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My darling Dad,

We are very near the end of a long trip. By the time we get home it will have taken us just over six weeks, more than double the trip out.

The voyage at the beginning was very comfortable but later on we picked up a lot of evacuees, consequently we lost our cabins & things became very crowded. Anyway we are nearly home now so it doesn't matter.

Though it has been rather boring on the whole we have had a fairly amusing time. We called at Gibraltar, a most unusual deviation from the normal route whatever that may be. It was very interesting & I bought a few things there for them. I was able to cable for your birthday after all & drop the short air-mail letter also. Shall post this letter as soon as we get home. Will also send you a birthday present. When we set foot on Terra Firma once again.

I shall miss my little girl just, baby, but it can't be helped.

The first part of the trip we spent in playing cards, reading & drinking, the second in a busy

and joining my photograph album. It is nearly complete  
now and looks awfully nice. I have stuck the photos in,  
then drawn a white pattern round the snaps & have  
written appropriate explanations opposite the snaps.  
It looks jolly snappy too. I shall have finished it  
before I get home.

At Gibraltar we hired a kind of Sierra Gery  
swept to the frontier. It was most interesting. We  
knewing the place at all, at one stage of the journey  
we thought we had passed the frontier into Spain, did  
we panic. It was only imagination on our part. We were  
allowed ashore every other day & after going ashore a few  
times, buying all the necessaries I did not go ashore  
any more. A couple of us went swimming in the sea near  
the ship every day. It was grand fun some are as brown  
as berries now. - Sorry my ink has run out.

We had a spot of bother a couple of days ago.  
A couple of enemy aircraft dropped a couple of bombs  
which missed by a fair margin then dashed off. We  
still have spotting duties every day and instead of once  
a week as formerly.

To-day for the first time it has not been  
calm. There is a bigish swell though I am not  
feeling sea-sick, I am certainly not feeling  
nauseous.

Mum will be awfully pleased with the  
stuff I am taking home. Have bought some

good cigarette for Steve will get him a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday present as soon as I get my last pay as a sergeant. That will be within a short time of getting home.

When I have time to get organised at home, shall send you a lot of the snaps I took in Port London. A couple of Bole abn, Taken at night. They are very nice.

Every evening in the lounge there is a sing-song & amusing stories are told. One fellow who is returning home for leave after over-sea's service is Perisipie. He is very versatile & keeps us all in fits of laughter. He taught us all a native song called Bony-Bony. It is really good & quite the hit of the moment on the ship.

Some R.A.F. Officers on board who have been in action have told us what to expect etc. What further training we shall have ~~and~~ other useful information. They are jolly interesting.

May add a line before we get home will write more from home. No more to-day. God bless you Dad.  
Lots of love from  
Your ever-loving son

David,

Just arrived home have cabled you. With Mum & Alice at the moment. Writing again soon.

Love David