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DEAR ONES,

THIS IS OUR LAST NIGHT ON SHIPBOARD * TOMORROW, LAND. I AM AFRAID I HAVE ENJOYED THIS EASY SHIPBOARD LIFE; MY MONTHS OF INACTIVITY SHOULD SOON END. I HAVE MAILED UNDER THREE SEPERATE COVERS MY VARIOUS THOUGHTS AND NEWS SINCE I LEFT THE STATES: I SENT THEM AIRMAIL SO YOU SHOULD GET A BUNCH OF MAIL FROM ME. HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS WHEN I WILL GET MAIL - BUT WHEN IT DOES CATCH UP WITH ME IT SHOULD BE A STAGGERING LOAD , SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

I WILL USE THE OPPORTUNITY OF GETTING TO THE TYPEWRITER AGAIN TO WRITE TO NEIL CLARK * (IKEEP FORGETTING I AM USING CAPS AND HIT THE ASTERISK INSTEAD OF THE DASH) I OWE HIM A NOTE: ALL MY OTHER CORRESPONDENTS ARE RECEIVING (ILLEGIBLE?) V MAIL.

THE TRIP WAS SWELL: NOT A SICK DAY. MARVELOUS FOOD. GOOD SLEEPING, NO LACK OF RELAXATION TIME FOR CARDS AND READING AND MORE SLEEP. I FEEL GREAT, RARING TO GO, INWARDLY VERY SATISFIED THAT AT LAST I REALLY AM DOING A JOB OR AM ABOUT TO. I AM GLAD I DID NOT SPEND THE WAR STUDYING GREEK OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN THE STATES. AS LONG AS THE MAIL KEEPS COMING AND ICAN KEEP EATING AND SLEEPING AND WORKING WITH SOME DEGREE OF REGULARITY, I'M HAPPY. I WONDER WHETHER I NEED ANY OTHER PHILOSOPHY NOW EXCEPT THE ORIGINAL AND RELIABLE DO MY WORK, KEEP HAPPY, AND MAKE THE BEST AND THE MOST OF EVERYTHING. NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD EXCEPT TO REMEMBER JUNE 25TH. LOADS OF LOVE,

V...-MAIL

James