

Letter from Maria Delaney.

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tell Mary Ann and Michael and Family we send our best wishes to them all --- ---

--- --- good by again Maria

Dear Willie

It was so nice of you to write to James when you heard about Jimmy. It was an awful shock and we are pretty well worn out waiting for some news but so far none came he was not reported a prisoner of war none of his crew was heard from either because I hear from their families and we agreed to let one another know if any news comes good or otherwise.

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The other Boys we will so far Thank god Edward is a Radio man in a plane A. C. 47 he's in the pacific Area at present and Martin is overseas almost three years (Martin is in the Navy) it will be three in August but he gets home twice a year. The tuesday of Holy week he went back but now he writes and he doesnt expect to home again for a year or more but if god sends them home safe then Ill be satisfied. Edward has a baby boy 3 years old hes just

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Like Edward black hair and blue eyes. I guess you know Jimmy was a Bombadier he was a second Lieutenant and he was here in April 21 (st) Just by accident they were forced down at an Air Field near here --- Field he stayed about one hour and a half and it sounds like bragging but he did look swell some day when I pull myself together Ill send you some pictures of all of us I think its safer now. Well Willie I meant to say when I started to ---

--- -- --- will write you soon but he's a little careless about writing. The Delaneys in New York are fine although I havt seen them since March. --- out to put the 24<sup>th</sup> March I was awarded the Distinguished Flying cross/Air --- and 3 oak leaf clusters they were given to me for jimmy because he couldnt be here and Im listed as his next of kin Well Willie I think Ill close now and we will let you know when we hear no matter what and – you for writing --- --- --- from us all

Maria

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with punctuation as shown in the original.