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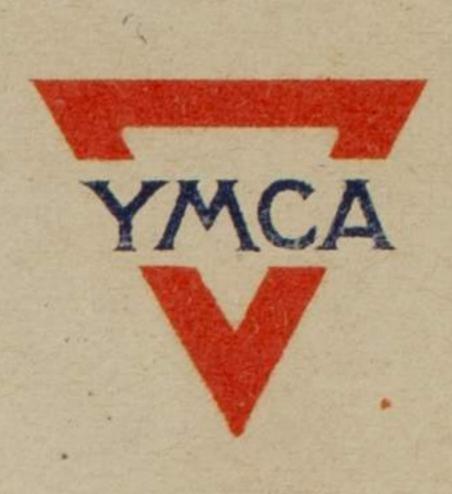




Dear Marie, J. 1918. Jjust finished å little note for you, so it would be mailed right away, so will write my letter now. Wid you get all of my letteds last week! Whink of wrote two and another, typewritten, one about telegrathy. You read my morse letter of. I just got your letter of the 18th 14/90th this moon. Hease keep a little mote of the dates on your letters and then when you geting letters notice the blates on them and tell me so that Dan be sure no letters are

HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING, WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.





Horated Morse's company Monday night but he wasn't there so I left. a mote on his brenk. Last night he came down to the Mantonnents but it was after 9:30 p.m. so we had very little time get acquainted. Now-please do not think I am even the least bit preved because you wrste but once last week. Trealize that you have not The time to write as often as I like to hear from you. Marie, I Know you must love me very much as there is not the slightest touch of insincerity in HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING, WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.





Mow you too well to misunderstand you, think, Und, Marie I sonow you do not doubt me in the least, either. Its simply impossible for me to make you feel how very much Make, and Jourss it would be betterthat you do not sonow, any way. More must remember that I have told you that we can never belong to eachother; and that we we can never be mou Than good friends. / low Marie Grow Simply must believe this. Would not tell you this if I were not sure of it, fortit hurts me





and believe it hurts you, too in a way. How will remember that I told you That il were not hery. sure you would be allad toforget me in a few years, Ithat I would not write another letter. Istill say The same. For awhile last year I had hopes of I bour being my little girl" Some day but I no longes can holhe that evenly I were free to gome back home know there is no little message between The lines of my letters to you - encept thatel Hove you to the utmost Howdres, it is all useless





and solshall never mention my love foryou again. I stimmy be better to Love some one you cant have, than to have someone you cant love", but that Wishtright either way. Mes, Aremember the little incidents you shale of the violets down below the masture and the Suriled flowers at the Big Hills" And Tremember the slippers, too. I have the sicture of you on the porch rail with the scitten I and you look so big and Bockose, just as if arms kind holdgon the HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING, WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.





Marie, some day you will realize how undvorthy Jam, than you will not care. to be my friend, but at the Game time Jorget your love for me? 1 do mot want to forget my love for you I becaust it helps me somuch in somany ways. Und you also help Mother and Dad somuch and you about suspect how Smuch they really love you Another last letter mother writes, "marie has just gone. The is a ray of sunshine just now fleashing in HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING, WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.





Theery smile and Hello, hows every body?" It is Buch a perfect sicture of you as swould want you to be always. Moveld like to write about Physical Culture But it is lights out "time now. telegrathy - Blease. Weed I must be and us

Please answer soon because a lot of time will be lost in having the letter forwards from here.



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