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February 26, 1945.

Dearest Lee:

This mail business is certainly puzzling. Yesterday in church Daisy told us she had gotten a letter from you written on February 14 - which meant it reached her in ten days. In this morning's mail came two letters from you - one containing numerous clippings, programs, etc., sent Free and mailed January 31; the second a letter written on January 30 and mailed February 1, sent airmail. It looks as if you might just as well save your six cents for airmail doesn't reach us any more quickly than straight.

We had a treat here at the school last night. through the War Finance office daddy was able to secure the Clark Gable film "Combat America", which is a picture of a B17 squadron in England, and which you doubtless have seen. It has not yet been released in theaters.

I am so glad you got to see Lunt and Fontanne. It must have been a treat indeed. Daisy said you had been to Cambridge. I do hope, if you have to be in England this spring, you get to see some of the beautiful English countryside. At least I hope there are still some beautiful spots left. Dr. Elizabeth wanted to know whether you had been able to get up into the Shakespeare country, which she said you would love.

Shirley got home about 6 Friday evening. The time always flies by. She had a voice lesson Saturday morning. In the afternoon we shopped for a dress for her. We all spent the evening at home. Of course yesterday morning we went to church. In the afternoon at 3 Bernice and Walter had to practice at school for Pirates of Penzance in which she has the lead. The two of them took Shirley to Paoli. As I wanted to see Combat America I did not go with them. Shirley is head over heels in work - not only lessons but other things - working on the year book, chairman of the banquet next Friday, lead in Campus Thunder which is to be given March 9. She says several veterans entered at Williamsport for the second semester - "Old men" to her, about 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell from across the road came over to see the film last night. She told me that she had a nephew by the name of McCall who was a pilot in the 447th Bom. Group and shot down over Germany in October. He is now a German prisoner.

I forwarded you Jay Bright's address - it seems ages ago. Haven't you gotten it yet? Just address Ben in care of Mrs. Mary Nesbitt, Oneonta, N.Y. I am still trying to get 620 film. We would like to have seen Mike when he was in Wilmington. I saw nothing in the paper about him.

Did I tell you that Jack Harayda had graduated as a 2nd lieut. from Officers Training school - infantry? He was out on Friday and has certainly turned out

to be a fine and fine looking young man.

Mr. Frank Webb, a man about daddy's age or a little younger, was appointed to the Board in place of Mr. Donovan. He seems a very fine type. I am mailing you under separate cover a copy of our bi-ennial report. Did the Ferris Wheel reach you?

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Daddy saw the Bombers-Trenton game yesterday and said it was a thriller. Ferris plays its last game of the season tomorrow night at Middletown.

I received a letter from Mrs. Shepherd on Saturday. Sometime this week I want to write to them all again.

With the pounding going on over Germany now we are hoping the end is in sight, and the Navy seems to be doing a fine job in the Pacific.

Love to you, dear, from all of us. Mother