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Miss Sally Loving  
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Dear Miss Loving,

I sure was surprised when I received your letter yesterday, I thought maybe you had forgotten about me. I had been home once since I last saw you, but I was only able to stay a couple of days, so I did not get around to see anyone. I stayed at home with the folks those two days.

Since that time in November when I was home, we had quite a flood on the Ohio River. I stayed on board the boat for five days and night with out going ashore, and most of the time the fellows and myself sleep with our clothes on, so that we could up in a hurry if we had to.

April the 1<sup>st</sup> we left Sewickley, Pennsylvania for St. Louis and it took us ten days to make the trip.

We are suppose to leave St. Louis for Illinois some time soon, but right now we are having one of the motors over hauled and taking on quite a bit of supplies for the work that we have to do on the Illinois River.

Today we had a Lieutenant Commander down here on the boat, and he told us that within the next 7 or 8 month that most of the Coast Guard fellows that are operating on the rivers will be sent to sea, so maybe I will see a little bit of action after all, at least I hope so, because I would like to get a crack at those rats over in Europe, even if I don't come back, but I expect to be back.

I don't expect to be back home for quite a while now, because when we get to Illinois I will be a long ways from home, and then again we have a lot of work to do up that way. That is the reason we are being sent up there.

You said in your letter that you was not interested in your classes as much as you use to be. Well Miss Loving you will never ever find another Class or a fighting class as good as the 37 Class. I think that was the best class that has ever graduated from W-L and there never will be a class as good as that one, at least that is my opinion, even if no one else thought so.

Guess I had better sign off now, and please don't take so long to answer this letter, because if you do I am liable to be in some other place.

Send all mail to the same address that you did the last letter and the St. Louis Office will forward the mail to me wherever I am.

Love,

Lawrence