

Monday, April 10, 1944

Dear Lee:-

Yesterday was a beautiful Easter day with one exception, that you were not with us. Late Saturday afternoon I received a gorgeous corsage of gardenias from you so that yesterday I was very much dressed up indeed, with a new coat decorated on one side with my Wings and on the other by the flowers. You don't know how much it meant to me to have you remember me in such a lovely way.

Mrs. Lake left us Saturday afternoon. She wanted to stay with us and enjoy the Easter service at Grace, but Vance's wife in Philadelphia wanted her so she felt she had to go, for she had planned to leave for Boston this morning. We did enjoy having her and hope soon that you and she will meet again. Thursday evening we all went to communion, including Shirley. Of course the service at Grace yesterday morning was lovely, with folks standing in the gallery and vestibule and the chapel filled with those who could hear but not see. The youngsters did a very good job with their cantata, which was given in the church. Shirley helped them in the chorus. Bernice sang the solo last year and the year before taken by Julia and I thought did a fine job, as did Charlotte Dunlap. Margaret Jones met us after church and came home with us, as did grandmother Minker. Margaret is a nurse in a doctor's office in Wilmington but is talking of joining soon as an army nurse. She does not seem to want to go to ~~Emil~~ California with Aunt Ann. She seems to be a very fine girl and looks so much like Uncle Lou. Late in the afternoon Walter and Justin came over and stayed until ten, when Shirley decided to make up a batch of cookies to take back with her today; so it was almost midnight when she and Bernice finished those. I called her about 8:30 this morning, as she has an English paper to write before going back. Although the weather man predicted rain we did not see a drop. It suddenly grew warm and no one could have wished for a nicer day.

Your check from Mrs. Dexter was received, also the letter with \$50. I'll try to get them both in the bank tomorrow when I go in town. Your bank book is at the house, of course, so I can't tell you know how your account stands. By the way, daddy was not able to get any insurance for that accident, as he did not have the facts until the woman called and that was too late to apply for insurance, so we are using the \$30. you left to cover it, much as I hate to do so. Daddy thinks it would be a good investment to get you out some building and loan shares. I think he said by paying \$5. a month (5 shares) at the end of 11 years you would have \$1,000.

We are glad you met the Watkins boy and like him. Also it must be good for you to get with some Dickinson men once again. Has your crew been selected yet, or is it too early in your training for that?

With the terrible strain of flying a fortress it does not seem that you will put on much weight while there.

Shirley and I went to see The Song of Bernadette Saturday night. It has received wide acclaim and is very good, but I think Catholics will get much more out of it than Protestants.

Shirley must leave this afternoon for Williamsport, and of course she will not be home any more until school is over.

Did you get your box of candy in time for Easter? Daddy has your shirt & and the trousers are supposed to be ready today. If they are I will get them right off to you.

Lots of love to you, and eat plenty of that good food to keep you going under such a strenuous schedule.

Mother