

Spokane, Washington
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Hello,

I received your letter yesterday, but as yet have not had the opportunity to show it to Jim. He is now working as a bus-boy at the Davenport. As far as I know he likes it quite well.

Things are going quite as well as could be expected, and I do not know of much to tell you concerning us up here. I am making a fair amount of money, and we are both eating, which seems to be the main idea at the present time. I have hung onto a little with which to pay a few bills that I have out for money borrowed etc., and have made my payments to KBU and have paid \$26.50 on this typewriter. I decided that I needed a typewriter so I looked around and found this one which is an Underwood Noiseless Portable. I don't particularly like portables, but under the present set-up I couldn't see how it would be possible to get along with the standard typewriter. This is a \$75. machine in very good condition, a late model looking almost like new, and it only cost me \$45. I'll never be sorry that I invested in this manner.

I am now, as you no doubt know, working as a bell-boy at the Davenport Hotel. I don't like this so extra well, but it is better than waiting table, and it pays more. My hours are from 6 A.M. till 3 P.M. one week and from 3 P.M. till 12 Midnight the next week. This week I am working the Morning shift.

As you no doubt also know, I was turned down by the Marines, first, and later the Navy for the same reason already known to you. The examining doctor for the Marines told me that I would not get into the Army or even Civil Service until something was done about it. I went to the Navy, not as a choice of mine, but for the reason that I heard that they would in some cases consider the enlistment and operate at their expense. However, in this case, due to the particular nature of the injury they would not consent to this procedure.

The weather is cold and clear, and has been so for the last few days, although Sunday was rather nice. I guess this is the time of the year to expect such weather so, as near as I can see, we haven't much kick coming.

Outside of working, eating, and sleeping I don't seem to have much time left over for anything else except perhaps a little reading etc. now and then. I am doing more reading lately than I have for some time in the past, and I am getting a great deal of enjoyment out of it. I have just finished work for the day and as soon as I wash up a little and change a few clothes I am going out and get a little something to eat to tide me through the night.

Just when I will get down in that country again is impossible to say due to expenses and to the nature of my work, as I have no days off.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

As Ever,

Bob

