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Dearest Lee:

Again the weather is a topic of conversation with us, for the thermometer is down to 4 this morning, which you will agree is pretty cold for Wilmington. The N.Y. radio announced that it was the coldest January 25 on record. But one day this week I read that you of the 8th air force were flying in icy clouds where it was 67 below. I can't imagine anything that cold but I know we have no reason to complain here.

You will see by the enclosed that Ferris really won a game the other night under guidance of daddy - in fact two games. He shouldn't have to do it, for he is getting too old for that and besides he shouldn't be the one to have to crack down on the boys as is necessary when playing; but there is no one else to do it at present.

A roster of the boys in the service has been prepared by the men's club of Grace, and if you have not already gotten one you should be receiving it soon. Tonight they meet and the speaker will be Dr. Walter F. VanKirk, who has been associated with the Federal Council of Churches, especially interested in international problems and peace, for several years. He also has "Religion in the News" on the radio each week. I guess daddy is going to bring him out to spend the night with us, so he will be occupying your room.

Did I tell you that I was supposed to go to Atlantic City next Monday to stay until Wednesday, attending a jurisdiction meeting of the W.S.C.S.? I notice that "Bishop" Corson is to be one of the speakers. Grandmother Minker will come out to keep grandmother Jones company while I am gone.

Word from Shirley says she expects to get in Friday night unless there should be a bad storm, in which case she will not try to make it. Just think she is about to start on the last semester of her last year at school, and Bernice will be graduating in June. I am not sure that Shirley has been especially happy this year, for she is always thinking that she should have stayed in Wilmington to study with Mr. Wyatt rather than return to Williamsport. I believe her course has not been stiff enough to challenge her this year as it did last - for of course there is nothing especially hard about shorthand and typing.

I have written five letters to parents or wives of your crew members and will try to get letters off to the rest today or tomorrow.

Lots of love from all of us. Mother