

16 October 45

Dear Mom -

Arrived here yesterday about 9 AM - have been so busy running all around to movies, etc, I haven't taken any time to write letters.

Our trip from Ft Spencer was very smooth and uneventful. Our conveyance was a Liberty Ship, as usual, but this one was exceptionally clean inside, and roomy because it wasn't carrying its capacity. I worked an 8-hour shift in the troop office on the way down - no work except a little typing.

Hard as it may seem for you to believe, I'm glad my route back home brought me by Adak. This is my old home. I watched it grow from nothing to a fine, big base. There are a few of my old friends still around. First thing yesterday I bought a big cup of vanilla ice cream and a hamburger in the PX restaurant - and then a pair of

Oxfords in the "clothing department" - then we went to a movie in the Castle (constructed by the 33<sup>rd</sup> in early 43). The Castle sports an "on-and-off" light on the outside and plush seats on the inside. The seats were installed during my hibernation at Spencer. I feel much closer home already. And, by the way, don't bother to write me because I don't expect to be here but a few days. I will be transferred to a casual company tomorrow, and from there it's just a matter of sweating out another boat. Wish I could come by air as I did before but it seems like no luck there.

I'll be dropping you a note along the line as I journey. Should be seeing you in less than a month. Hope you are all OK.

Love to all,

Dick