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Dear Mr. Anderson:

I completed my training about two weeks ago, and am now in the Provost Guard, which is an organization selected to guard 12 vital posts on this base at nighttime. I stand guard every other night for from 2 to 4 hours, and each day do the typing here in our office. I am awaiting a final physical exam for flight training, and also results on an application I filed for a commission, seeking to capitalize on my college training and Supreme Court work. The final decision on both will probably be some two months off, as I imagine there are many boys ahead of me.

I of course long to be back in civilian life--especially back in Tally, which I like much--but I suppose it will be quite some time before I can enjoy freedom as I have known it again. I am unutterably opposed to killing, anyhow, and had hoped to get in some branch of the service more indirectly connected with killing. My conviction is about fixed to enter the ministry after the war, and of course my beliefs there also abhor the taking of human life. I have good chances to get scholarships to the Univ. of Chicago and Yale Divinity School (I forget whether I mentioned this to you in our conversations or not) and think I shall settle on one of these for my religious work, which I should be able to complete in at least two full years of study, as my LL.B. should stand as my undergraduate work. I also understand Union, in New York, is a quite good seminary. If you can drop me a line concerning a good place for religious-philosophical studies I would appreciate it.

I think, as I mentioned awhile ago, I shall be here a couple of months, and then may be sent either to a station or to some officers' school. In any event, I imagine when I am stationed it will be my residence for the duration. My health is fine, and I have gained about 10 pounds since my arrival, and still eat like a hog! I shall get around to sending you Philosophical Fragments (written by the Dane, Kierkegaard, about whom I have spoken to you) some day--I trust, soon.

Please give my regards to Hazel (I was in a few classes with her while in Tally), and I trust you are all well and happy.

Ever sincerely yours,

Mac Ferguson

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