

Athens, Tennessee
Sept 23, '38

Dear Mama -

I got the pants you sent OK but they are too small in the waist. I went to Millers yesterday and bought a \$2 pr. I think I can make out with what I have now for a while. You can send the other pr. of overall pants but never mind the shirt - I have plenty of those.

I meet 24 classes a week and it sure is going to keep me busy. I joined the glee club last Mon. night but I had so many lessons to prepare last night (Thursday) I couldn't go - I don't know whether I can stay with it or not.

I liked Bishop Brown fine. He told jokes mostly - just made a short talk. I didn't think he looked so old but I guess he is. My seat in chapel is in the rear and I couldn't see him so well.

The two boys here from Oakdale are going home for a weekend visit next week - the 30th. I can go with them in a car to Oakdale - I was

wondering if it would be alright to do that and have Russell meet me there. I will probably get there around 6:30 or 7 o'clock. Then I would have to come back to Oakdale & catch the boys back over here.

Billy told me about Don getting hurt but he hadn't heard how badly. I hope he pulls through OK. I haven't answered Billy's letter yet - I haven't had time - I am busy all the time. It is almost dinner time now so I won't have any chance to write Billy until tonight.

I'll have to go to town this evening some time & get a haircut. I haven't had one since I came over here.

I met a boy yesterday from Niota who knows Uncle Henry. His name is Mutt Knox - he plays foot ball - Russell may have read something about him in the paper.

Several boys here at the hall have joined the band and are learning to play trumpets, cornets, sousaphones etc. Some of them have never seen one before. You should have heard

them practicing last night. One boy from Florida plays a saxophone fine. He + Wayne Moses (trumpet) could play together pretty good but the other boys drowned out the music with their blowing. You could have heard them for miles.

Be sure + write + tell me if it will be OK to send Russell after me. If you are planning to use the car I won't come. I don't have to.

Don't forget the time - I'm not sure but 5:30 to 7:00 - Friday the 30th dinner time I'll have to close.

Love

Bill