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DEAR MOTHER AND DAD

I AM SORRY FOR NOT WRITING TO YOU A LOT SOONER BUT BEING TO NEAR TO HOME IS WHAT MADE ME CALL INSTEAD OF WRITING TO YOU BUT NOW I HAVE NO CHOICE I HAVE TO WRITE OR TYPE I MEAN. I THOUGHT I WOULD TRY IT BUT ITS TAKING AN AWFUL LONG TIME TO TYPE BUT NOW THAT I HAVE STARTED IT IM GOING TO FINISH IT TO THE END.

TODAY IS WENSDAY AND WEVE BEEN UNDER WAY NOW FOR SIX DAYS AND LET ME TELL YOU THERE IS AN AWFUL LOT OF WATER OUT HERE. TO MUCH TO PLAY IN.

MONDAY WAS OUR FIRST STOP AND THAT WAS NEWFOUNDLAND. REMEMBER I TOLD YOU ABOUT ARGENCIA WELL THATS IN IN NEWFOUNDLAND BUT IT WAS NOTHING EXCITING BECAUSE WE DIDNT GET TO GO ANYWHERE. ALL WE DID WAS REFUEL AND WAS OFF INTO THE WILD BLUE AGAIN.

I JUST WENT OUTSIDE AND GOT THE LIST OF ALL THE PLACES WE WILL AND THE DATES OF THEM HERE THEY ARE IN ORDER.

JULY 15 DEPART FOR ARGENCIA

18 arrive in argencia refuel

18 depart argencia

25 arrive keflavick

25 depart keflavick

aug. 4pt. a depart for keflavick

7 arrive keflavick refuel provisions

10 depart keflavick

21 depart for tromso

23 arrive tromso refuel provisions

23

26 depart tromso

sept. 8 survey completed arrive tromso

9 depart tromso enroute to copenhagen

14 arrive copenhagen

19 depart copenhagen enroute to
bremerhaven

20 arrive bremerhaven

23 depart bremerhaven enroute to belfast
ireland (977 miles)

27 arrive belfast ireland refuel

30 depart belfast ireland enroute to
argentina 1971 miles

oct. 6 arrive argentinia refuel

6 depart argentinia enroute boston mass. 801
miles.

9 arrive boston mass.

WELL THAT IS THE WHOLE LIST OF PLACES WE WILL SEE ON THIS TRIP BUT ITS GOING TO BE A LONG ONE .

EVERYONE HAS STARTED THEIR BEARDS AND I THINK MINE IS THE SLOWEST OF THEM ALL. BUT I GUESS IT WILL GET THERE. THREE MONTHS IS A LONG TIME.

SO FAR WE'VE BEEN HAVING PERFECT WEATHER. BUT THE GUYS SAID IT WILL GET ROUGH SOON ENOUGH

BOY I CANT EVEN SPELL ON A TYPE WRITER LET ALONE A PEN BUT IM TRYING. MY ONE FINGER IS SURE GETTING TIRED THOUGH. WHERE WE ARE NOW IT STAYS LIGHT UNTILL ABOUT 10 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT.

IF YOU WANT TAKE A CHANCE ON WRITING TO ME AM SENDING A LIST HOME TO YOU OF THE CERTAIN DATES YOU HAVE TO SEND THE LETTERS TO ME FOR ME TO RECIEVE THEM.

YESTERDAY THEY MADE ME GET MY FIRST HAIR CUT SINCE THE LAST TIME I WAS HOME. MAYBEIT WASNT LONG.

BUT THEY WERNT REALLY MAD OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. PLEASE TELL BILLY THAT I WISH HIM A HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND I WISH I COULD BE THERE.

BUT DO TO THE PRESENT SITUATION I CANT MAKE IT. IM ONLY KIDDING.

YOU CAN BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THIS IS THE LAST LETTER I AM GOING TO TYPE. ITS DRIVING ME CRAZY LOOKING FOR THE KEYS.

WHEN WE GET BACK TO BOSTON WE WILL PROBABLY STAY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS OR MAYBE STAY PERMINENT THERE I SURE HOPE NOT BECAUSE I DONT REALLY LIKE BOSTON THAT MUCH ANYWAY.

I WILL TRY TO TAKE LEAVE AFTER TWO WEEKS WHEN WE GET BACK I SURE HOPE I CAN MAKE IT.

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TELL GA ELIEN AND MICHEAL THAT I SAID HELLO AND WILL SEE THEM SOON. AND SAY HELLO TO NANA FOR ME TOO. TELL BILLY THAT I SAID HELLO AND TO SAY HELLO TO JEANFOR ME TOO.

I DONT WANT TO SEND ANY PICTURES HOME IN ANY LETTERS JUST IN CASE THEY GOT LOST OR SOMTHING. OK ?

THE ONLY PICTURES I HAVE SO FAR ARE OF THE MOUNTAINS IN ARGENCIA NEWFOUNDLAND AND THEY ARE WIERD LOOKING THEY LOOK LIKE BACK IN OLDEN DAYS . MOUNSTERS AND STUFF.

ILL TRY TO PICK UP SOME SOUVINERS TO BRING HOME IF I CAN. OH YEAH PLEASE SAY HELLO TO AUNT JENNIE AND UNCLE BILL FOR ME.

WELL I THINK IM GOING TO GET THIS LETTER OFF ON ITS WAY SO TILL I COME HOME AGAIN TAKE OF YOURSELVES .

WITH ALL MY LOVE:

Tommy

P.S. I'm not see sick yet!