



UNITED STATES MARINES

Dear Amon:

This is just a short note to let you know that I'm on a freighter going to the western battle front.

We are a good squadron. We're going to hit them plenty hard.

We've been at sea 20 days, and are still plugging along. We've seen 4 ships, a patrol bomber and an island, all friendly thank goodness.

Well, I'm a "shell back" now, as we've crossed the equator. We crossed the date line the other day and didn't have any Monday.

Gary is flying for the navy and will be commissioned soon.

Sorry to hear you were captured but maybe you're lucky.

I don't want to be captured by the Japs.

I'll be a Captain in a couple of months.

Your cousin
Phillip E. Laughlin