Letter from Home

**Soldier’s Wife**

Dear, Mary

How are you doing? I miss you so very much. I also miss my husband John. He has been in Britain for a few weeks now. He volunteered to join and help fight because he was having troubles finding a job in town. When he gets back this experience will give him have a broader choice of jobs. At first, I was hesitant in him going but he’ll be back before Christmas so I don’t see any harm. Some of my friend’s husbands have been pressured by propaganda in the news to fight for their country. I think it is good they have pride but I don’t believe the news should be making them feel bad for not wanting to. When he had first told me, I decided I was going to join. But the government has discriminated against women fighting as they say we are to weak physically and mentally. I could have joined as a nurse but I do not have enough experience in medicine to make me feel comfortable. My current job is working in a shoe factory. We make boots to send overseas to the troops in the trenches. The soles of the shoes are made of pressed cardboard which isn’t very sturdy when in mud. However, no one has done anything to change it. In the factory, I chat with all the other women. We talk about rumors, give advice and provide support to each other. Many of us feel lonely and responsible for taking care of our families. The days go by fast because while we are at work we only think about how we are helping. Many of us predict Canada will soon enter debt but we are hoping that’s not the case. As of now, Canada as a country is booming economically because we are producing so much food and ammunition. However, in our household and many others we are finding it tough to put food on the table. The amount of food is rising but most of it is going overseas. Which means the quantity of food in our markets are going down but the prices have sky rocketed. It’s been tough but I know it will end soon. I can’t wait for Christmas, I really need to get back to reality, surrounded by my family. The government has done some questionable things. I hope this letter gets to you in the same order I sent it as the War Measure Act has just been put in place. The other day I received a letter from my friend and the government had gone through it and crossed out information they did not want passed on.

Sincerely, Chloe