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N. Vercoe,
Plumber,
H.M.S. Neptune
Go Navy Office
Wellington.

7th Dec.

Dear Dick,

Glad too hear from you, I know I haven't written, but knew you would get news from Mum, where I am now we are more or less cut off from outside world, we are only allowed to send one letter a week and there is very little surface mail. Things have been fairly hot lately, and I don't mean the weather. We are trying to help the army in Lydia as much as we can. Had a letter from Morris, I suppose you heard he came and saw me in Alexandria, he is in the thick of it now, they are doing alright too. The time is going isn't it? fancy Vera being there, she will be going to school next. My little stop is alright, I have a plumber mate now, we are kept fairly busy he dropped a hatch on his foot and has been

out of action lately. Tell Alva
I have got used too the sea, now
never have time too worry about
getting seasick, some of the boys
are not so lucky though, these
ships roll at times, but when we
speed up, seem too go through
it. I suppose you notice a
shortage of men at home, you
are not getting much benzine,
I only hope you are not called
up, I hope the war will be
over but it doesnt look like
it with Japan starting, makes
one wonder at times where it
will all end. I have shaved
my beard off, (did you see the
photo I sent?) it was getting
me down. Morris laughed when
he saw me, he hardly recognized
me. A cake arrived from Mum
yesterday it was in good condition,
boy will I have a feed. I'm afraid
I wont be home for Christmas, but
I could do with a feed of peas
and lamb, still I'll do my best
too be home for the next one.
Cheerio for now Dick all the best. Harry