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P.S. and sending a piece of poetry that  
is pretty. We don't think much of  
the drafter army. [insignia] Especially the  
hard times the [insignia] people tell  
about.

B.

Dec. 23, 1917

Dear Folks:

We received a  
big bunch of mail  
Friday and yesterday.  
We received three letters from  
you in all. One written  
the 4th of Nov. and two  
written the 18th of Nov. It  
is the first mail we have  
received since Dec. 5. We  
were surly glad to get it.  
Was glad to hear that you  
are all feeling well.

We have received two  
of the boxes that you sent

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Date: December 23, 1917

Description: William Cobb gets his gas mask, France, 1917

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