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Thursday night:
Dec 2, 1943

Dear Mama:

I was very glad to get your letter yesterday and too learn that you all were O.K, how is your leg by now? You dident say anything about it in your letter, hope this finds you all well, I am about the same, but my leg's hurt me so bad last Sunday night, I couldent hardley go to sleep, I dont know why they hurt so bad at times.

I should have wrote you before now, but I was expecting to hear from you. I got the xmas

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package mailed this week, but I put on it not to open till Xmas, so I guess if you got it before you got this letter you didn't open it, but if you haven't got it, you don't worry about it as it may take a week or too to get it as the mail is so heavy out of Amarillo. The postmaster said up here that if the Xmas packages did not get in the mail by Dec 4th, that they would not be delivered for Xmas, so that is why I got in a rush and got mine off, I also mailed Lillie, Emma Dean and Everette

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their package and also one too Dorthey and family, I sent them all by insured mail, hope you all and the rest of the folks get the pack's O.K. I did not get any expensive presents, but I tryed to get something that all of you would get a little good out of it.

Have you all got any rain yet? hope you have, the little snow that Come up here didn't amount to a half inch of rain. Glad you are having good weather on your fresh pork, I know it is good. If you send me some sausage, you put it in a ice-cream Carton

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as it will keep better that way. You ask what I did Thanksgiving day; it was just another day too me as I was on duty.

Oh yes, which one of my pictures did you give Cousin Pink? I didn't care if you give her one if she wanted it. I got a letter from Aaron this week, he was O.K and said he was at home one night as he and the other boy was on their way too California as that is where he is now.

Dorthey said Mr Lue Rhodes had a bad spell after they moved too Pt Arthur, hope he is O.K by now. Has Lloyd and family moved yet? Hope they can stay there and

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P.S:- I am sending you $1.00 as an extra little gift, I thought they may have a Xmas tree at the school-house and Leonard might need a dollar or too, that is why I sent him two dollars.

Farm as you all are lots of Company to one another. Has Bennie and family moved yet? I bet they sure hate to come back down there.

Did the potatoes make pretty good before the frost got them? Hope they did. That was sure nice for Lloyd and wife to give you a Xmas present. Yes Xmas will be here and gone before we realize it as it is just a few days now untill Xmas. I got a letter from Emma today she was O.K., said she was about thru Xmas shopping. It is pretty Cold now, and looks like it may rain or snow before morning. Take Care of Yourself and write me as soon as you get the package, ans soon. Love, Lenard.

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Dear Ellis:

I was very glad to get your letter yesterday, but sorry to learn that you all had bad Colds, hope this finds you O.K, I am about the same as usual with a bad Cold and my rheumitisim hurts me pretty bad at times.

Glad you are having good weather on that fresh pork. I know you are enjoying that good sausage and new syrup. Has it rained any lately? hope so. I know the pastures will be in bad shape for the stock

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this winter as it has been so dry on them. Wish I could be there to help you cut the pine-bushes as you have plenty of them and lots of fence to fix. Have you got much wood cut now? I bet you will need plenty of it after Xmas.

I mailed the Xmas packages this week, hope you all get it by Xmas. I also sent Lillie, Everette and Emma Dean one and Dorthey and family. It may take several days to get it as the mail is so heavy out of Amarillo, but I sent it all by insured mail. I didn't get Costley presents, but I tryed to get something that you

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would get a little good out of. I spent about twelve dollars for 9 presents and dident get very much either, but I hope you like it. I am sending you a dollar as a little extra present, it will get you some Cigars and a few Cuts of "Days-work" I am sending Den two dollars as he may need it if they have an Xmas tree at the school house.

Yes that sure is high for those tires, but I guess you are luck'y to get one at all. As for the Xmas present, You know I don't expect you all to get me presents as I am making more money than you are, but what-ever you wont to get as for toilet articles such as tooth past, razor blades (single edge)

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hair tonic, shaving cream and shave lotion, hand Chiefs; Say, you see if you can find that white slip over sweater of mine, it is either in the Cedar Chest or in my trunk, and send it with that pair of wool underware if you all can find them.

I did not get a holiday Thanksgiving day as it was just another day too me. Looks like you and Toby would have found a few squirriels as I thought there were a good many on the mountain. Oh yes, that hardware man at town here told me he would get me two boxes of target shells, as that is all he is supose to let

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one man here and he said he was just supose to sell them to a farmer but he would let me have some as he and I are good friends. Guess I will have to send them to you all by express as you can't send gun shells by mail, I will try to get them too You by Xmas. Did You ever get your two boxes from Mr Taylor?. Say has Bennie moved yet and did you get Lloyd too help you Cut some wood? Has Lloyd had to go to the army yet? Hope not. Hope they can stay there and farm. Have you heard from the Droft board yet? Hope not. I got a letter from Aaron this week

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He is in California. I also got a letter from Emma today, she was O.K. I haven't heard from Lillie in several days. Della wrote me that Milton had not heard anymore from the draft board yet. Say has Lettie's monument come yet? Mr Prince said he would want you to haul it out from town in the pickup to the Cementery when it come, it was supose to come by Nov. 28th.

Did you get that Cow fed yet and how much did it cost? I wont to send some more money sometime next month, take Care of yourself, ans soon.

Love, Lenard.