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Dear Folks

Well I've pretty well gotten over being disappointed by being kicked out of the circus program but I still felt that I was treated unjustly.

I have learned a lot here in New Orleans. I don't have to do any work so I just wander around the base and learn things.

This morning I have been out shooting 50 cal. machine-guns and 20 m.m. anti aircraft guns.

The instructor and the ~~guy~~ chief gunner's mate on a Destroyer said I was a good shot and should never have been disqualified. I also learned to disassemble a 20 m.m. gun and this afternoon I'm going to try to learn to put it back together.

New Orleans is a very interesting place both on the base and off. On the base here I have been aboard on all over an French aircraft carrier

of which the officers have just been arrested for sabotage. It was at Mortimer and has been here for repairs. It seems the Germans don't want to fight so they sabotage the ship. I have also been aboard a submarine, a Destroyer, a gunboat, an S. S. J. and I have piloted a S. C. 1.

I have seen French, Russians (men and women) Mexican Spanish, English and Dutch sailors.

I have also seen a lot of New Orleans and part of it is very pretty and part is not so good.

I went to church Sunday and saw the New Orleans High school championship football game. They play pretty good but not real as good as I was class A A teams play.

I received your letter today with money and I am well stocked with it. I haven't even cashed the \$50 money order yet.

FRANK MYRON BASS

~~Frank Myron Bass~~. I haven't gotten my  
watch yet but I guess I will get  
it soon.

You asked me what I thought of  
you joining up. Well I don't think  
it's a very good idea because the  
Army already has too many officers who  
don't know what there doing.

and when I get to my next base I  
may be able to get into V-5 or V-8  
which is the same as V-5 only you  
don't get a commission. They are taking  
these men for all officer programs  
from the enlisted personnel now instead  
of the civilians. This is Forrestal's  
idea and I think it is very good.

They are also not making them out  
like they were.

Oh I don't get into one of these programs  
I expect to be seeing action pretty soon.

P.S. - I might surprise you Xmas  
Love Frank