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United States Army Air Forces

Sunday evening

January 23, 1944

Dear Dad,

This afternoon I went into town to the Texas and Pacific Railroad's local station. I found out that no extra facilities would be available on the railroad at graduation time and that no reservations on trains are accepted more than thirty days in advance. As the army is not giving prior information as concerning release from duty at Pecos Field and reporting for duty elsewhere I must depend a lot on final travel decisions from observing the graduating members of class 44-B on February 8, 1944. This is the T. and P. schedule of

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trains going east from Pecos.

Leave Pecos: 6:25 P.M. (3-13-44) 4:25 A.M. (3-14-44)

Arrive Big Spring 10:10 P.M. 7:25 A.M. (airline depot)

Arrive Fort Worth 7:25 A.M. (leave 2:20 P.M.) 3:40 P.M. (airline depot) [change trains] [through train]

Arrive Dallas 3:30 P.M. 5:05 P.M. (airline depot)

Arrive St. Louis. 8:30 A.M. (3-15-44) 11:30 A.M. (3-15-44) (airline and Pennsy R.R. connections)

This schedule is of course subject to all sorts of unforeseeable changes in transit. Maybe I won't be able to leave until the fourteenth, but then maybe the twelfth.

Despite the fact that summer uniforms are mandatory in Texas in March I must purchase a full basic winter officer's uniform before graduation. That means that I will probably have to buy a complete summer outfit within a month after graduation. We are supposed to place uniform orders within the next two weeks. Let me know quick

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if you have any suggestions.

I have decided to wait until sometime after graduation to have an officer's portrait taken.

This coming week I will fly transition and start flying instruments and cross country. Next week I begin night flying.

Taps has caught me again.

Yours as always,

Lee

P.S. My last letter was addressed by the O.D. as lights went out in the barracks.