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Saturday night

July 10, 1943

Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Lee -

I knew you could do it. Yesterday we got your letter announcing your promotion. We're all tickled but I guess not half as much as you are. It's just too, too grand!

I only worked until 12:00 today so Ginnie and I went to the movies. Saw "Mr. Lucky" with Cary Grant and Laraine Day. It was very funny in parts and good. Do you see many of the latest movies even if you are not permitted to leave the post? You mustn't be very far

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from Hollywood. Maybe you can go to the Hollywood Canteen and dance with Hedy or Betty Grable.

Miss Garner surprised us all by walking in right before dinner. She has finished her basic training at Hunter College and unexpectedly got a weekend leave. She is going to be sent to school somewhere (military secret) and do something with Naval aviation [sic]. I always spell that word wrong, darn it! She's now a seaman second class but when she finishes this other school will be a petty officer third class. That's pretty good, too, isn't it?

Ben sent me a beautiful pair of earrings from Boston. You know his brother practically owns one of the big stores in Boston.

Mother got Judy's birthday present yesterday. She got her a very lovely Lucite comb and brush set. We tried to get her a scrapbook with her initials in red leather. The Bayleens gave me one for graduation but it seems you can't get them any more.

I hope this scribbling isn't too worrisome. Mother just came in and told me that Billy Workman (Aunt Grace's little boy, 9 years old) was operated on for appendicitis. It's quite

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serious at that age but he seems to be getting on fine. Grandmother Jones sends her love and congratulations too. I wish you'd write her a separate letter once in a while. I know she'd be tickled pink.

The summer is rushing on and I've still nothing decided on college. It worries me, but I haven't found anything yet. I'm open for suggestions. It would help.

I'll be hoping to hear from you soon.

With lots of love -

Shirley