

Lancing, Tenn.
May 31, 1919.

Dear Walter,-

Well, I have been a good deal longer writing than I expected, but not a month, ha.

Seems to me you ought to be coming back soon. So many of the boys are home.

I'm "living" at the Fruit Farm, boarding at Mrs. Shadows and rooming with Lola and we have a chance to see nearly everyone in the country around, and of course lots of soldiers.

Let me tell you before you land at home or where you

² are well known or even slightly known you had better pad your back for some folks are so glad to see the boys back they beat them unmercifully.

Wish I could send you some strawberries and cherries. They are fine. They shipped a car today and have about 60 crates on a car for tomorrow. I'm having a real busy time. Lots of trade beside the extra book work. And today a payroll to make out. There are 40 or more on the payroll this time, a few more because of the season.

Lola came down Wednesday, and since then we have put in the spare time talking and fighting fleas.

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Had you heard that I da
Davidson and Oliver Shannon
were married last Friday?

Guess Lora was glad to hear that,
she was so afraid that she would
get Otto, altho it seemed to me
she didn't have any room to
object. It is funny how some
folks try to manage other people's
affairs isn't it. I have lots to
tell you when you get back,
hurry before I forget some of it.

Lester Davis is here Lola says,
came last week. Also Jim Jacks
Guess your parents have written you
about all this though.

Has Libbie written you lately?
If not I jog her memory, she is
a mighty busy girl now, keeping
house while her uncle is away
and doing store work too.

4 June 1st. Well, we had company last night and I didn't get to finish.

We are planning a trip to Pine Orchard Sunday. Don't know certainly that we can get off though. The berries are ripening so fast and there aren't enough pickers to get over the field in one day.

So if people will work on Sunday they let them. That means I have to sell chese and crackers half the day.

Say Walter, how often do you hear from me? I can't keep very close track of what I send you but Libbie and I are watching what we

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send each other and we
are getting mighty tired of
the way things are going.

Lib. phoned me that she
sent a letter that I should
get yesterday afternoon, well
the letter didn't come.

She "blessed out" the P. O. girls
in the letter and today one
of them won't speak. ha ha
Just like girls isn't it!

Well, such is life and if
they go into other peoples
mail they ought to see some-
thing about themselves.

Do I talk about my neighbors
too much? I wonder if you
are having as much hot

weather as we are? Hope you
keep well and I hope this
letter passes you on the
way home.

Be a good boy and
don't forget.

Your friend,
Stella

Forwarded to Addressee

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