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CPS # 63, Miss

N. J. State Hospital
Marlboro, New Jersey
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Dear Esko,

My answer is more delayed than yours, but when you finish reading this note, I hope that you will understand why.

By the time your reply reached me I was already here in New Jersey, and the splendid advice which you gave was in a certain sense too late. There are, as you probably know, 25 men in this unit B which 14 are from the late Henry Camp. If you don't know who they are permit me to numerate them: Danny Yatzy, Ezra Gruber, Irvin Slaback, Willie Burton, Willie Wall, Everett Rofier, Amos Culp, Delmar Gingerich, Harley Schrock, Harley Frey and myself and Uriah Miller. I can't think of any more just now. Anyway the most important is named. Ha

The help is very short here. Out of 250 Attendants the hospital only has 50 left. The American Legion O.K.'ed our coming and everything seems to go along very smoothly. It seems

that the staff and workers alike appreciate our help. The whole group are seemingly going out of their way to help us get started and get settled in our rooms.

One of ~~the~~^{our} fellows over heard a conversation to this effect that they had expected a bunch of weak lazy fellows, but when they saw how husky we were and that our attitude toward our work was O.K. they changed their mind favorably.

I think I can speak for all the boys when I say that we are very well pleased with our set up. We are not sorry we volunteered especially when we see the great need of help etc. You know Christ said that He came to help the needy. The

The weather is very mild here, and I believe that we will be enjoying a moderate winter.

Yours truly,

Merred *Holdeman*