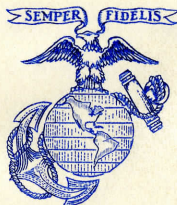


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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Dear Mom and Dad,

Here you again. How are you?
Got a bunch of letters from you
and have been busy.
are your pit squirrels still a-
round? But they are the berries.
you had better quit talking
out on the church lawn at night.
Seems that someone has to put
their nose in where it isn't wanted.

Pa, you must be having a great
time with the lights in town.
I would really have gotten a kick
out of seeing you trap around.
So you didn't catch any fish &
you must be slipping.

I haven't received any of the packages
as yet. Glad to hear that you sent
cigs. They will come in handy
when they arrive.

This is going to be short because
I am pretty busy. But you really
like your present from Grandmother.
Joe Duckner is still in the
States. Say Durtale is out on
the coast near him. Write
soon and lots of love
Bill