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Hello Frank,

How are you. I'm feeling
fine and hope this
finds you the same.

I know I should
be shot for not answer-
ing your letter before
this! No excuse except
business. And I need
another vacation. The
other one left me
all knocked out.

How do you like the
good news. By the time
you received this letter

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the war will be over.
And pretty soon you'll
be walking in on your
mother. That's going to
be a great day when
all you boys come
marching home.

Right now I'm on
Orchard Beach with my
family and a few more
families. They've decided
to leave me alone for
a while. I'm taking
some beating here. I
don't know why its al-
ways me they love to
pick on. So while I
have the chance I'm

3.

dropping you a few lines.
Yesterday Rose Marie, I
and a few girls went out
to Long Beach. That's at
the end of Queens. It's
a nice beach but it's
so far to travel. I prefer
Orchard Beach even if
it is more crowded. We
had a swell time, we
just got to go home. We
got home after eleven, after
being out all day from
eight in the morning.

Now let's get to answering
your letters.

First of all to keep the
records straight. Frank

Senatrow wasn't in the picture. He was the main topic that night but it was Fred MacMurray that we saw in that picture.

You tell Ernie and Bill to leave you alone when your writing to me. But how about letting me in on some of those jokes. I'll bet they must be good ones. You sailors seem to know all the best ones.

Now don't you start calling me Minnie Haw Haw. Besides the name is blacky now. But the

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name keeps changing
every day.

There, offer me the
candy while your so
far away. Go ahead
and be a hog, eat it
all yourself. See if I
won't get even with you.
Right now I'm eating
a cookie and I'm not
going to offer you any,
so there! I don't
care for candy or chocolate
so you can have it all.
See how good I am.

Well, Frank they're
trying to get me into the
water again and I don't

6.

want to go so I'd better
close so that I can
fight for my rights.
I need some help, come
on over. But I want
you on my side not
theirs. No on second
thought stay where you
are. Your to good a
swimmer for me.

Shuts all for now
Frank. Give my regards
to Bill + Ernie and the
girls send them to them
and you to. So long
for awhile. Take care
of yourself and don't
work to hard. Love.