time to get you over here to
accompany us, but if the opportunity again
presents. I shall call you.

Many thanks again, and best wishes
for continued success.

James Griffin

H.M.C.S. Toronto
F.M.O. Hfx.
18th May 1946

Dear Tom:

Very many thanks for your
kindness in sending me the copies of
HH yarns which I shall read and
treasure.

I can't tell you what a pleasure it
was to me to have you with us on
board, and I am looking forward
to meeting you again some day soon,
and extract from you some more of your
priceless store of Maritimes history.

Our orders to sail have come quite
suddenly, leaving me insufficient

December 26th, 1945

Dear Tony,

(I refuse to call you Commander Griffin
after our pleasant acquaintance in Shelburne) --
It was very good of you to remember me with that
charming Christmas card. I've often thought of
you and our chat aboard "Toronto", not to mention
the historic voyage in the Fairmile when I
"represented" the august London Times.

Your address leads me to suppose you are now with
your family, on leave, or perhaps out of the Navy.
Or have they (God forbid !) made you an Ottawa
admiral ? (I used to hear hard-bitten corvette
skippers cussing orders from Ottawa where " the
blooming woods are full of admirals".)

It seems strange here not to see a single naval
uniform in the street, and corvettes (sold to
private firms) lying at the dock without the
traditional Christmas tree at the mast-head. The
waterfront is littered with old life-rafts, Asdic
cabins, crow's-nests, davits and what not, as a
reminder of livelier days and a good companionship
which we shall miss.

Thanks for your very kind invitation tostay with
you if I should come to Ottawa. I shall certainly
look you up if I'm in the capital, but when that
will be I don't know. I'm now deep in my new novel
(to be published in the autumn of '46) and after
that I've promised to do a book on Halifax which
will require a lot of careful preparation.

With every good wish to you and yours,

Sincerely,