



UNITED STATES LINES

S.S. WASHINGTON

Aug 1, 1946. Mid ocean.

Dear Margaret,
We are having a third day of fog, — with lots of vibration, as you can see. Nothing much happens on board, except for Irish jigging and Holy Masses every half hour from 6 to 9 a.m. ^{+ an extra service in the afternoon.} All the Irish seem to be going home for a visit.

It looks now as though we should not reach Havre before the 4th of August and should not see be on time for the opening of the Council meeting on August 5. La Guardia was in the ship's news-sheet yesterday commenting on the serious situation in Austria.

The ship is crowded but very respectable. There is no bar,

but considerable liquor in sentences. At breakfast one of the women reported that her cabin had been kept awake by a woman who was trying to catch a monkey that kept looking at her with its big eyes. It was invisible to the others.

We have ~~seen~~ flying fish, passing ships, & beautiful sunsets, but otherwise the trip is rather dull. I have put in a few hours reading & working on my paper.

I hope Peg has recovered & that everyone is in good form. It is almost chilly here, and I am reminded that I did not bring a light overcoat - only a raincoat. It was too hot when I left home to think of any kind of an overcoat. But then it is August.

We are eating Argentine pears on this boat. They are similar to the ones we had from Australia in Washington. The food continues good and abundant, and appetites are still strong. Perhaps the next 24 hours will diminish attendance at table.

Aug. 3, 1946. Saturday
Last evening we dropped Pancho at Cobh and deposited 600 Irish with bags and baggage on a lighter. Only about half the passengers are left, and the majority of the remainder will probably land in Southampton to-night. The trip has been
(over)

marvelous as far as weather
is concerned. Even the few
days of fog and rain produced
no rough seas or seasickness.
Our table of 20 people had no
absentees, ~~throughout~~ throughout the voyage.

Mrs. La Guardia is on board,
but I have not knowingly seen
her. Mr. La B. had his
picture in the Cork newspaper
which was brought on board
yesterday. It carried an account
of his statement on looting in
Trieste and his interview with

Wag. - General Lee at AFHQ in Italy.
Is this Ruth's general? A part
of our UNRRA deleg. will fly from
Southampton so as to arrive about
on time, but I shall stay by the group
and travel by train from Le Havre via
Paris. Do you remember when I met
you at Le Havre? Wish you were meeting
me ^{there} to-morrow.

With lots of love,
Kilbray.