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Dear Lee:

The air is somewhat cooler today so that the heat is not so bad. The humidity has been terrible lately. You haven't said much about the climate in California. Is it as wonderful as it is said to be?

Daddy and I saw the game with the Athletics on Wednesday and the Blue Rocks surely did a grand job of baseball. We took out one of the boys here whom Eddie Glennon wanted to see about taking a job at the park, and in that way killed two birds with one stone and were able to drive right up in the parking lot. Mr. Glennon hired the boy to look after the lockers, etc. Last night daddy and I started out with the intention of seeing the picture "Stage Door Canteen" which your sisters have been raving about and which is now beginning its third week here. We drove up to the parsonage and Jessie Mould was just coming out, so we stopped to say good-bye to her (she left Wilmington this morning). The Johns insisted we come up and talk, which we did, and never did get to the movies.

I picked a quarter of blackberries and am trying to keep them until tomorrow when I want to make a pie. Saturday afternoons is the only time I have to do any baking any more. I guess grandmother Minker will come out to spend the weekend.

A \$50. bond came for you on Wednesday. Shirley is afraid she won't be getting much of a salary when pay day comes around; for she will have deducted 10% for bonds, 20% withholding tax and 5% victory tax.

We will be anxiously awaiting your pictures. Are your uniforms still given to you or must you buy the same? Does your pay now go up to \$75. monthly or not until you begin to fly? I never have gotten that corrected insurance policy from Washington. You sent off the one I forwarded to you in Lincoln, didn't you?

Did I tell you that your history essay and all the paraphernalia [sic] that belongs with it arrived by express one day this week? I wrote to thank Dr. Wing for it.

I set the alarm every morning for 6:45 and always have a hard time making myself get up. I don't know what I would do if I had to be up at 5:15 as you do.

Love from all of us. Mother