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May 2, 1944

Dear Lee:-

Mother has told you in all probability about my interesting evening with Col. McLaughlin who is in charge of New Castle Air Base. We were next to each other at a dinner in the Hotel and happened to be about the only Ginger Ale drinkers in the party. In conversation with him I learned he graduated from Northwestern and that his father was a Methodist minister.

We scanned every bomber that passed near here over the week-end, hoping vainly, of course, but hoping just the same to sense somehow it was you. Perhaps you didn't take your trip after all. Anyhow, you might as well know we were flying too.

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Everything is set for a good season at Wilmington Park. Mr. Glennon called up a little while ago, and asked for a boy to work at the park. We have a nice kid by the name of Cooper that I'm going to send him. Baker and I will probably be on hand - and you'll see from the papers the details.

I know the paper will mean a lot to you. I recall at College how I used to scan the paper regularly - and it was always welcome.

I called Mr. Snellenburg about more clothes. I think he has some summer weight shirts. I'm going to look at them this week. How were the other things? Size? Quality? He did not seem to recall anything else you mentioned while in the store. I'll jog him when I see him.

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The best to you in this strenuous part of your training! You've done a great job - you've taken everything they've given, and you've proved to yourself that you have the thing that life takes. We'll have a great time after this business is over - getting into even greater jobs - and doing them the way you will be able to do them.

Saw Mr. Hering on my way out to-day - he said, "say hello to Lee when you write."

Goodnight - and God Bless you -
Dad -

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Thursday evening -
[mid May 1944]

My dear Lee:-

Everything is looking Spring-like here. I don't believe the grounds were ever so beautiful — and the boys are pitching into their outdoor details in a manner that should bring some fine results in the flower gardens, vegetable gardens, farm in general a little later on.

You've probably seen the scores of the opening games in the big leagues. I hope the Philadelphia teams are more than a Spring flash this year. It would be a big boon if the Phillies could get going. The Blue Rocks are practicing and ere long I'll be looking them over.

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Yesterday was quite a day for me. I spoke at a luncheon in the Hotel, participated in a panel discussion at First Central Church in connection with the Delaware Conference of Social Work in the afternoon, went to the Juvenile Court to confer with Judge Melson, a mother and a boy from 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., met Dr. Johns, Judge Isaacs and Dr. Henke for a dinner conference on the Men's Work at Grace Church - and then spoke on The First Pillar of Peace - the first of a series of Wednesday evening addresses at the church to a crowded auditorium in the Church house. I am glad to-day has been quieter as you can well imagine.

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Enjoy your letters. I am glad
Rosewell and its environs seems so
much pleasanter than Pecos.
The cavern must have been a sight.
Keep up the good work, and
know that we're all with you
every minute.

Sincerely,

Dad