

Tuesday, November 30, 1943

Dear Lee:-

Your letter written Friday evening came this morning. Last night I went up in the attic and looked among your boxes to find your Christmas card list and found the enclosed, to which I have added some. I do not have Bossert's, Cassell's or Wilson's addresses. Perhaps if you wrote to the house you could get them. You still have some socks and underwear on hand and I will try to get them off this week. Folks here at home are rather disappointed that the Christmas mail which was sent overseas to the boys has already been received and distributed. It does seem that they will have a "let-down" feeling on Christmas morning. I will try to get your box off in plenty of time, but if it should arrive before December 25 try to keep it until that day. There will be nothing in it which will spoil. I baked 3 fruit cakes Saturday. If you would like one let me know and I'll put it in. But I remember that you were never very fond of fruitcake. Let me know what to do.

We talked to Shirley on the telephone Sunday night. Only five girls were in the house over the weekend, so she felt rather lonesome. She gets home either December 22 or 23 for about 10 days. She is really doing a grand job, having gotten A in chemistry this last time, which I think is mighty fine. Did she tell you that she has put on 10 pounds? I do hope she has not outgrown all the clothes I had to get her before she left.

Sunday daddy, Bernice and I had dinner at the parsonage. That certainly is a barn of a place for just three people, including Peg. Grandmother Minker was out to spend the day.

This is the last day of the month and so far we have not had a blackout, so we must surely be in for one before the day is over, for we are scheduled to have one a month put on by the army. Daddy now has a new secretary for his civilian defense work, Mrs. Burkins having a chance to get a job which pays a better salary.

It certainly is glad news that there is a possibility of your getting home about the middle of March. I do hope nothing prevents its coming true.

Another insurance paper for \$10,000.00 dated July came to daddy last week.

Intra-mural basketball is starting here this week, with Jeff handling it. We have several outside games booked beginning next month, - A.I., New Castle, Archmere, Westgrove, Delaware City.

Was the cheese alright when you received it? I tried to get Velveta but couldn't.

With all my love.

Mother