

48 Caddington St  
Quincy Mass Nov. 27/7

Dear Mother Sands:

I may be a bit forward  
but I wish to ask you for your daughter  
Agnes, so she may become my wife

I know it will be hard on you  
to lose her, but I hope you will take this  
in the right spirit & feel it is a due & just  
deal which every girl some time in life so  
desires.

Since I left her two years ago she  
has been on my mind all the time Iiving  
in hopes I might be able to raise myself  
high enough to ask for this privilege & feel  
I can support her properly. Should any thing  
happen to me while in Gov't service she  
will be well taken care of for I have taken  
out Government insurance for her protection

(signing it to my sister but it can hardly  
be changed over)

I have encouraged her to do so &  
if she cares to do so, she is waiting for your  
consent. We will be married as soon as she  
arrives in Jersey City N. J. stopping at my Father  
-home for a day or so returning to Quincy  
as it is almost impossible for me to get over  
to the leave while the boat is under construction.

Hoping to hear a favorable reply  
in the near future

J.P. Merr