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Dear Bob:

Folks have been writing all about your arrival at Topeka and your progress since then. Knowing how damn good it is to receive a letter over here I hope you'll still want them while home.

First I'm sorry as hell to hear you the proud(?) wearer of the Heart, with Buster. Especially since the folks have written how bad your second scrape is. Sure hope its a lot better now and that your arm is of some use by now. I'm no medic, but my 7½ weeks in a hospital in France made me see a lot of wounds, and I know that with the medical care a guy receives the big thing is time to heal. Personally I never liked Army medics because they went hurry.

I'm back in Germany now - at Stuttgart now. We were at Lunévillle France, where I did all my flying combat. Really liked it + was lucky as hell. Lost four airplanes, had a piece of flak end up in my parachute about 1/2" below my siter - and still never got a scratch. I ended up with 32 missions - far short of a regular tour for fighter-bombers.

Dad any ~~472~~ ever do any work for your outfit over here. Its one good thing that happened here - coordination between sloppy guys in the air corps and ground forces. Its not that way back home.

Dad wrote that Shorty, Wilmer + Mick were all home. I sure wished I could get there. I've only been across six months, but with no more combat, it gets awfully dull around here. I'm homesick as hell to boot. That 30 day leave is really going to seem good.

No foolin, Ace, grab some Red Cross gal + make her drop me a line if you can. When I do come home, I hope you home, too - we'll tear it wide open. If not - I'll bring you folks + my Dad down for a visit with you - thats a promise.

I'd write more about my best leave back in ~~Paris~~ France last week, but I'm afraid a nurse would read it to you + its not fit for that. Will have to save it for a bull session. Be good, Dale, and get that arm in shape but quick.

Love + kisses

Bob



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