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Dear Folks of 321:-

Received a very welcome letter from you today, so will attempt to answer it now in the few spare minutes I have before going on watch.

I sure hope you had a good Christmas. Was sorry to hear that Lou & Mabel were unable to make it this year, but I suppose they are kept real busy with everything at home.

Yes I've managed to put on a little weight, but how I don't know. I'm still pretty much the same now as when I left London.

It doesn't look so promising for leave anywhere in the immediate future.

Since I wore that first sailor uniform I've not only been fortunate enough to see London Eng. but.



parts of Scotland, Ireland as well as Gibraltar ~~and~~ Africa.

Glad to hear that Chuck made out so well in the boating event. Had a letter from Syd Hicks which was quite good, he also sent his picture. Of course you realize that as Jack Tars don't associate with barrack jays much, but I make exceptions in certain cases. Ha! Ha! Syd really is a fine chap. Sure wished he was with me.

Yes I was fortunate in receiving my boxes all in good shape. You can imagine how much these are appreciated.

Was glad to hear that Marion & Carol had such a grand time at Christmas. Tell them I think of them often, and wonder what they are doing. Give them all my love.

Heard that Norm Dear was home on leave for a few days. So I was



wondering whether or not  
 he had told you of our  
 meeting, and some of our  
 experiences together. Well I seem to  
 be rambling on and not saying  
 very much, so will close for now.  
 Health, Happiness + Good Luck  
 to you in the days to come

As Ever

Charles

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TO GRAMP + GRANDMA

Special Delivery :-

How are you anyway, do hope you  
 are both well + happy. Think of you often  
 and wait anxiously for the day when  
 I will see you again. I sometimes  
 recall the things you have done for  
 me in the past + I am grateful  
 Don't worry He'll Come Through

Lots of Love

"Charles"

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