

April 2, 1943.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker,  
10 Rockefeller Plaza,  
New York City.

Dear Captain Rickenbacker:

This college is sponsoring the war bond drive for Lowndes County, Georgia, for the month of April. The State of Georgia is being asked to buy sixty million dollars worth of bonds of all sorts this month, and our quota is approximately \$400,000.00. This is a big order, but we want to oversubscribe the amount if possible, --- and that is where you come in!

On Tuesday, April 13, which is the two hundredth birthday of Thomas Jefferson, we are planning to have our "big day" of the campaign, and I am writing to ask if it will be possible for you to come to Valdosta for this special occasion. I know how busy you are, but only busy people ever have time to do anything! Your presence here would be a tremendous stimulus for the war bond drive throughout this entire section of the country.

The commanding officer at Moody Field, a large air base located about ten miles from town, will be glad to have you use the facilities of the field if it would be a convenience to you. As you perhaps know, there are half a dozen other aviation training centers within a hundred miles radius of Valdosta, and it is my hope, that if you can arrange to be with us, you might also visit several of these training centers.

This is a lovely time of year in Valdosta, and, if the idea appeals to you, we would be delighted to have you stay over for a rest and vacation. After your experience in the Pacific, I hesitate to suggest that you go fishing, --- even in our nearby lakes, or in the Gulf! In any event, I can guarantee you a good time and our deep appreciation of what you will be doing for the war bond drive if you can arrange to come down.

The enclosed bulletin of our college will tell you something of what our students themselves are doing by way of raising money to make it possible for girls to attend college after the war who otherwise would not be able to do so. Just since I have