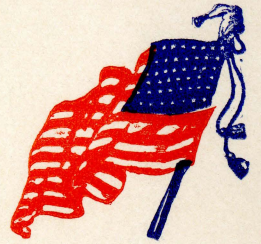


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My own darling girl:-

How do you like my new stationery? The only thing missing is my name. It has been raining all day and you can imagine how much I like that. We get used to living in the rain too.

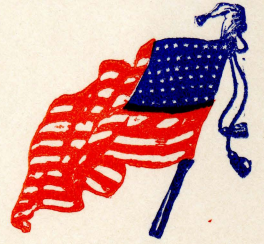
I received your two letters of the 20 and 21 and will answer them. Yes my dear all my blues have disappeared and I am going to try my hardest to keep them away from me from now on. I don't know where they come from or I would give them their last goodbye.

Do you call that trouble Grace to send you a special. I want you to take that back. I would do anything for you my dear. I did not like that you wrote that one bit. No I am going to write you every day. It makes you feel the same as I do when I don't receive a letter from you. I feel lost. I hope I won't have to go across. If it will take a month for me to get a letter from you I sure am going



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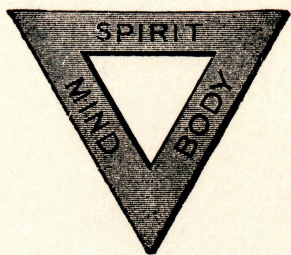
to feel it. But just as I have done so often in the last 4 months I will have to wait and feel satisfied Grace. You will have to do the same. We can both suffer together. The good thing, our love need not die but I hope it will grow. I know mine will.

You just got through sending me a box of candy. Don't spoil me to badly Grace. You know though what I like. You certainly are my darling.

(Letter of the 21) So you could tell my blues had disappeared. ~~I am very glad to note it.~~ ^{mistakes} I won't say that. I am thankful that they did not lost own till I wrote that letter. I am not going to think of wishing it were two weeks instead of one.

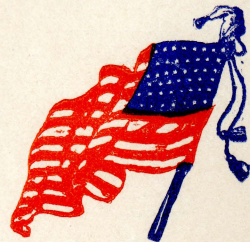
September and pay is coming and you are going to get your "keepsake" and a picture.

A boy ^{heard from a} ~~received a~~ letter friend whom friend is a Marine in France now and he said the boys are betting they will be back by Thanksgiving. This is a little to much, but you can tell they think



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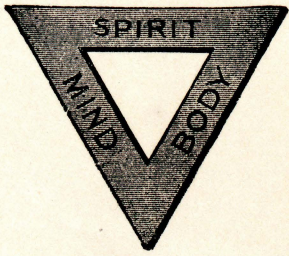
the war will soon be over. I think we have a right to be selfish in that respect, don't you Grace. If I don't have to go across, why should I wish to go. U. S. is enough for me, only so I can get home to stay.

They are crazy here. I said the other day if I had known what I would have to go through I would be in the Navy now. The Marine Corps is the best better of the three, but too much is too much. We work on some of the work a couple of times and then forget about it.

I am glad you liked the snap-shots. They did not turn out as good as I had wished they would. You can tell it me anyway.

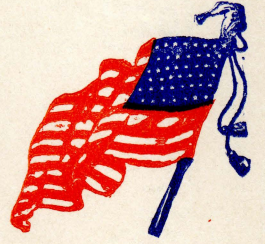
I'll say they would forget how to sleep if "they," only knew, not only the old women but some of the younger ^{people} too. You know who I mean. What they don't know, won't hurt to be kept away from them. It is none of their business any way, is it Grace?

I love dear, I wish I had you here when I



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first read your letter where you said, "who always had a smile etc." Sometimes I feel like giving up and let every thing go, but God steps in and takes a hand and I am glad he does. Many times I ~~have~~ hid my feelings by a smile. The boys around camp can't say I go around with a long face. I couldn't represent my God if I did. Grace. All we can do Grace dear is to do our best and we will feel better for it. Don't you think so?

I hope you are enjoying your self and have been doing so. Tell me about Clyria, what kind of a burg is it?

The Y.M.C.A. is giving an entertainment tonight and I am going to see what they have. Come-on-along, the waters fine. The Y.M.C.A. are doing a splendid work here. The boys just flock over here when they have liberty. You ought to see me play checkers, just like an old man.

I will close for this time so I won't take up to much of your vacation time. I have already written a book.

Love all that I have and mistakes are just for you my darling.
your happy but lonesome Marine,
Dare.
S.H. 3 K's.