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Mon. aug. 7, 1944.

Pear Folks,

I Certainly had a wonderful time yealerday. We had Ce company pienic. We left here at 1,30 in two busses and rode for about an hour out to the other side of Macon on the Fort Valley road to a big private estate, 16 yrs 090 Mr. Portes went to normandy and on his return built him a house which is a copy of a hornandy farm house. Captain Stokes went inside and said I was lovely. But he has specialized on planting and developing as many different kinds of trees + flowers as by trees + skrubs, a private swimming pool. Did we have fun!! The water was perfectly clear and oh so cold - fust drawn out of a 70 ft well. There was an attractive stress balt house and open pavilion near the pool, + trees + showls + lawn surrounding it. It was

very defferent from anything I had ever been year. More like the estates at Bar Harbor! He had a large green house with all sorts of trees t flowers, encluding a banana tree, He has a rose garden with "I land know howmany" - Lefferent Varieties nicely tagged with their names. We went swimming ferst then walkedaround and looked at the flowers + grounds. Then had a picnic lunch and wer right in the midst of et when it began to sain. The open pavilion leaket somewhat but we ferrished lunch there; then went swimming again in the rain; As the lighting got too lose, we went into the bath house and dressed. By that time the ground was so wet and the weather looked as if it would continue to rain a long time so sq theyan called the busses to come for us early. We got home about 7. instead of 8.38 as we had planned.

On the way back some of the girl bought Watermelon (254 aprèce!) and we had a Watermelon party in the barrack day room. I wish you could have seen us. We spread papers about a dozen of us crowded around. Messy of my. Juice + seeds + rinds all over Halpaper! Ve were in our pyjamas so we didn't mind getting somewhat messy, More fun!! We're all tred + sleepy today! There is a ballgame tonight - (The last of the season) and marjore + I are planning to go, Must stop now, Love Kay,