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Dear Lee:-

Mother has told you already how much it meant to us to hear from you. The letters came like an old-fashioned "Northeaster" - concentrated within forty-eight hours. We could now stand another "Northeaster". We are hoping our letters are getting to you. We can take it here if you are getting the news.

I saw the Chicago Bears-Phila. Eagles game last Sunday. You would have gotten a great kick out of Luckman's passing. I saw him with Columbia several years ago and he was great then. The years in the pro game have given him a poise and a steadiness he didn't have then. The Eagles have a great team - several former Wilmington players (Ferrante, Michaels, Banta,) are with them. But they lack the spirit the old Clippers used to show. Maybe one of these days the Clippers will replace the Eagles in the National League.

You never can tell. At least there are some pretty elaborate plans under way for Wilmington as a sports-center when the war is over.

The Bombers are at it again. The League schedule is getting under way in earnest this week. Two new clubs will add to the interest. I'll send you the clippings each week in the News or Journal style.

I just came back from John Davis, the barber down the road. He sends his regards. I think he would have clipped my hair all off if I hadn't promised to include this greeting of his. He is doing our hair-cutting at the school now, by the way. Every Friday he has a habit of imbibing a bit - and it seems I am usually getting around to a haircut on Fridays.

The Sixth War Loan Drive is taking plenty of time and work. Some people lack the spirit altogether. But most of them are having their pay deducted regularly and so do not feel like responding to these special appeals. We'll get across however. I am in about three meetings a night - and the grind is really on.

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Ben Johns is in a quandary. He was placed in 4 F. because of his eyes. Yet he can hit a golf ball perfectly and shoot baskets accurately. He feels badly. He is staying around and working a bit but somewhat disgusted. I don't blame him much.

Dr. Marsh, President of Boston University addressed the Men's Club this week on The Canon of Americanism. It was a thrilling speech. Here was the outline -

The Genesis of Americanism - The Mayflower Pact	
The Exodus " " " " The Declaration of Independence	
The Deuteronomy (Law) " " " The Constitution	
The Major Prophecy " " " Washington's Farewell Address	
The Gospel of Americanism - Lincoln's Second Inaugural	
The Psalm " " " " The Star Spangled Banner	
The Epistle to Americans - Wilson's "The Road Away From Revolution"	

How's that for remembering a speech?

I am writing this letter in my new office — the corner rooms under Mr. Hamm's apartment. We have them beautifully fixed up — and I think you'll love them. I bought a picture Mr. Heald painted "For God and Country" — the altar of Old Swedes Church for the wall. I have a fireplace — comfortable chairs, etc.

I've rambled along at a great rate. Love to you, kid, and the very best every minute of every day and night.

As always,

Dad -