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the Pacific

Frank Bass

DEAR FOLKS,

Well here's a letter of some sort. I don't know what to say because there isn't too much the regulations will permit.

First of all my address has been changed and I now have an F.P.O. no. which will allow you to send me packages and I will always appreciate any food that can be easily shipped. I would also like to have a good pipe, a "Haywoodie" if possible. My address will be found on the envelope and at the end of the letter.

We heard the news of President Roosevelt's death, at 1:30, the day he died, over the P. A. system on the ship. We were all shocked and surprised to say the least but I guess everything will turn out alright.

We get the latest news broadcast twice a day and have popular records played over the P. A. system. We also have a movie once in a while. We are ~~crowded~~ crowded up like sheep in a cattle car and our living quarters are none to good. We have to wash and shower in salt water. Our food consists of 2 so called meals a day and a sandwich at noon. The weather is very very hot.

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We have now ~~left~~ left the Hawaiian Islands and  
and while we were there we were permitted to go  
ashore. We alld a good time and enjoyed  
seeing Honolulu very much. Nothing is  
rationed there, but gasoline. There are lots  
of cigarettes, shoes, jewelry, clothes, food etc.  
there. I had one of the thickest and juiciest  
steaks I ever had in my life in a restaurant  
there. The navy has taken over the famous Royal  
Hotel on the Waikiki beach in  
Honolulu. It is one of the most luxurious and  
beautiful hotels in the world. We went  
through it and went swimming ~~and~~  
while on the beach, at Waikiki, I saw  
Victor Bolat. He was looking good  
and I enjoyed talking to him very much.  
Honolulu seems to be a nice place and I would  
like to visit it after the war.

I have decided to strike for a Copswains  
rate. I don't know if I will be able  
to get it or not but, I hope so.

Well that's all I can think of for  
now so,

adios,  
Frank