

September 29, 1944

Dearest Grand -

An hour off!!! This quite a surprise and of course I just couldn't settle down to studying in such a short time. Were working quite long hours which is a definite change to the four weeks of leisure during vacation which seemed ages ago. Going on the bicycle trip thru the White Mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire was lots of fun. We travelled 235 miles in six days. Lots of hills but not too many sore muscles. I got a wonderful tan (arms face and legs) and breathed enough oxygen to last the winter. We were pedaling two days in the rain. The hurricane went to the east of us but we were brought into New Haven that weekend by bus because the railroad bridges were still out. Lots of trees are down here and quite a bit of damage was done. Thank goodness I wasn't around here.

Now that we're back, we go to class four hours a day and lab duty four hours. At present I'm an obstetrician and liking it very much. We have the four main services - obstetrics, medicine, pediatrics, and surgery. A service of five weeks each during this second term. I have named them as I go to them. I know I like surgery because that is where I was the first twelve weeks. Really there is so much self satisfaction in nursing and it gives me a feeling of really



doing something - Two of our students  
are classed as being equal to a  
graduate nurse. After 4 years will  
have as much work to do as any  
graduate and then gradually assume  
more responsibilities until we'll be  
qualified for a charge nurse position  
and then finally being a head nurse.  
I'm just amazed at how much I  
learn everyday. By the time we  
graduate I guess we'll have learned  
enough to deserve their master's degree.

Have Aunt Ida getting along with  
school this year? I'll bet Dick and  
Beulah Lee have grown lots since I  
saw them two years ago.

I read in the Beulah paper  
about Jean and Helen being home and  
surprised that Helen wasn't teaching.

Enclosed are a couple of snaps of me  
in uniform - that was the first day  
we wore them - they were kind of limp  
but now very starched and much  
more professional looking. I have  
had some more taken recently &  
will send them along - O yes I  
wrote up the bike trip of all the things  
we did & saw & our impressions -  
it's quite long and if I ever get it  
typed I'll send it to you - you might like  
to read it. Jim going to send my many  
flies on - He enjoys things like that so  
and loves Hagen Canyon which  
really had more scenery than all of  
our trips. Speaking of him - I still  
can't find out where he is - although  
his home place where there are lots of  
birds, mosquitoes and flies.

My it's nearly time for class &  
I've rambled on about "stuff" long  
enough - but I do want to say  
John wrote and said that they were  
planning on bringing you back with  
them for graduation & I'm counting on it.  
With lots of love Lois.

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