

January 24-1943

Dear Mother:

Here I am again after another day in Grensburg. I had a dinner today with two boys with whom I have become acquainted. Davis Brown and Lavelle Nettles. I had steak and everything & 2 pieces of coconut cream pie. I went to Bator Range Sat and got my pictures taken for my identification card and also a tooth pulled, a real wisdom on the upper right. I also had one felled. I did it on my own money because I don't know when I would have gotten to go to New Orleans at the Marine Hospital and I don't think they would be very gentle either.

What do you think of this. Katherine Cole who is the Banker's daughter asked me to come & have dinner with them today. I had to refuse because Davis & Lavelle had made arrangements with the restaurant.

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<p>for a dinner and all. Everyone told me that that was really rating in this town. She goes to private schools and has a thousand riding horse. Very exclusive and all that. I don't care if it is the President, I wouldn't stand those two kids up. Because of someone like that as far as society is concerned that was top in this town. I really have a reputation don't I? That's no joking either I really rate in this town. I don't think I have hurt anyone's feeling but when some of the people asked me if I were going to the president's ball I told them no and just the very reason why. With the help of God I'm not going to compromise a lick on sin. If it isn't right I am going to tell them so.</p> <p>I also went to the nigger church this pm. They are just plain Gull Gaspel people.</p>						

They sure are a noisy lot. They say Amen and you can hear them a block. One old coon just got up and started dancing up & down on one foot, he turned around and looked at me and said, "I can't hep it, but I just has to do this when I get to falling good." He sure was a typical coon.

I have my tithe money in an envelope ready to mail. I got a money order in Baton Rouge La. I must go back tomorrow for a "blood type" or classification. There is about 20 of us to go back tomorrow.

I got 21 - twenty one cards & letters Saturday. That sure put me in a hole doesn't it. Some were old Christmas & letters that were held up in the mail some how. They had been at the Customs house in New Orleans.

I don't know how to answer all of them to you.

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<p>I guess I'll go to bed now. So long and goodbye for now, with a lot of love to you, the best mother in the world to me I sure would like to see you and Bobby too. Some times I don't know what I'd do if every one here was 'n' so kind to me.</p>						
<p>They all like me and I guess that's mutual. When this war is over we must come back and visit all of our friends, because they are "our" friends aren't they. It sure has made me feel good to have them open their homes and take me in.</p>						
<p>Well, goodnight, tell everyone hello and with love and kisses for you, I remain your son, L E Grand.</p>						
<p>P. S. Don't send the gas, look now if you haven't already. I don't think it is necessary to do so. Bye</p>						