

Monday, February 5, 1945

Dearest Lee:-

The way things look now it might easily be that by the time this letter reaches you Berlin will have been entered and the European phase of the war at an end. With the terrific air bombardment which the city is evidently getting and the approach of the Russian Army I don't see how the Germans can hold out much longer. And today we are heartened by the news that our armies are in Manila. The end can come none too soon for any of us. I expect you have had almost your required number of missions already and we are hoping you will be coming home for a rest this spring to say the least.

I have had two more nice letters,- one from Mrs. Dodge and another from Mrs. Trembly. We were delighted to hear from them. They all speak very highly of you and are looking forward to the day when they can meet and learn to know you.

Justin Kaiser is home for a few days. Bernice saw him the other night when Mrs. From had a dinner for him. She says he does not appear as well as he did when home before. He expects to be sent overseas after this furlough. I can't understand how one in his condition ever passed the physical.

A letter from Shirley tells something about her last semester, which evidently is going to be much harder than ~~her~~ the one just ended, but I am sure she will make out alright.

Daddy is busy with committee meetings getting ready for the next War Bond Drive. He has three such meetings today,- 12:15, 2:30, 3:15. Yesterday he spoke at Friends Meeting House at 11 a.m. and in the afternoon saw the Bombers lose another game. Next week he is scheduled to attend the annual meeting of the Superintendents' Conference in N.Y. which will at least give him a change. You may know that the government is calling off all meetings of 50 or more people unless special permission is obtained. This is meant to save railroad facilities for troops and necessary war materials, and to prevent hotel congestion. On account of the coal shortage and the severe weather we have been having there is an embargo at the present on all kinds of freight except coal and war materials.

Of course I do not need to tell you that our hearts and thoughts and prayers are with you more than ever as we hear of the offensive against Germany, in which you no doubt are taking part. I know it has been a terrific experience for you.

Love.

Mother