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Ferris Industrial School of Delaware

BOX 230

Wilmington, Delaware

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Dear Lee:-

My but I'm sorry I was out last night when you called home. Perhaps they told you of my schedule - a Rotary Club speech at New Castle 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Civilian Defense conference in New Castle 7:30 - 8:15 p.m., Auxilliary [sic] Police rally 8:15 - 9:00 p.m., and another conference on Civilian Defense in the Cranston Heights Control Center following that. Mother did not tell me about the call until this morning. She knew how disappointed I'd be.

I saw a few innings of Sunday's game at Wilmington Park. The clipping will show the fair calibre of the team Wilmington faced. Our club looked very good -- particularly the outfield. I hope to see the opener Friday night. Gov. Bacon called me this morning about going with him. Rain has stopped the opening so far -- Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

I am glad you are feeling a little more at home in the grind. It won't hurt you to see another section as you are -- making contacts, studying the similarities and differences in people, and matching wits with them.

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I had two weddings to-day. One was a fine young soldier of 25 years from Georgia -- a Pottstown, Pa boy. I get quite a few such weddings. The men have to have the time waived, and most of the ministers won't do it. I can't see their viewpoint but that's their business.

I went to Lancaster yesterday and bought 20 steers--\$2675.00 worth of beef. It looks as if we ought to be alright for a year at least.

The boys have done a great job in North Africa, haven't they? When it started [to] cave in for us it really did cave in. I think you're going to find this same thing happening all along the line -- a month on Sicily -- a month on Italy, and a strangle hold on the Mediterranean. A Fall of activity will bring some real breaks in Germany, and I'm optimistic to believe substantial progress toward victory will be made by Christmas, 1943. Here's hoping, anyhow.

Keep yourself in good shape, and know that there isn't an hour that I do not consciously move in your direction and say a prayer for you.

As always -- Dad ~