



UNITED STATES MARINES

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Dear Dr. Allen:

I'm so rationed for time that I have neglected writing you a note to tell you where I am and what I'm doing. On Feb. 2nd I was sent to M. B. Quantico, Va. for an indoctrination course. I'm to be out of here May 19 unless I am sent to more school which I hope I'm not. Not that I'm not enjoying it and learning a lot - but I'd like to get doing something besides go to school.

We have a fine group of men. Our QVS (Aviation Volunteer Specialist) class has 30 men and we are a part of the 23rd R.O.C. (Reserve Officers Class) which has 248 men which makes our unit 278 men. We have a good place to stay in a brick barracks. Up every morning at 6:00 a.m. & go from 15 to 16 hours each day. So far we haven't lost a man, so I guess I'll make it. I'm in very good physical condition & feel fine. We shot for records in the pistol (45) & I led the class with a 94 and won the expert pistol medal. I was very much pleased about that.

The officers here are very considerate and we get along very well.