



SHEPPARD FIELD
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

"Monday night."

Nov 3, 1941

Dear Mama & Emma Dean:

I should say I was very glad to get your letter today. I was proud to learn that you all were feeling better, I hope this will find you all O.K.; As for me, I am about the same as usual.

I had heard about you all been having so much rain; and believe me we have been having it too. There were some Army boys went from here and help move some people out of high water here at Wichita Falls as the river is right in the edge of town.

Oh yes: There was a Army boy got killed Saturday night here at Wichita Falls, but he was from the Camp at Brown-wood Texas; a man shot him four times with a pistol there in front of a Cafe. I happen not to be up there. I think that man killed that boy about his wife.

Believe it or not: I went up to Chillicothe Texas Saturday afternoon to see Cousin Elzie Ramsey. I sure did have a nice time, it did not cost me anything to go up there and back. He seem like he was so glad to see me, and I sure was glad to see him. Mama I tell you he look's so much like Dad, you would think it was Dad off at a little distance. I did not see any of his children except Horace,



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And he is almost white headed; it don't look like he should be so grey headed. I ate supper with Myrtie and family; you know she is Empire's sister; they live there in town, but she did not know me; they seem like they were very glad to see me too. you know it is just 65 miles up there from here. me and Cousin Elzie sit up and talked untill 12 o'clock. He was asking about you and all the children. Myrtie was asking about you too.

Mama I think you should have kept Emma Dean there to help you and Dennerd do the work as Dennerd is going to school, you need her there to help you; if I had been her I would have stayed at home. Has Dorthy or the baby been sick? I havent heard from them sence she sent me those pictures. I got those papers this evening; that you sent, I was glad to get them. I am sending some paper Clippings that I got out of the Dallas news and the Wichita news, but you already knew about some of them. I dont guess I will get home this week end as they have me on kitchen duty for the first time. I am not going to plan any-thing ahead of time much anymore. I just hope to get off the 15th. I havent heard from Ellis but one time sence I was at Dallas three weeks ago yesterday, but I have written him a letter and Card sence I was up there, (over)

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I don't know why they don't write anymore than they do. Ellis was coming home the 8th if I come, but I don't know whether he will wait until I come or not. I know the corn should be gathered and the potatoes dug, and that cane has got to be seen after. I think I am going to try to get off Saturday anyway. I will write you a card so you will get it Saturday.

Mama you should have been very careful with that cane knife, I hope you didn't cut your hand bad. You didn't write whether ^{they} still wanted you to pay \$3.00 a month for Dennerd to ride the bus or not, I hope you ^(we) don't have to pay it. You will have to get Brady to plant those oats if Ellis don't come home, that is if the ground will get dry enough. I don't have any more news, see soon.

Love,

Senard.

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Dear Dennerd:

Just a few lines in answer to your letter which I was very glad to get to-day, I was glad to learn that you was O.K. I hope this will find you well, As for me I am about the same as usual.

How are you progressing in school? fine I hope. what did they do about you riding the bus? are you going to have to pay \$300 a month? hope not.

I went to see Cousin Elzjie Ramsey last Saturday evening, it didnt cost me anything to go up there and back. I sure did have a nice time.

Guess you and mama have been having a time doing all the work and you going to school, have you missed school

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much on account of the rain? hope
not. Emma Dean should have stayed
there to help you and mama do the
work. Oh yes. I have a big stack of
those funny book's for you and some
funny papers too. I have a Kakahi Cap
but it might be a little large for you but
I think you can wear it all right.

That was a funny thing about
that hawk got killed, but I know
you had rather killed him with your
target. You must stay clear away
from those post, I guess that hawk
~~was~~^{was} looking for a Chicken. They
finally got me on kitchen duty, but I
am going to try to get off this week end
anyway, I will write you all a card so you
will get it Saturday. I don't have any news,
Trusting I will hear from you soon,
Love, Leland.

Menus for daily meals of the 1000 soldiers at Sheppard Field upon its completion will be planned six months ahead of time in order to insure plentiful amounts of the desired foods.

The menus, prepared by Sgt. Norman L. Foster, mess steward, a trained dietitian, are planned with the idea of giving well balanced meals to the young men each day. No menu is ever copied, Sergeant Foster said.

Food is ordered 45 days ahead of the day on which it is to be served by the quartermaster corps. All purchases must have three bidders, one of which will receive contract for the order. All but dry supplies are ordered on five days notice at the present time, according to Maj. Roscoe R. Gravit, mess officer.

The soldiers are fed cafeteria style, at the rate of 2,000 per hour in 10 mess halls, each of which averages 2,500 men at each meal. Breakfast is served between 6:45 and 8 o'clock, lunch between 10:45 and 12:45 o'clock and supper between 3:45 and 6 o'clock. The boys are served their food on new trays with seven indentations. They are allowed second servings on everything except dessert and milk.

Sunday Dishes

Sunday's meals are above the average, with extra dishes served the soldiers. Usually chicken or turkey, baked ham or some other similar delicacy, and the "All-American dessert, ice cream, is a Sunday event. On the Sabbath boys are served breakfast an hour later and supper an hour earlier.

A typical week-day menu prepared by the mess steward follows: Breakfast, bananas, dry cereal, fresh milk, pan cakes, scrambled eggs, diced bacon, toast, butter, coffee and sugar; dinner, beef steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, head lettuce, mayonnaise and celery, sliced peaches, iced tea, sugar, bread and butter; supper, pork chops, brown gravy, candied sweet potatoes, cream corn, apple and celery salad, cherry pie, lemonade, sugar, bread, butter and apple sauce.

Holiday Specials

Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners are anticipated annually by soldiers who know their meal at the post will compare favorably with those of the homestead. Each soldier's daily ration at the field averages about 46 cents, but the Thanksgiving and Christmas Day meals will total about 75 cents per person, mess officers said.

The menu for next Christmas Day at Sheppard Field, including the three meals, follows: Breakfast, berries, dry cereal, jam, raisin toast, white toast, fresh milk, butter, coffee and sugar.

Christmas Day dinner will include oyster stew, roast turkey and oyster dressing, giblet gravy, baked Virginia ham, snow flake potatoes, candied sweet potatoes with marshmallows, buttered asparagus tips, fresh buttered peas, corn on cob, cranberry sauce, Waldorf salad, sweet mixed pickles, stuffed olives, chilled celery hearts, Parker House rolls, whole wheat bread, rye bread, raisin bread, butter, fresh milk, coffee, mixed nuts, grapes, apples, oranges and bananas.

Supper on Christmas Day will consist of leftovers and special

HAIRSTON—Center, Texas, Oct. 28.—Final rites for J. F. Hairston, 55, who died at Houston, were conducted at the Timpson Methodist Church by the Rev. J. L. Bryant. Mr. Hairston formerly resided at Timpson and was at one time assistant cashier for the Guaranty Bond State Bank. He also was employed by the extension service of Texas A. & M. at College Station prior to his removal to Houston, where for the past twenty years he was an accountant for the Texas Company. He was born at Clayton and moved to Timpson at an early age. Survivors are his wife, two sons, Booth and Frank Jr., a brother, Roy Hairston, Tyler; two sisters, Mrs. P. A. Achurra, Sulphur, Nev.; Mrs. O. L. Storey, Houston, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hairston, Timpson.

HOLMES—Center, Texas, Oct. 28.—Final rites for Mrs. Tom Holmes, 62, native of Georgia but for many years residing in the Tennessee community of Shelby County, were conducted at Blair by the Rev. D. J. Collins. Besides her husband, Mrs. Holmes is survived by two sons, Albert and Joplin; two daughters, Miss Noble Holmes and Mrs. Curtis Peace; a sister, Mrs. Ira Holmes; a brother, Harris Herndon, and six grandchildren.

WILSON—Center, Texas, Oct. 28.—Funeral service for Baxter Wilson, 50, farmer of Shelby County, was conducted Monday at New Prospect Church, following his death in the Beuna Vista community. The Rev. E. V. Tunnell of Timpson officiated. Survivors are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Franklin Noble, Beaumont; four sisters, Mrs. Effie Rhodes, Center; Mrs. Marvin Shenherd, Timpson; Mrs. Lloyd Bowdlear, Arcadia, Calif., and Mrs. Ostene Depew, Shamrock.

treats for the two meals will be fruit cake, mince meat pie, pumpkin pie, cigarets, cigars, candy and mints.

Mess Personnel 1,000

Chefs in the mess halls at Sheppard Field are graduates of cooking and baking schools conducted by the army in each of the nine corps areas. The entire mess personnel, including cooks, supply men, butchers and bakers, make up the 320th school squadron and will be about 1,000 men strong upon the completion of the field.

The personnel will be headed by Major Gravit, commanding officer; Lieut. Carl B. Voeghtlin, adjutant; Lieut. John F. Kuntz, personnel officer; Lieut. W. L. Jeffries, utilities officer, in charge of all equipment.

Each mess hall will be headed by a mess sergeant and a first cook who will supervise the cooking in all mess halls. At the present time, Sergeant Foster who taught cooking and was a demonstrator for Westinghouse before entering the army 14 months ago, is supervisor of the cooking.

K. P. duty at Sheppard Field has lost much of its sting since arrival of the electric potato peelers, a large 60-quart mixer, onion slicers, and machines which pre-

METHVIN-MALLOY—Center, Texas, Oct. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Malloy of Timpson announce the marriage of their daughter, Vera Mae, to Claude Methvin, also of Timpson. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. L. Ross at the Methodist Church parsonage in Nacogdoches. Mr. Methvin is a son of J. E. Methvin of Carthage and has been residing in Timpson for a number of years. He is a member of Company D, Texas National Guard, now stationed at Camp Bowie.

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pare cabbage for slaw, dice carrot and make other salads.

Officers are allowed to eat in the mess halls for a minimum charge of 25 cents each meal, and are served at special officers' tables. The hospital unit and the guard house unit will have separate mess halls.

Sheppard Field Now Has Total Of 7,300 Troops

It was announced Tuesday the total number of men stationed at Sheppard Field was 7,300 as of midnight Monday. This represents a gain of more than 1,000 enlisted men in the last eight days.

Officials at the field said about 200 new arrivals were expected daily for some time.

1,000 Texans Homeless

(By The Associated Press.)

More than 1,000 persons were evacuated Thursday night from the Wichita Falls flood area as falling temperatures that brought snow to most of the Panhandle added to their suffering.

Lake Wichita reached a new high peak and spilled its overflow into roaring Holliday Creek, which flooded more than 100 homes, some of them the city's finest in the southern section.

It was the third time in the wettest year of record that Wichita Falls had fought damaging floods.

The lake at 8 p.m. flowed fifty-four and one-half inches over the spillway, ten inches higher than the record set earlier this month when 2,000 persons were driven from their homes, and the lake still was rising. A peak of sixty inches over the spillway was expected. Rains in the area ranged from four to 7.25 inches.

The Wichita River was a foot below the early October flood stage and the crest was believed passing. Railroads and highways were open except between Wichita Falls and Henrietta.

Rescue crews of soldiers, firemen and volunteers were working in 42-degree weather and the temperature still was falling.

Snow peppered down at Amarillo and flurries were reported over most of the Panhandle, with rainfall at most points south and east. The temperature dropped to 35 at Amarillo and was expected to reach a low of 30 by early Friday.

Lubbock reported snow there, at Littlefield, Muleshoe and points west and north, with a temperature of 35.6.

Borger reported snow, with sleet and rain, which was as unwelcome in that area as the black dusters of drouth days.

Feed crops and cotton were damaged in the Panhandle and on the Plains.

Colder weather for most of the state was predicted for Friday, with more snow for the Panhandle.

1.32 Inches at Dallas

Heavy rains throughout the Southwest Thursday that flooded Wichita Falls and turned into snow and sleet in the Panhandle, dropped 1.32 inches of precipitation on Dallas in twenty-four hours.

Winty blasts that have hit north and west of Dallas will reach here Friday night, Aubrey L. Haynie, assistant meteorologist at Love Field, said. Considerable cloudiness with occasional intermittent rain and falling temperatures are predicted for Friday.

The rain here ranged from drizzles to sudden torrents throughout Thursday.

The reason for the condition, Haynie explained, is that the cold front of a high barometric pressure area is pushing southeastward from the Rocky Mountain regions and striking warm, moist air of a low-pressure area which has enveloped Dallas several days.

Clashing elements of the opposing conditions are causing the rain to fall and in some sections the cold high is turning the rain into sleet and snow. Amarillo and Pampa, in the Panhandle, reported snow at midnight Thursday.