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Somewhere in France  
On Active Service

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December 1, 1917.

My darling Grace:-

To-night, if I only had you near me. Every thing seems so blue for me. But such is life and I know I must not give in to my feelings, even though I have a right to them. I am lonely for you dear, oh so lonely, but you persist in staying away from me. Sun, two others friends and myself were out to look around last night and what a lesson I learned. I wish I could tell you what we saw, but that must wait until I get home. It was there that I learned to appreciate you so much more than I did.



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before dearest. Some day I will tell you all, just to let you know what I think of France and its people. I am disgusted with them.

I received your letter of the 7 on Thursday. It could not have come on a more appropriate day. I had had a fine time on Thursday but when your letter came, well it just made it a better day for me.

I hope you have received letters from me by this time. I know how it was for me when I did not get any letters from you. I kept saying, if only I could get a letter from Grace.



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I will wait for that candy to come and I do hope it comes soon. Will I enjoy it? No need to ponder on such a question Grace. Well if you think I will enjoy the book, I know I will. You know what kind of books I like.

Yes, you will see me there as usual. Go ahead and tease me all you wish to. I need lots of that stuff these days. I sure do wish I could come along dear. You don't know how much I miss the monthly business meetings. I always looked forward to them with pleasure. But I suppose it will be some time



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before I can come along.  
I suppose the girls  
like a woman teacher better.  
I hope she can rebuild the  
class to its former size.  
I didn't know Pastor  
Gordon had two daughters.  
How old are they? Any  
chance for me? Such  
thoughts are farthest from  
my thoughts. I am very  
satisfied in my little girl.  
No, hardly any chance  
for me to see Lindbergs before  
they go. I sure wish them  
good luck.

Now I will tell you a  
little about my Thanksgiving  
Day. I enclose a program  
of the days events and you  
can see it is a was a busy



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day for all of us. The best event in my mind was the football game. It sure was a fine game. We won 13 to 0. We are very proud of this victory and of our team. Gunnar played right half back and he sure played a fine game. All the players played as one man and we just rushed the opposing team off their feet. There was over 5000 francs bet on the game. Lots of boys went broke and some lots <sup>with</sup> full pockets. I yelled so much that I was hoarse two days. I never yelled so much in all my life as I did at the game. It was worth it in

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my estimation. The evening program was very good. For dinner we had turkey, potatoes, celery, stuffings, apples, figs, dates, nuts, lemonade and pumpkin pie. Not so bad, do you think for a dinner in a camp like ours. I was well pleased and sure did enjoy it. I haw me any food now and see what I will do to it, I'll guarantee it won't be there long. That is what we are going to do to the Germans when we get a hold of them. We are going to eat them alive. See if we don't.

Dearest I know this is not much of a letter,



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but I couldn't do any better tonight. I just want you and only you and know I can't have you and well I feel like giving up every thing, but I ~~want~~ won't because I know you don't want me to and I will wait patiently and impatiently for the time when I may come home for good. This war can't end any too soon to satisfy me. <sup>Bob</sup> Jim and I have planned lots of things we are going to do when we get home. Jim will have its turn and then our turn will come.

Best regards to your folks.

For you my darling I



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give my best love with  
mistakes from you lonely  
Marine sweetheart,  
Dave.

Enclosed 5 K's.

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U. S. Marines,  
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