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Dear Lee:

Your letter from Phoenix was waiting for me here at the office this morning and I hasten to get off one to you before starting my day's work.

Your picture arrived only yesterday and were we proud of it. I like it so much better than that snapshot for it is now so severe. It looks just like we remember you. I displayed it on my desk here all morning and then took it home for the girls to see. We are all thrilled with it. Of course your sisters are very critical and think your lips are colored too much, but you know them.

The box with letters, sunglasses, etc. arrived only Wednesday. I will try to get the glasses in today to be fixed. I did not think you wanted them back so thus far have done nothing about them. If they cannot be fixed I'll let you know.

It is very cloudy today and looks as tho we might have rain,- but it has been weeks and weeks since we did have and so maybe it won't come after all. If it does not rain I guess Shirley and I will go to Philadelphia this afternoon for an interview with Dr. Long of Wiliamsport-Dickinson Jr. College. It looks now as if Shirley will enter there. They have a very fine medical secretarial course and if that is what she wants that is as good a place to go as any. They also have a music course, and we are hoping she may be able to continue voice lessons along with her other work. Yesterday afternoon we received a telegram that Dr/Long would be in Philadelphia today if we cared to have an interview. We had already written him yesterday to enroll Shirley and send us the necessary forms. I do hope we get everything finally settled today, for it surely has been a hectic summer trying to decide what is best. School opens there September 22. You may know that about 300 air cadets are at the school, but two buildings adjoining the campus have been bought and renovated for the girls' dorms, and I trust that Shirley will be comfortable and happy there. Dr. Miller speaks very highly of their medical secretarial course. We'll let you know the outcome of the interview, but I think she will be alright as far as her high school marks are concerned. In fact we received word from Boston that they would accept her if we wanted to enroll her. If she can enter B.U. I guess she can Williamsport.

I am enclosing a few newspaper clippings which are here at the office. In an airmail letter one cannot put in very much. We'll get the letters rolling again now that we have your address.

Mr. Ford, who has been helping in Washington cottage, has been called into the service, leaving next week; so Jeff is back here again. At the present time he and I are trying to get ready for a swimming meet next week,- probably on Tuesday. Is there such a thing as a pool or any place for a swim where you are?

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Grandmother Jones is spending a week with Aunt Grace. She won't be able to get away so well after Bernice starts to school next Wednesday and Shirley gets away. Grandmother Minker is coming out Saturday to spend Labor Day weekend. With Shirley getting ready for college of course there is a lot of sewing to be done, and the only time I can do it is at night.

Ben came home yesterday morning. He will enter Andover for this fall term, having passed summer school. It opens on Sept. 22, also, I believe.

We saw "This is the Army" one night last week and liked it very much. It is being held over for the third week. They say "Watch on the Rhine" with Bette Davis is very good. It is playing at Warner's now.

You will be interested in the news about Roscoe. Two or three hundred of the 198th are in Wilmington now, having a furlough. We were glad to hear the news about the invasion of Italy this morning. Why in the world the Italians can't see the futility of staying lined up with Germany is more than I can understand!

I know you will be glad to be in the air once again and we shall be thinking of you on Monday, as you start again.

With lots and lots of love.

Mother