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Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Lee -

I guess by now you have started in flying every day. Ben has just left and Walter left a little while ago. He got his scholarship to Tower Hill and leaves tomorrow for football camp. Bernice starts school this coming Wednesday but Tower doesn't start until a week later.

Have you heard about my college? I was accepted by Boston and thought I was all set, when everyone began telling Mother and Dad about the bad conditions there with the servicemen. Ben says the morality has

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hit a new low in Boston. (Andover isn't far from there.) So we decided on Williamsport Dickinson Junior College in Williamsport, Pa. I guess it will be alright and there are three hundred and fifty air cadets stationed there. It is a very small college, boarding only about forty girls this year as the air cadets take over the dormitories. They have quite a few students from Williamsport who do not live at the college. It opens sometime after the twentieth, I think it's the twenty-second. Mother and I are in the midst of dressmaking and flying to Phila. on trips to buy clothes. You should see our sewing room!

Ben came home from Andover on Thursday morning, the morning on which your picture arrived, by the way. It certainly is good of you and everyone likes it a lot. What is your uniform? In the picture it is like a regular officer's but I thought air cadets wore blue or green. Straighten me out, please.

Friday I got a V-mail letter from Allen [Cavender?] who is in Sicily. Nobody had heard from him in several months and we were all rather worried. He has been in the thick of things there and what with Italy just invaded, he might be there by now.

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It will seem very strange when next Wednesday rolls around not to take the school bus with Bernice. Mr. Yingst [football coach at A.I. duPont HS] called up last Thursday and asked if your address had changed. He meant to write earlier but went away and left all the addresses home. You were then on the move but I'll take it to him sometime next week as I want to drop in and see him and everyone else before I leave.

Thanks for the pictures! Would you like to have a subscription to Reader's Digest or some magazine sent to you? Express an opinion.

Lots of love - Shirley