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Dear Mother & Daddy,

At last I've reached India but, of course, I can't tell you just where I am. I've been here only a very short time. The long delay in not hearing from me must have caused you some worry, but ~~was~~ was only due to a very slow passage out here and a long wait at one of the ports we stopped at. We were allowed ashore at this port for a short look-around - this was the only time we were allowed off the ship during the whole voyage. We had a few encounters with the enemy - one could have been very serious but we were lucky and our ship and all aboard came through safely. I only wish I could give you the details but military censorship forbids. Don't get the wrong impression, most of the voyage was more like a pleasure cruise than a war time journey. The weather was ~~except~~ exceptionally fine - never too hot and only at the start too cold. The food was quite good considering the type, size, & nationality of the ship we were on. We had plenty of space to move around on board and the crew & officers were all most friendly. I was perfectly healthy during the whole voyage, and am so now.

I was overjoyed when I got here to find about 40 letters waiting for me. You & Aunt B & others have been grand about writing. While on the subject of letters: it seems that V-Mail is no faster than Air Mail - both take about 3 weeks to get out here. I think Air Mail is much better so I'm using it now; in fact no one uses V-Mail here. Your most recent letter was dated: Feb. 15. If you do use V-Mail, single spaced typewritten messages are better than