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Sunday afternoon, April 18, 1943

Dear Lee:-

Dinner is over and while things are reasonably quiet I'll write you. Shirley got your letter when we drove in to the postoffice last night. Now that your mail has started to come thru I guess you'll be getting something most every day.

Friday I sent you a box with something for Easter. I made the apple-sauce cookies thinking they would not get stale as quickly as some other kinds. By this time I guess you have received the box containing the writing paper, etc.

Do you remember Steve Povlik? Daddy got a letter from him, at Camp Walters, Texas, and in it he was asking for you,- said he read in the paper that you were in the air corps. Do you remember Arthur Stille, who used to be in the boiler room? He is the first casualty from Ferris, word having been received this week that he was wounded in action in North Africa on March 25.

Is the section you are now in, C-1, being trained for any special thing? You mention that there is no time in it for English or history. If it should turn out that you are sent to Texas in about ten weeks do you think you will have enough time off to come home for a few days, or do they think you fellows don't need furloughs? If they keep sending you further away it will take all of your pay for carfare home, won't it? Have you been paid yet?

Your insurance paper arrived a few days ago, and as there are several errors on it daddy thinks it should be sent back. So will you sign the enclosed letter which I have written and send it off? They may seem like minor mistakes but sometimes such things can cause a lot of unnecessary trouble.

The girls are getting ready to go in to church, for they must practice from 4 to 7 this afternoon on the Easter cantata which they are giving next Sunday. Shirley did not sing in the senior choir today for Jane and Meredith came home on Thursday and Jane was back on the job. Meredith has a 15 day leave.

Virginia Tawes was married last week to Ira Todd from Crisfield. He has been across and just recently came back to be sent to Duke for Officers' training.

I have forgotten the names of all the chapters of Chi Omega, but it runs in my mind that there is one at Nebraska; so if you can to the sorority dance be nice to the Chi Omegas.

Grandmother went up to Aunt Grace's yesterday to be

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gone until after Easter. Next Sunday, Easter, is her birthday; so if you have a chance drop her a line in care of Wm. Workman, 13 Seminole Ave., Claymont,

Del.

Yesterday after school we drove to Philadelphia to do some shopping, for we hadn't been able to find in Wilmington a dress which suited Shirley. It was about 3 o'clock when we arrived and we did not find a frock until 5:30, going into about 6 different stores. She will look quite grown up next Sunday I am thinking, for she also bought a hat with veil. Bernice went along and was quite disgusted when we discovered that I had left my ration book home, for she wanted to get a pair of shoes; so tomorrow she and Shirley will see what they can do to find her shoes in Wilmington.

I am wondering whether you got to attend church this morning. Grace was crowded and of course you know what it will be like there next Sunday morning. Do you have to spend your evenings in studying now? I should think you would be quite a physicist by the time you get thru this course. I'm glad it isn't me being subjected to all of it.

Are you rooming with the same boys as you were in Miami, or do you have one big dormitory now in the college building? There are so many questions we would like to ask and I guess you don't have time to answer them all; so we do hope you will get home before you are shipped elsewhere.

Love and best wishes from all of us.

Mother Ham -- \$1.50