

Somewhere in France.

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OF THE UNITED STATES



"WITH THE COLORS"

March 6, 1918.

My own darling Grace:-

How many different kinds of writing paper have I used in writing to you dear since coming to France? But then it is not the paper, but what is on the paper. Grace this is the third letter I have written to you this week and I don't know why you do not receive my mail. I get yours and this one is in answer to your letter of February 13.

Grace darling, it makes me feel so good to know you put your trust in me, to tell me just how you feel. You know that and I want you to do it all the time.

Good for you Grace, I know mother will like it as it helps her and I hope you too. So up as often as you feel like it because



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I know you will always be welcome.

Swimming, well you people have nothing on us when it comes to mud and water. I wish you could see this place and I hear the trenches are worse. Just so the weather isn't cold the water and mud does not feel so bad.

I hope the boys stick to their promises and stay. So the seminary has slackers too. So bad. How old is the fellow?

I bet you will have some party and I hope you save the picture so I may see it when I come home. You sure will be some dolls in those clothes.

I hope and will pray that Billy Sunday will do some good in Chicago. I wish I was home to be with. I hear he is coming



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over here later.

Oh we will be present. Didn't you see us? It sure was a dandy evening that I spent. I never could sing and now my voice is worse than ever. Can't sing any more. You want to make them good times dearest, even if I am not there. Will you do as I say or will I have to bawl you out. I hate to do so so please dear do as I ask you.

I wonder if ever you can realize what you mean and are to me darling. I know you can't. I am enclosing a paragraph from a letter I received from Miss. Jayers in Berwyn. You mean everything to me dear and I am waiting and longing for the time when I may be with you again. But

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you know Grace all of us have a part to share in this war and I guess you know your part by this time. I surely do wish I could help you, but I cant. Don't worry dear, but write me just the way you feel.

Yes dear, God will answer prayer and I know he is going to take care of me and bring me safely back to you. Just trust God and he will take care of the rest. I am so glad Grace you know God and will go to him for help. Just think if you didn't have him to go to.

Now listen dear to what I am going to write. I will make you love me more and miss me more. I wouldn't be satisfied if you only loved me a little dear, but I



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want all, you know that. I am going to have that and you too some day sweetheart. See how sure I feel, but why dwell on that when that is settled. I want you to miss me. That old saying, absence makes the heart grow fonder, and it surely is so. I know my love has grown and I miss you, more now than I ever did. Grace dear, if I only could tell you on paper how I love you, but it is very very and some more very much. Some day though when I won't have to use paper, but when we can speak to each other. Give me some more of those "bawling outs", Grace. I like it. How I wish I could be near you to receive a bawling out again.



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I feel fresh to-night Grace. I wish you were here so I could get you kissed. Could I get you kissed, do you think? Oh darling, but why say it, it looks so worthless on paper, but I love you darling and it is with all my heart. Nothing could change me now. I know I have found my own girl and feel satisfied.

Grace darling, it helps me so, when you write that I can help a little to heal your heartache. I know I can't do much, because that is for you to bear, but by my helping you you help me.

It is soon time for taps to sound so I will close with a good night and three kisses.

Best regards to your folks and to you my darling I send all

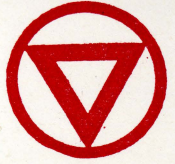


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my love from your own true boy,  
S. N. 614's. Dave.

Private David L. Lhou,  
73 Company - 6 Regiment,  
U. S. Marines - A. E. F.

Arnyl Beuder  
J. J. J. J.

I hope some day,  
David, that I can meet  
Grace. I'd love to. I keep  
her and her love before  
you always, and it  
will help.

when you get back, and  
they will each one have  
behind a big lesson  
probably.

We have had a  
pretty cold winter this

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