

Alaska —  
December 2, 1942

Dear Mama—

I'm sorry you haven't received my letters - I have written you a number of letters, but I know you hadn't gotten them yet when you wrote

That ring situation is OK - if you have read all my letters previous to this one you know why - at any rate, you need not consider buying one now - Just cancel the order - everything's lovely now. But I intend to send money home anyway. You evidently <sup>haven't</sup> ~~hadn't~~ yet rec'd my letter telling you about the \$30 allotment I made. It starts in November, so you should get the first check early this month. Finish paying my little debt - and if anything turns up, use any or all of it.

I got another county paper from Blanche the other day - also a nice Xmas card. And the notice of my subscription to the Digest came, along with the first issue - tell Jewell I appreciate it very much, and will write to her.

I can't understand why Dorothy hasn't

heard from me - I wrote her again just a few days ago when I received her gift. I wrote Blanche several weeks ago, but I don't think she had gotten the letter when she sent me the card. Maybe our mail service will be better after the Christmas rush.

I'm glad you told me of Johnny's change of address - I may write him again, although I haven't had any response from the first letter yet.

No news from here, of course, except that I am still in good condition, getting plenty (too much) to eat - everything is running smoothly. It is encouraging to hear the war news now - and so many people think it is finally drawing to a close - somebody should be right.

Where did Dad get 5 "extra" tires - I knew there was one or two extra when I left. I thought most all of them were surely worn out by now.

The boys are publishing a little paper here, but they haven't decided to let us send them home yet.

And now - better late than never - I hope you had a happy birthday! I don't know anybody's birthdays, darn it - I'm sure you had a nice visit with Kenneth and Amos.

Hoping everybody OK! Love to all,  
Bill

P.S. - Send my school annuals.