

Frederickson, Thomas

Bath Sergeant Writes Lions From Pacific

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Under date of July 22, Sgt. Thomas Frederickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frederickson Sr., Chestnut Street, Bath, writes interestingly from the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific, to the Bath Lions Club, as follows:

"Howdy all you Lions: I can picture you folks around a loaded table and since I can't be with you, I'll pass along some of the impressions of what people might call a South Sea island Paradise. Those of us who are on it don't quite agree with that description but the place isn't too bad. We are camped on a coral island and in a cocoanut grove. We are near the beach so that we can do a lot of swimming and the breeze keeps things fairly cool. We have had quite a bit of rain but it soaks in pretty fast. One bad feature of it is that the tent I'm in is in the lowest spot of the whole camp and the water collects there and backs into my tent. We wake up in the morning and find our cots in an island.

"So when we would get up we find our shoes floating around the place. We shoveled in and raised the floor and thought we had it fixed, but it rained harder than ever.

"A few weeks ago we put on a show for a Navy boat and I pulled a crack in the show about Bath, Pa., and after the show the master at arms came up and asked me if I was from Bath. It turned out that he was Stephen Spanitz from Bath. (He is in the Navy for many years.) We had quite a long chat about our home town. Sam Kissel is in an Air Corps outfit here on this island. We get together sometimes and talk over the news from home. In a few days I expect to go on a trip to take care of some business for the office and I'll get to see Bertine Keefer.

Kind regards,

Thomas Frederickson Jr."

Sgt. Frederickson is attached to
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