

Sunday Sept. 16, '17

Dear Marie,

This has been a very busy week for me and I haven't been able to write as often as I would like to. I took the visual signal test Thursday and got thru OK. We had to be able to read about 50 letters a minute in Semaphore and about 20 letters a minute at wig-wag. It takes an awful lot

of practice to develop
this speed as it is
all new to all of us.

I am still plugging
along with the fastest
class of ham radio
operators and can copy
about fifteen words
or 75 letters a minute.

So you see I am also
working on air as
they say you are. Don't
feel disappointed at being
set back. You have
plenty of time and
might better take the
grade over. I am mighty
glad that you are
getting along so
well. Your mention
of the book "Control

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of "Body & Mind,"
interested me. Will
you tell me more about
what you have in
this book? Maybe it
will help you break
yourself of biting
your nails! Would you
like me to try to
help you break this
habit?

I am going to cut
out all sweet stuff,
fudges and everything.
But I am anxiously
waiting ^{for} another box from
you. The other box sure

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was good. Can hardly
wait for your pictures
to come. Here are a
couple proofs of
a film I developed
last night. One is
of stacks and I with
the semaphore flags
at the first line
trenches. The other is of
me operating a field
luzzer down in a
trench by a machine
gun emplacement. I
will send some prints of
these later. I noticed
the little bronze square
on ~~th~~ your waste in
the proof you sent,
and it sure makes me
feel good to know

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that you wear this. It represents the ideal that every man would strive for if he had a girl like you to think of.

Oh, Girlie, I wish I could feel your head on my shoulder and your soft brown hair in my face. Marie, every time I read your letters I can see you out on the porch that last Tuesday night. Marie don't change your letters unless you change. I

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didn't get any letters today but will watch for one by the first morning mail.

This evening I talked with a man who is training as an engineer lieutenant. I used to work under him part of the time when I was in the City's employe last fall, surveying. We are going to try to locate Captain Culver, here, this week. This man, Popelka, says the war is going to last a good two years longer. Somebody is always taking the joy out of

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life. Well I must
quit for tonight
but will write again
as soon as I get
the prints. Now will
you write me a letter as
full of your warm
lovable self as your
letter of Sept. 13th
was?

Yours,
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Forrest.



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