

March 24, 1943

Dear Sumner:

Since we received another letter from you this afternoon, another letter from us is rightly due you.

There is not much to be added, to be sure, to my earlier letter but your report of the treatment you received for your blistered feet brings back to mind my days at Devens when sick call meant taking a CC pill. We would go to the doctors for corns, blisters, headaches, stomach aches, sprained ankle, and even appendicitis and the prescription and cure was always a CC pill. Finally it got to the point where no one would respond to the call because he knew what he would receive for treatment, and it was a standing joke that a CC pill was the nostrum. Either medicine has made much more rapid progress in the past 25 years or the doctors are more sympathetic, for you received external skin treatment for your blistered feet and not a sugar coated pill that would give you the runs.

When you shall have completely snapped out of your lonesomeness your sense of humor will then have full play and I suggest that, when time offers itself, you write to us your impressions as freely and as frankly as your experience and your imagination combined will grasp the humor of the occasion. Then mayhap in due course of time we may have enough material for a publication. I do not mean that you will be another Hargrove but that you should be Sumner Bernstein at his clever best. The rich royalties from such a publication will deposit for your future post graduate education in law or, who knows? in military science.

And please be unrestrained in your punning. I will understand and chuckle.

Affectionately,

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