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As you know, I flew to America & back but I did all my travelling over there by train. I think I did ~~about~~ nearly 3000 miles by train. I had a very fine, but have returned

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We shall all be seeing you during the boys' holidays. I will write again about this soon.

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All good wishes for the New Year,

With love from  
Your own son

Harold



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