

## Out of the Wisconsin State Journal's *Mail Bag*

### From the Halls of Montezuma . . .

Editor, The State Journal:  
We have just finished reading one of Miss Lorna Douglass' articles in The Wisconsin State Journal headed "Marines Are Useful, Decorative Husbands."

We feel that we have one **loud long beef!** Not that we are criticizing the article, but we have come to the conclusion that she just does not know that Marine Corps!!! We must admit we can do the **average little** things such as washing, ironing, sewing on buttons and we do have great skill in opening tin cans and OH that 'hard tack.' Then, too, if or when we get married we won't even consider letting our wives take off with the girls. How do we know it's the girls??

Leaving a written order for the old man to cook the chow, is really the last straw! They will be plenty lucky if they get our permission to leave the house.

We must admit we are snappy and rated as the best parade ground soldiers in the world, but that isn't what we are really noted for. We are not one of the best **fighting** outfits. **We are the best!**

Speaking openly and quite frankly, we are probably the dirtiest and bloodiest fighters in the world. Miss Douglass, we do not know how to handle Japs, but we do know how to kill them swiftly and skillfully. Isn't that really what counts in the long run? This is not a Sunday school picnic, but a bloody and gruesome war!

You are quite right in stating that no marine will be a mama's boy. All that is taken out of his mind the first few weeks of training. In fact, the little lass is quite safe on any part of the globe, in heavy traffic or air raid if she has a **fighting Marine** at her side!

It has been said that, "The Marines have the neatest uniforms, cleanest bodies, dirtiest minds, and are the **best** fighters in the world." That is what we try to live up to.

If we are a bit outspoken and brazen in this brief message, please forgive us, but what we have written in this simple, humble manner, is actually what we think and is entirely our own viewpoints.

—Still Alive  
Very respectfully yours,

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