

Thursday night.

Dear Ellis:

Nov 30, 1944

Just received your letter yesterday, was glad to learn that you all were O.K, hope this finds you O.K, I am not so good with this bad Cold, I got some medicine at town last night.

It sure is Cold here now, the Coldest it has been here this winter, the temperature was down to fifteen part of the time today and the radio said it would be down to eleven tonight. I told you all about the snow in my other letter. Did you get to kill a hog yet? don't guess the first Cold spell was a very good time to kill one as it is so

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wet as it has been raining so
much.

Glad you got the syrup made
but I know it was a big job,
it turned out pretty good I think
did it make Clear syrup? I bet
it is good with hot butter biscuits.
you sure had a time getting
something to put the syrup
in, hope it keeps good in those
old Can's and jars. Say, I
don't think I understood just
what you meant by saying that
"you would show that prospect
bunch yet." Was some of them
made remarks about your farming
or about you staying out of the
Army this long? I hope they haven't.
Well I guess the draft board
didn't pay any attention to the

papers you all made out, they don't have any heart or feeling at all for mama and Dennard if they go on and draft you, they just don't have any humane feeling about them. Ellis I think the red-Cross could have some influence on the draft board if you all would ask the red-Cross to help you get deferred. You go to the Chairman of the red-Cross there at center and talk to him about it, I know they can help you if they will do it. You all stay with it and do all you possible can to get deferred, I sure hope they will defer you again.

I sure was sorry and surprised

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to hear about Mr McLeroy's death, sure bad. He will be missed by all his friends as well as his family; hope they put a good man in his place.

Ellis I talk to a man up here about me having the payments started for mama, but he thought it best for me to wait, because if you have to go to the army, I will try to get out and I would stand a better chance of getting out ^{for dependents} if mama don't have any allotment. I think I can get out as I am not qualified for over-sea service now, so you see that will help me to get out. If they take you, I don't want you to have an allotment made till I see if I can get out, but if you don't have to go I will

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have the payments made out at
once, I can have them started
for January. If they ^{the draft board} sends you
to Houston, maybe you can get them
to fail you on the examination,
you know what I mean. C. You
all be sure and see the red-
cross and if they will, I
think they can help you.

Take care of yourself, write
me real soon.

Love, Lenard.

Thursday afternoon.

Nov 30, 1944?

Dear mama:

I was very glad to get your letter yesterday and too learn that you was O.K. Hope this finds you O.K. I am about the same as usual with my cold. I got me some medicine for it at town last night.

well I guess you all know how it feels to have cold weather, it sure is cold here. The temperature was 15 above zero here this morning so you see that is really cold.

Today is pay day here so I guess I will get paid this afternoon, so you see it will be my last pay

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they can do it if they want too.

I was very sorry and surprised too learn about Mr McLeroy's death. sure is bad and he will be missed so much by his friends as well as his family. No I didn't know Mr Dardy, guess he was not a Christian, but I think Mr McLeroy was a good man.

It is still very cold here and I think it may snow again in a day or two. Have you all killed a hog yet? glad you all got the syrup made out, guess it is a pretty good price if you want to sell some of it. Moma Sam sending the papers back, I thought you may want them. If they have any heart and humane feeling in them, they will defer Ellis again. Moma Ellis wants me to have the allotment made out for you all right now, but I think it would

be best to wait and see if he has
to go too the Army, and I talked
to a man up here about it and he
thought it would be better to
wait. You see I would stand
a better chance to get out of
the Army as your dependence if
you are not getting an allotment
as I think I can get out if
Ellis does have to go too the Army.
You see I am disqualified for
over-sea duty at present and
that will be to my advantage
to get a discharge. Take care of
yourself, and soon.

Love, Lenard.