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when they can stoop to such depths as these girls. Please, pray for me that God will guide me from all these evils. In these last 3 months I have seen more sin than I ever thought was in this world. So far I am clean and I am going to stay so. Just now there are two bunches of men gambling. They lose \$20 in no time here. My former bunkie

(when we left Port Royal) was \$100 to the good.

Just now (just ~~got~~ received an order to report to the adjutant's office. I was over and it looks that I will go to the pay master's department. I want to go there. First I will have to go to school (I don't know how long) and when we are through will go to France with some company as pay master. Every company, when it goes abroad, has its own pay master. If I pass the examination and receive an appointment as pay master

I will get a corporal's commission.

It means work, but I am going to succeed. Pray for me, my dear.

Now to go on with the first two words of the above paragraph. The heavy artillery practice and they shoot a 15 in cannon three times a day. It just shakes the whole camp. They shot it as I was writing. See.

There is a dandy G. M. C. A. all kinds of magazines and comforts. This sure is some camp.

Next Sunday Gunner and I are going on a exploration camp. WE

will travel along the Potomac River. There is some very beautiful scenery along the line. I wish you were here Grace to share it with me. I will write as best I can, but I know I can't do justice to this part of the country.

Well as not having any letters to answer I will close for this time. Best regards to your folks and my love and mistakes to you my dear Azzie

Your Marine boy,
Dave.

S. W. A. K.