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Now my boy, do write and tell us all about yourself et'c. et'c. News from my boys makes the headlines for me - your letters are our front page news - we read them avidly over and over again. Until the next time then, I'll sign off with much love from dad and myself.

Affectionately

Mater

Huh! a few lousy pounds. I don't need them anyway. We are looking forward to Xmas, God grant you will be with us. Harold Brann was home on furlo. He expects a medical discharge from [?]. Im enclosing some more blades - only kind I can get. Try to get in touch with your brother He is with 53 Bomb Squad - 386 bomb group. Drink one together for me. Please write, kid.

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