

MAILING ADDRESS ----- Quarters 122-D
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At the Motor Pool
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Dear Suzie:

What a nice letter I've taken so long to answer! I've always fretted that I didn't keep in proper touch with you kidlets and keep up on what the Army was doing to you. Just one of those things a fella never gets around to.

About a month ago there was a picture in the papers, which you undoubtedly saw, of some of the kids from Snelling about to embark for overseas, and several of us here at the pool were trying to figure out if any of "ours" were among 'em, but couldn't decide. I'm glad, too, to know where you all are, for there are so many I've lost touch with.

Your courses at Snelling sound tremendously interesting and I'm sure you all got a lot out of them, being smart girls as you are. Mayhap you'll never have to speak Japanese, but you will have found you learned many things you can use, I fancy. Your present work sounds rather fascinating, too.

I'm no longer 1st/Sgt of a WAC Co, our little band having practically faded out of existence. The remaining few of Hq Co are atchd for rations, grs and administration to the WDPC outfit, and I'm down here at the Pool being a big fat old dispatcher. I didn't think much of the job when I first came here, but it is becoming more and more

interesting as time goes on and I become more and more involved in it. I just haven't got sense enough to tackle a job like anyone else -- I have to be in it up to my ears.

You'd only know Douglas and myself here now, I believe, but Devens goes on being a swell place. It is home to me now and I hate to think of ever leaving. The Army has been pretty good to me and I've no intention of getting out until I have to. Have signed for the duration plus six months, and, as soon as the authorization comes thru to enlist in the Regular Army, as I'm sure it will before too long, I'm going to put my name on the dotted line again, if they'll let me. They can have their screwy civilian life! I want no part of it.

You didn't mention anything about any of you kids getting out. Do you like it that well, too?

Our kids had POW's doing KP for them for several months, but are losing them shortly and I'm sure they won't like going back to doing it themselves again. However, it just has to happen. The men's Hq Co lost their POW's some time ago and are doing their own.

Well, Cutie-Pie, give my best to Bette and Iris, too, when you write her. I'll never forget you children, and often, while you were with us, wished we had lots more like you. Let us hope you'll continue to have jobs you like and enjoy your Army life as much as I have mine; you couldn't ask for more.

It will be a pleasure to hear from you any time you manage to write, and if you've any questions about any of the kids, MAYBE I can answer them, but don't bet on it.

Sincerely,

Cheney