



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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Dear Mother;

I am now of all places in a hospital at Ft. Belvoir Virginia. When I got back to Washington I had an interview and then a physical examination. We all had to have the same thing. However when I told the doctor about my liver and my experience in Italy he said I better go to a hospital for a check-up. That I am now doing.

I only arrived here yesterday as I wanted a few days to look around Washington and see the sight. So On Saturday and Sunday I went to town, saw some of the places of interest, had some fine sea-food dinners and now I am here. It really isn't too bad although I wish I could have gone to a larger and possibly more acquainted with hepatitis hospital. I hope I won't have to stay here long but of course everything in the Army that has to do with medical things take a long time and I may be here for a week or more. It really doesn't matter much as I have now job and this only delays my final assignment. I have no idea what they will find here. It may or may not affect my final disposition.

This hospital is like all Army hospitals in the states; made of one story wooden buildings and spread all over five acres. I am in an officers ward and it is airy and looks out on the woods. It is rather warm all the time but that is to be expected in the summer. The food is excellent and well served. Being an ambulatory patient I go across the street and eat in the same mess with the doctors. I can read during the day, and take it easy. Of course it will get boring after a while but it hasn't so far.

My interview by OSS was unrevealing as everything depended whether or not I could be sent out of the country and the doctor would not say yes until I had been examined here. I don't think they will pass me for overseas duty so don't worry.

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There isn't much else to say as not much has happened so far. Saw a movie tonight and ate some ice cream sedas. A simple life and uncomplicated.

I will put my address on the envelope so please note it carefully. Don't send anything of value as I don't know how fast the mail service is nor how long I will be here to receive it. But a letter would be welcome.

Love,

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