

Dec. 28, 1943
Camp Elliott
4:00 P.M.



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Dear Mom & Dad,

I'll guess I will drop you a couple of lines. At the present time it is really raining. Nice weather for writing and laying around. Today we were gone on maneuvers. Went out and sham battle. Pretty good, they have me for a scout. The Lt. sent three of us off and we got lost. Came back to camp about an hour after the rest had arrived. We were caught in the first part of the rain.

Last evening as I was writing a letter, who should walk in but Ken! Sure was a great surprise. He sat here talking of everything and everyone. Really had a swell time too. Sure was happy because he could be here. He hasn't changed much. Don't like school one bit and I don't blame him very much.

He wishes he were with us. He won't finish school until sometime in Feb. That is quite a long time from now.

How is Pa coming with his work? Hope he got the poles in before it snowed. Suppose you are back to work by now. Is it very cold back there? Heard it was fairly chilly in Dixon the morning you pulled in there!

Sunday we played football. My leg felt as if someone had beat on it all night long. Have seen some very good stage shows here. Last night it was Louise Gray and a swell cast. It was crazier than ever. Don't know if I will go to the show tonight or not. It is Fantasia, a Disney picture, I guess.

Just got a mess of Xmas cards from the kids in school. Never expected to hear from them.

The Sears sort of boat Washington, didn't they. Sort of expected that, though.



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How is the team coming
with its team? Suppose they
have kept right on being. How
they don't have anything.
Sure was a surprise to hear
that Bill saw joined the marines.
never expected to hear of him
doing that. I need this is
all for now. Tell everyone
hello.

Love
Bill.