

Okinawa

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Monsignor Foley,

Been holding up writing until I could get a permanent address. I was scheduled to go to Korea upon our arrival Aug 22nd but <sup>orders were changed.</sup>  
~~I was skinned out of it by one of the promoters or political priests who pulled strings with a general. I have a better word for it but does not fit to put in a letter. I was while I was in hopes of getting a return to U.S. as there seemed to be a surplus of St Col. My hopes were shattered as I only had 85 points & 100 points are necessary for Majors & St Col. Instead I am ordered to Philippines - and at present awaiting shipping space - nothing going that way - it seems it is all going to Japan, Korea & China - so I'll have to wait.~~

Took a ride today thru battle area - viewed the three major cemeteries - that's what tells the tale. These cemeteries are very well kept up and really look impressive with their white crosses - and the names, practically all kids.

Had a few days visit with Fr McEvoy - He left for Korea on the first landing. ~~I really think he wants to return but as you may know him he is not too talkative~~