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Officers' Club

Roswell Army Air Field

Roswell, New Mexico

Wednesday evening

April 5, 1944

Dear Dad,

Today I received my first pay as an officer of the United States Army Air Forces: a check for \$13.04 to cover travel expenses from Pecos Field to Roswell Field and a check for \$112.50 as my officer's pay from March 12, 1944 to March 31, 1944. I also received a bill of \$10.20 (X) for food during the period from March 24, 1944, to March 31, 1944. Beginning with my pay check for April which I will receive May 4, 1944, \$18.75 will be deducted from my pay for war bond purchases. Other regular pay reductions are for food, (Y) quarters, officers club dues and orderlys [sic]. Enclosed with this letter you will find my travel check to be put in my savings account. As soon as I have cashed my pay check, paid outstanding bills and put aside a reserve I will send you more credit for my account.

Also enclosed in this letter are the signed forms necessary for transfer of my school savings account to a regular savings fund and for making my savings account a joint account with Mother. I would like to know just how I stand for various holdings such as various savings accounts, war bonds,

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stocks, insurance policies (Z), property and etcetra [sic] if you can find the time to let me know.

X - \$3.00 for officers club dues Y - officers club dues \$3.00 monthly food \$1.00 daily laundry extra (\$5.00 a month) quarters \$45.00 a month cleaning extra (\$5.00 a month) orderly \$5.00 a month regular pay \$246.00 a month Z - government \$10,000.00 life insurance policy

Because 44-B is being suddenly prepared to leave fifteen day(s) earlier than originally planned 44-C has not had planes with which to fly this week but we have gotten intensive cockpit and procedure drills in grounded planes. I am scheduled to start on instruments Friday night.

Another Easter time is here, my second as a member of the Air Forces. I am planning on taking communion at the Lutheran service tomorrow evening as I will be flying Friday night during the candel [sic] light communion service. I

can't even remember when I last took communion. I hope to be able to go to the Easter morning service although we may fly at that time.

Yours,

Lee