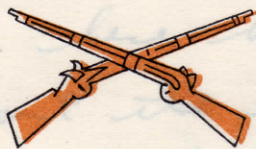




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Dear Mom & Dad,

If you have not received any mail from me lately it is because of a very good reason. I wanted to wait and make sure before I said anything, but now that it is certain I can tell you. I have been ~~tid-~~ ^{id-} which means I am going back to the States. The doctors feel it will take from 4 to 5 months for me to fully recover from the hepatitis I have so they are sending back to do it. I'll spend some time in a hospital back there and then have about a month or two at home to rest. Pretty good luck.

I don't don't know just when
 I will leave here but I should
 be home about the end of April
 or the first part of May. In the
 meantime don't write anymore because
 your mail won't get here in time
 for me to get it. I will call
 you just as soon as I can after
 I get back. I hope they put me in
 a hospital near home, which I
 understand they always try to do
 but as you know that is not
 always possible. Walter Reed would
 be almost perfect. I hope I go there
 so keep your fingers crossed.

Well that's about all from
 me so until you hear from
 me.

Love and kisses

John