

Farragut, Idaho
December 20, 1942

Dear Mother,

Last night I received two air mail letters from you. One dated the 14th and one the 15th. I also received a christmas card from Aunt Nettie and Uncle John.

You said I looked more like a sailor in the picture Joe has with a white cap on. That was the only picture I had taken with a white cap on. In the district you are not suppose [sic] to wear a white cap in town. Only the [page 2] lime hats. I put that on [sic] in my pocket so that I could have the picture taken.

I don't know what to tell you to do about my christmas present. I might leave here in 10 minuets [sic] and it might be 10 days or longer. No one knows what is next in the Navy.

I had a long day yesterday from five until six that night and then a guard in the middle of the night. We get up a [sic] five and lights don't go out until [page 3] ten. I wish I knew what was going to happen. I am getting tired of waiting, seeing others move in and then move out again.

Yesterday was suppose [sic] to be my day for liberty but I didn't get it. Maybe I will get it monday. If not don't look for any christmas presents for a while.

I was supposed to get any mail yesterday. At ten thirty yesterday I was paid 25 dollars. After christmas if I still haven't found out anything [page 4] I will send some money home. Close to \$100.

Last night I went to the show at Ward. It was "Magnificent Ambersons."

I am going to try to write Daddy today. Has he been home lately? How is Betty and Captian [sic]?

Do you still have the picture that I told you to save for Jean. [sic] If you do you can give it to her. I would like to sign it but no telling when I will get a chance the way things are going.

Your son,
Tom D