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Dear Grandchildren of Charles E. Gallagher,

I have been toying with this idea for some time. It seems to me young **folks** do not **seem** to have **any** concept of World War **II** and what was really involved. Recently I **read. that a** school teacher **told** her students, "Next week **we** are going to study WWII (she called it World WAR **Eleven**)."

Sometime ago I came across a set of **Us Postal. Service** WWII Commemorative stamps that make it **easy** to see the progress of the war. The war **was** a big part of **my** generations life so when I found that the stamp series was still available (not so anymore) I bought **enough sets to make up** a little folder for each of my Grandchildren, you and your cousins.

I am going to include a little summary of my involvement in WWII. I will also have Leon, Harold, and Bill to **make** up a summary. I realize Bill was not in WWII but he was involved in the Korean Conflict.

I hope that you will not get **short** of stamps and use these for postage as they are a **collectors** item. Incidentally, the B-17 aircraft with the Block B on the **tail on** the **1944** sheet is an airplane from the group **that** I **flew** my 35 missions with.

We all, of course, sincerely hope that none of you or yours ever find yourselves in another war.

Sincerely yours from Grandpa,

Charles E. Gallagher

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