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Friday, February 16, 1945

Dear Lee: -

We were so glad to get your letter of January 24th this morning. Although it was written to daddy I opened it for I couldn't wait until he returns from N.Y. this evening. In the same mail I received a lovely letter from Mrs. Larsen.

I think I did not tell you about Leland Inscho being missing, for I know how much you thought of him and I did not want to upset you unduly. We were so glad to read in last night's paper that he is a prisoner. One always has a reasonable hope that a prisoner of war will one day be released, and from what we hear the men in the German prison camps are not too badly treated. Of course the picture of him is terrible.

We are glad to hear the news of the bombing of Tokio by 1500 navy planes and hope this is only the beginning of what we may expect as the end of the European war draws to a close.

The Valentine dance in Washington cottage turned out to be a very nice affair last night. As a result of their "dancing class" all the boys took part. Before many of them did not know how or were too backward. Bernice and I joined in for there were about 3 boys more than there were girls. I was rather weary when it was all over - not being in the habit of dancing these days - but I am o.k. this morning. One of the boys, in talking to me, said "Before I was too bashful to dance, but Mrs. Deverell taught us how to dance and not be bashful."

Tonight we play Newark and after the game we are going to give the players doughnuts and cokes or 7ups.

Shirley seems to be working hard, both with lessons and getting ready for the production of "Campus Thunder." She isn't looking as well this year as last and I think the reason is that their food last year was so well cooked and plentiful and this year for some reason it is of much poorer grade.

Grandmother Minker has not been out for some time but I think she plans to come tomorrow for the weekend.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for women of all denominations all over the world. The Wilmington churches are having the service at Trinity Episcopal church and I am planning to go this afternoon. More than in any other year our prayers will be for you separated from us and for a just and lasting peace. "The sense of alliance with an unseen power gives amazing confidence and force. That belief that God is operating through us makes us superior to hostile forces. Dependence upon higher

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sources of wisdom and strength arms us against apparent failure. We become like the early explorers, seeking with divine curiosity and eager wistfulness a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Such pioneers of faith are sorely needed in our bewildered world, where many have lost their way.”

Love, Mother