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Letter #1 (Christmas Card, black clip)

Envelope

Mr. + Mrs. E.H. Robinson
Sidney,
Montana

Card

Front

Depicts a family home in winter
"The Old Homestead"

Inside

With all the Best Wishes
Of the Season
and a year of Happy Days

Letter (inside card, two separate letters)

Dear Folks – How I wish you'd write me, or us, a letter. You may not know it, but we consider you a very good letter writer, and tho I'm sure you are more than busy, as always, yet I'd like to hear from you. We haven't heard who will entertain the group Christmas, we noted Grace had the Thanksgiving dinner. We were at Carolyns along with 3 other Dodge families. But we have no definite plan for Christmas. Carolyn's are moving right now out to their farm – but house is too small there for family affairs. They plan to build the coming summer if materials are available. Have thought a 10x15 "ready to erect" room for boys sleeping and recreation room. C will have to give up her nursing assistance I presume. They won't even have a telephone out there for some time.

E.B. is busy and so much better content and health is good, gets tired but that is easily adjusted by a nite's rest or just a few hours quiet. You probably know that he's sleeping at a garage.

Seen church society will have a Christmas dessert luncheon at a home not too far from home so I'll try to go I think, we are to bring some homemade gift for exchange. It will be on Wednesday. Tomorrow nite the Official Road will give young adults of the church a party and we are on the Official Board, a club party Thursday where I usually go with Carolyn, but she may not be able to get there if too busy. We've had good letters from Halings, Leos, and Mrs. Nevies, so have had all sorts of news – not told in Newspaper.

Excuse the "messy writing"

Wishing you all Merry Christmas

Lotta + E.B.

After Noon –

Just got your card and thanks so much, makes me kind of homesick tho. You are a busy family with so many charges, would like to have a hog or two ourselves. This year the restrictions make some of us feel like beggars. A man (from the home we cared for that year we were out here) was just here and he said he asked the Board uptown about seeing a little meat and they told him to go ahead when he was just keeping out a friend and he said they'd bring

us some meat when they butchered but that they wouldn't kill until after Holidays, so we'll probably get a bit then. We have 14 chickens in locker and a piece of beef, our share of a steer we pastured all summer.

Just got Greeting card from Rev. Aitons with their picture printed on card, surely looked nice, were so crushed over Jack's tragic death. How I hope that Simon won't ever get drawn into war. There is going to be a long struggle yet and so many boys will never come home. We went to a Thanksgiving service in the college auditorium and there were about 500 boys in uniform at the service, and I could help but wonder how many of them would be sacrificed in this cruel war. Planes are always overhead here. There have been many trainees sent here recently from Coast camps – fog so bad over there, so bad for flying.

Hope your Christmas will be as pleasant and successful as always. Your mother will be a busy woman from now on. We are not buying Christmas gifts this year – but wish you the best that anyone could deserve.

Again, E.B. and Lotta