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Dear Mother:

I will try and write
you a few lines to let you
know how I am getting along
I am still in the hospital,
but I am getting along all
right.

It seems like a wound in
the head heals awful slow.

I have been in the hospital
ever since Oct 9th and I am
still here, I have a fine place
to stay though and so I don't
mind it much. We are staying

in big hotels, and we have enough
to eat all of the time, and a
nice place to sleep.

If I only could get my mail
and some pay. I would be pretty
well satisfied, I haven't received my
mail since I came to the hospital
but I guess I will get it some
day before long.

And money I haven't been payed
for six months, excepting one causal
pay which is eleven dollars.

Which doesn't go every far in a
town of this size we are in
a town about twice the size of
Perry.

Well Mother it will not be long
until I will spend my second
Xmas in this country,

I can wear my three service stripes
now and one wound stripe.

I have been over here eighteen months

now and only ³ wounded once.
I'd say I was pretty lucky.
I have seen many - and many
times I wouldn't give five cents
for my life. I have had shells
burst so close to me that I
was knocked down three different
times, and almost captured once
I had Germans on three sides of
me but I got away the three
fellows that were with me
one of them was shot and
killed that was Corporal Murphy
and ~~one~~ ^{two} of them were captured
one - an Italian and the other
fellow was from Indiana, and
so I figure I was mighty
lucky not to be a prisoner
well I guess I had felt
close ~~so~~ might soon to the
address on the top of the first
page With love to all from Estle