



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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 29th; from Bernice - February twelfth; from Mother January thirtieth and February first, seventh, ninth and twelfth plus one undated V-mail.

Most important news from here today, as you see it, is that my combat aircrew of the Flying Fortress "Blue Hen Catch" 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 Cassel (Dickinson,
Theta Chi, '44) at a general
hospital. He is near
complete recovery from
mortar and rifle wounds
in the arm. I also



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ran into Dick Brown
(Dickinson, Swatmore)
who is flying P-38
photo planes. John
Rosiala 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 Dunner
Harold McKay has
a couple more missions
to fly.

The very best to
you all.

Lee