

Letter from France. July 13, 1918

Written by Martin J. Conlon, serving with the 306th Infantry Regiment of the American Expeditionary Forces in France to Lena Fogarty, while they were courting.

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