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Friday evening

Oct. 30, 1943

Williamsport, Pa.

Dear Lee: -

Excuse the [ink] blot! I've lost my pen and am using another girls and she warned me. We just got in from the movies and I just washed my hair. We saw Nelson Eddy in "Phantom of the Opera." It was quite spooky in parts and everyone chewed their fingernails but it was still very good. Claude Rains was in it too.

Well, we're through with Freshman Week. It rained starting Sunday night and didn't stop until this morning. It was so wet that the Sophs called it off at noon on Thursday. It would have been done today, so it was still pretty long. Boy we really got it from the sophs too. I guess it wasn't as bad as some of the things that you had to do but you know how

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the freshmen get kicked around.

We're having open house here tomorrow and we have to show the visitors through the houses. We're going to serve tea and I guess it will be quite formal.

We got our marks this week and I still can't believe what I got. An A in English, Typing, Shorthand, and Biology and a B in Chemistry. I got the highest mark in the class in my biology test, a 95! I really don't know how I did it, but I'm afraid I'll have a hard time keeping up such marks all the time. I have not heard from mother since marks went out but I'm hoping she will call this Sunday night. I waited all last Sunday night for her to call but she didn't. She and Bernice had both been sick, so I guess they didn't feel like calling.

Last night we started dramatic club here at school and miracle of miracles, I was elected pres!

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I thought I'd just look in and see whether I would belong, but I guess I'm in now. There aren't any other extra-curricular activities so I guess that won't take too much time.

I hope this letter reaches you before you have Thunderbird. I had no idea you would move again quite so soon. How many more posts does your training have?

All the cadets here yell "Thunderbird" at me when I wear my raincoat as that is where I've got the insignia sewn.

Do you still have your "dink" from college? If you do, I'd love to have it. All the girls are going to get green blazers here with the school insignia on them. I hope mother will let me but I don't know as yet.

I guess May and Judy are both settled at Oberlin by now. May wrote before she left and Gordon goes into the Air Corps someday soon. I guess just about everyone has gotten off to school by now. It seems funny that May is just getting off and I feel as though I were an old hand at college already. My roommates and I had a snapshot taken of us but there is only one print so far, but I'll send you one later when we get some takes off.

Well I'm about ready to fall asleep right now, so I hope you won't mind the scribble and wanderings. Write as soon as you get where you're going so I'll have your address. You wouldn't by any chance be coming East, would you? I hope, I hope!! Be good and have fun.

Lots and lots of love Shirley