

Letter to Dillon Wallace from Henry Blake, one of his 1913 Paddlers

North West River 1914

Aug The 3th

Dear Mr Wallace

*I am Going to write you a very few Lines to Let you know
That I am still alive
& all is well.*

*It has been a very Late spring & very cold. We only heard from out side
three times yet. They say There is Lots of ice on The coast. Just Like in winter it
must be Bad for The boats rocking around. I heard that the Envirmore was lost
about two weeks ago. There was a good many ducks around here but the people
kept them drove around so much they went wild & killed 184 ducks & Geese this
spring.*

*I am tired trying to write with pen & will finish this letter with Pincel.
Well Mr. Wallace I was surprised about not getting the gun. If you sent it it
didn't Reach here yet. We never heard a word from you until yesterday. Violet
had a letter from you. I will be looking for the gun on the next boat. Theres not
much doing around Here now. Murdoch McLean & Gilbert Blake is down the
Bay fishing now.*

*Mother told me to tell you that she didn't Get cloth for your Leggings. The
Indians went away & there was nothing to trim them with.
The company didn't have any. Please excuse Bad writing & Mistakes. I'll have to
finish writing. Good Bye from your true friend
Henry Blake*