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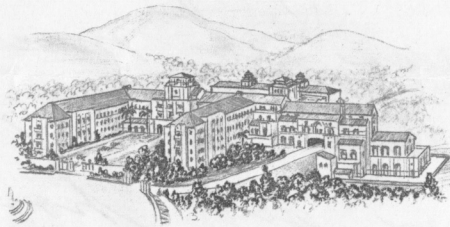


Sister Thomas James  
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Dear Sister Thomas James:

I can understand how concerned you are about your father Fred, and I'm sorry that I cannot give you more information.

Yes, I'm sure that there was a priest on the Island so I'm sure he was there if possible when Fred died.

No, the Atlanta didn't have a chaplain, only the larger ships are assigned chaplains.

I didn't go ashore with Fred so I cannot say where he attended church last.

We talked about religion quite a bit and I believe

that he was prepared to go.  
We had seen so much that  
we were sure that many of us  
would never get home again.

I had my leg broken by  
shrapnel but it is doing fine  
now. I'm going to limited shore  
duty next week.

If I hear any further information  
about Fred, I'll forward it to you.

I remain,  
Yours truly,  
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