

October 23, 1945

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Dear Brother

I have intended writing you for some time but have been quite busy all of the time and too I have been hearing from you through Bobbie + Mother. Glad you have been getting on so nicely. Bobbie was over here Sunday and took dinner with us she said she had a letter from you last week telling her to ask Dad + me about buying a farm or looking around and maybe picking out one

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one for you she said
Dady thought it a bad
time now to buy a farm
now they are so high
that he would be glad
for you to work his land
I told her the same
thing I hope I will be
out of debt by the end
of this year and then I
would like to ease up
a little I have been
holding the Grimes
farm thinking you
and Gus one would want
to farm when you can
back and but I expect
Gus will go to college
for four years and John
has 5 or 6 more years to go

this would give you a chance to take one or both farms with the cows on shares with me I will be glad to work with you and advise the best I know how but let you have the responsibility this would give you the practical experience and in mean time you could be looking around for a place like you would like to have I believe you could make some money for your self and some for me too and too I have most all of the equipment we would need

and what I do not have I
would buy.

I have rented half
of the Grimes farm out
for next year on shares
but I will ^{keep} some cows
over this too.

Now I know
you and Bobbie will
be anxious to get to
your selves and have a
home like you want
but I think some living
quarters could be arranged
until things get cheaper
and I hope that ^{will not be} so far

of
I love you all of us
Daddy

November 8, 1945

Nov. 8, 1945.

Dear Bro,

Received your letter of Oct. 27th Tuesday - and we were so glad to get it even though Bobbie has been reading hers to us or telling us the news; it was good to have one from you. I do feel guilty for I have fallen down on writing myself; for three weeks I have been house cleaning painting woodwork, stretching curtains and doing a general cleaning and I am not through with it yet. I am doing it a lone and have to stop to cook and feed chickens so I don't get a long very fast. I had a man to do most of the painting so that was a big help. I hope to enjoy it a while after I finish for it has been a long time since it has been cleaned like this. Dad wrote to you a few weeks ago so I didn't write that week and it has been several weeks since I've written.

Guess you have gotten Dad's letter by now He is very anxious to hear from you, from your letter you hadn't gotten his but you both were writing on the same subject

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That is farming. Dad is very anxious for you to come home and work before you attempt to buy for he has most everything to farm with and you can get started before you buy and too he realizes that it is most to much for him alone and so far he doesn't know how much help he will have another year. Smittle the white milk man is leaving the first of Dec and he hasn't no one in his place yet. Little Edward left some time ago and I think the family is leaving for Dad told him he wouldn't have any land for him next year. Labor is still very scarce. I know you and Bobbie would rather get settle down but maybe this would be better like Dad said for a year or two anyway and if you all should do this I will be glad to share the house with you so you all could be to yourselves I know you both would rather be to yourselves and I am not trying to advise you but if you want it I could spare you as much as three rooms by making a kitchen out of the porch room. We are planning on making it larger anyway have wanted to do it for some time. Had

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thoughts maybe we would make it into a down stairs bathroom or something it is too small as it is to be much good for any thing. I am willing to do anything that would make it convenient for you all so you could be together until you could all could look around and see what you wanted and what you would like to do.

I haven't mention this to Bobbie yet for I haven't see her since I have thought of this. She was here Sunday but we hadn't gotten your letter then. I know she had rather go to her self and who wouldn't but if you all want to do this I will be too glad to help you out as much as I can.

I will talk to Bobbie about it when she comes again. I know this isn't what she wants to do, but maybe she wouldn't mind for a while. Frank Minton, wife and child was out to see us tonight. They are living with Lucy and Frank is working with Jesse I don't know for how long as he is getting pay from the Army until Dec. I heard and wasn't taking a job until after then. Had a letter from Gus Friday and he said he had a letter from you and enjoyed it so much.

He said he knew he was needed at home much more than he was over there. Said he didn't know when he would get home. Tommy says the same thing. Dad had his cows tested a week or so for T.B. and bange and out of 146; 46 reacted with bange and 6 suspect to T.B. This will cut them down but Dad was planning on cutting them down this winter anyway but this will take out several of his best. He is picking corn this week with Mr Deale's picker; he has about 150 bbls after filling both silos. This is the first time in several years that we have had any over to put in the crib. Haven't picked any peanuts yet waiting on Mr Deale to finish his. Peanuts is falling short with lots of people; not so many made this year. Dad doesn't think his crop is short but you can't tell until they are picked. You should have two more boxes before long. The thing that box you got was a part of the things you request some time ago. I still have some more to send as soon as I can get it off. I sent a box of spread + mayonnaise and a cake in one in Oct on the 8th.

All sends love Always
mother

November 9, 1945

9 November 1945
Furth, Germany

Dear Dad,

Received your letter of 23 Oct. a few days ago and was very glad indeed to hear from you. I wanted to answer it before now but shortly after I received it I was transferred. I am now Commanding Officer of the 231st AAA Searchlight Bn which is supposed to leave here for the states sometime in the near future, provided there are no further changes and I must say the Army can usually find some reason for changing things. I hope they let us go home this time. I have 1150 men and 42 officers and were in the middle of transferring men around now so we are pretty busy.

2. As to your letter, I was very glad and pleased with your ideas for my readjustment to civilian life and farming. As Bobbie told you I have decided to get out of the army and become a farmer sometime in the future. The army isn't like it used to be and I feel certain it will never get back to what it was a few years ago and I feel confident that I will be much more satisfied and happier farming. I definitely agree with you and Dad that now is no time to buy a farm and second, I definitely need practical experience before buying a farm and farming on my own I can

3. will use the the years of
of service of yours & Dad H's
before undertaking a farm on
my own. I am very grateful
to you for your consent in
my operating your farm for
a year or two before buying.
I feel certain we could work
out terms to run the farm
on shares thereby giving me
of service & could well use
as I have forgotten about
the nearly 5 years I've been
in the army. I don't want
to take on more than I can
handle. but I believe I could
manage Dad H's farm in
addition since is mostly
grain which wouldn't require too
much labor, also probably handle
Gavin's farm, as I say I don't
want to take on more than

4. I can handle but if the labor situation improves and it should now I don't see why maybe I couldn't handle the 3. That's one of the things, summer, I can decide when I get back and talk to you and Dad H.

I could go back to Suifol summer I believe and make some money. I'll keep that in mind ~~to~~ for the discussion with you and Dad H when I return.

I have thought through thoroughly about staying in the Army but future in the Army don't look too good at present and I know I would be happier and more satisfied out of the Army.

5. Things in the army since V-E day have been unbelievably messed & mixed up and if they ever straighten out this red-up-by-mist business it will be a miracle. I am really ready to get out of the mess now.

I am anxious to talk over the whole thing as I have it planned, I hope we will be discussing it in the very near future.

My love to you, mother and "Buck"

Tom,

Brother.

P.S. Continue to send my mail to the 71st AAA Cpl until I tell you differently.