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dear guardsmen:

It was somewhat of a "homecoming" to Esther Austin when, in June 1952, she arrived in Washington from her Minneapolis, Minn., home to join the National Guard Association's secretarial forces. For Esther, now



Secretary to the NGAUS President, Maj Gen E A Walsh, had served for nearly seven years in The Adjutant General's Office, in St Paul, when General Walsh was its chief.

The correspondence, to and from the field, that crosses Miss Austin's desk is voluminous. But her handling of it is as efficient as when she acted as Secretary for the Association's Legislative Liaison Officer until shortly after last year's "Diamond Jubilee" Conference.

Army language and usage acquired at St Paul stood Esther in good stead during the World War years, when she served as a WAC at Ft Myer, Va, and in the Pentagon's Signal Center. As a civilian, she served in Japan with the US occupation forces, and was in the Tokyo office of the Air Force, in 1950, when the US entered the Korean War.

Esther looks forward to a journey back home now and then for a little fishing in the "Gopher State's" innumerable lakes. She's always happy to return, however, for she's happy in her work. And we're all happy to have her here.

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"Then it lobs right over like this," Cpl Robert Alexander of Co F, 279 Inf, tells his "Thunderbird" comrades of Oklahoma's 45 Inf Div, as he explains the trajectory of a mortar shell. Absorbing the instruction are Pfc James Lower, Pvt Jesse Pridgen and Cpl Jack Laporte.