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UNITED STATES AIR FORCES

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Dear Miss McGlynn,

Something interesting happened here this past week - thought it might prove of interest to you and the students back there.

You see we march in formations - called flights - to and fro each of our classes. As we march we sing many different songs - some we have composed - others popular songs ("This is the Army" - "Millie" - "Yankee Doodle Dandy" etc.) - This past week one of the boys came up with a new one which was to the time of "Dixie" - it is only fair to say that it was very seldom sung on the campus in fact I've heard it but once myself- The words are:

Here I am in the land of Cotton
The food is lousy and the school is rotten -
Keep away - Keep away etc.

The enclosed clipping explains how the students feel about it - seems as though it wasn't the

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words they objected to - but rather the use of their "second National Anthem" - it seems almost silly that they would raise such a fuss over the thing - however I guess they still insist upon fighting the war over again - up to this time I had formed the southerners a pretty fair lot - but now - !

Well I thought you would like to hear that bit of information - We have our regular Saturday morning inspection in about an hour so if you all will pardon me I'll sign off - Tell my classmates I've still my fingers crossed for that furlough but I'm not banking on it too heavily.

John Capone