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MC325: Folder 9: Clark, W. S. to Clark, George H. 1917 December 26

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Paradise, Cal Dec 26 '17

Dear Brother George,

We got your presents the 24th and were much pleased to get them and can assure you they were much appreciated by all.

Georgia had a Xmas tree and got quite a number of presents. We are having quite a heavy rains here now. Started in the 25th and is still raining. I am very busy now and have work for some time to come. They are putting in an irrigating plant here and are laying about 35 miles of Red wood pipes from 4 ins to 28 ins in size. I am pipe inspector and have an easy job at \$4.00 day. We got a letter from Father a few days ago and he got word from Frank that his second boy Marion 19 years old was instantly killed in a mine in Nevada. A big body of rocks weighing several tons crushed him to death. Franks oldest boy is on his way to France.

I was in hopes the war would end soon, but am afraid it will last some time yet the way every thing looks. I believe Uncle Sam has a full sized mans job on his hands but he is sure to win some time. I hear Irving Pitts went back east. Is he in Kennebunkport. Marie says tell Maud she will write her soon. Was glad to get the pictures.

I believe I have the best of you in regard to hair, by the way your picture looks. Mine is a little thin but by being careful in combing it - I can cover it up.

I guess we are not getting younger.

Wishing you all a happy new years. I am your affectionate brother

W.S. Clark