



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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Dear Doc -

I haven't written lately so I'll drop you a short note. Bill McQuiley dropped over for a few minutes this afternoon, and in discussing K.U., I recalled that I hadn't written for some time. Your news sheets, "Rebounds", have been coming in regularly and I really appreciate them.

I was roughly indoctrinated into action on 26 November when I landed in the assault wave against the Japs on Tarawa. After having my landing craft shot out from under me when 100 yards from the beach, I spent nearly two hours swimming in the water before reaching shore. These Japs are worthy opponents and we Marines don't underestimate them. I was lucky to survive since about one-half of those in my craft were killed and several others wounded.

At present we are in a "rest"