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Miss Sally Loving 5817 N. Washington blvd. Arlington, Virginia

July 16, 1943 Mt. St. Mary's Collage

Dear Miss Loving,

I have been meaning to write you but I have been so busy that I haven't had tome to. I am now located at a Catholic school (I never dreamed of going to a Catholic school) and about 90% of the boys here are Catholic. They are all very nice and I am getting to like it more and more every day. When I first arrived, the only place I wanted to go was Arlington.

I arrived here on July 1<sup>st</sup> and got my papers all strightened out and was assigned to a room. I am now on the fourth floor. I climb it about ten times a day. WHEW! For the past two weeks I have had my uniforms issued, has six shots in the arm, been assigned to detales, gotten up at 6 every morning, daily exercises (ect) well & have been busy. I am taking Math, History, English, Drawing, Physics and physical training. I only wish were taking Civics. You really made that class interesting and I will never forget it. I hope your classes next year are as fond of you as we were this past year. By the way, did you ever get that raise in pay we used to talk so much about in class. I read where the state of Virginia had several millions of dollars surplus, so you ought to get a little of it. HO! HO!

We have 16 week terms in the V-12 and the first term is up in November so I will probably get a leave. I will drop around to the old school and see if I do get home. I hope you will write me and let me know how things are coming along back home. Tell me who all you see and who you hear from. I guess most of the boys are all gone now and the girls are working in the government. —

My spelling is just as bad as ever but I hope you can read my writing. – I am still reading about Congress everyday (some habit you started).

Your faithful student and friend,

Gaylord Walker

P.S. Barnes is at Duke in V-12.