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Dearest Lee:

Last night I struggled with income taxes and this is how I figured yours. It may not be exactly correct for you did not give me dates when certain pay began or ended, and I am not sure of the amounts you received before getting your commission. At any rate here is how I figured and if there are errors they can be taken care of when you get home.

Monthly pay Jan.-Mar. \$75 \$225.00 " " Mar.-Dec. \$150 \$1350.00 Total base pay \$1575 Flight pay (1/2 base pay) 787.80 Overseas (10% 3 mos.) 45  
\$2407.80 Exemption 1500 \$907.80 Tax due \$74.00 which I am paying

Don't let any of this bother you. You really could wait until you return to do it all if you wanted; but I thought it would be easier to pay this amount and not have too much piling up on you after the war. I still have daddy's to work on tonight, for he never has the material together for me until the last minute.

I had a card from Julia yesterday, also a letter from May.

Last night for dinner Bernice brought home Caroline Denning, Walter, and John MacAdam. They all had to practice at 7:30 for the operetta, after which Caroline came home with Bernice to spend the night.

Today at noon daddy has to preside at the Lenten services; and at 6:30 he speaks at the Claymont Lion's Club. Yesterday he and Mr. Hamm went to Dover in the afternoon to attend legislature. I see by the morning paper that state workers have been voted an increase in pay, ranging from \$150 to \$200 a year.

You remember the Ralph George's in Concord, don't you? We have received an invitation to Millicent's wedding this coming Saturday. How I wish we could accept.

I mailed two rolls of film to you yesterday and I hope they are not too long arriving. I am going to try to get a box off to you, also, with something in it

which you can enjoy.

By this time I suppose you are back on the job again. Are you doing the same thing - that is going on missions; or do you have a different assignment?

Love, Mother