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St J Williams
Same address

My Dear Norm & Road

Just a few lines in answer to your most
 welcome letter dated 21st July. I have just received you say you haven't
 heard from me for such a long time well I expect by now you have
 had a few as I have written every chance I had had and as you
 see it takes such a time for letters to get here from home so I
 expect it must take about the same time for them to get home
 to you and I don't know how long the letter you sent by air
 mail took as I had a big mail waiting when we came in and
 they may have been waiting here for some time but I think
 you are all OK at home as we are here we run short of
 food while we were away for so long but managed alright
 with Jim's stuff but we are making up a bit for that when
 we can get ashore and tell over we have a chicken here
 with a glass of Beer ashore than bring one off for supper
 The ruggers don't seem to let the chickens get every old
 before they put them in the pot and we buy them for 2/6
 and we are getting such things as oranges etc for nearly
 nothing as in the food line we are not doing as bad and
 I hope you at home are doing alright with food and hope
 they are going to give a decent pint of Beer for us as
 what we get here isn't much good you say Road is going
 up the club well don't wish I was going with him I often
 think of him and Jack on Sunday having their Beer
 up the club and I hope I will soon be with them but I
 bet now they are waiting the same as us to hear the
 prime minister speak on the wireless and hoping for
 the best. I am so glad to hear you are getting some
 rest at home now and hope it will continue as you have
 all been through so much and I must say you have done
 it well and when you talk of Ben wanting to go fishing
 it makes me think of what a big boy he must be getting
 but as you say make him learn to swim as well
 of us could swim well before we were his age as I hope
 it didn't give you much trouble during his two weeks
 holiday as I know what a devil he is for getting around
 you and I bet he went fishing. You say Norm of the
 Gardner on Barry Sands I expect it is a bit of a