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*Man. Albert W. Reynolds*

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Wm Reynolds.  
Ellsworth  
Kansas.

From Mrs J. H. Skunkem

no 55-

Oct. 13-1918

Dearest Lover,

I had a telegram Friday evening telling me that you were severely wounded in action Sept. 18.

I came down to Geneseo right away but the news had gone before me, but they all thought it had been a mistake. We are so sorry dear and wish we could be with you and take care of you. It will be so long before we can hear how you are getting along. Oh Albert I do hope you didn't have to suffer any terrible pain. You were taken care of we know or the message couldn't have been sent. It was a long time getting across. And to think when I was trying to be so cheerful and happy my lover was hurt and suffering.

Dear heart, if my earnest prayers  
can help you or did help you - I  
am so thankful. I am too careless  
and indifferent and selfish to  
be good enough to have my  
prayers answered, but dear  
no one could be more in earnest  
or sincere than I am in my  
prayers for my beloved husband.  
If I only knew how you were  
hurt Albert and could be with  
you and help you bear your  
pain. Some one will tell us just  
as soon as they possibly can.  
You must write too dear just as  
soon as you can. I am looking for  
a letter from the nurse, or some  
one, telling me how you are  
getting along and how you are  
hurt. If only you could let me

take care of you. I am so anxious  
to hear from you, my arms are just  
aching to hold you and comfort  
you when you are hurt. you are  
so nice just the way you are, but  
if you can only come back to me,  
dear. Dear boy if you can only come  
back to me. I love you so and my heart  
aches for you my darling, if I could  
only love you so hard it would  
take <sup>away</sup> all the pain and hurt again.  
No matter how you are hurt dear  
if you only come back I will love  
you so hard and be so good to  
you and try so hard to make  
you happy.

I love you so and it is so hard  
to have you hurt and so far away  
I can't see you. Oh Albert try  
so hard to get well and come  
home. Albert I can't live without

you, I can't face the long  
long days without you. Oh  
Albert you are all I have or  
want in this world. Oh try so  
hard to get well for my sake.  
Oh Albert I want you so. You  
are mine and I want you.

Ada and I walked out to  
Vern's grave to-day to see the  
tomb stone. It is dark granite  
and you would like it.

Mrs. Reynolds is so much better  
this fall and looks so well.  
She feels so badly to think  
her dear boy is hurt but she  
is very brave and tries to  
cheer me and comfort me  
and tell me that we will  
soon get good news from  
you.

Clement is about an inch shorter than Mrs. Reynolds and has such strong muscles. he is going to be tall and straight like you are and is going to be very good looking too. He takes care of Venus' pony and cart. And does it very nicely too. He came to meet me with the horse and buggy.

Mr. Reynolds got three nice comfortable chairs the other day.

Mrs. Reynolds has consented to have her teeth fixed up this winter and I know you will be glad.

Everyone was so nice to me when I heard you were hurt. Miss Mary Clark came to see me. Mrs. Hans. Geitz, Mr. and Mrs. Coover, Miss Ludden came too, besides all the neighbors.

Kate offered to bring me to Geneseo. So did Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Georgie's Forkner's sister and brother-in-law. But it was too far so Mr. and Mrs. Reed just took me to Kanopolis.

We went over to see Marie and Dallas to-day. They have a nice little home. So clean and neat. And dear did you know they are expecting a little child? Marie showed

me the little tiny baby clothes. I told her and Dallas I surely envied them. Marie looks so well and seems so strong. I never saw her look so happy before.

Elmer came in to see me and feels so badly that you were wounded. We haven't told Eva and Bob yet.

Marie has such dainty little things for her baby. She wants a little girl. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were there too. They are very nice. Dallas is very good to Marie and they seem so happy. Mrs. Reynolds and I were out in the yard

looking around and on  
returning Maie was just  
getting off the arm of his  
chair. It would have been  
terrible if we had seen her  
there.

I hope you get my letters  
while you are in the  
hospital and soon be sent  
home to me. Harry wrote Sept <sup>10</sup>  
but hadn't seen you. We must  
live in hopes dearest and  
keep on praying for my dear  
man. In these pictures you  
can see the service flag, two  
stars in the big white star.  
How do you like my pictures?  
May God bless and protect  
my own dear lover.

Helen.



