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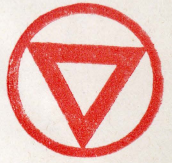


September 25, 1917

My own dear Grace:-

Now to answer your letter of the 23. Gummy did tell Goldie we were engaged. I never told him we were engaged, but ^{not} I told him a little about what happened on our furlough. He asked me. Before we left for our furlough we talked about this matter and he said to me that he was going to ask Arline to wait for him. When he got home he changed his mind, because he did not know which one to ask. I asked him when we arrived back if he had asked her and he asked me and I told him. Perhaps I never should have, but I am glad you said no to her and Gummy won't mention it again in any of his letters.

I hope you the prophecy


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of that hermit comes true, then this war will soon be over, but I hope they will give us a chance at the Germans first. No doubt we can finish the Germans in short order.

My cold has disappeared for the time being, but I do not know how soon it will come back.

I know it is more than once that I have wished this camp was nearer home. Just think if our camp was at Rockford and I could come home every Sunday.

I hope it was nothing serious. Sam has said nothing to me. As far as I know there has come nothing between them, of course it could have been


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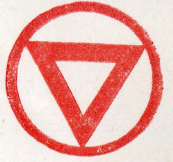
Your candy is all gone now. I received the cake last evening. Will you please thank your mother for all her trouble. It sure tasted good. Jim and I have a place in the woods near by where we often go and we went there and ate part of the cake and ate some today. We are not supposed to eat in our houses so we went away and then to, so we could have it by our selves. I suppose you think me stingy, but I don't care.

Pretty late to be eating breakfast, don't you think? I am glad it did not come at midnight.

It sure is fine to be able to get back in a football line again.


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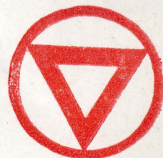
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I made a resolution last Thanksgiving (when I hurt my eye) never to play football again, but that is broken. I'd like to buck up against some of the fellows at home. I am in good condition now and getting better every day.

Very thoughtful of you my dear. So you want ~~to~~ me to kill some Germans. I sure would be a bum ~~then~~. I guess if such a thing should happen to me.

Why didn't you put some pep in the social. Don't allow the war spirit to come over the young people. It is bad enough the way it is now. What is going to happen if this war continues for three years more?

I thank you again my dear for your promise. I know

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you will be true to me, and I too am waiting anxiously for the time when I can come back to you.

I know I was lonesome last Friday when I wrote that letter. I can't hide anything from you, can I? Does this letter have anything in it to make you think I am lonesome? I am lonesome tonight. We have not done a thing all day and this afternoon I laid down and my thoughts went (you know where) When I get that way it takes a nights sleep to fix me up again.

Yes, I suppose I will have to wait for that kiss until I come home. I will wait patiently for the others too. It helps me to



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know that I have them coming. Those kisses you gave me, when I was home, have meant a lot to me and your kisses always will. You don't have to be afraid that you are throwing them away and I know you wouldn't have given them to me if you thought so. If I know you right you wouldn't.

My arm is O.K. now. I wasn't going to tell you at first it was an inoculation, but after a bit of thinking I changed my mind. I am glad now I did. If I did get hurt, I don't believe I would tell you, for fear you would worry over it, so if I get hurt on the battlefield you'll never know - until I get home. Don't you think I am right? My mother won't even find out, that is,

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through me.

We are going out on another
hike to-morrow.

I will close to today.

Best regards to your
folks.

All my love and mistakes
to you my darling girl, from
your own lonesome bay,

Dave.

S. W. 211's