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Dear "Sister, husband and kids"

Well here I am and I am still alive but I guess I'm just lucky or something. I got your letter of May 19th yesterday and was glad to get it and glad to hear that Carol is going up home with you. I know you'll like her and enjoy her company (I sure do).

Well we've been through a hell of a lot. It is fun to think about it now that we are tied up in harbour but it sure isn't fun while we are out there. I've seen more action so far than Jack will ever see in all this war where he is. I sure don't like listening to bullets and shrapnels. They play for keeps out there.

I'm losing weight again but it is no wonder. You can't work for forty-eight hours with no sleep and still put on weight can you but we've got to do it to get this war over. I'll be glad when its finished. I'll have some great memories of it and some salty yarns to spin besides my beard. I can't leave my beard out can I. I'm leaving it on until I get back to Canada. I'm going to get some pictures the first time I can get an afternoon off and I'll send you one. We have a good crew on here and I like them all. I sure enjoy it on here but a couple more trips like the last one and I figure my nerves will be gone. It sure isn't any fun. The "T" in MTB means trouble and we really go out of our way to find it. I don't like glory that much ha ha.

How are the kids doing? I guess they are looking forward to there holidays now eh. I don't think I'll be having any holidays for awhile yet. I haven't had any leave over here yet. Well folks I'll have to sign off for tonight. Hope you have an enjoyable holiday and wish I was with you. Keep writing to me.

Lots of love

"Murray"