

Friday eve:

May 26, 1944

Dear Ellis:

I got your letter today, glad you all were O.K., look like it took a long time to get here as it was post-marked the 22 and I got it the 26th. Hope this finds you O.K.; I don't feel so good, but my cold is some better. I don't believe anybody ever had a worse cold than I have had, it sure has been a tuff one.

I sure was suprised that you got a notice to be examined. If they got any human heart, I don't see how they could take you. They know you can't be replaced on the farm and they claim they are defereing men that can't be replaced on an important job and your job is more important than the one's that are not working on

The Farm, I sure hope they defer you as you all have went to so much expense and did so much hard work. As you know I am worried about it, maybe if you have to go anyway, they will wait till the Crop is finished before they ~~take~~^{call} you. If they do Call you I am going to do everything I can to get out and I think there is a Chance for me to get out.

Hope you all are having pretty weather now as you need it so bad. It has rain a good bit here today and looks like it may rain a lot more just anytime, it is real Cool here now.

I hope you did not pass the examination for the Army. I am pretty sure I would have already been gone from here if I had ~~pass~~ passed my physical examination.

You sure have spent a lot of money on your Crop, but I know every-thing you buy is so very high.

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you must have bought a lot of feed.

Do you all have any young calves yet? I think you were suppose to have some.

Lillie wrote me that Everett had a trial coming up, hope he come out O.K., I haven't heard from her since they had the trial.

I don't know when I will get a furlow, but I am due one now, hope I get it in a few days. I sent a box of junk; some odd gloves, you use them if you can to work in, but those knit gloves are to ware in cold weather.

Did you go see Mr. Buddell? hope he is better by now. I don't have any news, Ans soon.

Love,
Lenard.

Friday eve:

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Dear Dennard:

I don't have much news as usual, but thought I better ans your letter which I was proud to get this morning, glad you were O.K, hope this finds you O.K, I still have my old bad Cold, but it is a little better than it has been.

Looks like it took a long time for me to get your letter as it was post marked last Monday the 22nd and I never got it till Friday morn (today).

I hate to hear that you all are having too much rain again, sure hope you are having some pretty weather now. It sure is Cool and wet here as it has rain a good bit here today.
You said mama and Ellis went

Coso and Della's, what did you do and did you stay at home by yourself? you should not have did that. How is Mr. Ruddell? hope he is better.

I sure hate to hear that Ellis got a hearing to be examined, I don't see why they would want to take him. He Can't be replac'd and his job is just as important and a little more so than any one else. I know they Can't come not to take men where they Can't be replac'd on an important job, sure hope they defer him again.

you ask when I would get a furlow? I hope to get it very soon as I am due one now, sure hope I get it. oh yes I got you a dandy pair of winter gloves today, they are leather with a knit lining also a small note-book with a lot of paper. ^{I am sending it also and a batch of scratch paper.} Are you doing much plowing now? Guess you been pretty busy. Guess you will be chopping cotton pretty soon. I don't have any news, and soon.
Love, Lenard.

Friday afternoon:

May 26, 1944

Dear Mamma:

I have already mailed you all one letter this week, but will try to scratch you a few lines again in ans to your letter which I was very glad to get this morning, was glad to learn that you all were all O.K., hope this finds you all well, I don't feel very good with this old bad Cold, but it is a little better than it was a few days ago. I take as good care of myself as I usually do, but it is one of those bad kind of Colds. Sure hate to hear that you all

are having too much rain again, sure hope it is pretty weather there by now. It has rained a little here today and looks like it may rain anytime now.

I was sure surprised that Ellis had to go be examined; sure hope he gets deferred again as I don't see why they keep bothering him; I know they are not suppose to take a man that can't be replaced and his job is just as important as any other job and more so and he can't be replaced either. Moma did you go to center to see ^{the draft board} about it? hope they deferred him again. It sure has got me worried and I was already worried enough. About I may have to move from up here, but I heard a ~~few~~ few minutes ago that my name was "scratched" off the

list so maybe I will get to stay here
a while longer; sure hope I get my furlow
soon. If I don't get it I will try to let
you know by June 3rd.

How is Mr Ruddell by now? hope he is
better. I was sorry to learn that he was
so bad.

Lillie wrote me that Everette had a trial
coming up, hope he come out O.K. I wonder
why E & D still don't write me, I have
always been good about writing to her
and always helped her when she ask
me, if I could and I always stop by
to see her when I was going thru
Dallas, she know I would have come
home while she was there if they had
let me off; it makes me feel bad and
feel like she don't care anything more
about me. Oh yes I will pay you for my
part on the paper soon after payday. As I got
about seven letters today, guess I better try to
ans some more, take care of yourself, ans soon.
Love, Lenard.