

## The Military Brats

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### PART1: Good Byes



The Bear is a military family. They move around the world to various military post locations. This time, Mr. And Mrs. Bear are relocating to different destinations because Captain Bear is going to Russia for a year, and Mrs. Bear is going to the Red Cross in London. As for the children, they are going to Toronto to attend a school for "military brats." The children, Tom, age 17, Mary, age 16, Russ, age 13, Pam, age 12, and the twins David and Amy, age 10, are sad about the move.

That night, after revealing the news to his family about the upcoming events, Captain Bear received orders to relocate to China instead of Russia, and Mrs. Bear now be traveling to China as well. The older children were still awake receive the news, however the youngest children had already gone to sleep. " Kids, your mom and I are going to leave for China at five o'clock in the morning because might be a war going on there." Captain Bear informed his children. " Did you know about this last week" asked Tom. " No. I just found out today" replied their father. "Is Uncle Carl going there too? Asked Russ. " We hope not. You will all his support because we will likely be gone year, or more" said Mrs. Bear. " If he does go overseas, you will all safe at school, so there is no need to worry," Mrs. Bear continued. " But all three of

you will be danger and far away from us!" Mary exclaimed in distress. " We know that" said their father, " but we will be leaving soon and need to get ready." " We should wake up the twins," said Tom "No, we can't, they wouldn't get back to sleep until midnight we have by 3;30a.m.," relied Mrs Bear, " Uncle Carl is coming tomorrow morning to take you all the cabin a week, and then he is going to take you to school."

At 3;15 a.m. their dad told everyone to get up. The twins quickly asked their father why. "Mom and dad are going away this morning" replied Tom. "But I thought they didn't leave until Friday?" said Amy. "We got the new orders last night after you were asleep", replied their father. "I thought we all going to the school together to get set up?" asked David

The family had lived on the base in Edmonton, Alberta for the last two years, and the children and parents had made many great friends there. When their father told them they would be relocating to different places for a year to eighteen months, the children were quite upset; they did not want to leave their parents, or their friends.

" The moving company is coming at 10;00 a.m." the father informed his family. "Are our things going to be shipped to the school dad"? asked Amy. "Yes Amy, don't worry about that," replied her father. "I don't you to go!" exclaimed Amy. "Oh honey, we will all be together soon I

promise," replied her father calmly. The children then waved good bye to their parents, sad about the departure. "They will back soon kids" Uncle Carl ensured.

Uncle Carl took the kids camping for a week before school started in an attempt to get their minds off of the current situation and cheer them up a little bit. When the children arrived at school, they were introduced to Mrs. Fox, their teacher for the school year. The children were glad to meet Mrs. Fox, as well as her own children whom they quickly made friends with. " Are you tired from your trip?" asked Mrs. Fox. "Yes!" exclaimed the children simultaneously. "We'll get you all settled in your rooms before classes get started up tomorrow so that you can rest," replied Mrs. Fox. Uncle Carl informed the children he would be back on Friday night to visit, and said good bye to his nieces and nephews.

The following day all the children were introduced to their head teacher, Mrs. Carr. " You all must be missing your parents, but don't worry, your parents will home soon, we will try to have fun while we are here," said Mrs. Carr. " We are all here for you," she continued.

Mrs. Fox came over to introduce the children to her own kids. She told them that her own husband was in the Navy in Halifax, and that her kids were missing their father as well. "Our Uncle Carl is in the Navy in Ottawa, and we hope doesn't have to go overseas with our parents," said Mary.

After their classes finished for the day, all the kids were asked to remain in the hall by Mrs. Fox. She informed the children that there was going to be a war in Russia and parts of China and that their parents were being shipped there in a couple of days. Tom told Mary that they needed to find a telephone to call their Uncle Carl in case he too would be going overseas. Unfortunately, all the phones were used by the other school children, and disappointed and upset they went to their room. "We need to see Uncle Carl," said Amy. "Don't worry, we will Amy," replied Tom. "David is in line to use a phone when one is free." The children were worried they wouldn't get a chance to say good bye to their Uncle Carl if he was going overseas. While listening to the radio, the kids learnt that every military person in Canada was to be shipped overseas immediately. "We won't be able to see Uncle Carl," said Tom. "I can't believe this!" exclaimed Amy. "Now all three of them are gone, what are we going to do!" "It will be okay Amy, we'll make through this, we'll call him as soon we can," said Mary. The kids then received a phone call from their Uncle. They all rushed to the phone and asked him if they could see him. He told them he couldn't see them because he was already on a plane headed for Halifax, but that he would be home in a month to visit them. "Will we all be together at Christmas Uncle Carl?" asked Amy. "Yes, we will be all together at Christmas kids," replied

their Uncle. The kids then told their Uncle how much they would miss him, and he said the same, but reminded them that they were still together in their hearts and minds. The kids told their Uncle to be safe, and with that said good bye.

On Tom's birthday he talked to other kids about joining the army. "No, not you too!" said David and Amy. "Don't worry you two, I am going to boot camp first, and I don't know if they will ship me out to join the war," replied Tom. The next week, against the wishes of his brothers and sisters, Tom left for boot camp to begin his training.

Captain Bear had been granted leave that weekend in Ottawa for a meeting. The kids were happy to see their father after everything that had happened in the previous month. Everyone was going to meet him in Ottawa on Friday but his Colonel demanded he return right away. The kids were upset about this, but Captain Bear promised to make it up to them.

The next week Tom informed his brothers and sisters that he would be going to Russia. The kids, already upset by the separation from their parents and Uncle, did not want him to go. The kids knew they had a long road ahead of them awaiting the return of their family members.

## PART 2: Letters Lost



Mary was walking by a girl and her father, and knew exactly what the girl was going through because of what happened to her own family in the last weeks. Mary introduced herself to the girl, whose name was Anna Summer. Her father name was Lieutenant Daniel Summer. "It's nice to meet you" said Mary "I will show you around." Anna agreed but first had to say good bye to her father.

Anna and Mary met at 4;30p.m. and Anna was already missing her father. Mary told Anna not to worry, but Anna explained that her mother had died the year before and she could not bear to lose her father as well. Mary told Anna that her mother, father uncle, and now brother were overseas, and she too was worried. " My mother had cancer and my father and I were so sad when she died. And now I have deal this, I only have him in my life," said Amy. "I know this hurts," said Mary "but it will be over soon." Mrs. Carr was walking by and heard the children talking. "I am here for you both" said Mrs. Carr. Mary came up with a plan that Anna could move in with them. Mrs. Carr agreed.

Everyone else liked Anna. "Where are you from?" asked Amy. "I'm from North Bay," replied Anna. The kids discussed


their dilemmas and how much they missed their families and decided that they had to stick together.

The next day all of the children received letters from family members, and Anna too got a letter from her father. “ Our plans to visit for Thanksgiving are cancelled,” said Anna. “my dad is still going to be overseas, and my grandmother is sick.”

At Thanksgiving Anna and the Bear family watched as all the other kids got to see their parents and be with them over the holidays. Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Fox saw how unhappy the kids were . Then Mary though they might feel better if wrote a letter to their family. Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Fox had a surprise for them. The kids were given movies to watch to their minds off of their parents.

In November everyone was happy because their Uncle Carl would be home for two weeks. The kids were happy, and Anna’s father would also be coming home for two weeks. The Bear kids were going to New York to meet their Uncle and Anna would be going home to see her grandparents with her father.

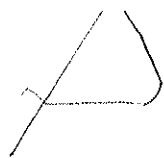
On the day before they were supposed to leave for New York, the Bear children received bad news. Captain Bear had been missing in action for two weeks. “I want him to come



home now,” said Amy. “I know kids,” said Mrs. Carr. The kids were really upset and wanted to call their mother. Mrs. Carr agreed that calling their mother was a good idea, and with that they rushed to the phone. Their mother assured them that everything would be okay and that their Uncle Carl was on his way to see them now. “We need you mommy” said Mary. “I know,” Mrs. Carr replied, “don’t worry, he’s going to be fine.” The children felt that the war had really hurt them, especially now that their father was missing. Mrs. Carr stayed with the children until their uncle arrived, and they were sick with worry all night.

In the morning Uncle Carl came to the children. He went to their room and assured the kids that everything would be fine soon. “We miss him so much,” said the children. “What happened to him Uncle Carl?” asked Mary. “Your father went on to secret mission in Russia. He was in China last month, but he resigned and went to Russia in October.” “Wow.” said Amy. “Before your father went to Russia he asked me to give you all a letter,” said Uncle Carl. Their uncle thanked Mrs. Carr for staying with them the night before, then turned to the kids and said, “I know you are all sad, but he is coming home soon.” “Are you going away again?” asked Amy. “Yes kids.” Replied Uncle Carl, “but I am going to Ottawa, not overseas





this time. You need someone close by during this time.” The kids were happy to hear this news, but still missed their father.

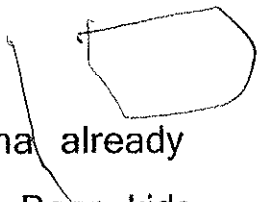
That night the kids received an email from their father. “Daddy is safe” said Amy. The email read,

Dear All

I am safe now and back on the base. I got injured in the leg and kept in a prisoner of war camp for two weeks. Then I escaped knowing you all needed me. They are going to sent me home for a month in December so that I can spend Christmas with you. I was thinking it would be nice to go to the cottage for Christmas. I love you all so much and miss everyone

Love Dad

Everything was once again fine for the Bear family “Now kids” said Uncle Carl. “you’ve all had to deal with a lot lately, and now you need a holiday.” “Yes” said the kids, “but what about our school work?” “I talk to your teachers about your schooling, but I think they will understand” replied Uncle Carl.



In the morning the children left for their trip. Anna already left for North Bay two days earlier with her dad. The Bear kids were so happy. They went to New York for their holidays for ten days. They visited everything in New York, and had the time of their lives. On the last day of their holiday they went shopping for Christmas presents for everyone. "This Christmas is going to be special for us," said Amy, "we are all going to be together."


They soon went back to school and Anna was already there waiting for them to return. The kids told Anna about their trip but said their school work still wasn't done. Anna reminded the kids that it was Sunday and agreed to help them catch up their school work. Uncle Carl said good bye to the kids and Anna began helping them as soon as he left. "My dad is not coming home for holiday" said Anna " but I am going to my grandparents for Christmas." "I'm sorry about your dad." said Mary.

For the next two weeks the Bear children and Anna were very busy with their school work and getting ready for Christmas. That weekend their uncle came for a visit. He informed the children that their father was coming home on December 2 because he has meetings in Ottawa for two weeks, but that they could wait for him at the Ottawa airport. The kids

were very excited about this. Anna was very upset about not being able to see her father at Christmas, especially since her mother was in Heaven. The kids tried to console her, but Anna knew Christmas just wouldn't be the same without her mother and father. That week Anna received more bad news. Her grandmother had passed away and Anna was really upset.

On Friday Uncle Carl came to pick up the children, but before they left Mary spoke to Mrs. Fox about Anna. "I am really worried about Anna," said Mary "I know, but don't worry anymore because her father is coming this weekend and I'll be here to watch over her until then," said Mrs. Fox. Mrs. Fox told the kids to have fun with their father and said good bye.

Anna was really sad because of everything. Then someone said, "Hi honey." It was her dad. "Oh dad I missed you so much!" said Anna. "I just came from grandma's funeral." "I wish that I could have been there. How long do we have together dad?" asked Anna. "I'll leave tomorrow," said her dad. "I know, but I don't want to lose you" "You won't Anna," said her dad. "I wish that we could be together on Christmas." "I wish that too. We have tonight" "Dad" said Anna. "Yes Anna" said her dad "but your Uncle Bobby is here with me. He is going to be here for you at Christmas break with your grandpa." "Yes dad" said Anna, "but it's lonely without mom

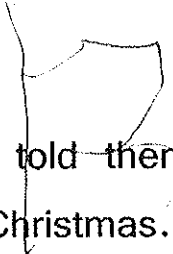


and grandma and you.” “I know, but I’ll come home soon on r&r.” “Oh dad” Said Anna.

At the Ottawa airport the Bear kids were waiting for their father. Then they saw him. Amy and David ran toward him. “We’re glad you are home daddy,” said Amy. “I know, I was at the POW camp I thinking about you all,” said their dad. “Well kids, all of us had a long day, now we can go to Uncle Carl’s place so we can talk.” That night was special for Anna and the Bear kids because their dads were home.

The next morning Anna was sad because her dad was leaving. “I wish that you were not going back daddy,” said Anna. “I know that honey,” said her dad, “but I have duty.” “I know dad, but I need you so much because mom is gone and now grandma.” “I know that honey. I am coming home soon Anna.” “I promised your mom that you and I will be together forever.” “Oh dad, I am going to miss you so much. I will waiting here for the day you come home. They hugged, and her dad went to the base to ship out. “I’ll be back soon Anna” yelled her dad. “I know that, and I’ll be waiting for you everyday dad,” said Anna. Anna was running beind the bus. She was so sad and she wished that Mary was there with her.

Mary was thinking about Anna a lot but her dad was home. They went everywhere in Ottawa. The kids were happy.



On Sunday the kids went back to school. Their father told them he would see them on Friday to get the cottage for Christmas.

That Monday Anna was sad and worried about dad. "I want him home on Christmas Day," said Anna. "Oh Anna, I know," said Mary. "My dad and Uncle said you come to the cottage this weekend if you want." "Yes, I will come with you because I want be with you all on the weekend," said Anna. Anna told her dad all about it via email. She was so happy about the weekend.

On Thursday Anna got a package from her dad for Christmas and a note. It said he will think of her on Christmas and that he is going to Russia in two weeks. He knew that she is sad and worried about him. He missed her so much and he was in her heart forever.

On Friday their father and Uncle Carl came to pick them up. Anna was happy to be going with them but she was thinking about her and her family a lot. Mary told Anna that her dad was going be fine and that he was coming home soon. "I know that, but he is far away from me this time." "I know Anna and you are dealing with it well," said Mary. "I know that, Mary," said Anna.

The weekend before Christmas break was busy for the kids because they had to study for midterms for school all

week and get ready for Christmas. "What time are mom and Tom coming in dad?" asked Amy and David. "They will be coming on Friday morning and we are coming to pick you all up," said their father. Anna tried to call her Uncle Bobby about Friday but he wasn't home. Then she went on to computer to check her email. Her dad had emailed her. Mary saw her crying the she ran up her. "Dad is going to the Army special unit in Russia." "Oh Anna," said Mary. "He is going there tonight. I wish I could call him now." said Anna. "It's going to be ok Anna," said Mary "and he'll be home soon." "I know that Mary, but I can't write him because he is going to a secret camp in Russia and I need to talk to him." "I know that Anna," said Mary, "but you have your cell phone." Anna went outside and she called her dad. "Hi dad, I was so worried about you going to Russia." "I know Anna," said her dad. "but I will write you in email." "Oh I forgot about that." "I am more worried about you because you are under ground in Russia and what if go missing or are killed." "You don't need to worry so much Anna because I am going to be fine and I made you a promise about January." "I know that but I miss you so much." "I know that Anna," said her dad. "I have to go now, my Capt is here." "Ok dad, I love you and stay save dad," said Anna. "I will Anna, bye," said her dad

Rest that weekend was busy for all them. Anna got a hold of her Uncle Bobby for her ride for Friday. The kids were happy for Christmas break. Anna got a call between lunch from her dad. He said that he was fine and in Russia. Anna was happy because of that.

On Sunday night the kids went back to school for midterms. Their father told them that he would see on Friday.

The midterms were hard. On Thursday the kids were packing for the holiday. "I wish that my dad wasn't far away on this holiday," said Anna. "Oh Anna," said Mary. "I know after Christmas my dad is going back to the war with them." "Yes Mary," said Anna.

On Friday morning the school was busy with everyone going away for Christmas holidays. The kids were so happy. Anna's Uncle Bobby came for her. "I wish that dad was home," she told him. "I wish that too Anna" "He would home in January, he promised me, and I know in my heart Uncle Bobby," said Anna. Mary came over to them. "Bye Mary" said Anna, "you have fun with your family." "You too! Anna, said Mary.

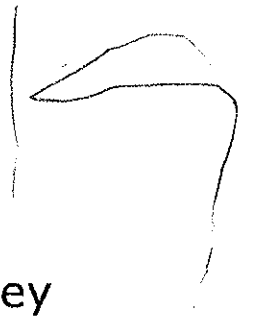
The Bear family were happy because they would all be were going be together at Christmas. At 4pm their parents, Uncle Carl and Tom were there to pick them up. Then they all

went to the house in the county. Mary was thinking about Anna. The kids were happy because they would all be together on Christmas morning. Mary called Anna in North Bay. "My grandpa is sick and Uncle Bobby is going back to the war on January 2. I am so sad here without my dad." "I know we know everyone is going away in January but we should try to forget about it." "Ok Mary," said Anna.

On Christmas night, their father told everyone he was going away the next day with Uncle Carl. "No!" said Amy. "not again." "Don't worry baby, we going to Ottawa to set up New Year's Eve for everyone." "Ok" said Amy. Their father told the kids that he and Uncle Carl would be back before they ship out. "Mary, we need you be there for the kids because Uncle Carl is being sent to his unit in January," said her father. "Ok dad, but you should tell the kids." "We'll tell them after the party is over." "Ok dad," said Mary. Mary knew that she had to brave for the kids when everyone goes away.



### Part 3; A Family Apart By War and Overseas



Mary knew that once the party was over they would be going away from each other, and she was sad but the kids were happy.

On New Years Day their father told the kids about Uncle Carl going back to the war. "Not again dad," said Amy. "It's going to be ok kids," said their father, "you'll all be fine and safe at school with Mary and the teachers." "You'll all be overseas and we can't see you guys on the weekends." "We all knew you'd be scared about us, but we see you all every month, we promise."

That night they went to the movies. Then they went home to pack. The next morning they went the airport. "I'll miss you guys," said Amy. "We together in our hearts," said their father. Then the pa announced that the plane was now boarding at grate 6. They knew it was time to say goodbye to each other. They hugged each other. Their father told the kids that he would visit them next month. Then, their parents, Tom, and Uncle Carl went to board the plane. "I know in my heart they will be safe," said Mary to the kids.

They went to school that night. Mrs. Carr was at Toronto airport to pick them, as well as the other kids. Mary saw Anna in their room. "Hi Anna," said Mary. "I missed you Mary," said Anna. "How were your holidays Mary?" asked Anna. "It was good, but Uncle Carl went

back too." "Wow," said Anna. "My grandpa didn't want Uncle Bobby to go back to the war but he went anyway. I am going see him next weekend." "Wow Anna, you are going to be busy like me with the kids."

The next day the kids were busy with their school work. Amy noticed a new girl in her class. She came the school after the holidays. "My name is Amy Bear, nice meet you." "My name is Sara Smith, nice to meet you too." I came here from PEI because my dad got his orders in September and we were in London since 2 years before and before he shipped out for the war he sent me to my Uncle Ben and Aunt Meg's Army base in PEI. At Christmas they told me that they were shipped out on New Year's Day." "You're had a long trip Sara," said Amy. "Yes I have Amy." said Sara. "Before that my mom, my sister and brother died in a car accident." "I so sorry about that," said Amy. "I know that my dad is safe now in my heart, but I hadn't seen him in almost 4 months and I need to see him soon." "Do you know where he is Sara?" asked Amy. "Yes, he is in China, but he might be resigning to Russia soon. He is a fighter pilot army planes." "My Uncle Carl is a fighter pilot for the Navy."

Anna had been waiting for her dad's R&R since Christmas break. The mail man was so busy with the school. One day Anna was upset, then Mary came in to her what was wrong. "My dad didn't get his R&R because his unit is going on secret mission." "How do you know

that Anna?" asked Mary. "He sent me a package of his things and a letter to tell me he was going underground and he can't reach 2 weeks, but I know that he is safe and he coming home soon." "You are strong Anna," said Mary. "Yes I am. When my mom was dying and my dad was off on a mission I was strong for myself and now I have to be strong for myself again, but I don't know what I am going to do if he goes missing." "Why don't you call him Anna," said Mary. "I can't now because we have class in a few minutes and he is going underground before the end classes but I wish could." "Oh Anna," said Mary, "He will be safe and he coming home soon, but we have to go to class before we are marked as late."

At lunch Anna got a call from her dad. "Oh dad I am worried about you about you and this mission." "I will be safe and I won't die or go missing. I have go now because my guys need to talk to their families too but I miss you so much and I love you." "You stay safe dad and call me when you get back from this mission or email me." "I will, I promise Anna," said her dad. "Bye daddy" said Anna, "you stay safe." Then she went to lunch and to talk to Mary.

Sara had good news from her dad. He got R&R in 2 weeks. She was so happy about it. The Bear kids had good news too that day. Their father was coming for a meeting in Ottawa but he was going to Toronto after that for the weekend. The kids were happy and hoping and waiting in those 2 weeks. Anna was writing to her dad

## Part 4

Good- Byes

And A Funeral

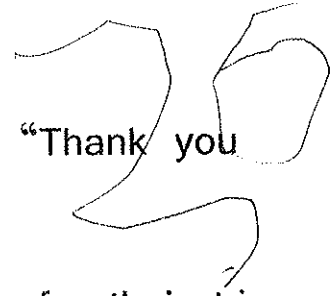
Uncle Carl's death was hard for the kids, especially for Amy. He was her godfather. She was very hurt by it. He told her that he would come home soon. Mary and Pam were worried about the little ones. Mrs. Fox helped them pack for their trip.

At 7 pm their parents and Tom came to pick them up. "They were a so hurt and sad by this," said Mrs. Fox. "We know that, he was a second father to them," said their father. Mrs. Carr came back to the school that morning. "They need you right now," Mrs. Carr said to them.

They went up to their room. When the kids saw them everyone was crying. "We will be fine soon," their father. "I need him," said Amy. "I know," said her mom. We all have a long trip to Halifax tomorrow," said their father. "We have to some rest."

In the morning Mary went to see Mrs. Fox about Anna. "I know she is going to be sad because her dad was shipped out and you will be gone, but she is going to be fine with

me and you guys will be fine,” said Mrs. Carr. “Thank you  
Mrs. Carr,” said Mary.



At 10 am the Bear family were packed up for their trip. Mrs. Fox was there to wave good bye to them and wish them well on their trip.

When Anna and Sara got back to school they knew what happen to Uncle Carl. “They were in stock,” said Anna “Yes they were girls,” said Mrs. Fox, “and they went this morning.”

The Bears got in Halifax that afternoon and went to a hotel. They were so tired and very sad. They went to dinner that night. “I am going to miss him so much,” said Amy. “We’re all going to him,” said Mary. “We are going to have a long few days ahead,” said Tom. They were tired and they needed some rest.

In the morning they met the plane that carried Uncle Carl and the other men. The kids were sad and crying. Amy almost broke down but her dad held her. Uncle Carl’s things were put on the plane too. Everyone was so sad to look at them.

That night Mary called Anna. “I am so sorry about your Uncle Carl Mary,” said Anna. “I know and we are fine, but I’m worried about you Anna,” said Mary. “I am fine, but I wish that I could be there when he ship out yesterday.” “I have to go Anna because my mom calling us for dinner,” said Mary.

every day in her diary. She had a hard time with everything until now. She was strong for herself with everything. Mrs. Fox was worried about her. "In 2 weeks your dad be calling you after his mission Anna, I know it," said Mrs. Fox. "Thank you Mrs. Fox," said Anna.

In those 2 weeks the kids were busy with their school work. Anna went to the Red Cross every day to help them.

That Friday Anna got word that her grandpa was sick. That weekend was hard for Anna because her grandpa passed on before she got there and she was alone without her dad or her Uncle Bobby. She was sad and hurt. "Anna had a lot to deal with in the last 10 months, Mrs. Fox," said Mary. "She has Mary," said Mrs. Fox, "but she is strong and she needs her family and us." "I know Mrs. Fox," said Mary.

Anna came back to school with her Uncle Bobby because her dad was still on his mission but he knows about his dad. "I want dad Uncle Bobby" said Anna. "He is coming to see you soon when he is done his mission I promise you, Anna," said Uncle Bobby.

That weekend were family reunions for Mrs. Fox's school house. Anna was happy to see her dad. The Bear kids and Sara were happy to see their dad. "How long to we have daddy?" asked Anna. "I have to back to my unit by Wednesday, but March Break I have R&R." The

weekend was special to all of them, they didn't want it to end.

On Monday morning Mrs. Carr allowed the kids to go to the airport with their dads. "Stay safe daddy." Said Anna. "because I don't want lose you." "I will be safe and coming home to you soon. I asked my colonel for resign to a desk job because I need to be here for you." "Oh dad I love you but you can't give up your dream job for me, you worked hard for this dad." "You've had a lot of hard times in the last 10 months Anna," said her dad. "You've right, I'm so proud of you dad." said Anna. I hope that you resign soon dad," said Anna. I hope that comes soon for us honey." They hugged each other. The Bear kids and Sara were sad. Anna went to the gate and yelled for her dad but the gate door was close. She was disappointed then someone yelled for her. It was her dad. "Oh dad, I don't want you to go because I got this feeling in my heart something is going to happen to you." "Notting is going to happen to me but I am worried about you because of everything. I'll be fine and I am coming home as soon as I can" "Oh dad" said Anna, "I love you and call me as soon as you get in your unit." "You got it Anna," said her dad.

The next week everyone was busy with their school work and letters. Mrs. Fox got some bad news about her husband. His plane was shot down over China and the doctors tried to save him but he died at the field hospital. She and her kids was sad. But Mrs. Carr, the Bear kids,

Anna and Sara helped them pack for their trip. The Fox family went to Halifax right way. Mrs. Carr took care of Mrs. Fox's school house for her while she was away.

Anna received good news from her dad. He got his desk job but he has 5 more missions in Russia. She was both happy and worried. She told Mary about it. She was happy for her.

The Bear kids got some bad news about their Uncle Carl. He was missing in China because his plane got shot down. The kids were very worried about him. They knew that he was alive and he was coming home soon.

The Bear kids were going a trip to PEI with their parents, Anna and Sara, Anna and Sara's dads were in Russia on missions and they knew that they were safe in Russia.

The day before the Bear kids and the others were going on March Break the Bear kids got a letter from Uncle Carl. It said:

Dear Kids

I am alive and in a POW camp in China now but they could move me to another camp in Russia soon. I can't write to you all in this camp but I found way. I am coming home soon but if something happens to me I



want you all to know I'll be with you in your hearts forever. I love you all.

Love Uncle Carl

The Bear kids were both happy and sad about the letter from Uncle Carl. "He is coming home soon kids," said their father.

That March Break was fun for everyone. Anna got bad news about her dad. he was missing in Russia and she was shocked and upset. Her Uncle Bobby came to see her in PEI. "My dad is coming home soon in my heart," she told everyone.

When the kids came back to school from March Break Mrs. Fox was there for them. "How was the funeral for your husband Mrs. Fox?" asked Mary. "It was nice but painful for our kids and me. I heard you kids got bad news too." "Yes Mrs Fox," said Anna, "but we are hopeful for them."

That week was busy for the kids. Anna was going to the Red Cross for news about her dad that weekend. They told her that her dad was on a big mission for the war department to save some soldiers from a PWO camp but his unit got caught. Anna was sad and hurt but she knew that her dad was safe.

That night Anna got a phone call on her cell phone. It was her dad. "Oh dad I am worried about you in a PWO camp." "I am ok but they could kill me for calling

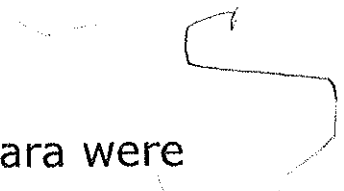
you, but I had to make sure you were ok about this." "Yes daddy, but promise me that you are coming home soon. I don't want to lose you too." "Oh Anna, you won't. I am coming home to you. I have to go now but I will try call you sometime soon and I miss you, Bye. Anna was glad about her phone call.

Amy had a bad dream about Uncle Carl that night. She woke up Mary to talk. "I had a bad dream about Uncle Carl." "I know you worry about him every day, but we have to on, he is coming home to us." "I know it in my heart but I have this feeling something bad is going to happen to him." "You try to rest and sleep Amy" said Mary. "I will Marry," said Amy. They both went back to bed.

Anna got some good news about her dad. He was saved from the PWO camp and he was going to Germany right way. She was going to meet her dad there the next day. She was going with Mrs. Carr and Sara because Sara's dad got hurt. She was upset because her dad was badly injured, but she knew her dad would make it.

They went to Germany the next morning. The kids at the school were happy for them. Mary and Amy were hopeful that Uncle Carl would come home.

The war would be over soon according to TV. The kids at the school were happy to hear that.



At the hospital in Germany Anna and Sara were waiting at the desk. The nurse said, "Hi may I help you." "Yes," said Anna "I am Anna Summers, and this is Sara Smith. We are looking for fathers." "Yes" said the nurse, "they waiting in their rooms. Miss Smith, your dad in room 204, and Miss Summers, your dad is in room 210 now." "Thank you nurse" said the girls.

The girls were happy to see their dad. Anna's dad was happy to see her and Sara's dad was sleeping.

"Oh dad, I thought I wasn't going to see you again," said Anna "Me too honey," said her dad. "and now it's over for us but I may go back to Russia because they want me to for more missions." "I hope not dad" said Anna.

Mrs. Carr called the school that night to say that they safe but Sara's dad is hurt and sick. "The Bear kids wish you all the best" said Mrs. Fox.

That week was busy for the Bear kids because of everything. They were sad and trying to do their school work. Mrs. Fox knew that their father and Tom were coming see them. She wanted to surprise them.

That weekend was cool for the Bear kids. On Friday night at dinner someone said, "Hi kids." It was their father. "Wow," said Pam, "we are surprised to see you here." "You kids have had a hard few weeks," said Tom

"and we came for the weekend." The Bear kids were happy that weekend.

In Germany, Anna and Sara were busy with their dad. Mrs. Carr called the school every night to see what was going on.

On Sunday morning Anna went to see her dad but he was gone. She asked the nurse where her father was? "He is at a meeting, and he said that he will be back soon Miss Summers," said the nurse. "Thanks," said Anna.

At 10 am Sara went to see her father. "Hi dad," said Sara. "I am so happy that you are here for me Sara," said her dad. "We had to deal a lot with in the past 2 years together when you got hurt dad. I remember the accident with them because with you were gone on mission. I can't lose you dad," said Sara. "You won't lose me honey, because I am getting better and I am coming home with you because I am on leave for one month to rest with you but you have to go to school. I booked a hotel room for us." "Oh dad, I love you," said Sara.

Mrs. Carr found Anna sitting in her dad's room. "Where is your dad Anna," said Mrs. Carr. "He is in a meeting Mrs. Carr," said Anna. "I am a bit worried Mrs. Carr, because he might go back to Russia. I don't that because I might lose him or he could go missing again." "Oh Anna, I know. My husband was in the hospital at

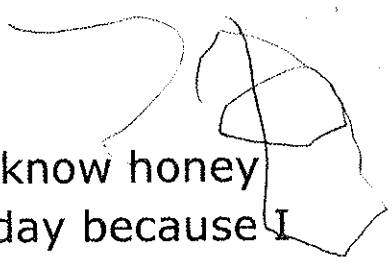
Christmas and he went back after Christmas, but he is coming home on R&R next weekend and so your dad," said Mrs. Carr. "Thank you Mrs. Carr," said Anna, "for everything for Sara and me.

At noon Anna's dad came back from his meeting. "Mrs. Carr could you give Anna and I some privacy please?" said Anna's dad. "Ok" said Mrs. Carr.

"Are you going away again dad," said Anna. "Yes, but we have only a week because they need me in Russia and China." "No dad," cried Anna, "I don't want to lose you." "Oh honey, I will be safe but if something goes wrong I am with you and your mom forever." "You've not coming home with me dad?" asked Anna. "No, I am coming home you but for a short visit," "Oh dad, I love you.

At the school the Bear kids were saying good bye to their father and Tom. "You all be good, said their father. "You guys stay safe," said the kids.

On Monday morning Anna's dad got his orders and called Anna. "Anna I got my orders, and I am going to Russia tonight," said her dad. "No!" said Anna. "We have plans tonight and all week." "I know honey but I have to go you know that." "Yes dad, I know. When do you leave dad?" asked Anna. "In one hour because they need to talk to me in London." "I am coming to the hospital right now dad, don't leave your room dad," said Anna. She rushed to the hospital as fast as she could. "Don't go dad



because I need you so much," said Anna "I know honey but I have to go but you can call me every day because I made deal for us. I am going to carry my cell phone." "Yes dad," said Anna, "but if you are on a mission. We can only talk in a minute." "We have be in our room by 8;45 pm at the school." The nurse came in and said, "time to go sir." Capt Summers said "ok nurse, but I have to say good bye to my family." "Anna I know you will be fine and you will be waiting for me at school." "I will dad and stay safe." "Bye honey," said her dad, "I love you." "Me too dad." Then her dad was gone.

The Bear kids were eating lunch when Mrs. Fox came up to them and said, "I'm sorry kids, they found your Uncle Carl, but he is dead." "Oh my god!" said Mary and the others. "Your parents and Tom are coming here tonight." The Bear kids were sad and they had a long trip ahead of them.

“Ok Mary,” said Anna, “Bye and tell the kids we miss them here.” “Ok I will, and tell everyone there that we are all fine,” said Mary, “bye.” “Bye Mary,” said Anna.

At dinner their father said that he have a letter from Uncle Carl from his best friend on the ship. “You could read it dad,” said Amy. “Everyone is ok with me reading the letter.” “Yes dad” said everyone. Their dad began to read the letter from Uncle Carl. It said;

Dear Family

I am about to go on a top secret mission just in a few minutes. If I don't make it back I am with you all in your hearts and I am looking down on you all. My best friend Max will hold this for me in case. I want you Amy to extend the flag because I am your god father. I got to but I'll be home soon. I love and miss you all so much.

Love Carl.

“It was nice letter,” said Mary. “It was a good letter,” said Amy.

Anna was worried about the Bear kids and her dad. She talked to Mrs. Carr about it. “Don't worry about them and your dad because they will be soon but they are going to need us when they come back.”

The funeral for Uncle Carl was hard for the Bear family. He was buried near the sea. The kids don't want the others to go back to the war but they knew they had to go back.

That weekend everyone in the Bear family went to their cottage. The kids were tired from everything that week.

At school Anna was working on her school work because she missed a few classes because her dad.

The Bear kids came back to the school that Monday night. Their parents and Tom went back to the war. The kids were sad but they would be together soon. Anna and Mrs. Carr were glad to see them.

Anna had bad dream about her dad and her Uncle Bobby. They were missing in the war at the same time. When she woke up in the morning she tried her dad on her cell phone but he was on a mission. She was so worried that her dream would come true. Anna told Mary about it. "You know that they are coming home to you soon Anna," said Mary. "I know that Mary" said Anna, "I know that in my heart, and thanks."

That summer Sara got the best news in her life. Her dad was discharged from the Army and she was so happy about it. Amy was happy for her but she was also sad about it because



she be would losing her best friend. She missed their parents and Tom. Also, she was still dealing with Uncle Carl's death.

Anna was happy because her dad was coming for a visit for 2 weeks. She was happy about it.

At the end of August the news said the war would be over soon. The kids were happy and a bit sad because the school was their home for a year.

One day the kids were in class when Mrs. Carr on the pa and said "THE WAR IS OVER!" The kids all over the school were yelling and cheering.

A month later, the Bear kids and others kids were packing for home. Mrs. Carr said "I am glad we made it."

In the morning, the Bear parents and Anna's family came to pick them up. "I wished that Uncle Carl were here," said Amy. "I know baby," said her dad, "but he is with little Sara and us forever in our hearts."

The goodbyes were hard on everyone. "I know we will stay in touch," said Mrs. Carr to the Bear

kids, Anna and the Fox family. "Yes we will," said everyone.

The year was hard for the Bear kids and their friends but they made it.

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