



[end of letter]

P.S. and sending a piece of poetry that is pretty. We don't think much of the drafted 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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