

Tuesday
Evening

Dear Folks,

I don't enjoy telling you this but I am now in the hospital. I began feeling bad Sunday afternoon and I had to struggle pretty hard to keep going yesterday. I thought my trouble was mostly a chest cold but I could tell that I had some fever and I also had a bad headache and sore throat.

I was supposed to be on guard duty last night but before my shift came up I went down to the dispensary

2 my temperature was 103.8 and my trouble, as you might have guessed, was tonsillitis. This was about 7:30 and by 8:30 I was started to the hospital and a substitute was taking my place as guard.

It was lucky that I went to the dispensary when I did because the doctor said that if I had of slept in that tent one more night with that fever I would have had pneumonia.

I have felt pretty bad today and have taken about a ton of medicine. I think the medicine is mostly

to make me sweat +
sleep, both of which will
be good for me. My
fever is going down
and I feel better this
evening.

I don't know how
long I will be here
but it oughtn't be
too long. Anyway it
could always be worse.
This basic is sure giv-
ing me some varied
experiences

Don't worry and
don't broadcast it too
much.

Love
Donald.

(over)

If I lose less than 6 days I will be sent back to my old company and will make up my work. But if more than 6 days I will be sent to another battalion in about their 6th or 7th week of training. This will make me 4 or 5 weeks later in finishing my training but it can't last forever.

Now it is your turn to keep your chin up.
1 Thessalonians 5:16

Unless you have done so don't send my Christmas now until I give the signal.

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