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United States Army Air Forces

Tuesday noon

February 29, 1944

Dear Mother,

I have been in active service with the United States Army Air Forces for one year and four days. In twelve days time I hope to graduate from aircrew training. The past year has been quite an experience.

Yesterday the official list of Flight Officers for class 44-C was published. If and when I graduate I will be commissioned a Second Lieutenant.

This morning a ground fog blew into Pecos just as flying was scheduled to begin and so there was no flying. Everyone is beginning to wonder if we will ever get our flying in. I must fly ten hours

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more of instruments, three hours of day navigation and four hours of night formation before March twelfth.

This morning I was paid \$89.75; March twelfth I will be paid a \$250.00 uniform allowance and about \$20.00 cadet salary for March. I now have \$23.25 in my walett [sic]. All this money totals up to \$383.00. From this total I must pay for uniforms, transportation home and miscellaneous [sic] expenses. I believe that I can make ends meet but it would be smart to play safe. You will receive no more bonds for a while, by the way. But I will explain my new financial status in detail when I get home.

I have no news about travel time or transport home.

I will only buy two sets of suntans (cotton) here.

Love,

Lee