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Dear Sallie,

If my fingers thaw out enough I'll have time to get this written before lunch. Its not as warm in Denver as it was in Springfield. In fact, the last month at Springfield we never needed coats. Its hanging around pretty close to zero here but the climate is so dry I don't notice it much. We left Springfield last Wed. & got here Thur. afternoon. On the way out we saw some barren looking country but right around here it is really beautiful. The post is about 2 miles from the edge of town and about 10 mi. from the heart of town. There is a large range of mts. Directly west of here I wish we could do some sightseeing and take some pictures but I can't figure out any way that we can. Since we were sent here to wait to be assigned, most of the time we'll be on some kind of detail or do some odd jobs. We'll probably leave to go up to the hospital to work some but I hope not. After the last 5 months I'm ready for a little outside work. One thing about it here, I'll stay in at night more than I did at Springfield because it takes about an hr. to get downtown and its pretty cold anyway. Maybe I'll get more writing done here than at O'Reilly.

Mom was there for 2 wks. before we left. She stayed at a home there so it made it pretty nice. If we wait around here long enough we may get a furlough. Although I'm anxious to be assigned I would like to stay here long enough to get a furlough. We really didn't expect to come out here but thought we would be assigned directly from O'Reilly. I'm not sorry though because this is a nice place and we're getting to see more of the country this way.

The actual hospital part of the post is larger than O'Reilly. Most of it is in one main building which is built something like the new Naval Hosp. at Bethesda, Md. I was in it a few minutes this morning and it seemed very modernistic and has more of a hospital atmosphere than most hospitals.

I wrote Lee a letter yesterday. He'll have a hemorrhage I guess when he gets a letter from me. I started to write him some time ago but figured I'd soon be changing address so I'd just wait.

Did George B. ever get married? I don't know why but for some reason I sure can't [figure] that. As I remember Albert Alex. Is already married. I've decided to wait until I'm at least 21. Even if I get a good prospect, unless I loss my presence of mind, it will be a long time yet. I hope the temptation doesn't get too strong though because I might change my mind. Personally I don't see how anybody in the army, especially if he expects to go overseas, can feel like it's the right thing to do. As I said though, if opportunity presented itself I might change. (How did I get off on that?) I'd better write home, then get ready for town.

Love,

Wendell