

Here you go on an adventure of a lifetime,  
Journeying to a foreign land  
To be the Marine you've been taught to be.

You will be a bundle of emotions,  
Nervous, excited, apprehensive, overwhelmed,  
Probably lost and alone, yet not alone.

Your senses will be bombarded  
With new sights and sounds  
And even familiar things will be turned upside down.

Listen to your leaders and follow their directions  
Don't be afraid to ask questions  
Above all maintain the values that are your own.

You are honest and trustworthy,  
Industrious and hardworking,  
Reliable and responsible.

You are also sensitive and caring,  
Entertaining and fun to be around  
You can be a real friend.

Remember that you are in the prayers of many  
Not only your family's, but your church's,  
Your teachers and coaches from school,

Your friends, aunts, uncles, cousins,  
Grandparents and doctors  
Just to name a few.

We look forward to hearing from you  
Expectantly watching for a letter or note  
And when possible, a phone call.

We want you to be brave, strong, and  
Prepared. God will be with you in all  
Ways and wherever you are.

Now may be the time to really develop  
Your relationship with Jesus. Greet Him in  
The morning, praise Him,  
Pray for your fellow Marines and others.

And don't forget to thank Him for all He's done  
And is doing in your life. He loves you,  
And so do we. Very much.

As someone at church said, Knowing you are in God's hands,  
and praying for your protection and peace,  
doesn't make everything okay, but it does make it bearable.

Remember the scripture on your wall after the fire,  
"Cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you."  
In 2 Peter 5:7. You can still do this.

Fold this up and keep it in your wallet.  
When you are lonesome for a letter, read this one again.  
Hopefully, it will uplift your spirit, and

Remind you that God knows where you are,  
He knows what you are doing,  
And He will never forsake you.

Deuteronomy 1:21 says, "Fear not, neither be discouraged."  
Psalm 105:4 says, "Seek the Lord, and his strength:  
seek his face evermore."

This is the end of this letter, I think. There are so many more  
scriptures I'd like to share. I'd also love to hear which ones God  
reveals to you.

Write soon, tell us all you can about things in your camp,  
the people you meet, and the adventures you have.  
Love always, Mom, Dad, and Breynna.

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