Noonan-Pallette Letter.

Reproduced and transcribed here is a letter sent by Fred Noonan from Dakar, Senegal, French West Africa on June 9, 1937 to movie actor Eugene Pallette.

The letter ended up in the possession of Noonan’s widow and was released by her family after her death. It is not known whether Noonan sent any subsequent letters to Pallette during the world flight.
Mr. Eugene Palette
Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel
Hollywood
California
Etats-Unis
Dakar – Senegal
French West Africa
June 9 – 1937

Dear Gene:

Having trouble sending messages such as I promised you - but I am doing the best I can. Facilities are not always available, and therefore I am sending one message, when possible, naming stops made since the previous message. Tried to get one off last night but some trouble developed at the cable station. As I had sent the cablegram to the cable office by messenger I have not yet ascertained the cause of the delay in transmission - but will do so later to-day. So far we have had a pleasant and uneventful trip.

With few exceptions the weather has been splendid. The flight from Natal, Brazil to Africa produced the worst weather we have experienced - heavy rain and dense cloud formations necessitated blind flying for ten of the thirteen hours we were in flight. To add to our woes the African coast was enveloped in thick haze, rendering objects invisible at distances over a half mile, when we made the landfall. And our radio was out of order - it would be, in such a jam. However - with our usual good luck, if not good guidance, we barged through okay. We anticipate taking-off for Niamey, French Niger, Central Africa, to-morrow morning, then to Kharthoum, Egypt and Aden, Arabia.

With kindest personal regards, and looking forward to a highball to-gether in the not too distant future - I am

Sincerely,
Fred Noonan