

Friday evening
December 22, 1944

Dear Dad,

Still the weather keeps the 8th 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
709th 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