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My Dear Mam & Dad

just a few lines at last in answer to your most welcome letters I have just had so sorry to hear you havent had my letter but I have written us often as I could but we have put a lot of time in at sea that we havent had a chance to send much mail and this mail is only the second we have had since we left home and I expect by now you have heard a little of our doings we have been reckoning how far we have traveled since the war started and its 116,000 miles so I think we have done our share so far and you know that is a few miles more than I thought I would ever go and I hope I am about at the end of ~~my~~ wandering about the ocean and soon be back on the ship repairing they may think I am doing alright here but its only just apprentices jobs I am doing and as for the fitters jobs well I cant stand used too is done by shipwrights so you can just see how I am enjoying it all but lets hope it will soon be all over and lets get back to normal as I can see by your letter that you are all pretty optimistic at home having all your windows back in and sleeping up stairs again it is good to hear those things and I hope you will now always have peaceful nights I expect our Ivor was surprised to find us missing after he came back from that job and so were we when we went but I hope I will be seeing him again very soon its a proper treat for me to see him so far from home and I know its the same for him but lets hope we will soon be all home together and that will be the best treat of the lot. You say Mam about me being ill well it wasn't much just the old chest it was only for a few days but I get it now and then you know I'm alright just after but they sent me for a Med exam tested my chest and eyes but I never asked for it the captain wanted that and I havent yet heard any report about it the thing I don't like