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Dear Mama + all -

How did the Governors' election go - I bet the Democrats took all as usual. I had a paper from Blanche not so long ago, but the races were just getting under way at that time.

We like our location better every day - unbelievable, but true. Maybe it's because we're getting oriented, or accustomed to being without a lot of things. About the only thing that justifies a real complaint is our poor mail service, and I'm sure that will improve in time.

Now about that ring - I received a letter from Violet the same day I got yours - seems as though she's changed her mind about it. If the order happens to be delayed, instruct S.R. to

to cancel it. In the event the ring is mailed to her, she has my orders to send it to me.

Women are fickle - especially young ones. Sorry I caused so much trouble. Now you can catch your breath. Don't feel disappointed about Violet + ~~I~~ me. Changing her mind so suddenly, it surely wasn't very deep-rooted in the first place.

I haven't yet received the package - probably due to the afore mentioned mail service. Some time 'til Xmas anyway so I don't mind.

I finally wrote Johnny but of course haven't rec'd an answer yet - will write Russell soon.

I have a little package for you but haven't mailed it yet. Two little pieces of hand-carved ivory. I mailed a cushion cover several days ago. I am hoping we have an opportunity

to buy some real nice gifts Cater.
Also cards.

Last night the moon was
shining real bright - and speaking
of beauty. Snow-capped mountains
coming right up from the water,
all bathed in moonlight is really
something to write home about.

I can't describe it - just make
the best use of your imagination.
I wish I were an artist. I'd
paint some wonderful scenes.

I'm still feeling swell - I
don't know how my first Xmas
away from home will be. But
from the latest news I think
I'll be home for the next one.

If you see Blanche, tell her
I'm still looking for that letter
telling me where all the boys
are - and thanks for the papers.

P.S. - Is Uncle Henry still
in ^{McMinn} Blount County? Give me
his address and I will write
him.

Love to all,
Bill