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Dear Mom:

Just had lunch of rice and chicken and feel rather good. Guess its because I had a nice nap last night and slept around the clock - having felt so tired yesterday after making the rounds. Being Regt'l Chaplain now, the work has increased quite a bit and it keeps me humping. However, hope to get a new chaplain to work with soon so that I won't have much more than administrative duties plus my bn tohandle. Came back today to find a note from the Mediterrenean Army command - notifying me that my Citation for "the Legion of Merit" has come through. Guess Peter will be very proud of his old man. Thats about the only reason I wanted the medal so that Peter will be proud of me - anyway he'll have something more to tell his cronies. That and the five points which boosts my score up to ninety two.

I am enclosing in this letter a little needlework that the General's daughter in Cremona made for you. She heard that we were leaving and made it for you in three days. They were very nice to me - and showered me with some stuff. Her name is "Signorina Laura Pollina, Via Vimercati 5, Crema (Cremona) Italy.

Also enclosing a 20 cents piece for Peter in Greek currency. Its a hundred drachman. I have also asked the Red Cross man to try and get me dolls from every country and hope to augment Baby Jane's growing collection.

Within a few days it will be our tenth wedding anniversary. All I can say is thanks for ~~everything~~ - for I cannot envision life without you. I won't send anything - ~~but I'll~~ make up for it when I come home and buy you the best dress or something.

Take care of yourself and extra good care of the children. Don't let obachan work too much -

love

*Hi*