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Mrs. Ralph L. Minker

Brindley Road

Wilmington, 99, Del.

Thursday, February 17, 1944

Dearest Lee:

I got Julia a nice box of Reynolds milk chocolates, \$1.10 per pound for her belated Valentine gift and have written her this morning, so she will understand it was not your fault that something did not arrive on Feb. 14.

In addition to your letter I got one from Shirley this morning, enclosing some pictures of "Fred" who seems to be the one in favor with her at the present moment. He sent her a heart full of candy as a Valentine present.

You must really be rushed off your feet with all the work you have to do, in addition to making preparations for graduation. By this time of course you have received the letter telling of the possibility of your getting a hop home via New Castle airbase. What airline company is it from Big Springs, do you know, in case I have to write N.Y. We have not planned any trips for you except the one to N.Y. while you are home. Daddy did say that maybe you might like to visit Dickinson, so if you want to that could probably be arranged, especially if we drive Shirley back to Williamsport.

In yesterday's mail came a letter from Drew asking daddy for information on Howell Wilkins.

I believe the Dickinson dinner is scheduled for March 31, in Wilmington.

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Bernice raved about Bruna Castagna, whom she heard in concert Tuesday night at the Playhouse.

Tonight the boys from Washington cottage are having a Valentine Dance, inviting girls from in town, so Jeff and Aunt Margaret are bustling around here getting ready. They have put in many hours of decorating the gym which as you know is certainly a barn to try to decorate.

When you sent home your last class book I noticed the name of a boy by the name of Christ, and I think you had written across the face of his picture "washed". Is he the same boy mentioned in the enclosed clipping?

Daddy left for N.Y. late Tuesday afternoon and will be back sometime on Friday I guess.

I have not heard from Graham Taggart since Monday, so he must still be living at any rate, and I do hope he pulls through.

Lots of love from all of us.

Mother