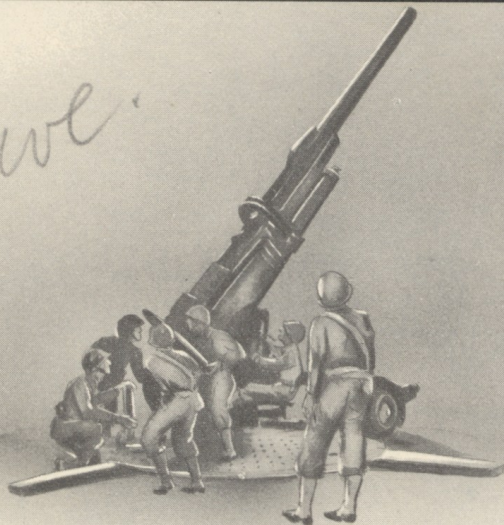


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Wed. 5/19/43

My dearest.

I'm waiting in the barber shop for the barber to appear. Was here last night too but no barber. I'd better get a haircut soon, otherwise I won't pass inspection.

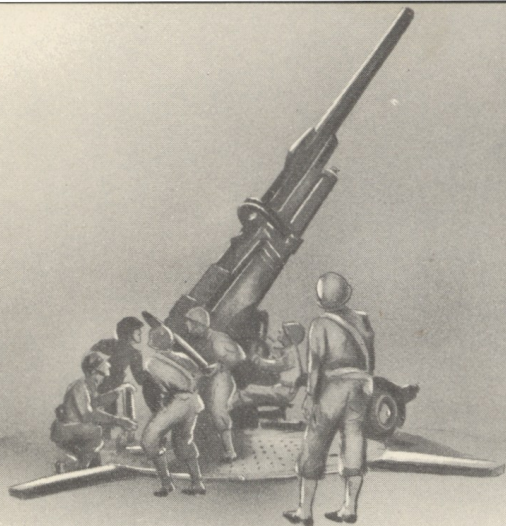
Well honey, it poured to-day and the bivouac was called off. But we went on a hike with full field packs. That includes shelter half, pole, pegs, cartridge belt with canteen, gas mask, mess kit, 2 blankets, helmet liner, leggings and raincoat. It's not as heavy as the infantry pack but it still is heavy. We went about 6 miles out and 6 back. We marched about 4 miles before the water soaked into our shoes. From that point on it was hell. Kept sloshing around in the shoes. What an uncomfortable

feeling! After 6 miles we had a ^{10 or 15} minute break, then turned around and headed back. On top of this we ~~doubled~~ ^{double-} timed about every 20 minutes. That almost finished. But we all made it. I was soaked (perspiration) thru and thru. I took a shower and stood under it about 20 minutes. If I didn't have anything else to do I'd still be there.

Thurs. 5/20/43

Hello again How.

The barber didn't show up last night so I went back to the barrack. I looked at my arms and noticed that they were covered by little red spots. Thought it might be prickly heat but asked the 1st Sergeant about it anyway. He sent me over to the dispensary and, yes I suppose you've guessed, it was the measles. Well how you could have knocked me over with a feather. I'd been feeling pretty well and couldn't believe it. (Don't know if they were right yet) So

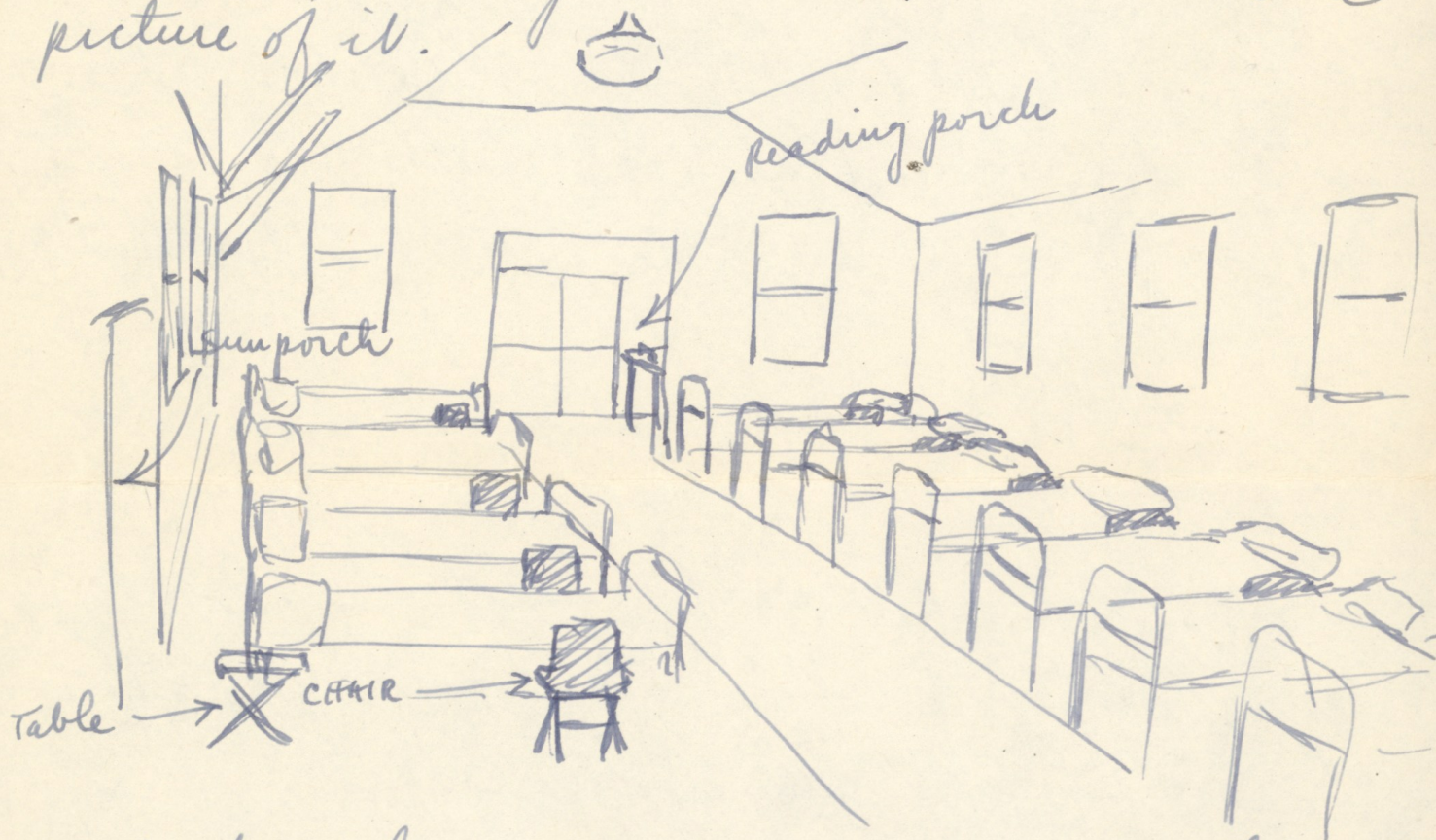


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they sat me down in an ambulance and took me to the hospital.

all of us fellows are quarantined in a clean, roomy barrack. I'll draw a picture of it.



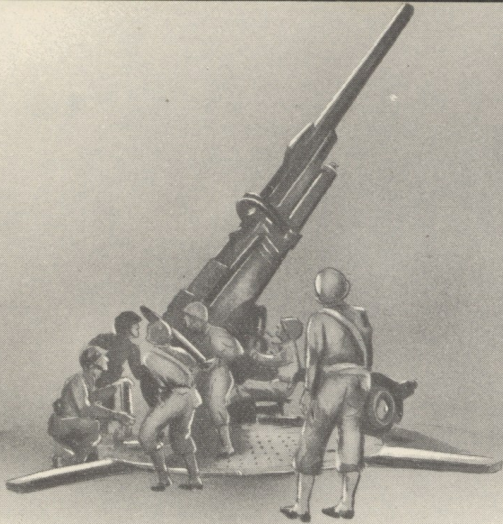
so far there are 13 of us. We got the last one, a staff sergeant about an hour ago. Oh, oh, here comes a nurse. They don't bother us, just walk thru.

Last night they took my clothes and gave me a pair of S. I. pajamas. We have swell beds with all nice clean linen. I don't have a pillow back at camp. It was stolen the first day so last night was the first time I slept on a pillow in 7 or 8 weeks.

They woke us up at 6 A.M. Took our temperatures and then we made our beds, washed and ate breakfast. We each got one of those large serving trays to eat from. The bill of fare was an orange, corn flakes, 2 hard-boiled eggs, bacon, ^{toasted} bread and butter and milk (Grade A). Not bad eh?

The best thing of all is that we have a large Kelvinator in the kitchen from which we can help ourselves at any time. It is full of orange, grape, apple, grapefruit and tomato juices. There may be other kinds but I haven't seen them yet.

Bravv it seems that I'm in for a good rest. Frankly I can't say I'm



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sorry. That hike yesterday was kind of tough and I feel stiff.

Hope they bring me mail here. I'll write every day. Guess I'll be here about a week.

Brought my sketch pad down so I'll get plenty of practice drawing. I'll send you sketches.

By the way, the book I meant was FM 21-6. It's "List of Publications".

Bevvy I don't know when I'll call. ~~But~~ But it ~~will~~ will be the first night I'm out of here. Either the end of next week or the beginning of the following week.

Should I tell my folks about this? Won't know what to do. I don't want to

lie to them. Oh me. What a predicament.

Guess this will give you enough to read for a while. More tomorrow.

Almost forgot. Had a horrible dream last night. Had a 3 day pass. Got home and realized I hadn't called you. Tried to but couldn't reach you by that time it was almost time to get back to camp. I woke up at this point relieved to realize it was all a dream. Went back to sleep and it happened all over again. And once more besides. What does it mean?

I'll say toodle-oo now my little censor and hope I hear from you soon.

with all my love
Hal

P.S. Address your mail the same way as before
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