



DAVID L. THOR
73RD COMPANY
SIXTH REGIMENT, U. S. M. C.

October 4, 1917.

My own darling Grace:-

Is the Mizpah class still in order? I mean you have your regular monthly meetings.

What do you mean, what was on the paper? I don't remember now what you mean.

Oh when I get home I will listen all right. Do you think I am going to stop going to church? Your question seems so funny.

You may be as sorry to hear this as I was. Sam has finally decided on Goldie. He has bought her a ring and has sent it already. Keep this to yourself Grace dear. Goldie has written him every day now for over a week and I guess that is what decided it for him. I know how Arline will feel and I feel sorry for her because of the time she has wasted on him. I hope he has finally decided. I feel kind of doubtful about Sam. Not only in this respect, but in others. He has done two things already that has hurt me. Grace the temptations are many and it takes a hard struggle to keep straight, but I am going to, no matter what it takes.

I have my new address, but don't use it until you have received my telegram that I have left. It is, Private D. L. Thor, 73rd Company, 6th Regiment, United States Marine Corps, American Expeditionary Force. This is

all it takes, but be sure and
put on U. S. M. C. It will be
at least three weeks I think
before I can receive mail. Oh
how I will wait for your
mail, my dear. Those three
weeks will be mighty long
let me tell you.

Grace dear if you could
be at the boat when I left I
would be the happiest Marine
in the whole Corps, but
perhaps it is for the best
that you cannot be there.
Yes Grace, be brave because
others must go through the
same thing as you. You



DAVID L. THOR
73RD COMPANY
SIXTH REGIMENT, U. S. M. C

191

can't imagine how good your letters make me feel, when you write you must be brave, and that you are trying to be brave for me. Brave dear it makes my trust in you more true and my love grows.

Your Candy is perfect. I am eating it all by myself.

I received your telegram this afternoon. Brave, words cannot express how it has made me feel, to know

that all is fine. Oh I could feel it was so and it couldn't be any thing else.

All of us boys are up in the air because word was passed this morning to be ready to leave within 48 hours. This morning all the companies that are leaving paraded before the high monks. Our regiment received our flag and regimental flag. Some day I am going to take you to one of the Maine parades and to guard mount. They are worth seeing.

I will close for this time.

Best regards to your folks.

My own true love with mistakes are for you my dear from your own true boy.

Dave.

S. W. 411's.

When you write write on the upper left
hand corner of the envelope your name and
address. All the rates are the same as before.

Private. D. L. I. Ho.

73rd Company - 6th Regiment.

United States Marines,

American Expeditionary Force.