

TUESDAY, 12th JUNE

DEAR MOM,

THERE ISN'T MUCH NEW TO WRITE ABOUT NOW - THE LAB. IS ALMOST FINISHED AND REALLY IS A SWELL PLACE TO WORK. THE REST OF THE HOSPITAL IS PROGRESSING EQUALLY AS WELL SO WE SHOULD OPEN UP SOON.

WE HAD A MEETING A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO AND PLANNED OUR ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB. IT WILL HAVE ONE ROOM WITH A BAR AND TABLES IN IT, ONE ROOM FOR READING AND WRITING, AND ONE LARGE ROOM FOR PING PONG, POKER, DICE GAMES, ETC. ANOTHER THING IT WILL BE ABOVE OUR QUARTERS ON THE MOUNTAIN SIDE BECAUSE THAT WAY WHEN WE GET ONE TOO MANY WE CAN JUST ROLL DOWN TO OUR TENTS. IF IT WAS BELOW OUR QUARTERS WE'D NEVER MAKE IT UP THE MOUNTAIN AFTER A PARTY. THE CLIMB UP IS PRETTY ROUGH, YOU ARE PANTING EVERY TIME YOU COME UP TO YOUR TENT. ONE GOOD THING ABOUT IT THO IS THAT IT WILL BUILD UP OUR WIND AND STRENGTHEN OUR LEG MUSCLES.

WE STILL HAVE NO RUNNING WATER. COOLIES BRING UP WATER AND STORE IT IN LARGE BARRELS. WE USE OUR HELMETS TO WASH IN AND WHEN WE WANT A SHOWER THERE'S ALWAYS THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE.

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ABOUT THE CHINESE DOLLS, I MAILED THEM SOME TIME BEFORE I LEFT THE 95th. SO YOU SHOULD GET THEM SOON. SAY I NEED A PACKET DOCK AGAIN SINCE MINE WAS STOLEN, EXACTLY LIKE THE OTHER ONE IF YOU CAN FIND IT.

OUR TENT REALLY HAS A HOMEY TOUCH TO IT TONIGHT, WE HAVE A RECORD PLAYER HOOKED UP PLAYING VERY GOOD SONGS EVEN IF THEY AREN'T RECENT. FOUR OF THE FELLOWS ARE SITTING ON THE FLOOR PLAYING CARDS, (WE HAVE BAMBOO WEAIVED MATS FOR RUGS), A FEW ARE WRITING, THE REST JUST SITTING AROUND LISTENING TO THE MUSIC. OF COURSE THERE ARE QUITE A FEW BOTTLES OF WINE PLACED AT CONVENIENT SPOTS ABOUT THE TENT. OH YES, ROSS IS PLAYING WITH OUR NEW MARKOT, A LITTLE BLACK PUPPY, ON THE FLOOR.

GUESS THAT'S ABOUT IT FOR TO-NIGHT. I'M O.K. AND FEELING FINE, POISON NOW ABOUT GONE.

YOUR LOVING SON,

JIMMIE

P.S. GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO REPLACE ONE OF OUR MATS, THE PUP JUST MISTOOK IT FOR A FIRE PLOG!