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Dearest Lee:-

It surely was grand to be awakened at 2 in the morning and to hear daddy yell "It's Lee". Shirley had called earlier in the evening- about 11, saying she was broke and needed some money as soon as possible. I do wish you could work a furlough. I am so glad you are able to keep well, however, and will not worry if you cannot get home.

Daddy has been asked to speak at P.S. duPont school commencement on June 11, to preach for Dr. Candee May 28 and at the Unitarian church June 4. Yesterday he was on the Mayor's conference on vice, etc. (which you have no doubt read about in the paper) from 11-3:30. Politics seems to be in back of all the lack of cooperation between certain members of Council and the Mayor, plus the Governor. And much will be the condition as long as a local man heads up the Board of Health. A person put in on account of his political affiliations will not step on anyone's toes for fear he will lose his job.

I guess I told you last night that I had gotten the letter with the \$60.00. After I have deposited that amount you will have in the savings fund \$580.14 3 \$50 war bonds 150. 2 \$25 war bonds 50. Insurance 1000. Govt. Ins. 20000. 5 shrs. PennRoad stock A bond in the name of Lieut. Ralph L. Minker, Jr. has arrived

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within the last week or two.

Jeff let me read the letter which he got from you this morning. He is in court now with some Federal boy.

Did I tell you that Frank Horner has been sent overseas?

Daddy says he will look into the possibility of getting you some building and loan stock. He says the beauty of it is that it can be cashed in if necessary at cash value, and is a better investment for someone like you than insurance which cannot be cashed in at cash value.

Howell Wilkins was in church Sunday morning with a Microcosm which I glance at hurriedly. He was going for a physical yesterday morning. Did you know there is a new ruling concerning ministerial students? Unless they are actually in seminary by July 1 they are no longer exempt. He is planning to enter

Drew the last of this month. There is some arrangement now whereby one can enter seminary and make up there for the work not completed in college. I know there is some objection on the part of Protestants who enter what we call seminary after college; whereas the Catholics call their training "seminary" which corresponds to our college,- a boy going right from high school into their so called seminary training. In this way all Catholic boys in training for the priesthood will be exempt and Protestants will have no one at all in training for the church after the present crop.

With all my love.

Mother