

Dec 28 - 11 A.M.

Dear Eugenia & All -

Rec'd Dorothy's letter yesterday & fully intended to write early today but the moon is about gone & I see very little accomplished.

We are having a really cold snap for us - 43° no higher yesterday & this A.M. was 20° Everyone notices such a snap here - Everyone is O.K. & running O.K. except Franks scooter - He had to take a late bus to work this A.M. And last nite we had to run furnace all nite & its still steaming. But sun is bright & if wind is down guess its warmer outside than in. Youngsters are playing Valley ball in the yard.

Sorry Gordon had to be sick. perhaps he is allergic to civilian food Ha! Ha! just tastes so good he is eating to much maybe -

I am glad you moved mother if it was possible. For I had wondered with her being unconscious whether they would care for her to keep her clean & free of sores if the hospitals there are as crowded there as here & figured they were if they didn't have room in main unit.

I know things like that happen here unless family is on the guard constantly. Expect it will be some cheaper there will it not?

Hope you all had a good wk. end. Perhaps

You wanted & didn't get white Christmas  
However if you'd got a mind you might be  
thankful for none if you wanted to get  
around -

Thanks Dorothy for the Magazine - It's a  
beauty. We've all had a little time with  
it but no one has covered cover to cover yet.

I'm feeling quite a bit stronger last couple  
days wish it might continue but I seem  
to get just about so far. Am hoping I don't  
catch cold now. with this change of weather.

Christmas gifts were very plain here  
this yr.

We built Frank a Book Case - Got Geo a Valley  
Ball & Net. Frank got me a fluorescent tube lt. for  
over the kit. sink and His Father some tools  
& Geo, a Leather Note Book. Hiel got me Bathroom  
Rug & Stool Cover - Geo got me a Tablet. Hiel Socks  
& Frank toilet Articles. Leta sent us each  
Bill Folds, Pocket Combs, Pencils, Socks etc.

Our dinner wasn't fussy we did get a  
small Turkey for that was only splurge we  
had. Guess the first Christmas that we didn't  
have any Cake, Pie, Jello, Ice Cream, Candy or such.

Geo made a double Batch Toll House Cookies & Marian  
Schwartzman brought a basket of Cookies & we  
had Nuts & fruit and a few pieces of Hard  
Candy Geo got in Christmas bags -

so you see one can get along without. It just seemed like another Sunday only with nothing to do. The Boys finally went to Shaw

Hill & I drove over to Winter Haven after got dark to see the streets trimmed, then stopped in at the Girls Anna & Leah Belks for couple hrs - Helped to finish the day.

Its getting time I must start Hils lunch so will close then he can mail this for me - lots of love

Margarete & all.