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UNITED STATES MARINES

My own dear girl: -
See my new address. This one is a little easier to write. To me it seems more like a soldiers address. Well by next Wednesday I will be a Marine. I will have graduated by then. Oh if you were only here to help celebrate. Well my dear, I received my first promotion today. I was made a squad leader. I have been wishing for such a position for some time and now it is mine.

It makes me feel that I am getting some
place. I only hope I can fill it. I know
I can. Don't you?

I had one of my lonesome streaks
last night. Gunnar felt a little that
way to. If you could only have heard
what we said. I wish I could tell you
Grac. I may when I come home. We went
to see the moving pictures and even while
there my thoughts would go back
home. I can't help it Grac, I suppose
I am a baby. Perhaps some day I will
grow up. I am waiting and looking
forward to a furlough. Yes, old Webster
will have to publish a new dictionary.

I wish I could have been with
you to Bethany Home. I hope you had a
good time.

Do you call 7:00 o'clock early.
I had already been up 3 hours. I can
just imagine how you felt when you
wrote that. Go ahead and poke fun
at me I don't care. You feel safe because
you are so far away. Poor little you if
you were within reaching distance.

Thanks for your permission to

write to Bob's girl. I knew
you would feel that way
about it or I would never have
told you. See. You understand
perfectly well that I can do
many things that you would
never know. This country is
pretty wild.

To-morrow I shoot for
record. In a way I am worried
and then again I feel safe. I
know for one thing I will do
my very best.

What was it that I
wrote which pleased you so
much? I am glad that some of
my writing pleases you.



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Yes you can rely on me to trust you. It will have to be something awful to make me mistrust you Grace. When I once get into such a position of trust it takes pretty much before I give up. You know that I hope.

Well sometimes we think and believe in our best friends when they are not. I don't know why she wrote it. She

make me think her a lady
I wouldn't have cared if I
e, but being down here away
nde and home and trying my
keep up it hurt more. But let
t that Grace. Don't think of it
and I will forget it to. Promise

I will be with you tonight about
me I know you will do good,
en praying for you twice a day
now God will answer my
always pray for you but I
pecially for your meeting. See?
do you remember Grace that
the office who lives in Berwyn?
aged to one of the men in the

Remember I have threatened you
about that before. I am tough
now so dont be surprised at
anything I do.

Well be good my dear
Azziz and S. W. & K. S.

Your own Marine,
Dave.