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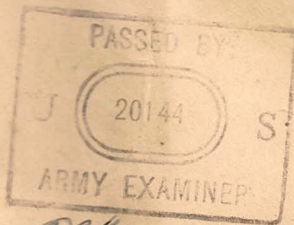
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Mrs Victoria + Mr. Barry Thomas
17457 Filer Ave.
Detroit (12), Michigan



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Alaska
August 5, 1943

Dear Mom + Harry:

So far I still haven't received any mail here. I guess it's being held up + will be delivered later. If all the Detroit newspapers will come here all at once I believe I'll look like a moving news stand while carrying the load to my hut. It will be quite a diversion to look the papers over + see how the news is being reported in Detroit.

Notice the new stationery I'm using? It was given to me by the Red Cross while I was enroute to

Alaska. It was included with some other articles in a cloth bag of the type that closes by pulling the lace. This reminds me of the bags that you made for me + which are probably in the mail somewhere. I hope they'll come thru + reach me because I can make good use of them to keep my laundry + other articles separated. Coming back to this Red Cross bag, besides this tablet I found that it contained some pencils, envelopes, a sewing kit, razor blades (not my kind), a bar of soap in a hinged container (just my

type), a deck of cards +
a mystery novel entitled
"Black Alibi" which I traded
for Zola's "Nana" which
another boy found in his
Red Cross bag. I believe you
remember seeing the movie
of this novel. The book has
500 pages + I liked it so
much better than the movie
that I read it thru long
before I reached my destination.

Bringing up the subject of
movies, I've gone so ^{far} only to
one. It was "They All Kissed
the Bride with Melvyn Douglas
+ Joan Crawford. I can't
remember now whether I
saw it before in civilian

life or in the Army. It seems to me I saw it quite long ago in Detroit. I didn't mind seeing it again though because it is a good comedy. All of the pictures shown here however, aren't that old. Some of those shown within the past week were "My Friend Flicker", "Sherlock Holmes Does to Washington" (I saw this at Camp Custer), "Amazing Mrs. Holliday", & "Crash Dive". You can see that I'll have to wait quite some time before the pictures I didn't see come in.

There are plenty of books here of all sorts & I'm pretty

sure they'll keep me pleasantly occupied during my leisure moments. To tell you the truth, though, I would much rather prefer reading them in Detroit.

I am sorry I returned that small pocket size checker board. There are some checker boards here but they cannot be reached as readily & put away as conveniently as the one I returned. If you have it at hand & can send it back, please do so.

There is a slight change in my address from the one I gave you in my

previous letter. The new
address is as follows:

Pvt. Edward J. Thomas
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138th Infantry,

Headquarters Co.

^{APO 948}
c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

So long until
my next letter

Ed

P.S. Tell Jessy + Mac +
Bertie + Gene that I haven't
forgotten them. They'll hear
from me soon.

Send me Richard's
address. I'd like to get in
touch with him + let him know

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how close I am.