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Dear "Sister, husband and kids"

Well I guess you think I'm dead by now eh. I sure take a long time to get my mail answered the past few months. Don't blame me blame the girls back in Pictou ha ha. Boy I never seemed to be able to stay in when I was there. I got going with a girl and she took up all my spare time. Imagine me going steady with a girl. It's outrageous ha ha. She's coming down to Halifax this weekend. Gee I wish it was here already. I must be slipping don't you think. It was usually Jack and the girls not me but I guess I changed a bit ha ha.

How are the kids all doing? I hope they haven't as bad a cold as their Uncle "Murray". I got a cold in my chest and is it a bugger. My tot of rum won't even chase it away. I've been trying to get rid of it but I can't shake it off.

Oh yes I don't know whether I wrote and thanked you for your Christmas parcel but if I didn't I'm thanking you now and if I did I'm thanking you again.

I finished my course in Pictou a week ago yesterday and passed. I got back to Halifax and put in for a leave and I got drafted to this ship *(HMCS Ross Norman)*. It's just like a home aboard her though. Everybody is friendly and the meals are good.

I'm going to try for leave next week. I can't do it this week as my girl friend is coming down from Pictou and I can't miss seeing her. Ehm. There I go again. First thing I know I'll be getting married but I think I'd have to be pretty drunk to do a rash thing like that, eh what.

I've been kind of catching up in my writing the last couple of days. Mom, Freda and Norval all owe me a letter and now you do. I never write to Mona because I don't get along with her. I even fight with her in the letter ha ha. So now I keep my mouth shut and I only hope she's away when I go on leave if I ever get leave. I'll stop off with you for a day when I get it. I hope.

Well I must say so long and go and eat.

Hope you are all in the best of health. Thanks for the gift again.

Your Brother "Murray"