



United States Marine Corps,

Marine Barracks, Somewhere in France,

February 11, 1918.

My own dear Grace:-

I know how it is to write when one has no letter to answer dear, but even though I have none to answer, I write any way. It is the least I can do.

I know you are going to win darling. It is very hard, so I have found it and I get so lonesome at times, that I don't know what to do, but dear then I think of the time when I will be home with you and that for good, war or no war. Oh how I am waiting for that time dearest and I know you are also.

I am so glad the Christmas festival turned out so well. We always do have a success anyway, and you wanted me dear. Well I

sure would have liked to be there, but not this time. I hope though by next year we may enjoy it together.

Don't feel that way my dear. You know it helps me ~~to~~ when you tell me just how you feel. It does darling and I want you to do it all the time. Now remember that Grace.

How many times I have wished you were near enough so we could talk to each other and tell each other our secrets, but the time will come.

Skating, no skating for me this winter dearest. You will tease me like that will you? Ask me, "when will I come to take you out. If it only were in my power, I would be home tonight."

I heard a fine talk on the ("slackers") last night and I wish some of the slackers from our church could have heard it. It would have done them good. Some days I



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will tell it to them, see if I don't. You surely are doing your part my dear, so don't worry. Hard as it may be now, in the end oh what a victory it will be, don't you think so Grace?

The folks and you will be the only ones to know when that times comes. I know it will be joyful for me and you too.

Thanks darling I know you are doing it for me, and some day I will settle it with you. See?

Today is a dandy day, nice and warm, how I wish you was here dearest.

I am well and having a pretty good time everything considered.

Best regards to your folks.

All my love, mistakes and prayers are for you my darling girl from your true sweetheart,

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