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Dallas, Texas
March 24, 1942

Dear Mama and Ellis,

Just got your card this morning and wrote you one yesterday so guess you got it this morning too. Am going to write Leonard so thought I would write you all a letter.

Have got my proofs for my pictures also. Hope it turns out o.k. I got four and get to pick which one I want. They are all different poses. They are my birthday present to me from me.

We have been painting some old chairs of Lillies and she has a second hand glider we re-painted. When it gets warm enough we are going to move my bed out on the sleeping porch and recover a chair and fix the chest of drawers, as it is coming a part. Get me a little bed lamp, put them all out there and there you have a nice little room. I think I'll paint the bed and chest of drawers and chair the same color.

Lillie has a pretty good navy blue rayon dress that is too small for her that I will send when I send those true stories. You didn't say whether the subscription was out or not. Lillie is getting fatter all the time but I have not gained much if any. (over)

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Melba gets next Saturday evening and Sunday morning off, if they don't change it, and hope she can come rock. I haven't seen her for almost a month. They won't let them go anywhere hardly.

Everett has gone out to the North Am. Aircraft Co. today as this is his day off. He is more than likely to get on out there and the starting salary is 50¢ an hour for everyone I think. Ellis, Melba the Mancill's Cousin, is working out there now.

Answer soon.

Lots of Love,
Emma Dean

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Dear Dennard,

I was glad to get your letter but why don't you write more? Guess you are not liking school on Saturday are you? Why are they doing it? I think it is very silly. They don't up here.

Have you heard "Moonlight Cocktail"? It is really getting popular. But I like "Deep in the Heart of Texas" better than "Blues in the Night." Yes, I heard Kate Smith sing "And Lillie has "Deep in the Heart of Texas" on a record. I want to get "Deliah" and "A String of Pearls" both by Glenn Miller. Did I tell you about seeing the show "Sun Valley Serenade"? It had Glenn Millers band in it and they played "Chattnoga Choo Choo" over and over. The stars were John Payne and Sonja Henie. I have seen two airplane pictures "Dive Bomber" with Errol Flynn and "Devil Dogs of the Air" with James Cagney. You remember the Dead End Kids? I have seen them in "Bowery Blitz" and "Mob Town"

Have you bought any Defense Stamps? They make Lillie and Everett buy a dollar one each every week. I haven't gotten any yet.

I went downtown by myself on the street Car yesterday and boy did I have a time! You ought to have been with me. Tell Christine and Betty Hellband be sure and pass your subjects Answers soon. Lots of Love,