

Thursday eve:

March 30, 1944

Dear Dennard:

Just a few lines in ans to your letter which I was glad to get today, glad to learn that you was O.K., I am about the same as usual. How many pages did you write in your letter? There was just one page in there with mama and Ellis's letters, you or someone didn't put it all in the envelope.

I sure thank you for your picture, it is really a good one of you. How much do you weigh? You look almost as large as Ellis in the picture. I was expecting a letter from you all yesterday but didn't get it, so I wrote you all one last night and had already mailed it when I got your letters today.

Did the hail hurt your tomato plants? hope not, you never said in your letter if it did or not, sure hope you all are having some nice dry weather by now. It come a blizzard here last Monday night also a snow and it snowed most all day Tuesday, but it has ^{been} _(over)

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pretty yesterday and today. Hope you all don't have to plant the Corn over. Have you been helping Ellis do much plowing? I bet you all did have a time trying to catch that pig when he got out.

How are you getting along in school by now and did you pass on all your last six-weeks exams? hope you did. Say when will school be out? maybe I will get my furlow about May 15th sure hope so. Guess tomorrow will be a big day with us as it is payday.

I heard that Edward quite school so he could farm as they said he has an acre of tomatoes.

Say could you get the negative of your picture that you sent me? if you could get it, I would like for you to send it too me and I would have some enlarged as it is such a good picture. I don't have any news, and soon.

Love,

Lenard

Thursday Night.

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Dear Ellis:

Just a few lines in ans to your letter I received today, however I had already put you all a letter in the mail when I got yours today, but it won't hurt if I write again anyway if I don't have any news; Hope this finds you O.K., I am about the same as usual.

Sure hate to hear that it is still raining so much down there as it is pretty discouraging to people that are trying to farm. Hope the hail didn't hurt your tomatoes, you never said anything about it in your letter. Do you think the potatoes will come up O.K.? hope they do and that you don't have to plant the corn over either.

I am glad you could put in the sixteen units that they require the farmer to have, but I know it will take lots of work for that many. Guess you have enough milk cows for 8 or 10 units. How many chickens and pigs or hogs does it take for a unit? I know ^{each} a milk cow is one unit. How many extra acres of crop will you have to plant? You
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go on and plant it wheather you get to Cultivate it or not. Are they going to come and check you to see if you have the 16 units? hope they don't. How is your mare? hope she is O.K. Moma said she was sick the other night. Have you heard from the draft board since you was down there? hope they defer you. I see in the paper where they are having a squable over the drafting of farmers.

Guess tomorrow will be a big day here as it is payday for the Army.

How does billie work to a single plow now? hope he does O.K. Guess you will be glad when school is out as you need Dennard to help in the field if it will stay dry so people can work.

Say did you all buy a bond with part of that forty dollars I sent? you all never said anything about it in your letters. what did I tell you to do with the rest of it beside the ten dollars for Cow feed and the \$18.75 for a bond? I forgot what I told you to do with it, tell me when you ans this letter. Take Care of yourself, ans soon.

Love,

Dennard.

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Dear Moma:

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

Guess you think I got in a hurry to write again, but I had already put that letter in the mail that I wrote you all last night, when I got the letters from you all today.

Did the hail hurt your tomatoes? hope not, you never said in your letter if it did or not, I know the flood was bad, sure hope you all are having some pretty dry weather by now. I told you in that letter about the blizzard and snow that we had last Monday night and Tuesday, but it has been pretty the last two days.

Do you think you all will have to plant the Corn over and is the potatoes coming up O.K.? yes I think you got a good hatch to get 90 chicks out of 112 eggs, hope you have good luck with them. yes it takes lots of work to

take care of little chicks and hogs and a garden with all the other work to do, but the farmer has to work for every-thing they get and still don't have much, but after all I can see what a happy contented life it is in spite of the "back-sets" and "disappointments"

Mama you never said a word about if you bought a bond with my money or gave it to Dorothy to put in the bank for me. You know I sent enough to buy a bond beside the ten dollars for cow-feed and I forgot what I told you to do with the rest of the \$40.00 I sent you, please write me about it when you ans this letter.

I am glad you all could make up the Hermits for Ellis. How many acres of Crops does it take for one unit? I know one milk cow is one unit, so I guess you have enough cows that will give milk to make eight units. Mama you never said if you was giving Al the five dollars that he wanted or not, if you send it to him I will give you five to replace it. Those pictures sure are good of Dennard, thanks for send it to me. How is Dorothy & family? I haven't heard from them in several days. Take care of yourself, see soon.

Love,
Dennard