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Philippines

June 26, 1945.

Dear Monsignor,

I am writing ^{this} from the horizontal this time. June 20 they operated on me for hernia.

Must have developed it handling baggage. Getting along quite well now, ~~had a bad day Saturday.~~

I was flown to this hospital for the operation. The hospital at my address wasn't keeping cases any longer than two weeks. I'll be babied along for some time. 21 days on the back is standard, they say.

Waiting, being sick, bouncing around from place to place are not exactly one's idea of priestly service in the Army when he goes in because of the dire need of priests; but we are here to be the kind of priests God wants us to be, not the kind we want to be.

~~I have had scarcely six weeks of responsibility over here - since Jan. 16, '45, but a parish seem good again.~~

Father Midura, one of St. John's