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Dear "Sister, husband and kids"

I guess it is about time for me to write eh – but you still owe me a letter.

Well I'm farther away from you again. I'm in another damn foreign country where they wear wooden shoes but it is an interesting place.

They have some beautiful buildings here and it is nice to explore Jerries old forts.

I'm sure getting around the world aren't I. I'll be able to spin Jack some salty dips and he's been in nearly as long as me. He's been about as far out of Canada as I walk before breakfast and that isn't very far.

I'm still Chief on the old 459 and I have her humming fine. Whenever they want us for sea we're ready. One of my chums burned up two engines in three days so I guess I'm lucky.

I hope this is our last foreign country before we get to Canada. We should be home before the summer though. It sure seems a long time since I came over here and I guess they will want us to go to the Pacific as they class us as key men now so it don't look too good on our part. They had better give me leave or I won't be seeing any Pacific. I'm glad now though that I came over here as I've really seen and learned a lot about other places and I've been around quite a bit.

I can also say I was in the invasion and the action part of it too. It sure was fun when you think about it now but it wasn't then ha ha. I used to be awfully scared at times but who can blame a guy when he sees a little red shell coming for him eh.

How are all the kids doing these days? Is Bruce playing anymore hooky from school? I'll bet he's quite the case eh. How is Pat doing at school – does she like it? I sure wish I was back at school at times. I think they are the best days of your life.

How is Nip getting along – does he like Smith Falls better than the other two places? How do you like it?

We haven't had any mail since we came over but we are still living in hopes somebody will get wise and find out that we are here. It is a bugger to do without your mail.

Well I guess I'll knock off for now. Hope to see you all soon.

Give my regards to Nip and all the kids. Lots of love and kisses.

Your Brother "Murray"