



UNITED STATES MARINES
CAMP JOSEPH H. PENDLETON

Somewhere in Central Pacific
9.13.44.

With Mr Chamberlain:

Well as you can readily see I am no longer in Calif. And although a long way from home, through your kind thoughtfulness received my ballot, "Thanks" Mr Chamberlain.

You know lately I have been seriously thinking that when this war is over and I am fortunate enough to come through all in one, and contact with the outdoors still appeals to me as it does now, I would like to do something that would keep me out of doors. I have been schooled in every thing a person has to know about condition arising in the wilderness, from map reading to cooking, so you see a marine can always find a way. I was wondering Mr



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Chamberlain just what requirements do you need to apply for a marines job, Game marines after the war will sure be necessary to keep these people who are so use to carrying weapons and like myself wanting the out of doors straight. Being a tennis official for so long I thought maybe you could give me something to mark me, even while here in the service, I have a perfect record since entering the Corps. And intend to keep it so, You know a person sure has the urge of think and wonder just what will he do when this is over, And being over here sure gives one reason to think even more so than ever. If you have anything you can pass on as help or reasons why thinking of such a thing is useless I would sure appreciate and take your advise. You all as we know a good recommendation from the marine Corps is as good as anything one can procure. So



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You see my friend I hope your family all are fine Mrs Chamberlain and your daughter, Dad tells me you visited them lately I believe it was they said to inform them that I had a fall on the way.

I can say very little about this place sir excepting that we are up very high clouds at times pass under me, so you see what I mean.

Saw two wild boar while on a problem recently here with I had been hunting instead of our manners.

I am very content here even though there is nothing but the scenery to enjoy, not drinking or smoking, I have only one thing that bothers naturally, and its that one gets sort of lonely at times, But that is the trials of many today, so I can assure have my end gladly. Will go now & sincerely hope to hear from you when time permits

Sincerely Rudolph.

Central Pacific
10-18-44

Mr Chamberlain

I today received the Certificate
thank you very much.

Now Mr Chamberlain is there
a charge for this, please do not
hesitate to let me know.

That was very generous, and
was already gone on its way
to Washington in the information
they wanted.

Now about that letter previous
I hope you don't think me
a bit on the foolish side
in even mentioning such a
desire, But you see since
I have been in the service
I have learned many things
some the hard way, One has
if you wanted something it
never hurts to ask about it, I

found many had made a success
at doing the things they wanted it
to, by asking a long time
before they were ready, Questions
and seeking any information
on something they might be
working on in the mean time,
that which may save help
later on in getting that kind
of something they always wanted

Thanks very much for trying
to help me Mr Chamberlin
Any information will be ever
so much appreciated.

I sincerely hope that all of
your family and yourself
are in the best of health
and able to find continued
happiness even in this
crisis,

Sincerely
R. D. Ralph.

WITH THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH ARMY IN FRANCE - A couple of Massachusettsmen - combatent - ladies thumbed their noses at snipers and machine gunners while no one else could get through and saved four comrades of the Third Division's 30th Infantry.

Sgt Howard W. Rath of Belmont, Mass., and Corporal Roseire M. Julian of Fiskdale were working in the battalion aid station when a request for litters came in. It was old stuff to both of them. They've both been around for a long while in veteran outfit.

The pair volunteerily took a 12-man litter team forward. The first three miles was through an almost impossible area where incoming shells tore and crunched. Finally a doughfoot stopped those non-combatants who mean so much to his lot of infantrymen. "The area ahead is covered by sniper fire," he announced. "They all ready got the four guys who were trying to get to that house up there."

That was enough. The four wounded were still in the house. Julian and Rath led the way and the ladies skirted the woods to approach the dwelling from the covered side, deploying the team in the woods, the pair of Yankees went on alone.

An officer stopped them on the way to the house and informed them that the rest of the way could not be passed. So, they crawled to another edge of the house.

Finding a collar window, Rath carefully let himself in and handed out the wounded one-by-one while Julian received the heavy, but precious load at the sill. He then dragged them to a ditch leading toward the woods.

To round the job out, they got their litters from the woods end, under a Yank base of fire, got their wounded to safety.