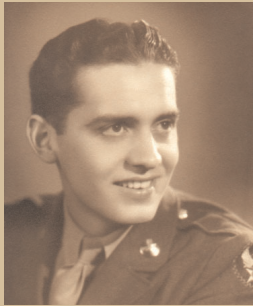


# The Letter from Dad



Tears came to my eyes as I read letters written between 1941 and 1945 when three of us Lunn boys were serving in the armed forces during World War II. The following letter written to me when I enlisted in the Army.

by **Vernon Lunn**

*"Dear Vernon*

*Mother just phoned that she received a letter from you telling of your new location. You, undoubtedly, will have many tasks and assignments which will be disagreeable and sometimes hazardous. There is but one thing to do: make the most of it. Be a soldier in every sense of the word. Face your task courageously. Put all that you have into this business of soldiering.*

*Being a soldier means more than drilling, marching and fighting. It means holding or standing by certain standards of conduct which you were taught at home and also in church and Sunday School.*

*There will be a tendency on the part of many, once they are in the Army, away from the influences of home, family and reputation, to cut loose and forget the precepts that they were taught as youth.*

*In the Army, as well as in civilian life, you are given the choice of maintaining or lowering your standards. At any cost stand true, make no compromise with sin and evil. If you will let them know just how you stand, it will make it easier for you. Likewise, they will respect you.*

*There is a Friend who will never forsake you. Keep the faith and trust God. Don't fail to read the Bible. In it you will find the words of eternal life, comfort in sorrow, succor in the hour of temptation, help in situations which will test your manhood, companionship in the lone watches and hours of the night, and last, but not least, the guide to your journey through life.*

*May the Lord watch over you and keep you until that day, and may He speed the day when we can have a family reunion. We are praying for you and the others. God bless you, we love you."*

*Dad"*

My heart was touched once again as I reread this letter for its concepts so beautifully reflected the life my Father lived, thus, giving it credibility to me in that hour.

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