



Y<sup>rs</sup>  
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Red Oak Junction  
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Lex<sup>y</sup>  
Lima

St. Charles Ark July the 30<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mother

Yours of July  
the 1<sup>st</sup> which came to  
hand. To day this it found  
me in the best of health  
I was truly glad to hear  
from you I suppose  
all of you had a good  
time the fourth well  
I hope you all enjoyed  
yourselves very much  
must go ahead my  
time will come in  
about one year and  
then I can come  
home to stay while  
those veteran gents

are tiring away  
their very life in the  
service I think that  
prices are getting very  
extravagant up in  
Tomb I should like  
to of been at your  
supper I have not  
had a good meal  
bictuals since we left  
New Orleans as I have  
not got any thing  
to write this time  
so I will quit give  
my love to all write  
soon this leaves me in  
the best of health

Yours Affectionate son  
Direct to D. A. Harding  
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