

Alaska - 26 Aug 45
Sunday

Dear Mom -

I'm off today - nothing to do but listen to the radio and write letters. Your letter, and Alice's, came in two days ago - the first news from home for 2 weeks or more. But I've already complained about that in a previous letter so I'll say no more.

The Detroit Symphony is being aired just now via San Francisco shortwave. Seems like Sunday with Symphony music. Enjoyed very much with the thought that it shouldn't be so long now until I can hear it at home like I used to. Good old Sunday PM's - but in the summer time I think I would ditch the music for a swim. My last time for that must have been in 1941.

Alice's description of the celebration was interesting. I see

Her leadership abilities are good. That is a rare trait in most people - tell her to keep it in mind and strive to develop it.

A letter dated the 17th of August arrived from Johnny - contained the news we've waited a long time to hear. He got stuck for a little extra time because he was a section chief - which is why I'm glad my rating isn't so high. I'm hoping they leave my MOS (military occupational specialty) on the job I had before I came home on furlough - 502 - "personnel NCO". Since my return from furlough last December I've filled a 213 slot - stenographer. 213's are harder to find than 502's - they haven't changed my number yet and I sure hope they don't. My critical score on V-E Day was only 67 - if they should recompute as of V-S Day I would have about 73 or 4. At

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will take some time for them to get that low I guess, but I think my chances of getting out within 6 months are pretty good. The last news broadcast I heard about points reported the Army would lower the score as soon as Japan signs the surrender agreement.

Well, I took time out to fix the fire and have a piece of buttered toast - my mid-afternoon snack.

And this about winds up the news here. I expected censorship to be lifted before this - but no soap. I keep you in the dark and only God knows why. Take care of yourself and don't cry too much when you see Johnny come marching home -

Love to all,

Bill

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P.S. - You've never mentioned
receiving a package from me.
I mailed my Wesleyan annuals
from 980 back in June.
They weren't insured so guess
there's no way to trace them.
Oh well, the only value was
a little sentiment - small
sacrifice. I am going to
start sending personal things
home as soon as I can get
them wrapped and cleared
with the censor - so I can
travel light when that time
comes.

Bill