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My own dear girl:-

What are you holding back Grace? There is something now, tell me. I can stand what ever it may be.

Grace do you really think I will never come back or do you mean on a furlough? I feel sure of coming back after the war, do don't let that haunt you. But I must see you before I go. Do you suppose you could come to Washington? I would by

your ticket. Gummor has written to Arline about this. I know it is a long distance to travel and your mother would have a right in refusing. Just what do you think? Don't say a word as yet to anybody, just let me know what you think. I hope you can be trusted while in my company. But I must see you before going.

Thank you, my dear, for your trust in me and that you feel that I trust you.

I know you are worthy of the thing I wrote ~~to~~ to you, or you never would have seen them. The thought of you being pure and clean kept the temptation from me away from those girls. I would think, what would Grace think if I even put my hands on one of those girls.

My dear, I do love you. I always did like you, more some times than at other times, but that has changed to love. Now you can take that or not. Nevertheless it is true.

Just lean it to me and see if

I would stay away a whole
day. First it would be the
telephone and then you. See?

Don't feel so desperate
my dear. Don't you see it
does not help you. Just wait
and abide your time. If God
wants us to see each other
he will arrange it so. I have
put my trust in him.

I want to know that
secret before long so prepare
yourself to tell me. Now
see and I will get my way
too. See if I don't.

Yes Grace dear I will believe
what you write. Now that we
are sure of each others trust



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there should be no reason for doubting what we write. Is there?

Your heart must be funny. I think I will come home and fix it. Can I now answer me.

Am waiting to sign the pay roll now. But as I nearly last in the alphabet it takes some time before I can sign. I would just as soon wait though.

What is your office room number
Grace and the name of the firm.

No. I have not heard from
Lillie yet. I guess it is all over
with. At least I hope so.

Well I will close for tonight.
Love and mistakes from your own
Marine who is as heartick and
lonesome as you.

S. N. 2 R's.