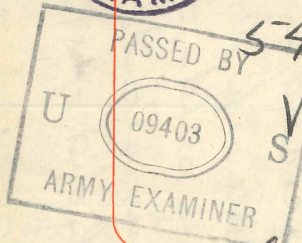
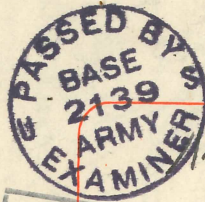


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Hello Folks.-

How was your 4th? - Ours here was very quiet. - we even had a picnic of sorts. Our group has a cottage someplace known as the "Villa" - so all of us gathered there for swim and general get together - we don't see enough of each other at the field here!

Been rather busy, together with going "afendin", as we call it. - Went today, and am scheduled for the near future again! - Oh, well, that's what I came over for (no it isn't, I couldn't get out of coming!). - That at least makes you feel like you're doing something - and it's such a feeling of "reliefness" when we get back all in one piece - or just get back! - I had no idea Africa could look so good to me!

A friend of mine who is associated in some way with the press releases said he fixed me up today. He wouldn't tell me just what I'm supposed to have said - said he fixed it up so as to say it was my first "mission"! - I heard him asking for my home address so he probably did put something in the papers! -

Have been quibbling with myself on the advisability of getting my camera sent to me. - What do you think of the chances? - Also - have been getting truly "fed up" on "C" rations and have been wondering how a cake or some cookies might stand the trip? -

It keeps getting hotter + hotter here each day - they tell us next month it really gets hot here - hm - I wonder? Lots of love,
Frank

- I'll finish the letter I started the other day and get it off to you soon!

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