

Somewhere on the Atlantic  
Nov. [redacted]

Hello Folks,

At the time of this writing we are somewhere on the Atlantic headed for Africa, where we will see action for the first time. The outcome of which by this time you will more or less know.

We have been at sea for nearly two weeks now. During this period we have had our share of seasickness, and other things that come with ones first ocean trip. I have been lucky having fed the fish only twice. However it could have been much worse for we have had fairly calm seas.

At the present I am standing watch on a 20 mm. anti-aircraft gun. Not very exciting, but it does give us something to do.

We have learned and seen a lot of things that are new to us, but at the same time don't make very interesting material for my letter.

It has been so long since I've written that I'm having a

little trouble.

While still at Bragg I received a picture of you from Jo. It was a good picture. as she said, you must have been having quite a time, when it was taken. If Junior had been in it, then it would have been complete.

When I sat down to write this I thought I had a lot to say, but I find that I have nearly run out of words.

The President's speech this week will coincide with our landing. We hope it will be a more or less peaceful landing, but I'm afraid it isn't going to be.

The main purpose of this letter is to let you know in as well as the situation permits. Except for a little tight headedness, due to the continuous roll of the ship, I feel tops. This same rolling makes writing rather difficult, a lot more than I imagined.

Junior, for the last few days we have seen a few flying fish. They come clear out of the water then skim along about a foot above the water sometimes for as far as two or three hundred yards.

We have also seen destroyers dropping depth charges supposedly at submarines. There wasn't much to ~~it~~ that because they were quite a distance from us. No, we don't know whether they were successful or not. Things like that never get around to us.

I might add that I'm quite content in having come along with the fellows, instead of being left behind. I would have been hard to get along with for awhile, if they had left me behind.

It seems as though the days of dry running are about over for us. We are all glad of that I'm sure. Let's hope we do some good.

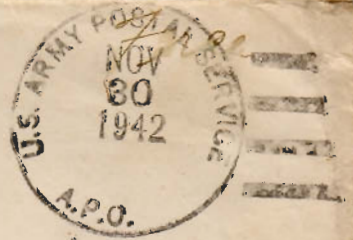
This hasn't been a very exciting trip. We are very crowded, and some of the boys don't feel up to par. Consequently tempers are growing rather short, and one is more apt to fly off the handle. Considering everything though it hasn't been bad.

I think I've had my say for the present. By this time you should know how we made out. I might add more to this letter later on. That is if I have anything more to add.

As ever,  
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Junior, we have also seen  
airplants taking off and landing  
off airplane carrier

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