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18 July '45.

Dear Mamma & Dad,

Well, at long
last we are on the way. (At Sea.)
We left Tientsin two days ago - we now bound
for Egypt on a Dutch vessel of about 15,000
tons. I don't think we will be long in Egypt
- so I may be home yet by Aug 22. I
hope so. I received a letter from Edna the
day before I left (dated 26 June.) The sea has
been beautifully calm & the weather very
warm. According to a Digest I read today,
the hottest place on the earth's surface during
July & August is the Red Sea - so we shall
have that to look forward to. I am in a 4
berth cabin with 3 other Lieutenants. I was
first on board & so got the top berth next to
the port-hole. We have running water, wardrobe
etc. - & an electric fan so we well off. The
meals are excellent. The waiters are all young
- see - wear funny coloured turbans. They
move about quickly & quietly. When they dish
out the vegetables etc. - on to your plate, you
have to lift the finger to say "stop." The
first night at dinner my companion had his
plate filled up with baked potatoes before he was
told of this custom. We did laugh. On board we

a number of civilians going to
India, including an American
his wife + 3 young kids.
They are going out to a mission
when we'll live up on deck with
our life-jackets on for "Boat Drill"
- the baby comes on with its
life-jacket on - as big as itself.
Tonight there is a concert on
deck + the brass are singing
+ doing takes. makes me homes
- sick. This morning we saw
land near Senas + there
was the road winding down off
the escarpment to the sea.
I came down it 2 years ago
when returning from Tunisia.

Now I will close. I may
not get time to write from
Maadi - so will say "cheerio"
till I see you in person next
month or Sep. I am O.K. +
hope you are all the same.
Love from Rewai. X

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