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Miss Sally Loving  
5817 No. Washington Blvd.  
Arlington, Va.

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Dear Miss Loving,

I received your letter, cards, the papers, and the stamps and writing paper. Thanks an awful lot. I also received a couple more of your back letters in a batch of 26 I received from the Steamship Company.

So Jake seemed thin to you when he was home. Maybe that New York life makes him rush around a lot. You know how people up there are. Sure would like to see the old boy, though. Boy, in fact, I sure would like to be able to see him because then o would be well and that counts a lot, you know.

What I have, Miss Sally, is called a "pleural effusion" but do not have any fever anymore. That left me while I was on my way home (if you want to call this home). A "pleural effusion" is where you get some kind of fluid in your pleural cavity (in fact, I guess it is pleurisy) from your diaphragm to the lungs. It can be very serious when it keeps you from breathing. Now, what it is caused from is the main question. It could be caused from the lungs which would make T.B. probable, or from streptococcus germs or from the tropical weather down there. It could be caused from most anything. I certainly hope that T.B. or any germ didn't do it. They found nothing to the fact as that, but I must stay here awhile to make sure in order to protect me in later life, just in case, & to see what might happen. Nobody is sure of anything. I hope this clears up some things for you. I am able to walk around a little, go to the Friday night shows, and to a couple shindigs the Red Cross put on. Its quite hard for me to stay in bed now that I can get out. I never did like to stay put, you know.

Well, thanks a lot for the things again, Miss Loving.

As ever,

Claude