Dear friend David

I am writing you on the top deck of the ship we cannot see land all around as far as we can see nothing but water everywhere I am glad to tell you that I did not get seasick, it was an awful sight to see some of the fellows the state they were in they will not forget it in a hurry.

There is another two companys on board along with us we had a very stormy day on Monday the ship was heaving most fearful, I was on sentry from 6 Oclock on Monday morning to 8 Oclock on Tuesday morning I was out on the deck for 2 hours and 4 hours off you should see the waves washing over the deck we are a very jolly lot the time is passing fast,

I can tell you now Dear friend I am not going to make a long letter this time as I have to post it tonight as we will be calling at a island tomorrow so it very likely I will not write again until we will land at the Cape I will drop you a note as soon as we will reach.

Hoping you are all well