

Apr 20 - My dear Bob - This date reminds me at it is Uncle
Murray's birthday. I guess he is about 48 today. and three days
more is your birthday. I sent a screwy birthday card to you
about 7 weeks ago. Hope it reaches you about now. also I sent a
birthday cable this week and expect it ought to reach you by
23rd. your last cable home reached mother in 24 hours. That
was quick work. Well old son, it seems funny to have you
celebrate your 20th birthday in another country and in its midst
of its greatest war the world ever knew. In years to come as we
celebrate Apr. 23rd, we will always be able to look back on
your 20th and talk about it, for no matter what events take
place in future years, your 20th will be the most memorable.
I hope your crew knows it is your birthday and you all have
some little celebration. I am going home that day in remembrance
of you. Perhaps we will be a bit lonesome, perhaps you will be
too. I hope you are not for we have a lot to be thankful for.
We are thankful for a son we can be proud of in so many
ways. - bear right to the core for all he has given up in his fight
for the safety of his mother and sister, so thoughtful of them
and so faithful in his writing - so good, clean and direct in all
his ways. with thanks to a wonderfully good mother for that
your life in its fire will not change you in that respect and the
good God in heaven will guide & help you & protect you at
all times and you will be safely back to us before long I hope.
On the other hand Bob. when we think of the terrible slavery,
the torture, starvation, and execution that the little boys &
girls, to say nothing of the old men & women, that the Poles, Jews,
Belgians, Dutch, Roman have suffered by millions, we all have a
lot to be thankful for. Your loneliness & ours is so small
compared with what they have endured and will have to endure
that we should not complain of our few miseries. Thank God, that
you in your big way and me in my very small way, are in this
war to make a world fit for all. I guess we are helping ourselves
too for if half the plans of governments materialized, it has taught us
people that every one has a right to a decent living and the
governments will see that each one is fitted & prepared to make
that living and not have the millions of people in broad lines
or making a living that barely keeps body & soul together. Right now
with our high taxation one has to live more carefully than when
you were home. But that is OK. It helps pay the war & part of the

3 and cause. The papers are full of it & the radio news also, so I give away my secrets when I say that no one man can go on now. If he is 28 or more and the minister for defence in an address says we have a surplus now & later can of any future happenings. So for a 20th birthday message, I can say old son all things point to a sharp but quick thrust. Your air power superiority will make an early finish to this Luftwaffe. He will put everything he has against you & while he has saved it for this, he has not replacements. He will seem powerful but it will be his last - all out dying effort - so it will be short lived, and then old son, you will really have only buggy miles to an early conclusion and home again before another birthday. Of course when you have been beaten, you fellows will have quite a spell of patrol work for security reasons but that will be swell & easy. All in all, prospects are pretty good so enjoy your birthday and a happy run to you Love Dad.

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(Sender's full name and address)

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It is deeply regretted that it is necessary to return this letter to the sender.

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2 tax is compulsory saving so a person will have something coming back when it is all over. So all in all son you are fighting for your own way of life but naturally we all would have liked it better if you could have done it nearer home. Things seem to be moving rapidly to a climax over there. Between censorship of diplomatic communication, cutting off travel to Ireland, closing part of England's coast to warehouses etc, all point to the big push soon. Germany even admits our vast superiority in the air & water and an admitting we will make a landing. When - as a while ago they boasted we could not. We know that you fellows have a few days of really stiff work ahead of you, but we also know that we are far superior in air strength, and that superior victory makes our losses proportionally lower & makes your job quicker