

Somewhere in France.
March 1, 1918.

My own darling Grace:-

These last two days you have been constantly in my thoughts dearest and oh how I want you, if this war lasts much longer I don't know what I will do. If I only could have you one evening and hold you in my arms I could go away for another year, maybe. I had a dream, night before last darling. I was home with you, sitting on your front porch and had you all to myself, then we went to church and we sat, holding each others hands just as we sat "that" Sunday in August, only

in my dream, people would come
up and shake hands with me.
Oh if only it could be true dear,
how happy I would be. I try
to be happy now and I am
afraid I make a poor job of
it. I want you and you only
darling.

I am still working in the
office and expect to stay. I am
getting along first rate and I
know God will help me. I
want to stay, just for you
dear.

It won't be long now before
we will be in it for good. I
don't know how it will be about
writing, but I will do my best.
I hope I can live through it

all and come back to you safe
and sound. I am waiting for that
time. Watch the papers dear for
the Marines and see what they
will do.

All we are having now is
rain and mud, wading through
it all. Oh this is the life no
doubt. In a way I am happy
dearest, but it is not the real
true happy spirit I would have
were you with me Grace darling.
But our time will come and
then I will have you all by
myself and nobody is going to
take you from me. I am happy,
because I know you want me to
be, because I am supposed to be
so, and because I have you waiting
for me darling.

Well, Grace this is far from
being a cheerful letter, but I
have spoken my thoughts to
you as I know you want me
to do so.

I am well darling, so don't
worry about me.

Best regards to your folks
and give Billy a kiss for me, Grace.

All my love and mistakes
darling sweetheart are for you
from your own lonesome boy,

6 K's.

Dave.

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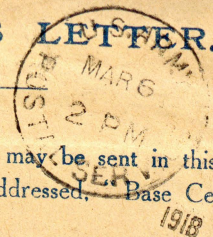
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