

Belgium
Dec 9, 1944

Dear Mother, Dad & all,

Had a pretty good day today - received two letters from you, one from Ken and one from Duck. Still no packages. Your letters were mailed Nov 20 & 25. I wish they would all get over here that quick.

This morning we had our first snow that stuck. It snowed pretty hard for awhile and shortly after it stopped, it cleared up. It sure looked good while it lasted. That was the first time "Rebel" had ever seen snow and he didn't quite know what to make of it. His bewilderment didn't bother his aim, cause he hit me with the first snowball that he threw.

Yesterday at dinner, our executive officer suggested that we donate any candy or gum that we could spare or any other little thing and have a party for the little kids up to 12 years old in the village. I think it's a very good idea as I know the kids will appreciate it.

Yesterday was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and we went to mass in the little village church. We usually have mass at the field, but the pastor of the village church suggested the chaplain hold mass in his church. I enjoyed it very much, and I believe every one else did. They played the organ and two little Belgian kids served as altar boys. The chaplain also told us that the pastor offered us the church to hold

midnight mass on Christmas Eve. I think it was
very nice of him. One thing that I have noticed,
since I have come overseas, is the beauty of the
churches. No matter how large or small, or how
they looked on the outside, they are all very
beautiful inside.

I was kind of surprised to hear that Bessie
got married. I got a letter from Pat the other day
and he said that he had written her awhile back
but he hadn't heard from her yet. I'll have to write
and tell him. Next time you see or call Mrs
Morrow, tell her I said "Hello."

Ronnie, I'm sorry I didn't send you
anything for your birthday, but it entirely slipped
my mind. Birthdays come and go since we have
come over. I lost, or rather, haven't received my
footlocker and my little book with birthdays
and addresses, and I'm not much at remembering.
I'll send you present with Dad's, and that will be
within a few days.

Dad, you kind of got cheated when you were
born on the 23rd of December. It's a little too close
to Christmas. That doesn't make any difference to
me though, I'll still send you a little something
for your birthday.

Mother, did you take the money for your
Christmas presents? I do hope you did cover I
really want you to. You know more about what
to get and things are a little easier to get at
home than they are over here.

I'll bet Frankie will enjoy himself
when he gets home. He certainly has been gone a
long time. You probably won't even know him.

Next time you see "Chuck", tell him I said "Hello Grandpa". Dad, that makes you a Great Uncle doesn't it?

Glued to hear that the kids are all getting along so well in school. Bobby how do you like high school by now? Those little girls aren't chasing you around are they?

June, you will be done going to school before you know it. I imagine you are enjoying yourself and still keeping your grades up.

What's the matter Glenn? Do I have to come home and show you how to chase rabbits out of the brush? I'm beginning to think you don't know how to do it. Did you save any money to go to school next year? I think it would be an excellent idea if you did.

Haven't heard from Dick in quite some time. Dick said in her letter today that she heard that he was overseas. In his last letter he said that he thought he would be leaving soon.

Kim seems to like it alright. Today is the first time I have heard from him in two months. He never did write too much.

Well I guess that's about all for just now. Take good care of yourselves and tell everyone I said "Hello". Merry Xmas and a Hoppy New Year. Happy Birthday Ronnie and Dad.

Love
Louis.

P.S. Thanks for the stamps Mother, they came in very handy. I had just ran out. We usually get enough to

lost us, but sometimes we run a little short. I'll
have enough to last me for awhile now