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I got back here this morning and when I went to collect my mail I was handed a certain "orange" envelope with a gold wax seal. Now an orange letter wouldn't usually throw me; and neither would a gold wax seal. But both together was a little unnerving so it took me a while to work up the nerve to open it. The letter was rather pleasant so I wasn't prepared for that card. I mean really now, so I'm a little slow, you've got to make allowances when you're dealing with the Marine Corps.

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That's about it for now. Oh yeah
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because if they keep shooting at
I will probably be in them just look under the headlines, "Marine Outruns Enemy Artillery Shell" and that'll be 'lit of' me.

Like later

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