



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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Hope you and Jim are having a perfectly lovely time - enjoying grand weather, having fun - and sunning in a hammock. Evidently some more snops, and awaiting another roll from the developer. Probably get them next Monday or so. Hope you enjoyed all those I sent in the past 3 weeks.

all goes well with me, had creamed chicken for lunch and hot dog for supper. Watching my diet to avoid putting on too much weight. This soft life, no worries, no bills, no nothing, reminds me of a work horse let out in pasture with nothing to do - but I'll be back in harness soon. Stay well, kiss Jim for me, and I'll kiss you in mind. My best to everyone

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