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Thunderbird Field Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday evening September 8, 1943

Dear Shirley,

I received your letter at noon and was glad to note that you have finally settled on a college. No doubt you would rather go to Boston, I know I would, but in the light of today's conditions it is better to be in a smaller town when away from home. From what I have heard Williamsport is a good standard school. Quite a few boys from there came to Dickinson in their sophomore and junior years of college. As for the cadets at C.T.D. (really Aviation Students for they have not fully qualified as yet for aircrew training) — I believe that most of them will be G.I.s from over seas plus a sprinkling of young boys fresh from high school as most of the college reserve has passed C.T.D. Most of them

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will probably come from other sections of the country and will be dissatisfied [sic] with the waste of time at C.T.D. which will in turn tend to make in some a lowered standard of conduct. But all in all it should be a good experience for you. I know you will make a pretty Phi Beta [sic] Kappa.

I hope you said hello to Ben for me. How was he?

Answers to questions:

Since Pearl Harbor the Air Corps has forgotten the old blue-grey cadet uniform. Instead we wear regular officer's bouses. When we take the blue band from our cap it too will be regular officer type. 44-C was lucky in that it was the last class to get this uniform, all others must now wait till advanced training.

Please don't send me any magazine subscriptions. I change address too often and haven't time to read much. Keep sending the New York Times news and news from the Journal though and keep me up on who and what in Wilmington.

Love,

Lee