

San Diego, Calif.
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Reverend Jack Anderson
Trinity Methodist Church
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Reverend Anderson:

Received your letter and enjoyed hearing from you so very much. Letters from friends at home mean so very much for when one is away his friends are the things which he misses the most. If it weren't for friends one place would be about the same as another — except that California has more rain (please note, Cliff Davenport.)

Am getting along just fine and am enjoying my work. Of course, our work here is limited, because of demands, to needs required for the maintenance of good health, but we do all that we can for the boys and I believe that we are doing a good job. There are

about fifty dentist at this one base and I believe that each will average around four hundred fillings a month. Why I never realized that I could put in so many.

San Diego itself is a typical service town. We have Army, Navy, and Marines all based here so that together with plane factories has brought about a congested existence. It is almost impossible to get anyplace and if you got there you couldn't get in.

It is hard to predict how long I will be here. From inquiries it seems that the average length of time here is from six to seven months. My next duty will probably be sea duty or attachment to the fleet marines. In case of the latter it will mean "where the fur is flying" so next week

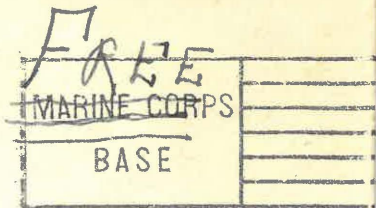
I am going to start putting in a little time on the rifle and pistol range. I want to be just a little better than the Jap I meet.

Am looking forward to the day when I can return to Tallahassee and begin all over again trying to break 90. I hope that I find you and Brother Alfred still involved in your "skinny" game.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Anderson and Bays, Caroline, and Margaret. With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,
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