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Dear Annon:

Bea and I have wanted so much to come and see you but understood your desire not to be disturbed. Even since the news came you and Annon Jr have been uppermost in our thoughts but we did not know how to convey to you our feeling of sympathy and concern. Frank was at Camp Walter the day the message was received and Bea and Frances told him of it that same afternoon. He was crushed as we were, but expressed the hopeful feeling that Annon Jr would be heard from. The two boys being about the same age, and such close friends since they were born, it seemed to me that Frank's immediate reaction of hopefulness and confidence in Annon's security, was a good omen. There was never a truer saying than "where there is life there is hope", and conversely, I believe, as long as there can be hope, there can be life.

Annon, we realize how helpless we are to aid you in this crisis - words are futile, a letter is inadequate. Perhaps all that friends can do is to "stand by", with the knowledge that wherever you feel you need a helping hand, they are eager to help you. When you feel like seeing Bea and me let us know - we do want to clasp your hand so you will know we like you, are praying for the safe return one we, too, love.

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Gene



Frank left Camp Watters last Sat morning - We  
heard from him Monday night. He is at Fort  
Paly - Rowell will be inducted on April 5.  
Leo, who is in school at New Mexico Military  
Inst. at Roswell, is planning to enlist in the  
Air Corps Reserve as soon as he reaches 17 1/2 yrs -  
which will be about June 1 - I will soon have  
3 boys in the service - It gives me a grave feeling -  
But how small it is in comparison to one who  
has so courageously given and faced the  
crisis as you have - God bless you and yours,  
Aunt, He will sustain you when all  
other fail. Love.