

Letter #69

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Evacuation Hospital No. 12.

Trier, Germany.

March 12, 1919.

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What to tell you in this letter is something I will have to think about before I write much more in this letter. I know of nothing that can be considered news as there is nothing happening around the hospital and as I told you before I can't go to town. I doubt if there is any news there.

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Weather here has been quite good the last few days and the sun seems to get a chance to shine. How is the weather around home? I hope you are having some good weather now and then.

How is everything coming along at home now-a-days? I hope everything is O.K. What is the news around the town? How about all the soldiers that were in camp around and in Madison? Have they gone home yet or are they still there.?

How about mail, are you getting my letters alright? So far I have not heard from you since the outfit and sure am anxious to get a little news. That boy by the name of Schnieder that I told you of in one of my letters get a big bunch of letters pretty near every day and it sure gets my goat to see so many letters coming from Madison and yet there is not one among them for me. Well I suppose there will be a bunch of letters for me when I get back to my Company.

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\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION MEN\*\*\*\*\*

GENERAL PERSHING PUTS IN HIS APPEARANCE AT THIS HOSPITAL,  
TOMORROW, MARCH 13, 1919. BE PREPARED TO PASS HIS INSPECTION.  
IN ORDER TO DO THIS MEN MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

BEDS MUST BE MADE UP IMMEDIATELY ON ARISING.

ROOMS MUST BE SWEEPED AND KEPT CLEAN.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE TAKEN OFF THE WALLS AND HUNG IN CLOSETS.

WINDOW SILLS MUST BE CLEANED AND ALL BOOKS AND PAPERS REMOVED.

MEN WHO GO IN AND OUT OF THE BUILDING MUST PAY STRICT ATTENTION  
TO THE FOLLOWING:

BLOUSES ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES AND MUST BE PROPERLY  
BUTTONED.

NO SWEATERS OR JERKINS ARE TO BE WORN UNDER ANY CONSIDERATION.

IF ALL THE MEN IN THIS BUILDING GARRY OUT THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS  
- THERE WILL BE NO DOUBT AS TO BUILDING 4 PASSING THE INSPECTION  
OF THE COMMANDER OF THE A.E.F.

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