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Fri. Morn.

7 a.m. 2 a.m.

(~~11:56~~
YOUR TIME)

5-26-44

Dear Swell Family!

I have a letter here that I wrote
you in Fla. & haven't mailed so
I'll try to get 'em both out at once.

Were allowed to tell you some-
thing about where we've been & where
we are:

First here in
British New ~~Guinea~~ ^{Guinea} & now
over in Brazil & going still further
— Sep. I get around somewhat.

Have seen a lot of interesting &
different things which I can tell you
about someday.

In Puerto Rico we lived in the
nicest barracks I've ever seen & the
post as a whole was tops on any



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can turn on. It was really keen!!
after that we had fair game &
~~stay~~ but not so much & do on the
post. Right now we're living in tents
which aren't too bad.

The food hasn't been too good
but I guess one can't expect too much
when he leaves the States. I'm getting
enough to eat & keeping it down so I
guess I'll get along.

Have been buying cigarettes for
5¢ a package!! As for the souvenirs,
I've wanted to send you some but
they ask the ~~the~~ demand prices for
every thing.

We're not allowed to leave any



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of the Bras. & go into town as
 we'd all like to do. I'd like to see
 how they live down here.

They all speak Portuguese,
 which is quite similar to Spanish.
 I've been trying my best with what
 little Spanish I do know & having
 a lot of fun learning new words &
 Portuguese.

Saw the Amazon River &
 crossed the Equator. It's not too
 hot here but we fly with just
 a shirt on.

We're allowed to go down & swim
 in the ocean so I'm going down
 sometime today.

Due to Malarial mosquitoes,
we take Atabrine, use a liquid mos-
quito repellent, & sleep under mos-
quito nets. It's all very different
from any thing I've experienced & I wouldn't
have minded this trip for any thing.
and have a lot more ahead.

We are all in good health &
fine spirits. I'm getting tanner
as an Indian from the sun &
suffering well!

Don't forget - I've taken out
an allotment of \$75 of my pay
sent to you every month. The
first payment will be from the month
of June. Give it to Crosby & bill
him please. From then on, either get me
a bank account or do whatever you
think best. I'm enclosing your copy of

The all time record.

Of course I miss you all but
I'm used to it after 16 months but
will never get over it!! Last
nite a G.I. band played trogie
before the movie started & it really
sent me home!

Till I have time again -

I love you
all

Shan