

Yokohama, Japan
Sept. 16, 1945

Dear Monsignor,

Our ship, A PA 39, the Clay, pulled into harbor on the Blessed Mother's birthday; we set foot on Japanese soil the next day, Sunday.

It seems that an order came out that no outfit was to leave for Japan without a chaplain. I was transferred from the Base S Chaplain's Office at Cebu City, Cebu to this Hq. Detachment of the 377 Port Bn a few days before they sailed. There are 33 men, including myself. Some companies are being attached as - five colored companies.

Imagine the number of Catholics. Fr. Dunford, ^{of Boston} division chaplain of the Americal division, has begun proceedings that will assign me very likely to the 58th Evacuation Hospital, which is attached to the Americal. I came up here just for the ride, it would seem.

My stay in hospitals totalled about eight weeks. I am feeling very well, but am to do no considerable lifting for a