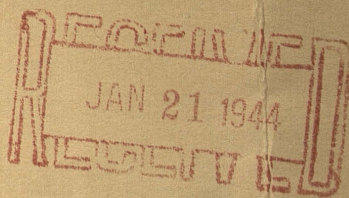


UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

South Pacific
Jan 4, 1944



Dear Uncle Amos:

I am enclosing a short note to be readdressed to Amos Jr. I wrote him two letters, but I had my military address set on them and I now find out that that is not acceptable; so it will have to be remailed without my military address.

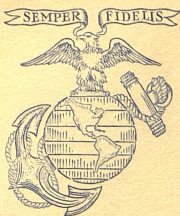
I trust everything is going as well as possible with you and yours.

I am out here doing my job.

I am well and happy. I expect to make Captain in a month or two and expect to be back in the United States by June or July.

I would like to tell you all the things I am doing but military censorship forbids it so I will save them till that fine day when the war is over and all the boys return home.

Your nephew
1st Lt. Phillip E. Laughlin



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South Pacific

Jan 5, 1944

Dear Amos:

Well how's the old boy these days? You've got your nerve taking a vacation just when there's a lot of work to be done. There you sit, drinking that good German beer, chasing those pretty Franklins and winning all the money in camp playing poker.

But seriously I know it's been no picnic. I know you'll really enjoy a return to a good old top sirloin steak from Texas, a cold bottle of Budweiser, and some of those beautiful Texas girls, and all of your old friends, and most of all your family. I know I will! It's just a question of time.

Bob Goodrich is out here.

Gary is following in my footsteps.

I am well and happy and doing my job well. I expect a Captaincy in 2 or 3 months.

Your cousin
Phillip E. Laughlin