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Dearest Lee: --

Monday's Morning News carried an item saying that you had had an Oak Leaf Cluster added to your Air Medal, which I suppose means you have completed so many more missions. This of course brings joy to our hearts for we are hoping before long you will be able to rest up for 30 days and get away from it all. Congratulations, dear - you know we are proud of you.

Monday evening daddy and I were invited to have dinner at the parsonage. When we arrived we found that other guests were Ackarts, Candeas, Boykins. Peg had prepared a 32 lb. turkey. Needless to say we did not get away with it all. Mrs. Johns expressed the wish that you might have been there to take care of at least one of the huge drumsticks. Everyone was asking about you.

Last night daddy took Ferris team to Newark for a basketball game. They did very well in the first quarter - in fact we were ahead; but in the second half the referee let the game get away from him, for he did not crack down when the rough stuff started. Our boys cannot get rough and keep their heads - some of them just go wild; so we were badly beaten.

This is Social Hygiene day in Delaware and a doctor from Hopkins is giving information concerning social diseases, etc. to the high school pupils. This has called for a blast from the Catholic clergy, notably Father Tucker. In fact there are many Protestants who think this is not the way to tackle the problem.

A nice letter from Mrs. McKay came this morning. In fact every letter I have received so far has been lovely. She still holds out the hope that her missing son will be found.

Do you remember Jimmy Maxwell, who was in Bernice's class at A.I. and who in the earlier days always seemed a pretty nice boy to me? There was an item in last night's paper saying he had been arrested for stealing a large number of gloves from some one's car and he is being held for court. I believe several A.I. boys are involved - among them "Irish" Baird. Jimmy, of course, is past 17 and too old to come here, but I don't know about the others. It is certainly a sad state of affairs.

Shirley's marks have arrived - A in everything but psych. in which she got a B.

Do you get to see any movies when you go into London? We saw "Meet Me in St. Louis" last Saturday night which is a light, entertaining picture I think you would like.

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Our best to you dear, and all our love. Mother