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Hello shorts,

Imagine a line from you little brother - ? - Anything can happen now! And probably will. - I don't know just what will end up on this - cause I wrote the folks the other day and know you will get to see that eventually - so what's the percentage in repeating myself? - And I don't really know enough to write to fill two letters with different topics, so about this time I'm wondering why I ever started a letter in the beginning?

You'd get a kick out of being over here with me - we see some of the strangest, dandiest, & fascinating things you can imagine - both from the military point of view, and from a traveler's point of view. - You can never bank on what you'll see next. -

Just take planes for example - we get to see - climb all over and sometimes fly the very latest things made - and then you're liable to turn around and see an old French plane flying around that

looks very suspiciously like a lot of the
very earliest planes used & now reposing
blissfully in the Smithsonian: In fact,
I've caught myself wondering if some of
the planes I used to see there aren't now
here! - It sure surprised me! -

Then again - you might wonder as to
the type plane it is - and some one will
tell you it isn't a plane at all - but an
African mosquito! - I'd take back every
thing I ever said about those in Florida -
cause surely - we have the claddys of
them all! - We are almost afraid to swat
one of 'em for fear of maybe just maiming
it and making it really angry at us.
They just stand up and box, then, - looking
for an opening to shoot you full of malaria
for which we take Divine each clay-heaven
bless 'em!

And the flies! - I'd sure like to
get back and exchange a few for some
good old American Variety! - These clam
things haven't even the common decency
to move when you wave at 'em! And when
you move 'em bodily - the clam things come
right back and light on the very same
place. - They are too strong minded to suit
me!

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Didn't get to finish it, - did I? - Oh well, no harm done. - At least one thing, - when you write over here - you don't have the driving urge to hurry and mail it before the next "pick up". - Then "ain't any"!

Got a V mail from Sister yesterday. - The first message of any sort I've received, and boy, - that's a long time. - It was written the 29th of April day after Ma's birthday. - She told me of the occasion and mentioned Janet in one or two places - and also said something about so much company on Easter - so putting 2 + 2 together - I gather that the Virginia (God bless it) clan got to gather a mite with the D. C. clan in spite of threatened priorities and stuff! Mighty fine - says I. - Along about that time I was hitting the African Coasts and sorta glad I could quit "sweating out" having to use my little rubber boat and playing with the "three little fishies" and all their kin folks.

As I said earlier - not a heck of a lot to write about. - I'm seeing all sorts of stuff including air-raids. - You should feel lucky. - over here we have the real McCoy

not practice ones. - It's not too much fun to have to stumble out in the dark - but there's a certain satisfaction knowing their time to click will be on the morrow, probably. - But let's not talk shop!

We just went on day light savings here. - Time was already pushed up an hour, I believe - so that makes our local time just 6 hrs ahead of Eastern Standard time. - It seems funny - sometimes when I'm going somewhere - particularly on a Sunday morning - I look at my watch and figure back the time to see what I would be doing home at this same time. - Why, I would just be getting home from a date - !

Maybe I'd best stop this rambling and mail this if you're ever going to get it. - Anyway - I'm tired of dodging the censorable & the uncensorable! - So bye for now - and exercise your writing arm once in a while. -

Frank

P.S. - I'll have to save the foreign money - the powers that be say "no" on sending it.