

Sunday noon
7-1-45

Dear Family,

Summer seems officially here today. The past week has been very cold with the most persistent high wind I've seen. My nose is much improved, but I feel rather tired from lack of air, maybe the grind at the office is getting me — it's rather strenuous writing transcripts all day to keep ahead of a typing teacher! I think that after my vacation I'll be using a couple of high school girls who won't be so fast.

There isn't much to write you because my days have been devoted to transcripts and at night I usually come home and read till bed time. It's hard to write letters or spend myself after hurrying all day.

Tuesday night Barbara Barrett dropped in and we had our first good visit since she arrived a week ago.

Thursday afternoon we had a very interesting speaker for a group of AP's. It was Sgt. Hank Gosho who came from this project. He volunteered for Army language school at the very first. His had gone to high school and university

7 in Japan and was preparing to
become an interpreter for the US Consulate.
He was one of 14 misai chosen for an
experimental assignment with Merrill's
marauders when they went from India
up the Ledo road behind the Japanese
lines. He is a charming lecturer and
kept us fascinated for an hour and a half.
He says the marines are now requesting
misai interpreters as well as the army.

Thursday night there and I went
to a dance in block 3. It was a small
crowd, but nearly all friends of ours.
I felt best that night in a long time.

Yesterday I went to Shoshone for my
ticket. I left at 11 and was back at 1:10.
Then I went on to Twin and met Tak.
We had dinner and saw Sudan which
was beautiful technicolor and a mediocre
story. We came home on the 6:10 bus.
Tak had bought me another bottle of
port, so he stopped in and we chatted
some more over a glass.

Louise Nies and I were the only
ones home. She is a charming social
worker here till September. We enjoy
each other a lot. We chatted for a while
and were both tired — so the household
was in bed at 9!

3/ I got up about 8:30. Had breakfast and walked to church in 32. I came back and had 2 cups of coffee with Louise and now it's noon.

Aft lunch I must go down to school to get some catalogs and then go to Father's to discuss scholarships for some of the youngsters. Afterwards there will be guests and dinner and an evening.

One night this week I must go to town for a supply of dog food. Jack is leaving Thursday and wants an evening in town with Elmer and me — and will probably get it. Then on the 4th Elmer and I go to the Jack picnic and dance in town.

I feel quite relieved to have my hotel reservations in Spokane and Minneapolis plus my Pullman reservation. I don't know how I'll get back but I'll make it somehow.

My schedule is as follows:

- July 6 leave Twin on 3 AM bus
arrive Colton, Wash. (Gladys
Belbertson Busch) about 6 PM
- July 7 go on to Spokane in the evening
- July 8 7:30 AM Great Northern RR
- July 10 Minneapolis. I have
reservations at both Curtis
and Radisson Hotels and don't
know which I'll cancel.

4/ July 11 Minneapolis

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13 Leave for Hunt - ?

I too am sorry not to spend a week at Nantucket with you. But I guess the new ruling on reservations makes my decision even wiser.

Nobody seems to know surely whether the AP's will stay till Jan! anyway even though camp closes earlier - and the date hasn't yet been set. Everyone is quite confused. People ask what will happen to the people who are left and the official WPA answer is that we don't expect there will be any left. Of course, that doesn't answer anything! So everybody is waiting to see what happens to the 3 camps closing Oct. 1.

Another thing people are puzzled about is the new pay and overtime arrangement. Under the law which expired today we worked 48 hrs per wk. and got 21% for the overtime. Now nobody is sure whether we still work overtime or go back to 44 hours a week or the basic 39 hrs. a week. At any rate we get a 15% raise in base pay and time and a half for overtime under the new law if Truman signs as expected. Frankly it won't make much difference to me either way.

Have a nice vacation anyhow. You'd better send all mail to Hunt. I thank you for the shopping. The "surveys" arrived just in time.

Love, Helen