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S.S. Rampura
Sept 30th 1929.

Dear Mother & Father.

A life on the ocean wave is better than going to sea.
We are having a wonderful passage, glorious sunshine
& sea & sky a perfect blue with just the slightest swell
to let you know you are not on land, Our course now
is due south. I make quite certain of this by going to the
stern & looking at the north star shining directly over our
wake. & I wonder how you are getting on & if you are
having a look at the night before going to bed.
I am living a life of absolute luxury. The dressing bugle
goes at 8 o'clock. & I wander down to the bathroom &
wallow in hot sea water. Then dress & have breakfast.
a varied menu. Today I choose kidneys & bacon & coffee
of course. The milk here is real milk. They make it
from fresh butter. just reverse the process.
After breakfast I walk round the deck. at 10 o'clock I go
to the library to change my book & then settle in a deck
chair to read till lunch. We have several things to
choose from & if I have not forgotten my hanky I usually
include a curry in my menu. They are ~~gollyoptious~~ gollyoptious!
we have Indian stewards. & everything is perfectly served.
After lunch I take my book to the topmost deck & divide
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as she is on night duty. her patient has acute neurasthenia
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so like another & we have only had distant glimpses
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Much love to you both

Your affectionate daughter

Myrtle.

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tomorrow. There are various signs of activity connected with our
arrival I believe. Lascars squat in groups & do things with cables
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cutting a cable. one held the end. one the cable coil, one had
a cutting tool & one a hammer. they were very busy about it
& though I sat watching quite a time they did not make much impression
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We have a dance band on deck every night I am just off
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