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Miss Sally Loving
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Dear Miss Loving,

I'm probably about the last person in the world you ever expected to hear from, but my conscience finally started to bother me about not writing to people to whom I should have written long ago.

How is school getting along now? I guess the Seniors are getting pretty excited about all that graduation business – I know I certainly was. Where is the prom going to be? I think the good old Class of '43 had the jump on everyone else when we had our prom at the **Staters**. Those were the days!

I've been in the service for about six months now, and believe me, they've been the shorted six months I've ever seen. I'm in the Army Air Corps, you know, getting a terrific session of school work here at the University of Toledo. It's about over now, though, and so I'll probably ship out before long.

By the way (you don't mind if I talk about the one little feather in my cap, do you?), we have a cadet system here based on the one at West point, and our little friend Hildebrand is a student officer – a captain, no less! I'm right happy about that, of course, but I'll resort to a plain old Aviation Student Private when we leave this post. Oh well, I've had my fling!

Is the Honor Society still alive and kicking? I guess it's a little better this year than that bunch of demons you had last year. How many members are there now? Tell them I send my best wishes for the best of luck to all of them.

All of which brings up a little problem I have. Some weeks ago, a Toledo citizen whose fingers were quicker than my reactions, casually "lifted" my wallet, and within it my Honor Society membership card. I wonder if it would be possible for me to get a duplicate of some sort? It certainly means a lot to me, and so I'd like very much to get another one.

It's hot as blazes up here now. (We had blizzards up until about two weeks ago) You can imagine what fun it must be to do half an hour of calisthenics and then to run three or four miles every afternoon. I never thought I'd see the day when old K. D. H. would be doing that! (Don't tell a soul, but I've gained thirty pounds since I've been here!)

Have you ever been to Toledo? It's a funny city. During the winter I'm quite sure that it the ugliest place I'd ever seen, and even with the leaves out, it's still not exactly beautiful. But the people are wonderful. Even though it pains my Virginia some to say that about a bunch of - yankees.

Do you remember Bobby Roland, from one of last year's classes? I was in Detroit the other day and I saw his parents. Bob is in the Army now, and in a hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, recovering from an attack of rheumatic fever. It was a recurrence of a very bad nervous disease he had when he was in the third grade. I guess I'm lucky, even with my four mile runs and all.

I'm about to roast alive so I guess I'll have to quit and grab a quick shot of Coke to bolster my words. I know you're pretty busy, but if you have any time to write I'd love to hear from you. (Don't let it go to your head, but I think you're just about the best Civics teacher I've ever had.)

Yours very sincerely,

Kenny H.

P.S. Tell "Ma" Malott that my English teacher says I must have had terrific training in High School. "I'm above average," he says!

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