

Monday Afternoon:

Sept 24, 1945

Dear mama:

Just a few lines in ans to your letter which I received to-day, glad to learn that you all were o.k. Hope you all are well of your bad Cold by now. they sure make a person feel bad in hot dry weather. Has it rain there lately and is it still hot? it is very dry here ~~also dry~~ but cooler than usual as it came a norther last night.

Well I bet you think I don't go to Church as much now as I did before I married, but we do, we been going both Sun morn and night every Sun sence we were married except last night, and the reason we never went last night was that we were out of town.

You see we went out to picolo Duro Canyon yesterday afternoon on a pic nic with some of Marie's friends and we never got back in time for Church last night, we sure had a nice time, had all the fried Chicken I wanted, they cooked it down in the Canyon, it was the first I would not go.

time Marie and I had been anywhere like that sence we were married.

I guess you all seen the write-up in the times about our wedding and her shower. I saw it; as I didn't get my paper till today. I bet a lot of people were suprised to see it in the paper or hear that I was married either. Has any one ever said anything to you about it?

Mama, I did not get a little mad with you either about the blue letter and I wish you would not emagiene that I did either. I know you would not like for me to write you a blue letter either.

Sure was nice in Lillie to give you all ten dollars to buy paint for the house, but she told me a short time ago that she got a little raise in her pay. Well if I didn't have anyone but myself to look after I could give you ten dollars or more, but you see it cost us over ~~forty~~ forty dollars a month to live in town as groceries ^{and rent} are so high. What color paint are you going to use inside the rooms? I think a light ^{blue} or dark blue would look very nice.

Mama, I don't see why you said you would not get another Chuck and that

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I would be out of the Army about Oct 1st,
 & I have not told you exactly
 when I would get out as I do not even
 know my- self, but anyway you will
 get the September Check if nothing
 happens, so don't worry about that.

Now how come you to say in your
 letter, "Just the same we are still down
 here and if you don't want to come why
 don't." I wonder what you intended to
 say but you never finished asking the
 question. You know I have never said
 a word about not wanting to come
 home and I don't see why you think I
 don't want to come as you know I have
 always come home every chance I
 had to come. I certainly do want
 to come when I get out and I guess
 I will come, but Marie may not come
 as she would lose her job. You see
 our house rent would have to be paid just
 as if we were there as we would have to have
 our things there while we are away.

I hope Ellis eye fits good and that he
 likes it better by now, he will have to get use
 to it as anyone has to get use to wearing false
 teeth. Take care of yourself, write soon.
 Love,
 Lenard.