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At Sea

Dear Folks,

I imagined there would be times when I couldn't write often and this is sure it. I should and could have written you sooner but I guess there wouldn't have been much point in it anyway. Even this won't be sent out till we land.

Boy our stay was sure brief at the last place. I feel lucky to have written you just one letter from there. I didn't expect to leave so soon but it's the real thing now. You might think that on the boatride would be the ideal time to catch up with your sleeping, reading etc but even that doesn't work out.

There are a lot of jobs that have to be done and, of course, our company would have to get one of



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After so long a time they say you get over this but right now I wouldn't make much of a sailor. Eating has just about been out of the question for me the last day or so. If this continues solid ground is going to look mighty good to me. I'll never be able to say now that I haven't seen the ocean. I've seen plenty of it.

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do find out it'll surprise you as much as it did me.

From now on I expect a good bit of our corresponding will be by V-mail. You can't put a whole lot on them but at least for me I expect they'll hold about enough. We'll also have to see how air-mail works.

Well this has been a little starter of a letter and maybe I can have more to say next time. What I haven't said will have to go unsaid. I'll be glad to start getting mail once more. I hope you have continued to write.

God bless you all.

Love

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