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Dearest Wife & Son -

Greetings from the boat  
I have just spent my first  
night in these bunks. There  
is room for 6000 of us here but  
we are so loaded by now - bunks  
are in layers 4 deep (18 inches  
apart - flat) and (25 inches wide  
but we have plenty room & lots  
of fresh air -

They Prohibit smoking 100%  
so you know that fits me pretty  
well - Now I have the envelope  
addressed so I can write till I  
see the mail man -

I put  $3^{\text{oo}}$  in a letter I sent  
last evening. You probably  
received the letter already.  
I didn't want to have too  
much in my possession while  
on the ship. They pay us every  
30 days & I have plenty left for  
to meet my needs till I  
hit Manhattan again.

You can ~~use~~ use as you  
see fit - that is if the letter  
arrived in good shape.

Well they are calling  
for letters so I'll sign  
off - you'll probably have  
to write yourself a letter

occasionally if you  
receive one every day  
now - because we only  
send mail when we stop at  
some island -

With my love - May the  
Good Lord Bless you and  
the boy - Remember keep  
Smiling and looking up.

I love you -

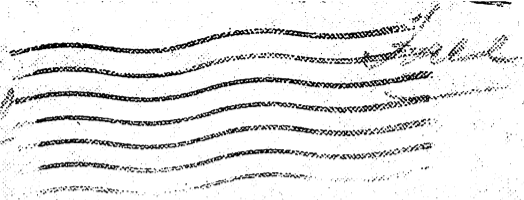
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