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Dear Lee:-

I hope you will not think I am neglecting you. I thought I would get time here at the office to write you a letter today; but it is now 5 o'clock and no letter written. Before going to the house to get dinner ready I'll send off a few lines.

Daddy and Mr. Boykin went to the ball game last night, and it was so exciting that daddy could not sleep half of the night. I enclose clipping about the game.

I guess you have heard of Richard duPont,- the one who has done so much with gliders. He was killed Saturday while testing a glider at March Field, Cal. The glider went into a spin, he with two others jumped, but his parachute failed to open. The other two landed safely. Two others remained in the glider and were killed. He was a special assistant to Gen. Arnold of the Army Air Force, in charge of glider experiments.

Sunday afternoon Broad St. Station caught on fire, from an engine I believe and in spite of the firemen battling for hours almost the whole station was destroyed with a damage of about a quarter of a million. On Labor Day evening there was a train wreck just outside of North Philadelphia, killing 79 and injuring many more. It seems that Philadelphia is having more than its share of accidents.

The news from Italy doesn't sound very good today,- with the Germans reported driving back the Americans and English and a reported 10,000 of our boys caught. I guess we were all too jubilant last week.

Grandmother Minker came out this afternoon to help me with Shirley's sewing and will stay a few days I guess. I think she is making apple dumplings for dinner tonight. Shirley went over to school this afternoon to get her vaccination certificate and took your picture to show Mr. Yingst. She was also to give him your new address, for he called just about the time you were leaving Santa Ana and asked how to reach you, so I guess you'll be getting a letter soon.

Is it possible for you to try to put a call thru any time except Sunday afternoon? If so, let us know what day or night and we will be waiting for you. It would be nice if you could call before Shirley leaves. We are not sure yet whether she will have to go on Tuesday or Wednesday. Ben's school also opens on September 22.

Lots of love and I'll try to write more later in the week.

Malker