

"Somewhere in the
"Marianas Islands"
15 January 1945
24/8

Dear Bryant Service Club Members -

A heartfelt of thanks
for your swell box of candy.
The mates in my hut thank
you too - for they helped
me eat it. That is a
usual occurrence - it works
both ways. We share & share
alike.

Since last writing your
things have changed. We no
longer have trouble with
the Japs who tried to snipe
at the camp - that is a
relief. Instead we are
visited (faithfully) by the
Flying Gun bombers. Three
months ago I saw my

first Jap plane going down
in flames. Now, it is not
unusual to see 2 and 3
Bogeys to down in flames.
Outside of bombings there
isn't much more to
report in the line of
activity.

One of our beaches
looks like Waikiki Beach
in Honolulu. I like the
water here a lot better
as it's quite cooler. Diving
for shells & cat-eyes is
fun. Poisonous aquatic
life is not frequent this
particular beach, however
some poisonous species have
been known to appear
occasionally. But that does
not stop me from
taking a dip.

Well, I've got about
 8 hours of sack
 duty & put in so
 once again — thanks,
 & I'll be looking
 forward, when once again,
 I get a letter from
 you. The best of
 luck & success to
 you.

Sincerely,
 Jim Russell