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Hiya Joe,

Here it is, - a nice day just for writing letters. - It's sorta damp out, I've got a nice fire going in our stove, just had a shower, and haven't got a darn thing else to do! - Now what more requirements do I need? - Oh - - Something to write about! - Just a minor thing when I write a letter - and for proof of it - just see if you can gather any real news out of this one after I have it finished!

Just got a V-mail from Laster saying Ma had received a notice of my air medals! - Didn't

2! ever know that that was
done! - Hell, live and learn. Since
~~the~~ these awards I've had
about 37 other sorties that
could be mentioned too! - Only
I don't know how many air
medals that entails for at
present they are changing the
awarding of them - and one person
in authority thinks it should be
thus & such, while another thinks
it should be another way. - So
they just bat it back and
forth while we go on qualifying
for them - but no one knows
exactly what he is doing when
he qualifies! - Have you ever
heard the expression and explained
of "SNAFU"? - Hell, this is a
typical example. - So what?
None of us care a hoot for

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medals and awards. We just want
to get our jobs done and see our
"going home" orders.

As soon as they get our
"transport" plane ready I'm supposed
to take it on a trip to Africa on
some business. - Going somewhere
around Oran. - I spent about 3
weeks there last May - so should
have no trouble at all finding
my way around! - Our transport
is one of our old 26's stripped
down of all unnecessary equipment,
as it's not used for combat
any more (put out to pasture,
sort of). It's quite a ship - cruiser
~~at~~ about 30 to 50 miles/hr. fast
than our regular ones - and that
usually makes a "fair to middlin'"
ground speed! - I don't especially
care to go - as I always get irritated
over travel as a transient - eating
in transient messes" and sleeping

41 in any old bed - usually uncomfortable
and not enough covers! - (Goodness -
I seem to have bitter views on
every subject! I don't really -).

I'm not flying missions near
as often as I used to, but any
at all is too much. - That is one
thing I can stop now and have no
regrets. I'm just fortunate - one of
these days I'll probably find myself
"visiting" practically every day. -

Hell, you should have been
around camp last night. - It seems
a "wet front" moved thru our officers
club and this morning all the
bottles were empty! The occasion
was in celebration of 3 of us's
1 yr. overseas! - I didn't participate
to any degree tho. - Can't afford to
cause the stuff they get here
gives me a touch of diarrhea every
time and I've been "frequented"

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often enough with that malady without offering it any encouragement. — Enough is enough!

Haven't heard a word more about our most important subject. We are discussing it all the time but don't let it get us down. — When we do hear word tho - I'll let you know within a "couple of months" when I'm going to arouse you from whatever task you might be doing and come and get me! - Maybe I oughta spend my first day home in a hotel with some of your private stock within easy reach? -

Enclosed is an article I found that expresses all our views of this argument of whether or not it's Spain! — Keep 'em crossed - and I'll keep looking out for my royal? — Joseph.