

Friday evening  
December 22, 1944

Dear Dad,

Still the weather keeps the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force grounded despite the urgent need of our ground troops for air support to help them halt the German attack in Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

It is plain to see that the war is not yet won. We must have more men and supplies in Europe, and a national fighting spirit. Old timers say that never has the air war been rougher. For besides the winter weather there is the new Luftwaffe and terrific anti-aircraft defenses. And on the ground the Germans defend from strong prepared positions and lash out with attacks capable of prolonging the war indefinitely.

Today P found that a

Delaware man works in  
709<sup>th</sup> Squadron Operations.  
He is Arthur Lovelace  
of New Castle. The Sergeant  
seems like a good fellow,  
of about twenty six years.

I read in the Stars and  
Stripes of "Dutch" Dormans  
reinstatement in baseball,  
of "Whistling Willie" Roach's  
loss when seeking the  
welter weight boxing title;  
of the Wilmington Shipbuilders  
winning the Eastern Professional  
Football League Championship.  
Be sure to send me all  
the news of Wilmington  
sports. (Blue Rocks, Blue  
Bombers, Clippers, Troach, Oliver,  
the Millers, Delaware U.,  
Dickinson). I hope that in  
the postwar sports struggle  
Wilmington can maintain  
its high position in amateur  
and professional sports of  
all seasons.

As ever,  
Lee