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Rec'd NAVY written Fri. May 18  
Thurs. aft May 24  
1st letter  
Rec'd from Okinawa

May 18-1945

I am now on Okinawa + have been here for some time but have been busy + unable to write.

The add on envelope is only for censorship or something, so use old add. as usual.

I have been having quite a bit of excitement lately. The ship I was on was credited with shooting down a Jap Zero. Two came in low a Betty behind zero in front + a Betty behind it. The Zero headed for us but blew up + hit a ship about 50 yds. from us + our ship was given credit for shooting it down. The Betty turned off + was shot down by fighters.

If you wonder why this letter is so bad its the same old reason plus Antillery fire which is shaking the ground. ~~We~~ have been transferred from C-12 temporarily. I am now up close to the front + am with the 3rd Marine Amphib. Corps. Its not very dangerous here so you dont have to worry. I will be back with C-12 after a while though so write to old address.

I am well + fine + enjoying myself. Life here is better than I expected + so is the food.

The people here are very friendly + cooperative except for a few. They have grass houses + very elaborate tombs

I am fine + enjoy letters + newspapers.

Thats all for now its getting dark.

written May 18, mailed 19, Rec'd 24 P.M.  
Add. on envelope was - Frank M. Bass, S 3/2, USNR, 358-32-15  
M. C. Headquarters B101X III Marine Amphib. Corps.  
F.P.O. San Francisco - Calif.

He wrote the we above + marked it out + wrote



Frank Bass

May 18, 1945

Dear Folks,

I am now on Okinawa and have been here for some time but have been busy and unable to write.

The address on the envelope is only for censorship or something. <sup>to use 7 P.O. address 24 1/2</sup> I have been having quite a bit of excitement lately. The ship I was on was credited with shooting down ~~the~~ the Jap P planes and I was an auxiliary gunner on the ship. Two of them came in low; a Zero in front and a Betty behind. The Zero headed for us but blew up ~~and~~ and hit a ship about 50 yds from us and our ship was credited given credit for shooting it down. The other planes turned off and were shot down but I didn't.

Oh you wonder why this letter is so bad it's the same old reason plus artillery fire which is shaking the ground. ~~We~~ I have been transferred from C-12 temporarily. I am now up close to the front and am with Marine 3rd Amphibs. It's not very dangerous here so you don't have to worry. I will be back with C-12 after a while though so write to old address.

I am well and fine and enjoying myself. Life is better than I expected and so is the food.

The people here are very friendly

and very cooperative except for a few. They have  
grass houses and ~~even~~ very elaborate hombos.

I am fine and enjoy letters and newspapers  
I hate all for now it's getting dark

Love

Frank