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Dear Lee:-

We returned from Rehoboth last night, having had five delightful days. The weather was perfect. We slept under two blankets every night and some nights three. The water was fine,- so the girls said. I did not venture in, but by just sitting on the beach with them every day (under an umbrella) I have a not so beautiful case of sunburn on my face and legs.

We hoped to find a letter from you upon our return, but suppose you were too busy last week with exams and celebration to write. Grandmother Minker went to church with daddy Sunday morning and said Judy showed her a fine snapshot of you. We have been looking for those pictures which you said were being sent, but as yet they have not arrived.

Mr. Smith came down for us yesterday, in a new Studebaker which we got by trading in our old one. The school has bought two, one of which daddy will try to keep for his own use as much as possible. We have only one station wagon in use now and it is really necessary to have some cars around, for staff members can no longer use their cars on errands for the school as they did before gas rationing. Daddy is talking about turning in his own Packard and doing without a car of his own until after the war, but as yet he has not done it. Mr. Boykin turned in his and many folks are doing the same. One can get a pretty good price for used cars now you know.

We had an early morning air-raid test last Friday,- about 5:30 a.m., the first that has been tried at that time of the day. We heard the sirens in Rehoboth but of course did not budge from our beds.

Having been away and not getting the paper I am not up on the doings of the Blue Rocks, but I believe they played out of town all last week. Last night they played the Phillies and the boys from Washington cottage who are on our team were taken to see the game.

Let us hear from you. We are anxious to know where your next move will be. I did get a paper Sunday in Rehoboth and was glad to read that Kiska had at last been taken over. I do hope the predictions of some that the war in Europe will be over by Christmas come true.

Love and best wishes from all of us.

Mother