Wednesday, April 30, 1899.

My dear Mrs. Arlen—

Your kind and longed for letter reached us yesterday, and we cannot express how much appreciation we feel for your kind and thoughtful act. It was like a ray of sunshine after those long, weary months of waiting and hope.

And your cable message was the first personal thing we heard about dear old Fygar, and how dear he was to you. We just cannot realize that he has been with us.

Dr. Hunt and I were heartily glad to think that he did not suffer long, and know that he was comforted.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
On the 9th of October, - we hope a
Merciful Providence attended
him insensible to pain and all
that was terrible. Or have tried to
figure out how he could be buried
in Ames if he had been treated in
either No 3 or 405 Evacuation
hospitals - because they were
located at La Recive near Suffolk
and from there let us think Ames
must be up near the front.
For do hope you will find time
and be able to actually go and
see him - maybe on Decoration
day. What a new meaning
the day has taken in for us.
For Figar himself, we can
have regrets - he was made
for joy and happiness. He
did the thing he wanted to do
and went in - we are sure with
flying colors. I cannot believe
that somewhere near us all the
time his Spirit roams - I am
very conscious of him now.
The time and are makeup
A great effort to be brave as he
was. Everett Reamney - a friend of
Figar - in the Sanne Co with him
the 75 th. Writes us that Figar
was always laughing - think I
laughing in that hell - such
fearlessness makes me stand
in awe, and realize what a
Godsend that dear boy must
have been to many of the men.
I am so glad you knew Figar in his own home and in those days when we all seem to have been so free to enjoy friendly companionship and good things of this life. They seem a long long time ago. The sustaining element in this hard trial has been the kindness and sympathy from friends, and I believe that you will read between these lines and realize how grateful we shall always be to you.

Dr. Hutchinson just said, "Write for a little American flag, please put a little American flag on Figar's resting place - if it's anywhere near there on Decoration Day."

Dr. shall all be glad to welcome you back and hope your journey will be comfortable and safe. With best wishes from us all -

Sincerely,

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