

Willow Springs. Mo.

May 7th 1916.

My dear old Sis. & Hubert.

That blamed old Censor went & opened your letter but he never found a wrong word in it, a friend of mine got one abt same time and the Censor had taken out two whole sheets. They are getting mighty inquisitive. They dont dare open mine or I would have Pres. Wilson write them a note. -  
Ha! -

Am pleased you are able to write, with these Zepp raids every few days, wish you would go & live at Buxton near to one of those large caves, but dont go to Ireland. did you ever see such fools as that outfit

Why! England is in better shape  
to quell a revolution now than  
ever. besides she has her dauder  
up the Lion has had its tail  
trod on. so "beware have a  
care" Sir Roger Casement  
must be a madman.

May 14th.

Had to leave you last Sunday  
and have no time to resume week  
days, this season of the year,  
but I guess you have managed  
to run things without my  
assistance. I managed to find  
time to mail you a couple of  
magazines. say! it just keeps  
a fellow jumping on a farm  
in this country, nearly everything  
is sown in rows and we have  
to cultivate to loosen up the  
ground & kill the weeds between  
the rows, and this makes us have  
to go over the land time after time  
& hot as blazes too. - but it doesn't

last long. May, June & part of July  
Then everything is too big and we  
have to let it go. so we dont  
work hard for long. it is a fine  
independent life but not much  
money in it. but one has such  
an abundance of everything which  
is produced on the farm and  
we aim to produce as near all  
we consume as we possibly can  
we were grinding flour & meal  
yesterday and we brought 8  
sacks of various flour for Mama  
which cost nothing but our labor  
growing & milling a few hours.  
I wish you lived where I could  
dump off a sack or two so you  
could sample our products.

We are going to have quite a lot  
of fruit this year, but not so  
heavy as some years. Peaches did  
not blossom so heavy and there  
are only a few on a tree but we

have so many trees that we may  
have more than we can use, we  
ship the girls what they want, always  
I have thought some of putting in  
a canning outfit but am afraid  
we would work too hard. we  
have so much fruit and grow  
so many vegetables and could  
can our surplus. but I should  
instal it away from the house  
so Mama would have nothing  
to do with it. she has enough  
to do as it is, and we are going  
to have visitors all summer. just  
the girls & their families, expect  
Josephine this week, and Lil comes  
in June & her husband is to join  
her July 1st for two weeks. then  
as soon as they leave Frances  
& husband are scheduled to come  
for last half of July & August.  
and I half expect Alice & Jim  
sometime near fall. They like  
to come to the Ranch where

They dont have to dress up all the time and can ride over the hills in the shady forest and bathe in the creek. - The novelty has worn off for us, altho' the boys never seem to tire of being in the water they have been there all afternoon & arent back yet.

How are you getting along?  
Hope the jippo havent bothered you. Jimmy has made some more promises about submarining but I wouldnt take their word for anything. I know the Gmin character pretty good as I have fought them over here for 30 yrs, even my particular friend has to have allowances made for him and hes American born but Jim sympathizes to the Core but take a German who has come to this country and I would

fail to break thro'. - I don't know if there is any foundation for the rumor but since J.P. Morgan the big Financier has returned from England there are large bets made that negotiations for Peace will be commenced within three months. I hope they know what they are talking about. - Say! did you hear we had a war of our own began by hunting Pancho <sup>means Bandit, in Spanish.</sup> Villa in Mexico but very likely to bring the whole of Mexico about our ears for they hate the "Gringos" as they term Americans. and whilst they will fight each other for years they will unite on a common foe. - they tell me that the word "Gringo" was given to Americans because in the last Mexican War the U.S.

soldiers used to sing a popular song - "Green grows the grass along the Rio Grande" - and the Mexicans dubbed them with the two first words as they understood them and use them similar to "Boche" for the Germans - a name of hate or despicableness. Mama said I had been kicking all the time because England was slow & unprepared, and now when Villa came across the border and murdered a number of Americans & burned the town of Columbus, it took our soldiers a week before they could enter Mexico in pursuit. and then their wireless worked only spasmodically and the aeroplanes fell to the ground and rumor said the motor trucks with supplies

refused to Motor. Ha! we  
are smart boys until we  
are up against it. but will  
probably learn by practice.

Am glad Alie & family moved  
from El Paso. - Jim sells mining  
machinery around Columbus &  
Douglas, often there. He has Arizona  
& New Mexico & Nevada & California  
in his territory but doesn't go  
into Old Mexico lately altho he  
still sells some machinery there  
but keeps out of the country.

Rid pictures of the new baby  
yesterday should like to send you  
one for his a fine boy but they  
said "return them all". -

Fondest love and may you be  
very happy together and both be  
protected from those fearful Zepps.  
have had visitors all day & it  
is late so good night. I feel so  
good over you both I want to  
hug you. Lovingly Bro Dan