

22 Hilliard Street
Cambridge, Mass.
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Dear Sue,

Many thanks for your long, newsy letter dated way back on January 23rd.

I have many letters to answer but kept putting off writing.

My Mother died suddenly on December 30th and I just didn't feel much like writing.

On Christmas Day my twin brother, Edward arrived home from the Pacific where he was stationed with the Sea Bees on Saipan and for a while on Minami Tori Shima. He was discharged at Fargo Bks at the Army Base two days later. He's back at his old job at the Watertown Arsenal.

Devens is slated to close down entirely including the hospitals, and Whittemore the end of June. The closing will throw over 3000 people out of work unless the War Department is influenced to keep things going.

I was up to Devens for a couple of days late in February but didn't see Capt Riale as she was on leave. If I get up for another visit I'll drop in to see her.

Perhaps by now you are out of the Army.

Had a little letter from Florence Biesel recently and Florence is working as a $\$$ secretary out in Milwaukee. She told me that Helen Jamieson Prethy is expecting her baby to be born this month.

When at Devens I saw few that I knew and I was at Personnel and Post Hq. Read in the paper about three weeks ago that Col Patter was going to China.

The Army is still sending ~~MCS~~ to Europe and any ^{who have been discharged and} who want to reenlist and go over may do so this month.

Glad that you have a good sensible first sergeant who is well liked by her company. It makes all the difference in the world.

Had a few lines from Iris Hatanabe in February and she told me that she was at Ritchie too.

By now you must have a fairly good grasp on the Japanese language but it certainly is a formidable undertaking.

Up to now I've not been working but starting tomorrow I'm going to work in the Insurance Section of the Veterans Aem on Tremont Street, corner of Beacon on the 4 P.M. to 12 P.M. shift. It is only for 60 days but may turn into something permanent. The pay is \$1704.00 plus 10% for working nights. By the time deductions are made people have little left.

I'm giving it a try tho and it's not too bad a shift. I can get to work in 15 minutes as I'm right near the Subway at Harvard Sq and the ride to Park Street is made in 8 minutes.

Took a 40 minute clerical exam and noted on my papers that I'd received a mark of 92 plus 5 for Vet Preference with the total of 97. That may help some in the future.

Again my thanks Sue for your entertaining and newy letter and my best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,
Bernie