



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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Dear Mr. Allen,

Well I didn't stay in the Engineers very long. After only 2 weeks training I was transferred here for sea school. I never thought I would be a sea school Marine. However, I like sea school much better. Our basic training here is much like officers training I think.

Up to now all we have done is march, drill and wash clothes. These 3 things we do every day and I think we're getting pretty sharp on our marching because in our weekly parade there is always a large crowd that turns out to watch. At each parade there is usually medals and decorations awarded.

The way the city of San Diego is camouflaged is really amazing. There is a huge net completely covering the city and most of the buildings that are not covered by nets are painted 4 + 5 different colors to blend in with its terrain. Our roof tops and parade ground are so painted so that they look