

May - 10 - 1944

Dear Folks,

See many

Will we get our selves a new home again. I guess it won't be too bad. So here is my new address.

Co B 424 Inf Reg

106 Division

H.P.O 443 N.Y. N.Y.

I hope one can stay settled know I am getting tired of this knocking around.

I suppose you are kept pretty busy these days have you got all the grain in yet or has it been raining I hope not. Hope it dries out so you can get the wheat plowed under so you can get it planted into corn or something

How is Clarence and Albert
making out or is Alberts leg
still on the bum I hope not.

I imagine W.V. has got every
thing in motion now after he
bought himself another 1/2 section
I was glad to see him get it.

Did you get a corn planter
or didn't they get enough in so
you got one.

I got a batch of money here
will be sending a \$100 money order
or something as soon as possible
one don't need it here that's for sure

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official word that Germany surrendered
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in Paris and Menty but it
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they got French flags flying and the
H.Q.s are all decorated with baches
and what ever they can get.

Some of the German people appear
as though they are glad its over and
others act or look like a licked pup
or something. The church bells ring
and lots of people go to church. Wasnt
it Hitler that didnt believe in church
If I remember right. I was
supposed to see it.

I never seen so many young
kids in all my life every girl old enough
seems to be pushing a baby buggy
The people are fairly well dressed
compared to the French I suppose
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and used it on their own people

The farming in both countries
look like they are 100 years or more
behind times. I seen only one tractor
since I left. and it was a charcoal
burner.

I guess I will close now and
drop a line when you get the time.

Lo Jong
Jong

May 10, 1944
Germany

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106 Division
APO 443 NY NY

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How is Clarence¹ and Albert² making out or is Albert's leg still on the bum. I hope not.

I imagine W. V.³ has got everything in motion now after he bought himself another ½ section. I was glad to see him get it.

Did you get a corn planter or didn't they get enough in so you got one⁴.

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So Long

Jerry

Notes:

1. Clarence Grover, Jerry's uncle

2. Albert Grover, Clarence's son

3. Wilfred V. Grover, son of Jerry's great uncle Otto Grover. He was roughly the same age as Jerry and farmed some of the "original Grover land" outside Glyndon.

4. Production quotas placed on non-war material and as a result many items, apparently including corn planters, were not readily available.

5. Germany surrendered on May 8, 1945.

6. "The 40 & 8" is the American flag (48 states in the Union during WW II).