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Saturday -

Dear Sue,

Please excuse the paper, but I am reclining in a bed in the hospital as of last Sunday — some kind of blood poisoning which had me doubled up with pain, but I'm much better now.

It was so good to get your letter and to hear all the news about you. It sounds like they're preparing you for the occupation of Japan, and I can think of no more interesting a job. The work sounds very tedious and difficult, but I'm sure you can do it. I'll be most interested to hear what happens to you when you leave there.

Yes, it certainly is wonderful having Sam back in the States — safe and here to stay after thirty-two long months. He was very thin

and nervous when he returned, but after three months fun and rest he looks fine. We had a perfect leave together at both homes and down south. The best news of all ~~was~~^{is} that last week Sam was transferred to a Post two hours from Devens! Now I'm much happier.

Yes, Sue, you'd never know the old company. The WDPC is now going to take over our area for their Waco. They expect about 200 Waco from the air corps beginning next week. Poor hqs outfit gets a raw deal — they have to go up on the hill near the nurses and it's an awful come down for them — poor kids. There will be about 90 EW on the hill run by our new officer — 1st Lt Hutton, who is a whiz. Lt Riade will have the

WDPC girls and I'll be over both companies
as a bn comdr — at least that was the
latest information, but you know how things
change in the Army.

I don't really expect to be in
much longer as after VJ day I expect
they'll release Sam, and we're both anxious
to get started on our own little home.

We've lost a lot of other girls on discharges,
but Cheney is still with us. All of
them are fine. I'm sending your letter
down to the office for them to see.

I guess that's the news
for now. Keep us posted on your work,
and good luck.

Sincerely —

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