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My own Sweetheart: -

I hope you have received some of my letters by this time. I have written every day, I received two from you to-night. You can't imagine how I wait for your letters Grace. I will say your mail man has had a vacation and he better get busy.

Did my telegram mean so much to you? I am so glad you dear. I wish I could

have put you to it, but as you say
you could read between the lines. That
is true Grace, it is the same with me,
my heart often feels what I can't
put into words, but you know my
heart and I know yours. How's that?

In a way I would like to see
you go to Fox Lake. I believe you
could get a better vacation by going
there. But don't go and get sick Grace.
Yes, by all means let me know if
you go, if I was to wait two weeks
for a letter I would go n—y

~~Go~~ Grace dear, camp and school
will never feel like home to me. No
camp will as far as I am concerned.
When I have done my duty I will
be content to come home to you
and mother. See?

I suppose you know about
the candy by this time. I have some
left yet. Nobody but myself can
have any. You may say I am selfish,
but I don't care. So now.

How for your letter of the 15th

Do you really think of me?
Same here dearest. I can't yet
realize I have been home to
you, it all seems a dream.

Now look here Grace. Are
you paying attention. I don't
know what they see so wonder-
ful and grand in my letters.
I write an ordinary letter. What
more can I do? I write Miss
Elmstrom about my life and
the camp. I don't consider it
grand. I'll tell you one thing
Grace they are not like the
letters I write to you. In one
way they are and again they



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are not. You know what I mean. I don't do as Sam has done and ~~got~~ get myself into hot water. You for me and you only. You won't get jealous I know because you trust me and I trust you, so there. I will take you bawling out and be good from now on.

Now don't lose any sleep over me Grace. I will be satisfied if you think of me during the day time. I don't want to be

selfish over you, but when you say you
dream of me it makes me feel much better.
Oh my dear if I could only tell you how
I love you and that I am satisfied with
you and only you. No other girl can
tempt me now. I am more than thankful
that I could come home and prove to
you, my love. Maybe if I had not come
home, you would not be waiting for
me when I come home, but now I know
I can have you when I come home and
believe me I will want you. Even if I do
kill some Germans will you love me
Grace? You know I will be a murderer.

So only one picture turned out ~~good~~
fair. The reason they blurred was that
we were too jolly and couldn't stand
still. I know we were laughing and
once when Goldie took a picture she
moved the camera. I saw it. I hope
the pictures in my camera turn
out good. Was the one of you and me
taken by your camera?

Poor Gun, I feel sorry for him.
He received a letter from Goldie today
and it made him feel blue, now

to-morrow he will get one from
Arlin and spoil his day. Goddies
says she can't sleep at nights
she misses him so much and
she cries all the time. Poor girl.
I feel for both girls, more for
Arlin though. Gee if I knew
you doubted me because I was
making love to another girl. I
couldn't do a thing like that.
I don't think he realizes what
he has done. Why don't you
tell Arlin to demand from
Gunner a definite answer?
If she speaks to you again
about it, tell her to, she has



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a right to know. Gun is
old enough to know which
one he wants by now. Both
Goldie and Arlin have been
led to believe that Gunnar
cares for them and it is not
fair. What say you my Azzie?
Oh, why should we worry over
their love affair. Just so you
and I know each other is enough.
Ain't it Grand?

Just think how much I
have written and said a little.

But every thing I have said is from my
heart Grace.

Try not to be blue Grace. There
is some difference between being blue
and lonesome. I will be lonesome and
I want you to be, that is what I
mean by not being blue. See?

Regards to you folks and your
mother. All my love and mistakes
for you my sweetheart from your

Marion lover,

Dave.

S. H. 2 R's.