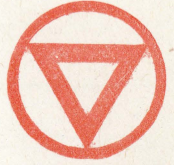



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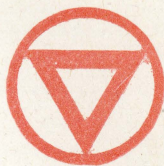
My own dear Grace:-

I received two letters today. You don't seem to like work, well I don't blame you one bit. I know how it is, but once you get started that feeling disappears. I am glad you had a good time at Des Plaines. I hope you ate some "sill" for me.

They want peace all right, but on terms the Allies can't agree upon so the only way to get peace is to lick them to pieces and force them to agree.

I want to come home to you and the time can't be any too soon.

I did not copy the letter I wrote to your mother because I knew she will let you read it. I know your mother pretty well.


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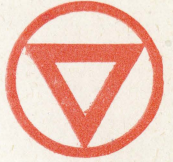
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I hope you will think O.K. of the letter. I hope and pray my dear that you never will regret making that promise to me. As far as I am concerned you never will and I know you so I am not worrying and I am going across feeling secure that I have a true and loyal girl awaiting my return.

Many times I day dream too and I picture many things. Yes you may be sure I get very lone some at times. I want you, but I can't have you.

Yes our captain is a spring. I would follow him any where. I have learned to trust him and I know the other boys have done the same. We were told today we might leave at any time. But I


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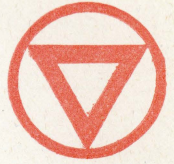
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won't believe it until I go. So be ready if I should send a telegram. I will send it to your office.

I had a letter from my cousin today and he said he goes against his will. Poor fellow. A good thing you didn't start company with him brace dear. I am ashamed to own up he is my cousin.

Oh my darling you don't know how glad you made me feel what you wrote about the ring. I was not so certain, but now I will never never feel a bit of doubt about you or feel sorry I asked you. It means a lot to me to have you feel that way about it. I knew I had chosen the right girl when I asked you.


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Just for that you can have one  
 extra kiss. I would like to  
 give you an extra hug too. I  
 know I am coming back and to  
 love you and you to love me.  
 You my sweetheart I pray that  
 I will never betray the trust  
 you have put in me and that I  
 will come back as clean as  
 when I left you. The love that  
 christian sweethearts can have is  
 the only love worth having.

I will close for this time. Best  
 regards to you folks.

My heart full of love and  
 mistakes for you my own darling.

Your own true Marine.

Dave.

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