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Letter, VMI Cadet George S. Patton, Jr. to his Aunt

VMI Archives, MSS #0360.

To "Aunt Nannie" from "Georgie"

Written at VMI, September 1903

Patton spent one academic year (1903-1904) at the Virginia Military Institute before transferring to West Point.

The original document can be viewed below, following the transcribed text.

Dear Aunt Nannie:

The reason that I have not written is because I have been so busy and also because I have had nothing much to say. Papa left to day at four oclock and Mama and I went to see him off, then I hurried back to drill. I am trying for the football team and am getting pretty stiff. It looked real and military just now. Ten men in uniform with guns came to our stoop. I don't know exactly what they came for but I think it was to change guard.

The barracks and academic buildings are arranged something like this. [see sketch in document above]. The places marked into stalls are the rooms. Those with the cross beside it is ours. The 2 bumps are the towers on each side of the gate. The arrow points to the steps and also to the W.C. There are steps on both sides. S. J. M. means the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Buildings and the ^ in front of it is another arch gate. S. J. M. is the Engineering department, the drawing department and the gymnasium. Also the big hall where the graduating exercises are held. S.M. is the Smith Memorial and in it are situated all the section rooms (or classrooms). All these buildings are four stories high.

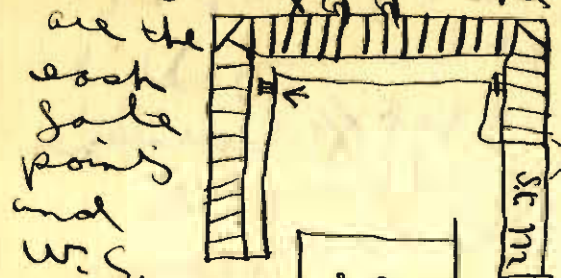
While I was writing the last part a man came in and sold me a cannon jacket. That is a jacket something like an Eton jacket made of white canvas and worn in a room.

It is nearly time for tattoo so give my love to all and keep[?]. Captain Johnston of the foot-ball team just came in and asked after my health. I will write soon again, kiss all for me.

Your loving nephew, Georgie

P.S. I got a letter from Beatrice. Don't forget to send her a [?] picture right away. Did Aunt Susie get Caroline's chain all right. With love, Georgie

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