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Ferris School for Boys

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Dearest Lee:-

By the time this reaches you I hope your case of jitters has disappeared. You have done your very best all along the line, and I know you will not be "washed out" now. I can sympathize with you, for I think in some respects you are built as I am. No matter how well prepared I am before an undertaking of any importance I just can't help but be concerned. Now that your training is almost over and you are about to go out in the thick of things it is only natural for you to be keyed up. I fully expect you to graduate with the rest of them this coming Sunday and am looking for you on Wednesday morning at the latest. I do hope you can get a ride via Ferry Command and arrive sooner. And I sincerely hope that you are wrong about having to leave by Monday. That's no time at all to be home.

Bernice wrote you last night. Maybe she told you that we have changed our plans about New York, for we don't want you to spend too much of your time on long automobile trips. Instead, daddy has reserved 5 seats for the Bombers-Sphas game in Philadelphia Saturday night. In the afternoon if you like we can go up to see a show of some kind, have dinner in Philadelphia and then go to the game. This will give us all day Sunday together. We are not sending you anything for graduation for we do not know what you need or want. After you get home we can decide on that.

Shirley called on Monday night. If she does not talk to us on the telephone every so often she gets down in the dumps. Fred, about whom she has been writing much lately, is due to leave this weekend. There is still some question as to whether she will be allowed to attend his graduation banquet and dance, for it is being held in a hotel where there is a bar and so far the girls have not been allowed to go there. She seems to have had a grand time as "Lillian Russell" in the show they put on last weekend. Ben is supposed to arrive in Wilmington tomorrow for a three weeks' vacation, so you will get to see him.

Of course we are not allowed to send you a telegram of congratulation on Sunday, but you know we all shall be praying for you and wishing you everything that is fine and good. With all my love.

Mother