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Dear Sally

Yes, you know me, procrastinating as usual and never writing. I'm really ashamed though because I have had time when I could have written but just never got around to it. Enough of excuses for it will soon be Xmas time and I'll be home apologizing in person. I promise you I'll come over and see you when I get home although my first night home has been sort of taken care of as you probably guessed.

I got your letter today and words can't express how glad I was to hear from you. I haven't heard from Orville for ages now but as I wrote him about a week ago I should be getting an answer any day. You and Jane Anne and anyone else who helps you get up the Post Script sure do deserve a lot of credit. So put it mildly "it's the nuts!" No kidding I sure did enjoy hearing about the members of '42, W-L's most prominent senior class in the last 25 years, and what they all are doing. Its really a neat idea and I only hope you all find time to put out more of them and be sure to count me among your subscribers. Can't get over it – its really swell!

Got a little time to write tonight as I'm on watch. That's strictly a technical term – I'll explain it to you at Xmas. Studies haven't been too hard in fact I've been getting along fine in everything but "Skinny" (Chemistry to the land lubbers). Its really got me worried but I guess if I plug hard enough at it I'll pass it. Nothing else happening around here except the routine affairs. Typical midshipman's day: (1) 0615 Bells start ringing throughout Bancroft Hall which do not sound like the pearly chimes. Get up Mister!

(2)0618 – another bell followed by 3 minutes of setting up exercises and at that time of the morning they have to set me up.

(3)0625 – Bell again meaning if you're sick you can go to the sick quarters. Novel system, at that time of the morning no one even knows if they're sick!

(4)0645 – Breakfast formation followed by a delicious meal of milk & toast (well we have eggs, bacon, sausage, etc too)

(5)0745 – Get this – immediately after breakfast you come to your room, make the bed, dust everything off, mop the floor, and get everything ship shape. And I didn't used to be able my shirttail in my pants Noon meal

(6) Classes are one hour and a study hour always precedes every class. This goes on until 1205

when you get ready for noon meal. Polish shoes, get every piece of lint off of uniform and whip off to formation.

- (7) Noon meal is over by 1315 and classes begin again and last until 1430. From 245 to 4:30 in the afternoon is a lot of schooling – just remind anyone you hear growling about high school hours!
- (8) From about 1630 till time for supper (1845) is free period for recreation and almost every one participates in a sport. I'm on Company basketball team we've won 6 lost 2
- (9) After supper study hour begins at 1950 and last until 2145 ten minutes to wash up in & talk with fellas 5 minutes to get ready for bed and taps at 2200 (10 o'clock) . Thus a midshipman goes to the land of far away and his last intelligible mumble is 19 days 14 hrs and 23 minutes to leave. Yippee!

I'll tell you all about the place Xmas Miss Loving and lots more probably tell Miss Elliott I sure hope the Alumnis Dance goes over big and that I'll sure be pulling for a tremendous crowd. I'm sure sorry I won't be able to get there but then everything can't come out perfect. Say hello to everyone for me and tell all those "whiges" in Civics that there's no future in politics; F.D.R. will still be Pres. when they're old and gray.

Love

Lee

P.S. I've adopted a new nickname "Sam"

P.S. Pardon stationery , out of all others. Ok yes – Norma had better have that ring on her finger!