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Sat. 5:30 p.m. [SEPTEMBER 9, 1944]

Dearest Lee,

While waiting for the girls to come up from the beach for dinner I'll get off a few lines to you. The sun is shining brightly today but I imagine it will be cool tonight. Last night was the coldest yet & we have only one blanket apiece. Gregg, Daugherty & Charlotte are with us for the weekend.

We are all in the itching stage of our sunburn now, but trying to take care of ourselves so we won't blister.

Sunday 3 p.m.

Daddy surprised us by arriving this morning. A boy from Lewes, whom Mr. Hamm took back to the school on Tues., ran away again & daddy will take him back as he goes this evening. The girls are on the beach, daddy making a call & before starting dinner I'll see if I can finish this. We are having honey-cooked ham, potato salad, tomatoes, succotash, fruit

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jello & some cupcakes which grandmother made. "Daur" arose in time for a a.m. mass but the rest of us slept until 10. She said she saw Julia on her way back from church.

Your allotment check arrived before I left home. I'll deposit it when I return, together with your money order.

Thanks for your suggestions about gardens. If I can only get time to carry them thru! My dist. meeting is Thurs & we must take Shirley back Fri - or Sat, at the latest. And all of my spare time in Oct will be spent on [the] United War Fund campaign. If we can hold off until Sat. for Shirley's return I would like to be able to coax daddy to come back as far as Carlisle Sat. night & stay over until Sunday with the Thompson's. Did I tell you Howell is at the school for 3 wks. before entering Drew! I wish it had been possible for you to have finished college but we are mighty proud of you since you have been in the army and I pray that the day is not too far distant when you will be re-entering Dickinson. Our love and prayers are with you wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

Mother