

Somewhere, Alaska  
April 15, 1943

Dear Mama...

This is my anniversary...Army anniversary. April 15/42 I held up my right hand and swore allegiance to Uncle Sam... To protect my country against all enemies whatsoever. I am beginning to feel like an old soldier now.

I received the Easter greeting and your letter today, along with eight other letters, etc. One was from Billy, who surprised me considerably by writing me three whole pages. Is he good to write home? I imagine he'll be lonesome for a while, and write to everybody.

Yesterday I was transferred to Headquarters & Service Company, this regiment, and am working a new job. I think I'm going to like it ok. If my work is satisfactory I may earn another stripe. Be sure you get the address right on your next letter...just change Co "D" to Hq & Serv Co., and everything will be hunky-dory.

Thanks for the birthday greeting...you had said in a previous letter that you had sent a telegram. I wondered why it never reached me. When is your birthday? The last time Dad wrote me, he wrote on his birthday, so now I know his. I still remember Alices' and Russells', but that's all. Send me all the rest if you don't mind. Is Johnnys' Feb 1 or Feb 2? I'm going to make a list of all of them.

The 331st is celebrating Organization Day this month. All the talented entertainers are being mobilized for a show, and they're planning other things. One is a contest to choose a "Sweetheart of the 331st". I told you about having Bernices' picture tinted. I'm going to enter it in the contest...she receives a gift from the regiment if she wins. Here's hoping.

You may inform Bob that I received the papers ok... I'll bet that's one lonesome couple without their Billy. It's probable that he'll stay in the States, for he says he's working in a P.X....and I'll bet they keep him in that line. That's where he's best suited.

I mailed a card to you last week...I put a little note inside. In case you don't get it...I received the photo cases ok. Thanks a lot. I'm a bit tired right now and have several letters to answer...

Love to all,

*Bill*