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Dear Lee:

Here it is the end of another week, the first in the new year. Your letter arrived yesterday, telling of your plans for graduation, uniform, etc. Daddy will write you concerning the clothes. As long as you have never had a furlough home and are so far from Texas would it be possible for you to get more than ten days? That won't allow you much time at home, especially since traveling conditions are so terrible at least as far up as Washington.

A letter from Shirley today says that on Wednesday afternoon while in gym the iron horse was pushed on her foot which was caught between it and the wall. Not being able to locate a doctor they took her to the hospital, but found out that luckily no bones were broken. When she wrote she was sitting in a chair with her foot elevated, taped and in ice packs.

Ferris plays Marshallton this afternoon and two of the A.I. boys will referee, Passwaters and Bartels. Bernice is going to Kennett Square to see the game tonight. She has been made a cheerleader, much to the chagrin of Mr. Wyatt, who says her voice is "too young" and that it [is] about the worse [sic] thing she could be doing. Whether we will be able to make her "see the light" or not I do not know.

Yesterday we had our district meeting and I was again made president for another year, against my wishes, for I surely do not have the time to devote to it.

Do you remember Tony Bright? He was in Washington Cottage several years ago. He dropped in to see us last Sunday and surely looked great. He is in the engineer corps at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and was married on Christmas Day.

You did not mention the gift from Shirley and Bernice. I hope it has arrived. Did you receive the duPont Echo? Were you able to dispose of all of the cookies, fruitcake, etc?

Shirley writes that she will be unable to get home between semesters as there is only the weekend. She wants Bernice to come up then, but I don't know whether it can be arranged or not. If you get home in March she wants to come home home so we can all be together. She will have only the weekend of Easter off as a spring vacation.

Take good care of yourself in these final days, and I hope you get just what you want in the way of a plane. When you have time let me know just what a flight officer is? Does it rank higher than

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a 2nd lieut.? What did (n) after some of the names in the list of cadets on the Christmas menu mean?

Lots and lots of love from all of us.

Mother