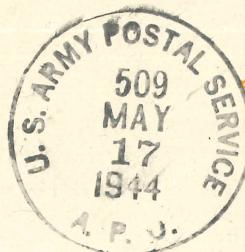


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Hello Folks.

How is everyone - and Ma in particular? - Yesterday was Mother's Day, but as I didn't write, guess I'll have to make amends now for it! - Went to church, tho, & Chaplain Ervin had a very nice Mother's Day Service. - Santa out-did himself, too. -

I kept putting off writing all day - was going to write this morning instead - but no. - Got hooked as mail censor for the day and I read so darn many letters, writing was the last thing I wanted to do. It seems as tho the incoming mail yesterday brought lots of packages & letters,

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and all the enlisted men
were either answering or thanking.
Never saw so much mail - and
it's surprising how much alike
each letter is. Practically the same
thing happens to each fellow,
so naturally their letters follow
similar veins.

Captain Hahn (remember he
was in some of the pictures I sent
home at the very first?) left
yesterday for the states. The ground
personnel have a sort of rotation
policy of their own which has
just started to function to any
degree - and he is going home
under that. His home is in
Philadelphia and he has promised
to call you folks when he arrives.
Hope so - he is a pretty nice sorta

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fellow in his way, and I guess
he knows as much about my
abusing as anyone.

I took a physical exam yesterday.
Just routine - Doc says I'm
disgustingly healthy! - He's been
kidding him - pretending to have
"the shakes" or jitters - but he
won't be sold! -

This afternoon we were treated
to a U.S.O. show for a change.
Makes about two in six weeks
or so. - The other one we had was
the first of any of theirs we've
had. - Don't know why they've
been so long getting into gear.
Hitherto the Red Cross has been
the only thing we've ever seen.
Still going to give the Red Cross
all my donations I think. - \$

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The show itself was only fair entertainment. - They had a girl singer who was fair - but an American girl - never the less. - A good magician - and as most of them - a poor - master of ceremonies. Most of them try to be too funny, but I suppose the fault isn't all theirs. - An audience of our type must be pretty hard to play to, I imagine. - It takes something spontaneous and natural.

Oh, yes, - suppose you received some more Whitman's Samples for Mother's Day, didn't you. - You should have, for you were supposed to have.

Went flying again this morning just for the heck of it. - Had been on the ground for several days so had the "urge". There was a plane

5! which had just had a new engine installed - so I took it up to get some "slow time" on it (The breaking in process). Usually such tasks fall to the new fellows in the sqdn., but as long as I want to fly - I relieve them of their chores. - Might as well, if I'm wanting to fly anyhow.

Am enclosing the picture I told you about last time. - The one in the pith helmet. - Isn't a sharpie, eh?

Hell, guess I've about run out of news - or at least something to write about. - Nothing new has developed yet as to our being relieved from combat duty, but we all have our hopes of something soon.

So until then - keep em

6' crossed and I'll be seeing you!

Lots of love,
Frank