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On board S.S. Langs Bay Jan 34

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On board S.S. Largs Bay. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> [1929]

Dear Mother.

We did have an exciting time yesterday, started off famously from Waterloo, when we got to Eastleigh we all turned out, & got into motor busses & were taken to some gigantic canteens belonging to the White Star line. after standing about for a bit wondering what was going to happen next, a man announced that the Largs Bay had been fog bound on her way from Tilbury, but they hoped to get us aboard by 6. PM AM (this was soon after 11 A/<P>.M.) so we settled down as best we could for the day. in one large shed were tables, chairs & lots of papers & magazines,

two others were laid for meals. they gave us soup. boiled beef & vegs & rice pudding, & a peculiar brown liquid in a mug, called coffee.

After this lunch they told us there was a free cinema show for any who liked to visit it. Uncle J & I prefered to get a quiet corner & read. Tea was at 5. sausages, bread & butter & jam & tea. (not too bad.) After tea they told us the ship could not get in before 9.30. so they had sent along a dance band to keep us amused. it certainly was a splendid band, but the people were getting very weary & only a few danced. I must say the passengers were splendid treated it as a joke & made the best of it without any fuss.

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woke me every hour, so you can guess I was tired. very cumfy<sup>sic</sup> {comfy} bunk. one other girl in the cabin, she is charming. she is going out to her husband in Cairo. she has a friend in another cabin who is going to Malta & I think she may move into our cabin. so I am quite all right, luggage & everything arrived.

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<u>Later</u> have just seen Uncle J. he has a nice man as cabin mate which is a great relief to him. we have just made a tour of the ship.

I saw my stewardess & she seems a very nice woman so I am looking forward to enjoying the trip.

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ON BOARD S.S. Largs Bay. Jan 26 9.45 AM

We are knough the bay but I can't say just where we are until 12 o'clock, when our position is marked on the chart. I cannot see any wast line, but the gulls are following our course, so we cannot be for off land. Yesterday it was very cold on deck, there was a strong East wind blowing + a new long. swell. I doned on roast pork with sage & onion stepping o plum pudding with sout sange & had an wellent appelled for havend steak for tea. suppor is just dry browners + chuse. The food is quite good of am ready for every meal My calm is excellent. only Two of us in space for form. so we can spread our belongings on the cripty bunks. Unclefor is very pleased with his cabon companion. (another you thing inthuisant) but he finds himself very camped for space, so on the whole I am better of . The library is very good all new books. I have just finished Jochi's latest foshine's Vision It is distinctly warmer this morning, if the sur comes out I will In quite hot out of the wind. Ham looking forward to getting There is a barber's shop on board that have sell's weighing. were trapols ocups so people can make their own lee any time they like they can get boiling water from the gally. o them is a lig tank of dunking water handy. I think there is to be a meeting this evening to get up some soits of enterlainments I am writing this in the mading room which has a lig notice Sitera + then is a Swithwoman + low others who will discuss all

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There is a barber's shop on board that buy sells everything, even teapots & cups so people can make their own tea any time they like, they can get boiling water from the galley, & there is a big tank of drinking water handy. I think there is to be a meeting this evening to get up some sorts of entertainments.

I am writing this in the reading room which has a big notice silence, & there is a Scotchwoman & two others who will discuss all

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There are all sorts of people on board but that take them all round they are quite nice orderly people. Those who have assisted passages are kept together & have their meals after the other passengers. but otherwise they have the use of all the public rooms etc. All ready the people are forming little sets according to their inclinations & tastes. There is a big social hall where they play games & have sing songs. several of the boys have brought violins, banjo's etc & they play popular songs quite well. when I get sick of it I escape with my book to the reading room. I think that is all the news I have at present so I will go for my constitutional round the deck.

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ON BOARD S.S. Largs Bay. Sunday  $27^{\text{th}}$  [January 1929 1'30. AM.

We passed Gib this morning at 10.15 it is a perfectly wonderful day. glorious hot sunshine, as we passed the signal station on the Rock we saw them flashing a message to us. there were several warships but we were too far out to see more than their outlines.

There was a cinema show on board last night, but I did not go as it was during library hours and I wanted to change a book, so I went & soaked in a hot sea bath instead.

I am shedding winter clothing bit by bit, I am glad to leave off my thick winter coat, but I was glad of it the first two days. I am all ready loosing count of the days. There is a rumour that we reach Port Said 4 o'clock in the morning. poor Uncle Jimmie.! he's only used to pleasure cruises, now he is having a taste of real travelling, he is being splendid, making the best of all the disadvantages, such as cramped quarters, early breakfast etc he says he has thoroughly enjoyed his morning on deck the last two days. it is nice to be able to wander about all over the boat. I shall probably have a sun bath this afternoon. in a sheltered spot it is as warm as our dell on a summers afternoon. I shall think of you sitting round the studio fire

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We have had a wonderful passage so far, just enough motion to make you realize you are on the sea, but not sufficient to be inconvenient. I have seen a few people looking rather green. & a good many have kept [to] their cabins. I believe we are due to arrive in Malta on Wednesday & all letters posted on board 3 miles from sw/<h>ore can go with English stamps

I had roast pork again today with a lovely piece of crackling. the other dish was roast mutton with caper sauce. There is a choice of 2 dishes at mid-day dinner, & 3 at tea. we have not had Uncle Jimmie's famous steak & onions yet.

Saw one porpoise today, also lots of small gulls. its<sup>sic</sup> fun to watch them all swoop down when they hear a splash.

I wonder if you have your new glasses fitted yet. I do hope you will find them a help when you are shopping.

Could you post me a copy of overseas Daily Mirror & Sketch.