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Dear Lil.

I was depressed the last time I wrote to you. I didn't know that Arving wasn't feeling well for so long. We were writing letters back & forth & he never told me how sick he was.

The last letter I received from him, he said the DR. wanted to see him. I told him, when a doctor wants to see you - that doesn't sound good. I didn't know the problem was serious. I asked him to let me know what the doctor said. That was the last thing I heard from him.

I was upset at the time & when I didn't receive a letter from him for several weeks I began to worry.

I was going to call him on the telephone, when I got sick & the rest is history.

You told me once before that you wore a hearing aid. Does it help you enough to hear well? My hearing is worse than ever. I have an apt. with the hearing doctor & audiologist at the V.A. hospital on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>.

I'm going to ask for a better hearing aid & also one for my right ear. Since I now have a 100% service connected disability, I can get them for nothing.

If you want to lose some weight, there's a product called glucerna. It's a liquid drink specifically made for people with diabetes. It's high in protein & low in carbs. & comes in 3 flavors. I ~~was~~ use it & prefer chocolate. It also comes in vanilla & strawberry.

I'm feeling better now, & put back the 30 lbs. I lost when I was sick. That was easy, the hard part is not gaining any more.

Maybe by the time David goes to Iraq, it would be a much safer place. Hope he doesn't have to go. War is hell, I know.

I hope you & Bob are well & get together with you 3 sons & grandchildren soon - regards to Bob.

Love  
Charlie