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Dear Monsgr:

The Pacific

Here we are somewhere in New Guinea as the most traveled
Chaplain for the time in service. The boat ride was fine, a lot better
ship than the puddle jumper we came from Fricco ⁱⁿ on. We had daily
Mass on the boat and most of the Catholic lads went to the Sacraments
on the boat. Large crowds at daily Mass. It really proved the boys
will go to Mass when they have the opportunity. It was a sort of
a Mission for the boys as we gave them a series of sermons too. Father
Rogers and myself. One thing I found out was that the poor attendance
at Army servs is not the fault of the army, causing the boys to
neglect their religion. Boys who were good Catholics at home are good
ones in the Army. But it does prove that there are a lot ^{of} boys who
were lax before they came in the Army. We had lots of old timers
come back up as far as 20 years. Six first Communion and two converts.
The ship also had a Newspaper - daily. ~~My assistant, Frank Shaw, of
Chicago was editor. Has had newspaper experience. We were a Chaplain's
Column and I was asked by the authorities to write a series of
Articles on my work with the P.V's at Fannin. The G.O. was pleased and
so were the boys. In fact ^{was} he ask ^{ed} me to write one more article for
the Regt. Paper. Give best regards to all and especially to His
Excellency the Archbishop. We solicit the prayers of all the priests
and laity. We will~~

As Ever

have need of them.
L.P. White

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