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Miss Sally Loving
o/o Washington-Lee High School
Arlington, Virginia

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Saturday Afternoon

Dear Miss Loving,

Will apologize for using this Lined paper. I am on Watch Right now, had a few minutes to spare, so I thought would write to you, even if only a note on this paper that I took out of the drawer.

Right now I am in the [censored text] which to me is fun rather than work, although there is plenty of the latter 24 hours a day. I am getting a little liberty in the different ports, which being my last, for a long time to come, I am making good use of.

I hope that this time I will not meet with an accident like I did on my last ship and have to lose it. But, I now have better officers and I like the crew members an awful lot, so I guess I got the better of the loss after all.

Today we are anchored in one of the prettiest [t] harbors that I have ever seen. It is 4 or more miles long and 1 ½ miles wide. The entire beach is pure white sand. And as it is Summer here the beach is enclosed by pretty palm trees and flowers. The city overlooking the harbor is right on the water's edge and is made up of what looks like real large summer or county club section residential houses. Sure wish that I could live down here in the Summer, a home on the river where I can have my sail boat that what I like and want, and this is an ideal place for both.

Taylor Rooks class '44 is on the L.S.T. 1038 → I am on the 1039, which is right here by me. I get to see him pretty often and we go on Liberty together a lot. There is a good chance that we may be in the same flotilla. I sure hope so any way. And maybe I will be lucky to run in to Elgin Kirby, Roland Perry, and some of the others when I get out there.

About the only person who I hear from is Bruce Duncan, he is a HA 1/c – U.S.N.R. stationed in San Diego, California, but he expects to ship out soon.

Well, how is school coming along? Hope the basketball team comes out on top this year. Is Mr. Guinther coach this year?

The last time I was home I noticed that they were tearing up the football field. What goes? Dad said that they were really giving it a remodeling.

Do you know how Jimmie Mahon is getting along now? Wish you would let me know how he is coming along. Also any news that you may have I certainly would appreciate it of you would let me in on it too. I certainly have enjoyed the articles that you have sent to me so far.

Will have to stop now as I still have several letters to write before closing for the night. Hope you will write to me again soon. And in another couple years perhaps I will be up to visit you again. I'm still a no. 1 fan of W.-L., after all my dad was principal for 13 years.

With love,

Sam
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