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V-Mail To Lieut. Ralph L. Minker, Jr.

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Dearest Lee:

I am sending a V-mail letter for a change and you can let me know whether it reaches you any quicker than a straight air-mail letter. by the time our letters reach you the news must be awfully stale.

We stopped over to the Herings' last night and read them your last letter. Mr. Hering raised the question as to how you would get the news about Vandenburg's plan, Wallee (?) etc. I suppose it must be from the English papers. Daddy and the governor saw the Bombers beat the Baltimore Bullets yesterday afternoon 54-32. I'll send you the write-up separately. It was announced by Drew Pearson on the radio last night that night baseball would definitely be out this summer. That being the case I don't see how Wilmington could have a team. On account of the coal shortage we are asked to save electricity and no store in Wilmington is now allowed to display any electric signs or have windows lit up.

I am reading Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men" and was very much interested in coming across his description of Grosvenor House and the Officers' Mess, about which you had told us.

Did I say we were having spring weather? Saturday morning there was another 4 inches of snow and this morning it is quite cold again.

This morning's paper carries the announcement that Mayor James will not seek renomination. Although the paper did not say I believe the Republicans will put up Tom Herlihy, a young attorney, and I think he ought to be alright. Grandmother Minker spent the weekend with us and made us one of her famous lemon meringue pies. According to Saturday's paper you now have your second oak leaf cluster. Don't be so modest and keep these secrets from us. We are all bursting with pride. I hate to think what you are going through to get the honors but I know you are doing your best in whatever situation you are finding yourself and we are praying for you and the crew all the time. If there is anything you want that we can send you please let us know.

Lots of love, Mother