

NAME: George

RANK: Private

ORGANIZATION: 43rd Transport Squadron

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: Africa

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George writes a friend in the United States:

“July 25 1943

...after traveling by foot, by train, and by boat, I reached my destination fit as a fiddle and rarin to go. I am assigned to duties as a clerk, in the Adjutants office, at a Post of the Army Air Forces...The Soldiers over here are a bunch of regular guys, and try to keep the spirit of ‘Win the War we want to go home.’ going at a fast pace. The Natives here are hard to describe but they are exactly as you see in the movies. The men have their faces carved of various Designs – denoting their tribes and the Women have the craziest hair do I ever did see. The Natives think the Americans are a god send, and actually treat us like Gods. They think we are Millionairs as they wear rags for clothes, and live on practically nothing. We have a few Pet baby Gazelles on the Post and about 4 or 5 monkeys. There is a lot of things I’d like to write about, but due to Military censorship I must refrain from putting to much on paper. Therefore, will say I hope this letter will give you a breif idea of my life in Africa...

Sincerely,

George”

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- George made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers the above time period and George’s organization (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/AirwaysOfTheFuture>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers George’s wartime organization, the 43rd Transport Squadron (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/43d_Air_Refueling_Squadron