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Dear Sue,

My intentions too come true as time rolls by, but to keep abreast of my correspondence is one thing which I never expect to see. I don't know, it just seems that about the time my mails get heavy, the work too takes a corresponding increase and there I am with one of the two to neglect. Sorry to say it is usually the correspondence that catches it in the neck. But sooner or later.....

I'm sorry that you haven't gotten into the school as yet, but from your description of the job you now have, you seem to be kept busy and happy in one and the same function so that is all that really counts. Keep up the good work and one of these days you'll probably be moving into the school. I don't know, though, with the experiences I've had in army schooling, I'd much prefer to be a worker rather than a student. Experience being the teacher!

How did you fare in the way of a mild Minnesota winter? We didn't do so badly in the way of cold weather, but the snow was terrific. It is beginning to feel like spring again and I'm getting lazy again, a mental and physical process that overtakes me every so often---usually about this time of the year. Extent of such feeling? ...about two days. I really think you'll like the middlewest much more with spring and summer coming on the wing. It is really God's country and I don't mean maybe. I'd trade all of New England for one little corner of terra firma bordering on the northern branches of the Mississippi.

Yes, as you said the only things constant about the Civilian Personnel Office here at Devens is the constant changing. The place has changed slightly since you left. I do, however, believe you could recognize most of the faces, though many are growing drawn with work and worries. It really isn't as bad as that last sentence would leave you to believe, but we still don't have many spare moments hereabouts.

By now you have probably realized my prophecy that the middlewestern hospitality is far greater than any shown here in the East. St. Paul and Minneapolis should look much like home to you by now and they are great towns. Don't you agree with me on that?

Are the other girls who left Fort Devens with you still there at Snelling or have they since departed? It always makes things a lot easier when you are new in a place to have a few friends there with you. That is the same in any situation.

Well, Sue, I guess that is all for now. Your most welcome letter has been in the hands of everyone in the office and they all were glad to hear from you and send their very best to you. Remember if you ever wind up this way don't fail to stop in on us for a lengthy visit. If you are ever in the market for a job around here let me know for I've always got a spot for you. Take care and drop me a line when you can.

*Best Regards
Ed Thair*