

Oct. 28, 1943



3:00 P.M.

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CAMP JOSEPH H. PENDLETON

Dear Mom and Dad,

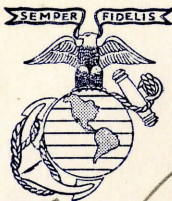
How are you? Fine I hope.  
If you would kindly send  
me the date for your  
wedding anniversary, I shall  
send you a present. Suppose  
Pa doesn't even know when  
it is himself.

This is really quite a  
place right now. He don't  
do a thing, but you just  
wait until we go on  
schedule Monday. He will  
be quite busy then.

This morning I was in  
a big warehouse looking  
for a small box. That  
sounds silly and it  
was. I couldn't find it so  
the Sarg. told me to take  
it easy. I laid down and  
went to sleep. At about  
eleven I came back to  
the area and ate dinner.  
While we were eating



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They gave one fellow a dishonorable discharge and another one a summary Court-martial. In the first case, the fellow will be kicked out of the Corps and his chances of getting a good job are very poor from then on. The other case was a Sarg., and he failed to carry out some order and he was reduced to a Corp. They always "read a person off" in a mess hall or parade field. That is a marine custom, so don't ask questions. They do a lot of queer things.

Haven't had guard duty yet this week and I don't have it Friday, so I will probably get it over the week end. That will be just "ducky".

Just before I started to write this letter, I did a big washing. Yesterday





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I had a big washing also. Can't seem to figure out how they get dirty so quickly.

Bought a parker umbrella at the P. X. the other day. It was a \$4 pencil and I got for \$2.50. They give you a good cut on things down there. There is a restaurant, jewelry store, and a general store, all in one. It is a fine place.

The other night we went up in the mountains in a little trip. It really was high up there to. Saw a number of deer and got very hungry.

Did I get any pheasants? Sure hope he did. Probably used all of my shells and I never hit a thing. Ha ha

That is the general news? Hope everything is O. K. Will close now. Love Bill.