

[A "Letter on a Record" recorded by Thomas W. Sutton, Camp Crowder, MO, to Miss Eva Mae Stone, Washington, D. C. No date is given on the item]

[Side One]

Hello Eva, can we come up? We're down in the lobby. Hi, Daisy Mae. Heard any good dance records lately like *Don't Do It Darling*. I think that was one of your favorites. We could really go for some good dancing now. I guess you are very busy these days going to school. Such a big demand for radio operators. I started on a radio course, but I thought 'should I finish the course or not.' I took five weeks of radio myself but it didn't appeal to me very much 'til I got teletype. That's what I asked for in the first place and am I glad I made the change. I have a real good deal now except Monday I go to the field for two weeks. Oh, me.

I may be seeing you soon. We have been told that we may be traveling within the next four or five weeks. From the looks of things, it may be sooner than we expect but I may get a little closer. I'm hoping to be here through Christmas. Louise has planned to spend the month of December with me. I hope she can make it. After that I imagine I'll be off some place.

I am sorry that Jimmy is still in the Seabees. Here's hoping he makes his place. Is Martine going to go on board with him? If she is, if she does tell her not to get sea sick. I hope Martine got my letter to Jim. I didn't know his address. I haven't heard from him in quite a while and I guess this is a good chance to apologize for not writing to you Daisy. I've neglected my mail lately. We'll continue on the other side.

[Side Two]

How do you all like my southern voice? So you're stepping out on me, huh? Going to Ohio, well what's good out there? From the looks of things, I may not get to make that trip to Arkansas if you get off in the near future; but I can make it some time later.

Hey [Buddy?] and Eva, still going to the Hot Shop? I wish Tommy and I could be going with you 'cause we certainly miss those Sunday dinners, especially those uhh...barbecue sandwiches and milkshakes. They still sell them I guess.

Here's one subject we can't get past; that's the Bureau. I had the good fortune of meeting one of my old instructors about a week ago. He was one of the first instructors on the finger print files. So we had a general session and all and talked things over.

From the looks of the paper you sent Eva, I'd sure like to be back needing 900 employees and they all called for girls. What a deal.

Say, I guess you're interested in knowing about Chuck. I had a letter from him the other day. He's out in Ft. Lewis, Washington, in the engineering now. He had to take a few weeks of basic all over again and of course that didn't appeal to him. If you hadn't heard from him already, I guess you will be soon.

I hope to get a furlough within the next four weeks. If I do, I'm Mississippi bound. And I have to go to school again too, but that won't stop me. I had my furlough in August and I had a swell time. My next one should be in February, but that's a long way off. So, uhh....I'll say goodbye now and I'll see you at the reunion in Bowling Green. Be sure and be there and don't forget it. Yes, I'll be at the reunion too, if nothing happens. Well, it's about time to go. I'll see you soon. Bye now.

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