

"Somewhere," Alaska
January 9, 1943

Dear Mama -

I am sending you a money order which represents a delayed Xmas gift. I loaned some money last month before I had an opportunity to arrange sending it home. There is nothing here to spend money for except necessary incidentals, so I'll turn practically all of it over to you each month. You should have received the allotment by now.

I wish there was more we could talk about - it is a very difficult task to write decent letters - I can't even think of things to ask you about - but that isn't necessary as long as you write "newsy" letters like the last one you wrote. One consolation I have is the fact that I have an excuse for short and badly written letters - censorship.

That picture Blanche sent was very good but I believe John is standing to the left of the bomb - could I be mistaken, or did the photographer get mixed on his names?

I am enclosing a m.o. for Alice too - I intended to write her, but I am at a loss for material, either mental or actual - I have promised Alice a letter of advice - at least I will try to help her -

In the meantime, remember that I think of you always -
hoping everybody OK -

Love,

Bill