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Ferris School for Boys

BOX 230

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Dear Lee:

This is a hurried note and I am, therefore, dictating it for mother to write.

I called Captain Daunt of the New Castle Air Base on Monday and talked to him about your dress requirements in the light of his experience as a cadet and an officer. He graduated from one of the fields in California but he said conditions so far as the purchase of clothing is concerned are the same.

He stated very definitely for me to tell you to go easy and very light on your first purchasing. He outlined the following things as eventually the things you would get for your wardrobe:

3 prs. heavy pants, - two pinks and 1 green Blouse 2 shirts, - two pinks and 1 green 4 or 5 poplin shirts 3 tan neck ties 1 green and 1 pink Flight cap 1 Flighter cap

He said, further, that if you wanted to do so you could get your insignia on your cadet blouse and just wear your regulation cadet trousers to close out the period at Pecos. Then when you arrive here on furlough he could be glad to see that you had the facilities of the New Castle Air Base for the purchasing of your needed equipment. You may not want to do this later thing in its entirety but I would think his suggestion is an excellent one, namely, to go very light at this moment on clothes. After you know your way around a little bit more you can buy what you want to buy.

I talked to Captain Daunt about the top coat. he told me that there is a new regulation coat that is the last word in all around serviceability, - detachable lining, detachable hood, rainproof, etc. and so convertible to civilian use. They have them here at the air base and we can look them over when you arrive.

This is the picture as accurately as I can give it to you. I think you might enjoy the couple of hours it would take us to go over to the air base and get some of the clothes and meet two or three of the men. However, we are not going to spend a lot of time on that kind of thing while you are home. Use as much of the regulation stuff without special tailor-made arrangements as you possibly can.

Love, Dad