

July 4, 1945

Dearest Lee,

Another Fourth of July has come and almost gone. It hasn't been at all like the one I had looked forward to this year for you were not with us. Early this morning some 4 motor planes flew over and Bernice and I were sure one went over the house twice which raised our hopes that it might be you. But no such luck. I spent about an hour in the office. I'll rest

went to see the movies - "The
Clock". Daddy is in bed
and I'm waiting for the girls.

Jane Ballard called me
about 6 o'clock asking if I
had heard from you. Meredith
landed in Conn. this morning
and called her about 5 p.m.
She was so excited she could
hardly talk about it. He
expects to get to Wilmington
Saturday or Sunday. I do
hope you get here before his
leave is up. We have decided
that you must be waiting
until the last man in the

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of the day I took care of odd jobs
ends around the house where
I've been all day. Daddy
of course was on hand for the
closing day at Delaware
Park. One of our runaways
was picked up yesterday by
the Rehoboth police, so this
morning daddy sent Walter
down after him. Bernice
rode along and they stayed
long enough to have a swim
before returning. Shirley
and May spent a couple of
hours at the pool together.
Tonight Walter and the girls

8th Air Force has left England.

Last night daddy took the
Barkins and me to a band
concert by a group from the
Infantry - in connection with
the 7th War Loan. It was a
fine concert - not only selection
by the band but vocal solos,
piano solos, glee club, etc.
Before the war some of the men
were outstanding in the mus-
ical field - members of the
National Symphony orchestra,
St. Opera Co., etc. All the
men have seen active duty
overseas and most of them

have been in the army for 3 yrs 4
or more. It speaks well for
the army I think that these
men are being given a chance
to do what was their "first love"
before the war.

Shirley is invited out to
Emily's for lunch tomorrow.
She was to have had her
picture taken yesterday
for publicity for "I don't like"
but the costumes did not
arrive. You should hear
Bernice telling how she
and Julia have to "ballet"

Kenneth, the negro boy who has been working here at the house for some time, went home on parole today, so we will have to break in a new houseboy. The boys we are getting now are of lower calibre than we used to get and it is hard to find one who will fit in properly here.

Goodnight dear. We have missed you so much today and I know your thoughts have been of home. It is even harder on you, so-

in the performance. I certainly hope and pray you will be here to enjoy the performances by your sisters and your best girl.

I don't know whether you remember Chas. Gibson who used to be here at the school. He came out to see daddy today, having flown over from Paris two days ago. I think he made it in a day, but Jane said it took Meredith nine days.

pecially in these days of
comparative inactivity.

What a lot we will have
to make up together!

With all my love.

Mother