

~~His father~~, Texas
April 17, 1943

Dear Mama and Ellis,

Hope this finds you all O.K. My tooth is about all right but my shoulder is sore from helping put up my bed. We moved it out on the back porch Wednesday. The sleeping porch, that is, so now I sleep out there.

Got your letter Monday I think it was and received one from Leonard yesterday. He sent Aaron's address and said he got a 15 day furlough starting tomorrow. Said he might come by here but don't guess he will as he just came a few weeks back.

I am sending the dress and hooks. Guess it is a little early for a mothers day gift but that's what it will be. I guess it will be your first mothers day present. Hope it fits and I didn't hem it because I would probably get it too short. I swiped some of Lillies edging to

go on the Collar and Cuffs. By the way, don't mention to Lillie that I sent it to you.

They had a stark shower for Lillie's friend Geneva Addell last night. He sent something but didn't go. She is Ludy's (Texas Founders) sister.

Guess you have the tomatoes out by now. It is just like summer today. Some more of this unusual Dallas weather. It is always being different. Our flowers are coming up pretty good. Do you have any radishes and stuff big enough to eat?

I am supposed to get my picture tomorrow week. A week from Saturday. It really has taken them a long time to make it.

Maybe I already told you but I got my ^{last week} shoes, and are they pretty. Hope Lillie will give me a purse to match them for my birthday. I need a pair of hose too.

I went to Church last Sunday and it was a Methodist too. A woman introduced herself and her husband and asked me to come to see them. It sure is a nice Church but the people are friendly. Answer soon. Guess you will be seeing Leonard tomorrow night. Love, E. D. R.

Dallas, Texas
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Dear Kennard,

Happy birthday! Am sending you a funny book so you can keep 'em smilin' See? That is just sort of reminding you that I have a birthday the 27th you know. You remember mine and I'll remember yours. Leonard said he was going to ask Mr. Stamps to sing me a solo on my birthday and I am just wondering if that is his present to me.

How are Christine and Betty's measles? You should have written me last time and told me about them.

Leonard said you had been riding the little Colt. Do you ride the other one too?

Are you still making passing grades? You had better pass so you can graduate from grammar school. Or do you have to go another year?

I have been to a few good shows but not by myself since writing you last. "It Started With Eve" Great Giana, "Rolling Westward" with Tex Ritter; my favorite, and a gangster picture. I forgot the name of it. You have any Defense Stamps yet? I have two 25¢ ones. "Keep 'em Flying" and answer the next time mama writes
Lots of Love, Emma Dean