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Mya Folks,-

Here it is April again! - Just think, on the 17th it will start my second year of overseas duty! - Ha. - pretty soon I'll not only merit rotation as a flyer - I'll be able to put in for the 18mo. rotation that the ground personal are supposedly entitled too! Only hope I have no more trouble in my second period of it than I had during the first, tho. - cause actually I've been a very, very fortunate lad - in almost every way - and I'm not complaining a bit!

Today is a beautiful day - a perfect Palm Sunday. - It sure makes us want to get out and just walk & walk. - If I get enough ambition up - I might get out & fly! Nothing so strenuous as walking. Haven't flown in over a week now - Doc just

2! "ungrounded" me yesterday, so thought I might take a plane up - fly around a couple of hours and maybe shoot a landing or two! - Just to see if I can still do it! - Can you see me spending all day at Congressional and getting to fly maybe 15 minutes? - Never expected to be able to walk out, crank up <sup>some</sup> horses and take off just because I got an urge to get myself airborne. - In fact, I never expected to be sitting in Sardinia either, - so guess I could go on drawing odd pictures all day!

Gee, - hate to see summer come around to this place. - It must get as hot as Africa does - and already we see mosquitoes brushing up on their tactics. Understand that the mosquito bars have to be used after the 15th and that's the date for atabrine to be started, too. - Hope that stuff is as good at keeping malaria away as it was last year. - They tell us that it is very prevalent in this

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3! particular part of the woods. -

- - - Later - after "airing" out.

Hell, - I finally broke down and went flying for 2 hours. - Had a plane with new engines that needed breaking in, - so I contributed to the process. Just nosed around, seeing Sardinia from its different angles. Took Doc with me - he needs a little flying time for his flight pay - and even let him fly a while from the copilot's seat. - He did fairly well at it too - considering. - He also took along a native boy. - We have several, about 12 yrs of age, that do the cleaning & straightening around the tents. It was so funny to watch him. -

at first - he was about overwhelmed at the size, for he had never been close to our ships. - And the flying itself just about tickled him to death. Everytime I would look at him he would break out in a grin that

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would cover his whole face. - I suppose the poor little <sup>traveled</sup> traveled further & saw more of Sardinia than his mother & father in all their lives! - One little fellow, we asked first, wouldn't go. - But after we got back and he had time to listen to the one who did go - he came around to see me and asked if I were going to fly tomorrow! - I told him yes, but I didn't expect it would be very pleasing to go with me, because we were going out for "business". - Then he asked about <sup>the</sup> day after tomorrow! - (a true translation of their words is "Double tomorrow": doppio domani).

Just had some home made fudge. It suffered from the same fault as some I tried to make last week! - It wouldn't get hard. - Once in awhile, some of us managed to get a hold of the necessary ingredients and try our hand at candy making. -

Last week when I was grounded and looking for mischief to get into,

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but if I am - think nothing of it. - I've  
only over here doing my little "bit" &  
God granting - being lucky enough to come  
thru - so far!

And Mama's Easter flowers - did  
they arrive o.k. - I think I ordered a  
geranium plant or something. - It was  
planned for delivery like the candy  
I sent for Christmas. -

Well, - it's really goodnight now -  
cause our extra hour, added for daylight  
saving is making bed time come an  
hour early tonight. -

Bye now & be good.

lots of love,  
Frank.



Our tent  
Home

This is our  
Tent & shelves

This is my  
corner-  
Note bed &  
frag cases  
for cabinets.

Tony  
Colandro  
& myself

Kai/  
Between!  
Capri & Piccola  
Marina.

Mac Lewis  
& myself

Colandro +  
Lewis