



1 September 1944

Dearest mom,

I received your letter of the 28th this afternoon, thanks a lot. The R2 came in handy - it will carry me over until pay day - it was small.

The big news is my new address - I was going to wire it to you but I wouldn't be able to get out until tomorrow so I shall send this special delivery to rush it to you. It will be James McAlbertson R.T.C.
Unit 309 D.C.O. 4th N.D.
~~Philadelphia~~, Philadelphia, Pa.

The D.C.O. stands for District Coast Guard Officer 4th Naval District. We will probably be ~~stationed~~ there for 3 weeks at least. That's definite. From there I don't know where we will go but that is some time off. I am glad that Dad showed you the letter, I wanted to write to you about the possibility of getting sent over but I wanted Dad to tell you - I guess I am not as good at things like that. I certainly will be thankful for the time, when it comes, that things like that will just be a memory of the past. I hope it is not too far off.

So far Dick hasn't let me know about anything of this weekend. Maybe something shall turn up in the

morning. I certainly hope so, for it would be wonderful to see Dick again. But in case we cannot meet in N.Y.C. perhaps we can meet in Philly or at Washington D.C. in the next few weeks. Finch will be quite close to Philly (about 1½ hours away by train) so the chances are still good on our getting together.

I think I will call again Sunday ~~the 3rd~~ even tho Dick and I cannot be together (that is if we aren't together) if we are well will call you also. This birthday shall be so different from the last one - I wonder what the next will hold - perhaps we shall all be together by then.

Janie leaves the 5th for Chicago, she is going to spend a week enroute at Jane Prairie who is visiting her grandfather in Nebraska. Would you call her up Tuesday morning and sorta wish her Bon Voyage (sp) for me - I would appreciate it very much. I wish that I had 4 years of College behind me, then maybe she and I could make definite plans, but it has been a very good test that the way it is - for that I am glad. When you write next would you tell me what you think of her - I would appreciate it.

Thanks again for your letter mother - each one is really anticipated and then reread many times after I receive them. I shall try and write to Barbara and Richard soon, love their letters. I must stop now for I need a shower and I have 20 minutes to get undressed and take one in. Good night for now now - I shall write to the family on Sunday eve.

Love you son
Dick
(over)

here is the address again
J. H. Albertson R.T. 7c Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
unit 309 D.C.B.O. 4th N.D.
Philadelphia, Pa.

I am looking forward to the time I hear from you and
you say "the leave G.S. on such & such a date" for Seattle -
I hope it's soon, so that the problems that will arise
with Buckys baby and the kids starting school, will be
taken care of in time.

With pleasure and love from I have this day.

At this moment - as far as my trifles as well
as what you suggested. It has been a quiet - but busy time

A friend of mine and myself are now in one of
the local saloons & also very easy to obtain here being

such a quiet place as well as very slow - which is
just fine - though I am of (92) expect will not have
rest, as winter comes along fast here & always

restless, and thoughts always about I have lots of
time and lots of - as you all told me long gone is now
- at least up to the last night there was no work

place in town - nothing else going on except

I used much also since you know not his telephone
and such - was having less work & time but just think
how much I was getting now). until

but in we did have been up at intervals as small
as about one hour apart at times - and now of this

and every day

and

(very)