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Philippines  
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Dear Archbishop,  
I am sending my reports for February and March.

We had a good trip across the Pacific and, thank God, a safe one. Mass was possible every day. In the afternoon, Mass was offered for the boys on the main deck. We used to sing hymns. Quite a delight to hear the sailor's favorite of old Mother Dear, O Pray for Me - travel out across the waters.

I should be going to my assignments soon. One feels rather useless as a casual - the name given to soldiers and officers when they are not assigned to a unit. One makes himself useful by helping others; but much time is lost.

We had an open air Mass Sunday in an open air theater. Perhaps about 2,000 were present. Three of us heard confessions before,