

Received



Mrs. Morris Lee,  
Douglaston,  
38 273 Douglaston Parkway, Long Island  
N. Y.

WILLIAM A. WETZEL  
12 BELMONT CIRCLE  
TRENTON, N. J. Apr. 21, 1940.

My dear Mrs. Lee: Please accept  
my deepest sympathy for you in your  
great sorrow. I recall Robert or  
Bob as we called him, very distinctly  
for his upstanding manliness, his  
energetic disposition, as well as for  
his brilliant mind.

His tragic & untimely death was  
a needless sacrifice to the fiendish  
ideals of a man gone mad.

I have suggested to Senator James  
Don, one of my boys, that the State legis-  
lature on Monday turning your due recog-  
nition in a resolution to the great loss  
which our Country has sustained.

Mrs. Morris Lee,  
Douglaston, L. I. With kindest regards  
Very sincerely yours,  
William A. Wetzel



Jan 22 - 1940

Peg dear:-

You know if I could  
help you share your grief. I  
wound, for my heart just ache  
for you, for I know how much  
you thought of your brother,  
but it should be a consolation  
to you to know its the way  
he wanted to go, if he was  
called, doing his duty.

I'm enclosing this little  
clipping out of his near  
table, and I hope it will  
lighten your heart a little

no answer



GRAND CENTRAL  
ANNEX



Mrs Morris Lee, Jr  
3873 Douglaston Pkwy  
Douglaston, Long Island  
n.y.

given.  
THE MEASURE OF A MAN.  
Not—  
"How did he die?"  
But—  
How did he live?"  
Not—  
"What did he gain?"  
But—  
"What did he give?"  
These are the units  
To measure the worth  
Of a man, as a man,  
Regardless of birth.  
Not—  
"What was his station?"  
But—  
"Had he a heart?"  
And—  
"How did he play  
His God-given part?  
Was he ever ready  
With a word of good cheer,  
To bring back a smile,  
To banish a tear?"  
Not—  
"What was his church?"  
Nor—  
"What was his creed?"  
But—  
"Had he befriended  
Those really in need?"  
Not—  
"What did the sketch  
In the newspaper say?"  
But—  
"How many were sorry  
When he passed away?"



because these words  
were his sentiments.

Call on me and dear  
if you need me, I'm ready  
and willing; if there is  
any other thing I can do,

Sincerely

W.



Tuesday -  
April twenty-third

Dearest Peg,

We were shocked  
to read of the death of  
your brother Bob.

Although I  
know there is not much that  
I can say that will help,  
we just want to let you know  
that we are very sorry.

If there is  
anything at all that we can

Assured



Mrs. Morris M. Lee, Jr.  
3873 Douglaston Parkway  
Douglaston, Long Island  
New York.



So, please let us know -

I hope that

Fenny and Thome are well,

Sincerely

Harry

215 Clinton Place

Hackensack

New Jersey

Mark 2. 5203 f.



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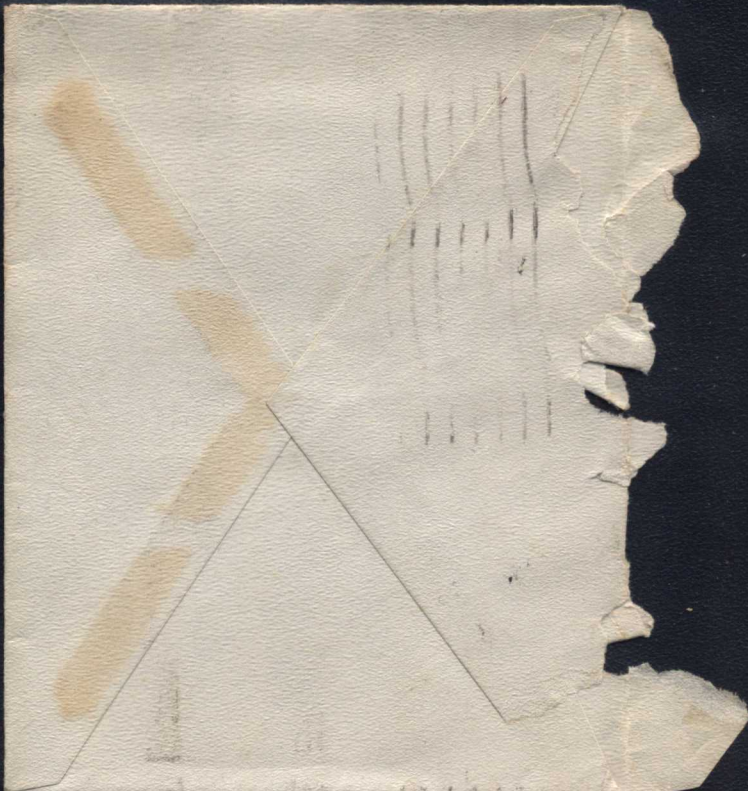
Mrs Morris Lee Jr.  
38-73 Langston Parkway  
Langston  
L. S.

My dear Margaret -  
I just heard the  
news about Robert -  
There is so little  
I can say that  
I would be of  
any comfort -  
I hope, for we all  
share all our  
sympathy and wish



The Mighty - Days  
do something  
make it - I am  
with easier for  
you.  
I know what -  
You are going  
through. We  
are growing  
with you -

Love  
Emily





MRS. SAMUEL L. KAMPS  
215 WEST WALNUT LANE  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Peg dear -

We just want you to know tonight how we are sorrowing with you this needless sacrifice of your wonderful brother is just beyond understanding - I am so thankful you have Mornie to help you thru the coming days - and he will - Uncle Sam and I send our dearest love and shall be with you constantly in our thoughts -  
Sincerely -  
Auntie Nat



Mrs. Morris M Lee Jr.  
38.73 Douglasson Parkway  
Douglasson  
L. I.

Answered



Dear Margaret

Since hearing the sad news yesterday over the Radio we have been thinking of you and of Bob's wife whom we have never met her. You both have our sympathy and prayers in your great sorrow.

Just why one so bright and with such a promising future should be taken we do not know but sometime we will understand why our Heavenly Father in His infinite love has allowed this great sorrow to come.

We have been following Bob's career thro Radio & Press ever since he went abroad and many times have said how proud his mother would have been of him. When yesterday the news came we said we were glad she was spared. This sorrow and was waiting to receive him on the other shore.

Hope you and your little family have kept well. Let us hear sometime how little Penny and the rest of you are.

Regards to your husband.

Rachel joins me in love and sympathy to you all  
Cousin Mary.

Mays Landing, N.J.  
Apr. 23 '40



*Answer*

MAYS LANDING  
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Mrs M. M. Lee Jr.  
38-73 Houglaston Parkway  
Houglaston  
Long Island



Without a glimpse  
of darkened skies,  
Our hearts would never realize  
The sweetness of the day;  
Without the silver of the shower,  
No loveliness of leaf and flower  
Would blossom on our way;  
And so in life, we value more  
The joys unreaped before,  
With every hurt we bear;  
It takes the little cares we face  
To prove the earth a tender place.  
Blest with God's loving care!

"We know that if our earthly house  
of this tabernacle were dissolved,  
we have a building of God, an house  
not made with hands, eternal in  
the heavens." - II CORINTHIANS 5:1



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MRS. WILLIAM F. LEE  
111 LAFAYETTE AVENUE  
SWARTHMORE, PA.

Monday

Dearest Peg -

There is nothing I can say, I know. Words seem so futile in his case. Bill and I are so terribly sorry about Bob. We just want you to know we're thinking of you.

If there is anything we can do now or at any time, please let us know. We would be so glad to be of any help. If at any time you want to go away for a while, we'd love to have you here with us, or if you & Penny would like to make your visit to the farm soon instead of in



Mrs Morris M Lee Jr  
38-73 Longlaster Parkway  
Longlaster  
Long Island  
NY



the summer, just say so and we'll arrange it.  
I just thought you might feel you'd like to  
get away and hesitate to mention it.  
Billy is still talking of Penny constantly - he  
certainly misses her. It was the same chant  
at 6:30 this morning - "go see Penny, go  
see Penny".

Our best to you Peg - I wish we could  
help.

Mabel

MRS. WILLIAM F. LEE  
111 LAFAYETTE AVENUE  
SWARTHMORE, PA.



F. EUGENE OSWALD  
139 MONMOUTH STREET  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

April 23, 1940

Dear Peg,

I was very much shocked to hear about your brother. He was a fine fellow.

I have been rather sick myself for the last 5 months. I suffered a broken jaw thru a rather disgraceful fistfight encounter which necessitated a few weeks in the hospital and long weary months of recuperating.

*Answered*



Mrs. Morris Lee  
Douglastown,  
L. I.



Perhaps in a month or so I'll  
be back to health.

I learned of your address  
in the paper. Dorothy is married  
and planning to go to Florida  
soon where her husband, a doctor,  
will take up practice.

Hope you are well and  
happy.

I am in the electrical business  
here and still single.

Well, I would like to visit  
you and your husband sometime.  
My best regards to him, tho I've  
never met him, and to yourself.

Sincerely,  
F. Eugene (Gene) Oswald

F. EUGENE OSWALD  
139 MONMOUTH STREET  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY



April 23, 1940

Peg dear,

It was only this noon that I learned of your recent tragedy and I could hardly believe it. For one who has done so much flying it is hard to believe that Bob would meet his fate from a bomb. And yet if he had his choice I dare say he would have chosen to be killed in the line of duty. How thankful you must be to know that your mother has not had to face this for it would have crushed her. It leaves you, though pretty much alone in the world as far as the Lacey's are concerned and for that I am deeply sorry. Marie and Penny will mean all the more to you now.

I am sending you the full front sheet of last night's paper for I thought you would like to see what a prominent place his picture had. Cavert just called me and said the morning paper carried a more detailed article and pictures of both Kay & Bob so I'll send that to you later.

This conflict across the sea comes pretty close to home when it claims the lives of people near to us. The whole thing makes me pretty sick and I have even given up reading the news paper accounts. The family in whose home I was a guest in Norway live in Touchberg, about 80 miles



Touchberg  
& Norway

Mrs. M. M. Lee, Jr.  
38-73 Douglaston Pkwy.  
Douglaston, L. I.  
New York



from Oslo and I read last week that German soldiers had marched in on this town. Albert, the English Secret Service <sup>agent</sup> that been transferred to a teaching post in northern England so he is out of the danger zone, but still I have had no word from Harry since the night we were in your home. His ship has been reported in Havana once since then, so I feel he may have been mobilized again.

Ethel Davis, a friend of mine from Hamilton Square spent several days with me last week and she & I decided it will be good for me to split my vacation <sup>this year</sup> ~~this vacation~~. So I am planning to travel eastward again May 29 - and stay until June 8 so that I can see my family before they leave to drift west. My uncle died a few weeks ago but they are going anyway. So once again I can say I'll be seeing you. I think it would be fun to have a reunion at Ken's English Chop House, what do you think? I can remember that night so clearly. Oh, I think of you often and look forward to seeing you more often if and where I may be located on the East Coast again.

I wish I might send you some word of sympathy even tho I don't know her. I shall be thinking of you both. Bob's going like this seems so unnecessary and such a high price to pay when he is in no way at fault - again the futility of war.

Devotedly, Ray



Dear Margaret, -

What can I say to you, my dear, in a letter of this kind - words fail me for I, too, am sick at heart and stomach over the shocking news about Bob - Why must such things be!

I am of course writing Kay and Lillian - Lillian adored Bob and this will pull her down terribly - she must drown herself in her work or something to keep herself from

159 Nassau St -  
Princeton  
N. J.



Answered

Mrs. Morris Lee  
Douglasston  
L. I.

38 - 73 Douglasston Parkway



too much thinking.

I presume Bob will  
be brought to Arlington,  
and shall watch for  
announcements later -

I am writing notices for  
our local papers concerning  
Bob, and mentioning that  
he was Princeton 1907  
class boy etc. - I will  
mail you a copy.

Being of course yours  
me in these words  
of deepest sympathy.

God bless you, Margaret  
dear - Grace L. O. M. -

Princeton

April twenty-third, forty-



DBA

April 23, 1940

Dear Peggy: —

Henry and I were both shocked and grieved to hear of your recent loss.

Please accept our sincerest sympathies and know that we feel for you deeply.

I hope we will have the opportunity

Answered

for

Mrs. Morris Lee  
38-73 Douglass Place  
Douglass - Long Island





To 236 of all doors -

With deep regards -

Herbert and Joseph

DOROTHY BROWN ABT  
236 NORTH FULTON AVENUE  
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.



600 ELM AVENUE  
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

My dear Margaret.

We were all so shocked to learn tonight of your brother's death, and so very, very sorry for you.

There is an inexpressible sadness in the death of a young person full of promise, but you can always be proud that your brother had already fulfilled so much of the promise he gave; his place will be secure in the memories of those who knew him, and after

Answered



Mrs. Morris Lee  
38-73 Douglaston Parkway  
Douglaston, Long Island  
New York



300 ELM AVENUE  
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

awhile that will be a comfort  
to you.

We all send you our deepest  
sympathy.

Very sincerely yours  
Jean M. Lilly

April twenty-third



Mrs. Earl H. Tomb  
Bath Road  
Bristol, Pennsylvania

My dear Margaret -  
Just a few days ago  
I came across your  
letter of more than a  
year ago sending to me  
the very sad word  
that your dear  
mother had passed  
away.

To day I read of  
Bob's very tragic  
death in Norway.  
I couldn't help but feel



*Margaret*

Mrs. Margaret Lacey Lee  
38-73 Longfellow Drive  
Longfellow  
L. I.



how like you Mother and  
Father he was, "giving his life  
to serve others".

My very deepest sympathy  
and love to you and Aunt.

I feel glad to have furnish  
him and had him care me  
Aunt.

An editorial in a Philadelphia  
paper to-day says wonderful  
tribute to him.

I hope this address is  
correct. I would like to  
much to hear from you  
sometime.

With loving sympathy  
I believe I'll soon  
write you and Bob about your  
mother's death. I often wonder if you remember the  
With loving sympathy

Mrs. Earl H. Tomb  
Bath Road  
Bristol, Pennsylvania



435 Belleme Ave.  
Trenton, N.J.

Dear, dear Margaret:

We wish you were nearer us so that we could perhaps, do something to make this dreadful blow easier for you. We can only send you our love and trust that "the faith of our fathers" may stay with you and sustain you. Try to remember that very likely we are going Bob carried out but his destiny here and that he still remembers his the firmness and strength and courage which will always be his and which will carry him on. You who are left here and the ones who are in sorrow and loss and if there is anything we can do to help you in that do call upon us. We are not at home very much. That is why I am writing you from school. But one week-ends we are still at the apartment



where you last saw us and we would be  
glad to see you at any time. The Kennedys  
say that your baby is a darling. Bob  
was so enthusiastic about her when he  
told me about her. I am so glad you have  
her. Perhaps this summer you may be able  
to bring her to see us. During July  
and August we go to a little "Lakeside  
Home" at Hellwood Lakes where the old  
one used to be. Teachers College has grown  
up all about there and as I have the  
summer school library I have to live there. The

girls usually go with me and like it very  
much. Datha is working in Trenton now at  
the Trenton Banking Company and Betty is still  
teaching in Somerville but comes home almost  
every week-end. Curtis is in New York and Pete  
is through college and has turned into a  
clinical psychologist.

Mr. Heath feels very sad about Bob  
and wishes me to send you his sympathy.  
Our hearts go out to you dear child.

With our best wishes for your husband whom  
we remember very well and with our love for  
you, I am yours, as ever,  
Janet Fells Heath.

Mrs. S. B. Heath  
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY



Answered

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Long Islands  
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