

From back in college
in October, '45
Wednesday afternoon

Dear Lee:-

We arrived home about 7:45 last night, to find grandmother and Shirley almost starved, so P pitched in and got us together some ham and eggs. George was there, also, but he had had his dinner. Daddy turned in right after dinner, for his cold was making him feel miserable. He says he feels some better today.

By this time I expect you are getting into the swing of things. I hope you have asked for another bureau and within a few days will be able to add the rug and chair to the room to make things more presentable and liveable. I forget whether there is any kind of a curtain or shade at the window. Would you like me to get you drapery material? If so, let me know the length of the window and I will see what I can find. Daddy was terribly disappointed in your room and the fact that you veterans are not separate from the rest of the students, especially freshmen, which seem to predominate in your dorm; but maybe there will be some adjustments after things get going. We do want you to be comfortable and happy. What is your roommate's name? I have forgotten.

Tomorrow is Board day here at the school. I hope daddy is feeling better by then.

We are so glad that you are back at Dickinson. You can't imagine what a relief it is to daddy and me to know that you are not in combat. We are proud of you and want you to have the very best in the way of an education.

Grandmother Minker came down to lunch today for the first time. She still can't use that leg without someone helping her. It seems to me she has failed a lot in the last year.

I have had the boys take up the glads and cannas and spade the garden. Now I am waiting to get some manure to work into the beds. Should we wait until spring for lime? I do hope by another year that I can manage to have a decent flower garden. As yet I have not been able to figure out how I am to keep things going at home and office both, with grandmother not at the house to guide things; but I guess I'll be able to work out some plan. I can't leave daddy without any help in the office, for he is so short-handed everywhere else and many times there is no one but me to take care of outside calls, office, etc., as today- when Mr. Hamm is busy outside, daddy is at a meeting, Mrs. Snyder has the afternoon off.

Now write when you can and try to send your laundry home regularly. It ought to reach me on Saturday in order to be ready for Monday.

Love from all of us.

Mother