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Evacuation Hospital No. 12.

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The General came the day after I wrote the last letter to you and paid the hospital a visit. He did not inspect the buildings so I do not know whether my notice would have done good. The General reviewed all the Hospital Corp men and all the Patients. Moving pictures were taken of the whole crew and after the General inspected the troops he gave the crowd a little speech. There was nothing new in the talk as most of it was old stuff and had been heard time and time again.

Things are going on the same as usual around here and there is very little news to write about. In my last letter I wrote a little bit of news. It was about getting an operation on my nose. Well I went up to the Doctor a couple of days ago and had him examine my nose again. He told me he could operate on the inside so as to give me more breathing space as that would be necessary, but was not allowed to straighten the bridge as that was more for looks than for necessity. He said that if I was at a Base Hospital I might have the bridge straightened as they have more time to do such things there than they have around here. He says that it is absolutely necessary to have the inside straight-ened before the bridge is fixed. In order to have the operation done I will have to be transferred out of building 4 to building 8. The doctor said I would have to be in building 8 about 8 or 9 days before I could go back to building 4. He also says that the effects of the operation will not make me sick and that the 8 or 9 days I will be in building 8, I will be up and around all the time. I will not have to be put to sleep for the operation as only a local-anesthetic will be used, that is the nose will be froze with Cocaine or some other dope so that there will be no pain. Seeing that it is so close to the end of the week I decided I would'not go over to building 8 until Monday. I suppose by the time you get this letter I will be back in building 4.

In the first part of this letter I was telling you about the sun shining in on the typewriter so I think I will tell you about the changeable weather around. Yesterday four of the boys in my room and myself went out to have our pictures taken. While we were waiting to have it taken a snowstorm hit and what I mean it sure did snow. We had our picture taken when the snow let up a little but it was quite dark so we do not know yet whether the picture will be any good or not.

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How is everything around home now-a-days? I hope everything is O.K. Have you been getting any mail from me lately? So far I have not heard from you since I have been in the hospital so I have to ask for news in my letters to you I expect to get paid in a short time as I asked at the Headquarters and they had me fill out some sort of paper and I am going to sign it to day. If the Major signs it I will get paid soon. I have seen some very pretty Cameo Rings in town and they are very cheap. A good Cameo can be had for about a hundred marks. Just as soon as I get paid I am going to buy a good one. For myself, wee. If you folks at home will wake up enough to write me a letter once in a while I might get liberal enough to buy you a souvenir or two as there are some very nice souvenirs to be had around here.

Well this is all I have to say for this time so I will close with love and kisses to all I remain as ever your loving and affectionate son,

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