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My Dear Little Boy:-

It is still raining and don't look like it is going to let up very soon, so dark and cold too. Are you having to work out in rain without the proper clothing? You see that you get a rain coat and rubbers for your work shoes. I heard the wind and rain this morning and it just made me worry about you so much.

I am glad that you like your work but let me tell you to be careful of that swamp grass for it is very deceiving while a clump one place will hold up a man's weight the next one that looks just like it will not. I have been getting information on it and it is very treacherous and as I had a dream about Mother I know that something is not so good somewhere but all I can do is to as God to put his arm around you and shield you from all harm. Then too, you must use caution and good common sense.

I got your letter today at noon and dropped a post card in the office while there telling you that I had sent your coat yesterday morning early and sent it to the house address at Magnolia. I hope you get it all right, in fact I know you will and Mrs. Lewis knew that I was sending it there to you and she will see that you get it all right.

I am so glad that you like the place and the young folks, I too think that they are nice young people from just the little that I saw of them.

I am so glad that the work there will last as long as you think it will, it is news that certainly makes me very happy and I am sure that God will answer our prayers.

Yes we made it back to Kentwood O.K outside of getting off the road for a few miles but it did not take me long to realize that it was strange territory for I have learned to take note of little things along the roads to guide me and of course I soon found out that I was on the wrong trail and retraced back to the fork of the road and got going right. I did take it pretty slow because I did not want to have any tire trouble from hitting those unexpected holes and bumps but I enjoyed it outside of feeling so lonely and blue at not having you with me.

If you think it best that we take an apartment and you can find a fair one in a decent location I will be right with you, you can bet on that. You said that you would be working toward Gulfport, well in that case will you come back each night by boat to Pascagoula? You did not explain that or do you know yet, or would you have to stay someplace in Gulfport while you were up that way? Well you will find out which is best and if you think it is to our advantage to be together down there you can bank on it that I will be right with you.

The ladies here tells me that Coulons and Grahams have been called in to New Orleans and will leave the last of this week. They don't know where they will be sent from there until they get down there. Mrs. Graham had gone home to see the Dr. and get a check up and when he found out that he would be leaving the last of the week he went right up and got her and brought her back here with him so that she could go on with him when he went into N. O.

I heard the folks who work in the P.O talking about their leaving too, so there must be something sure to it.

We got a letter from Sister Noland today and she has been sick with the flu, grippe and a bad cold. She was sick in bed on Christmas. The day that Estell left she begin to take a bad cold and got down in bed with it so that is the reason we did not hear from her sooner. She has been cleaning house since she got better and so has her daughter Lela because Lela's husband has finished his boot training and gets a 15 day leave and will be home next week.

She was so pleased with the little towels that I sent her and wanted to know where I wanted her to use them. She told me to just send anything that we did not want to take around with us, right up to her house and she would take care of it for us until we came home. She is the dearest person that I know. Dad Noland said to tell me that he had some peach tapioca pudding for supper in a bowl of cream, a little pudding in a bowl of cream, get it

She is going to make herself some house dresses because she cannot find any with the long sleeves which she needs and I thought I might get her some material from Magnolia for a dress in the green color for she looks so well in green. It would only take about four yards for her at the most and then may give her enough for an apron. I am sure going to get me some. I went to the stores here in town to get some print for an apron to make a bib apron and the old sleezy stuff was 25¢ a yard and when it is washed it would be like cheese cloth, nothing doing for this old girl, I want something that will wear if I take time to make it up.

Mrs. Carruth said that she would stock me up when I left here and would send me extra stamps when I got there. So if there is any wood left when I am ready to leave here believe me they are the ones that are going to get it. She has been one grand person and a true friend to us an those kind of people I will not forget. I am sending you some stamps and I just have the "T" stamps and they have to run through to the 29th, you can use them now but will have to wait until the 29th before I can send you the next ones. get me? I am sending you 21 points and keeping 16 to get Bobby hamburg once in a while.

I don't know anything else except that your income tax report was sent from Des Moines to your address at home and I don't know what to do but send it to you and you can return it to them with a note that you are in service and for them to get it the best way that they can. You don't have to make one out do you? you had better find out down there first before you return it to them. but I don't think you do. Well you take care of it, the office can tell you more than I or can find out for you.

I wish this infernal weather would let up, just rain, rain now for two days and so dark. I would not mind a good hard rain and then clear up even if it was cold but just to keep dripping so long it is not fun. The forecast was for freezing clear to the coast tonight. I have kept the rug on the car all day just the same.

I am going to make some pot holders out of these tender sheets in order to have something to do. I hate this thing of doing nothing. If I could get some pillow tubing I would have something to do.

Well when I am with my little boy I can be busy for him and that is all I ask. Now I will close and don't forget to write something every day. Do you have to walk down to work of a morning or do you ride with Mr. Lewis and what time do you start to work, eight or nine? Do you get a good lunch to fill you up good? Tell me all and take care of yourself and be careful at your work, remember what I have told you about the treacherous water and swamp grass.

So long for this time and I will look for another message from you tomorrow. Tell me if you got your coat all right. I will send you some sheets just as soon as I can get to Magnolia and get you some material. I am afraid that Mrs. Lewis is short of sheets. Send me some money so that I won't have to dip into that which we are saving and send it out of your pay, not out of what you have with you now and be sure to keep plenty to meet your every need.

Are you coming up Sunday or not? Maybe you can find some kind of apartment with the church people and then you may see something in Today's paper. Well I will wait patiently until you find something. Lots of love to my darling from Bobby and

Mother