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Thursday

June 7, 1945

Dearest "Cap" --

Gee whiz, you really are doing quite well for a beginner and considering that you had the misfortune to have the same name as Bern and I do. I guess we'll really have to have a royal welcome for you when you get back in these parts. It really is wonderful though, Lee, and we are all awfully proud of our big brother. So many people have told me that they think it's wonderful, and then I just give them a long spiel about you.

I haven't been doing very much lately, except try to do a few things I should. I've been over to the office with mother a lot and trying to help her run off the Ferris Wheel. The darn mimeograph machine just stinks, and by the time we get one thing fixed up, then something else happens. I don't know whether or not we'll ever get the thing out, but it looks far from promising at this point! The rest of my time I've devoted to learning how to drive, trying to get in an hour every day and I can do straight driving pretty well now. I think if I go out today that I'm going to try and start to learn how to park. That's the very hardest part of driving, isn't it? Maybe by the time you get home I'll be able to meet you at the station.

We had our first Brandywiners rehearsal on Tuesday night and got along quite well. I know a few more people than I did last year, but there seem to be quite a few new ones in this year. I do hope that you can get home in time to see it, Lee, 'cause, in addition to Bernice and I having parts, Miss Taylor is also gracing us with her presence.]]

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She only has a speaking part, as I understand it, but she won't be home for about three weeks yet. Jessie Leonard is in it again this year, and she said to send you her congratulations. She is going to go to summer school at West Chester this summer, and commute from home up and back every day, so she can be in the show. Jane Ballard and Charlotte Dunlap are both in it this year and we take them to some of the rehearsals. Jane's hoping Meredith gets home, and she seems the same as ever to me. You have not seen him over there, have you? Maybe you will see some more of your friends, now that you are all waiting to come back or do something!

Bernice and I went over to "A.I." last Sunday to the Baccalaureate service. I felt almost like an alien 'cause I didn't know very many people there. But, guess who was there? Miss Brewer! She came down from Philly to hear the choir (which I thought, smelled) and she looks the same that she ever did. I saw

Mr. Yingst from a distance, but he got out before I could get to talk to him. I think today is their last day of school and tonight is their graduation. It's been very cold here lately, so that I think they are actually going to have some cool weather for graduation. I can remember that yours was a scorcher, and so was mine. That all seems so long ago to me, and, I guess that it seems even longer to you. I would go to graduation tonight, but we have rehearsal again! Bernice's is next Wednesday and, luckily, we don't have rehearsal then.

Last night I went with dad to the Blue Rocks game. They played Trenton and when we left in the middle of the 8th inning, they were losing 10-2. The Rocks have been winning for a long time, but they just looked bad last night. They had three pitchers in last night, and some of them seemed very good. It's been so cold here, though, that I can easily understand how they can't play very well.

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Howell has asked me to sing at his church this Sunday morning. He has a small church down near Newark, and I think I'll go. Chapel, one of my pals from school, wants me to come up to Philly this week-end, but I can't very well. I have so many people I want to visit, but with rehearsals all of the time it's rather hard to do.

Well, Lee, it's about time for lunch now, so I'm going to say good-bye again. Be good now and do come home soon. Don't forget to bring your crew, though! Write when you can, 'cause your letters have been coming through pretty fast lately.

Lots of love,

Shirley

P.S. I saw Irma McBane the other day downtown. She's in the Waves and looks pretty good, but I don't think she remembers me. Remember how we used to tease you about her? Ha! Ha!