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Dear Mama -

When you get my allotment check for this month - (it should reach you during the first week of Dec.) - use it for Christmas gifts ^{from?} for me - get something for Alice, Bervice, Caroline, Dorothy, + Jewell. You and Dad can take the Dec. allotment. That I think is about the best solution to my shopping problem. If it's too much for you, let Bervice handle it - she'll enjoy it I think.

I can buy bonds for cash here and mail them home - I've bought one - or put in an order for it. I

don't have it yet.

I hope Dad's sickness isn't serious. Who did he find to work in his place? He always had trouble getting off on that account. I'm sure his health will be much better after he gets his teeth in good condition. He shouldn't put that off too long.

I haven't received the packages yet - I look for them every day. Our mail really comes in regularly. It is OK by me if they don't come until Xmas day. I got Jewell's cookies some time ago - they were real tasty - not a one was broken.

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No chance of getting a recording here - I would like to - perhaps the picture will change later, so that I can make one. A soldier can't predict - not anything. I'll never make the mistake of telling you I might come in on a furlough - never again. Don't even think it until you receive a telegram requesting money for the trip.

I happen to know a fellow here - Wilson by name - who worked for a railroad in civilian life as a telegrapher. I was looking thru

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a telegraphers magazine of
his a few days back and
learned that Homer Crain re-
tired and moved to Harriman.
Quite a nice write-up about
him. By the way, Dad can
retire soon, can't he?

My friend Harry is writ-
ting tonight too - I'm regi-
mental ^{HQ} charge of quarters -
my first in a long time. This
hut we're in is pretty cozy -
just like an old covered wa-
gon, only bigger. Looks like
a buried ~~but~~ tank from the
outside. You've seen pictures
of them, no doubt.

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I'm enclosing one of our church programs - I've been attending the morning services pretty regularly - we haven't always had the program printed, tho.

Now, in closing - take care of yourself - that goes for Dad too - and stop worrying about me. Lots of things can cause my letters to get thin at times, other than my neglectfulness. If your morale or health goes down, so does mine. Otherwise, I'm happy. But always a bit lonesome - that won't hurt me - I'm used to it.

Love to all
Bill