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Friday, July 9, 1943

Dear Lee:-

Having written you yesterday I do not have much news, but I do want to let you know how happy I am that you were classified as Pilot, for I know how much you had set your heart on it. Indeed I am still trembling a little bit after opening the letter and reading the good news. It's a good thing I am not the one who is to be the pilot, for I guess I would be too nervous over the glad news to be much good. We are all mighty proud of you and wish for your continued success in your training. I imagine you are anxious to get in the air again and hope you have lost none of your "knack" in the two weeks' lay-off.

You surely get stirring early in the morning. Remember the awful time I used to have getting you up in time to catch the 8 o'clock bus to school? By that time of day now I suppose you have done a day's work.

Most of the larger stores in Wilmington are closing on Saturdays, beginning this week, and staying open Friday evenings; so Bernice is working at Crosby's today from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Shirley works from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and will learn today about Saturdays; but as this is a defense project I expect she will have to work at least for half a day on Saturdays.

Mr. Yingst called me the other day and got your new address, and said he felt in the writing mood. I told him I knew you would be glad to hear from him.

The Blue Rocks did not get to play last night again on account of rain, so I don't have any news along that line.

Lots and lots of love,

Mother [signature]