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Dear Golly:-

Now here's a funny letter for you! -
I've moved again - as you can see - and
this is at least my real address. - I'm
permanently assigned to this organization
or at least as permanently as one ever
is in the Army.

We just got here today and after
unloading our plane, - we got a tent
and got fixed up for the night. - I thought
I'd spend tomorrow getting things
settled, but no. - I'm to be put right
to work! - Oh me! - And what work!

Tomorrow I'm to go on my first
mission - real honest to goodness
one, that is. - I just found it out. - I
don't know just what to say - thoughts
are just bounding around in my ol'
cranium like a ping pong ball on
a hardwood floor. - The upshot of it
all will be - I'll never get on this paper

what I would like to.

To start with - tho it's easy to see why not. - I might not get back for more than one reason, - but the odds are pretty good for me! - And actually, I expect to see the end of this war and get back to the States. There's just the question if!

My feelings - well, - we won't go into that very deeply. - In a way I have the same queer nervous empty feeling in my stomach as I usually have before doing anything new to me. - Much as I used to have ~~on~~ the morning before time to start school in September of every year.

What we are going for - and the trip itself - means nothing - there's no fear - for our training has after all, all been in this direction - and I suppose I'm too good a soldier to not want to go. - It's funny, - none of the fellows really want to go on these missions - ~~but~~, not down deep

but - we are just drilled to the point
where actually, it will be nothing more
than a routine training flight, - that
is - we hope it will be just a routine
flight - even without any added side
effects - if you know what I mean.

Well, up to this point - I've just
managed to say a lot of nothing.
If - no - I mean, when I come back
tomorrow I'll add another page to
this - or rather substitute a page
for this one.

Just remember no matter what -
I'm in here pitching - still having
the adventure of my life. - all these
hardships just go to add to it all -
and just remember - I've had a
family life behind me that most
fellows can't boast of. - so I've
really been a very lucky fellow
to date.

Sorry to make this short - but
I've got to get some sleep - so remember
I've got the best family in the world
and I love you all every one
I write - and thumbs up!! Love
Frank