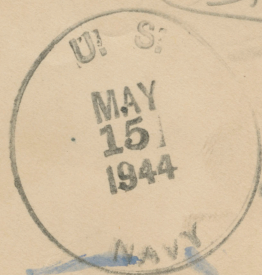


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Hello Margaret,

Don't be too surprised upon
receiving a letter from me.
I talked Bill into giving
me your address. He
also showed me your
picture. I'll describe you,
a brunette, about 5'1" tall,
pretty brown eyes, and
brown hair, and very cute.
Am I right?

Maybe I should describe
myself. (which isn't much.)
I'm 19 yrs old, 5'9½" tall,
weigh 165 lbs, blue eyes &
dark brown hair that is
wavy only half the time.

I like dancing very much,
but really can't dance. I
can get along with anyone
that can get along with
me. (that's my set back)
I've only been in the
Marine Corps since last
July, but that's 10 months
too long. If this war
would end I plan to
come east. I've never been
there and I hear that it's
a good place. I've spent
all my life in the North
West. Mostly in Washington
on different ranches.

I met Bill T. out here on

I am Clemente Is. It is a swell kid
and we get along O.K. most of the
time. We spend most of our time
talking about home.

Margaret, I'm a very poor
letter writer. Maybe if you
write to me I can do better
in my next letter. Please write.
Us guys love letters from
sweet girls. Excuse my pencil and
writing. I'm lying on my bunk and
can't write very well. Sincerely,
J Lew