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Coblenz, Ger

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I hope this letter will find you all well and in the best of health. For myself I can say that I am feeling pretty good now. As you will no doubt notice this letter is written from Coblenz. The reason this letter is written from Coblenz is that I am in a hospital there. As I said a few lines above I am feeling pretty good now so there is no need of any worry on your part. Now to tell you why I am in the hospital, I was on duty the night of the 29th of Dec I had the Grave yard shift (from 12 M to 4 A.M.) about 2 A.M. I got sleepy as could be had a headache and fever and chills. I finished my shift and went to bed. I didn't go to breakfast or dinner but got up about 3:30P.M. and later on went to supper. All I could eat was a piece of bread and a cup of coffee. I went to bed right after I got through eating and felt pretty bad during the night. The next morning the rest of the fellows made me go to the infirmary and find out what was wrong with me. I went and found out I had a pretty high fever. They wanted to rest me at the infirmary, but I told them I had a better place to stay and that I had a good bed and plenty of fellows to take care of me. They sent me back to the Radio room and I was put to bed again. The woman of the house was very good to me. She use to come up every once in a while to see how I was feeling and she kept on sending up hot milk all the time I wasn't feeling well. She did this to one of the other boys who wasn't feel-ing well. This other fellow got sick the night before I did and it was just about the same time and he got sick exactly the same way I did. He was better in a day because he took some pills. After they put me to bed and gave me some pills I felt a little better but my fever bothered me a lot so the fellows called up the doctor and he sent me to the hospital. The reason he sent me to the hospital was that he was afraid I was getting the Flu. I went to the hospital the afternoon of the 31st of Dec they sent me to a Field hospital at Dernbach. I was there until the afternoon of the 3rd of Jan and then they sent me to Evacuation Hospital No. 2 at Coblenz. I have been getting out of bed now for several days and the only kick I have against the hospital is that they aren't giving me enough chow. Well now to find out what is going on at home. How is everything now-a-days. I hope everything is O.K., I suppose lots of soldiers are back by this time. By the looks of things my outfit wont go yet for a couple of months, but there again we may pull out Most anything. There have been rumors floating around that we are due to pull out by the 15th of the month, but today is the 12th and I have heard nothing to the effect that the 1st Division is going to leave.

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