

Dale M. King Writes From Far-Away War Zone

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Mrs. Ona M. King has received a highly prized letter from her son, S 1/c Dale M. King, who is serving with the U. S. Navy in the southwest Pacific. The fact that the letter was written in commemoration of his mother's birthday, makes it more dear to her. The letter follows:
Dear Mother:

Well Mom, today even though I am thousands and thousands of miles away from home, I certainly am not forgetting about today being your birthday and to me a special day. dedicating all of my doings and prayers to God that this letter and all my letters in my navy career will find you always in the very best of health.

I realize that today with Dan and I being away from home your birthday isn't nearly as cheerful as it could be, but I know Mom, you are keeping your chin up just for our sake, And we are all praying that it won't be too long until we can all be back home to celebrate your birthdays, but for the time being I am doing my best to preserve your health and freedom and we all know Dan has already done his share.

I have always tried my best to write you folks as long and cheerful letters as possible even though it is sometimes pretty hard to write a very long and cheerful letter, and I sure do appreciate the many nice long letters you have written me as I know it would make me feel pretty low for the other boys to be getting letters day after day and me not getting any.

Well I have a four hour security

watch in the morning, so I guess I had better say good-night and get ready to turn in. Once again Mom, I hope you had a very very happy and prosperous birthday, and I hope that everyone at home helped to make it as cheerful as possible. Please don't worry about me, I am well and feeling fine. I know mom that Dan's thoughts were of you today too.

Your Loving Son, — Dale.