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On board ship in the [REDACTED]

My Darling Wife, Mother, Dad, & All,

Hello, everybody. Hope that you are all well. I have been thinking a lot about you and have been looking at your pictures and praying for you everyday even though I have not written for several days. This letter will not be mailed to you until we arrive at our destination anyway, so there is not too much percentage in trying to write everyday. Conditions on board a ship are not too good for writing letters, anyway. First of all there were a few days when I did not feel like doing anything. I even lost two meals and did not eat one, but I was not nearly so sick as a lot of the men were. We do not have facilities on board a crowded ship for writing and we are necessarily limited in what we can write. So far we are having a nice sea voyage and the whole thing is an interesting experience.

We get only two meals a day on board ship but we have been having fairly good meals most of the time with a few extra good ones thrown in. Several times a day we have musical programs presented from the Chaplain's office by use of recordings played over a speaking system, and they are enjoyed by all aboard. Also, we have had one community sing and musical program in our quarters and one movie. They try to keep us occupied and entertained by use of the programs, and we also have access to a library. We all spend a good deal of time reading because we can do so while lying in our bunks and are not bothered by the crowd. Sleeping is another favorite pastime, and the next best pastime is watching the sea from up on deck.

I did not get to go visit Jo and Al at their home, for obvious reasons. If I could have gotten to go see them, Jo promised me a good dinner but said that she could not begin to cook as well as you, honey. I was certainly surprised and happy to see them when I was in New York City. I only wish that I might have been able to make a visit to their home.

I never dreamed that I would be taking a trip like this. It is all very interesting, and I will have a lot to tell you when I come home. Even though I am a good many miles away from you, honey, my thoughts and prayers are with you, Laura, and the folks and I know that you are thinking of me too. I send you all my love right from the bottom of my heart. My prayers are with you just as my thoughts are. Take good care of yourself and of Laura. I am ok, well, and enjoying a new and interesting experience seeing the world. Remember that I love you, sweetheart. Just stay as wonderful as you are, write to me and let me know all about our little daughter. God bless all of you.

Love, *Cliff*

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