



KEY FIELD AIR BASE
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Dear Mother, Dad & all

Well, how are things getting along back home? Do you still have all that snow? It has been pretty nice over here for the past week. The snow is all gone and it has been fairly warm. And with the warmer weather, the miserable mud. If it isn't one thing it's another.

I thought maybe our mail had started coming through when I got that stack last week, but I guess it is still tied up somewhere. I have only received one letter since then and that was from Bill. He is still doing O.K.

Things seem to be getting along pretty good in this war according to all the news reports. The Russians are in high gear and things on part of our front are shaping up nicely. I hope they keep going as well as they have.

Two of our fellows are going home tomorrow and they are having a little party for them, so I guess I'll have to drop down after awhile.

A couple of the fellows got a piano out of some farmers hay mow and since they brought it home, I don't think ten minutes has passed without someone banging on it. I don't mind fellow that don't know how to play, it's the fellow that can't that makes things bad.

My buddy had to go on detached service for awhile and as a result, I have one of the finest beds in the squadron. He has an inner-spring mattress that he got in Lux and he told

me to watch it, so that no one would steal it. It feels so good, I'm going to hate to give it back when he comes home.

Our C.O. went home on leave and just before he left he gave us our air medals. He has had them for a long time, but he was waiting till a few more came through before he presented them. I have the air medal and three clusters with more clusters on the way. They took some pictures, but mine didn't turn out too well. I'll send it home to you anyway.

Well, I guess that's about all for just now. Take good care of yourselves and tell everyone I said "Hello".

Love
Louis.

P.S. I forgot to ask you before, but did you receive the \$60 money order I sent before Xmas. I just sent another one for \$100, so let me know when you receive them.