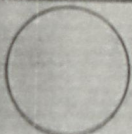


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From
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May 4th, 1945
 (Date)

F.S. someone just called me to say that Eisenhower had announced the surrender
 of N.Y. Germany, Holland, Denmark. Today's paper announces the setting up of
 "Little Universities" for the 6th Air Force in England. Are you in on it?

Dearest Lee :-

We surely had a thrill last night. About 7:30 the telephone rang, and when I answered a voice said, "Mrs. Minker, this is Olaf Larsen". I let out such a squeal that daddy, upstairs, thought it surely must be you calling. He was in N.Y. and is being sent to Atlantic City May 19. We made him promise that he and his wife would stop off to see us while he is stationed there. He sounded like a fine chap and we are now anxious to meet him.

The Blue Rocks took over possession of first place with a 3-4 victory over Lancaster in an 11 inning battle at Lancaster Tues. night. They have been rained out since, but it looks as if they might be able to play a game here in Wilmington tonight, for the sun has been shining most of the day.

We had a nice letter from Robt. Ryan today, written in Germany April 30. He is with the 4th armored division which was recently awarded the Presidential citation. He seems to have come thru o.k. after that wrong move soon after entering the service. He is married, you know, and speaks very proudly of his 2 year old son.

Daddy has gone out to try to get in a round of golf, the first in more than a week. Bernice will be going to the junior prom at Tower Hill tonight. Grandmother and I are trying to get done some house-cleaning.

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Love from all of us.

Mother