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Dearest Lee:

This is the night of the Dickinson dinner. Maybe I'll have some news to write of the college after it is over. Daddy has asked Walter From to go, for he is thinking about Dickinson. Of course he will be 18 in September and is planning to enlist in the Navy after graduation. I have been asked to be a hostess, which means going a little early to greet the guests, taking some flowers for table decorations, etc.

Dr. Stidger was out to the house a little while yesterday afternoon before going in to the men's dinner at Grace. Of course he wanted to know all about you. The last time he saw you was when we lived in Concord and he spoke at Baker Memorial. I remember he went upstairs to see all you children tucked in bed for the night. He spoke on "I learned about Soldiers from Him" - a talk based on his experiences in visiting army camps all over the country last summer. He must have been at Gulfport just before you arrived. Daddy took Howell and Uncle Roger as his guests.

Yesterday afternoon I spent in the attic trying to get things cleaned up and in some order. I came across your teddy bear, electric train, chemistry set, etc., all of which I kept, of course.

Mr. Briggs says there was frost last night. I hope it did not do too much damage to flowers and fruit trees.

There is much rejoicing here over Russia's denunciation of the pact with Japan, for it is hailed as shortening the Pacific war for the U.S.

The Legislature is scheduled to end next Thursday. As yet the Family Court Bill has not been passed. Too bad that it will be in the last-minute scramble.

We cleaned house in your room yesterday, so it is all ready for you whenever you arrive. I am sure you will never recognize Pilot for he is much bigger and stronger than Ginger now. We tried to take some pictures of him on that old film, but they were not clear enough to recognize anything. Have you received any film from Eastman Kodak Co.? I wrote and asked them to send you some.

Love from all of us.

Mother