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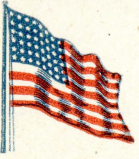
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My Darling Girl:-

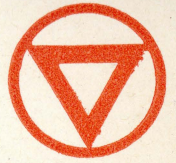
Received your letter and will try to answer it. I School was let out an hour earlier today. I worked pretty hard. We were auditing pay rolls and three of us worked the whole day on one company's pay roll. We have another coker tomorrow. I heard on the radio today that Gunnar and I have been detailed to go with the 6th Regiment when it leaves. I hope it is true. It may take us more than five weeks to lick the Kaiser, but we will do it. Just watch.

You say you can hardly



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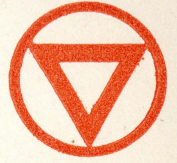
realize I have been home. I feel the same way Grace. It all seems a dream to me, but I suppose I will have to wake up to the fact that it is a reality. No, I did not have a glorious trip back. I kept thinking of you and home most all the time. I felt blue and lonesome.

Yes the Marines are a cheerful and sturdy bunch of boys. Look who is a Marine. As I said many times to you there is no comparison between the Marines, the army and the navy. The Marines are in a class by them selves.



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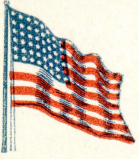
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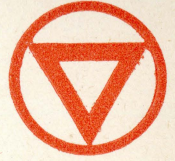
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I to have been thinking of Arline. I have told Gennae many times to cut out his writing to the other girls, but he could see no harm in it. He once said he didn't know which one he loved. He has showed me some letters written by Goldie and Arline and I told him to go slow with it. Both care for him and he has led both to believe he loves them. No my dear I don't think I had better say a word to him about it. He may think I am trying to butt in. See? I would like very much to help Arline as I like her, but Gen will have to



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save him self. You know just about the way I feel don't you Grace? I am so glad dearest, that you can trust me. You will never feel sorry for it. I will always be true to you and my love for you will always last. I am coming back to you when we can always have each other. I can hardly wait. You are enough for me Grace and no other girl can take your place.

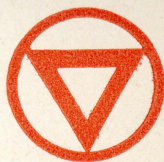
Let me know your dream whether it comes true or not. Be sure now or I won't ————?

Grace I have about the same feeling as you do. I feel lonesome oh so



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lonesome, but again I know I have you and it helps me, and to know you will be waiting for me makes it 100% better. You are sure you are not sorry you promised?

I will tell you a little of what I did last night. I know I ought to feel ashamed and I do but I did it any way. I came very near being a sick boy today. Last night 5 of us boys went to town. We entered an ice cream parlor. Now all dishes of ice cream are 10¢. We all said we would pay a round and one boy said if we all would stick 5 rounds he would pay.



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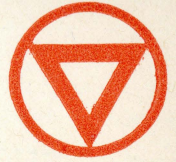
for the sixth. We all agreed. I had 3 dishes of ice cream and four glasses of grape juice, this settled me as it made me sick for a minute. Gunnar had 3 dishes and 2 ten cent pieces of pie. I & We still had 1 round left so we all had one chicken sandwich a pie. I know I did wrong but I promised and I had to feel bad for it. Never again for me.

Your candy is fine. Thanks my dear, for it. The last layers are better than the top. You surely went to a lot of trouble for me. I will remember it Grace.



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Grace my heart is full of things to write, but I must close for today. Best regards to your folks.

A heart full of love and blots and mistakes all for you my dear Azziz,
Your lonesome Marine,
Dave.

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