

Friday Afternoon:

Aug 20, 1943

Dearest mama:

Just got your letter a little while ago, was glad to hear from you and that you was o.k., hope this finds you o.k., I don't feel good as I am so nervous and all worried and torn up I don't know what to do.

Yes Dorothy had already wrote me about you going somewhere to keep house for some folks; I never was so shocked and suprised to hear about anything as I was to hear about that. mama I don't understand why you would leave the boys there at home as you know I told you and I wrote

you if and when you needed
some money to let me know
and I would send you some
money. I know you didn't have
to get out and get a job ~~and~~ make
your living. I never would thought
you would left Denward and Ellis
like that. why didn't you write
me for some money? You know I
always send you money if you
ask me for it. mama please
hurry and go back home and
stay there as there is no place
in the world like home even
it may-be poor, but I know you
and me still have a lot to be
thankful for. I want to see
you and talk too you so bad.
I don't know what to do; please

hurry and go back home. you know you need the boys so bad and they need you. you all should be so happy there together. The school is suppose to start in a few days and Dennard will want to start, but no one there to keep his cloths fixed and he has studyed hard and made good in school so far and I know he will want to go on and do the best he can in school.

mama you know the draft will get Ellis too if you are not at home, as they are going to start drafting fathers by Xmas. I am afraid they will get Alto. you know Dennard would have a fit if they get Ellis.

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as he and Ellis seem to have worked so good together the past year. He writes me about what all he and Ellis does together about their work. what did they say when you left? I bet they cryed; was Lillie and Everette there when you left? Dert they wrote me about Lillie & Everette Coming down home Sunday and going back Monday, dont see why they didnt stay about a week. Guess Emma Dean went home today as she said she was suppose to get three days off beginning today.

How Come you took know those people needed a house keeper and how come them to come after

You? Looks like they had to
Come a long way to get some-
one, don't see why they couldn't
get someone down there. Mama
please hurry and go back home as
you know the boys need you so
bad and you had a house to keep
without going away down there
too keep house for someone else,
for a few dollars; if I didn't
have to be in the army I sure
would not be here just for the
few dollars I get. You know the
boys can't do the work and keep
house and see after everything
like it should be done and
like it would be seen after if
you was there. Mama, please
hurry and go on back home and I

know you will if you "love" us
Children like I thought and
like I think you "love" us. I know
you and Ellis may not get along
real good, but every-body has
their faults, but you all try and
can be so happy and thankful
that everything is as well with
you all as it is. You just look
at me, having to live here in
the army like I am and so
discontented and my mind
is in such a mental strain
all the time, some-time I think
I will go Crazy anyway. mama
you know I dream last night
about me going home and you
was not there, I am not joking
either and you dont know how I

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Felt, mama you know us Children
love you too much for you
to be treated like a dumbbell
~~then~~ at home. I haven't heard from
the boys this week, I don't see
why they don't write. mama just
think what a hard and lonesome
time Dennard and Ellis will have
with-out you there. They can't
Cook you know and they will
be so lonesome you know. I
don't see how you ever had
enough Courage to ~~leave~~ ^{leave} them,
you just don't know how bad it
make's me feel, mama I don't know
just when I will go home, but I think
it will be about Sept 18th, sure hope
I get off then or before if I Can. mama
I know I wouldn't ^{want to} stay off down

there away from my home and
my Children just for a few extra
dollars. mama I guess I have
said about all I had better say
this time, so please go back
home and be contented and
let me know how much money
you need and I will send it
or have Dorothy to get it out
of the bank. Be sure and
write me as soon as you
get this letter, take care of
yourself, trusting I will hear
from you real soon.

Lots of Love,
Lenard.