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Ded. Mom.

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Dearest Mom, Dad & Dale!

I love you all! Or did you know that? I thought you did.

How's ole Bee Bee today? Probably dead & dear as ever. I guess it's about as ~~warm~~ ^{warm} there as it is here. Not as well, isn't it? How's the lawn mowing. Dale? We don't have any to mow over here but it'd be nice to have a nice cool lawn to lay on once in a while.

Well, folks. Sis even combed now & am not the least bit ashamed when I say that I was scared silly!! We met no fighters but saw quite a little flock. No one



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were hurt & no planes shot down.

That flak is no good. All one sees is black puffs & when you see those, they can't hurt you. It's the ones you don't see that you have to worry about. All you can do is sit tight, pray, & wait till it's over. Of course, we have ways of disturbing the aim of the ack-ack guns but that's all I can tell you.

There's a lot of things I'd like to tell you but it's impossible. I can tell you, however, that if as many planes keep dropping bombs as have been flying around, that this thing can't last much longer!



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Had to stand guard duty the other
side for 7 hours. First time I've
stood guard since I've been in the
Army.

I see some "C-ties" reaping their
rats. Tell Herb S. that he's got a
snap by having a binder or a corn-
binder! These guys cut it with a
scythe or cyclo (I) tie it by hand,
load it in small carts, & take it away.
How they thrust it, I don't know
but I'd be willing to bet that they don't
have a trucker.

In fact, the Germans have
taken nearly every thing these people
can had. The few towns I've been



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in don't even have many shops
of any kind.

The people live a lot like they
do in Quebec City, Canada. Small
houses, large families, narrow streets,
all buildings jammed right together.
Most of the streets are more like
alleys. They curve & wind around,
with others winding into them &
eventually end up in a dead end. If
the people of the States could see
some of the living conditions that
I have seen since I left the U.S.
they'd really appreciate what we have
a thousand fold. A civilian with
a car over here is unheard of!



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Live here in some of these homes
 & is a school here. You see in
 order to buy wine (which is all there
 is - VINO bianco; (white wine) & Dago
 Red wine) you just go up to a door
 & ask if they have any. If they do
 they ask you in & if they have none
 they tell you where to find some. You
 can buy a glass for 15 c & it's good.
 I know 'cause I tried it. I don't mean
 it's wonderful, of course, but it's
 better than a hot live hotel in the
 States.

In one home there was a family
 of seven living in one room! there



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was a bed, stove, sink & 5 chairs, &
a wine cellar. How's that for a
"home"!!

In another there was a family
of 10 living in a luxurious affair
of 3 rooms!! The oldest daughter
having been married when 17, her
3 year old daughter & husband were
among the 10. They had a regular
kitchen, living room with a victrola
(old fashioned), & a bed room with
3 beds crammed into it.

It was a very nice family &
we had a good deal of time with them.
Learned quite a little of the language &
learned their system for the Germans.
Believe me they're a right to hate us & do!



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The school was a one room affair, which handled all grades of school. There were several boys living in a room adjoining the school & their average age was about 17. They seemed very intelligent & were very anxious to learn the English language & track the situation.

There is a small town near the field here but as yet, I haven't been in. Maybe I'll get there one of these days.

Gotta quit & go to show. It's staying the same - very good. This morning we had fresh eggs! 2 for 30¢ - cost me 60¢ when I finished.

Remember - Don't Worry -
I'm not!
I love you all - Love...