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Frankie Manning.

Dear Frankie

It is with sad heart of course  
that I write these lines.

Hedrick was my one  
clear brother and I could  
not feel any other way.

The great sadness it brings  
to my heart is the fear  
that he may not have been  
ready to meet God.

However I try to hope his  
soul was saved. I hope that  
he felt his need of a Savior  
like Jesus.

I do not feel distant or

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cool ~~to~~ you as you may  
possibly feel that I do.  
But to the contrary I love  
you, and sympathize with  
you. Frankie do not  
grieve now, as it is done  
and can not be helped by  
grieving now, but go to  
God in prayer, and ask  
him to help you to overcome  
it by a determination  
to do all the good you can  
the rest of your ~~the~~ life  
by God's help.  
To consecrate your life  
to God's service, by an  
upright life every day.  
Let your light (that is your  
life) so shine before men,  
that they may see your  
good works, and glorify

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Your Father which is in heaven. Mat. 5-16. That will please God as nothing else will, and will give you more comfort, and peace of heart and mind than all else you could do.

Frankie as a dear ~~or~~ friend, or even as a dear mother would say to you if she ~~was~~ was living.

I beg you in God's name not to try to ~~to~~ overcome it by going to rambling from place to place, or by drinking, or any other bad habit that may give temporary relief, but destroy ~~your~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~of~~ influence, <sup>for good</sup> and make you as brut.

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Frankie There is no way round it, This will largely mark your life for good or bad. just as you turn it now. So then for the sake of all that is good and true, turn the matter over to ~~the~~ God, and go on praying to him for guidance.

We do not blame you we feel that it was Heddicks carelessness, not think of any danger, I can not help saying God have mercy on my brothers carelessness.

Do not feel that I criticizing you Frankie for I feel in my heart that you would not have done it for the world, I long permit me to give you this friendly advice

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That I think I learned  
several years ago, if you  
are ever caught in a  
similar circumstance again  
get you gun blow out the  
light then wait, that <sup>gives</sup> you  
all the advantage for you  
are in a dark room, and if  
a opening is made you have  
the sun out on them

If you have an opportunity  
come to see us, we would  
be glad to have you with  
us any time for Hedrick  
thought so much of you.

Frankie if you have

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not been to see Ma when  
you get this letter go as  
soon as you can, please  
Frankie do not fail to  
go and see her soon, it  
will do you both so  
much good, even though  
you do not feel like  
going, and you can not  
say a word to her, she  
maybe couldnt say any  
ting so much to you at  
first, but she will love  
and honor you for so ~~doing~~  
doing, Do not fail  
to go because there will

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be crying and taking on  
when you go

When you go Frankie  
if you can talk to her  
just tell her you ~~too~~  
would not have done  
it for the world, but go  
if you can not say a word

Frankie I have rote these  
lines prayerfully hoping  
to ~~help~~ help you

I am praying for you as  
well as for my ~~self~~ self  
and our family. God bless  
you and help you to be a child  
of his in deed and in truth  
your friend Eugene Redding.

Frankie gim rote this  
letter but I have red it  
and will sign  
with him  
Eugene Redding.