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Dear Dad;

I'm still on the deep blue sea, off the coast of Greece, & will be at the island of Corfu in a few hours. Corfu is on the west coast, just at the border of Albania. We just passed Ithaca, the old kingdom of Ulysses, but not a very big island.

Did you get the letter I mailed at Port Said? I addressed it to Mother, but forgot to mail it. It was stamped & addressed & left on a table in the office of the steamship agency, so I hope it was mailed. There wasn't much news in it, except that I was sailing on the *Abayia* for Venice.

From Port Said to Alexandria I was a little sea sick, but haven't been bothered since. We stopped for two days at Alex. then proceeded to Crete, stopping at Heraklion & Chania. We couldn't go ashore as the boat was quarantined for plague, as it came from Beirut. From Crete the boat headed for Kalamata, a Greek town at the head of one of the big inlets on the southern coast of Greece, not far from the

At Sparta. The town is situated in a beautiful bay surrounded by the Spartan hills. Habont (a Chatagay lecturer who is traveling with me) and I went for a swim, and had a great time in a hour.

Today we continued our journey & have been skirting the west coast of Greece. The country is very mountainous, with vineyards & houses stuck on the sides of the cliff. A man could easily fall out of his garden into the sea. The straits passed between the islands Kephelona and Ithaca, famous as the kingdom of Ulysses.

I expect to go ashore at Corfu in the morning. The Kaiser has a big palace here. From Corfu we go to Brindisi & Bari on the coast of Italy, then on to Venice, which we should reach early Saturday morning. I'll look around Venice on Saturday, and go to St. Mark's Cathedral on Sunday morning, then on to Florence for a day to see the art galleries. I won't stay in Rome more than five days and perhaps three or four in Naples and Pompeii. Then will do my best to get to the U.S. in

the fastest time possible, and should be there by Sept. 15th. If I can't get a steamship at Naples I'll go over to Marseilles & then to Havre or London to look for one.

So far the trip has been fine. Fine weather, no rolling, good eats. The boat only makes 9 miles an hour & will take in all 10 days from Port Said to Venice, but I'm putting my time in learning French & am making good progress. I'm traveling second class, and can't see any difference between my accommodations and first class except that we don't have frigid bowls at our table. We have fine meals, chicken or turkey and ice cream every night, with all the trimmings. My room has three berths, & my companions are Habont and a German missionary returning to Germany from Beirut. The French forced the whole mission (German) to leave. If you could see the harmless old German ladies with their white caps you wouldn't have much sympathy for the French and British policy of stopping all German mission work all over the world. I must close for tonight, & will write more tomorrow. Love all, from Starbuck