

**WOMEN VETERANS HISTORICAL COLLECTION**  
**CORRESPONDENCE**

CREATOR: Catherine Katopes

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Saturday Afternoon

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Dear Katie:

Received your most welcome card today, and really glad to hear from you.

This will be a surprise for you since I am here at Ft. Lewis Washington. We moved to Co 2 Staging a week ago Thursday. Left Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. last Saturday night, and arrived here last Wednesday. Our trip was long but the country sure was beautiful.

Our barracks are big brick buildings, and three stories high. We are on the third floor in a Cadre room for seven. We are all Sergeant's. Nierman and Covert are here too, so it makes it much better.

Our mess hall is in the same building, and we have little stools to sit on. We also have dishes, and we pass the food around just like home. Oh yes we can smoke in the mess hall.

As yet I'm not working, but hope I will be by Monday. Honest Katie we are taking a man's place. They have a Supply Sergeant for our Company so that is out for me. I wanted it but perhaps I will be lucky, and get something I like.

We have been out every night since we came and every night a different man. How about that? It sure is funny to see fellows standing outside waited [sic] for us to come. It sure is a lot different than Oglethorpe. The fellows here act as if they are glad we are here. That really makes us feel swell.

We had a lay over in Chicago for four hours so we had a good time. Then we stopped a few minutes in Montana, a few seconds in the Rockies that was really beautiful. One hour lay over in

Seattle then we arrived in Tacoma. So Katie I was only 3,000 miles sight seeing and enjoyed every minute.

Well I suppose I will get my shower now because we are going out tonight. We are looking for Sergeant's tonight as we want to go to the Sergeant's Club. You need a date with a Sergeant before you can get in.

Well, Katie, I will write

again, and perhaps I can tell you what I'm doing.

Take it easy and don't work too hard.

Love Dotty

P.S. Sure wish you were here as our 1st Sgt.