

Somewhere in France.

March 2, 1918.

My own darling Grace:-

I have eight of your precious letters to answer to-night. - We have just come from the trenches, that being the reason I have not answered. I will take my chance now, not knowing when I can write again. I am well and as spry as ever dearest. Feeling happy and partly contented.

Yours of 2/3/17.

Good for you Grace. Do your part for Christ and help make C. Higgins clean. I wish I were home to help to. It seems all the good things come off in my absence. But I guess good times will still be when we get home.

Yes, what has gotten into our leader board? Rash is right and it sure was a surprise to me, but as long as you all had a good time, I guess it was all right.

Soon all the boys will be over here, just as the war is drawing to a close. I don't think it will last very much longer.

Ah I know the blues will come back, but then we must fight hardest darling. You get them just as I do.

Thank you mother, Grace dear for those bible verses. Tell her I am clinging close to Jesus for help and will always do so. I could not do with out him now, praise God.

Well darling it is just the same with me. I miss you more and more as the days go on and my love grows too. Ah how I miss you my darling, you will never know.

Letter of 2/7/18.

You surely had some eats at that sleigh party. I am glad you enjoyed yourself, Grace and oh how I wish my place could have been beside you Grace.

Darling, I never will forget that night as long as I live. It is just as clear to me now as it was that night. Ah I will be home one of these days and oh what a good time we will then have.

Thanks so much for you

valentine's Grace. Better late than
never. It sure is a sweet valentine
and I love it Grace. It is fine of you
to remember me in such a way.

2/16/18.

Yes Grace I am coming out the
victor. With God as my guide I
cannot do otherwise.

I guess all snow is gone by
this time and you are having
warm weather. Our weather has
been rather chilly of late, but I
am looking for warm weather
soon.

Darling you know I still
love and trust you. Never doubt
me dear. I will be true to you.
A wonderful time when we get
together. I can partly picture
the time now and oh how I
pray and wish it way soon.

Day dreams and Grace they
are all you. At nights I lay awake
and think and think of you
and what real true love is. It
is wonderful and we have it.

2/25/18.

I am pleased, Grace dear, you
go over to my home. I know.

father and mother like it, but if I only could be home to fill my place, but my time will come.

Great things surely are taking place in Chicago. I won't know it when I come home and you can say you did your part, in cleaning her up. While I am doing my bit to clean up Germany you are helping to clean C. hi. 50-60.

So is my love darling, it grows and grows. It seems at times that I must fly to you, but I know some day I will have you for good.

I am waiting for the snap of you dear. As yet it has not come, but it will come.

You will have lots of time to cheer me darling. I want you in my arms and hold you there.

3/2/18.

My letters are coming. I am glad, but I wish they would come more regularly. What was so good about my letter Grace. I know many of your letters

have come just when I seemed to need it most. It is just like you were near and comforting me that way.

No sweetheart not separated for ever, but just for a short time and then we can make up for lost time, but it is not lost. In a way we are getting to know each other and our love is growing.

I wish you could read my thoughts some times Grace. ~~It~~ They are only you and only you. By those thoughts I make myself cheerful Grace. I releive myself of all other things and think of the future, won't we have a fine time then.

Thank you Grace for that assurance, but I know you will be waiting for me.

Return my kiss to Billy dearest. When I get some time I will write him a real letter. Tell him my wrist is all right now and I will take better care of myself from now on. I send my love to Billy with kisses.

Yes that swing could tell a few secrets Grace. But they will never be told and when we are ready we will tell our secret. It will be a surprise I know.

God takes care of me and will help me and cheer me. Ah how I love him more and more. He grows more precious to me day by day.

Oro, I see Bob once in a while. Bob has written to May Woodrich about me and no doubt about you too. We are planning on some good times when we get home.

I knew Walter would forget. He will get funny once in a while. You will get to know him by and by.

3/4/18.

So the Sunday meetings are on. I am praying for them and I know God is going to do wonders and I hope the people will back him up. Pray hard Grace and Chicago will fall

in line too. God is stronger
than the devil, praise his name.

3/7/18.

No I think our winter is
over, I hope so anyway, I don't
care much for the weather when
it is cold.

I knew ~~if~~ that would be
your answer darling. Ah I knew
you were true and that I had not
made a mistake in you. Ah my
darling how I love you and I
trust you. I am going to be
clean and come to you that
way too darling. Never worry
or fear for me. I am true to
you and always will be. Ah I
couldn't go back on you now darling.
I know you trust and love me
and I know you do the same.

It is the same for me dear.
A pleasure and a relief from this
life to write you. If I couldn't do
that I don't know what I
would do. I want to know all.
I tell you if I feel blue and

lonely and it is only for you and me.

I will close for tonight -
good night dearest.

Good morning sweetheart.
The sun is just rising and it
looks like a good day for us.
But I am going to have a busy
day of it. I am used to it now
though. I am glad I am able
to work and have health and
strength to do it. What do you
say darling?

The snaps have not come
as yet, but no doubt they are
on the way. I will like them all
right, because it will be a picture
of you darling.

I don't know how serious
Joe's affair is, but I guess
he thinks a lot of Francis. I
tell him in my little pep going.
I am in back of him. Am I
right in doing so dear?

Well, that is up to you. You know how you feel if you go out. When other write telling me of the good times they are having at home, I wanted you to have a good time too, Grace. But that is all up to you. I know you are true to me dearest, but that shouldn't ~~let~~ ^{keep} you from all good things.

You know you can help to make it a complete victory when I come home. It can not be complete without you Grace dear, so your part is still to come. I hope it will soon be here too. I say the same, Grace. Dan Webster has no word that will describe my happiness when I come home of doing my part.

You make my heart glad dear when you say you are doing your best to be

Cheerful and happy and be just
the way I want you to be. You
are indeed a true sweetheart of
mine and I know I was not
mistaken when I won you dear.

Ops I remember those
roses dear and in a few days
it will be a year since I
gave them to you. I want to
see them when I come home.
But above all you my dear
"American Sweetheart."

Well she said you gave
her permission so she wrote
and I answered, but no harm
done Grace.

Time to go to work my
dear so will close for this
time. I love you more and
more every day my dear and
I trust you so don't let any
body put any other thoughts
in your mind dearest.

kin my love and 3 Kisses

to Billy and best regards to
you folks and to you my own
darling I give all my love and
trust with mistakes and there
is a heart full of love and it
is all for you my waiting
swatheart, your own true
Soldier boy.

S. N. 5K's.

Dave.

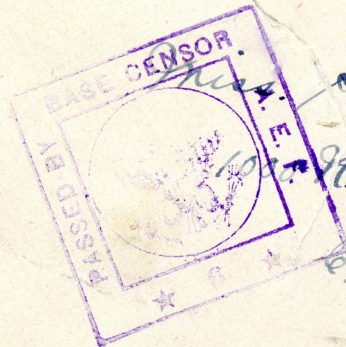
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