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Saturday morning [March 6, 1943]

Dear Lee:-

Your letter to Shirley came yesterday and your second letter to daddy this morning. By this time you ought to have my letter and perhaps daddy's, also. Of course we did not get your address until late Tuesday night, and that is why you did not hear from home earlier. Your laundry case was sent off on Thursday, so it may be that it will not reach you before Monday.

I called Dr. Pierson's office this morning about a prescription to wear sun glasses. He is in Philadelphia today but Miss Liggett will take it up with him on Monday morning and if he will give it to you I'll get it off at once. Don't be foolish about that leg. If it gives you trouble report it. They are supposed to take care of anything like that and there is no reason to suffer unnecessarily. It must be rather hard to get all those shots, get used to the heat and all the hours of drilling. But in the army as anywhere else I guess "the first hundred years are the hardest". The first week, with all of its readjustments will probably be the worse [sic]. As you look ahead to eight weeks it may seem a long, long time but if you are to have five months in college some of the hardships should let up some then.

We awoke to find it snowing hard this morning, but it looks now as though it might turn to rain.

Mr. Boykin called daddy yesterday and said he had had a nice letter from you. By this time maybe you have heard from him. I wrote Polly that you were in her neighborhood. The letter from Charles Bossert came just this morning.

Daddy and I went to see Random Harvest last night. It has been held over for the third week.

I guess you never met Miss Stuart who has been teaching school here this year. She had a stroke as she was leaving the classroom on Wednesday and died soon after they took her home. She taught Algebra to daddy and me when we were in high school. He has her funeral service tomorrow.

I am enclosing the rest of Mr. Boykin's gift. If you need any more clothes, handkerchiefs, etc. let me know, for there are plenty here and no need to buy any. I sent only what you asked for in your letter. Today I am sending a box of cookies. Maybe they will go around a few times among the seven in your room. Who are the seven? I suppose you are tired enough at night to sleep even though it is on a cot. Do you have any time off over the weekends, or isn't there any let up in the army? Will your pay be sent to you or home and how much will it be? What you

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can save out of it can be put away to help finish your college work after you get out of the army.

The girls are in school today, even though it is Saturday. They have been having all kinds of tests this first week and so far have not written, but they will both do so over the weekend. They'll have lots more of news about school, etc. than I.

I don't know why you ask for stamps, unless it is that you must have them for airmail. The enclosed are all that I have on hand here at the house. Of course now that your letters are coming through it won't be necessary to use airmail to us unless there is something that must be attended to at once.

Lots of love from all of us, and don't let it get you down. Remember, that the last person I think of at night and the first in the morning is you.

Mother