

411 DALTON ST
ALCOA, TN.

Monday Night
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Dear Mama + all—

I am still rooming with Billy but I can hardly tell it — he works most of the time on a night shift and I am working on a straight day shift. I am working seven days a week so guess I won't get to come home any. I'll make \$35 a week if I work seven days all the time because I draw overtime for anything over 40 hours — I should be able to pay some of my debts.

Blanche and Bob told me about Bernice and Dorothy being home. If I had been there it would have been 100% attendance for once. I didn't get to visit with Johnny much — tell him and Russell to make a trip over here if possible, because I'm really stuck here — we're setting up new machinery and they are anxious to get things rolling. I'm in their newest plant and it sure is a big 'un — wears you out to walk from one end to the other. I was lucky

enough to be placed in the south-end - that's toward where I room - takes me 20 min. to walk it. I could ride a bus for a dime - I do when it's raining.

My room rent is a little high - \$10 a month, but you couldn't find nicer people to stay with.

Several boys I went to school with at Wesleyan are working here - several are in the same plant, but none in my crew.

When is Jewell coming over here to school, if at all? Maryville is only 2 miles from here, but the college is on the other side of town, so I guess it's nearly three miles from where I room.

I told Billy to bring the radio over here if he brought his car back with him. I reckon that would be all right, wouldn't it. Some of us might as well use it as Walter. The folks here said it would be ok. If you all ever move back to town, of course I would return it.

Get a statement of what I owe George Buxton - also Schuberts when the tires come back. I think it will take me about a month to get straightened up.

When I do though, I should be able to help Dorothy and Bernice both.

Send the rest of my clothes if it isn't too much trouble.

Hope everybody is OK.

With Love,
Bill

P.S. - I put a dime in a stamp vendor at Maryville yesterday evening - it was supposed to deal three stamps, but I got the end of the roll and got five.