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Miss Sallie Loving  
5817 – N. Washington Blvd.  
Arlington, Va.

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Dear Sallie,

We got your letter yesterday which should have come here several days. All our mail that was addressed to the address on the cards has been slow getting here, as a result our mail has been piling up on us. I have to do a lot of writing tonight. I'm starting this just before lunch. For 3 hrs. this morning we've been practicing for a parade. You don't carry a pack but drilling and parading around is worse than a hike. Trying to walk erect and keep in step is hard on your back. Besides that, the field where we were is just a field, not a drill field. It would easily pass for a city dump.

Last week-end we went to Youngstown, Ohio about 27 mi. from here. We had a good time, yet it didn't cost much. We went in early Sat. afternoon and stayed until Sun. night. The USO got us a room and when we left Sun. morning the lady wouldn't take anything for it. She gave us breakfast too. The Chinese boy was with us. We had to sleep 3 in a bed. We stayed in Struthers, a little community out from Youngstown which is really like a suburb of Youngstown. The USO called the mayor of Struthers and he got us the room. How do you like that? We won't be able to get out early this Sat. but unless we catch a week-end detail we'll be able to get out about 5 or 6 Sat in the afternoon. We shouldn't get a detail though because we just had KP again yesterday. Since we've been here we've had KP 2 days & 1 night. This time we weren't in the big mess hall where we eat but in the officer's mess. There they don't ride you like they do down here and you have a break once in a while but most of the 14 hrs. you're working. I was "pot & pan" man again which seems to be my favorite past time. My hands really got sore in that hot soapy water. Today the tips of them are about too sore to button my clothes.

We got a letter from Margaret too. I guess the next month and a half will be a busy one for both of you. I've been wondering whether these kids carried out their strike and skipped school or whether they gave in.

I guess I'm out of soap so I'll have to quit. Whenever you get a chance go see the folks. They like to have you over and lately they haven't been in much of a position to go anyplace. Mom is up some now I think.

Love,

Wendell

P.S. – Send me Nibly's address. I'll write her if you think she would survive the shock.