

Sunday Aug. 19, 1917

Dear Marie,

This is my first day out of the mess hall. I had a week at being Dining Room Orderly and believe me I am glad that someone else is taking his turn at it. From 5:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. with just enough time to eat, and a rest between 3 & 4 P.M. is no "light occupation". It will seem good to get back at signal practice tomorrow I will have to study and buzzer practice every evening so won't be able to write much. There was no letter from you today but will expect some in the morning. Gee but I wish I could talk to you.

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It sure is going to be hard to leave without seeing you at all. If I didn't have such a healthy bunch of folks I could I suppose find some way of having a day in Belmont. I can hardly wait to get your picture. Send it as soon as you can.

Maybe I'll get some here pretty soon. I should like to see you with your hair done up. Did Lauretta ever fix it for you? I sure am glad that you and Lauretta are such very close friends. Don't ever tell her that I ever "hugged" you. She and you are the only girls I ever had very much respect for. Say nothing of anything further.

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One reason I respect and like her so well is that I know she would never allow anyone to get too familiar. Any girl that hasn't got pretty high ideals would never get a second thought from me. (Probably wouldn't want one either.) I don't know why I am writing this to you — I guess it's because I want you to know one reason why you have "wrapped yourself completely around my heart", as Blanche puts it. Everything that I have learned about you has increased my respect and love for you. The reason I know I will always love you is

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that I know you will
never change.

Marie you are just
exactly as I would have
you in every way. You
always were and I am
sure you always will be.

Don't let Lou "kid" you about
school. I will admit that
I admire any girl that
has learned to reason
and think.

independently,
without getting muscle-bound
between the ears.

Well there goes "tapes" so
I will have to quit.

Yours Forrest.



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