Saturday -
July 21st -

Pudgie, My Darling

This is such a grand day -; four long days without any letters - but today - two of my Liggie's letters were delivered - oh, it makes me feel so much better -, they were such grand letters -, I'm so much in love with you -. They told me all about your week-end in the country -. Darling, you wrote while you were there - sitting on the little bridge -, and while you were on the front porch. Your explanation and descriptions were perfect - you brought me there to you, and I shared your week-end with you -. I'm so glad you like the country where everything is peaceful and quiet, far from the noise and dust of the city -. We agree on the location of our home - outside the city - no 'next-door neighbors' to give you that "under a street light feeling" - (so I can show you how much I love you, without having to think about drawing the shades, or anybody being near) - a bit of ground for our garden - and (most important) a place where our children can grow up to be healthy, happy - and safe - without having to be kept in a back yard - or off the streets -. We will have a home that will be for all of us - to grow up with our children -. Darling, it will be a wonderful family - it could be nothing else - because our children will have the most wonderful mother -. Ruth, I pray that our dreams may soon come true. It is a future that will see our life grow full and complete -; enjoying life to its fullest - and guided, always, by Our Father -.

Ruth, Mary Beth and Butch - oh, they must be so happy - and I'm sure they know that they are soon going to be one of many happy fathers and mothers. As life goes on - dream it become so much more wonderful ? I'm going to talk about all of us to say better what I mean -. At first, before college, there was you and Pikey -. Then, after you were in college, you really 'learned to know her' - and soon there was you, Pikey, Mary Beth, Joyce, Jane and Laura - living together - enjoying each other's company. And your life grew -. Butch, Charles, Jimmy and Jerry comes

into your group (each being interested in only one of the group!). Then 'singles' became couples and the 'invaders' (!) were added to the group of friends - Mary Beth and Butch, Bobby and Charles, Joyce and Jimmy, Ruth and Jerry, and Jane and Laura. (We'll have to keep an eye on Jane and the Principal - and Laura may even surprise us!) and life continued to grow - and now - the first of the 'new' group has arrived - Lorien!

Darling, soon they will all be families, our children growing up together - and then - uh-huh - grandchildren! Pudgie - our future - I dream of it so often -, it's going to be so grand -, I'd wait forever - wait patiently - but yet so impatiently -.

It's a pretty evening -. I can look out through my mosquito bar and see the moon - it's almost full - and it lights up the whole area -. If only we could be sitting in the moonlight, your head on my shoulder, holding hands -. Darling, you are here - we're sitting outside on the bank - looking at the moon ~~together~~. I want to be with you so very much -. Pudgie, your hubby doesn't know what his pen is putting down - I'm dreaming and writing - and only snatches of my dreams are caught by my pen - I'm so much in love with you - I could never tell you how much I love you -. Darling, as you say, homesickness is not being able to do anything - see anything - or know what's going on around you -. But Pudgie, I'm wifesick - I miss you so very much - there's that feeling, sort of empty and chock full all at the same time inside me - I can't think, I can't - oh, Pudgie, Pudgie - I need you so - you're my only thought - I can see only you - Darling, I'm lost in you and I never want to find my way out till I'm at home - in your arms.

I'm going to bed - knowing that you're here beside me - that you will never leave me. Ruth, I love you so very, very much - you're my life - my world - everything - I'm so much in love with you -

Ruth, Darling, my love is yours

Hallberg Jerry