[September 9, 1944]

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

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 and we have only one blanket apiece. Bessy, Daughter, and 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 town, whom Mr. Hamm took back to the school on Tuesday, ran away again and daddy will take him back as he goes this evening. He squirms on the beach, daddy making a call or before starting dinner I'll see if I can finish this. We are having home-cooked ham, potato salad, tomatoes, succotash, fruit
jello and 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 allotment check arrived before I left
home. I'll deposit it when we return, together,
with your money order.

Thanks for your suggestions about gardens.
I'd only get time to carry them thru if
we can only get time to carry them thru! My
dist. meeting is Thurs., we must take Shicely
back Fri.-Sat., at the latest. And all of my
space time in Oct. will be spent on United
Fund campaign. If we can hold off until Sat.,
for Shicely's return I would like to be able to
coax daddy to come back as far as Carville
Sat. night and stay over until Sunday with the
Champoins. Did I tell you Haskell is at the
school for 3 weeks, before entering Ozen? 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 service and I hope 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.