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Wednesday, November 22, 1944

Dearest Lee:-

The sun is shining brightly this morning after two rainy days. It is shining more brightly than usual for us for this morning we have three letters from you, - written October 21, 30 and Nov. 3. It is a nice birthday present for daddy, for he is 47 today.

Last night we went to a program at Tower Hill School and while we were there Shirley called. So after we got home we called her back and found that she needed money to get home; so daddy and I went in to the Western Union to send the money off. She is bringing Timmie home with her and I guess Walter and Bernice will drive to Paoli to pick them up. This will save some time and also the rush in the 30th St. station, Philadelphia. Fred is home for Thanksgiving and will come down Saturday I believe, to stay overnight. It ought to be a pleasant weekend. We shall be thinking of you all the time.

Bernice says you knew Alfred Hastings Carey, Jr. This morning states that he has been commissioned a 2nd lieut. upon completion of the Officer Candidate Course at the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga. Ben did not pass at Camden yesterday, on account of his eyes, and has been marked for limited service. He says now he is going into the Merchant Marines. Walter also went to Camden yesterday to take a physical and of course came off o.k. He has already taken and passed a test which will put him in one of the school training programs upon graduation from school.

We were able to get a turkey for tomorrow- 15 lb. in weight, so we shall be having the traditional Thanksgiving day menu,- creamed onions, peas, cole slaw, olives, rolls, coffee, pumpkin pie. I hope you boys over there fare as well as the papers state you will.

The pup continues to grow. We have put Ginger up in the barn for a few days. We do not want her to have another family. I expect we'll have to let her come down to the house long enough for Shirley and Timmie to see. A shortage of film prevents our sending pictures as often as we would like.

As we look about us at others we realize that we have much to be thankful for. The biggest thing, of course, is the fact that you are well and doing such a grand job. I will

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try to make myself believe that you will be with us next Thanksgiving day. With all our love

Mother