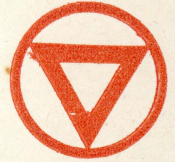



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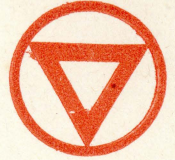
My Darling Sweetheart:-

Is it true that I was home or have I been dreaming? Quick are the changes of a Marine. Now my desires are that the war will soon be over so I may come home to stay. Ah how I do hope that ^{that} monk's ~~phro~~ prophecy will come true. I had a fairly good trip back, but not ~~as~~ like the others. My thoughts were continually home. The camp is the same as before. We arrived here at 5 o'clock. We did not stop in Washington at all. We stayed on the same train to camp. You ought to see some of the boys my dear



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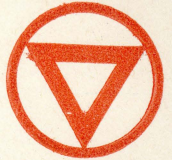


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All they talk of is home and what a good time they had. Now it is all over. They are cheerful about it. A few of the boys have gotten married. One boy who Gunnor and I have taken a liking to got married. He is one of these easily led. He has a fine girl. I have read a few of the letters she has written to him. When he left she gave him a small bible and made him promise to carry it with him all the time.

Your candy is in perfect condition. I was surprised when I got it. Soft and it tastes fine.

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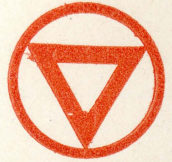
This is true Grace. It hadn't been opened either. I was surprised. You sure went to a lot of trouble in wrapping it that way. You are a darling Grace. Oh if you were only near me. I got the same thoughts you got the other night, that you called silly, remember? No girl to love for some time. I am glad for one thing though, even if I can't have you in my arms, we can still love each other and it can grow and when I come back I will have you for good. I never knew what real love was Grace until lately. It is a great thing.



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I also received your two last letters. It seems very strange you should ask me to come home. Now you have had me, are you satisfied Grace dear?

It is very warm. Chicago does not have the drying heat we have here. As soon as we crossed the mountains we could feel the difference in the climate.

I am going to work after dinner today. I washed clothes this morning. They surely needed it.

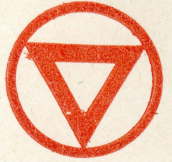
I can't help thinking of the talk there will be after my going



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away. I wish I could be with you to share it Grace. You know what to answer and after a while they will get over it.

I will close for this time my dear with a heart full of love for you.

Your own Marine,
Dave.

S. W. 2 K's and mistakes.