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My dear Lee:-

Your letter, the first from you since you left last Tuesday, came this morning before I left for church. It is needless to say that we had been anxiously awaiting its arrival - and that all of us had to read it individually. You see how you rate. I'm glad you made the trip from here on time, and that you will have a few days of conditioning before you have to go strenuously.

I think it is wonderful the way you have been able to adapt yourself to the varied climates you have been in during the past year and a half. It shows you are in good shape. I recall spending three weeks in Florida in 1923 - in Miami. It was hot in the daytime but as I remember it there was always some air moving at night.

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I hope you will find the climate passable.

How great it was to have you home! The days flew - and yet we didn't rush. We just lived together - all of us - again, and tried to make up for such a long separation. Everybody was so glad to see you - and every place I've gone people have spoken of how fine you looked and how fine it was to see you. I stopped at Boykin's for a Coca Cola on the way home from church to-day - and "Jack" asked how you were. I told him he ought to know after the way you did away with that fried chicken the night we were there.

The Blue Rocks won three straight from Hagerstown this past week - pretty good games, too. They return home for games from Tuesday on. They lost to Lancaster Saturday night.

The Bond Drive is on in earnest now - and I think we'll be "over the top" by the middle of the week. A great many people wait until the last minute no matter how hard you work to get them in line earlier.

There is an officer by the name of Curbak at Tampa - a West Point man who is an instructor. The wife is a sister of a very close friend of Mr. Baker. They may look you up. I don't know him. I met her once at Delaware Park. They may be alright. Again, they may be flashy and "high timers." You know how to be yourself if they extend any courtesies to you. He specializes in B17 work, I understand.

Well, the best to you, kid.

Sincerely,
Dad -