

Friday:

July 9, 1943

Dear mama:

I was very glad to get your letter today and to learn that you all were O.K. I look for a letter from you all yesterday, but didn't get it. Hope this finds you all well, I am about the same as usual.

Sure hate to hear the Crops need rain so bad and don't get it. we can't understand why the Crops can't get rain after people work so hard to make a living, but I sure hope you all do get rain before it is altogether too late.

Well, if you were to get a rain and hail storm like it came

up here yesterday eve; You would not even have Any Crops left at all. It was the worst thing I ever saw, some of the hail was about the size of Guinea eggs, it would have Covered the ground if it had not been raining so hard and melted the hail. It was the worst rain I ever saw in my life, you Couldnt see any-where hardly as it was so thick.

I am glad you all have got too Can as much as you have, maybe you will get rain and Can raise some late peas and watermelons, I know it makes you all feel bad too have a pretty Crop and see it go down for the need of rain, And it makes me feel bad too as you know

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I am interested in seeing you all
make something too, even tho I am
off up here. Glad you got the money ^{ok.}
I answered your letter right back
that I got lost Saturday by air mail,
looks like you should have got it
by Tuesday anyway. I sent the
money for that ^{ok} dun yesterday.
I haven't heard from Emma Dean
sence she got back to Dallas, but
I got a letter from Lillie, she was O.K.
and that she didn't have to work
the 4th. Did you all go to Pleasant
Grove? You didn't say in your letter.

Oh yes, And Old Robert
got married, I know he is the
happiest man you ever saw, the
saying is, "if there is a will, there
is a way," so I guess it is true. I

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knew his wife and I ~~thought~~^{think} she is a very fine girl.

I took a nice little trip the last week end. we went to Carlsbad New Mexico, sure did have a nice time. That is the most wonderful place I ever saw. we ate dinner 3.26 three hundred and twenty-six feet under the ground. There were over eleven (1100) hundred people went thru the Cave at the same time. you walk down a winding trail. part of the time you are over eight hundred (800) feet under the ground. It is beyond my knowledge of discription, but I will send you all some picture's in a few days. we made the trip in Mittie's Car, there were three other girl's made the trip with us.

How long are you going to stay at Tyler? you didn't say in your letter, hope you have a nice time.

I mailed that package of junk yesterday, guess you all can use the pencils and some other things. hope you get it O.K. Mama Can you all get any good Chewing gum down there? I would send you some if you want me too as I can get it up here.

Have you all had any ripe melons yet? They sure are a good price up here. Mama have they ~~not~~ worked the Cemetery at Shady Grove yet? hope so. You drop me a Cord while you are at Tyler if you don't have time to write a letter. Ans real soon.

Love, Lenard.