

Farragut, Idaho
December 8, 1942

Dear Mother,

Last night I went to Couer D' Alane, [sic] Idaho. I didn't do much. Went to a picture show, ate supper, went down to the U.S.O. and had some coffee and cookies. I had my second Class seaman ship stripes sewed on my cuffs. I got home about one o'clock.

What can I get you daddy, Julia, and Betty for Christmas. [sic] Aunt Nettie sent me some real nice christmas cards with my name on them.

I had a letter from Iva Mae this morning. They are all well, walter want [sic] some chaps and a cowboy shirt for christmas.

[page 2] Tonight I am on the bag watch again until eight o'clock. I tried to practice up on my typing but the typewriter is a little out of [friz] so I am writing letters.

I think that tomorrow some more of us are going to find out what school we are going to. I hope that I do.

I will keep this letter open until in the morning to see if I find out anything.

How is everybody? I am fine. I have gotten over my cold. I am a little bit lazy because I haven't been doing much.

This afternoon I played basketball for about and [sic] hour and a half. Tomorrow afternoon I am going to play [page 3] basketball and then go swimming if I am not on a work detail.

The snow is about a foot deep now. It snowed about two inches or more in a couple of hours this afternoon.

How are Aunt John and Grover? Joe said the Brother was going to Houston sometime during the christmas holidays. December 9

No word about school and I did not get any mail this morning. I probably will this afternoon.

This morning I was on work detail in area J cleaning up a barracks. This afternoon I have to go back and wash windows. I am in charge of the men.

Your son,
Tom D