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Dear Lee,

What a weekend we've had. Icy cold and all sorts of weather. First it sleeted, then today it rained, froze over and snowed over all that we're really getting winter now. The driving is bad but we've had no bad luck as yet.

The ice for skating has been super. Sat. night a carload of us went out to Owen lakes. Someone had a portable radio on the shore which played while we skated. The car lights gleamed on the ice which was like glass. My ankles, which haven't been in skates for two years, were almost giving out when we stopped at about 10:30. We all had loads of fun and hope to go out again this week-end.

Yesterday we had a captain in the 15th Air Corps with [us] for dinner. He had just arrived at the New Castle Air Base after being overseas twenty-eight months. For most of that time he had been stationed in England & Africa, though he got into Italy for a while. Rome was the most beautiful city he had ever seen. His job was some sort of group executive or something.

This Friday afternoon the boy's and girl's varsity basketball teams play Germantown Friends' school in Germantown. Since the Ice Follies are in Philly now we're planning to stay up and make a big night of it. Remember that's the show Mother & Dad saw with the Boykins a few years ago.

The puppy, forgive me, Pilot, is in black disgrace right now. He has developed the awful habit of killing chickens.

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Daddy doesn't know it yet but he's killed six that we know of. As a result of this we have to keep him chained practically all the time so that he cries his fool head off.

Our midyears are coming up in two weeks and they really frighten me, particularly French & Chemistry. Maybe I'll pull through o-kay.

The Air Forces movie "Winged Victory" is coming to Wilmington next week. It's supposed to be wonderful so we're all piling in to see it en masse.

We received a Christmas card from Allen C yesterday. It was very Frenchy with a French verse & stuff. Also the paper was very low grade. He's right in the thick of things, it seems.

Did you know that Arthur Avery has received a medical discharge from the army? He's also getting married. Jim Buchanan is home for a while now, too, but not discharged.

Well, let us hear from you.

Your last letter was dated Dec. ninth. Did your Christmas things come through?

Lots of Love

Luck,

"Bun"