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Phxfinn,

Hope the move went well. Send a snail-mail when you get settled. Since you're in the neighborhood maybe we can set up a visit someday. I'd love to meet you and "A" finally.

I have not received any info from those "writing" websites yet, but you and Lcpl Turner are the first I've heard from. Maybe no one else knows it's there? Thanks for the help.

Lcpl Turner,

Great to hear from you Devil Dog! If you end up in Jacksonville, N.C. keep me updated so I can visit. One of these days I'm planning to show the kids what a Marine Corps F.M.F. Base is really all about. Give em the full tour and old war stories. Of course my travel plans are on hold for a bit. A bit?! How ironic. A "BIT" is what is commonly used to describe a period of time spent in prison. Like a guy saying, "this is my third bit". A "bit" is used whether it's 2-months, or 3-years, or 20-years. I wonder if that definition is included in Webster's?

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It's now Thanksgiving and I hope

you're having a great holiday. Twice a year we have a meal that is filling and memorable. Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's just sad that 50% of the guys in here have no understanding about the meaning behind the extra-food. A lot of us are grateful though. The best part was that the Turkey and stuffing was cooked perfectly. They even threw in Pineapple chunks with the normally plain red colored jello. It's probably cherry or strawberry jello, but it's usually spread so thin in the mix you can't tell what flavor it is. The real treat though was the Yams which is a rarity, and they were fantastic.

Thanks for a great recommendation letter. It was included as part of my Petition. But however the State views it, I am honored and will keep this letter to show my children someday. That they may know I was a man of honor. Even though I made this terrible mistake in life it is not what defines my life or who I am as a man and Marine. Thanks again Brother. I'm looking forward to one day meet, or at least call, all the Marines we served along side.

"Semper Paratus" A.T.!

David