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A J Williams

Same Address

My Dear Mam & Dad

Just a few lines hoping to find you all OK as I am alright myself only the climate here is rotten and won't we all be glad when we get somewhere a bit different as this ship isn't fit for this place and it's a wonder to me we are all as well as we are it's too hot to sleep below decks and too wet to sleep on top and all the time we are sweating like hell but lets hope for not much longer I am so glad to hear you are all getting a bit of peace at home and have got all your windows back in as I know how it worried you so lets hope now that we get no more trouble there. I had a surprise by having a letter from Elvare I was so glad to hear from her and I wrote an answer right back and I hope she don't lose Walter as I am sure the RAF can do without him I haven't got anywhere near our door since but I hope in the next few weeks we may see one another again but we hear of them now and then they are keeping things going where they are and I hope he will soon be home on leave and what a time we will have when we all get home together and I hope it will be soon. You say your supper stout is now 2/- a bottle only wist. I was able to run up the corner to get a few between us the stuff we get here is nothing like the real stuff at home and we only get ashore twice a week 3 hrs each time and the beer is 1/10 a bottle and unless it comes off the ice it's impossible to drink it but you know what it is after being at sea for so long anything taste good and I hope the people at home are giving a few pints for us for when we return and I hope they are not going to keep us away for another Xmas as I have had two away and I want to be home for this one but I suppose the poor birds this year will miss their oranges and sweets that's one thing we can get plenty of here Bananas onions and such things and I only wish it possible to send some home for you. I haven't had any letters from you since I wrote last and the latest one I have had was dated July 16 so I don't know how long