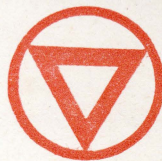



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My darling Grace:-

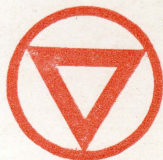
Another cold and dreary day, I have spent most of it in bed. Some good place to be when one is cold and sleepy. I fell asleep and awoke feeling fine. Now if only the sun was shining every thing would be first rate. Just got through saying good bye to two boys leaving tomorrow for France. About 1000 men are leaving. These boys were with our company on Paris Island and were transferred and are now leaving before us. It won't be long before the rest of the 6th Regiment leaves. All the boys want to leave and it will be a happy bunch when the 73rd goes.

No I am not going to school any more. We had been back about a week and the Major



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wanted us to be company clerks. He had our companies for us, but we refused and asked to be put back in the company again. I am glad now we did. I feel at home with the boys and now can feel like one of them. I guess we weren't good enough for the old paymaster, so Gun and I are now with the company. You don't care do you? I have learnt the gun now and our warfare is very interesting.

I am coming back Grace dear, better spiritually and physically than when I leave. God is going to be my guide through everything and his will be done in everything. I know I am coming back to my mother, and to you my dear for good. It may be a



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few years, but I am coming
anyway.

Just think a few days
more and it will be five months
for me in the Marine Corps. The
time sure has passed, where I
don't know. I don't seem to
have had any summer and I
wonder how it is in France.
I expect ~~we~~ we will get some
hard training this winter and
then for the spring drive.

The pictures have not come
yet, but I expect them any time
now.

Best regards to your folks,
and all my love and mistakes for
you my dear.

Your own Marine boy,
Darr.

S. W. 3 R's.