



UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Folks:

Christmas Eve Gift to all. Tonight finds me very close to home and all. That some star is shining brightly. No matter how dark the night the brighter it seems to burn. I like to look at it as the tomorrow which we are fighting for. It is the spirit that travels around the whole world at this time. Even though I am sitting on my bunk I feel so near to all of you. I am coming in the gate. The moon is shining down casting its shadows. The picture is so clear, the raft in the window, the tree with all its decorations. Then in the morning Ester Francis and the rest of the childrens laughter fill the house. The big dinner you always had mother. You always worked so hard to get it ready. Did I ever tell you that you are the best cook.

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you dad with your pipe add the nice comfortable
feel of home. You always looked so peaceful with
the little clouds of smoke rising around you. Then
comes the end of the day. The children are
eager to get to bed and in no time fall asleep. So
ends another beautiful day of laughter and fun.
All these memories I don't want to forget. It
helps to make all of my Christmas as they
were then. I know too that some day I will
be able to be with you all again.

To all of the kiddies tonight I hope Santa
brings everything you have wished. From your
brother he sends each of you a kiss and
a wish that all of you grow to be the best
of the men and women of America. This
America of ours is a great country. Its
beauty stretches for miles on miles.
So tonight when you look upon it shoot
for a star and keep working until you
reach it. Because it is yours to keep
or lose. I would prefer to keep it as it is.



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Did I thank you for the box. mother
you home made candy is the best I ever
ate. Thanks for both boxes.

Did you get my things I sent home. I
hope they don't get in the way. I hope I
don't have to send any thing else home..

I hope you got to make you trip to
Texas mother. I wish all of you could
enjoy the traveling which I have been
doing. I guess you think I change around
a lot. I can't tell you where I am
only that I am in the Eastern States.

To make the letter complete I will
add that it is about time for lights out. So
good night ladys and laddies until sometime
som. Merry Christmas + Hoopsey New Year.

as ever
Lia Brown