

Genesee, Idaho February 18, 1918

Dear Son Henry,

Today we have received your package of clothes, and also your letter of feb. 12th and were glad to learn that you are still in good health, but we dislike to learn that you are going to Long Island next, for from there they ship them across to France.

Today I have been to town to get your package containing clothes and things, and it was all in good shape. And the same time I mailed to you a package containing a pillow and some Genesee papers. Three of those papers had been wrapped in with those pants we had sent to you to San Antonio, Texas, and just came back the other day. We are having nasty weather here now, it is blustering and snowy, but the roads are muddy.

Mr. Kauder got bothered with rheumatism, and so he had to go home again, and so I am alone again, and it makes it pretty hard for me, as I have to go to town ones in a while to get some hogfeed, and one thing and another, and you know how it goes on the farm. There is one thing and then another and it makes it awfully hard on me, and I feel that I am getting old. Yes in four days more I'll be 60 years old, and I can feel it too. There are few farmers in this country that are in active farming at that age, but under the circumstances I did not see fit to do otherwise, but I am ready to quit after the war is over, and I hope it'll be soon. Albert's wife told me when I was in Lewiston some time ago, that you had told her that Barney was going to come home in the spring and run the farm, but it certainly was some news to me and I expect to Barney too, for he had never hinted anything to me about it, and neither have I to him. I don't know what I will do with our potatoes, as there is no market for them yet, and I may have to feed mine to the swine, and there is no market for apples either, but hogs are 15 ¼ and I am feeding 23 head for market but they eat their heads off at the price of feed 40 to \$55.00 per ton.

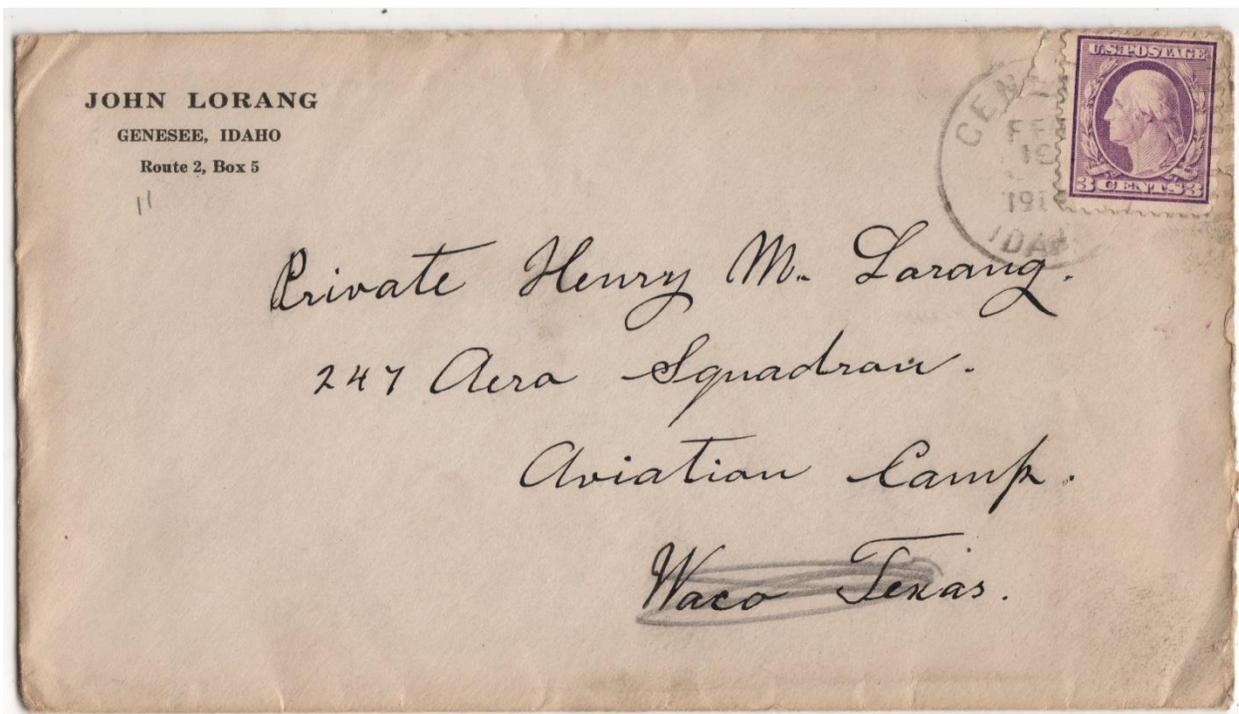
What dose those wires, and those things look like screwdrivers represent, and how about the acorns. Are they any of the life oaks among them? and if not then I would like to have some of those. You will please sent me some of tose if there ar any in that country. And I would like to have a blue jays nest and eggs the worst way. Thom says there ar lots of blue-jays in that country.

Well guess the rest ar telling you all the news, so I'll close for this time for it is bed time for me 10:30 p.m.

Best wishes from your Father,

John Lorang

P.S. With regard to writing to the Governor or any of those other men referred to will not help you any, but in case you had a chance of geting anything better than whear you ar now, and if you needed them for referance, then they could help you, as they are willing to give you a good recometation, and tey would gladly do so.



WHITE SPRING RANCH

JOHN LORANG, Proprietor

Genesee, Idaho, Feb. 18th. 1918

Dear Sam Henry.

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