



Texas

Station Hospital
Camp Fannin, Texas

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Most Rev. Francis J. Beckman

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Dubuque, Iowa

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop:-

Just a line letting you know how
Army life is going. Very fine. I was
transferred immediately from Cp. Swift & Fannin
P.W. Cp. but there was such a shortage of
Catholic Ch. that I was given double duty
P.W. & Hospital work. 1600 patients - some
back from Africa & Italy. 1000 P.W. and
a new Cp. of 35000 Am. soldiers. The work is
interesting but strenuous. 3 Cath. Chs. here.

We plan a midnight Mass. - Solemn. I will
be deacon & preach. 5000 or more expected.
5 A.M. I'll have High Mass in P.W. Cp. Then at
7.4 A.M. Hospital and 8:00 A.M. in a Camp Chapel.
I am preaching German sermons now. Comes
back quickly.