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HMCS Niobe

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Dear "Sister, husband and kids"

Received your air mail yesterday and was sure glad to hear from you and I was sorry to hear that the kids have the measles but I hope they are over them now. I had a letter from Carol and she said she had had a letter from you. Her ordinary mail letter came quicker than your air mail by two days. It sure is phony the way the mail comes. But I'm glad to get it no matter which way it comes. Thanks for sending the parcel. I haven't received it yet but it will be really appreciated when it gets here and I ain't kidding. I had a parcel from Norville and one from Mum yesterday. They were posted in the first part of March.

I'm sorry I didn't stop last time (*in Montreal*). I'm not trying to alibi or anything but I was travelling with that MTB gang I'm with now and we stuck together and we only had twenty minutes between the CPR train and the CNR train going and I came back two days ahead of time because I was thinking of getting married and I only had embarkation leave and no travelling time so you see my leave was very very short. I wasn't even home a week to be exact. You know I've always stopped at your place when I went on leave and I always write to you. Mona is the only one I never write to. I even wrote to Jack since I came over here.

Mona is naming her baby after Carol. I guess they figure they are doing a big thing for me ha ha.

How are the kids doing? If Joan is yappy I guess she must take after me eh ha ha or is it Bruce that takes after me. Maybe he'll be able to show me where the pubs are when I get back. I'll bet he has a great time going to school. I thought he'd like school better than Pat but I guess it is vice versa.

How is Nip making out? I guess they are keeping them pretty busy on the railroad eh. Well I guess I should sign off for now.

Hope you are all in the best of health. I'm okay but I'm doing stoppage of leave because I'm growing a beard and have to wait for it to get respectable looking ha ha.

So long for now write soon.

Your Brother

"Murray" Xxx

PS Three kisses for the kids as we can only allow three to a letter ha ha

Write to me through "Niobe"

