

Sunday
March 9th
1941.

11, Gillies Street.
Troon,
Ayrshire
Scotland.

Dear Mother & Father,

Once again we are back in Troon, we arrived here late Friday night after spending a fortnight at sea. What a time we had, I was sick for days on end, & so was everyone else for that matter. Our boat was rather top heavy, & as we encountered several storms, & two blizzards, you can imagine we had a rough time of it. Our cruise as you may have guessed took us across the Arctic Ocean right North to the Lofoten Islands, & believe me it certainly was cold. It was very interesting in Norway, & as there was no opposition, we suffered no casualties. There was twenty of us in my party, & we had an island all to ourselves. The first thing we did was to board & capture a large merchant ship, which we sank after taking twenty-six of the crew prisoners. Most of them were still in bed as it was seven in the morning, so all we had to do, was wake them up, & in best German tell them they were prisoners of war, it certainly shook them. I now have one piece of furniture for my house, I took the captain's barometer off the bridge, & I have a fountain-

pen which I will send you as a souvenir.
We are expecting five days leave, without
a free warrant, so I shall probably write
a letter to Fred, & ask if I can stay
with him, as nothing is certain yet, don't
you get writing to him to plead my
case. My party after sinking the boat destroy-
ed an oil producing factory, a large & well
filled ware-house, & two large oil storage
tanks, it was certainly a nice blaze, & as
the temperature was below zero we were glad
of a bit of heat. The snow was feet
deep, & instead of motor-cars they have
horse-drawn sleighs. There was a letter from
dad waiting for me, & another from Louie, I
heard from Ernest before we went away.
I hope you are all well & making plenty
of money. Yesterday I bought some new under-
clothes, two pairs of pyjamas, & got measured
for a new pair of flannels. That is about
all for now so I will say cheerio,
Your loving son.

Donald.

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