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 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 I 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" Domans reinstatement in baseball of "Whistling Willie" Roach's "boss" under checking the welterweight boxing title of the Wilmington Shipbuilders swimming the Eastern Professional Football League Championship.

Be sure to send me all the news of Wilmington sports. (Blue Rocks, Blue Bombers, Clippers, Thunder, Ulvers, Eagles, 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