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Mrs. Ralph L. Minker
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Wilmington, 99, Del.
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Dearest Lee:

I seem to be walking around in circles this morning, not being able to settle down to anything for very long. This time last week we were all excited about your coming home, and this morning you are gone again. I realize it is best for you, as far as training is concerned, not to have frequent or long furloughs; but nevertheless we miss you terribly and are looking forward to the day when this mess will be over and you will be home once more to stay. I hope the days were not too hectic for you,- that you were able to relax some and to enjoy yourself, also. We are very proud of the way you have come along in the air force and hope that after the war you will be able to get some "fun" out of all your training and experience. We'll have to begin now to save up our pennies to buy a plane.

A letter came from Shirley this morning. She arrived in Williamsport at 6:11,- just two or three minutes behind schedule, which was very good considering the weather. Some of the girls who were home over the weekend returned on the late train Sunday night and were over two hours late,- not arriving until after 1 a.m. In Harrisburg she met the fiancee of Nan's brother who had been to Chicago to see him over the weekend and was returning to Bucknell, so she had company part of the way back. She will be busy all this week working on exams.

It was 2:25 when daddy and I walked in the house this morning,- not too bad going. I hunted up Miss

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Ries' Christmas card and found that she had left Chicago so of course we did not wire her. A call came thru this morning saying that a plane reservation could be secured for tonight, but I feel better and I think you do going by train, where you are not subject to priorities.

Jeff received a call from Frank Horner this morning, saying he was home on furlough and would be out this afternoon.

Grandmother Minker left about 10 o'clock this morning, as she has a meeting this afternoon to which she wanted to go.

I am sending your bag off on the 1 o'clock trip today.

Well, there isn't much news, of course, but I did want you to know that it was grand to have you home again. Here's hoping that you will soon be allowed to come back. With all my love.

Mother