

Camp Edwards, Mass
18 May 1944

Dear little Sue -

It was indeed a pleasure to get your letter, forwarded here from my home in University City (a suburb of St Louis). It took exactly a week to reach me -

Funny thing, that Sunday afternoon at the Symphony concert, we were so drenched we looked and felt like wet hens - Miss Williams was with me. She had her basic in her shoes, in fact was in our company, in the 2nd platoon. Evidently you did not remember her. As you can see from the above, we are stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., which is an anti-aircraft artillery training center, about 60 miles from Boston, located on Cape Cod, not very far from Hyannis - We are in the AA (anti-aircraft) Command, and work in Hq AAATC. Miss is in the message center and I'm a stenographer in Personnel - My work is interesting and I do like New England, especially the climate - in the summer time - Summers are ideal here and that suits me to a "T".

I haven't had many week-end trips off the post due principally to the fact

that on Feb 18th I fell and sprained my ankle. It was a severe sprain and as a result I spent six weeks in the hospital. Since that time I have had to take it easy and am still wearing an ankle support. Needless to say this has slowed me down in more ways than one. The Sunday you saw me was my first week-end off the post and it would have been most enjoyable if the rainy weather hadnt marred it to some extent.

Since then I have been straying to a lot of grief and sadness. I was called home on May 3d by the sudden death of my husband, and only returned to the post last Saturday. While I knew it had to happen some time, it was quite a shock to me. Poor fellow, he suffered much during the attacks - he had a number of them - but always managed to come out of them except this last one. Its still hard to realize that he has passed on, but may he rest in peace.

As I have stated previously, Sue dear, your note was most welcome and it would be nice if we could get together somewhere, sometime, and have a real honest-to-godness chat, and "reminisce" over the

good old basic days at Ples Moines -
It would be great to see you, and
Betty too, if she is with you at Ft Woens.
Maybe you can think up something
along this line, and by all means
let me hear from you again real soon.

With all good wishes for you.

As ever

Helen -

P.S. "Hello" to Betty Nishimura -

My address is as follows -

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