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Dear "Sister, husband and kids"

Received your letter the day before yesterday. It was our first mail since we left England and I scored eighteen letters. Nine of them were from Carol so I still feel pretty happy but wish I could get home. I've been away too long this time. We should be home before summer sets in though – I hope. I'll be putting in a request to go home if we aren't.

This sure is an interesting Country and it is a change from England. We get a great kick out of seeing the people in their wooden shoes. I've got a small pair that I'm keeping as a souvenir of the place.

How is Bruce getting along with his Carol? I'm glad to hear that he and Pat are doing so good at school. I'd like to see me winning a ribbon when I went to school. I'd have got it for dumbness I guess eh. It will keep you broke if you have to pay him everytime he wins it.

Well you were wondering if I was going to stay in the Navy after the war eh – well you can quit wondering as I figure I've had my share of it. I've had a taste of every different kind of action there is I think and I've seen quite a few different countries and had a good time so when the war is over I figure it is about time for me to settle down in one place. But if I don't get married I figure I'll get in with Uncle Murray in the Merchant Navy. I still hear from him the odd time but we haven't met up yet. I'd sure like to work with him as chief but I'll bet it is different than being chief on one of these. The only reason I like being chief on one of these is for the extra money otherwise I'd still be a stoker. I'm as high up as I'll ever go in this outfit. If I'm in it long enough they may give me a Chief's rate ha ha.

Things have been going smoothly lately but soon as anything breaks down everything seems to follow in quick order.

How is Nip doing – do they keep him very busy there? I guess he can always find work for his men eh. I can always find plenty for mine I know that.

Well I guess I'll close for tonight as I still have plenty of mail to answer.

Goodnight for now – hope to see you soon.

Give my best to all the family. Lots of love and kisses.

Your Brother

"Murray"