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Dear Phog,

a thousand thanks for sending me the March issue of the "Rebounds." And "thanks" too, for the remarks you made in reference to my January communique from the South Pacific. Coming from you, Doc, I consider it a real complement.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to use a typewriter in dashing off this dispatch - somewhere in the East China Sea. Haven't been taking too good a care of myself, consequently out of action and now in sickbay - down with a bad case of the flu.

If I had my Remington, I'd bang out another newsy dispatch - the accounts of the USS EASTLAND in the Okinawa invasion. As the medical officer won't permit me to leave my bed, I have to do my writing - sitting up,