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Tues. noon

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Williamsport, Pa.

Dear Lee -

I was so very glad to get the long letter from you last week. I have been so busy and last week-end was hectic. Classes are a little better, but some are still a puzzle. I got one of two A's in the class on a shorthand test we had. Biology is really going to be a tough nut to crack. We took a field trip on Sunday afternoon to study the ecology of a stream. We collected all sorts of things and poked around. I enjoyed it an awful lot, but we have to write a paper on it which is really going to be tough. Our teacher really knows her stuff.

Last Saturday night I went to the movies with one of the cadets. He is from Long Island and is very nice. I think that we're going to have dances in the gym with the cadets about every Saturday night, so we'll probably get to know lots of them. We're not allowed to talk to them at all except at these dances or on dates. Did you have to do that at Nebraska? The commanding officer here is Captain Coleman and he spoke to us in chapel last week. He's not very old but he seems to know what he's doing.

I called home last Friday night and talked to mother and daddy. Bernice was at show rehearsal so I didn't get a chance to talk to her. I think I'll try to call on Sunday nights.

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It certainly felt funny to me to be making a long distance call to my home. I guess you think it is too.

I've just come back from three hours of biology lab. It isn't the easiest thing in the world. Yesterday afternoon our gang went down town and all had our pictures taken in the five-and-ten. I had some whippy ones taken and we had a lot of fun.

We have a student council here. I'm the freshmen representative. We meet with Miss Dewey, the Dean, before we go and present the plans to the group at large. I'm so glad that I got on it. I feel as if I have been here ages now because everything is so familiar. Really it's three weeks but everything has been wonderful. The buildings here aren't the most beautiful in the world or the campus, but I like it more and more every day.

Well, it's time for dinner and I can't think of anything more to say. Anything that you want to know, please ask me! I hope you're not studying too hard and

have a little fun. Mother seems rather worried about you, but I know you're okay. Let us know all about your flying.

Lots and lots of love -

Shirley