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Dearest Lee:

I had a card from Julia this morning saying she had heard from you. I will try to get a chance to write her today. She got your first letter on the 14th she said.

Most of yesterday I spent in an all-day district meeting at McCabe Church, where I was on the program to speak of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Crusade for Christ. In case you have not heard the Methodist Church is launching a Crusade for Christ, beginning December 1. One of the objectives is to raise \$25,000,000 two-thirds of which will be used overseas, in relief for devastated countries, rebuilding, etc, Am. Bible Society, and one-third at home mostly in strengthening Methodist school, colleges, seminaries. Other objectives are Evangelism, Church school attendance, Stewardship. The new Bishop of this area, Bishop Flint, spoke at the morning session, also Mr. Ernest Thomas who served Baker Memorial Church, Concord for several years shortly after we left and who now has a church in N.J. Following the meeting I went to Tower Hill to see Bernice play on the J.V. hockey team against Friends. The JV's tied but Tower Hill varsity was beaten. When Bernice plays she is just like her daddy, in there every minute and yelling to the top of her voice most of the time urging others on. I almost froze watching the game, for it had been warm in the morning when I left home so I wore only a spring coat and dress. In the afternoon a cold wind came up and we thought it would snow, but it didn't.

Daddy spoke in three meetings last night,- Induction meeting in the Municipal Bldg. and a bond rally in Centerville and Yorklyn.

You remember Tony Bright, don't you? He just came in the office. For 20 months he has been in the engineer corps at Belvoir but it looks as though he will be moving out soon. In this morning's mail grandmother got a card from Margaret, so it looks as if she has gone out of the country. I'll give you her address in case you should ever be near each other: 2nd Lt. Margaret Ann Jones (N 758578) 113th Evac. Hospital, APO 17351, Postmaster N.Y. In her letter to grandmother the other day she said now that she was married she did not want to leave this country. I hope she is not too terribly unhappy about it.

This morning's paper announces the sudden death of Boake Carter (46) the radio commentator. I always like to hear him even though I did not always agree with him. He was never afraid to say what he thought.

Mr. Bethards just called for daddy, so I got Gordon's address: It is Cpl. Gordon Bethards 32959303, 194th Gen. Hospital, APO 17172, Postmaster N.Y. Of course I know you are not having time to jaunt all over England, but it might be at some time that you will bump into some of these folks.

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According to the papers an offensive involving 1,000,000 men is now under way in Europe. What a wonderful thing it would be if that phase of the war could be over by Christmas.

You are always in our hearts and minds, dear, especially as the holiday season approaches. Love from all of us.

Mother