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Friday evening

December 22, 1944

Dear Dad,

Still the weather keeps the 8'th 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.

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Delaware man works in 709'th 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, Roach, 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