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my dear Papa-
We are
now on our ~~our~~ day of the
voyage and I have
thoroughly enjoyed every
minute of it. There
are
in this convoy - all of them
all of
of the war and taken
over by us when we
declared war on Germany.

about
ago.
better with
than the
We have been keeping
a sharp lookout for
submarines ever since
sailing but from now on
will be doubly vigilant.
The army is called upon
to assist in keeping a
watch for submarines and
probably one hundred men
are watching day and night.
I am a member of Lookout
Watch No 1 - and have
3 hours on duty out of
every 24. I am on duty
at 12.30 to 1.30 PM - 2.30 to
9.30 PM and 4.30 - 5.30 AM.
The other officers of the



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take it by turns up there
and all of us like this post
better than any.

There are 8 of us who
stay together all the
time and really have had
a very pleasant voyage. They
are -

The
meals have been excellent
served promptly and in
great abundance. There
are many thousand men
on here and they appear
to be getting on pretty well.
They sleep below decks and
probably find it rather
close at night but are
allowed on deck during
the day. There are

TO THE WRITER: SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

TO THE FOLKS AT HOME: SAVE FOOD; BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

one thousand negro
troops aboard who are
being taken over as
laborers. They have only
been drafted 5 weeks and
are mostly from N.C.
I have made several
trips down to look up
some Edenton "niggers" but
the star has been too
much for me.

Every morning we
have "abandon-ship drill"
when every man on board
takes his designated place
to go overboard, as we
have no troops under us,
each of the officers ~~is~~
~~in~~ charge of a life-raft
with 12 "niggers". From now
until we reach port we
sleep in our clothes and
carry our life-preservers, canteen
and pistols all the time.
I hope you are feeling as
well as usual. Have thought
about all the time. Will write
again before landing. At the Rich's



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