My Dear little one:

Just a line to let you know I received the box O.K. but some thief had got into and sampled it and got most of the fudge.

The best part of it all just got back from my thanksgiving dinner which was very good when the mail orderly told that he had a box in the office for me. I immediately opened it and the boys and myself enjoyed the balance which was very good, and the boys said that called for another box but listen dear I never want you to go to any trouble in sending me anything as I no dear heart you have more work than you can do. I do hope you will not have as much work now as you have had in the past. We are as busy as we can be here but I expect the work will soon be over as the boys are leaving for home. Did not have to work yesterday on account of it being Thanksgiving and there were no troops leaving so I slept most of the day. The remainder of the day enjoyed hearing some good music by the post Band here

I sure get the blues when the band plays that old song that little girl of mine and always wish you were here dear as you don’t know how I long for my little one. Must anchor this now. wish to be remembered to all my dear friends at Vichy. Write soon from your own lonesome boy.
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Sgt Otto A Lawrence
U.S.M.C.
Casual Co #5
American E.F.
My Dear little one:

Just a line to let you no I received your’s dated 12-1-18 glad to hear you are in the best of health and enjoying your self on night Duty. As your welcome letter found me the same. Although a bit rushed whit work but will try and knock off long enough to write you Dear. By the way you sead I had the rong address on my last letter. It just like me doing tings rong. But will see that it wont happen agin I have been promoted to 1st Sgt. Of this company

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*(top of page: “Wish to be remembered to all my Friends in Vichy”)*
and have bocoo work to do, but don’t mind the work as I have a good capt. He is a man like Dr. McLeich, like him very much. He wants me to stay here whit him, have almost made up my mind to stay. As thear is nothing back thear for me whit out you. So I have no desire to go back till my time is up and I no I can go back to stay. If I do stay Ill try and get a Furlough and spend xmas whit you. I am glad to hear you have a good night ward Master and get a chance to rest
*(bottom of page, written in blue ink numerous times: “Solen, Sollen”)*

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your self and sure glad to hear Friend Perry keeps you company while you are on Duty as it must be quit lonesome for you being thear whit your Pets as you call them. I onley wish I could see you if onley for a minut as you don’t know how I long for my little one. By the way Dear you ask me if I had rec. a letter from Perry’s beau? He was onley kidding
you as I have not rec. any mail from him must drop the mud hook as I have bocoo work still and it is getting late from your own boy. Otto A. Lawrence
1st Sgt. Bascual Co #5
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American E.F.
My dear Sister:-

Your letter dated Nov. 8th received this a.m. also one from dad mailed Nov. 11th the greatest day in history- and to find your thanksgiving card and one enclosed in Dads letter everything received O.K. and thank you for all.

I cannot understand why you don’t receive my mail I write you every week and surly they must be held up some where for you know I would not forget any one of you being so far from home and in the second place I know you would all worry so I have not failed to write you every week only when times were such that I couldent get paper or was placed under different circumstances.

My dear it sure was have been a wild time at home as you write, but you cannot imagine the joy and happiness there was here when the firing ceased and the people were wild

I was greatly surprised to learn Oscar Hach did not get over. Did Arthur come accrost? Realy neither of these boys can imagine what they missed- and dear heart I shall be more then happy to see your dear faces again I can hardly wait until that day comes. But I am afraid it’s a little time yet perhaps a few months until we are able to move some of our badly wounded home to Gods own good country- I am so sorry that I have to cause
mother dear so much worry I only hope some of my letters reach her to relieve her mind. By the way dear I sent you a notice of the death of Anna Williams one of our nurses in any one of my letters. It realy is a pleasure dear to get your news
3 letters – for it always seems a bit of you dear. It realy was to bad you should have received fake news for it spoiled it all for the real truth well I expect this month will finish peace terms we hear President Wilson is on his way over here Paris is making great and wonderful preparations for his coming.

I am so happy you all escaped the “flu” and that you heard from Neil surly I can appreciate how very much dissapointed he must be not to have come over. We only yesterday received many of our ex prisoners from Germany. I am ancious to learn if his brother is among them.

As yet I have never heard from him. Eldridge
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I wrote you about the matter in your last letter. Also my Giddings(?) please tell her to write. You may be sure that its true the Keiser fled to Holland - and I believe his life is a short one. _____ the people there.

Kehrig and Camp are much better they have both had very severe colds like many others but that to be expected where there are no fires we nearly freeze to death some times.

Dear heart I am still on night duty I get up and Perry and I go shoping frequently for there are many lovely things I wish to bring home to you all for I have been away a year. And think of it dear I am wearing services stripes.

My the news of Mrs. Hunter nearly shocked me to death and at same time I am very happy to hear it how very wonderful and when I come home we will have one grand reunion “wont we?” remember me to them kindly.
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I hope dear heart you have heard about that allotment by this time every body seems to be waiting there has been some great delay. I wrote you all about where to inquire in my last letter.

Now please don’t worry dear one for I am all right will come home soon and then we will all be very happy. Again tell mama not to worry for her little girl is O.K. and we will have boocoo good times when I return.

With ____ of love and kisses
Sister
Clara.

P.S. remember the dear kiddies for me tell them Santa Clause will soon come _____ accrost the ocean from them and Aunt Clara with them.