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CAMP LEJEUNE
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Hello folks,

Well, I'm sorry that I haven't written in so long but I've been busy and anyway you know that I'm not much of a letter writer. I always keep putting it off until before I know it a month has gone by and I still haven't written.

I'm just fine and hope all of you are too. Some of my good sun tan has faded already since I got back to the States. It's not quite as hot here as it was down at Puerto Rico.

Tomorrow I guess that I'll go swimming down at the beach near here. It's a good way to spend the day and if I can get a hold of some fishing rods somewhere we might try our luck. I would have liked to have come home this weekend but that's not possible yet. Probably be a couple of weeks yet before I can make it.

How are all my little nieces doing? I'll bet they're still just as cute as ever.

I "celebrated" my birthday last Monday altho it was a poor celebration. But still it was better than the one last year.

On the way up from Puerto Rico we had some good liberty and stopped in a few ports. I liked Miami about the best of all.

Well, I'll close for now and say goodbye so hear's love to all God bless everyone in your little family - Be sure to give my best to the little girls.

Tommy

(getting all mixed up)

P.S. - Here's a ^{picture} ~~photo~~ of me in

Miami. The rest of the pictures I'll send home soon as they're developed.