ashamed for having thought of such things.

I am so thankful the league meetings are coming along so well. It makes my heart rejoice to know it. I am praying for the league and I know God answers prayer. Darling if you ever have any trouble just take it to God and he will help and aid you. Oh so many times I have done so and he



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comes right back
with open arms and
help.

So I have heard U.S.
needs money and so postal
rates are raised. War
costs money and it must
be raised somehow.

Yes my dear, hard
work at times is good for
you. I am glad you are
capable of doing it, only
don't over work yourself.
You won't will you?

I am in the best of
health and feel equal to
licking the whole German
army myself. We are all
waiting for a shot at
the Kaiser and his men.
The sooner the better.

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I wish you were here to enjoy the scenery and other things with me Grace. I know you would enjoy it. This is a beautiful country. They can hate their beautiful country, but give me a kiss and I will be satisfied. I want you dear and you only.

Best regards to your folks.

All my love which has grown with mistakes are for you my sweetheart from your own true soldier boy.

Dave.

Enclosed you will find 5 kisses. Can't seal letters.

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