

Service Club



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Tuesday,
Hink

Dear Lil

I may be able to write a long letter. It depends on how I can write, while at it. My cod is bad, and it & the other things have prompted me to stay indoors as much as possible. I'm holding a box-top in my left hand, resting it on a desk. Writing on a perpendicular desk is not comfortable for the right arm. He's at work here, a so was walked to the service club to write... Yesterday I broke down & went to the infirmary - not that I wanted to. He'd know how it happened. As you know,

I took latrine again because you
are supposed to be finished for the day
when that job is over. So it was
"room orderly." Well, yesterday the
Sgt. came in & picked 2 of us
out for a detail just as I was ask-
ing the chief room orderly how
you go about being kept out
any but the prescribed duty
hour for sick men - 7-30 a.m.
I had been advised the best thing
is to ask the Sgt. for special
permission to get sick or another
hour! After he left us standing
out in the cold about 14 days
now (unnecessarily) I asked
him if he would send me to
the infirmary just if the
detail was going to last any
time (I had a bad sinus
headache, my head was dragging,

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my throat was sore, and my
cough was worse. Every time I
went out I got chills that
lasted for some time after I got
inside. He told me to ask the
Sgt. to whom he was speaking of.
Well, it was a good walk to
where he sent us, & windy & cold
as hell. The Sgt. then sent me
to the infirmary - all the way
back to within a minutes
walk of where I started. Then the
doctor stuffed some cotton up
my nose, with medication, was
very unhappy when men
came in (unfazed who goes to

The doctor is automatically
considered a gold-bunker, &
the belief is prevalent that to
go is to invite extra duty,
Sometimes from about 4 am
to 10 pm - in fact, most men
are afraid to desert themselves
sick). Then he took an envelope
and some pills in it & told me
to take one every 3 hrs. When I
got all the way back to the
detail & took one they
turned out to be aspirin,
which is prescribed,
apparently, for every ail-
ment. Bored at my detail,
I was not told to do
anything, so I pitched in
anyway. It was taking

3/ wooden crates, loading 75 pairs
of pants, from a truck into the
warehouse, then ^{Service Club} crates were to
to the place they heavy we had to
belonged. The  drag them I
don't have to tell you what
that did to me! At 4 p.m.
most of the men ran outside
to "feel in". I asked a Sgt. if
we were finished; he said we
were, to fall in. After praying
for 10 minutes they marched
us to "chow". When I was to
go I said I drank only a
half cup of coffee & came
here to go to bed. Except for
meals & my latrine duties
this am. I have stayed
there ever since. It is
much better than a prison!

It turned out that the apt.
was wrong about us being
finished - that the rest of the
boys with me couldn't until
2 a.m. Had I, I don't think
I could have made that
how I felt. As it is, if I
can stay indoors for a
while, I probably be okay
by the end of the week. You
can see that at the moment I
feel pretty low (but I
don't show it, of course).

I was very happy to
get both your letters
tonight. I wasn't well
enough to go out & get
the post the last night.
I will probably get the
postage tomorrow. Thanks, Mary

4) Before I get down to answering
your letter, I have sent cards to Ben,
Dolly, Will Lloyd, ^{Service Club} Also Bill + Lydia.
Joe + Alice, + of  Diete recall
course, in web. Bdr + Lennell's
them I asked for them + Thelma, +
hope Bdr difficultly disappears soon.

Mr. Harold's loudmouth
has come in, and I may have
to go to sleep in self defense.
I got into a real when he
starts his act of noise +
amorous laughter.

Thanks a lot for going to the
trouble of getting the things for
me, honey. They'll be very conven-
ient to have, + I may even look
neater. I'm sure to stationing
but will be swell.

Also, please ask Johnny to send
me a copy of the new Dies report. to
list + read etc.

It is now after 9, & I'm not going
to answer all the things in
your letters tonight. Maybe I'll
get a chance to do what I know.

We have to get up between 5 &
5:45 & are usually awakened
before then by the guys who awaken
the men on K. P. duty. Say
hello to Johnny, & tell him I'll
write her soon. I still hope to
be able to get this weekend off, & that you
will be in good shape! I feel exactly as
you do about sleep. By the way don't be
disturbed about the first part of the
letter. Such things don't & can't
happen often, & everything will be okay as
soon as I throw this cold. By the way,
how is your sick tummy? That's gippo?
And everything else? Regards to them

All
P.S. Please put Love
this in the envelope

(in my sleep
handwritten)
Hand