

Francis

June 17-33



ANDOVER

Dear Mother and Dad,

The
Commencement Exercises were held
yesterday morning — they were some-
what dampened by a little shower
that caught us before we could
~~enter~~ the church. Dr. Pease, former
president of Amherst, gave the ad-
dress. A big banquet was held after
the exercises, which gave much plea-
sure to all. The chapel, which
is rather large, was so crowded
that some were refused admittance.
Last night the prom was in swing
with its customary gala atmos-
phere. It took place in the gym
instead of the usual location — the

Commons. I didn't care to go, but we had a great time down here at the America House. Andover has been very crowded the last few days, but I expect the boys' families will all be gone by tomorrow. As you see, I'm enclosing the Graduation Program. You will notice that my name is in the latter list - these are the boys who are not receiving diplomas. I'd like to come back next year at June and take the history exam as it would mean something to have an Andover dip.

It's awfully nice of Aunt Grace to want me to come visit her, but I've already made reservations on the Pennsylvania out of New York. Of course, I could change this, but I think I would prefer

to come home as soon as possible (The Pennsylvania doesn't go thru Washington)

My dark coat and white flannels were very suitable. As a matter of fact, very few boys purchased new coats. Art Chabau lent me his white shoes for the occasion, so everything turned out fine. I've been so busy lately with exams I completely forgot about the brown and white shoes till Friday morning. I will surely send them back Monday.

The twenty dollars were sufficient. The meals will cost me no more than ^{the} thirteen or fourteen dollars which I have left.

The Boards this year are expected to be exceptionally hard because they were so easy last year.

In English the custom has been formerly to give a series of optional questions. However, that plan has been abandoned this year, and each interrogation will be obligatory. I feel very potent in mathematics and potent enough in languages. Although, one can never prophesy the outcome of any examination. Tell Louise I hope sails through with flying colors
Love to all,

Francis

P. S. If you all would let me know about getting a round-way ticket as soon as possible, I would be much obliged. It would be considerably cheaper

June 11 - 33

PHILLIPS



ACADEMY

ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mamma,

I've been wanting to write you and Grandpa for a long time, but with studies and neglect pure and simple, I find this letter with the atrocious date of June 11. I hope Grandpa will soon be well enough to get out in the open and enjoy the country which he likes so much. The springtime here at Andover has been very pretty, although extremely hot. However, the school is up on a hill, which catches the cool night breezes, making the evenings rather pleasant. The Academy has been trying to keep the state from building a lunatic asylum at Andover on account of the bad name it would give to the school. There's been an awful lot of friction between the two parties. Now the accusation is that the school has bribed the state to

build elsewhere — a senate investigation is to follow. Our new headmaster, Dr. Fess, has had to go to Boston to see about it.

This coming Wednesday the senior classes stop and then there is only the Board examinations. — This after^{noon} the

baccalaureate service took place — I've never been so hot in all my life! They had all the doors and windows shut, with sun pouring through about twenty windows. On top of all this, the preacher sermonized an infinite length of time. However the music and singing (by hired soloists) was beautiful.

I'm enclosing a few photographs that I thought you and grandpa might like to see. Thanks ever so much for your pecuniary generosity —

Love,
Francis

Andover Mass
Sept 25 - 32

Dear Mother and Dad,

I'm fairly well settled
by now. My schedule of classes has a diffi-
cult arrangement, but that was the only
possible way for the subjects I'm taking.
Mr. Hewton, my class officer, thought it
advisable that I take History, which
is required in the senior year for a
diploma. Hence my schedule is at

present	Mon.	Eng.	T.R.	Hst.	Trig.
	Tues.	geom	Hst	Trig	
	Wed	Eng	T.R.	geom	
	Thurs	Eng	geom	Hst.	Trig
	Fri	T.R.	geom.	Hst	Trig.
	Sat.	Eng	T.R.	Hst.	

This makes five subjects, 21 study-
hours a week. (18 is the average) The
teachers give long assignments, but
they seem to be very good instructors.

I went out for tennis (Everyone has to go out for some sport). Please send my racket and shoes on. This game will cease in about two weeks when cold weather sets in. Then I'm going out for soccer - just for the exercise.

The "America House" is mostly occupied by new men. However, the Cuban and another fellow came back from last year because they liked it here. Mr. Smith, the house master, is very liberal.

The meals are splendid. Boys wait on the table and they see to it that every one gets enough. You have your choice of food just as if at a hotel. You are very much on your own up here. You don't

have to go to meals and consequently many boys sleep thru breakfast. I always am hungry and never miss one. The boys are allowed to smoke in front of the dining-hall.

On my floor there is a boy from Honolulu, one from Cuba, and another from Germany. They speak foreign languages - besides English.

We were supposed to take swimming tests but Dr. Dean told me not to swim. I may have to write for an excuse.

Last night we went to the moving-pictures at the administration building. The "preps", that is, the new boys, had to go. The preps entertained the old men

before the show started. Fortunately
I didn't get called upon.

There is only one bookstore in
town and consequently the prices
are terrific. Mine cost \$13.70—

This morning we had Sunday
services at the new chapel. The
prescher delivered a fine sermon.
I was very aggravated for they got
mixed-up and I was put in
the choir, resulting in my bodily
presence for this morning only. I
sang vociferously.

If Andrew beats Exeter in foot-
ball the pups can remove the
watched little caps. I hope we win.

I must study now, so - hoping
Louise, Betty, Gordon, grand ma
and grandpa etc., are all well
I remain your affectionate son
Francis

CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY
CULVER, INDIANA

Aug 15, 1926
Culver Military Acad.
Culver Ind.

Dear Mamma and Grandpa,

It is raining cats and dogs now and my Tent-mate & I have just closed our shutters. It is a cozy little Tent. We have not been doing much this week for it has been a rainy one. My Tent-mate and I have fine times together for he is an awful nice fella. A lot of the fellows are jealous of me for having the other boys tent-mate for some of us here we have awfully good meals. We have desert at every meal but breakfast. On the other hand I will sure be glad to get back. I never thought home was home until I came here. Culver is alright for one summer in my opinion. Although some boys love it. I like it awful well this summer but I really would like to be some place next summer.

Lovingly,

Francis L. Woodruff

P.S. Write as soon as possible and tell me when Mother & Ed & Grand Louise will arrive here

Aug. 1st 26
Cuba Ind

Dear Mamma and Grandpa,
received your letter about not
understanding the time Gordon
and I will get out from camp.
We get out on the 24th of Aug.
and will probably be home the
24th of Aug. or the night we get
out. I also received your letter
in which you sent the stamps
I sure was glad to receive them
for I was just going to buy some
more. Gordon is well, safe &
sound the last time I saw him.
I have already gotten my bronze
C. and I am trying to get my
silver the coming Saturday. Days
sure pass quick up here. I sure

will be glad to get home to
see Mother, Dad, Louis, Mommy
and Grandpa. In other words
my relations. Although it is
a fine camp and I have
learned many new things which
I never knew before.

Lovingly

Francis

G.

Woodruff

Culver Ind.
July 25th 1926

Dear Mamma and Grandpa,
I just wrote a letter to Mother
and Dad. It looks like a
storm right now. Yesterday
we got home from an all-
night canoe hike. I had
lots of fun and we cooked
our own meals. I had lunch
with Goidou, Morgan and
Mr Lewman this noon.
I must be going to swim

Loveingly,
Francis D. Woodruff

July 15, 1926
Culver Ind.

Dear Mother and Dad,
I am

having a fine time see
Gordon about 2 or 3 times a
week. To-day is Sunday
and we had Garrison park.
We have it every Sunday.
Each pack has a den and
we all keep it a secret
where our den is located.
We went on an all-day
hike day - before yesterday.
I had a fine time cooking

my own meals. My Tent-
mate is a fine fellow.
His father is a well known
author "Neal S. Egate." I
received both ~~of~~ your
all's letters and Louise's ~~one~~
I was awfully glad to
hear from all of you. I
write too Mamma and
Grandpa every week &
received many from them.
We go in swimming
twice a day. This is our
schedule for the day. Qualey
blows at 6:20, fall in line
6:22. Inspection 6:40. First call
for breakfast 8:00, or 7:00.
after breakfast dull one hour.

Swim 11:35. First call for
lunch 12:30. Call's sendings
2:30 At rest from 2:30 till
they fall in for formation.
Swim 4:35. First call for supper
6:00 I already have 8 tests
passed on my bronze C.
I only have 4 more to pass.

Give My Love To Louise

Lovingly

Francis G. Woodruff

July 18, 1876
Culver Ind.

Dear Mamma and Grandpa,
I am getting kind of homesick
although I like Culver very
well. I received the violin
case, tennis racket, balls
and tennis shoes. Thanks
ever-so-much for sending
them up to me. I have
8 things passed on my bronze
© and have only 4 more
things to pass before I receive
it. We had Garrison parade
to-day like we have on every
Sunday. Day before yesterday
we went on an all-day
hike. I and my Tent mate
built a fire together on

which we cook our meals.
The meals consisted of steak,
potatoes, bread, preserves, water,
lemonade, milk, ^{and} ice cream.
The days are passing quick
up here. We go out to our
dens every day but Sunday.
Our days are so regular you
~~feel~~ feel like a clock. Our dens
are a lean-to and a cave. Don't
get worried over the cave
for it couldn't possibly cave in.
I see quite a good deal of
Gordy sometimes. I see Charlie
Garth and Trent Jones all
the time. I received a letter from
mother, a letter from dad and a
letter from Louise all yesterday.
I receive all the letters from
you and Grandpa. Do you
know where Benny and El-
bell went to please write soon

Your Grandson
Lovingly

Francis L. Woodruff

P.S. I can already
swim a little.

P.S.S. I just wrote to
Mother and Dad.

Francis W.

July 11, 1924,
Cutlery Ind.

Dear Mamma and Grandpa,

I am having a wonderful time.
Our Phatoom was best in camp
so for reward we all got 10¢
worth of candy. I liked to
freeze last night for it was very
cold I could even blow smoke
in the air with my mouth
when breathing. My Tent-
mate cracks funny jokes a night.
That is the way I go to sleep.
We all have a scout knife
and axe. The head officers are very
strict, but I am used to seeing
boys getting lifted up by their shirts.

Lt. Hawkins is a very good
soldier but is too rough for boys
that don't do what he says. Of
course every body is on the
jump to do what he says. That
last sentence I forgot to put a
thing of two in. Lewis Schofer
is probably the worst boy in
camp. He has been to the
commandant 1 time. The next
time he goes he will be
sent home. I have seen
Gordon today. He looks
fine. A boy got drowned in
a way. I don't know his
name but he was in a
swimming race and had heart
failure. Day before yesterday
his body was ~~put~~ on the train
to be sent home. We had a
big ceremony for him. For day
we had Garrison parade.

We have had a good deal
of rain lately. Each pack has
a den. I am in pack six. We
have a ~~care~~ and a bear to.
As I have said before Lt. Still
is a wonderful leader, military
man and never gets of loose
his temper. Although he is
strict. I like him very
much and so does our pack.
I do hope you are well.

Your Estimated

Grandson
Francis W. [unclear]

CAMP MARIENFELD
CHESHAM
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Mother and Dad,

How

do you all like Atlantic
City. Is the water good? Do
you all go in much? Time
sure is flying by. Before
long I will be on my way
home. Our tent isn't quite
de-cided about where we want
to go on our long trip. The
boys all say it cost extra to
go on the long trip. I
suppose Uncle Shorty will
write you for the money.

if you have not already
arranged for it, I still
have some of the money I
brought up with me. This
week we didn't get our
usual holiday on Friday,
on account of a long period
of rains which lasted for
about two days. When it
rains up here "it rains".
Every body has to be orderly
a week and water a week.
When you are orderly
you have to get water
for the boys, sweep the
tent, and a number of

other things. When you are
waiter you have to go
about 15 minutes early
and set the table and
then wait on your table.
You don't get much to eat
that week. I have finished
back my weeks of work and
am glad of it, I will have
to end now because I
am going to eat supper
now. Love to all and
Aunt Grace and the children,
if they are there.

Your devoted Son
Francis G. Woodruff

Dear Mother,

We are very lonesome without you. I want to go to the large house but then I remembered that you did not want us to go so I did not. The grapes are getting ripe but not quite ready for any use yet.

Daddy went to Louisville Ky today. isn't that the best!!!!!!?

We have not seen the dog for a long time, Mr. Hedges

said snap suck eggs so they
are going to get rid of him
some way, I don't no. We all
get along with Mrs Wincentina
very well. Mother be sure
to write me back and also
bring me a boat and a box of
candy and boat. good by!!!

your son

Francis G. W.

Cyrus Wainfield
Chesham N.H.

Dear Mother and Dad,

We are certainly having bad weather up here. It has been raining off and on for the past two weeks. I am pretty sure of getting my letter in athletics. A boy by the name of Herbert Bertine and I have the standing record of 4ft 4in in high jumping. Dick Sors and I have entered the Douglas Jones Tournament together.

He is a very good player and
we have a good chance of
winning it. How do you all
like Atlantic City and when
is dad coming up to go home
with you. We start on a
two day trip Thursday.

Love to all,
your devoted son
Francis J. Woodry

p.s. Excuse writing

Dear Mother and Dad,
I was just thinking of this time next week. I think I got my letter in athletics. I won the high jump. Dick Lewis and I are in the finals in the Texas Doubles Tournament, and I am in the semi-finals for the Junior Singles Championship. I saw Gordon today and we watched the boxing and wrestling tournament. I think

he takes tomorrow. I haven't
as yet received the shoes yet,
but I suppose they will
come tomorrow. I've a
fine time this summer, and
improved in a lot of things.
Please excuse the writing
but I rushed on the account
of the dinner bell.

Love to all.

Your devoted son

Francis