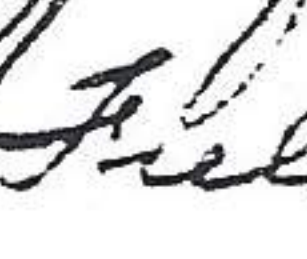


the unit was on its way to Luchow to set up in the recently evacuated city but during the time we were waiting for the engineers to replace ~~several~~^{apartments} bridges between here and the new site the war was changing ^{into} a new color so plans were changed. We will remain here until further orders. There are several possibilities, the most likely one being a move to Shanghai to set up the hospital there. However, in line of the fact that Shanghai has no facilities for housing or supporting of troops and of the opinion that all men in the interior of China will return via India as this route has already established Hostel Camps and organized means of evacuating troops. As while everything points to an eastern movement, cannot but help feel that we will return to the west to Kunming and hence to India, Calcutta and hence east again by land to the U.S. The 95th Station Hosp is an old organization and has seen a lot of service so if there is a medical unit required in the army of occupation certainly some other ^{young} organization like the 70th Field  will be called in to serve. As I have accumulated approx 70 points will stand a good chance of return with the 95th. and as a unit, however, no one knows just exactly how these medical units will be dissolved. The slogan is 'Home for Christmas 1945'. To me, however, it sounds like wishful thinking. Naturally I wish to get back home but there is no need to worry about it. I feel this way, that as long as the actual fighting has stopped it doesn't particularly matter how long they take to get us home just as long as they are doing all in their power to get us back. In the meantime will take life as easy as possible and try to make up for some lost time here and now.

Places and particulars can now be mentioned without jeopardy of security or sacrifice of detail. Being a soldier in the army does not allow for too much extra-curricular activity nor the accumulation of too many details of travels and places seen but what few I have recorded might be of interest. I have