

December 8, 1943

Commanding General  
Western Defense Command  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, which visited Alaska early in September, I want to convey the thanks of Senator Ferguson and myself, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courteous and efficient manner in which the officers and men of your command expedited our work in that area.

Your attention is invited to the inclosed copies of correspondence.

It was a matter of sincere regret to us that we did not have the opportunity of meeting you personally but we were very happy to have had the opportunity and privilege of visiting the Alaskan area. You have every good wish for continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

Incls.



December 8, 1943

Commanding General  
Alaska Defense Command  
A.P.O. 942, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, which visited Alaska early in September, I want to convey the thanks of Senator Ferguson and myself, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courteous and efficient manner in which the officers and men of your command expedited our work in that area.

Your attention is invited to the inclosed copies of correspondence.

It was a matter of sincere regret to us that we did not have the opportunity of meeting you personally but we were very happy to have had the opportunity and privilege of visiting the Alaskan area. You have every good wish for continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

Incls.

December 8, 1943

Colonel Otto F. Ohlson  
General Manager  
Alaska Railroad  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Colonel Ohlson:

This letter is to thank you for your courtesy in making a special train available to us to assist us during our inspection visit to Alaska early in September as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

Senator Ferguson and I, and the staff which accompanied us, recall with pleasure our association with you during our visit. You have our best wishes for continued success in your work there.

Sincerely yours,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.



December 8, 1943

Lt. Colonel Joe W. Burleson, CE  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 987, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Burleson:

This letter is to thank you for the courtesies you extended Senator Ferguson and me, and the staff which accompanied us, when we visited Whittier, September 4th, as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall very pleasantly not only the visit at Whittier but also the splendid luncheon which you made available to us on the train.

You have our best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely yours,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Colonel George J. Nold, Engineer  
Alaskan Department  
A.P.O. 942, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Nold:

This letter is to thank you for the courtesies and facilities made available to Senator Ferguson and me early in September when we visited Alaska as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

Senator Truman and I, and the staff which accompanied us, were much impressed by the efficiency and courtesy of your officers and men and we appreciate deeply your thoughtfulness in planning which was of material assistance in enabling us to complete our mission there.

We are particularly indebted to you for having made Colonel Givens available to us during our stay.

You have our best wishes for your continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Lt. Colonel Dodson O. Givens, CE  
Executive to Engineer  
Alaskan Department  
A.P.O. 942, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Givens:

This letter is to express my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson for your helpfulness to us when we visited Alaska as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

Senator Ferguson and I, and the staff which accompanied us, recall with a great deal of satisfaction our association with you through the course of our inspection. Your assignment to temporary duty with us during the trip was of great assistance to us in completing our mission with success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Colonel Perry W. Brown  
General Staff Corps, G-4  
Alaskan Department  
A.P.O. 942, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Brown:

This letter is to thank you for the many courtesies you extended us early in September during our inspection of the Alaska Defense Command facilities, which Senator Ferguson and I visited as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

Senator Ferguson and I, and the staff which accompanied us, recall with a great deal of pleasure our association with you during the inspection trip. Your assignment to temporary duty with us was a major factor in the success of our mission there.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Colonel Lawrence E. Schick  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Alaskan Department  
A.P.O. 942, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Schick:

This letter is to thank you for the courtesies you extended us September 4, 1943, when Senator Ferguson and I visited Fort Richardson, with our staff, as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We enjoyed very much our visit there and are grateful to you and to the officers and men associated with you for the facilities which enabled us to perform our mission. One of the incidents of the trip which we recall with pleasure and satisfaction was the opportunity of meeting and talking with you.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Brig. General Frank L. Whittaker  
Deputy Commander, Alaskan Department  
A.P.O. 942, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear General Whittaker:

This letter is to express my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson for the various courtesies shown us September 4th, when we visited Fort Richardson as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

Senator Ferguson and I, and the staff which accompanied us, remember very pleasantly the efficient and hospitable arrangements which were made and which enabled us to perform our duties with speed and satisfaction. I hope you will extend our thanks also to Major Lintner for his assistance.

It was very pleasant for us to make your acquaintance and we wish you continued success in your work.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Major Garnett W. Martin, Inf.  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 943, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Major Martin:

This letter is to thank you for your courtesy in expediting our inspection of the post at Yakutat, September 3rd, when Senator Ferguson and I, together with our staff, visited there as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

I sincerely hope you will convey our thanks to the officers and men who assisted in showing us the post.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Colonel George B. Norris, TC  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 727, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Norris:

This letter is to express my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courtesies and assistance extended by you and the officers and men of your command September 1st, when we visited Excursion Inlet as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We very much enjoyed the opportunity of visiting and inspecting the post and we remember with gratitude the very pleasant luncheon at your quarters.

I sincerely hope you will convey to the officers and men of your command our thanks for their helpfulness during our visit there.

Sincerely yours,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Seattle Port of Embarkation

December 8, 1943

Lt. Colonel Oral G. Layman, Inf.  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 940, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Layman:

This letter is to thank you for the courtesies you extended to Senator Ferguson and me, and to the staff which accompanied us, when we visited Fort Ray September 1st as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

I hope you will extend to your officers and men our thanks for their assistance which enabled us to complete our work there rapidly and satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Lt. Colonel Roy W. Riegla, Inf.  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 946, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Riegla:

This letter is to convey my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson and our staff for the courtesies you extended to us September 1, 2 and 3, when we visited Juneau as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

The facilities and courtesies you extended to us were of material assistance in completing our mission and I hope you will convey our thanks to the officers and men of your command.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Lt. Colonel Samuel H. Gibson, Inf.  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 935, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Gibson:

This letter is to express my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson for the courtesy you extended us August 31st, when we visited Annette Island as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

The arrangements which you made enabled us to complete our duties there rapidly and effectively. I hope you will convey our thanks and those of the staff which accompanied us, to the officers and men of your command.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Major General Eugene M. Landrum  
87th Infantry Division  
Camp McCain, Mississippi

Dear General Landrum:

Senator Ferguson and I want to thank you in our own behalf and in behalf of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, for the courtesies shown us and our staff when we visited Alaska early in September as a subcommittee.

The efficiency with which you and members of your staff expedited our work and the hospitality which was extended to us are very gratefully recalled by us all.

Please accept my best wishes for your success in your new assignment.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Brig. General E. D. Post  
Chief of Staff  
A.P.O. 980, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear General Post:

As chairman of the subcommittee which visited Alaska early in September in behalf of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, I want, officially and personally, to extend our thanks for the courtesies shown Senator Ferguson and me and the staff which accompanied us.

It was very pleasant to make your acquaintance and we appreciate the arrangements which were made to facilitate our work in Adak and vicinity.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Commanding General  
Seattle Port of Embarkation  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, which visited Alaska early in September, I want to convey the thanks of Senator Ferguson and myself, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courtesies and efficient manner in which the officers and men of your command expedited our work in that area.

Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of correspondence.

You have every good wish for continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

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December 8, 1943

Commanding Officer  
Alaskan Wing  
Air Transport Command  
Edmonton, Canada

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, which visited Alaska early in September, I want to convey the thanks of Senator Ferguson and myself, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courtesies and efficient manner in which the officers and men of your command expedited our work in that area.

Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of correspondence.

You have every good wish for continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

Incl.



December 8, 1943

Chief of Engineers  
New War Department Building, Room 3126  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, which visited Alaska early in September, I want to convey the thanks of Senator Ferguson and myself, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courtesies and efficient manner in which the officers and men of your command expedited our work in that area.

Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of correspondence.

You have every good wish for continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

Incl.

December 8, 1943

Brig. General James A. O'Connor  
Commanding General  
Northwest Service Command  
A.P.O. 702, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear General O'Connor:

This letter is to convey to you my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson, and of the staff which accompanied us, for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to us at Whitehorse, Watson Lake and Edmonton, September 10th and 11th, in the course of our trip to Alaska as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall very pleasantly the hospitality extended to us by you and by the officers and men under your command. The arrangements which were made to facilitate our trip were of great assistance to us in accomplishing our mission rapidly and satisfactorily.

I sincerely hope that you will extend our thanks to those officers and men concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Chief of Engineers  
New War Department Building, Room 3126  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.



December 8, 1943

Colonel Chester A. Clark  
Post Executive  
A.P.O. 986, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Clark:

This letter is to express to you my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson, as well as those of the staff which accompanied us on our visit to Amchitka, September 6th and 7th.

You were most kind to guide us about the area and we are all grateful to you for your part in having made our visit there so successful.

Yours sincerely,

Harley H. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Brig. General Henning Linden  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 986, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear General Linden:

Senator Ferguson and I want to express our thanks and those of the staff which accompanied us, for the many kindnesses shown us September 6th and 7th, when we visited Amchitka as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall with a great deal of interest our tour of the area and we shall always remember the opportunity of talking with you and your officers and men during our over-night stay.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Colonel Edward M. Sutherland  
Post Executive  
A.P.O. 730, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Sutherland:

This letter is to convey to you my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson for the kindness shown to us, and to the staff which accompanied us, when we visited Kiska, September 6th, as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

The tour of the Japanese positions was a most interesting one and we are all very grateful to you for your helpfulness.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Colonel John Fye  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 730, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Fye:

This is to express my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson and the staff which accompanied us when we visited Kiska, September 6th, as a sub-committee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall with a great deal of interest our examination of the positions occupied by the Japanese and we appreciate deeply your courtesy in showing us about.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Lt. Colonel Virgil L. Womeldorff, CE  
Resident Engineer  
A.P.O. 726, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Womeldorff:

Senator Ferguson and I, and the members of the staff which accompanied us, want you to know of our appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown us by you September 6th, when we visited Attu as a sub-committee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We prize very highly the mementos of the trip which you and Colonel Carroll gave us and we recall our visit with much pleasure and satisfaction.

We, and the members of our staff, send you every wish for continued success so that you may soon have service in a less rigorous area.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Colonel William D. Fraser, CA  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 937, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Fraser:

This letter is to convey to you my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson for the courtesy you extended to us last September 5th when we visited Kodiak as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

Your kindness and hospitality to the members of our staff was much appreciated by them and by us and we are all most grateful to you for your consideration. I sincerely hope you will convey to your officers and men our thanks for the efficiency and courtesy with which our visit was handled.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Lt. Colonel Carl B. Whitesell, CE  
Post Executive  
A.P.O. 980, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Whitesell:

This letter is to convey my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson for the many kindnesses extended to us and to the staff which accompanied us when we visited Adak, September 5th, as a sub-committee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction our visit there and we wish you continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Colonel William R. Carroll  
Acting Post Commander  
A.P.O. 726, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Carroll:

Senator Ferguson and I want to convey to you our thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown us by you and your officers and men on September 6th, when we visited Attu as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

The members of our staff join with us in wishing you continued success and a resultant early conclusion to your services in that area.

We recall with a great deal of pleasure our visit there and we prize very highly the tangible evidences which you and Colonel Womeldorff so kindly made available to us.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Colonel Russell Keillor, AC  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 938, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Keillor:

This letter is to convey my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courtesy and hospitality shown us at Ladd Field when we visited there early in September in the course of our trip to Alaska as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction our opportunity to observe activities at the field and to talk with the officers and men of your command at dinner and breakfast, which were, of themselves, most enjoyable.

We all join in wishing you continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Army Air Forces  
Pentagon Building, Room 1006  
Washington, D. C.

December 8, 1943

Captain Joseph M. Stamm, MC  
Commanding Officer of Station Hospital  
A.P.O. 947, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Captain Stamm:

This letter is to convey my thanks and the thanks of Senator Ferguson for your kindness to us during our visit to the hospital at Nome in the course of our trip early in September as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

I recall with a great deal of personal pleasure the opportunity of talking with you at some length. You have my best wishes for continued success in your work.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



8 December 1943

Brig. General Edwin W. Jones  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 947, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear General Jones:

This letter is to express my gratitude and that of Senator Ferguson, and of the staff which accompanied us, for the courtesy and hospitality shown us September 8th and 9th, when we visited Nome in the course of our trip through Alaska as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program. Senator Ferguson and General Lowe recall with pleasure their hunting trip with you and Mr. Jackson and we all are keenly appreciative of the hospitable and helpful spirit exhibited by you and the officers and men of your command.

I sincerely hope that you will convey our thanks, particularly to Major Milton L. Lee, F.A., Post Executive, and Major Waldo E. Aikins, F.A., Adjutant, for their assistance during our visit.

Sincerely yours,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Major Wilfred J. Boudreau, CE  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 971, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Major Boudreau:

This letter is to thank you for the courtesy you extended us in showing us about the post at Bethel, September 8th, when Senator Ferguson and I visited there with our staff in the course of our trip as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall our visit with a great deal of interest and satisfaction and I sincerely hope that you will convey our thanks also to Major C. H. Zwerman and to Captain Joseph J. Nekeronec for their courtesy and efficiency in guiding us about the area.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Brig. General Edgar B. Colladay  
33rd Anti-Aircraft Brigade  
San Diego, California

Dear General Colladay:

This letter is to convey my thanks and those of Senator Ferguson for the many courtesies and kindnesses shown us September 9th, when we visited Dutch Harbor with our staff as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall with a great deal of pleasure, not only the opportunity of visiting the area and talking with you and your officers and men, but also the extraordinary breakfast with which you fortified us before resuming our journey.

We all congratulate you and wish you continued success in your new assignment.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command

December 8, 1943

Colonel John M. Robinson, Inf.  
Post Commander  
A.P.O. 730, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Robinson:

Senator Ferguson and I, and the staff which accompanied us, are very grateful to you for the courtesies shown us September 6th and 7th, when we visited Anchitka as a subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program.

We recall with a great deal of pleasure our over-night stay and the opportunity of talking with you and your officers and men.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

cc: Commanding General,  
Alaska Defense Command

Commanding General,  
Western Defense Command



December 8, 1943

Commanding General  
Army Air Forces  
Pentagon Building, Room 1006  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the subcommittee of the United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, which visited Alaska early in September, I want to convey the thanks of Senator Ferguson and myself, and the staff which accompanied us, for the courtesies and efficient manner in which the officers and men of your command expedited our work in that area.

Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of correspondence.

You have every good wish for continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Harley M. Kilgore, U.S.S.

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