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Sat. 5:30 p.m.  
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Dearest Lee,

While waiting for the girls to come up from the beach for dinner I'll get off a few lines to you. The sun is shining brightly today but I imagine it will be cool tonight. Last night was the coldest yet + we have only one blanket apiece. Gregg, Daugherty + Charlotte are with us for the weekend.

We are all in the itching stage of our sunburn now, but trying to take care of ourselves so we won't blister.

Sunday 3 p.m.

Daddy surprised us by arriving this morning. A boy from Dues, whom Mr. Hamm took back to the school on Tues., ran away again + daddy will take him back as he goes this evening. The girls are on the beach, daddy making a call + before starting dinner I'll see if I can finish this. We are having home-cooked ham, potato salad, tomatoes, succotash, fruit

jello + some cupcakes which grandmother  
made. "Dawn" arose in time for 9 a.m. mass  
but the rest of us slept until 10. She said  
she saw Julia on her way back from church.

Your all mail check arrived before I left  
home. I'll deposit it when I return, together  
with your money order.

Thanks for your suggestions about gardens.  
If I can only get time to carry them thru! My  
dist. meeting is Thurs + we must take Shirley  
back Fri - or Sat, at the latest. And all of my  
spare time in Oct will be spent on United Le. &  
Fund campaign. If we can hold off until Sat,  
for Shirley's return I would like to be able to  
coax daddy to come back as far as Carlisle  
Sat. night + stay over until Sunday with the  
Shannon's. Did I tell you Harvill is at the  
school for 3 wks. before entering Orem. I wish  
it had been possible for you to have finished  
college but we are mighty proud of you since  
you have been in the army and I pray that  
the day is not too far distant when you will be  
re-entering Dickinson. Our love and prayers  
are with you wherever you are and whatever you  
are doing. Mother