

Alaska, 15 August 1945

Dear Dorothy—

Today is a holiday for everybody here, although I have to "stand by" in the office from now, 1:00 PM, until 6:00 PM. This morning I was off which I spent mostly in sleeping of course. There isn't likely to be much for me to do, so I'm going to try to catch up on all my letters. I sat here last night and typed letters until I was too sleepy to sit up. Your letter and my stationery is over in my tent (my sleeping quarters). Anything goes in this letter, then, without much regard for what you wrote. It has been a long time ago, anyway. I hope you'll forgive me for waiting so long to write. I haven't been able to keep up with my letters since I left my old station. There's a lot of work connected with a move you know and since arrival here, the schedule has been 7 10-hours per week. That still leaves plenty of spare time, but you don't usually feel like writing.

The mainland of Alaska has it all over the Aleutians though for everything. I can't tell you exactly where I am, naturally, but anything in Alaska beats the Aleutians anytime. At least I've always found that true. (I had to stop for a small typing assignment in line of official business, hence the crowded lines.

How was the celebration in Cincinnati? I have heard rumors that the US really went wild - and prematurely too. Maybe they should do like my boss, Captain Kelley, said - "get on their knees and say a little prayer". I guess lots of people did just that. Celebration hasn't been very boisterous here. When I turned in last night shortly after midnight, I heard a few noisy spots that indicated the boys had found something to drink, but on the whole things have been very quiet. We're getting a double beer issue this evening - some will probably tear loose on that. But a few bottles of 3.2 won't cause much damage.

My radio announces that gasoline rationing is over, and once again motorists are saying, "fill 'er up!" - also rationing is lifted from a lot of other items like canned fruits and vegetables. Haven't heard him say anything about fresh meats.

And here's more official business to attend to - so long for a few minutes...

The business lasted the rest of the day - so here it is another one, the 16th. And I must close up for this time, having nothing more of interest to talk about anyway. Take care of yourself and write me soon.

Love,

*Bill*