

Folder 22: Shirley Minker, January – August, 1945

Date	Writer	Recipient	Place
January 6, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Shirley is getting back to school for the second semester. She saw a number of films such as <i>Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo</i> . Thinks he will love the new movie on the air corps. Got her first letter from him in about a month. Admonishes him to take care of himself.			

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January 13, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Getting ready for exams, which start soon. Shirley has ridden a horse named Buster, which she found enjoyable. New members have joined the church she attends at school.			

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January 20, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Describes the snow and wonders what the weather is like in England. Shirley has a lot to do to study for exams. She mentions having to type a lot for her classes, instead of writing for them. Many of the men at the college expect to be drafted after the semester is over. She briefly mentions Allen is in France now, among other updates on their friends in the service.			
Names: Allen[Cavender], Justin Keyser, O. Durman,			

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February 3, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Has heard Bing Crosby, wonders if they get the latest music over there. She discusses her exams and how they went and talks about going home for the weekend to Wilmington with a few friends. She was excited to see Jane Withers, a famous movie star. She talks about her grades for the semester, in which she got As and Bs .			

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February 9, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Shirley congratulates Lee on being awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster. She mentions Fred, who is now in France, who says that most of the country is unnecessarily in ruins. She also mentions Gene Kelly and some film crews are in town to make Navy movies.			
Names: Gene Kelly [movie actor]			

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March 14, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Wondering about his coming home after completing the tour of duty. Practicing for the play is keeping her busy. Bernice came to visit for the weekend, which they both enjoyed. Realizes that without the war, each of them would have been graduating from a different school in June. She mentions Allen is safe, despite seeing a lot of action. She has heard a number of other friends recently.			
Names: Allen Cavendar, Irving Carpenter			

Date	Writer	Recipient	Place
March 23, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Shirley saw the movie <i>Keys of the Kingdom</i> , which impressed her. She is getting ready for Easter break in a few weeks. The air cadets at the college got their wings.			

Date	Writer	Recipient	Place
April 13, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Shirley is playing tennis a lot during the spring. She writes about Fred's travels into Germany with General Patton's Third Army. She is starting to practice the Spring play, <i>Craig's Wife</i> . There is a church conference being held in Williamsport where 150 ministers are staying. Wishes him "good flying."			

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April 22, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Shirley discusses the church conference, where the students had to serve about 400 people. She refers to Dr. Ralph Sockman, [senior pastor of Christ Methodist Church in New York City] who was the guest speaker. She saw <i>God is my Co-Pilot</i> , which she thought was wonderful. Told Lee that she met two ministers who had gone to Dickinson College with him, one of whom was named Kenneth Rose.			
Names: Kenneth Rose			

Date	Writer	Recipient	Place
May 6, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
She is getting ready to perform <i>Craig's Wife</i> , their spring production. She went home for the weekend, met with some air base people to show them a "submarine sandwich." The wife of the English department head committed suicide. Her awareness of the lingering war is expressed, hard to see how the Germans can go on fighting.			

Date	Writer	Recipient	Place
May 21, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Williamsport, PA
Shirley talks about the surrender of Germany, and the continuing war with Japan. She talks about the play they performed, which went well. She mentions that Fred is still in Germany, and that he does not know what is going to happen to him. She also talks about getting ready for Brandywiners practice.			

Date	Writer	Recipient	Place
May 30, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Wilmington, DE
Sisterly love comes through with her greeting to her "big brother." Shirley talks about returning home from college, and what she has been doing since coming back. She mentions going to church with the family. She is getting ready for Bernice's graduation on June 13. Hopes to see him soon.			

Date	Writer	Recipient	Place
June 7, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Wilmington, DE
Shirley talks about what she has been doing during the summer, which she says it not much. She is learning how to drive. She went to a Blue Rocks game with her father, which they lost against Trenton.			

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August 21, 1945	Shirley Minker	Lee Minker	Wilmington, DE
They are all eager to see him and getting ready for Lee to come home. Sympathizes with how disgusted he must be with all the waiting. She excitedly tells her brother about George Wolf, who she had been seeing recently; she and George are engaged to be married. Wanted to let him know her news and hopes Lee likes him.			
Names: George Wolf			