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UNITED STATES MARINES

Hello Min, Tony and the girls,

How is everybody getting along? Fine & hope I'm okay myself.

Well, I'm through going to school here and now I'm out on the rifle range. This life out here is better than it was back at the barracks. More time to yourself and not much drilling. We sleep in tents out here, six men to a tent, I got the first six men from my squad in this tent and they're all good fellows.

Today is Sunday so I have all day off. I washed my clothes this morning after I came from Church and then sewed some buttons on my field jacket. You know I have to do a lot of work that I didn't even think of doing before.

We had an inspection yesterday and the officers were pretty well pleased with us. They should have been, especially with me because I spent about 10 hours polishing shoes, and cleaning my rifle.

Yeah, it's hot out here today. The temperature was about 75 degrees this morning -
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but now its up around 82 degrees. It only rained
two days since I'm here.

Pop is worrying that I'm having a rough
time here but its not so bad now. It was
tough at first but now things are a little
better. More free time and I guess everyone
is catching on to things they have to do,
so this means catching less hell.

How is the garage business going? And are
they drafting many guys from around there?
I dont want to be nosy but just curious.

Well, thats all for now but Ill write
more often. So be good and write lots.

Goodbye for now.

As ever
Tony