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My dear Lee:-

We have just finished breakfast. Mother made some doughnuts, rising a little earlier than the rest of us, and the first assembly of the occupants of this house, two grandmothers, Bernice, mother and I, was a success. I restrained myself and ate only two doughnuts although I could have taken care of a half dozen.

I saw the Blue Rocks win last night - a nice game in which the team looked good. They've brought in a couple of more experience fellows - a catcher, first and second basemen, to help out. The catcher can't run but he can catch and hit. It's hard to get

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everything in the one package nowadays. I guess we're lucky to have a club.

You've heard me speak of Irving Carpenter, son of a minister we had at Brandywine Church when mother and I were young people there. He is a Colonel now, and the Chief of all the chaplains in the Air Corps. He went to the game with me.

Our Spring Festival program has gone very well. The boys have put on a bang up show. I wish you could have seen it. Mother has sent you a program in all probability, and you see that we ought to have a fine treat to-night when the P. S. duPont musical organization comes to give us a program.

Mother has told you no doubt that we have bred Ginger to a very fine police dog with an excellent pedigree. It seemed to me we should have a few good pups from such a fine dog as Ginger. Don't you think it is a good idea? Police dogs are scarce now because people have gone in for the watch charm variety (small, kitten-like dogs). We'll not keep all of the dogs, of course, but we could probably keep one of the male pups.

The boys are looking forward to some swimming about May 30th. Our swimming pool is in good shape, the first time in several years this early in the year. It looks as if our re-arrangement of it was just about right.

From what you say you are having one of those times that every body has once in a while no matter what he's doing. I was hoping they might do a little furloughing when they found you as far ahead of schedule as you

are. Some of you ought to ask for a furlough and
test the feeling. However, make the most of it
and don't let it get you down.

Well, the best to you always. Kid.

Dad —