

L. S. Nasauja,
Palmer, Alaska.





Mrs. A. J. Morris,
Cromwell,
Maine

Palmer Alaska

July 24-1935

Dear Sigrid:-

Was thinking of you folks, so thought I'd make it a visit as best as can be done. I really meant to write before this but I think that I am actually getting lazy. Laying around not doing any thing is getting on my nerves. Only going between this Camp and headquarters to see what they are going to do next. They actually are not doing anything but promise, and believe we are getting fed up on their promises. 18 more families going back on this next boat leaving this Friday. Some have left the Corporation and are on their own somewhere in Alaska and that's what I would do if I was able to work but as I am now I'd better be where I am taken care of ~~at~~ present and not think of the future.

Helene and I were in Anchorage a week ago yesterday, Helene had her upper teeth pulled 3/4 of them, you should see her now must eat mush now, when we have all the stakes we wish and I had a tray of my back it showed that my ribs had healed good and were perfect but it also revealed (Arteritis) (I don't know how it's spelled but that's how it is pronounced) - in my spine all along the bruised portion and also a fracture of my spine on a portion he called something like "Lumbard" any way it's the next joint ^{on my spine} below my ribs the joint should look some thing like this  but is like this  one corner is chipped off. Dr. said best was to leave it alone, if they went to operate they would make it a much worse than what it will be if left alone. So I guess they can sure leave my 40 for me as I am not able to and never will. So I am

taking it as easy as possible. Of course
so far I don't even need to cut my wood altho
I believe I could if I'd try hard, but then on the
other hand it would only prolong the sore-
ness and encourage the arthritis (a kind of Rheumatism
so far as I know now there will be no compensation
of any kind. But then time will tell. I have
a wonderful appetite and am getting fat.

You ^{remember} ~~remember~~ I wrote you before. Where I was promised
work at the office here. Well the Timekeeper Mr Sullivan from
Wash. D.C. (a very nice fellow and almost a pal of mine) came
up one day to see if I could come and work in his
office. I said sure I can do that and said I'd see
the higher ups. and so that dragged and dragged
like all the rest finally I asked him one day
and he said he didn't know as they would
be a general shake up and a new program
for next week, and it's been a new program
every other day since. just the other day I
said I must do something or I'll be stuck here
for life so he said don't worry he is giving
me hours same as if I'd work each day but
then that's another promise. But will look
into that pretty soon. Well things change here
so often and sudden it's hard to say what will be next
yesterday Klaw & I went into the Architects office and they
showed us a new type of house they had figured
out and drawn the plans that morning. So we
changed our plans as they wished us to do so.
Altho this new plan we really liked better but we

Them plans were discarded this morning. Some
are left awaiting another New Deal. next week. What
it all is about it passes us guessing. that I do know
and can see by now we'll never be able to pay even
interest on our loan above our Commodity bill
by farming. and I don't believe that that's what we
were sent up here to do at the agreement reads so.
The Navy is in here now and Army plans have been
here most of the time and quite a sum of money is
going to be spent on airports and a lot of talk is going
around of a Naval base, so I think it is all on
account of fortification that we are here. Alaska
is a big area with small population, so you see
this is one way of populating Alaska we number over
1000 and 67 the stock is expected to bring before Oct 1st
so far two babies have been born but three
passed away. as we had another death believe since
I wrote you last a Donald Olson he was hurried
the 8th. we have several scarlet fever cases on hand
at present but none are serious. These Wash. D. C.
fellows at least got us better medical aid so now
we have a frame hospital and any case that
is more doubtful they are taken to anchorage
immediately. Believe me we were pretty much up-
set there for a while. and the kids don't forget their
rod lincolin either twice every day. so I figured
that a strong body was the best to fight the
germs as we all have been exposed to all
of them. So we'll sure feel lucky if we all
pull thru.

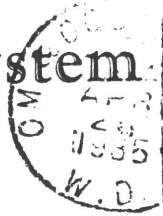
Oh ops Salmon! Wish you would of been here
for supper. Some fellows went fishing last
nite and they brought two wash tubs full of salmon
we had two of them and I know they were fresh

gun, net, gaff hook or any other means
I have not my barrel yet and salt yet - but will
get them this week and go and get my fish
a years supply - we are kind of fed up on the
fresh fish but are just dying for some home
smoked and salt fish only wish we had some
of our old potatoes, so we could have baked
potatoes. These Alaska spuds are like sugar
soaked sponges - hardly any starch at all mostly
water. Well even if the spuds are not good - we have
nice red ^{wild} currants, which are now ripe the Lingon Ber.
are red on one side and so are the High Bush Cran Ber.
have not seen many ripe raspberries yet. There are
no wild straw berries here and have not
heard or seen how the blue B are coming
near there are lots of them here. Wild flowers
are sure plenty but the Mts are most beautiful now
Listening to the Radio Be quite every body! - I must change my program too.
Just heard on the Radio the Matanuska News (our neighbor
tribe tent have a radio every night and we hear it
just as if it were in our tent. So we just heard Mr Fuller
returned for W.D.C. and then to New York and a Capt
Curtains from the Navy is taking his place Charge of the
Construction department and he promises us another
new program - however every time I hear new program
mentioned it just makes me laugh. Mostly all of the new
heads are navy, signal corps or army. officers. we have the direct wire
less & Radio communication to Wash D.C. now. So it confirms me
more that this is a fortification project more than any
thing else. Well just as I was saying the Mts are beautiful
I am going to see some of them before I go back
Alaska has its possibilities there's no doubt about that. But
we must wait and see for a while. This country is mostly
all a range of Mts way up north & into the interior it's
not a pretty country for farms as the valleys are rather
small & ...



Union Pacific System

Pictorial Post Card



Dear Aunt Sigrid
 morning Golden Gate
 Sun. warm feeling fine
 Plenty to eat. Children
 all fine. There is
 exciting so far. Not
 too crowded in cars.

Mrs. A. J. Morris
 Cromwell

only min. payable on
 just heard will stop
 2 hrs. at Ogden. Paul
 asked me to write

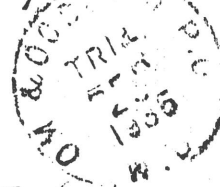
The Union Pacific runs fast de luxe trains
 daily to California via the scenic and historic
 Overland Route.

Paul V.



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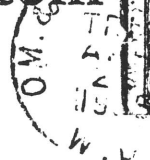
Ben Tasanque
 Cromwell
 Minn.

See beautiful Salt Lake City on the way to
 Yellowstone—Grand Teton Parks or California
 via Union Pacific. No additional rail cost.



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Pictorial Post Card



Dear Aunt Sigrid
 Nice have in
 lot of fun here to
 this train route
 there are quite large hills
 around here and we were
 on our own for
 off in the distance
 we can see mountains
 and we will be in
 N.P. L.A.

Mrs. A. J. Morris
 Rt. 1 Box 14
 Cromwell, Minn.

Snowy mountains and orange groves are part
 of the charming variety of California. Reached
 by fine, fast Union Pacific trains.



Mr E B Vasanga
Cromwell
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Dear Your Grace

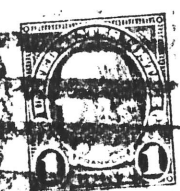
As you see I have
this picture taken at
in storage. And from now
The Vegetables came from
I wish to see the
The boy and I getting
of many other things to
to my home to get them
with the other things



Mrs A. J. Morris
Cromwell
Minna

Dear Mrs Morris

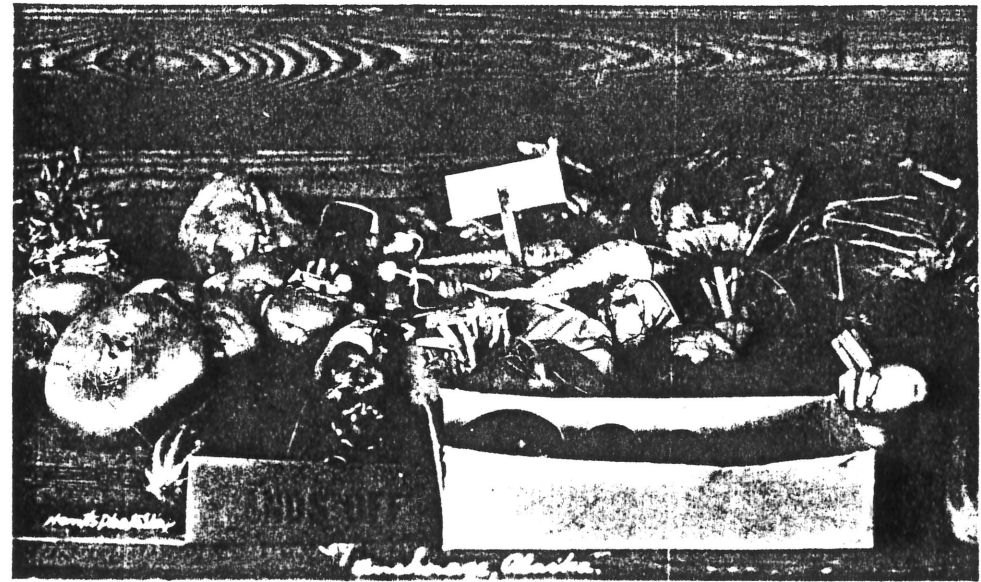
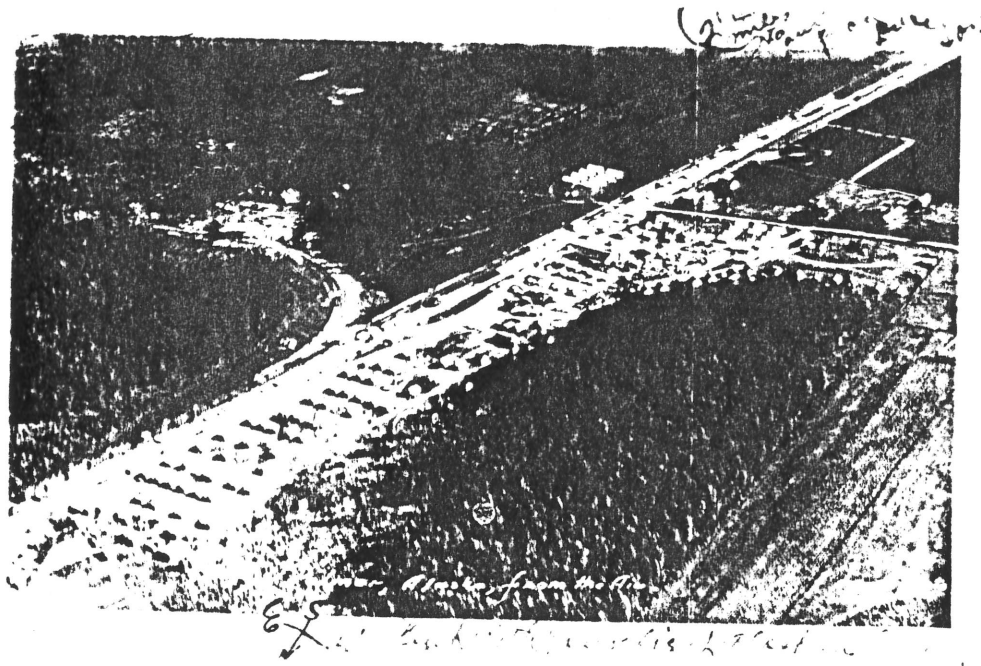
I am thinking of getting
Xmas gifts for you and
getting them ready to
do it. There is not so
much to do as I thought
the picture of the boy
is still to be given to
you and the other things
are all ready to go



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Dear Billy - Just left
Omaha 5:40 AM Sat. Stopped
1 hour rest here sleep
I took chewing for
a walk. We didn't
eat at Paul until
4:30 P.M. Fri. We had
lunch me @ Y.M. X room
& child. Y.N. We didn't
see anything of lawn
do it was dark. My boots
O.K. appear in full blossom.
Hard to walk on train
slow train yesterday stopped
almost at every stop but
now no more stop so on
water, all is O.K. quite ex-
citing. nice lunch from
Paul. Some I know. With
sawels. Stop B to 7 Cranland
is on too from Alasca. Arrive
will arrive Frisco. Monday
2: P.M. Lv 1st. 20 car train
10 R.R. food fight at ahead
only 67 families. In this
trip other will follow
all from you only 2 other
from love and

about Sunday. How
about 5 men more any
Well be in 3 days
and will be in 3 days
long enough from a
gold wash to 3 days
have all the water
made for them. We are
sure getting good
accommodations. We are
sure all we can get
can order 300 yds
if we wish any way.
We are over 200 yds
with good water
at last. I am sure
I will get 300 yds
of the best water
& 300 yds in my
reach. Between times
Bobby dipping early
at the 1st of the month.
There will be a new
trip. We take the day
out for a walk 6 days
including Channing



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

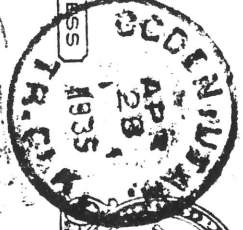
Mrs. G. J. Morris
Crown Point
Indiana

Let Ben be

Dear Mr. Morris,
I have been thinking
of you a great deal
I wrote I must have
your address. I have never
before. I have never before.

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Mrs. G. J. Morris
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May 19 1853

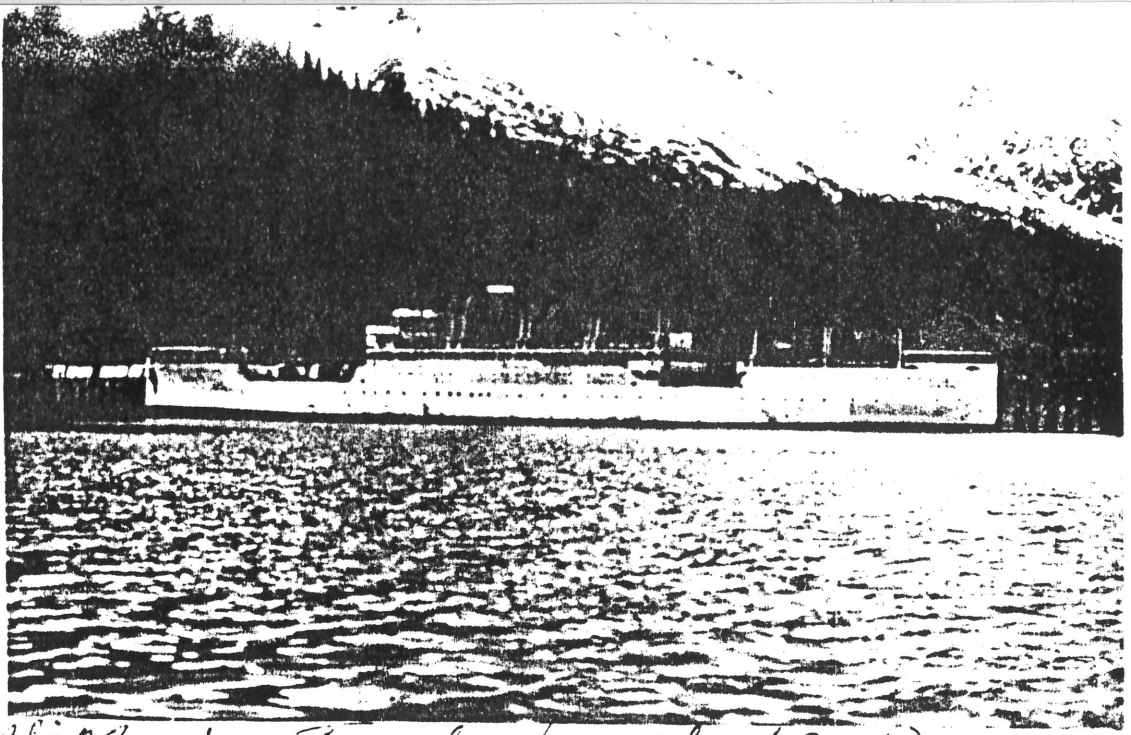
This is the ship we came here on
we are anchored at dock unloading
all freight. & the crew have
privilege of going ashore. But the
children & lady must stay on board
We are under quarantine for weeks
maybe here for a week. This is taken on
dock at Sevard the snow covered mts are
all around us the timber is spruce
The name of the ship is St. Michel pronounced
(my-hell) & (Michel) two ways both mean Michael
Sulo & Family

Dear Ben: you can't
of. I hope you want to see
know we can see it from
the farm just your place
of the valley with the snow
100 miles away. The highest
though on the N. American continent
been my 45 and am
very well satisfied with it
almost like a table & not the
hardest to clean either. I will
spare no sweat. We are
all well hope the same with you
very much indeed & 23 hrs of daylight
getting to see this country while
every day. Ben's getting there
100 km go for every 100 km (see)

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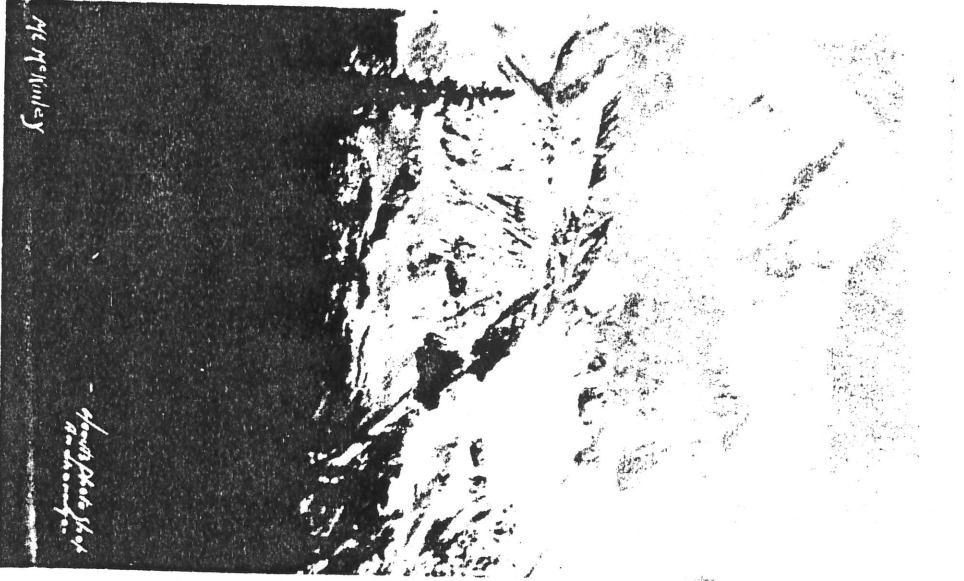
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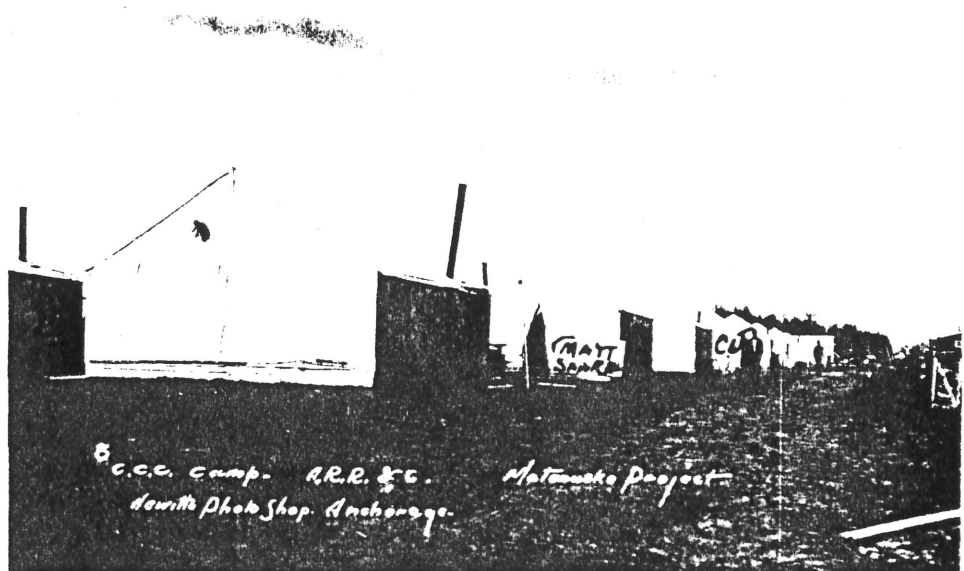
Ship facing towards West. (Sout. Dock)

20350 Ht. Trip



McKinley

Photo Shop
Anchorage



8 c.c.c. Camp - R.R. & C. Matanuska Project
down to Photo Shop Anchorage.

Dear David,

I had to write because they said I was going to on the other side.

I have been fishing salmon and trout. The salmon are no good any more. Daddy has ordered 2 automatic rifle. I will go up in the mts. and shoot whelving pigs. It is starting to snow on the mts.

They are digging the cellar for our house, they will be starting on our house pretty soon.

We saw some goats on the mountains one Sunday. It is after mine, so I will have to quit.

With Love.

Lawrence

P.S.

we just heard thunder, the 3rd time
this summer. They are not very frequent
here. we have had several earth
quakes at the Helen & I have only felt
one the same one Dorothy & Maryann
each felt a different one. That sure
is a queer feeling jaw least the
rumbling first then a few seconds
later comes the shake. it gives you
a sort of spooky feeling when
the dishes rattle in the cupboard.
The earthquakes are quite frequent
therefore we have no brick chimney

Am making "saunna kivas"
out of 2 gas barrels expect to have
"sauna" in a couple weeks here
are two so far been in back
of them. one is on the campground.
I finally got Pearl & Helen to write
so I guess I'll leave it to them.
Maybe Lawrence will finish the other side
of this. Get dark at 6:30 P.M. Day at 5 A.M.
Moon is awful bright. North star is almost over
head, seems out of place. Sue

On Board St. Michael

(noon) About 300 miles off Sitka
Sunday May 5th 1932

Dear Brother,

I thought I'd start writing be-
cause we expect to land off Seeward
tomorrow night about 5 P.M. but we
will have to stay on board ship
maybe 2 or 3 days. The trawlers are
going ahead & put up awnings and
put floors in them before we go.
The trip so far has been most
wonderful. The 1st day out was quite
stormy and most people were
sick. Bear & myself are the only ones
so far that haven't been sick. Yester-
day & day before was almost calm
today it's quite a bit there
are large swells not really
waves. Seen several kinds of
fish including two bunches of
whales one was a real monster
at quite close. We are taking a
direct route from Frisco to Seeward
and haven't seen land since
the evening we left Frisco. Like
San Francisco, real well and

if I don't make it in Alaska I'll try to
settle in California some place. Most
of the farms along the railroad either were
cutting or hauling in their hay. I didn't
like the look of the prairie and that
south stricken area sure looked
sad.

I don't remember what I have
written & what sort there has been so
much to see, hear and do that half the
time don't know just what we are at
at San Francisco they sure gave us some
welcome signs all over (Wellington ^{Alaska} ^{Colony})
The ^{City} Board Mayor & Chief of Police met us
at the depot and escorted us to our Hotel
They gave us street car tickets to the hotels
fruit & presents for the kids and
again yesterday on board ship the
captain & nurse dished out little
cake candy & presents to the kids and
movies were taken of the whole perfor-
mance we have several news agents
& Paramount sound movie operator
on board. When we left Frisco
there must of been at least 8 movie
cameras clicking and 50 news paper
camera men they snapt 3-4 pictures
at the same time. Must of been
some 3500 or 4000 people seeing
us off - mostly curiosity seekers and
news paper men some day you
may see us on the news reels
in moving pictures. there are only
two other firms one is Matt Savelle
step brother to Frank Grandlund from Cron
and the other is Oscar Kesthala he ^{came}
from near Grand Rapids Itasca County

The bunch in general looks quite good and we have made friends with quite a few. This ship is a oil burner making about 17 knots an hour fair size. have not inquired about its size but would judge it to be about 350 or 400 feet long about 60 feet wide. no guns on her although mess halls etc are made for soldiers. few stoves in staterooms but most have lots ~~three story high in kitchen~~ (below decks) good eats & sleep in and we sure can sleep too. the food is fairly good but not like home cooking. just went to look at the pigato report we traveled during the last 24 hrs 361 miles and have 468 miles left to go we get a report every noon shows just how far we go. temperature of air & water. tomorrow there will be another reception & need to meet us at Seboard. Will write again when we kill a few misquitos. Love from all subs

Calmer, Alaska.

Sept 17th 1935.

Dear Sig:

I am glad you received the King's Service. I was afraid that maybe they wouldnt like it. Its been so long since I wrote last I dont remember what I have written. Any way there is not so much to write about Helen & I were at Anchorage Labor day 2 days in all had a wonderful time and met some fine people.

Have not written to the V. K. either but I may send them a line in the morning. No, I am not such a good master of the Finnish language as you and many others think. As I write my letters in English and they translate it. They sure like my writings have had several requests for more. But I am not getting anything except the paper and I dont read that very much.

We & they might start building our house this week. At present they are digging the cellar. Its getting pretty cold here but we are O.K. in our tent we have coal so we have fire all night. Am going to move our tent to the home site this week. Sunday here are only 8 families left from 32 at camp and most of them will be going next Sunday. and all expect to be in their homes by Oct 4th. At the houses will not be finished, they will be livable.

Some of the furniture are coming in every day now with our waist to be shipped until Oct 5th. But there is going to be a long shoe makers strike Oct 1st so they are rushing everything in before that.

Well I must say that I am convinced that things can be grown in Alaska. I have seen the most wonderful head lettuce, parsnip, carrot, cabbage etc. & flowers only they don't seem to grow until in August. Can you imagine the haying is still right now and won't be done for a week yet. They don't do any fall plowing here.

I am getting more & more stuck on Alaska and feel that I am here for good all ready. The kids like it too. our kids go to school at Matanuska and others are tutored at home until our school will be built they just started on that today. The Hospital is coming right along and will be finished in another couple weeks. hope to get some help for my pack then as they will have all modern Kay & other machines.

Can't think of any thing else the kids are growing and are in the Best of health Marilyn has gotten her teeth all fixed finally.

Marcella wants to show you what she has learned in school all ready you must write now turn it, as she turned the sheet. now she says she didn't know it was upside down. am trying to make the girls write. it seems awful hard for them to write they all say they don't know what to write. Hope they write something any ways. say hello to the just if she is still there.
Love from all of us
Doris