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Dear nephew:

Your letter was like a christmas present, and I thoroughly enjoyed every word of it. It doesn't seem such a long time ago that I used to hold you on my lap, and here it is, you are now quite a man. If you can fight as well as you can compose a letter the axis will go down to an ignominious defeat.

Two weeks ago your mother was here to visit me. She looked wonderful, and it was good to see and talk to her. You can be assured that I made mention anything about your anticipation of going overseas.

In view of circumstances, I enjoyed the two recent holidays immensely — much better than a year ago.

The mail you're doing sounds very interesting, and I'm fond of you. If at any time you have the feeling that you're afraid, remember that, that feeling is natural. I know my little nephew, and he's got what it takes — eh, Frankie?

We're all thinking and praying for you, so, chin up, chest out, canyon — and God bless you.

Affectionately,
Uncle Tony