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Ferris School for Boys

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Dearest Lee:

I am wondering whether you are having time to listen to the radio these days and hearing some of the accounts of the invasion and what reaction it is having on you boys there. I am keeping my fingers crossed for fear these first days are too easy and that some trap is being laid, but I hope my fears are wrong. I suppose it all makes you boys more anxious than ever to "get going".

I went with daddy to the bond rally in the Playhouse Tuesday evening. Mr. Lake sat in back of us and said that Ed had heard from you. The chairman evidently had never heard that "no souls are saved after the first 20 minutes" for the meeting dragged out until 10:30.

Bernice wrote you one day this week and I suppose told you that she and Shirley were selected for the Brandywiners. Bernice has a bad case of poison ivy, having got the same on Sunday I guess when she, Shirley and Chapel took a walk to the woods. It is all over her face and ears and she is having a terrible time worrying that she will not be presentable for the Tower Hill prom tomorrow night.

Shirley left Wilmington at 7:24 yesterday morning for Andover, in company with Dr. and Mrs. Johns. It is very cool here and I expect it will be quite cool up there. I know she will have a wonderful time.

This is Board day here at the school and the officials are now beginning to arrive.

Our roses are blooming beautifully, the Japanese beetles not having arrived yet. We also have some pretty snapdragons which came up from last year.

We are getting off a box to you, mostly food, to let you know that we are remembering your birthday. It seems so little to send but we don't want to load you down with things which will only be in your way. If there is anything special you need kindly let me know. There isn't any chance of your being able to spend the day at home, is there? I certainly hope you will celebrate your 21st birthday with the family. And now things overseas are beginning to move. We all have hopes that the mess will be cleaned up before too many months go by.

Did you receive a copy of the Ferris Wheel? The Echo is also ready and you should be receiving it very shortly.

With all my love.

Mother