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Saturday evening,
[December 4, 1943]

Dear Lee:-

We've just finished a tasty supper, and I feel rather full. I have to take care of your portions now - which gives me a bit of an alibi for hovering nearer the two hundred mark than the one hundred ninety mark in weight - as well as an alibi for feeling full.

We were very much interested in the schedule you face from now on barring some other re-arrangement such as seems characteristic of the army. It looks as if you shouldn't be uprooted until you have really completed your course. I hope the kind of plane you have is what you like the most, and here's to you for a successful closing training period.

I have the service at Grace to-morrow. Dr. Johns and Mrs. Johns are holding a family reunion in Boston at Bob's. It will be a Communion Service.

Following the service, the Governor, Chief Mahoney, "Herb" Mearns, John DeLuca and I are

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going to Philadelphia to see the Green Bay Packers and the Eagles play at Shibe Park. It ought to be a great game. I'll send you the newspaper clippings from Monday's paper.

I hope the letters and clippings are giving you a pretty fair picture of what is going on around here. Let us know if there is anything else you want us to cover.

We forwarded the Dickinsonian to you. I was a little upset over the article covering the result of Rusing Season until I talked to Borton. He feels, and I am inclined to agree, that fraternity pledging and training can hardly be anything else but a joke under present conditions. Hence, why worry about this now!

We had a very successful men's dinner at the Church Thursday. An eminent and able minister from Canada Mr. Nowood was the speaker. He was a minister in London for twenty years before being called to a Montreal church. It was a fine affair. You can tell from the clipping something of the content of the address.

Shirley's letters indicate that she is having a grand time at Dickinson. She is showing that she has what it takes. We are looking forward to seeing her at Christmas - and from what she says she'll be glad to give us more than a once-over too. It's going to be tough to have you away but if it has to be it has to be. We'll do what we can from a distance to make the day a happy one for you - and we'll be pretty close to each other despite the physical miles that are between us.

Well, keep up the good work - and everything worthwhile to you!

As always,
Dad -