

SEVEN MILE BRIDGE

U. S. NAVAL STATION

KEY WEST, FLORIDA

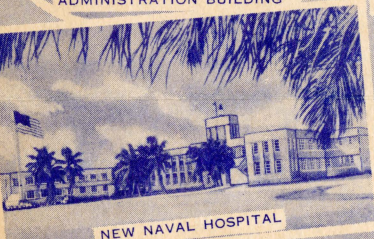
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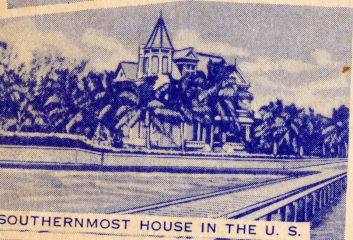
Dear Miss McGlynn,



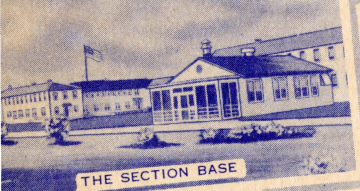
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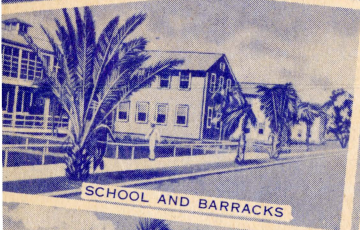
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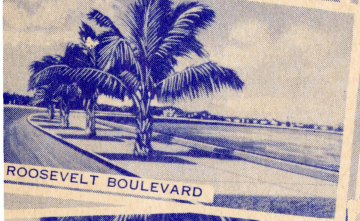
SOUTHERNMOST HOUSE IN THE U. S.



THE SECTION BASE



SCHOOL AND BARRACKS



ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD



NAVAL RECEIVING STATION & CHOW HALL

It has taken me quite a while to get around to letting you hear from me again, but I finally got around to it today. I could tell you that I have about eight other letters to answer yet -- which is very true, believe me -- but what's the use of making up excuses all the time.

Things are still the same as ever down here -- the town is as dead as ever, we still go to our own shows almost every evening without fail, and the weather is still nice and warm. As a matter of fact, I was swimming all yesterday afternoon. I must be making you shiver as the paper said that you have had quite a cold spell up there lately. It's quite hard for me to realize that winter is in full swing down here, but the Christmas cards and boxes I have received have helped to bring it across to me. I want to thank the C.D.C. for the box they sent me before I keep on rambling here and forget all about it. The boys and I enjoyed it very much. We all divide the boxes here, and someone is always getting one so we are doing more eating than anything else of late.

We have a football team on the station here, and we are about to finish up our season tonight when we play the Naval Hospital team. We have won six out of eight games to date so I guess we haven't done too badly. If we win the game tonight we will be tied for second place in the "conference" here. The hospital team is in second place now so we'll have quite a battle on our hands tonight. I feel quite at home playing on our team here as I play the same position that I played in high school.



COAST GUARD

Since the last time I wrote, I have spent a three day weekend leave in Miami. A fellow from upper New York State and I went up and had a swell time for ourselves. We hired a '42 Chevrolet convertible coupe for a whole day and saw just

about everything of interest in Miami and vicinity. We went to Miami Beach, Hollywood, Fla., Coral Gables, along Biscayne Blvd., etc. I'd go up New Year's Day to see the Orange Bowl game, but I'll be coming home the first part of February so I have to stay around for a while now.

Well, my noon hour is pretty nearly up so I'll have to stop now and get back on the job. I haven't written a great deal, but you at least know that I'm still alive and well down here. Thank you again for the box of candy, cookies, etc.

Sincerely,

E. D. Boeko