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Please Forward

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Hi Anne !! Really don't know what to say to you tonight - loneliest, most miserable I've been. I'm "away back" in Belgium now, in a hospital - and think I'll go AWOL back to my boys tomorrow - it's easier to have one malady there than 2 here, and I sure am homesick, as worried as something over there. I'm the only platoon leader left with any experience, and I feel I ought to be up there. Oh damn there was anyhow.

As to me - in 10 days ~~no~~ 2 medics have agreed - so here I am. Frankly think one or two old injuries are back to haunt me, or maybe 2 1/2 years as a tankie is finally catching up with me. Klamm again.

So much I'd like to tell you - so full is my heart and yet I feel that old restraint coming back on me again - that lonely self-contained desire to be miserable by myself. Never could understand the paradox that went around in my clothes. Now why so often that paradox turned loose so freely on your broad shoulders - but, oh well.

Read a story today of a man who married a girl who committed suicide, and then he married her sister and she had left a letter which named wife # 2 as a murderer. What stories !!

Add: Finally wrote to a red-headed French gal who has written me 3 times. What a time I had !!

Now - Anne, guess your humble Johnny will be closing.

I'mite - God bless you.

Johnny.