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Said. %'e went through
the Suez Canal and
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Sea. It was all
tremendously exciting.
For the first time, I saw
dy deserts, and
Arab Soldre18 OI1
camels~ and ~1m tvee8
wlth *dates* grow,,.

on them, and
flying fish and
thousands of other
marvellous thi»@8

By the
sunrrner of 1939, it
became obvious that
there was,goi»@ t~, I
~ with Hitler 8
GerInanv. On the next
dav *afteI' B1'1ta1n*
e»ter~)

I got *into* my car
and drove north to
Nairobi, in Kenva, *to*
join *the R@p.* >

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they t1 alned 118 1r1
small *811'planes* called
T1ger

th~ day8 were also
glonous There were
twenty of us training t
be pilo

out there in
Nairobi. Seventeen of
those twenty were
killed during the w

I myself was
shot down. My plane
crashed in the Libyan
desert a»d

burst into flames,
but I managed to get,
out and was finally
rescu~d b

our soldiers. In
1942 my injuries began
to give me too much
trouble ~d

I had to stop
flying. They gave me a
month's leave and then
sent

Washington, D. C.
as assistant air attache,
at this point: the United
Sta~

was already in the
war as well.

I was

twenty-six years old
when I arrived in
Washington, and I still
had no thoughts of
becoming a writer.
During the morning of
my third
day, I was sitting
in my new office at the
British Embassy when
there
was a knock on my
door. "Come in."
A very small
man with thick
spectacles entered the
room. "Forgive me
for bothering you,"
he said. My name is
Fol'estel C. S.
Fol'ester'. "
I nearly fell
out of my chair. All
you joking? I said. No,
he said,
seriously. "That's
me."
And it was. It
was the great writer
himself.
"Look," he
said. "A magazine
called the *Saturday*
Evening Post will
publish any story I
write. I have a contract
with them. And I have
come
to you because I
think you might have a
good story to tell. I
mean about
AN-- Come and
have lunch with me,"
he said. "And while we'
are eating.
Yes; yes; Ah e
me
all about it. Tell me
your most exciting
adventure. I'll
be there." "I'll be there"
for the *Saturday Evening pest*. The
American should know
this war. and help us."

