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Dearest Lee:

Your letter written only last Wednesday, May 16, came this morning, and of course we always feel better after hearing from you. We have been wishing, of course, that you would be among the first of the 8th Air Force to arrive at the Connecticut airfield. According to the papers hundreds are arriving daily, flying their own bombers; but if you can't come in person it is good to get a letter.

If you have saved all the newspaper clippings I have sent, you must have quite a collection of announcements of weddings by this time. The one of Betsy Baker appeared in this morning's News.

We talked to Shirley by phone last night. Her exams are all over and now she is getting ready for the weekend. The dramatic club had been on a picnic yesterday, and the day before the choir. Always the last days are crowded with activities. Bernice and I leave by train Saturday morning.

Walter From has been accepted at Dickinson. Bernice is anxiously awaiting word from Centenary as to whether or not they will have room for her. I hope we get word this week.

Tonight daddy and I are going to a dinner at the Y.M.H.A. as guests of Mr. Leibowitz. You may remember that we were invited last year and had a fine time, eating Jewish food and enjoying the program. Walter and Bernice will use our tickets for the Orpheus Club concert which is also tonight.

Gifts for Shirley as commencement presents are beginning to arrive. I haven't gotten her anything yet because she says she doesn't know what she wants me to give her; but I guess after she gets home she will think of something.

Out of the \$110 check which came a few weeks ago I got you a \$100 and a \$25 bond yesterday.

Did I tell you that at the conference session last week Howell Wilkins was given a church at Lewisville, Pa., just over the border in the vicinity of Newark, Del.? I think it pays \$1400 - not too bad for a student appointment. In fact it is more than daddy received when we were married and moved to Cochituate.

You embarrass me with questions about the garden. I just haven't the time to do much there any more and the boys we have here now can't be trusted to do much without direct supervision. Last year many of my plants were pulled for weeds. At present ragged robbins are blooming all over the place. After they finish I want to pull most of them out and maybe I can get some plants which are already started and put them in rather than seeds. Did I tell you that I got 50 new glad bulbs? Bernice and I set them out about two weeks ago, together with about 75 old bulbs, so we ought to have a pretty good display

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of them. Already some are coming up through the ground. Ordinarily I "stagger" the planting of glads, but I thought it best to get them all in when I was in the mood and had the time. Some of these days when the war is over and you can be on hand to at least supervise we will plan a whole new layout. Some of the iris along the road are blooming now, but of course they never bloom so well the first year after they are moved. The ones in our garden have been lovely. We have had some especially pretty white and yellow ones, in addition to the regular variety.

Love to you, dear, and take care of yourself. I expect these days of refresher courses are much harder in a way on you than the days when there was so much activity.

Mother