

January 15, 1945.

Dearest Lee:

I don't know what you want to do about filing a 1944 income tax return. If you don't want to bother with it now you don't have to, you know. "If you are in the armed forces and, on the filing date, are on sea duty or outside the continental U.S., you may postpone filing your return until the 15th day of the 4th mo. after you come back to the U.S." I am enclosing the form and you do what you want about it. If I had the figures I would fill it out for you. I have paid the last installment on your 1943 tax, \$14.03. I have a duplicate of this form, so if you just want to send me the amounts to be filled in, Income- contributions or deductions of any kind- I'll fill out the form.

Today I mailed you a copy of the Dickinson Alumnus.

Ben Johns was out to say "goodbye" yesterday afternoon. He leaves tonight to go to Oneonta, N.Y. to stay with his sister Mary awaiting another call from the draft board, either for service or assigning him to a job. They have promised to give him another physical and he is still hoping to get in.

Mr. & Mrs. Hanning are both down with bad colds so that there is no academic school here today.

It looks now as if tomorrow won't be a very bright day for the inauguration ceremonies at Dover. There was more snow yesterday, and with much ice beneath people are warned to do as little driving as possible.

There was a very interesting article in yesterday's N.Y. Times concerning the "lost generation" of youth- young people now at work who will be squeezed out of jobs by returning veterans, too young for the glory of having been in war and passed over when jobs are given returning veterans. Mayor LaGuardia warned against training youth for jobs that would be more than adequately filled by returning servicemen. Said one speaker, "In spite of optimism, philanthropy and youth conferences, this is one hell of a world for kids to be trying to grow up in, with the situation deteriorating, not improving, as power politics on a world scale and fear and cynicism here at home increase." It seems to me it certainly will require a lot of consecrated people, people with vision and brains, to work out all the multiple problems which are confronting us now and will increase after the war. It will require such fine young men as you to help bring order out of this chaos.

According to reports we are now making some headway in Germany. We hear of large numbers of American fliers and the number of planes they are bringing down. Are you having good flying weather or are you flying in spite of the weather?

Now don't let this tax return worry or bother you. If you don't have time for it just forget it.

With all my love.

Mother