

Tuesday 12/15/43

Dear Mom & Oney,

Received Oney's letter the other day, but haven't received any mail from you for about a week.

It's about 8 P.M. & I just got home from the field. We were supposed to fly tonight, but it got overcast & looks like snow. The girls expected us to fly, so went to the movies. (Pearl just called to find out whether we were home, & they're coming right home.) I came home this afternoon at noon, & went back at 5 P.M.

We had quite a snow storm here last Thursday, & it's still on the ground. After the snow, the temperature went down to one above zero. Now, it looks like snow again.

There isn't very much news from here. I flew yesterday for the first time in 3 weeks, but from now on, our squadron has plenty of planes. If the weather is O.K., & the planes can get off the ground, we'll fly. Yesterday, we went on a gunnery mission at high altitude, but the gunners didn't fire a shot, because the guns didn't work. We flew at 20,000 ft, & it was 20°C below zero. I didn't have anything to do though because we only went 50 miles to the gunnery range, so I just went for the ride. (It only takes 10 to 15 minutes to go 50 miles.)

Pearl just came home from the movies. She's fine & has become quite a baker. She made a chocolate chiffon & lemon chiffon

pies a few days ago, & they were swell.  
She likes to bake, & feels proud when her  
cakes & pies turn out so good. So far, she  
has had success with everything she baked.

How is everyone at home? What's  
new in New York? I hear that you have  
even colder weather now than we have.

Pearl & I both send our love  
to everyone at home. Let us hear from  
you soon.

Marty