



KEY FIELD AIR BASE
KEY FIELD, MISSISSIPPI

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Dear Mother, Dad and All,

Well, the mail situation has been eased somewhat and in the past two days I have received about 20 letters. I got four of yours, the first I have heard from you in almost 4 weeks. Have been getting along just fine, and I hope everything at home is O.K.

Night before last, one of the fellows and I were invited to dinner in town at one of the Belgian homes. The fellow has been after us to come to dinner for a long time, so we finally decided to go. I enjoyed myself very much and so did Art. For dinner we had potatoes and gravy, beer and rabbit. The rabbit tasted like it was cooked in vinegar or something but it wasn't bad.

The family is just like any family at home. There are three boys and two girls. The girls are about 12 and 19, and the boys are 17, 10 and 7. The oldest girl won't be there, as she goes to school in a nearby town, but all the rest of the family was well accounted for. The two youngest boys were just like we were - fighting all the time. Art and I gave them some gum and no sooner than they had it softened up, they were trying to get it into each others hair. Before they went to bed they got out the hot iron and a towel and

warmed it up to take to bed with them. Before they went upstairs, they kissed everyone goodnite and I noticed they each had an apple hid in their pajamas. I guess kids are the same all over the world.

Say, you really did alright at Xmas, didn't you. I imagine you feel like a millionaire with all those stockings don't you Mother? It must have been a real Xmas for everyone what with all the excitement. I'm glad to hear that the wedding and everything turned out O.K. Got a letter from Edna and she told me that the newlenses had to stay at our place the first nite. I'll bet that was something.

Got a letter from Bill and Glen, they are both getting along O.K. Bill said that he had nine cartons of soap. Dad I think you could use some of them couldn't you? Glen said that he liked Brazil better than he did some places in the States.

Jim Wunder sent me a letter and from what he said, I must fly over him about every day we fly. We are supporting their army and from what he said, I think we cover their front. I'm going to write to him and let him know. Maybe I can get to see him, but I doubt it. They are quite a way from here.

So far, I have received three of your boxes, two of them before Xmas, and one just after I got back from England. All of them were in fine shape. Haven't received my boxes from anyone else since then. I know there are some in the mail, but they just haven't arrived yet. Got the stamps that you sent.



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Next time Gil comes around, tell him I said "Hello". Guess he is really enjoying himself after being over here for so long.

Bobby must be quite a farmer now. Can't even stay away from the farm in the winter time. I'm glad he had a good time at Fred's.

Jimmy sure must be having a good time in all that snow. He would have had a swell time over here, but not now, it's about all gone.

How Glenn made up his mind as to what he is going to do? It seems funny that he is old enough to go into the service already.

June, how are you getting along? By the time we get home, you will almost be out of high school - almost anyway. You ~~and~~ aren't getting any fatter are you?

Kennie you should be getting pretty big by now. I guess you are helping Mother and Dad quite a bit.

Well, I guess that's about all I can think of just now. Oh yes, here is a money order for \$100. I spent almost all my money and a little more when I was in England, but a few of the boys talked me into a poker game last night and I was lucky. I thought I had better send it home - won't spend it that way. Take good care of yourselves and tell everyone I said "Hello".

Love
Joice (over)

Take \$5.00 of the money order and give it to
Bobby for his birthday.

