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Hijar Folks -

Just got back from town. - I've been in most of the afternoon - and tho I had a chance to stay in till late tonight with a ride back and everything - "hyar" I be! - Sounds kinda silly, doesn't it. - But you'd be surprised how quickly one tires of all the hustle + bustle and jabbering that goes on in foreign cities. - At first they are a curiassity - but now - well - just an outlet to vary the routine of camp life.

Guess you'll be glad to know my mail has started coming thru. - The other day I got 11 letters - mostly from Sister. - I also had a couple from Brother telling me of some of the bad connections on trains he has had to sweat out. - One was from Fred, too - written around the first part of May. - Guess besides my moving around so much - the Sicilian invasion had its

part in holding up the mail.
However - if that was the case - I
think we can all afford to have our
mail messed up a lot. - Not pas?

Went over to the dentist the other
day to have my teeth looked at & cleaned.
Of course they've been looked at all along.
Everytime I've had a physical - which
was quite often in preparation for foreign
duty. - Well. - I thought they must at
least need cleaning, cause that hasn't
been done since last November. - Much
to my surprise - the dentist told me
there wasn't any "tartar" at all on my
teeth - and just some stain behind
my lower front teeth. - He wouldn't
even take the trouble to clean them -
just gave me some powdered pumice
and told me to brush my teeth once
a day with it until the stain was
gone. - ~~The~~ Sure enough - it only took
about 3 brushings! - You should see
'em shine now!

It's too bad Brother is traveling
all down in the neck of the woods
where I was so long. - I would have

² that way - wouldn't it?

I had a real idea the other day. - at least - I thought so. - Guess maybe it was brought on by this rush of birthdays - Janet's, Brothers, & Sisters. - And I know she - Sister - has gotten stuff in my name for each one of the occasions and others, like Henry's, etc. - Well - just so you Sister - won't be troubled to get reimbursed each and every time - and maybe - just letting it go. - I'm going to send you some money - for an account between the 2 of us. - How does that sound? - And when it runs low - let me know and I'll send some more a-rollin' your way!

Did you read all about our raid on the 19th of July? - I was right there contributing my 2 cents worth! - It was the one where Nero should have been fiddling!

— Thursday - July 22.

Here I am again. - Just why I don't know - but I might as well

finish this and get it in the mail.

Quite a day. - I've had so far. - Up for an early morning breakfast and then a nice plane ride in the cool of the morning. - He got back on schedule - and now - as it's too warm to try to sleep - I'm trying to figure out the coolest thing to do to pass the time. - But having reached a decision that there isn't a coolest thing - I might as well sweat it out with you! - Our ride this morning - tho not without incident, got a bit tiresome. - It is comparable to a trip from home to The Christmases - only it just took us from an early breakfast hour till dinner (at noon)! Not bad, eh?

You should see some of the letters I get. - I got a V-mail from Sister - dated May 18th - and it must have been thru 8 or 10 post offices. - You should see all the initials and forwarding messages on it. - It has indeed made the rounds.

3/ As yet I haven't been able to trace down where Jimmie Gallagher's A.P.O. is. - From all reports it's not near here tho - 'cause in all my knocking around these parts I don't believe I've run across any numbers in the 700 series. - That doesn't mean anything tho - for all I know he might be under my very nose cause I don't even know the unit that they have guarding our field. I'd like to see him. -

This fellow Fitzpatrick I've mentioned had quite a treat yesterday. - He had gotten word that his brother - a pilot of a B-17 was now in Africa - and not too far from here. - So yesterday - the Major gave him a plane and he went calling. - He walked in on his brother - who was still asleep. - Can't you imagine the reunion? They hadn't seen each other for over a year.

Well - being as how I'm reduced to the rambling stage - I'll quit now and write again soon when I can think of

something more to write ~~at~~ about.
Lots + lots of Love,

Frank.

P.S. - Don't know for sure whether
or not I'll get another chance that will
reach you before Aug. 14th.

Happy Birthday - and get
yourself a present out of the
"fund." - From me to you. - Love again.
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