

Thursday:

Dec 23, 1943

Dear mama:

I recieved your letter yesterday, was glad to hear from you and to learn that you all were o.k, hope this finds you all well, I am about the same.

Guess you all are getting a little "taste" of the kind of weather we have up here most of the time for the past four weeks, it got a little warmer this week, but it turned colder yesterday and began sleetng and snowing again last night but it quit before dinner today, it looks like it may start in again anytime now;

Guess you all got my Card and letter by now. Hope you have good weather to save the other hog you killed.

Mama, what is the matter that Cousin Ada can't live with any of her children, I don't see why she had rather live up there by her-self. If I was one of her boys I wouldn't let her do it if I could help it. That kindly looks bad on the children's part.

I sure hope the Army don't get Toby. I know they had to put him in I.A. Class as he was not working on a defance job, but maybe they won't get him as he is about 38 years old. I don't

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think they are drafting men that
old now. Sure makes me feel bad
to think he would have to be away
from Dorothy and Howard. I sure
would like to come home Xmas,
but I can't get enough time off,
hope the rest of the children are
there as Lillie said she was planning
to go home and I guess Emma &
I will go with her. Yes it will be a
good Xmas anyway if we are all
well and not sick. I got two more
presents, but I don't know what
they are as I haven't open them.
Guess this will be another Xmas
about like last Xmas was, but
I don't know if I will eat Xmas
dinner in a private home or
not. I want to go to a Xmas party at

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one of the Church's Friday night,
they are going to serve dinner or
supper to the soldiers.

Glod you got your horse and
that you like them. I got a
present from Oneita Ramsey this
week also one from a girl at
town yesterday.

How is Alford and Empil? I
hovent heard from them in a
good while. Hope Ellis got his shoes
and that they fit him.

Mama, what does Mason intend
to do at Lufkin? Guess Cousin
Ada dont want to live in
town. Take care of yourself,
Ans real soon.

Love,
Lenard.

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Dear Ellis:

was glad to get your letter yesterday and to learn that you was O.K., hope this finds you O.K., I am about the same as usual.

Guess all are having a little weather like we been having for the past month, but it got a bit warmer a day or too this week and turned colder yesterday and began snowing last night, but quit sometime this morning. Hope you all have good weather to save the meat.

Have you got the shoes I sent yet? hope you have and that they fit you O.K. Did you get

the package of junk I sent?
also the books, if you all don't
want the books, you can put
them in the wastebasket, I
thought you all might like
to read them if they were
any good, I didn't read them.

I sure would have like to
come home xmas, but they
won't give me enough time off
to make the trip. It will be a
good xmas anyway if we can
all stay well and not get sick.
I got two more presents this
week, but I don't know what it
is as I haven't open the package.

what have you been doing
this week? guess you have plenty
of fence to fix. Do you get any

one besides Dennard to help you cut wood? it sure is a big job to do by yourself.

I sure hope the draft dont get Foby, I dont hardly think they will as he is about 38 years old, they had to put him in Class I-A. as he was not working on a defence job. I dont see why he would not be defered on account of his age as I know there have been lots of the boys discharged on account of being 38 years old and some of them get occupational discharge under 38 years old.

I guess it is taking lots of feed for the stock this cold weather, I want to send some

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money to get some more feed soon after new year's also the money to pay the taxes, mama said they would be \$11.55, that is less than they were last year.

wish I could send those 22 shells by mail, if I can't I will send them by express in a few days.

Have you heard wheather any body is going to move on Lloyds place or not? what is Bennie doing? guess he been pretty busy cutting wood too. Oh yes have you talk to Alto sentle he got his I.A. Card and does he seem to be worried much about it?. You be sure and write me as soon as you get the shoes, hope you have a good xmas, take care of yourself, ans real soon, Love, Lenard.

Thursday night:

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Dear Dennard:

I was glad to get your letter yesterday and to learn that you was ok. I had been expecting a letter from you for the past several days as you and Ellis and Moma owed me a letter, but you and Ellis wait longer to ans my letter than Moma does. Hope this finds you doing fine, I am about the same as usual.

Guess you all are having some cold weather like we have had for the past month. There has been snow and ice on the ground two

week's and it began to snow again last night, but it quite sometime this morning.

Hope you have a good time Xmas, but it won't seem much like Xmas as there are not any firecrackers and you can't get any gun shells ^{more} to hunt either; I sure would like to come home for Xmas but they won't let me ^{have enough time} off, but it will be a good Xmas anyway if we can stay well and not get sick. You write and tell me what all you got for Xmas and I will write and tell you what I got. I got two more presents this week, but haven't open them so I don't know what it is.

I sure hope Alto don't have to

go to the Army, guess they had to put him in I.A. Class as he was not working on a defense job. Lillie wrote me that Everett had to go to the draft board, they may get him in the Army yet. Guess she and Everett will be there too.

Guess you are enjoying some more good fresh meat and sausage, hope you have good weather to save the meat.

How are you getting along in school by now and what did you make on mid-term exams? hope you passed all your subjects O.K. Guess you and Bettie and Christine go to the buss together now. Say how about some of those ^{panched} small peanuts; wish you and Ellish had this box of 22 shells that I got, take care of yourself, and real soon,
Love,
Lenard.