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Mrs. Landolt: - I am very sorry not to be able to answer your most comforting letter sooner. but as my health is not so good. Forrest leaving as he <sup>did</sup> and not being able to come home. rather upset me. I am so grateful to you. for what you have done for him.

I received a telegram from him while he was in New York and also a letter he wrote while at <sup>Grand</sup> Central Station. he was being taken care of by the U.S.O. and his train would soon be due for New-London Conn. where he will be stationed for twelve weeks. Now I am telling you this just in case he neglects writing you. He would not do it with bad intentions but he does not keep up his correspondence very well. Forrest has always been a boy of clean habits. he promised me when in the

seventh grade not to smoke or drink, and I believe he has always remembered it in a way he is an idealist

I understand by your letter, he has not told you that <sup>he</sup> had been baptised four years ago, or near that. <sup>it was</sup> Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1939. I think the reason for him getting away from his church, was due to him being an athletic star in school, and the older boys were proud of him, and thought he had to go in their gang. <sup>older</sup> his brothers tried to keep him from being with them, but at that time he could not see it, of course he has regretted it since.

Again I want to thank you for the interest you and Rev Landolt has taken in my home sick boy, and if you do not hear from him soon, please write me and I will send you his address, as I am very much concerned in him.

Yours truly  
Mrs J.M. Radabaugh