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UNITED STATES MARINES

My dearest Azzie:-

Received two letters today and was glad to receive them. I am writing every day so I hope you will have one every night when you come home. If you don't I will take it up with the proper authorities. Should I?

It seems an awful long time since I left home. Every time I pray I ask the Lord to grant me a furlough, because

I to have a lot to tell you. If I can't do anything else but just see you it will suffice but it will be a keen disappointment.

Yes I was very thankful to be allowed to go to church again. It felt like old times again. Oh Grace, it is nothing like church and when it is your own creed. God is good and I love him more than ever. I can't explain how good he has been to me.

No Grace dear, I did not doubt your word. I really don't know why I wrote that. Please forgive me. I do trust you.

I hope this will be the last job I have to learn. I am going to learn this one thoroughly so it will do me some good when I get back to Chicago. I like it very much. ~~We~~ I have been studying all day and it has been awfully hot.

Come ahead my dear. I will be waiting for you. Oh, if you only could slap my face. Just to have you that near, would more than pay for my 3 months as a Marine. All right I am sorry. If you should come down I would send you

right back to mother. See if
I want come to you. If I only
could. This camp couldn't see
me for dust. Look out, I may
send for you if I can't come
home. Then what will you
do? Come, I suppose. I get
reckless once in a while. More
so when it is you I want.

Grace, find out what Lilli
meant by, "wonderful." Is it
meant in sarcasm? I thought
perhaps I had written some
thing to make her angry again.
I try to put my heart into
your letters Grace. I can't help
it some how. You have been



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so much to me so far and if I go abroad, I may not be able to write. I want you as long as I am in the United States at least. I can, can't I?

Yes, chocolate fudge will keep until it reaches me. After that I won't promise. I would be very thankful if you care to make me a box of candy Grace. Good candy can't be found down here. You don't have to ask if I want it either.

Letter of the 28).

I hope by the time this letter reaches you you will be receiving my letters regularly. Well, do you think you are spoiled? Then I must be as bad. I felt lost when I did not receive a letter Sat. or yesterday. Well, let it be so then. You can't make me mad.

Now, my dear don't tempt me to become a deserter. How I would like to come to your picnic. But you can enjoy yourself for two, see. I will be in Washington and will think of me.

You will be in Deep Plains and can think of me. That's fair isn't it? Now you come with me and we will have a better time. I hope you have a good time at the picnic. I know I will miss it, but I will have to be satisfied the way it is.

Now I am going to ask you a question. Have I changed any as far as you can judge? You ought to be a good judge. Am I better or worse, more solemn or the other way?

I was swimming this evening

and it felt good. You can
have your Des Plaines, but
I will take the Potomac.

Well be good my dear and
look out or I may send for you.
Best regards to your folks.
My love ~~to~~ and mistakes for
you my Azzie.

Your Marine,
Dave.

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