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Dear Elma:

Just got through reading your dear letter for the third time, that I received as I come home tonight, well Elma it is sure past my bed time but you know that I can't go to bed without sending a good night kiss to you, which I think you will get for Thursday night. Ossie is there again to see Marie you just tell Marie that she ain't the only one that can get a kiss, for here is a big sweet kiss Elma X and if she don't believe it show it to her that you got one from AI for Thursday night, well Elma we had school tonight and it is about 9:15 now but we don't are at least I don't care Elma only I wish you were here then I would care about going to bed don't you think so Elma, then I would never get to bed late I would be the first one in bed all the time Elma I would beat you to bed all the time and be there waiting for you to come to bed (and how) with a big kiss to meet you, well Elma it guickly looks as though I can't write straight across these sheets when I sit in my rocker with my feet propped on another chain and working away and scribbling at the same time. Elma I bet when you read that letter I wrote last night you think, he sure writes as if there was something wrong with him writing such crazy junk like that, hell Elma you know it is a person feels kinda tuff and cross once in a while and then he is liable to do anything and especially when you are for yourself nobody else to worry or that you can torment to satisfy vourself ain't it so Elma. So I guess it is a good thing that you ain't here otherwise I would be tormenting you Elma something terrible once in a while don't you think so Elma (and how would that be, you couldn't even begin to think what I would do to you Elma if you were with daddy Elma wouldn't that be neat just think then daddy could kiss his mama all the time. Well Elma I will have to stop all this craziness and brace up and write something else, well we worked in town today and I changed 8 telephones we will also be in town for we are waiting for material to arrive from Indianapolis for the rural lines or telephones, the weather was real nice and warm today and a lots of snow melted so it ain't so bad anymore, well Elma our boys said again tonight that by the end of this month every telephone in Kokomo had to be changed and he said the big boys from Indianapolis said it had to be done so that means some work till then, well that don't sound so bad after all. Well Elma here comes lots of kisses and plenty of love for all the time you get a chance to stop off and take one so don't get lonesome for kisses, I am well and hope you are Elma.

Good Night Elma X Al.