

"Monday Afternoon:

Nov 24, 1941

Dearest Home Folks:

I am wondering why I can't hear from you all, I wrote all of you a separte letter last week and told you too Answare right back, but I have not got an Answare yet. I was looking for a letter Friday & Saturday and today, but I did not get it. I did get one from Emma Dean & Dorthy today.

I hope this will find you all well, as for me about the same as usual, Altho I have a rising under my right Arm, it has been pretty bad, but it is Getting well now, the Dr opened it last Thursday morning, believe me it sure did hurt. I Guess

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you have got those funney books by now. I mailed them Saturday morning. Dennerd; I don't want you too let your lessons go, and read those books.

Ellis: I guess you have got the Corn gathered by now; how much ^{corn} did you get? I hope it did not turn out as bad as the Cotton did; how does the Colt look by now? I guess it is almost as large as her mother by now. Guess you have got someone to help you cut some more wood by now. Maybe I can help you cut some wood Xmas. I don't know wheather I will get home before Xmas or not; it will Cost me \$9.15 to ride the bus a-round trip, so you see that is almost half as much as I get in a month; you see we are going to need some money for Xmas if nothing

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happens as you know it is just a month away. Say, Ellis where did you get another bird dog? Denmark wrote me that you all had another dog. Have you all killed a hog yet? Wish I could be there too help you.

Dorthey said Lois Crump passed away, sure was bad. Did they bury her at Shady Grove? Last Sunday was the first Sunday I have failed to go to Church at town in over a month, I had to go on ^{duty} Sunday night, and Sunday morning I had to doctor my rising.

How is that P.O.f syrup, is it good? hope so. Did you get anyone to help strip it? Oh yes; you know they are asking us for a dollar a-pile for The Red-Cross, it is something all the

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time for money, they have been keeping 50¢ out of our pay for first one thing and another, I don't think they should want us to pay on so many things, as we don't get much no way.

I am very sorry that I am not in a better shape too help Emma ^{more} than what I am. I don't see where she thinks I could help much as she knows that money has got to be paid back at the Bank if possible and Ellis can't get out and get a job if he "farms", I think you all will do well to get by with what I help you to keep from going in debt. I wish Emma could get her a steady job there at home. I don't have any news, Ans soon.

P.S. Do you think we will have to pay Denner's school bus fare? hope not. You write Denard. me about what you and Ellis think about Emma going to school.

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Ellis Can not get out and get a job if he "farm" and as you know I don't get any-thing much here either, your board would cost you over a hundred dollars and your Book₂ and tuition and paper & pencils would cost from (\$1 25) too (\$1 40) dollars, I know you want to do something, but it is hard that poor people Can not do the things that they want to do. Elezebeth has to pay (\$20.00) dollars a month board, so you Can figure about what 8 months would cost you. I am telling you the truth, eight (8) months will just get you started good in that business College, so you know what I have got to help you with or what I will have, if I was

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not in the Army; I Could help
you manage for some money some-
where, it would help my feelings so much
if I was where I Could help you, but
these things we Can not help. I am
afraid you hit Lillie & Everette at the
wrong time as they are trying to pay for
that Car. you know they will tell
you anything to get your scholar-ship
in the College, you Could not make
them get you a job at the end of 8
eight months if they didnt want
too. you might Could work some after
school and on Saturdays if you
Could get the job. you talk to mama
and Ellis more about it, then I will
write you more about what I Can do.
Ans soon.

Love, Lenard.