



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Dearest Folks,

Congratulations! on your 26th anniversary!! I tried calling you today but after 5 1/2 hours waiting you weren't home. But that is the risk that I took. I wanted you to know that I have not forgotten.

Having received letters from Audrey - Dad and Mom plus a knife and flash light from Bob I feel good this week. I certainly do enjoy Dad and Mom hiking up and fishing then cooking them over a wood stove. I do am proud that mom could make the climb.

Tomorrow night we get our first liberty - oh boy. I have been here three weeks and five days and it will be good to get off for a while. I think that myself Don Koets, and three fellows from Iowa, and two from Minn. will go together (also two from St. Louis -



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Next time I write I shall tell about
it.

Yesterday was the first day that
really seemed like Sunday. Those
of us ^{from our Co.} who sang in the choir received
our dress blues so we got to wear
them in the Choir we sang
"Bless the Lord Oh my Soul!!" and
we did OK. a lot better than we
did in Practice. So good in fact
that we sing over the radio next
Sunday eve. There were about 200
there and the sermon was alright.
altho it was another one of those
"that is full of a lot of good little things"
I thought of you several times and wondered
what you were doing.

I have to quit now and go to
how I shall try to write again
about wed -

Love
Jim