



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

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Dear Miss Blaney:

I received your letter on April 2, at 5 p.m. I contacted Sergeant Mastrovito at 9:30 that evening, and he invited me to his room and there we chatted for a while about Bryant and the Army.

Sergeant Mastrovito is a suave, well-informed man, about 36 years old, ruddy complexion, wears glasses, and he has a few gray hairs mixed with his jet-black hair. He is of medium height and build, and he has much to say in classifying men at Devens. He has been very helpful to me, and I would certainly urge the men of Bryant to contact Sergeant Mastrovito if it is only to speak to him for a few minutes.

When I was at Devens there were two fellows with the name of Morrison, and we lived in the same barracks. A rush order came through and in the hurry the wrong fellow was called, an error that happens once in a lifetime at Devens I was later informed, and when the Corporal in charge of shipping found the error, he immediately tried to get in touch with me. At the time I was on guard duty, and a guard is not allowed "to quit his post until properly relieved." It took some time before I was located and relieved. It took an additional ten minutes to pack and get to the train, but I was much too late. Sergeant Mastrovito, that night, told me that I had had a "tough break," but he would try to find out all he could for me. The following day he called for me and informed me that all was fine and it was very likely that I would be in the Air Corps unless a rush order for men came through, then no one knows where he is going or in what branch regardless of your aptitudes.

It was very nice to hear from you, Miss Blaney, and thank you for the information--Sergeant Mastrovito is a fine chap, and I know he will be of help to any Bryant fellow.

Sincerely,

Leger (Morrison)