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My dear Jane,

I can't thank you enough for the lovely photograph of my old ship. It was very kind of you to think of such a lovely present, as it brings back glorious summer memories of the past. Also many thanks for the parcel of cigarettes & candy and other things.

The old print box has been found at work lately.

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We have a small flat, that is my Captain & myself. So I have been doing a lot of painting. Some of the things I have managed to do are not so hot, but could be better. It has been quite a lot of fun keeping house. I have also been experimenting with my cooking, so far I am still alive from it. The old ship is up in Dydok's getting repaired, and won't be finished until two months hence.

Two more months & summer will be in the air. Spring will come to life, and England with it present little farm landscape will be alive with colour, but it means that I will have a important

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job, and will be very busy. As things will happen this summer. I do hope you are behind Roosevelt, and the rest of the demagogues, and not a party that still wants to remain neutral, as we all most help in this war so we can all enjoy our freedom when peace comes to this troubled world. The reason I ask you these questions, or more or less put them forward, as I have never heard you ever express your thought on the present situation.

We have a terrible raid, as I should a real Plutzy, which left very little of the

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place standing. We had no water electricity & I was for cooking for quite awhile. The navy played a marvellous part in helping to put the fire out. Also pulling fire bombs out.

With darling my letter near to a end wishing you all kind of merris for the new year. I always think of you, and looking forward to the day that we will get together.

Please remember me to your father & mother.

Heaps of love & kisses

I remain

your affectionate

Tony