

13 January, 1946

Dear Mother -

I don't know what happens &
the time but its late already.

I'm trying you Early. & Best
advice but its awfully hard.

The lovely boy arrived
the first of the week and
it was very timely with the
succous fruit-cake as my

larder was very bare and I
was starving that evening.

Besides the girl next door has
a passion for fruit cake (She

is being transferred to Washington
Tuesday by the way and I'll
really miss her)

The sweater is a nice
warm color. It does look
well with the suit shirt
so perhaps it will be well to
keep it. It is the color of
that suit with the cape and
Persian lamb cuffs and muff that
I wore so long. Do you
remember it? It is a
beautifully handsome sweater
as all Brunars are.

As for a Trouseau, I'm afraid
I'll have to wait until I
get out. There's nothing worth
buying in Jay and besides it
will be quite a while until
May or June and clothes don't
last very well when put away
here.

Regarding the customs, I
found some fairly inexpensive
ones here. As for the radios
I might as well wait until new
ones are available. I don't believe
you can get a new tube for
the radio at home. I've found
that my radio here needs a tube but

I can't find the kind of tubes
required at the Radio shop in
Gay. So thanks a lot, anyway.
I finally had an afternoon off
Friday so was able to look
around in Gay for a few
necessities. As for the radio case I
cancelled that order before I joined the Wrens.
Wanted to get a related
Xmas gift for Linda and
Robert Gordon. What do
you think they would like
that wouldn't require heavy
duty^{payment}. The little boys' clothes
in Gay was very uninspired.

Do you think he would take
a size 5 or 6 in suits?

I would love to see Betty's
pictures. I'm sorry she gets out
of school so late - but it's too
early to plan on the wedding
anyway.

Did Ann Strady go away
to school after Collegiate? When?
She supposed to be very bright?

Is Dad going to have his
tonsils out at the hospital?

What is the penicillin for?

Is his back better now?

Will write again soon -

Loads of love Louise

So we went to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~area~~ ^{Album.}
Mac Lane for dinner and
a double feature - Fritz
Kline in "One in a Million",
and also "Three Men in a
Horse". I enjoyed both quite
a lot. Fritz liked the latter
especially. When we emerged
at 11:00 Fritz suggested dancing
but it being late we went
respectively to bed. Saturday
morning was spent in walking

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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Sunday.

Dear Mother & Dad.
You have you all
seen? - It's sort of a
pleasure, frankly, to be
slip a "you all" without
comment from friends.
In other words the
week-end
prom is just one.
Fritz left about 5:30
this afternoon for a 4.
hour trip back to Gardley

met him late Friday
evening but to come then
and I would meet him
early Saturday morning. Taking
a night's rest after driving
preferable rather than driving
Saturday morning with a full
day ahead. The result
was as I returned from
a walk with Caroline
about 4:30 Friday someone
wanted me on the phone. It
was Pop.

Pennsylvania. I think
he enjoyed his little ex-
pedition. He certainly
participated strenuously enough.
I invited him to come
up Saturday. He wrote
that he would be here
Friday evening as I under-
stood the letter. Next
he wrote asking should he
arrive Friday or Saturday? I
explained that I could not

was a very earnest class,
senior at Harvard, orig-
inally from Chicago, an
idealist at heart but a
sensible talker. It was
he who had been to
Rouville, no money left
no food for 2 days and
litch-baking home - all in
his very early youth. & in
that condition had been
given food by people
who were themselves being

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around Vassar in a thorough
manner - then we had
lunch in the hall with
these girls & their "cous-
ins" quite an odd affair. &
so many people jammed
together at three long tables
amid much ^{laughing & talking} confusion, reaching
across each other for
sundry items of a
very homely fare - canned
lettuce ^{soiled} bean and sweetbread.

became ^{more} acquainted with
the man we had seen
at lunch. Margie's
friend, ^{age 26} was short & fati-
mastic & very willing.
Nancy's friend, first year
medical school at Harvard
had a longish pointed
nose and a mouth that
went up at the corner in
a comical sort of way,
danced well and was very
nice. Bogdie's friend

Top was highly amused at it all.
After lunch we sat around &
talked then went for a
drive. It was a nice day -
wintry and tan colored in
the fields ~~but~~ a distant sun
led up the ice flow on
the ^{slow} gray river - as we
jiggled along a ~~rough~~ little
road on the edge of the
tall river bank. We
came back to Cushing just
in time for tea in
Margie's room, and so

marvelous new car ^{by all means} & appreciated
worldly goods - but was very
gay & a ~~strong~~ ^{strong} appreciation
of the humorous - Both talked
dark hair. Laid a very nice
smile. Bill likewise had
more aware of it. So it was
the confession of a girlish
heart.

Any attempts to dream
about the affair are soon
cut short however when you
look at the group picture
You have I seen such
a stark expression on anyone

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found to leave their home.
their mortgage foreclosed -
a very romantic story to
gain the sympathy of the
old south. We got along
very well in a homely sort
of way. Mary Lee's friend
Kerrie Swain (I don't know if given
you the other name ① Lin Sedgwick,
② Gordon Seammell
③ Tucker Seane)
was an Oxford Graduate & would
be senior at Harvard had he

I must complete the
week end personal with
~~two~~ whom I met and
liked quite a lot. one
a friend of Helen Jones
from Boston, named Field
Remond. He reminded me
quite a ~~bit~~ of Francis. was
nice looking, boisterous, with a
definite sense of humor ~~and had~~
appear ~~of~~ medical school. ~~Some~~
Zimmerman's friend on the
other hand was older, works
in New York. Had a

took out a year in Den-
mark with the "Group". was
also with Jean Paulsen. As
a conversationalist he tinged
in the philosophical a bit
(meaning practical phil. meaning Exp. th.)
too much. but was tall
and danced
nicely looking + pleasant. ~~stage~~
like a dream. or almost.

The letter has been
necessarily out of a con-
tinuous affair but Remond
finished it. I know you'd
rather have a shorter if promp-
terly written.

before about 11:30 that
people began to break the
cluster of balloons above
the little round red seats
on the walk. We danced until
the men began to ~~could~~ dance
no more. 8:30 - 1:00 with little
intermissions between each ^{sally} ~~sally~~.

So came the dawn of
Sunday morning with everyone
^(sleeping)
determined to ignore it.
In red by 3:00 we ~~started~~
started again and before 1:00.
Lop - evidently exhausted had

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as on me. Lop looks quite
well - sort of absofly amused.
(which he was - with an effort)
- The bouquet which he sent
was ^{formed of} two delicate yellow
(Lavender ^{spiral})
"Roches" - really lovely with
some ~~big~~ ^{stem} small
yellow flowers
of an unusual nature. It
has still lasted.

The dinner was quite
effusive in the great Mess
dining room. with candle light.

all ~~was~~ so chattering nerv.
rally, straining necks to look
around, generally smiling
moving, sitting when there
was no reason we came
to do so. Once this broke
up. evidently very effective
from the balcony - the
rehearsal began ^{rally} & "kept
going" the life, annotations
& character of the party
Hal Kemp at his request.

He actually kept people so
occupied that it was not

which pleased me sitting
down or soft draped
blue, rose and white evening
gown ~~the~~ militantly garbed
by staff black ~~white~~
shadows with smooth white fronts.
~~white~~ ~~spotted~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~light~~.
Imagine the poor description
but even Fox was moved
to poetry. "the bloom of
youth" etc.

The dance started off
with the grand march in
schedule a mass and
flood of people trying not
to crush flowers. At the
objection, individual about it

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sleep soundly til then,
skipping breakfast. So we
hopped on to lunch at the
Silver Swan, where lunch
was already served. ~~the~~ ^{roast}

beef & potatoes etc. afterwards
went to the movie Lloyd's
of London after which Trip
departed. She ^{Portonites} ~~then~~ left after
supper.

Well I must go to a
class & mail this without
rambling on more. -

How is everyone after the
past few weeks & how goes
Grouseville's recuperation?

What about Henri's party?
and how goes water ^{electr.} ~~gas~~ etc. work?
Loads of love to you all.

Louis

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Dear Dad

I got your letter this morning. I realize it was a very important event getting a letter by the first air mail and it will be a very interesting story to relate to my Grandchildren over my spine.

I have been in the surf every morning and enjoyed it very much but would have enjoyed it more if you had been here.

Uncle Billie and Watson came and told us we belonged to the Country Club now. He said they hoped

when we got home the ^{new} swimming pool would be finished there.

This afternoon Mrs. Hobbs is going to take us for a drive in Uncle Bradford's car. Uncle Bradford is at West Point seeing his nephew now so his car is free because he didn't drive there.

To night Mrs. Hobbs suggested a walk so we are going to stroll down the boardwalk to see the shops and sights at night.

I have to rest now before I go on the drive and so I will have to close my letter

With love from Mother and me

Affectionately

Louise

but the councillor said it
must be in the Senior
room so I looked for
a long time and finally
found Helen Booker's
This made me pretty
late but finally I was
settled. We drove in
a truck for about an
hour and ~~for~~ after hav-
ing gotten an ice-cream
sandwich on the way we
stopped at a spot on Lake
Michigan. We had a picnic

[1929]



PINEWOOD CAMP
BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

Dear Mother

How is everyone? I am
sending you two pictures,
I snapped. Only 4 good
ones came out of 10 films
I shot in. I was a bit
by taking one picture on
top of another. Some
I slanted the camera
and some were blurred.

We just came back from a side-trip. We were shown how to roll ponchos the night before and so in the morning we tramped to the store and each bought six blanket pins. You must not have given me those we bought in Indianapolis for I haven't seen them since. If you have them at home, could you send them here. They would come in handy, though

I could do without them. My duffel-bag is terribly small. I had to stuff for a long time to get my things in it and then finally I got permission to go down senior row and borrow one. After a long time one Senior I said I could borrow her. So up to the store I went and got the Senior II packing room key. I thought she said it was in the Senior I room.

so I gave them my shoes. The Collier's his to-night so everyone's excited. Can Betty crawl yet? If not how near is she to it?

Here they come now with my shoes and they look fine. I have to mail this now so I'll have to stop this long

P.S.



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BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

lunch and then had rest hour. After that we took a walk, made a song as every side trip you have to, and played around until supper. And oh what a supper! After supper we told ghost stories & made fudge and ate it, and had a marshmallow roast. In the morning we all

took a dip in the lake
and then had breakfast.
We had pancakes! great
big ones with a lot of
butter and syrup. We
went for a drive in
the truck to Mack-
inaw city and there
we had a ^{private} Sunday! I
hadn't seen one for so
long it certainly was
good. We walked around
the town and then

went back for lunch.
Altogether we had a
fine time, as usual.

We have lunch
soon so I'd better say
Goodbye

Lovingly

Louise

P.S. a group of girls get
together and polish every-
body's shoes for a dime
a pair. The money goes to
Pine Mountain children,

that got the prizes. I think the Junior was supposed to be an Egyptian or Turk and the senior II (Judy won it) was supposed to be the "Spirit of the Pound". Everything you lose and others find goes to the "Pound" and to have it returned, you must pay 5¢.

I think I'd like to take about six more or maybe twelve. ~~I~~ I'd took six I'd get 3 a week (now I get two) and if I took twelve I could have 4 a week.

I couldn't get a ring because I needed permission. Nissy sent a special delivery letter

Jan. 20, 1929



PINEWOOD CAMP
BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

Dear Mother

How is everyone. We are having a fine time as usual. Last night all the councillors gave a play. It was real cute and unusually long.

I got all the things you sent and was mighty glad to see them. I use my old bedroom slippers or bathing slippers and you ought to see them. They

to march around inside the bung-
alow then form a circle mean-
while steadily marching. The judges
will tap you if they don't think
your costume is as pretty as the
others and you must go sit in
the middle of the circle. The
one who is not tapped
in the end, wins having the
best costume. We have to wear
masks so I ~~guess~~ ^{suppose} we'll guess
each other. ~~and~~ after everything
is over we are going to dance.
We always dance Saturday
nights.

The ball was fine only I didn't
think the ones

are full of sand and all wet
and soggy, besides being so, that
I can't hardly stick my toe
in but they come in pretty handy.
The little pin is real cute (the
one you got at the 5+10 store and
not the "Whooper" one) and I
wear it all the time. The thread
needles will come in mighty handy
too. My socks had been fallin'
down and looking messy for a
week so I certainly welcomed
the garters!

To-night we're going to have
a masquerade ball! I think I'll
wear the Uncle Sam costume. We're

With much love to all
Lovingly
Louise



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BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

telling her mother to telegram
but I wasn't that anxious. I
told Mommy to tell you to tele-
gram but it would have been
too late anyway.

I just found that Mary ~~W~~
is going to take more lessons too.
Her mother and father were here
yesterday and after they left she
was awfully homesick. I'd like
to go on the Mackinac trip if
I could. Nincy thinks she's going.
^{she is in my family;}
^{she can if she wants.}

I have taken two films but none of myself (in those films, though I took one I know won't come out, in the beginning of my new film) I had took them to be developed but I won't get them for a week or two.

I'm a girl in the sailor cotillion and could you send me a skirt? If you can't, possibly (it's mighty doubtful) I could borrow one.

They won't let us see how much we weigh but I think I probably gained. Does Miss Boley send you my weight.

What does she say about my disposition? Did you write and tell her I was very slow and to hurry me up. I hope you didn't. The other night at the councillors play when everybody said about their "families" Miss Boley said about my slowness and Ninsy's giggling all the time.

Are the boys having a good time at home and is Gordon working. I'm so glad he passed his exams. Is anything being done about the tennis court and does Mamma still expect to have a little pup awaiting me at my return.

[1929]



PINWOOD CAMP
BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

Mary Hoge's hammock
which is for the most
part public.

I have to write for the
Log and some other letters
now so sending my love
to you all,
I am your devoted
daughter

Louise

Dear Dad
It is lovely and cool
here in the morning and
evening but pleasantly
warm in the day.

We have just finished
supper now and I am
swinging in my ham-
mock as I write.

Her mother sent my

white pleated shirt? if she
hasn't yet, would you mind
telling her I think Miss
Alex (the head councillor)
has ordered one. ^{she insisted} on doing it.
I should my per-
mission for more horse-
back rides and am going
to take twelve more.

"Go-day" is Sunday and
we've just had assembly.
This evening we have church
out-does and picnic supper
and then they ^{written} Log (our
camp book) are read.

I am sending you
two snap-shots I made
with my new camera.
They are of nothing
particular.

One is of the lake
and one of the little
docks. A girl here had
spilt ink on one of
her blankets and she
and Finny were wash-
ing it in the lake.
The other is of the same
girl enjoying herself in

Tennis usually. Then the bugle
blows and we pile into supper.
After supper we sometimes have
assembly again (of course, though
flag making is right after sup-
per) and Tues. + Thurs. we have
marshmallow roasts after supper.
Once we went out on the lake
on the Cyonia (pronounced Awang)
Once we had a play ^{the old girls} (and to-
morrow the new girls are going to
give one, but I'm not in it.)
~~So night~~ ^{of fun} ~~is~~ ^{we didn't have it} marshmallow roast
and to-morrow we may go for
a picnic over at the beaver
dam across the lake, the
senior I's went yesterday, and
the senior II's to-day. Pretty



PINEWOOD CAMP
BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

July 11, 1929

Dear Mother

I received both your letters.
I will start right now answer-
ing the questions. When you want
to know anything I like to have
you ask questions because then
I know just what to write.

My schedule for the day
is always different. Usually
in the morning we have pad-
dling first. We are divided
into blues and sands and we
do things, the blues together and
the sands together.

But I forgot to say we get up at seven, have flag raising at quarter past and then exercises. We have breakfast at half past. From the time we finish breakfast until 9 o'clock, we make our beds, sweep our floor etc. for inspection. We have a assembly at nine. It is at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 we start paddling. This is my paddling time now, but it is the sand's turn to go in the war canoe and our (Edith Wymann and I's) teacher is teaching those in the war canoe, so we can't go out to-day.

After this we have crafts. I'm after these lessons we have making something real cute. I'll

give it to you if you want it. It's a toothbrush holder and it looks something



like this. It's supposed to

be a dutch boy. (I think I know what I'll do next too.)

After crafts we have swimming. I passed 9 of my tests for a blue cap. Nancy passed her 10th but I didn't get a chance to pass my 10th yesterday. I think I'll pass it to-day though. (at least, I hope so) This afternoon we have baseball first. We also have archery and Glee Club ^{to} the afternoons.

After these lessons we have a little while when we play

wasn't anybody to do it, here we have to do everything for ourselves.

Yesterday we wrote out our checks for everything we've gotten since we've been here.

We get 5¢ hershey bars every day after lunch. That plus all the many supplies gotten at the store amounted to \$3.35. The fee for wood to make the holder in crafts, and all the rest about crafts was \$1.00, the rent of bathing suit 50¢ and so altogether I've spent \$4.85. I have to get a new bathing cap (for now I passed that test) and that will be 50¢.



PINWOOD CAMP
BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

soon we are going to start camping trips. The old girls say that in the mornings they just get up and calmly announce a trip to be that afternoon or something.

I went home-back the other day and liked it fine! Could I take more lessons? Most everybody can take as many as they want. (If you ^{please} write to ^{camp} ^{right} ^{away})

My blankets and sheets + trunk were here when I arrived but my bed wasn't made up. There

Can I get the camp ring? If I can
do that + have some riding lessons,
write soon as you ^{plus send money} get this letter because
they are going to send the order for all
the jewelry you can get lockets and
silver + gold rings. I'd like a gold ring
if I could because they said the silver
ones but this silver and fady had
to have been plated 2 or 3 times in
a few days. I'm going to take the ^{Machinal} _{trip?}


I was glad to get the name tapes.
I'll need one to sew on my dancing
costume but I need one bigger than any
body else so I'm going to get mine
with the seniors, I think. They're just rags
almost, something like real rough crepe.

The water is pretty cold sometimes
but it's always fine! We are getting on pretty
well and I see pretty much of the seniors.
I see them - at assembly but nowhere else.
I went to see "Topsy and Eva" with Dody
once and liked it fine.

My throat is alright now and
I feel fine!

Hoping you are all well
Lovingly Louise

4 Every night we have pieces of
cheese cloth used as a mosquito
net hanging around our beds.
The mosquitoes are awful. To-day
is Sunday and a night wet
one. It rained hard all night
last night, and it is raining
pretty hard now. I bought this
paper here. Everyone here bought
it and I like it much better. The
color is supposed to be sand like
everything else.

We have real good food
here. One day we had sandwiches
and we 'most always have cookies
for lunch. To-night we 're supposed
to eat supper outdoors but it's
terribly wet we probably won't
be able to. 

[1939]



PINWOOD CAMP
BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

Dear Mother

I've been havin' a pretty
glorious time. Right now, Mary
Hoge, who is a junior too, is visit-
ing us. She doesn't like her
room-mate and hardly anyone
does. She's tryin' to change.

Yesterday we got to camp in time
for breakfast. They took a movie
of us as we came along. There
is the call for lunch so I have
to go.

This is the next day. We
hardly ever have time to write.

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I won't need them
I pinned
pin from the ten cent store
and my dancing slippers.
if you can't find them,
could you send some more?

Also, if you could I'd like
you to send me some needles
& thread & 1 pr. of garters & in
other words you could send my
sewing case. You can get real
cute little pins at the ten &
store, usually. Little animals
and things, like ^{little} pupp-horses etc.
I've just had to clean out
my trunk and put every thing
in again. My pen stopped work-
ing good so I'm writing in pencil.
If you only knew what trouble
that trunk has caused me, I
have to rummage through it
with no idea where anything is

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When we have any time, we
have to clean out our tent. Its
time to go paddling. ~~but~~ I just
had a few minutes any way.
Ninoy's in swimming now and I
am going in soon but I'll write
some more.

When we were on the train we
had a pretty merry time. We
threw pillows at each other
and played cards and met
everybody. We went to bed a-
bout nine and I woke about
quarter past five. I dressed at
quarter of six (though some did-
n't).

Before I forget, - Please send
up if you can bed-room slip-
pers, clogs for bathing, a little

hand.

I d'm going to begin horse-back riding this week. I haven't found out when I get my other lesson a week but I know I have one lesson Fri. at 4:45.

This morning we had sort of a at-home church.

I need this letter as my meal-ticket now so I'll start another one to tell the rest I was going to say.

Lovingly

Dam

Your affectionate

daughter

Louise

P.S. I'll write to the rest of the family when I can

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PINWOOD CAMP
BRUTUS, MICHIGAN

This letter is my meal-ticket to lunch to-day every-one has to write one. I've been on this letter since I came. I got Dad's letter and was glad to see it.

We started archery but did not do much except string and un-string the bow. We also had glee-club once. I expect to go to it every time because you get a star if you do. If you get a

A certain amount of stars you get a P. C. to go on your arm.

We have rest hour an hour after lunch every day and if you sleep ~~correct~~ hours (even if its five minutes) you get a star. Miss Tuttle says it ^{takes} from ten to twelve stars to get a P. C.

We have base-ball lessons too (I don't need 'em, though pretty many do.) There are so many of the juniors some have to play base-ball while some just pitch the ball around. Yesterday there was a base-ball game between the new girls and the girls who had been here before (namely

the old girls). The juniors didn't play, just the seniors, and the old girls won. Everyone asks me if I'm senior 1 or 2, never thinking I am a junior. When I tell them I'm the latter they ask my age and marvel I'm so young for my size.

The swimming is great! The water is some times real cold but that is all the better because we don't stay ⁱⁿ very long and it makes you feel better. Pretty soon we are going to begin passing tests and wearing different caps. The beginners cap is canary yellow with a black

Shelbville, Ky
R. F. D. No. 7
Aug. 29, 1924

Dear Mother

I Miss you very much.

I hope I will hear of you soon and I hope you will enjoy your trip.

Be sure to keep well.

We had wind storm last night and I slept in every bit of it and I was pinned in tight and didn't roll out of bed. I'm going to wear my dress and shoes Sunday.

Your loving child

Louise D. W.

Mr George E. Woodruff.
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