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Norfolk, Va., Nov. 30, 1918

My Dear Dr. Dillard,

Thank you so much for your very welcome note telling me of Richard's safety. You can never know just how happy it makes me to know that the dear fellow is safe and sound, and as proud of him as I am, I am nevertheless deeply conscious of a sense of gratitude to the good Lord for having given him the strength to be a good soldier and for having kept him in safety through the great dangers to which he has been constantly exposed. I see that the 30th Division will shortly embark for home and I do hope that means that Dick will be back certainly by Christmas. Should you hear anything of his probable early return, would certainly appreciate your letting me know.

Cordially yours,

Gaston S. Foote,