

July 14, 1901
No. 10 Quartz Creek

My dearest

Here I am at last took six days to come, on foot from Nome and it was a pretty rough trip the way we came was 130 miles, 18 in the party.

There is a man going to Mary's Eglo to-day first chance I have had to send a letter. Lots of snow on claims here no work can be done for some time yet. Bill not here was on his way to Nome we were on our way here. Heard yesterday the S.S. Chas. D. Lane was at Teller so expect Bill came back from Nome on her. I may be able to work a little after while but will be a very short time at the best, the snow here, where we want to work is about five feet deep looks quite blue just now.

Have had quite a bad cold for several days, but is better now, I am running Louis' mine, about 2 1/2 miles down the creek, his foreman is going to leave to-day so I took charge of it will clean up to-day. No snow on his claim, Louis likes boats and whales and will not mine, so I wrote him that I would take his mine on a lay, will write more after I clean up.

Finished cleaning up, got about ten ounces, pretty good for 18 hours run, can't work to-day water too high rained all night and warm to-day.

This is a pretty hard country to do anything in, one has snow - mud and high water to buck against, but there is no doubt but what it will win out nicely later. This season will be so short that I won't be able to profit much this year - but can do good prospecting and assessment work all in good shape and will be in fine shape to knock spots off of things next season, then you will be with me.

Heard this morning that a boat had pulled into Mary's Eglo

so I am going to send the pack horses down right away have very little stuff to do any thing with here, Neva creek is reported to be a dandy we have the best claims on it, will work there in a few days and I expect to take out a neat little sum what ever may turn up.

My trunk has not come yet will give Bill his letter and candy as soon as it does.

I do hope this finds my dear ones well and happy as it leaves me and I do hope you don't worry and don't get lonesome. Will write again soon and often after this, as there will be packing going on all the time now.

Lots of love & kisses for my very dearest

Devotedly yours only

Paul

I told Ma to send you a stuffed duck and muckaluks for Dan and Paula. Dean started a letter to Mollie, guess he will finish it later. Lots of love to all.