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off Unalakka.

My dear mother,

We have some prospect of getting in to
Iliulik Harbour, Unalakka tonight & I am
writing you a couple of letters to leave there with the
chance that they may be forwarded in the course of time.
Our plan is to stay at Unalakka only a few
hours & commence with any of the work of war which
may be there. After that another day should take us to
the Seal Islands. We have been about a week
getting from Victoria to here, steaming straight
out across the North Pacific, but our vessel is
not so swift as she might be & cannot do
much better than ten miles an hour or thereabouts.
The sea has been wonderfully smooth but weather
cool, damp & often drizzly, quite in the style of
the Queen Charlotte Islands in B. At the
present moment we have some parts of some of the
Aleutian Islands in sight through fog banks &
as the charts are not all they might be we are not

quite positive as to our actual position, though
 with a steady upon which we are running. As
 we have the ship all to ourselves we have plenty of
 room & have managed carefully to do quite
 a lot of work of one kind or another in
 mounting reports & documents etc. It may
 possibly be some time in October before we get
 back to Victoria, but much is uncertain as yet.
 This is not a news. I let you know where I
 am in case there should be a chance of sending
 a letter off. Please thank Rankin for his
 letter received shortly before I left Ottawa. I have
 lost his address again & so cannot write
 to him directly, even if I had something particular
 to communicate, which this so far unavailing
 voyage does not yield. Trusting that Iva &
 her daughter are doing well.

Yours

George