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Monday, December 4, 1944

Dearest Lee:-

Your letter, written November 8, the day after Election day, came yesterday. That all seems so very far away now. I do hope our letters get through faster to you.

Were you able to listen in on the Army-Navy game? Daddy had a fine time with Uncle Roger and Uncle Marion. At the last minute one of Uncle Marion's army friends from Charlotte arrived in town with an extra ticket, so Junior got to go, also. I wish you could see Jr. I don't know how many inches taller he has grown this last six months. This takes away some of his "broad" effect and he is really getting to be a fine-looking husky. He is as tall as his father. What a football player he ought to make some day!

Yesterday we had Dr. & Mrs. Johns and Ben out to dinner and had a nice time together. They are expecting a houseful of company for the Christmas holidays. Mary and her three children from Oneonta, N.Y. (her husband is in the Aleutians), Bob's wife and their three children (Bob is a naval officer stationed in Washington and is able to get up weekends), Bill, Betty and of course Ben.

We have a new organist at church, a 19 year old boy, student at Curtis Institute, Philadelphia. Yesterday was the first time he had played and it being Communion Sunday of course that was a hard time to start in, but he got along beautifully and I hope he works out alright. The Messiah will be given on Sunday, Dec. 17, and that of course requires someone with real ability as an organist.

Does the cold weather interfere at all with one's flying, or is the B-17 such a wonderful ship that it is not affected by any kind of weather?

Grandmother heard from Margaret yesterday. I guess I wrote that she had been married and was expecting to be sent overseas. Well she has found that she is pregnant and is not [now] awaiting a discharge from the Army.

Randy Clark and Ross Pillsborough were both in church yesterday, looking fine. Ross is able to get home almost every other weekend.

The thermometer went down to 21 last night,- the coldest it has been yet; but it is clear today and the sun shining brightly so that one does not mind the cold so much.

Love from all of us.

Mother