

**OFFICE OF THE POST CHAPLAIN**  
**Marine Corps Recruit Depot**  
**PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.**

Greetings:

Your son has arrived at Parris Island for his training as a Marine. We have welcomed him to this Post and have invited him to take part in the religious activities here.

Regular Protestant Services are held every Sunday, both morning and evening. Communion Services are held the first Sunday of every month, making it possible for all to commune at least once while they are here. Every effort is made by the government to encourage church attendance in the Service, and we hope you will urge your son to be faithful in going to the Chapel.

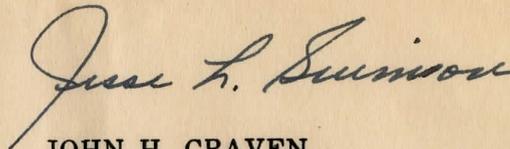
We offer religious instruction for those who are interested in baptism and church membership. We write to the home churches of those who, upon the completion of the course, are baptized and assume the vows of church membership. The fundamental doctrines of the Protestant Faith are set forth and the men are invited to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Through the courtesy of the American Bible Society and The Gideons, we are able to present each recruit with a New Testament. Most of the woes of the world are the result of man's departure from God's Law as revealed in His Word. We believe that peace and happiness will come to mankind only in so far as men abide by the principles of the gospel. We encourage the Marines to read God's Word regularly and we urge you to join with your son in the daily reading of the Bible.

In case of an emergency the American Red Cross is the official agency appointed by the government to confirm all claims of extreme need at home. To save time, in case of an emergency, you should notify your son through your local Red Cross chapter, and thus prevent unnecessary delay.

It is our desire to convey to you the christian greetings of the Protestant chaplains of this Post, to assure you of our interest in your son, and our prayerful concern for his eternal welfare. We trust that this will be a means of cheer to you and pray that in these days you may find the living God to be your refuge and strength, and that in the comforting gospel your heart will find peace.

Sincerely yours,



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