

Brookville  
Maryland

General Fred W. Rankin,

Dear Fred,

We cannot say it was a surprise, but your appointment was a thrill and I am sorry to say caught Lilia and me somewhat unprepared. Many good wishes and cheer at the farm for the General but nothing with which to fire the well earned and deserved twelve (?) gun salute. However hope the accompanying will help you and Edith share our happiness in learning of your recognition and promotion. Sincerely  
Edith Butler

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