

Monday afternoon:

Sept 28, 1942

Dear Home folks:

Just received your letter today and you know I am always glad to hear from you and to learn that you were o.k., hope this will find you all well; I am about the same as usual. I also got your card today that you wrote Friday.

I guess the mail is slow about getting to town from out here so you should have got my letter Thursday or Friday anyway. Yes I got last Friday's Simpson Times, sure was sorry to hear about Mrs Shepherd passed away and also about the Childs boy; but it is possible that he is still a-live as a prisoner,

I still have hopes that he is a-live
as the statement didnt say that
he was dead. I had heard that the
Smith boy was somewhere across
the water.

Guess you all are picking Cotton
today; how much do you think
the patch will make? hope you get
a big bale anyway. Say Ellis, I
dont see why you didnt write
me too, I know you have time
to write on Sunday anyway.
If you was up here and I was at home
I know I would write you at least
once a week anyway. Glad you
are having good weather on the
feed and also for picking Cotton.
Have you cut any-more stove-wood
and heater-wood yet? guess you all

will be needing a fire pretty soon, it sure was cold up here Saturday and Saturday night as it come another Friday night and believe me the wind sure did blow hard.

How long did you tell Mr Winfrey to send me the paper and how much did you pay him? No I was not surprised to get that dun from Center, as I knew it was due Oct 10th. Guess I will send him a money-order when I get paid as I am suppose to get paid this coming Wednesday the 30th. I will try to send some money some time next week. I didnt think we owe quite that much at the Bank as I thought you all paid some on the note when Ellis got home from Dallas. I wrote and ask

Ellis what he thought about me saving^{up} some money to buy two monuments; if you all could get along O.K. without me helping you with the money, but he didn't even write me and you didn't say anything about it either, you know I am interested in you all just the same as if I were down there.

Ellis; I guess you will have to get a hand to help you cut some wood. Have you worked the Colt any yet? And is she going to work pretty easy? I guess you all think I ask too many questions about things down there.

No; I don't guess Lillie can help any-more on that note and I do not expect her to help anymore on it noway. I guess she will have

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more expenses than she can pay any-way. You all need not worry about that fifteen (\$15.00) dollars tax that is due the first of January; if nothing happens I will pay that myself, so please don't worry as that doesn't do any good. Say: Ellis Can you get the tin to cover the cow-stalls? if you can I will pay for it, you see about how much it will cost.

You ask when I thought I might come home, I don't know yet, but I will come as soon as I can.

Oh yea, Dorthey sent me some of those pictures and one ^{made} of Howard standing on the porch; it sure is sweet of him.

well, I went to Church again Sunday morn also Sun night, I went

to the first baptist Church this time, they sure have a fine preacher, he is Dr. A. D. Foreman, and believe it or not me and another boy went home with him (the preacher & family) for dinner, they sure are friendly people. He knows Rev. M. L. Rhodes at Houston. I sure enjoyed myself. That is the most beautiful Church I ever saw. This preacher is just five (5) or six (6) years older than I am; so you see he is not very old to have as big a job as he has got.

Mama, I guess you feel like you look pretty young as that man thought you was not over 45; and sure enough you don't look as old as you really are. I know you all would be suprised to see how many grey hair I have got

now, but there are some here that is
as grey headed as you are, but they
are older than I am.

I havent heard from Emma & Lillie
sence the last time I wrote you all, I
wonder if they have had Everettes trial
yet; hope he comes out OK. How is Della's
folk's? I have written them sence
I been up here, but havent heard
from them or Alford either.

Oh yes, you know it is just
about (160) one-hundred and sixty
miles from Amarillo to where Cousin
Jim Ramsey's And Cousin Minnie
Shepherd's folks live; you know
they live at Post Texas, I sure would
like to go down there, if I can get
off I might go pretty soon; trusting I will
hear from you real soon,
Love,
Lenord.

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Dear Dennerd:

I was glad to get your letter today and to learn that you was O.K., hope this will find you well; I am about the same as usual.

How are you getting along in school by now? you did not say in your letter what is your hardest subject? I bet it is english. Guess you have a big time at school. Do you play ball? I saw in the paper where Simpson beat Tenaha, guess you was glad of that.

Say you didnt ~~Q~~ tell me what kind of socks and do you want the striped overalls? and what size do you ware? I thought you

had rather have kakaki suits any-
way. Do you have a rain-Coat? You
write me about them as soon as you
get this letter unless you had
rather I would send you the money
and let you get your things down
there. I might get them cheaper up
here at Sears Roebuck & Co. I am
suppose to get paid wednesday the
30th. So you write me as soon as you get
this. Have you pick much Cotton?
Guess you have about got out a bale
this week. Oh yes you will have to
send me some parch peanuts when
I send you those things. You make Ellis
write me next time as he didn't write
this time. Have you all worked tiller yet? Did
you help Ellis any with the higor? I dont
have any news, trusting I will hear from you
real soon. Love,
Lenard