

### Young Men Interested in the Marines Can Get All the Facts in This Letter

(Editor's note—He enlisted in the Marine Corps—this lad, Vic McFadden—who told co-workers that he was going to be "the damndest best Marine that ever was." This letter was received by Charles S. Kinnison and his office associates and tells of training for action with the Leathernecks.)

Hi all you guys and gals:

I'm going to tell you about everything that has happened to me since I joined the Marine Corps, and I don't know just where to start, so I'll start when I got off the train.

When I got off the train, I was picked up by a bus and went to the base. We then went to the receiving barracks to get organized. After we were organized we had a lecture and then it was time forchow. After chow we had issued two sheets, two blankets and one pillow case—and then we were showed where we were to sleep for the night. We made up our bunks and took a shower, then turned in.

The next morning at five o'clock the bugle started blowing and we had to dress and get ready forchow.

**Plenty of Shots**

After chow we had another lecture and then we were taken to be examined. Then after that we had to get our shots in the arms, for various things and when I was through, I had gotten so many shots I felt as if I had been in front of a firing squad. We had to get a shot each Saturday that we were in Boot Camp.

We then were issued our new clothes, which consisted of a pair of socks, one pair of field shoes, four pairs of shorts, a shirt, two pairs of pants and one sweat shirt and helmet. We also got a green dress uniform and an eyeglass and then we sent all our civilian clothes home. Then we were issued our sleep in and had the rest of the evening to write home, etc.

The next morning we were up and "on early." We learned all about marching and following orders that day.

We did the same thing for about three days and then we were issued our "knapsacks and leggings and last but not least our rifles. Then we had to learn the manual of arms and all the parts of rifle (100 parts) and how to clean and maintain them. We had to take our rifle apart and put them together until we could assemble them in a few seconds.

**Drill**

Then for a week we had just about the same thing to do every day, just marching and drilling for hours and hours. In our spare time we had to study our hand books as much as possible.

Then we started our really hard training. We were taught how to fight an enemy with rifle and bayonet. And how to fight him if you were bare handed and he had a rifle and bayonet, and all other basic things about hand-to-hand combat when encountering an enemy.

We had to practice charging and field battling the enemy, etc. We did this out on the hot sands and had to wear a full field pack. We had to crawl on our stomachs and hands and knees through mud and sand and stones, but we learned a lot from it.

One of our courses that we had to go through was really a tough one. First we had to lay in a trench, get up and run through a wire entanglement, then run over three log houses, jump a fence, swing on a ladder from rung to rung, then run a fold of pits a foot deep and just big enough for one foot to go into, jump another fence and scale a twelve foot wall in any manner that you could. They had a board three quarters of

the way up the wall and if you could jump on it, it would help you reach the top, and then you dropped over to the other side. You had to keep running all the time. Then you came to a pit and it was filled with mud; you had to jump and grab a rope which hung in the middle of it and swing over the mud, but if you missed, it was your tough luck.

**Not All Work**

It wasn't all work and no play in Boot Camp. We had a couple of hours every other day to play football or basketball or box or play baseball, etc. And about twice a week we went to the show which we had in camp.

After three weeks in Boot Camp you are sent out to the rifle range which is about 14 miles from the base. There you have to get up at four o'clock in the morning for the first week and you have to eat and get out on the "snapping-in range" by 5 a.m.

The "snapping-in range" is where you learn how to get into firing positions and how to aim your rifle fast and smooth. You have to stay out there and snappin all morning until it's time to call, and then right after you eat you go out and snap-in again until supper time. Then after supper you don't get too tired, you wash your clothes and write if you want to.

By 10 p.m., snapping-in, is getting into position, taking aim, and squeezing your trigger until it clicks, and then you do it all over again. You don't get any live .30 cal. ammunition for the first week and a half, although you do fire a .22 cal. rifle every day for the first week just to get used to the idea of having a rifle with live ammunition in it.

The two weeks that you are snapping-in, is almost a living hell, because it is so monotonous and it's hard for you to get into position and you get used to it. Then the big day comes, the one that all of us look forward to, the first day that we get to fire our .30 cal. rifles.

**Firing Your Rifle**

While you are waiting to go up on the firing line, you can see the other fellows firing and the rifles tick back. Then you start thinking that it might slip out of your hands and break your jaw or your shoulder or hurt you in some way. It really makes a fellow feel so nervous when he thinks of that.

When I went up on the line for the first time I was nervous, and when I took aim and squeezed my trigger and it went off, it scared the devil right out of me. But I soon got used to the noise and practiced very hard every day.

The reason that you have to squeeze the trigger is so that you won't know when it's going to go off. Because if you know when it is going to go off you will push your shoulder tight against the rifle and put you out of aim. And if you pull the trigger it will do the same thing.

Well, I hope you are all as well and happy as I am, because if you are, you're in swell shape. I'm going to close for now as I have to get back on the job.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours,

Victor B. McFadden  
Rifle Range E.  
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### Wash Day



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**Monkey Business**

Mabel Rhesus, who hails from Mainz, but is now at home in Burlington, Ia., may be a monkey, but she's no dope. She spends her days picking stamps to put in her war stamp book.

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