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Dear Sallie,

I don't know whether I owe you or you owe me but I have about 30 minutes to write tonight so I'll at least get started. I've had a lot of trouble lately trying to keep my correspondence straight. On night duty I did a lot of writing but I don't remember who to.

Christmas is gone and considering everything we really had a good one. We had received several boxes and took them all over to some people's house whom we know here in town and Christmas afternoon we all opened everything together. It was a lot of fun and what surprised me was that everything we got was practical and something we could use. We got gloves, socks, handkerchiefs, writing kits, small furlough bags etc. We didn't have a white Christmas but yesterday it did snow. It had rained before it snowed and since it was a very sticky snow, it was really pretty. It stuck on all the trees etc. and since it was such a light snowfall, its rather unusual that it covered things like it did.

Week before last I was on night work and last week Wayne was. We work 7-7 when on night duty. You don't work very hard but you do put in a lot of time & lose a lot of sleep. Last week & this week I've been on the locked section. This consist of 3 wards. One has Italian prisoners here for treatment and patients who have given a good deal of trouble, gone AWOL etc. Another ward has quite a few fellows who are really off mentally. On this ward I've been on mostly the patients are just nervous cases or else they have multitudes of complaints and the doctors can't find any causes. They're usually kept there until discharged from the army. Some of them really think there is something wrong with them but a good many of them I guess are just trying to get a discharge.

Have you been caught in the epidemic? I don't think its so noticeable here in the hospital now like it was 3 weeks ago but it hasn't subsided any here in town. Everybody at home has had it and Guy & Dorothy both have had it in Philadelphia.

In just slightly over a month, we'll be leaving here for good. We will have spent 5 months here then but it doesn't seem like it. We've made so many friends now it will be hard to leave. That's one trouble about staying at a place too long.

Its 9 o'clock now so by the time I take a shower & get ready for bed it will be lights out. I'm going to hit it a little early tonight because I've been doing just the opposite of that.

Love,

Wendell