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Dearest Lee:

Daddy and I spent a few hours with the Hering's last night and learned that the storm did considerable damage to their cottage at Rehoboth. A large tree on the side of the house was broken off, falling on the roof and cracking it, practically all the windows of the sunparlor were blown out, cellar windows blown out, damage to electric wires, etc. I guess the boardwalk below Rehoboth Ave. is a complete wreck. If you have had time to read the Wilmington papers you have gotten something of the picture.

Fred arrived shortly after 9 Saturday evening and left at 6:24 yesterday, getting a ride up from camp to Washington by auto.

We sent Shirley's trunk off this morning. She had a voice lesson at 11 this morning, followed by a luncheon date with the girls from the office. She and Bernice are going to grandmother's for dinner this evening and from there out to Carolyn's for a while. Bernice had to report for aptitude tests at Tower Hill this morning and will have to go again tomorrow. School officially opens on Wednesday and she will surely have to settle down from her very rigorous life of the summer, - rigorous as far as dates, etc. is concerned.

Daddy wrote you this morning. He had a hectic day yesterday, - chapel here, church at Grace, Men's Bible Class at McCabe at noon, funeral which took him to St. George's at 2, dinner at 4. I think we have convinced him that he should not attempt to make the trip to Savannah.

Justin Kyser was home yesterday and the girls say he seems much improved. He is stationed at Aberdeen. Jan, Meredith and the baby are also home. He returns shortly and Jane is staying here for a while. They both sang in the choir yesterday, and so did Shirley.

Yesterday was a delightful September day, but today it is raining again. Maybe by this time you know the Blue Rocks were beaten three games straight in the play-offs, which means they are out of the picture.

Jimmie Goldey left today. He was to report at Camden and there learn whether he is to be in the army or navy.

Our thoughts, when you said you were leaving from Hunter Field, were that you must be going into the European area; but we have since heard that some boys have gone from there to the Pacific. If you have a choice I hope you will get what you would most like to have.

Naturally our thoughts are turning to Christmas and we are wondering whether we will have your address before October 15 so that we can get off a box. When you can let us know whether there is anything particular besides food which you would like at Christmas time. What about razor blades, stationery, books etc?

We know these must be busy days for you, but hope you can find time to write at least one more letter before you leave Gulfport.

With all my love.

Mother

P.S. I think Julia is having the girls out to her house tomorrow evening.