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My Dear Miss Loving,

I received your letter today so I am answering it right away but first I am going to ask you to pardon my writing but I am writing this letter on my knees so therefore I cannot write my best. The Christmas card you sent me is fine and I sure appreciate it lots. I also liked your letter and I shall try to do what you say and try to impress myself. I have got to make amends because I have disappointed a lot of people including myself even though I will not deny that I enjoyed myself immensely in high school.

Miss Loving, to change the subject, I shall be only to glad to send you coins or any other souvenirs that I may pick up on my travels if you so desire them. As the present I am still in port and from there I haven't any idea. Miss Loving, the party at your apartment on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was swell. Nina and I sure enjoyed ourselves. Those are a swell bunch of kids of the class of 42'. I sure hope they like me as I do they but I don't know being as how I did in high school. I haven't told you yet but I received two letters from Jack Whitehouse. I sure was glad to hear from him. Miss Loving, did you receive the card I sent you from the Stage Door Canteen? They sure treat you swell here and I don't mean mabye. You really like to fight for good decent people but some of the things going on such as strikes and etc. sometime make you disgusted. That leave I had Miss Loving was wonderful. I sometimes wonder how I got such a fine girl for my wife as Nina. She is really precious to me and I am not fooling one bit. She sure has shown me the light. I want you to know something too Miss Loving. I have been true and faithful to Nina and I can look the world straight in the face when I say that. I will also add that there is an awfully lot of

corruptness among us sailors and that kind of environment makes it a little tougher to try and do right.

Well Miss Loving I am not trying to place myself upon a pestil but I am sincere in saying I am going to make a success and give Nina, my folks and you reason to be proud of me. I suppose I ought to close now Miss Loving and in closing I'll say a Happy New Year and may this be the year for this mess to be over.

Sincerely yours,

Tommy