~~HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA~~

S.S. Washington

Sunday, July 28, 1946.

Dear Margaret,

I wish I could share some of this fresh sea air with you. So far we have had perfect weather without any rolling or pitching. Moreover the food, while simple, is good.

The accommodations are far from luxurious. When I was given my designation to cabin B-2 it suggested a real ~~stateroom~~ with few people in it. Actually it was the ~~state room~~ cabin nearest the bow, and (rear)

it was packed with 21 berths of iron piping and canvas, 3-high and (in the interior of the room) 2-wide. The furniture was one card-table and two chairs and some hooks in the wall. A sign on the wall told us to consult Miss Pat Bu[illegible] if we had any troubles and I assume from this, and a sign in the wash-room about diapers that our quarters have been used by female soldiers and soldiers' wives and offspring. My ingenious UNRRA associates got busy and removed some of the unoccupied berths, and this at least gave us a feeling of ~~more~~ increased roominess. Every time I ~~turn~~ turn over in my bunk my arm is likely to rub on the sagging canvas above. Nevertheless I slept like a top in the cool sea air.

It seems silly to write letters that will have to go to Europe and back to the U.S.A., but I hope they will not bore you or overflow your waste basket.

I read in the N.Y. Times that the rumor ~~was~~ is that Mr. La Guardia ~~and~~ will resign at the Paris meeting. You probably read the same paper yesterday. (over)

Families are divided on this ship and males are herded together and only meeting their families at meals and on deck. Dr. O.R. McCoy of the L.H.D. is here with wife, two children, and sister-in-law. The children were unable to sleep because the lights were blazing after ten o'clock and people and other children were active.

I shall be very anxious to hear about Peggy. Don't hesitate to consult Dr. Lake, Dr. Bryan, or Dr. Crattey at the U.S.P.H.S. ~~off~~ Surgeon General's office if you need ~~medical~~ advice as to a medical man. Probably ~~the~~ Peggy trouble will be over before this letter reaches you. I hope so.

With much love, Willom