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Ferris School for Boys Box 230 Wilmington 99, Delaware

Tuesday, October 5 [1943]

Dear Lee:

As daddy is tied up in meetings of various kinds almost all of today I have a chance to get some correspondence of my own taken care of.

I have been anxiously awaiting that box of cactus which you mentioned in daddy's letter, but so far it has not arrived. I hope it comes soon so that the plants will not be harmed. Did you receive the box of cookies in good condition? If they were stale let me know and next time I'll send a different kind.

A letter from Shirley arrived this morning and she enclosed two newspaper clippings, one of which she wanted me to mail to you. I think she wrote you last week, so you should have a letter by this time. She seems to like it, although she is having no snap course. Saturday night they had a dance for some of the cadets,- mostly boys who have been there only two weeks, and the greater part of them from the south she says. She reports a "wonderful" time and as a result has a date to go to the movies this coming Saturday night with a boy from Great Neck, L.I., who graduated from high school in June and had planned to go to Colgate.

Maybe you have already received a letter from Julia telling you of the Don Cossack chorus at the Playhouse last night, for during intermission her father came over and said she was writing you. The Boykins were not using their tickets to this community concert affair and that is how daddy and I happened to go. It was wonderful- they certainly know how to do almost anything with their voices.

We are having some cool weather in the mornings and evenings now, so that we have to have a little heat turned on for about a hour in the morning and then make a fire in the fireplace in the evenings. Is it still so hot where you are?

Last night we sat along side of Bob Wuertz's mother. He is a pre-med student at Wesleyan, you know. He tired [sic] to get into the Navy but could not on account of his eyes and hay fever. If he can get lined up for some medical school and accepted he will not have to go into the service I guess. He tried Cornell but they have a waiting list of 1,000; last week he went to Harvard for a conference and she had not heard the outcome of that.

This is fine day for the opening of the world series. The papers say it is impossible to get a room in the New York hotel, so I guess I won't go up.

I did hear daddy say there would be a basketball team for Wilmington, but so far I have seen nothing in the paper about it. I

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think they are to use the armory as they did before.

Now I must stop and write Shirley. With both of you away it keeps me busy keeping letters going out.

Love from all of us.

Mother