

Aboard Ship in Harbor
at Adak -

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Dear Mom -

I'm not sure I can mention the name of this ship, so I'll just tell you everything but the name. First of all, it's a regular passenger steamer with excellent accommodations. I occupy Stateroom 220 on "B" deck with 2 other men, Chisholm and Dehnke. I drew the top, or "Pullman", berth but it's as good as the others. ~~So~~ We have a wash basin with plenty of hot and cold water, individual drinking glasses, and a clothes closet. We stored our bags in the closet. Our meals are served in a classy dining room (salon or saloon to the ship's crew I guess). By served, I meant the real McCoy - white-coated waiters give each man a menu (we actually choose!), take our orders, and then start with the courses. Today, our first meal was supper; and it was the best food I've tasted since I left home.

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Soup, real soup, not just a mess of water and grease. Then our plate - I chose roast chicken with dressing. Along with that was some good potatoe salad and green beans, hot biscuits, butter and coffee. Then dessert - all of us, 6 at one table, had apple pie with ice cream.

So you see, I'm practically back in civilization already. I understand there are a couple of stops scheduled - Dutch Harbor and Seward. I'll probably be writing some more along the way and mail the letters when I can.

I'll go to Atlanta again - I know that for sure now. Unless my orders are changed somewhere - that is always a possibility -

Hope this finds you all well -

Love,
Bill

P.S. - Expect to sail tonight near midnight.