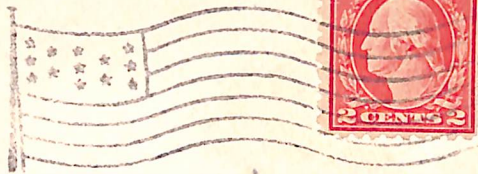


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Saturday Night

My Laughing Sweetheart,  
December 16, 1916!

That means that the  
"long time" once mentioned  
has now come to three  
big long years. Gosh  
it has been a long  
time hasn't it - yet  
not once have we for-  
gotten that wonderful  
pledge, and now that  
the long time is nearly

all "was" we can  
be happy again in  
that night. Sincerely  
when I said that  
"long time" I had in  
my mind a vision of  
things just as they  
are now - a good start  
with the firm. Now  
we must pray that  
all the other difficulties  
are removed. They aren't  
nearly so large as  
this big one seemed

then.

Had a good time in Boston Thursday. Campbell took me to lunch and we had a great old talk. He told me that several fellows had given encouraging reports of my work, and also that I had started well toward making good. We spoke of



you, and he sure said a  
heap of fine things about  
my sweetheart.

Had a chance to line up  
some SAE's, too, then at seven  
I found myself at the y.m.c.a.  
with a fellow. Stepped in  
next door to hear Billy  
Sunday, after that I took  
in a bit of the Allied

Bazaar. Got into  
bed at 1.30 - some  
tired boy.

Great snow today,  
or rather last night.

This morning waggons,  
and most machines  
were discarded, and  
the business and  
pleasure of the town  
was done on sleighs -  
pongs they call 'em.  
Couldn't keep my eyes  
off the streets today -

The sleigh-bells do  
make pretty music.  
Puts pep into a fellow  
too.

Sent a box to  
mother for the walkie's  
Christmas tree, and  
in it is a remem-  
brance for you. I thought  
perhaps you'd enjoy  
getting it there, where  
we have had our  
Christmas the last  
few years. She folks  
will certainly enjoy it



I know. Wish I could be  
Santa Claus.

You'd enjoy Mother's Thanks-  
giving letter, especially the  
way she writes about her  
girls. You are one of the family  
for sure - a real heart and  
soul member.

How do you like my new  
cards? Those are mostly for Pittsburg.

Oh there's a clipping too.  
Just ~~thought~~ that I ought  
to make a pretty good husband  
for that woman.

Here I go, Sweetheart, with a  
brand new, three year old  
picture of Rufus Ann, my love,  
who's kept the fire bright  
for a "long time", and who will  
soon come to me more sweet-  
heart than ever. Love a pile to you -  
xxxxxx Jones xxxxxx

HUSBAND WANTED

TOO MUCH PORK