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Sept. 18,

My own dear Grace:-

Now to answer your letter of the 16. That is some question to ask me. "Are you forgiven?" Do you think I ought to? You ought to know no better Grace, than to ask forgiveness for such a thing. Easily do I forgive you my dear and with all my heart. Are you satisfied now?

I will have to mail the "special" a little later. I don't want you or your folks being bothered at mid night. If it happens again I will stop it.

Well I want some silver bars, but I will be satisfied if I come home a private. Just so I get home after the war I will be satisfied, bars or no


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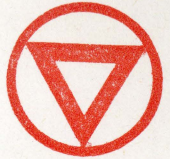

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bars.

Our days are warm when the sun is shining, but our nites are very cold. We shiver every morning, but as the sun rises higher in the heavens it gets very warm. Give me the sun and warm weather and I won't kick. I mean not to hat weather.

Yes you a correct my dear. In a way, the time has passed quickly, but again it seems a ges since I last held you in my arms and had my last kiss. Yes, I would be satisfied with one day with you before I go across. Oh my own Grace, dont speak of how you feel at nights when the lights are out. The only thing that ~~lets~~

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helps me is my falling asleep. Oh, how I do want you, but then (as I have said before) I think of when I come home, then I will have you for good. May the time go quickly for that time to come for us.

No candy as yet. I am waiting for it and hope it will come very soon. If I stay here long enough I will write you which I like the better. That is just like you, to give me the choice.

Don't ever mention it to me if you miss a day. As much as I miss you letter, I can wait and the letter the next day is so much dearer to me. You know why I write that way to you. Don't you. I have the time

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so why not. When I sit down to write to you I forget every thing else and my thoughts are all on you my dear.

No, I will never go to the brig intentionally. You can bank on that. Your words, I will love you through thick and thin, mean more than words can express to me. My darling, I am just beginning to realize what you are to me. Oh that I may be worthy of your love and of you.

Grace, it made me very sad, what you wrote about mother. I have done all I can to make her feel herself again, and I only write encouraging letters to her, but to no avail. When I think of my dear mother my heart sinks away down and it just

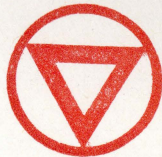

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makes me feel awful. I don't know what to do, when I have to tell I have left for France. What should I do, my dear? If I only could make her see I am safe and sound and that I am coming home again. All I can do is to trust in God and let him take care of mother. She knows there is something between us, but ~~not~~ what it is she doesn't know. I am going to tell before I leave.

I am so glad Fanny is happy and feels so well. That is good news about Billy reading the bible. If all our boys will do that we will all come home and be different boys all together. I wish I could see Bill before I go across. If we stop in Philly.


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or H. Y. I am going to look him
 up. You can tell Lillie she
 owes me a letter, if she cares
 to answer. I have lots more
 to write my dear, but I am
 going out tonight for a walk
 and will write more tomorrow.
 I have something about Gem to
 tell you. If I only had you
 here to nite Grace. I want you,
 but I can't have you.

Best regards to your folks.

All my hearts love and its
 pain I am going to give to you
 to heal with mistakes.

Your lonesome, heartsuck boy.
 Dave.

S. W. 6 K's.