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Dear Dad,

The train was rather late last night, but not as bad as I expected. Got in bed 4 am. Worked this am. & now am at work for the night. Wrote several hours this afternoon but couldn't sleep.

I have been having quite a bit of trouble with my knees & back. So, this afternoon, after receiving the impulse as the time I've been here, I went to see the doctor. He tried to come in person & his send me to orthopaedic clinic. He held little hope out for me, saying treatment was of little or no value.

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Q, tomorrow I'll see what
what. I expect O. At best, my
surprise will be a pleasant one.
As I ~~stay~~ creep around here,
doing nothing worthwhile, I
have come to the belief that the
only path that will be of any
value to me is what I want
to do is what I possibly desire
fast as I can. I don't know
what to do about getting a
petition or request or whatever
it is called in here, and wouldn't
have even gone here, if I weren't
having trouble & if it weren't you

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The 50th day has been in.

I have learned that I just can't take any physical regimen. But I don't expect to be able to do anything about it.

Well, it's getting busy here and I have to knock off for at least a while. If I get a chance perhaps I'll write more later, if not

Love

Ward

By the way, 3 of the boys shipped this a.m. - to a place we all certain is close by. of course, those of us left behind, felt badly about not going.

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Honestly, Sir, if it weren't that I
can see the value of a little
kindness & consideration to so
many of these fellows I think
I wouldn't be able to stand it.
But just tonight a Hungarian
fellow - a plain little guy
with old-fashioned glasses, a
mincing walk & rather
pretentious - curious to look at, but
very nice & very quiet - came
up & was most effusive in his
thanks for the things I have done for
him - so unimportant, I assure
you, that I have no recollection

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of them. Tonight, it happened, I had some knit bags & asked Kevin if he could use one. This pleased him tremendously, so though I was really doing something for him. Oh, well. As to the little things, the things that cost nothing but a smile or a kind word that these boys need. The only thing around here that makes me feel as one good is making them feel good.

Now I've got to quiet some of them who are making too much noise. Goodnight, honey
Love
Daddy.