

U.S.S. Narwhal,

Navy Yard – Norfolk VA.,

Feb 11 – 1911

Dear Mother:-

I send you my heartiest congratulations on your birthday and wish you many happy returns of the day, and also wish that I could be home to help you celebrate in proper style. The enclosed check is a birthday present and I sincerely wish that you

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will get something that will please you and that you will enjoy. I also hope that you will see your way clear to buying a rail road ticket to Washington, D.C. sometime about the middle of April – and I will meet you there and we will go to Annapolis where we will be until May 1. The climate there will be beautiful at that time, and I will have lots of chance to be with you. From there we will go to Gloucester, Mass. And stay several months. Talk to Mars. Mason about the traveling – it is perfectly simple and easy – and no telling when I may have similar duty on this coast again. Do it now and don't put it off.

Have just

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returned from a weeks' trip on duty at Washington in the Naval Observatory there and am glad to get back here – for it was a real busy week.

Well Mother, my best love to you all, and hoping that your birthdays will all be happy ones, I am your son

[signed]

Chester