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P/O H. H. Ribus,
J5086
#1 "M" Depot,
R.C.A.F.,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mother,

Well your son is now a Pilot-Officer in the R.C.A.F. My commission was waiting for me when I arrived here, Weds. night, so instead of the 3 "hooks" and the eagle on the shoulder of my uniform, I have a thin blue band on the cuff. You will also note that my number is now (J5086). The commission dates from 26-4-41, so that, in addition, I have about 10 days back pay owed me, as well as my P/O's pay for 10 days in May, somewhere near \$90. all together. I hope the come across with it sometime soon, as I'm going to need it. I shall go down town some day this week and spend \$50 of the govt's money on a uniform and some accessories. The uniform itself is only \$51⁰⁰/₁₀₀, to

say nothing of the great coat, shirts,
shoes etc. (Incidentally my socks will
be stuck from now on!

You should see this station, mud
& muck up to your ears; if you fall
off the duckboards its just too bad
for you, you're likely to drown
in soft soupy muck before you
can be pulled out. It has poured
in torrents ever since we've been
here, but to-night it seems to be
breaking a bit thank goodness.

I must close now before I fall
asleep and get ink over everything.

Suaps of love,
Bus.