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Dear Wall, —

Another day of inspections, the O.C.
has only left this room and seeing
I was one of his men he spoke quite
awhile. "You're looking much better than
my last visit" — etc. etc.

Yes I'm still in bed, a lot of my
"yellow completion" has gone but
there still remains enough to keep
me in bed for a few more days. I
haven't asked as to when I should
be able to get up and around but
I don't think the M.O. knows just leave
nature to take her course. Personally
I'm not getting very impatient. My
temperature has still been normal
except for one day. — Christmas
day at that & it was up to 100!!

My dinner unfortunately didn't
stay down, which was a pity. I only
— took two mouthfuls full of the turkey
and — presto a B. line for the bathroom.
Around 3 in the afternoon my stomach
had completely settled & I could have
eaten anything, however New Year's
we hoped to have the same spread
for dinner, that I should enjoy
Sunday — Christmas eve. I really
enjoyed. They say the Chapel was
well decorated, and in the
evening carols were sung

I ran out in the hall for a few minutes to see how many there were. It was very nice the tree was put in the hall & they all gathered around it (approximately 20 in all) Even the Colonel with the book in his hand singing as earnestly as the others. There singing was limited though as they went from room to room, but we could still hear them when they were upstairs. This really gave me the touch of Christmas and also the number of visitors I had. Oh yes even our major made his regular visits to see his "lead-swingers". He is away on leave now, which is probably good for both him and those who work up there. By what I've heard even Mr. Sherman has told him off!

Gerry says the major annoys me a lot, because they all ignore him now. He did irritate me, especially when there was a lot of work to do. He'd say "By gosh what does 'PORKO' mean". I'd say "Little or small size". This goes on all day.

Oh I guess we all have our peculiarities, and we probably.

there had been just a slight error
made. She probably sent cards to
both of us. She said she got the address
from Eunice. I'm sending his card also.

This is very nice of Eunice to be
sending another parcel. — If I
could get a wife half as good as
Eunice I'd count myself
extremely fortunate.

This is the poem — which she
probably made up.

"I wish you joy, dear Brother
And lots of lucky days.
And while I'm glad you're sewing
My every thought is for
The good times we'll be having
When you are home once more!"

I believe I have more reading
than enough this afternoon &
I came across some very good
articles in these MacLays magazine
"Let us written of a fighter's
nearness to God. As he grows
"God is no longer a vague being to
whom I used to close my eyes in
empty prayer. He is a living person-
ality, who I can feel is working
with my interests at heart
Many times when things looked
their worst they turned out best."

You have I'm sure read various articles of the same, If the war had brought nothing else it has brought men, the same as this air men eyes to their shakers.

I don't believe there is any hurry for this letter to get away so I shall leave the rest for to-morrow, supper will soon be coming and the lights aren't extremely good here to do much after supper. I wanted to send a note with Norman's card as well but that too will have to wait until to-morrow.

Good night or Buona Sera
Sat. morning. Dec 30

I was very tired this morning when my breakfast came in. The septets had changed since I was an order. The lights all put on around 5.30 and the breakfast comes in at 6.00. Well this morning I ate Hypovidige with only one egg (I'm on a low fat diet so no bacon) came in. I was asleep again before the meal hit my stomach I believe. At 8.00 clock I was up. I shaved and even made my bed. The sister who is on her is very nice to me & when she sees that I am up she starts making my bed - in a jiffy for a good show. It must be her way of business she hasn't been around.

Binney has seemed very happy.

Henry is using my watch as his
dropped on the floor and it is hopeless
trying to run a car without a watch.

There was a patient next to me who had
a new watch & I was able to see what
time it was without even asking.

He is back with his unit now and
unfortunate the new man here has
a watch. He is leaving to move
to my next bed mate might have
a watch. However, my dinner is over.

and I did very well in cleaning
the plate. of: Tomato soup, Roast beef,
potatoes & carrots, and butter with
dessert. Not bad eh?

It was snowing some this morning
and I see now that it has all gone.

I suppose the car now has to be
jammed up now are the roads still
open. Do you still use Charles & Freddy as
the freight team? What about Prince & Star

Did they ever make a team? I've thought
more of these things since I've been here
in bed — not home sick really but when

I was working, now mind you I do not
boasting about it, but I would not
to write and away I would be doing
something else. So consequently the
letter was not written.

I've taken all my unanswered letters from my writing pad to see where I really stand. There are some very old letters that really should be answered. I believe I told you about a letter from Appletons, they apparently wrote to a few in the morning asking about me, the same evening my letter came to them.

I've really felt bad about it, they treated as one of theirs, I hope it won't be long until we either get back there. Writing seems to be one of my greatest tasks.

I wasn't going to mention in this letter about having a few sent to me, as I thought I would send an air mail which would reach you sooner but possible this will reach you just as soon. It could be that I might find my pen, but after being like two weeks the chances are slim. How the quickest way I believe would be to have it sent the same as you did with my watch. If I am in here another week, & possible two weeks coming - almost by that time the pen might be on its way.

Byron that's fact work isn't it.

I'm sorry to have your docthis, and
the other pens was good too. It has done
almost three years service of hard
work — ba —

My writing has been quite small
but I hope you can manage it out
I will close now, wishing
you all the best in the coming
New Year. and the good for a
Happy birthday to Walter. 21 years?

What experience I had on my
21st year. — S.R.P.D. — in the army
& over to England — at etc. etc.
Love to all
Byron