

Letters Home from Cpl. Charles Pospisil, Amchitka, AK--May 1945

[Note: Letters as transcribed include some corrections to syntax, grammar, and spelling. Material of a personal nature has been deleted in deference to remaining family members.]

May 2, 1945--The first opportunity to write in a long time, for we are very busy. Just had to make time somehow today...The weather has been exceptionally nice for this time of the year. There is nothing new I can let you know about, although things are brewing in all ways...Received my first pay yesterday, the first on the island. Felt good. Ha, ha, ha. Also had my first day of K.P. here, which wasn't bad at all...Happy to read the folks were able to get my slippers and that they are on their way. I'll really be looking forward to them. Will let you know when they arrive. Hope it's not too long. Ha, ha, ha...Thank the folks for the lovely gesture, for I certainly appreciate it...Say, you really won your point with the rationing board, heh? Perhaps you missed your vocation. I think you should have been a saleswoman. Ha, ha, ha...Enclosed (NOTE: Nothing was in the envelope, other than the letter) is an enlargement of the snapshot I sent. Thought you might like it. That is what the Army calls a parka jacket. It is fur lined and very warm and serviceable. It can be worn several ways.

May 15, 1945--(NOTE: This letter was only five paragraphs long and devoted entirely to a personal matter)

May 31, 1945--Dear Mom, I was very happy to receive your letter and (am) making it a point to get off a few lines myself today...Glad to hear you are all feeling fine and able to carry on, on the home front. As for myself, I'm O.K...The Mother's Day gift was something I sent both you and my mother, which was the only way I could show my appreciation to both you two mothers...Let me thank you and Vin again for the slippers you sent. The sweater and slippers arrived about the 23rd of May. The boat was about the second one since I'm out this-a-way. They came much sooner than I had expected. I asked for a 1/2 size larger so that I could wear them with a heavy wool sock...There isn't much news, except that I got my cpl(?) rating back and the work that I'm doing now is similar to that at home on the dept. I like it very much and hope it lasts until something better comes along...In closing let me wish you all the best of health, wealth, and happiness, and hope it won't be long before I hear from you again.