

Farragut, Idaho
December 27, 1942

Dear Mother,

I received the air mail letter with the paper full of names. I like it. Tell all of them that I appreciate it very much and will keep it.

Last night I went to Spokane. I saw a show. I went to a dance at the Masonic Temple. It didn't cost anything. I was the only sailor there. Most of the rest were soldiers. Nearly all [page 2] of the soldiers which I have seen or [sic] friendly.

I was in a cafe eating a turkey sandwich. A woman an [sic] I talked for about twenty minutes about the Navy. She has a son in the Great Lakes.

There is about three or four inches of snow on the ground now.

I didn't go to church this morning because I [illegible deletion] am on the barracks clean up detail.

The package hasn't come yet.

I got a card from Wood. He was my Buddy in boot camp. He [illegible deletion] also sent me christmas card.

After while [sic] I am going down to Camp Ward and fool around.

Have you received my package?

How is Daddy, Betty and Julia. [sic]

When these next drafts there will only be three or four of Company 12 here. [page 3] Some schools are going to open up here. We are liable to have to stay here. I would rather go to some new place that I haven't been.

Tonight I am going to write Daddy.

I haven't much to say so I will close.

Your son,
Tom D