

United States Marine Corps,

Marine Barracks, Somewhere in France,

April 27, 1918.

My own darling Grace:-

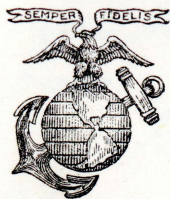
Now for a few

lines to you my darling in answer of your letter of Mar. 29. I am well and feel pretty good. I sure had the scare of my life today, but it is all in the soldier's life. A couple of shells just missed me, well by a few minutes. I just had time to tie my horse, get up near a dugout and biff, about six shells exploded. How thankful I was that I wasn't hit. Such narrow escapes sure remind a fellow of many things and oh how good it is to know, should the next

shall be mine, I am ready, but I hope
not and pray not, because oh darling
I want you. But God's will be done.
Now don't worry dearest God is going
to take care of me and will keep me
safe and sound.

I knew you would forgive
me Grace dear, but I wanted you
to know and I am so glad you
are such a sweetheart. One that I
can trust and love and should I
make a small mistep is willing
to overlook it. But it won't
happen again Grace.

How happy you make
me darling when you say your
trust and love for me is growing.
Oh darling how I pray that I
may be worthy of your love and
trust. You mean all to me Grace,



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and if I were to lose you everything
 would be dark for me. There is no
 other girl for me, you are my girl and
 darling I want you and some day I
 am going to have you. Am I not
 darling? When I found you and
 got you as my own I found what
 I was longing for (my bluebird)
 my own priceless diamond. But, all
 this looks so valueless on paper
 and it does not look much, but
 dearest some day you will know
 all, when we can talk face to
 face and when we can show
 each other. But all this comes
 from the bottom of my heart darling.

I love you and trust you and
you have my all and all that I
have.

Good nite darling and sweet
dreams for you.

Best regards to your folks,

To you my own true sweetheart,

I give all my love and trust from
your own true soldier boy.

S. W. 51K's.

Dave.

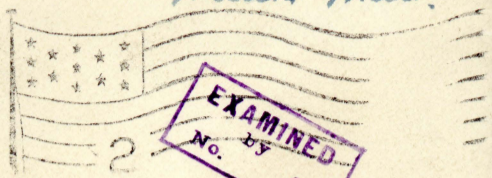
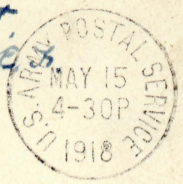
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