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Dear Lee:-

That certainly was an interesting letter which we received today, addressed to Shirley. I don't know how you ever wrote a letter while going thru such experiences. It seems to me that if anyone lives through all the various tests, exams, necessary to be taken in the air force he will be fit to do most any job he tackles. When I read the article enclosed a couple of sentences stood out: "No pilot minds being referred to as a glamorous figure, but to him the glamour is all in the pictures and the stories. Army flying itself is strictly work,- tedious, exhausting, and nerve-racking work. I guess you can attest to that, can't you?"

Bernice just called me from down town (she is working at Crosby & Hill's today) saying she got the pictures,- some being good and some not so good; so I'll get them off tomorrow. Judy was showing me some very good pictures which she took and which she said she was sending off to you, so you ought to know soon just how all the home folks are looking.

The application blank from Boston came yesterday, so I sent it back in this morning's mail. There was one to be signed by Mr. Howie which I sent over to the school this morning. I called the house yesterday (for someone had said he was in N.Y. getting his doctor's degree) and Mrs. Howie said he expected to go to Tennessee today in search of a teacher, but would be at the school until about 10:30 this morning. I think her marks will be alright and I guess there is not any question now about her getting in unless they are overcrowded, and the letter from the registrar said nothing about that. The term begins September 9, so you see how we will have to hustle around to get everything in shape. I hope the pleasure ban on driving is lifted by that time, for if it is I expect daddy will drive her up and I hope take Bernice and me along. For the first year at least Shirley will live right down on the Charles River, where the new buildings of B.U. are being erected. From the pictures the dormitories, etc. look very nice indeed. She will have to brush up a little on Boston, for I found this morning that she did not even know that Harvard in Cambridge is just across the river from Boston.

The Board meets on Thursday, which means extra work for me getting out the monthly report, etc. We have been without hot water at the house since Saturday, and do not know yet whether we will get any oil soon. Are you hoping that you will be sent to the same place as Jim Ham? If you could see Ginger today you would think she had been on a spree. Evidently something stung her yesterday, for one eye is so swollen that she can scarcely see out of it. Bernice went home with Mary Elizabeth Davis after church yesterday and returned this morning. Jean Dougherty came out to our house for dinner and stayed all night. She is working in Butler's this summer and is going to enter Drexel in the fall, coming home each night.

Take good care of yourself and don't fly too high. Love.

Mother