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Dear Shipmates;

The Christmas and New Year's season has passed and I am just now getting around to making my usual once a year letter to all of you. I have not nor ever have been into sending cards. They all say the same thing unless you send a letter with them and the cost of them and to send them is crazy. Besides that, I am lazy and some things don't get done when they should. In other words I am slowed down to nearly a stop but I try to keep in touch by sending our Naval Association news letter once every two months.

I had a nice surprise last weekend when Ted Castell called to say that he was coming to Niagara Falls with his wife and daughter for a couple of days. He had asked me to come to his room in the casino and spin some salty dips for an hour or two. I did that and we had a splendid two hours together talking about our past experiences and having a drink. We looked at pictures from my album which brought back memories. Ted is feeling fairly good and looks good.

As for myself, I feel good but after fracturing my hip and having two pins put into it, (it was the same leg that they took a malignant sarcoma out of) I don't get around too good and limp about quite a bit. I still make it to the table when the dinner bell rings though. I will be 81 on the 29th of this month and my dearest Marnie was 82 this past December.

I want to thank all those that did send cards and wish you all good health or as good as it can be as we all have some problems at this stage of our lives. I am enclosing a list of our crew members that are still with us. Castell, Callender, Atkins and myself will be attending the Naval Reunion in Woodstock in May. For your information, the reunion in 2007 will be back in Digby N.S.

Regards to all,

Ivan Chamberlain.