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Dear Lee:-

Yesterday we were sweltering almost and today is a typical September day, sun shining brightly and a cool breeze. Yesterday I was out of the office all day to take care of the District meeting. Shirley sang "The Lord's Prayer" in the afternoon meeting, accompanied by May, and I think she never sang more beautifully. Here at the school the Board meet [sic] and in the afternoon we held the annual swimming meet. Washington cottage won this year. For the past two years Ball has won, and had they won this year they would have kept the cup. Did I tell you that Jeff is back at the school again?

Last night we had a big rally for the third war loan. There was a parade at 7:30 and although I was pretty tired after a full day I did go in town with Shirley to see the parade, for Bernice marched in it, all dolled up in her A.W.V.S. uniform. They looked very nice, too. Some soldiers from Ft. duPont and the air base were in the parade, as well as the band from Aberdeen. Daddy spoke at the Kennett Square Lions' Club meeting early in the evening and then went to a bond rally at Newport.

How much news do you boys get to hear? Do you have any time to listen to the radio? I suppose you all heard with joy the news about Italy surrendering. Of course we are being cautioned not to be too optimistic, but it does seem as though things are beginning to break for us and I do hope the end cannot be too far away.

Were you to walk in your room now you would find it full of Shirley's clothes for that is were [sic] we are putting them as we get things finished. May received word yesterday that Oberlin does not open until October 29, and I suppose that goes for Julia, also. This will mean they have only 5 days at Christmas and because it takes so long to get there she says she will not be able to get home until school is over, the last of next June. I do not understand why Oberlin's schedule does not more nearly parallel the schedules of other colleges who are running three terms and have the army or navy also to plan for.

I must stop now, for with being out of the office all day yesterday I have plenty of work to do today.

Love from everybody.

Mother