

① May 19, 1935.

Dear Mother, Florence,
Dorothy, Clara, Loretta,
James, Tommy, Kay,
Joyce and all my
Brother-in-Laws.

Just a line to let
you you all know I
am still alive and well.
We are in Alaska and
we had a great time
coming. I suppose you've
read most of it in the
papers. Have you seen
any of our pictures in
newspapers or news reels.
We had them taken
about 50 times. Once

on the boat they took
a close up of Dixie
crying as hard as she could
cried with a movie camera
and. Ours big black Police
dog with a life preserver
on with Sonny, and
Sonny has his picture
taken with the Mayor
of Frisco.

we've had bands meet
us at every depot and
reporters and newspaper
men bother us to death.
there was so much
that I could write about
that I could make a
book on the subject

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But I won't.

This country has no Igloos
or Eskimos.

It's the same as
Minnesota where we are
of course that's nothing
to brag about.

We are expect 136
families pretty soon
and then we will draw
for our land.

We have been real
comfortable and have
plenty to eat although
prices are sky high.
Milk is 26¢ a qt. and eggs
40¢ a dozen. Potatoes \$3.00

a bushel. 1 pig is worth
\$100 a piece. The shows
are 50¢ a piece for the
cheapest one in Alaska.
a 10¢ tablet is 25¢ here.

Clothes are way up.

but every one here is well
dressed and well fed and
has money to spare.
when we were in Seward
Alaska we had all the
beer we could drink and
never spent one cent.

Old prospectors and farmers
treated us and did they ever
have rolls of money. You should
see it. They don't know what

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relief is here.

We get mail once a week. A boat comes in at least once a week and believe me we like to get mail. It makes me so lonesome to see other folks getting letters and not me. I dassent think of you all to much because I'd get to lonesome. up to now I've been to busy. I've made a lot of friends since I came and of met a lot of nice people. We give dance's

every week and believe
me I go to. If George
don't feel like it he has
to stay home. Because
~~he promised I could go~~
when he came.

We live in tents
all on one piece of ground
and they call it Valley
City. We have a Nurse in
~~Doctor and small Hospital~~
also recreation of all
sorts, a base ball team
and gossip club.

We have no gardens yet.
They say there are 3 men
to every woman here
and most of the women

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Palmer Alaska
Aug. 27, 1935

Dear Mother.

Just a few
lines to let you know
I am still O.K.

We are getting along
swell. Our house
is built and it is
a cute 5 room bunga-
low. We have sent for
\$325 worth of furniture
and will get a radio
washing machine
heater and sewing
machine if ~~needed~~
needed. I wish
I hadn't brought
mine I should have
left Fatty had it. I mean
the sewing
machine

We have been selling
milk at 15¢ a qt. about
20 qts a day or more
and George has two
cows. We have ~~no~~
no expenses so we
save every cent almost
and we now have \$45
saved and it grows
everyday. Boy its swell
to just save money.

George says he will
go home as soon we
can save enough which
will be in at least 3 yrs
I hope but at the
rate we are going it
wont take long we
may even make it
next spring. If the
winter is so long and
lonesome.

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George don't like it
and he says we
will live here in our
house and use our
furniture until the
payments comes due and
then we will pocket
what ever we make
if any and go back
to the states.

They haven't really treated
us fair here. They take
all they can away
from us and every
time the colonist want
any thing we have to
get together and demand
it. Such as the Radio's

and washing machines.
We've been promised
them since before we
started and they've
put us off so many
times and finally said
we couldn't have
them ^{at} so the colonists
held meetings and
hollered so much they
finally sent for them
and every little thing
we get we have to holler
about at least two
months a head for it.

I am sending you
some snaps of us and
our house I've had
these for some time
but neglected to send
them. We could come
home now with the

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rest but we are making
a little money so we
may as well stick
at least this winter
George intends cut
pulp wood this winter
and trap. Also Fry
will be here we think
and he will prospect
and you can never
tell what he'll find
We were up to the
Lucky Shot Gold mine
and I seen Gold and
more gold. I seen
more gold than I'll
ever see again.
If Jimmy was here

he could make \$100 a month and board easy and he might have had chance to work in his art a little. I wish I had some way I could get him here. But still this a long way to come and he is so young yet. Besides ~~but~~ no one knows ~~how~~ how long it will last. The colonist sometimes think this thing is a going to break up some time and not far off. But I don't think so. They've sunk too much money in it. Some good friends of ours

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are going back tomorrow
and they are going to
take our letters as
far as Seattle, and
mail them there
They will get to you
quicker.

There names are Cook
from Cass County Minn.
They have 7 children.
We know most of
them that's gone
back already.

I got a Card from Florence
and a letter from
Lotty and Dorothy
No one ~~over~~ ever answers
any questions sever

ask. I am a going to
send you some money
for Xmas. I don't know
how much but enough
to ~~to~~ buy yourself
a nice present. That's
something I've wanted
to do ever since I've
been married but I've
always had to give you
a dollar or 50¢ present.
I don't want anyone
to plan on sending
us anything because
we get new things every
single day and we have
plenty more than any
of you got. Tell you
so far a head so you'll
know I mean it.

The postage is so high it
will eat any thing

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you have up so you
won't know how you
could send it.

Aint this a terrible
letter I am hurring
so much

Mother write and
tell me wether you
get this letter or
not. you could write
this once or make
the kids. I may send
you something and
if I do I want to know
if you get it or I wont
bother to send any more
things. I sent one package
and no one wrote and

said you got it and
They've had plenty chance
to. It should have got
there about the 8th
of Aug.

We have kerosene mantle
lamps now and we
have every convenience
possible. I'm well off
and I don't want any
one to worry about me.

I don't hate it at all but
of course I get lonesome.
I do worry about you
a lot so you ought to
at least write one letter
- haven't had one line
from you since I seen
you in Milwaukee
Good by and love
to all of you from all
of us. Evelyn H. G.

Palmer Alaska

Sept Sept, 8, 1935

Dear Mother.

I will write a few lines
and tell you how glad I
was to hear from you. I
had given up hopes. I hope
you write again even if you
make one of the kids write
for you. I was sorry to hear
you had some trouble with
Hank. He is a damn fool
and should be made to see
it. I wouldn't worry about
him. If he can't treat you
decent its better if he stays
away. She needs her pants kicked

Too.
It makes my blood boil.
You do too much for other
people mother. That's why
you're so hard up. I am
going to help you a little
now and then as much
as I can. I sent five dollars
to you. I suppose you've got
it and I want to send more
as often as I can. I hope
it cheered you up a little.
I have a little money but
I am trying to get enough
put away so I won't feel bound
to stay here. Then I will
come back when I feel like

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it. If we come before May they pay our transportation but after that we pay our own. We have been selling milk to earn the cash as we have 2 cows. I haven't learned to milk yet and have no intentions to but I do every thing else to help with it.

We have also 2 calves and a pig and are going to get a horse. We sent for a saddle and I am going to learn to ride.

Sonny is crazy about it here. Say his in heaven

but sis gets lonesome.

She talks of all of you.

She remembers every one.

I am as fat as ever and
getting to be so damn farmerish

I wear pants most of the time.

If it aint breeches its overalls

and if not overalls its slacks.

I have more clothes than

I know what to do with

except dresses. I am going

to send for a couple soon.

I get more damn things.

Every day I get new kitchen

ware ~~or~~ or new house hold

equipment. You don't

realize. How much we

are getting ³ 3

my furniture will be here
in 2 weeks. It cost \$325 with-
out freight and besides I
got a gas washer, a gas iron,
battery radio and brand
new sewing machine.

We would be crazy to
go back this year but
don't worry. I don't intend
to stay for very long.

If some of you were here
it would be O.K. I'd never
dream of going. ~~but~~ I'm sure
I can help you a lot after
a while and maybe

I could manage to get
Jim up here and he'd get
a good steady job as easy
as pie with good pay.

George's brothers both plan
on coming.

I'm sending a picture of
our house. It's just been
finished and there are no
trimmings on it yet but
it's well built and close to
town. Sis walked in
every day since Sis came
out here which was the 1st
of Sept. I know all my
neighbors but they only
trouble is they all go to bed

to early and I like to sit up.⁴

These Alaskan women
are so tough. Boy, they
drink smoke and swear
just like men. They get
so they even look like men.

Beer cost 25¢ a bottle

here and I don't see much
of it but I do get hungry for it.

I have to write to Dorothy
yet so I better save a
little of this for her. I
suppose you both
read it any way.

I scribble so fast that I

doubt wether its readable.

I hope you feel well. I
don't want any thing to happen
before I get back so take care
of yourself and don't work
to hard. I hope you don't
have some one else come that
will cost you dough. How is
Care any way. Did he hate
to go back. Its terrible to
have your family all broke
up like that. Does Mary
take good care of the baby.
Well good by Mother and
love to the kids Evelyn.

Palmer Alaska
Oct 2, 1935.

Dear Mother,

I received a letter from Flo dated the tenth and she didn't mention the five dollars I sent you so I've been wondering if you received it. I had it registered it should of been there about the 14th I'm sending another little bit in this letter. I want to help you a little while I can. We are doing pretty good now. We have saved up about \$75 dollars but George loaned his brother \$35 dollars today to get up here with so its down again but I expect to get that back as I know we can get him a job here.

We are all well and I am

receiving the things I ordered.
I'm sending a few pictures of
the things I got. I also got the
sweetest washing machine
boy its dandy and we have a
10 tube silivstone radio.
We also have a heatrola
coming. I have two sets of dishes
a set of silverware, a set of glassware
a dinette, a living room set
a desk a studio couch 2 rugs
3 linoleums. I have more things
than I know what to do with.
At Christmas time I'm going
to send a box of things I have
that I can't use. I don't want
to send it before ~~it~~ because I may
get in trouble here.

We are getting along pretty good
and I have 12 cases of canned fruits
and vegetables 3 cases of canned meat

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besides loads of staples put away
so we wont get hungry. They told
us to buy all we would need on
account of the strike that is
going on. My house aint finished
on the inside so I havent put my
things up yet and I can hardly
wait. I am not trying to brag
mother I just want you to know
I m all right so you wont worry
you know I must be pretty well
off or I wouldnt be able to send
you money. I never could before
but I hope I can send more
later. I like to save as much
as I can so I can feel like I am
not stuck here all though they
will send us back any time until
our year is up but a person
hates to leave all the nice things
right away.

I was going to save all these few dollars and send you the whole sum for Christmas but I think you can use it now as well as then.

I got a letter from Watty yesterday the second since I've been here. I was surprised to hear from Dorothy so often and also very glad. You don't know how much these letters are to me. It is just like the pictures Florence sent me we wait in line for an hour and some wait for four hours for letters from home. I am in the picture and so are some very good friends of mine. Well mother I got so many letters to write I have to cut this one short so I'll close here with all my love to you and the rest Evelyn

Palmer Alaska
Oct 3, 1935.

Dear Dorothy

I was glad to hear from you again. I've gotten all your letters. I guess only it takes an awful long time for letters to get here and back on less you just hit the boat right with the letter it takes about 2 weeks each way. Well I'm glad to here that things aren't as bad as they were. I wonder if Mary came back yet, I suppose Dad will run after her. I feel sorry for him though but I guess he deserves it. Dad he still drink. And Earl sure is the heinous. I've been wondering if those kids wouldn't be better off if he didn't let them go seeing as how he acts. The poor kids.

I suppose he leaves them ~~only~~ alone a lot and of course they'd be scared and lonesome and that's a terrible life. I feel so sorry for them kids. I wish I could take one up here. Earl certainly don't deserve to have them. It he mean to them at all.

What did he do with the babies. I don't think any of you should take any more kids you sure are doing more than your share.

Well there's not much to say about myself except that I'm fatter than ever and I'm ashamed of myself cause I eat too much. Tommy only gets to school once a week now as the school here hasn't been built yet so his won't get to go at all as they don't have ~~now~~ any kind of garden.

this year and that hurts her,
she wants to go so bad.

You sure made an impression
on her, she remembers you
so well and the other day I
was talking about you to
her and she said, "See I
like Aunt Dorothy, shes so nice
to me", she said shes going
come back pretty soon.

Sonny likes it here but hes
afraid of the bears and everybody
claims theyve seen them at some
time or ~~another~~ another,
but I never had seen once so far.

My very good friend Mrs Rossiter
had twin girls the other day. Hank
is a nephew of Uncle Jim.

We were all so surprised -

Truman will be here soon and I
am glad too. May one from home

seems ~~to~~ good to me.
I could send for Jim but if he
did come he maybe wouldn't like
it and he would have a hard
time to get back again.

But he could get a pretty good
job. We are having more darkness
every day. Now it turns dark
about 5:30 and gets light about
6 o'clock in the morning later
on it will be dark for all but about
3 hours but that only last about
2 weeks thank the Lord. We see
the Northern lights here and there
so pretty. We don't know yet how
long we'll be here but it will be
until spring anyway. Well I
got 8 letters to write to write so I
must cut this short but I'll
write again soon and more
too. So with my love I say Goodbye
Evelyn

Palmer
Oct 6

Dear Dot I got your second letter yesterday so I will add these few lines. I've been sick in bed but I'm up today and feel better. I'm sending for myself a dress and shoes today as I have been invited to so many parties I can't wear the same dress every time. Say I have some nice material here to make a suit with if some one would trade me for a dress I'd sure trade as I can't sew good and I hate to spoil the goods. I wish I had it I'll send a small one. Well I'm going to quit again as I have to start

dinner and George will pick
my pants.

I will be home

from Evelyn.

Oct 6, 1935.

Dear Mother,

I received your letter ~~couple~~ days ago so I will add a few lines to the letter I had already write. I was sure glad to hear that you got the money I was a little bit worried.

I hope you do get your glasses but I bet you wont.

I hope Tommy is better by now. I cant write much because

I owe so many letters

I got Claras letter and will answer that I also got Dorothy's letter again

I was so damn sick yesterday I had some kind of fever and boy did I feel rotten.

Well I guess I'll say good by again and I'll write in a

couple of weeks.

So long, mother and
love from Evelyn,

Some one ask me about this picture
and I want to answer who ever it was.

Theres me in the fore ground with the
X and also Sonny sister and Dixie. I have
to make an excuse for looking so fat
There seems to be another person mixed
up with me. ~~I~~ look funny, my
hat is on so crazy (note the 3 legs)

There are also some friends in the
picture with the O marks. Geo. Wasnt there.
If you dont want to keep this send it
back.

Evelyn.

P.S. Im also X on the other picture,