

BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN

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Hello Miss McGlynn,

We have been down here now for three days and we have been doing little inside - eating - sleeping and resting - This inactivity is driving me slightly "off the beam"- but I guess we all will be given plenty to do in the very near future - We should be taking our screening tests next week to determine what and how much of the different subjects we should have - after that it will be back to classes again.

This college is really a beautiful place - just far enough away from Birmingham to be quiet and near enough to the city to get into on a nite's liberty. The college sits up on a hill - plenty of campuses and has about ten buildings - The normal school enrollment is a little larger than Salem- with about 400 co-eds as students- The college

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start is a Presbyterian one - and is quite an exclusive place - right now there are about 320 soldiers - or Air Crew students on the campus. The service they give us is really grand and they treat us swell - I kinda expected a revival of the Civil War - in fact we were all planning our attacks coming down on the train - but so far they have really treated us royally -

We really have a swell gang of fellows down here - there were 160 of us from Atlantic City. The rest of the soldiers here come in from the fifth corp area - about a month ahead of us and they are the upper class reject now and will start dishing it out to us a la West Point - comes next week.

Well how are my classmates doing in History Methods - keep the right on the beam -

Well I guess thats all for a little while - as soon as classes start - will try to give you a general idea of how things go. -

Sincerely

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