

Herb Gedney: And of course, mail from home would always brighten a day. I learned to stay in touch with my family after my father had a friend in the Salvation Army arrive on a dog sled from Fairbanks to find out for my father if I was still alive and if so, why I was not responding to his letters. After that I had to show my CO, my Commanding Officer, my letter was ready to go for home to my Commanding Officer.

We really didn't know a lot about what was going on in the rest of the world because we had no newspapers, no equipment for movies or news reels, and no radios with news and music playing. When the Captain would get up dates he would post them on the bulletin board from radio transmissions.