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Hello, folks.

Just a note again. Went afield again today, and theoretically qualified for my 1st oak leaf cluster to my American medal. That's the equivalent of earning the medal again. It really means nothing in away - it just shows your accomplishment. As yet I've received no official notice of the original medal - but will one of these days. I'm not worrying about it. As usual, I won't have any trouble sleeping tonight. Usually after a raid we know we've done some work. We don't realize we are tired until after it is all over - guess there's a sort of exhilaration connected with it all and the natural let down follows.

Got sister's V-mail from that were air mailed to B.T.C. today. Thanks a lot. I'm building up a good supply of my own and occasionally loan one or two out. We haven't been supplied as single one for way over a month - yet supposedly we are to get 1 a week! Well - this is Africa so what can you expect? By the way - you needn't send stuff over here air mail, particularly. It only adds while it's in the state. Some of ours might go back that way, but only night - planes are usually full of other stuff coming this way.

You should have seen Bob Hope & Frances Langford last night. Honestly Bob Hope is just a natural and a right. Frances Langford was pretty enough to make me sigh. It's a treat to see some real American people! Bob Hope started out with "I certainly am happy to be with all of you fellows over here in this lovely co-pilot's." From then on - anything went! Well - this is the bottom row. I'll lay off till next time.

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Love,
Frank

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