

May 15, 1944

Dear Ken,

I owe you an apology for not writing so long ^{and} not letting you know where I was going ^{and} what I am doing.

I am at Henderson, Colo., about 10 miles north of Denver, farming with my brother. Acreage is about 60 acres on 50:50 share ~~crop~~ basis. Onions, carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, pepper are the main vegetables - that's enough aint it? This farming is sure a hard job. Work all day in hot sun, come home about 7 P.M., eat supper, take bath, go to bed ^{and} sleep. That is the day's program ^{and} if a fellow has ambition he sits down ^{and} writes letters to his girl friend or boy or friend. Well, you know how it is.

I am out on indefinite leave.
This fall after the farm season is over
I'll try to get jobs here. Will try
both Federal ^{and} State. I have a
Colorado State license as a civil engineer
last October. I believe I forgot to tell
you about it.

I talked to Mr. Hourke last summer
before he resigned the Camp Engineers' job.
He happened to be a member of the State
Board for the Engineers ^{and} Land Surveyors,
in 1941. His term expired ^{and} he did not
want to continue the membership in the
Board because of ill-health. When I
consulted him about applying for the
license ^{and} using his name for my
references, he said, "Sure, Ernie, go
a head and apply ^{and} use my name for
your references. I used to be a member
of the Board. I'll put in good words for
you." Result is I got the license.

Last January when I came out to
Denver on business, I visited him at his

home and talked for about 3/4 hour.

He said, "If you want to work I'll talk to Mr. Vail, the State Highway Engineer whom I know very well."

At that time I had already promised my brother that I'd farm with him so I couldn't very well take his offer. However, a few weeks ago I wrote to O'Rourke saying I'd be free to take any job after the farm season is over this fall. I hope to get something, then.

If I don't then I have good reasons to go back to Camp and hibernate during the winter.

How was your luck there? Have you had any luck? As I have said before I may ^{go} there, yet.

By the way I haven't had the opportunity to see your relative in Denver yet.

Well, Ken, take care of yourself and let me know of your luck.

If I make some money on my farm I'll let you know - like fun, eh?

Sincerely,
Ernest.