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United States Army

Air Corps

Sunday afternoon

[April 18, 1943]

Dear Mother,

I suppose it's been quite a job for you to keep up with me the last couple of weeks but anyway I'll be stationed here for at least thirty days (I hope) and even up to five months. I'll let you know definitely about that latter [sic]. Unless I'm in the first thirty day group I'll be able to get ten hours of dual control flying (Piper Cub)] at the Lincoln Air Base) and four hours of lecture plus my studies in math, physics, history, geography and English and P.T. and drill. Our schedules haven't been arranged yet however so I'm just waiting to see what it will be like.

I was sorry not to find you home when I called the other night but I suppose Bernice told you all about it. This morning we were told to get P.T. equipment, and, as the local supply is nil and the army is getting our shoes, I'd like you to send my gym shorts, T shirt and athletic supporter as quick as possible. Also, because of the great distance between us now, could you send letters airmail so that they won't be out of date when they get here.

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Today was the first Sunday since I joined the army that I have had a chance to go to church. The Methodist Church here is very fine. The minister is splendid. The church seems to be about 10% larger than Grace but the choir cannot compare with ours of course.

So far the weather has been cold and rainy.

I suppose my mail will catch up with me this week.

The town is dominated by the new million dollar state capital which is really magnificent and the university which is also magnificent.

We're living in the Don L. Love Memorial Library which is so new not a book has gotten in. There are about fifty fellows in each dorm with ample study and toilette facilities. We eat in the Student Union building where the home ec department out does [sic] itself in feeding us with good wholesome food. Typical Menus:

Breakfast - coffee or 1/2 pt. milk cold or hot cereal scrambled eggs sausage 1/2 pt. milk for cereal 2 pcs. hot toast 1 thick slab of butter 1 orange unrationed

sugar

Lunch - 1/2 pt. milk roast beef boiled potatoes peas white, brown, or rasin [sic]
bread on the table fruit cup cherry pie cookies

Dinner - 1/2 pt. milk pork chops baked potatoes string beans salad ice cream
cookies

The fat in the milk is so great that it floats on top of the coffee. It and a lot of
the other stuff come[s] from the university's agricultural school.

That's about all I can think of for now.

Love,

Lee