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Daer Mother,

I am now on the Mediterranean. It is blue, calm and the sun shines warm and peaceful. We have been out several days now and are about to end the trip. I believe that I have enjoyed this boat ride more than any other. We are on a merchant ship, British, with our own men and equipment. There are just three of us officers and we are living, sleeping, eating in the ship's officers lounge. It is very comfortable. Our kitchen truck is located on deck and the food is excellent. There is nothing to do but lie in the sun, watch the water and get healthy. I had the choice of flying or going by boat and I am glad that I took the water trip. This is the first time that I haven't in the least felt the rocking of the boat. I will be sorry to leave it. The weather has been wonderful and quite a change from the rainy weather we had back in N. Africa.

Actually I am glad to be out of Africa. We put in a lot of work getting things ready to go and most of it was done in the pouring rain but now that we are all set I am glad. I presume I will never see the coutry again and really don't care. Probably we won't have quite as nice a set up where we are going but the change of scenery will be good.

Just before we left I received Christmas package no.1. I imagine that I will receive the others as my address will far a while at least be the same.

We have been receiving the elction news over the radio and I suppose everybody is happy. How did the state elections come out. I voted some weeks ago and suppose that my ballot arrived all right.

Now that you noticed my promotion I will say that it has been effective since September although I didn't know it for quite a while. It seems that I am always in a pldce out of the regular channels of communication and learn those things late.

Well I can think of little else to say except that I am fine, wish you all the best and close

with love,

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P.S. I couldd a fruit cake if there was one hanging around.

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