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Bernard Penfield,
 S/S Siem de Lasalle,
 A.L. Burbank & Co., Ltd.,
 C/O Postmaster, N.Y.C.,
 April 16, 1945.
 At Sea.

Dear Sir:-

I am a merchant seaman. As you know, we have been in the thick of this war since the beginning. We do not complain - in fact, we are proud that it was given to us to contribute so much.

At the present time, Mr. Schwabe, there is a bill awaiting hearings before the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee which would give us some postwar protection like our buddies in the Army and Navy. It is H.R. 2346 - popularly called the Seamen's Bill of Rights. Are you acquainted with it, Mr. Schwabe? If you are, I hope you are planning to help us out on it. If not, I hope you will study it and let me know what your reactions are.

Sincerely, Bernard Penfield