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My dear Lee:-

Mother has already told you why Miss Ries did not meet you in Chicago. I was greatly disappointed when I discovered she has moved. It would have been pleasant to have had someone with whom to chat for a few hours. I hope, however, that you were able to enjoy the stop over in some manner.

I will be interested to know if you got your reservation West of Chicago. I hope it was O. K., and that you had a reasonably comfortable trip. I wish I could have made it with you. Perhaps we'll do it together some day.

You realize, I know, how much it meant to us to have you home. Thirteen months was an awful stretch of time - and I never thought we could stand it. But we did, and we pulled for you and prayed for you every day. It was a wonderful day for us when you stepped off the train to be with us. We were pretty proud, of course, because you had done so well - but we were just happy to have you regardless of the distinction you had achieved.

I don't know whether I congratulated you on receiving a commission. I wish I could have been at the graduation. I was there in spirit. Just about the time you were receiving your wings I stepped out of the pulpit at Westminster, and said to Mr. Warren and Bruce - "I wish I was in Pecos this minute. Lee is graduating." You did a fine job, and I am proud of you -

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prouder than I can say. I knew you could do it because you were just yourself - and I'm happy to think you realized your goal.

I hope you enjoyed the minutes at home as much as we did. I'll know a little better how to plan a few parties the next time but I did the best I could. They were really fine basketball games, weren't they? You can think of them for a while. And that family dinner! And Uncle Marion's waistline! Genger's shyness before the camera! Our budding Minker debutantes! The time certainly did fly. I am <sup>so</sup> glad you didn't have to leave Sunday. The extra days just helped us to round out

the visit properly.

We'll be thinking of you as you start your new phase of training. Good luck every minute!

As always -

Dad -

P.S. I'll write you Sunday evening and tell you about the Bombers - Sphas game or games.