Sunday evening
March 5, 1945

Dear Dad,

After another long period of neglect, I am again attempting to answer letters that have piled up. Last news received from you was written January 27th, from Bernick — February twelfth, from Toller, January thirtieth and February first, seventeenth, ninth and twelfth plus one undated V-mail.

Most important news from here today as far as I see it is that my combat aircrew of the Flying Fortress "Blue Hen Zalch" has completed its combat duty of 35 missions.
against Nazi Germany. But I have decided not to return to the United States for three or four more months. Don't worry. I will be home to celebrate the Fourth of July with you.

At present I am enjoying a seven-day rest leave before taking up new work in group operations.

Do my letters seem extremely short? I often find it hard to know what to write you and hard to concentrate.

Recently I visited Bob Tassel (Dickinson, Theta Chi '44) at a general hospital. He is near complete recovery from mortar and rifle wounds in the arm. I also
ran into Dick Brown (Dickinson, Swattemore) who is flying P-38 fighter planes. John Rosiaka was wounded by flak a few missions ago but he is now up and around again. He has been a fine bombardier. Johnny and ball turret Max Shepherd are staying with the group for a few months more. Armorer - Waist Gunner Harold McKay has a couple more missions to fly. The very best to you all.

Lee