

311-59th Street,
Newport News, Virginia, USA,
9 November 1945

Dear Arthur and Rita,

At last I am at home and will be discharged from the Army 16th January of the new year. I guess there is truly "no place like home". My Mother and brothers were very happy to have me home. Their reception was wonderful! About thirty people met me at the train and many parties have been going since.

I am, of course, trying to settle up my finances, taxes, etc. For that reason I was doubly glad to receive your letter of the 22nd September which had been forwarded to me from the Island of Leyte, Phillipines, where I was stationed.

You all can be sure that I am very pleased with the profits made on the cattle and calves. At this point I am wondering, however, if you will have any difficulty sending the money out of Australia. So far I have not received any notice of the bank's having received the £ 135 from the Bank of New South Wales paying me my investment and profit from the money I sent you. No doubt these things take quite some time, but it might be well to check with your bank as to whether or not it is going through to the States.

I shall mention the name of my bank again:

First National Bank,
Newport News, Virginia, U.S.A.

As for Harry's (Hermann's) cattle, I am quite agreeable to your keeping them until such time as you think profitable to sell. I presume that it will be within the next few months. As you know Harry (Hermann) made mention of his cattle holdings in his will. The inclosed Power of Attorney authorizes me to request the disposal of the cattle as I see fit and at such time as I deem advisable. I trust that you will accept the appointment to power of attorney given me by the executrix of the will so that I can receive the money for the cattle as so willed in the inclosed form and that no further legal assistance will be necessary for the transaction of our business. I see no reason why we should need the formalities of the law since all along ours has been a sort of "gentlemen's agreement" anyhow. If you feel that further measures should be taken to "square" us away, let me know and I shall obtain the aid of Mr. Robert C. Cathels, a prominent solicitor in Sydney who knew both Harry and me.

I would appreciate your stating in your next letter that to your knowledge Harry (Hermann) had no property or possession other than the cattle. I feel sure that he had no other holdings