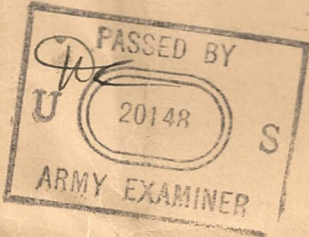


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Alaska
August 15, 1943

Dear Mom + Harry:

Your letters finally began to dribble in. The first one I received was yours, Harry, of July 10. A couple days later I received yours, Mom, of July 8, 23, + Aug 3, all in one envelope. After a few more days I received one from the Thomas Mink Ranch ^{dated Aug 3} on a letterhead which made me do the Bernhard Targo. Yes sir, when I laid eyes on those "Swash" capitals the Thomas Mink Ranch shares ^{in this part of the world} soared like a thermometer in hell.

Mom, I'll answer your letters first. Whenever the garden is mentioned I immediately think of sweet corn. The memory of eating that delicious buttered corn on the cob will always keep me interested in the garden back home. I wasn't disappointed to hear that the birds ate up all the cherries because it means less work for you. It's surprising though to hear that all the cherries were eaten up by birds. As far as I can remember such a thing has never happened before. The

birds I guess are making
up for the milk food
that they are now missing.
However if I were back
home I'd consider the
cherry disaster as very
serious because I'd
figure the loss in the
number of gallons of wine
the birds swiped from
me.

Are the lakes around
Detroit crowded as they
were during the pre-war
days? The 6 inch fish
you caught seems to
indicate that there are
less week-enders throwing
their hooks into the water.
The fish now have a chance

to grow out of their minnow-
hood stage. Were the
fish big to Genie, or did
he, like a deep sea fisher
man, wrinkle his nose
at their size?

So golfing has taken
the place of tennis. I
don't think it's a very
bad change. Now that
I am growing older I'm
thinking of taking up
this game of hit and hunt
myself when I get back.
But I'm afraid that
in the beginning it'll
be mostly hunt.

Now I'll try to answer
Harry's letters. I don't

want to write too long
because time is really
precious here. I can't
^{have} too much of it for myself.
I'm going to try to get
to the show this evening.
I was going to go last
night but "The More the
Merrier" was being shown
and I saw this either
in Alabama or Pennsylvania.
Just after finishing
the previous sentence
I found that the
theater today is show-
ing "It Aint Hay". Well,
I believe I'll go anyway.
There is a very remote
possibility that Abbott
& Costello can entertain ^{me} _{here}.

Harry, that letterhead
of the Thomas Mink Ranch
gave me the kind of
lift ^{the} cigarette ads speak of.
It's pretty snappy & at
the same time conservative.
That's the way I like it.

I don't believe it can be
improved. I hope that
after the war this letter-
head will mean much
more than just a good
front.

The price we received for
our pelts made my head
swim. I couldn't believe
it because in your pre-
vious letter you said
the skins were valued

by the Auction Co at \$20
+ \$13. and I thought the
average would ^{only} come to
about \$16. When I read
that actually \$22.67 was
received I had to read
this figure over & over
to make sure my eyes
weren't deceiving me.

If ordinary male pelts can
sell for almost 30, platinumos
should be well over a
hundred.

I was interested in your
first golfing experience &
am sorry I couldn't share
it with you.

It was very good of the
Ullmann Brokerage Co. to

offer a free subscription
to my fur magazine.
The first copy hasn't arrived
but I don't see why it
shouldn't in the near
future.

By the address you
gave me I know now
exactly where Richard
Barrigan is located. I'll
write him let him know
how close I am.

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It seems as if every letter I have written from Alaska has some slight change in address. This holds true for this letter.

The latest address is as follows:

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ADPO 948

Seattle, Washington

A money order for \$60 is enclosed. I'll wait another month before having allotments deducted from my pay so that I'll know exactly how

^{much}
I'll require for my own
use here.

I nearly forgot to
write about that letter
you sent to Gladfelter.
You expressed yourself
very tactfully and you
seemed to be pretty confi-
dent that our order with
Ingham can be canceled.
In the event Ingham
refuses to make the
cancellation, ^{I suppose} you can just
forfeit the deposit.
I'm returning the copy
as requested.

With Love

Ed

P.S. Health news: Excellent here.
Keep yours as good, Mom. Don't over-
work yourself.