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Dear Folks,

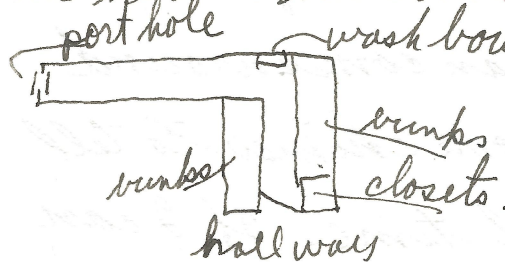
tomorrow we dock at Port
of Spain in Trinidad and I hope
to get a chance to mail this letter.

So far everything has
been fine. I am about over
the cold I got on the train. If
the boat would stand still once
in a while this would be all
I could ask for. Breakfast is at
8:30, and a man comes around
playing on some chimes to tell
us it's meal time. If I can

remember I will send some 2
menus. they print up new ones
for each meal, with the date on it.
we can order as many helpings as
we want.

The boat isn't as nice as the
advertisements in "Holiday", but it
is still nice. We are second class,
or Cabin class passengers. There are
four of us in a small room with
four bunks, and everyone (men) on
our deck share bathrooms and showers.

We have a washbasin in the room.





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Under the bottom bunk on each side are two drawers and at the side of them are two life preservers. We had a fire drill the first day.

We have access to 3 decks.

On C deck where we sleep is mostly rooms & the dining hall & showers. On C deck is there is a large lounge or living room (where I am now) with overstuffed chairs & tables and chairs. We had Sunday school here yesterday. Two non-members were there besides the missionaries.

On a deck is a bar and a ⁴ swimming pool. Also on a deck there is a ping-pong table and two shuffle-board courts.

We have the rear of the ship and 1st Class has the front. We can't go up front & they can't come back, as if they would want to. Their swimming pool is nicer & everything else accordingly.

I haven't been sea-sick yet, but I was close to it. The sea has calmed down this morning. Two of the elders have been sick & so has Betty.



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Some of the elders have been reading, but to read makes my head ache. Mostly we just sleep or lay around. To rent a deck chair it costs \$2.50 to B. A. Elder De Spain & I rented one together. He is from Joseph City, Arizona & went to Tempe for two years.

There are a lot of Negroes and other dark people on board. I don't know how many languages are being spoken.

There are 7 Presbyterian Ministers
on board. I have become acquainted
with 3 of them. One is from
Georgia and is a Yankee son.

They are all from the south, and
are going to Brazil for life. They
come back for a year, every five
years.

I had a great time in New York.
Bill Hyde's dad is chairman of the
F. C. C. and we got free passes to
tour Radio City, the Gary Moore show,
and the Steve Allen show. They were
interesting, but not worth seeing twice.
I got the subways all figured out &
rode all over town. One afternoon
several of us went out to the



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*statue of Liberty & climbed to the
top. I bought an overcoat in
Macey's, it has a zip in wool
lining.*

*I will try to send some more
mail off when we get to Barbados.*

*Love,
Hilton*