

Introduction

Aline Martha Beeson was born November 8, 1924 in Atlanta Georgia to Virgil Augustus Beeson and Aline Ford Beeson. The family moved to San Francisco in the late 1920s and then to Los Angeles after 1930. Aline graduated from San Marino Hall School for Girls. In 1942, she lived at 1133 S. Westmoreland Avenue according to her mother's voter registration.

Dramatis Personae

Aline Ford Beeson (1893-1976)	Mother of Aline Martha Beeson. Referred to as Mother or M. She founded the Beeson Agency in 1936, an employment agency that specialized in providing temporary secretarial help for attorneys.
Virgil Augustus Beeson (1880-1949)	Father of Aline Martha Beeson. Referred to as Daddy throughout. He and Aline's mother were still married in 1942 but their relationship was distant.
Beverly Vee Beeson (1926-1974)	Younger sister of Aline Martha Beeson. Usually referred to as Bev.
Marjorie (nee Robertson) Andrews (1915-1997)	Older half-sister of Aline Martha Beeson. Referred to as Marj or Margie.
Edward Franklin Andrews. (1918-2003)	Husband of Marjorie Andrews. Was called Red due to his red hair and is referred to that way by Aline.
Eugenia A. Reid (Aug 1, 1924-June 26, 2006)	Best Friend of Aline Martha. Was called Genie and is referred to as Eugenie, Genie or G. Genie and Aline would be life-long friends.
Judith Laurel Andrews (b 1940)	Eldest daughter of Marjorie & "Red". Referred to as Judy.
Carol Elizabeth Andrews (1942-1970)	Daughter of Marjorie & "Red". Sometimes called "Pinky"
Janet Hamilton (1923-2009)	Friend of Aline Martha; they graduated together from San Marino Hall.

Sunday, January 11, 1942

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²⁸ Grandmother, Alice Octavia Lutes (October 10, 1861-May 4, 1942)

Tuesday, January 13, 1942

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²⁹ ??? Pfefferman, Aline's classmate at San Marino Hall School for Girls.

Saturday, January 17, 1942

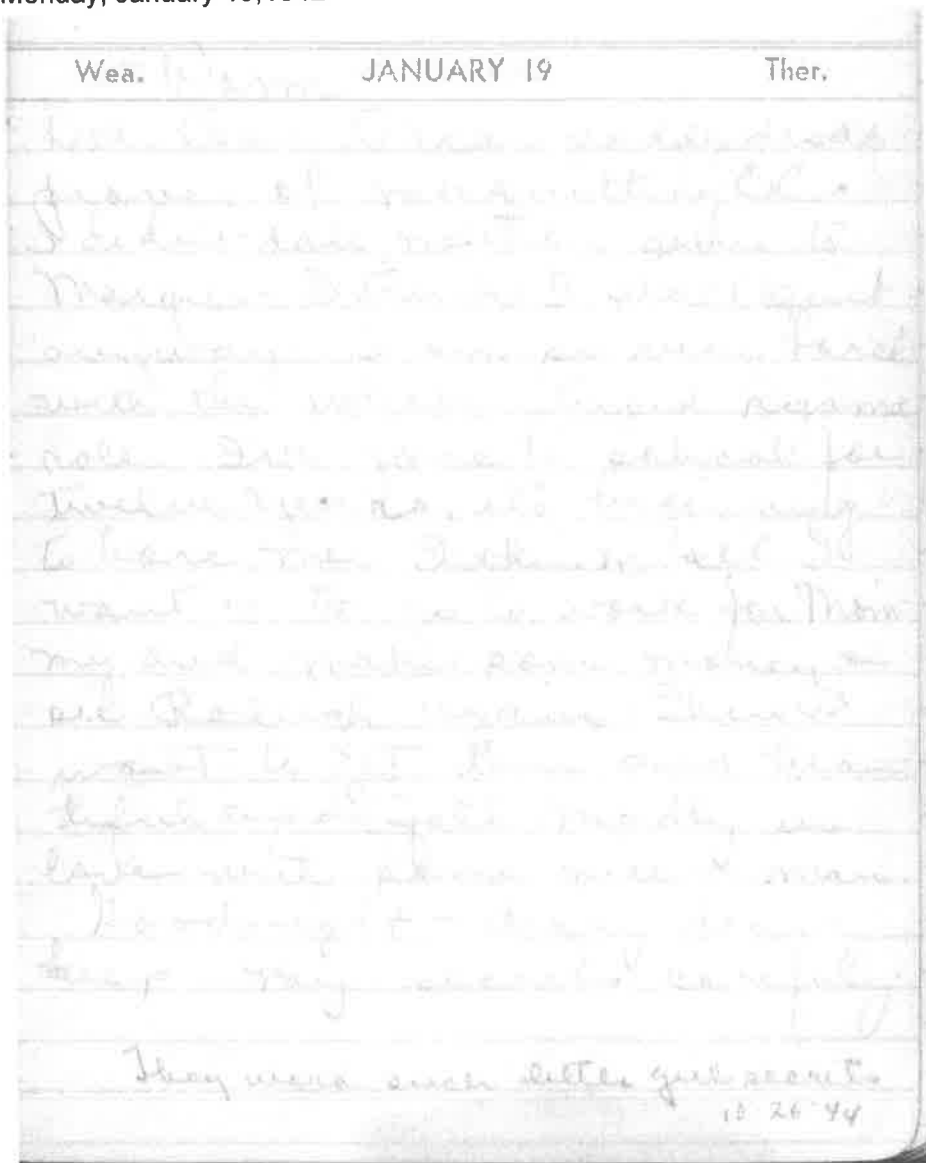
Wea. Misty JANUARY 17 Ther.
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³³ Red Riding Hood Stables near Culver City

Monday, January 19, 1942



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Dear Diary. Papa-daddy disapproves of my quitting CC. I didn't dare mention going to Margies. I think I shall quit anyway. I am so very bored with the whole stupid rigamarole. I've gone to school for twelve years, it's beginning to bore me. I think all I want is to go to work for Mommy and make some money & see Raleigh again. Then I want to get thin and beautiful and fall madly in love with some nice man. Goodnight diary dear keep my secrets carefully.

They were such little girl secrets 10-26-44

Saturday, January 31, 1942

Wes.	JANUARY 31	Ther.
<p>Went Horseback riding with Jan and Bev. Rode Tommy. He's a sweet animal. Then downtown and to N. Worthington's with Mommy. He said he saw a faint inkling of something in my story. Gave me a formula but I am not horribly interested. Went to U.S.O. dance with Bev. Met a couple of Drips and a " of nice guys. Saw someone who looked like Raleigh but wasn't. I sometimes hope I don't see him again. He's such a nice memory. God Bless him. G'night!</p>		

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⁵¹ Singapore was the major British base in Southeast Asia. It fell to the Japanese in the Battle of Singapore on February 15, 1942.

⁵² General of the Army Douglas MacArthur (26 January 1880 - 5 April 1964)

⁵³ Not clear what this reference means. The P-38s were probably flying around Los Angeles as they were produced in Burbank. The YP-38s were perhaps seen?

⁵⁴ Lockheed P-38 Lightning

Sunday, February 1, 1942

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Wea.	FEBRUARY 1	Ther.
<p>Sunday - Mommy, Daddy, G.M. and I went down to the beach and saw the coast guns and such. It was very exciting. Sorta helped convince me that there is actually a war going on. Home and a swell lamb roast then Eugenie and I went to the Boulevard to see <i>Unholy Partners</i> and the <i>Feminine Touch</i>. Both good. I wish I could see Raleigh or Ray. Either one will do or someone new? -</p>		

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⁵⁵ *Unholy Partners* is a 1941 film starring Edward G. Robinson, Laraine Day, Edward Arnold, and Marsha Hunt.

⁵⁶ *The Feminine Touch* is a 1941 film directed by W. S. Van Dyke

Saturday, February 7, 1942

Wea.	FEBRUARY 7	Ther.
<p>Nothing much doing. Eugenia came over about 6:00 and we fooled around for a couple of hours. Then we went to her house to spend the night. We clowned around for a while then went to bed. I kept hearing cats. She's a swell kid. I'd like to live closer to her.</p> <p>Went out and joined the A.W.V.S. American Women's Volunteer Services.</p>		

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Wea.	FEBRUARY 20	Ther.
<p>Friday. Ditched Playwriting and Riding so I could go downtown and get a new dress. Went to A.W.V.S. dance in Westwood - met an Indian who gave me a hound dog. Said I'd write but don't think I will. Saw Jane Withers, Pat O'Brien, Dean Jagger, Joe E. Brown, Cora Sue Collins, Shirley Ross and some others in person. Genie got to dance with Dean Jagger and Boy! was I jealous. Still am.</p>		

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⁷⁸ A cocktail drink with grapefruit juice and vodka or rum.

⁷⁹ Jane Withers (born April 12, 1926) is an American actress

⁸⁰ Pat O'Brien (November 11, 1899 – October 15, 1983) was an American film actor

⁸¹ Ira Dean Jagger (November 7, 1903 – February 5, 1991) was a film actor

⁸² Joe E. Brown (July 28, 1891 or 1892 – July 6, 1973) was an American actor and comedian

⁸³ Cora Sue Collins (born April 19, 1927) is an American actress.

⁸⁴ Shirley Ross (January 7, 1913 – March 9, 1975) was an American actress and singer.

Wednesday, February 25, 1942⁸⁹

Wea.	FEBRUARY 25	Ther.
School		

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⁸⁹ The Battle of Los Angeles, also known as The Great Los Angeles Air Raid, is the name given by contemporary sources to the rumored enemy attack and subsequent anti-aircraft artillery barrage which took place from late 24 February to early 25 February 1942 over Los Angeles, California. Aline doesn't mention this at all.

Monday, March 2, 1942

Wed.	MARCH 2	Ther.
<p>Went to U.S.O. Dance at Breakfast club in Griffith Park. I met some people and then 'Al'. Just like Raleigh I don't know his last name. He asked to come and see me and like the dumb drip I am, I practically refused. I hope I get to go to one of the dances there again. I told Al I'd try.</p> <p>I was so dumb.</p>		

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⁹⁵ The Los Angeles Breakfast Club, 3201 Riverside Drive

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¹⁰⁸ The Black-Foxe Military Institute was a private school (kindergarten through twelfth grade) on both sides of Wilcox Ave. in Hollywood, adjacent to the Wilshire Country Club to the west and south and the Los Angeles Tennis Club to the east.

Saturday, March 21, 1942

Wea.	MARCH 21	Ther.
<p>The A.W.V.S. thing came off but no soldiers came. After I sat around all morning (Sat I say!) making a cake, the A.W.V.S. members sat down and ate it. It was a darn fine cake. If Ray knew I could cook like that, huh? Should I tell him?</p> <p>A.W.V.S. dance in Westwood. The chief wasn't there but Lew was. He was the Chief's buddy, and he was drunker than - He wanted me to go sit in a doodlebug with him. Ha. I should! Then he walked off. I think Genie's Johnnie is a lot of fun. I'd like to vamp him I should, huh? ^{He was a goon!}</p>		

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¹¹² Ray Middleton

¹¹³ Lieutenant

¹¹⁴ Doodlebug tractor is the colloquial name for a home-made tractor made in the United States during World War II when production tractors were in short supply. The Doodlebug of the 1940s was usually based on a 1920s or 1930s era Ford automobile which was then modified either by the complete removal or alteration of some of the vehicle body.

¹¹⁵ verb (used with object) to use feminine charms upon; seduce.

Saturday, March 28, 1942

Wea.	MARCH 28	Ther.
<p>Dance at the American Legion Hall. First of all, this P.M. we went out to Dark Canyon with magazines Books and furniture for the Army. There are 200 of them out there now, more draftees coming in tomorrow. I met a darling soldier at the dance. His name was Junto Korky. He wasn't cute but nice. I hope I see him again. This afternoon, we picked up a couple of soldiers; this eve a pair of darling sailors Vernon and Johnnie. (Note - soldiers were Sammy and Ted, the ones 'hev' fell for later - both of them cute. There were 7 of us in the car and the boys made 9. fun.)</p> <p>And so it all began.</p>		

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¹²² May refer to area near Angeles Crest highway above La Cañada Flintridge, CA

Saturday, April 11, 1942

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Dance out at Camp - Genie didn't come. She went off & did mysterious things. I think it has something to do with the Middleton. ^{Later} - She says she met him by accident and he took her to see Bob Crosby because he made her drop her pie that she was going to feed the soldiers. Then he drove her home. Should I believe her? I wonder? Got her story a little mixed up, but --		

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¹³¹ George Robert "Bob" Crosby (August 23, 1913 – March 9, 1993) was an American Swing music singer and Dixieland bandleader and vocalist, best known for his group the Bob-Cats. He was a younger brother of Bing Crosby.

Saturday, April 18, 1942¹³⁵

God - I was young 3/26/43
Wea. APRIL 18 Ther.
Dance at Camp: Such simple words and so much has happened. I've done it again, only this time it's different. I get the strangest feeling when I'm near him. I'm a bit confused about his name but I call him Bobbie. He was a boxer before he was drafted. I can't put my feelings into writing. I met him about nine thirty, and he kept saying that he wasn't having a good time. But he stuck around (and when George kept cutting in, I cut him) (He wanted me to kiss him G'nite. I said no. See him tomorrow)

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¹³⁵ On April 18, 1942, US Bombers attacked Tokyo. This was certainly the biggest War news of the day, but Aline makes no reference to it.

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Nuts - Our hearts were young
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I half expected him not to come but he did. We went over to the Ranch for a drink and a guy named Freddie came with us. I got a Rt. Beer and they got some soda and poured about $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of whiskey into it. We went back to the 'rec' hall and sat around for a few hours (we got there about 4:30) then we sat around for a few hours later. He asked me to kiss him, again but I said no. He said maybe I'd never see him again and I said I'd be sorry. After I got home I was. By the way, his real name is Cliff something. He fought under the name Bobbie Brennan. Cute, eh? He's got a 41 Chevie convertible coupe to add to everything else. He said he'd call me. I hope so -- but

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Thursday, April 23, 1942

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(Date always the question)
 April 24 MEMORANDA continued
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 car with us (x Freddie) We were
 still sitting there when the party
 broke up. He said he'd call
 tomorrow! He'd better. After
 all if I'm going to marry him
 someday (he said so 3 or 4 times,
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 Memo!
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 probably the last time I'll see him for ages if [marginal note: that's always the question] I do see
 him again. I couldn't let him go. We sat there for a while, and then went back for a cup of coffee.
 We went inside and danced a little bit, then got mother to sit in the car with us (x Freddie) We
 were still sitting there when the party broke up. He said he'd call tomorrow! He'd better. After all
 if I'm going to marry him someday (he said so 3 or 4 times) I have to know him better.

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Saturday, April 25, 1942

Wea. APRIL 25 Ther.

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Garrison, Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The facility is an amalgamation of the United States Army Fort Lewis and the United States Air Force McChord Air Force Base which merged on 1 February 2010 into a Joint Base as a result of Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations of 2005.

Sunday, May 10, 1942

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Wea. Sun. MAY 10 Ther.

Mother's day - went to Margie's. - Went out with Fred, Matthews, and Genie. Somehow I got paired off with Fred. We went down to Venice, and Fred and I rode in the turtleback of the car with the top almost down. Some fun. & then about 12 we took Genie home. They drove over to my house, and Matthews fell asleep. Here's where the blows fell. To all appearances, Fred likes me a bit too much. I'm sorry as the dickens ^{on} Genie's account. She really likes him. I'm a fine one. I sat there in the car for an hour or so and Fred kissed me. I should have gone in after the first time, but I didn't want to. I wonder where my morals have gone. I go around kissing all these soldiers. I don't want Fred to fall for me because I don't think I could feel really seriously for him. But!

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Tuesday, September 15, 1942

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¹⁵¹ 635th Tank Destroyer Battalion of the US 35th Infantry, a National Guard unit from Kansas and Missouri. It stayed in California until 1943. Assigned to Fort Ord near Monterey, it camped near Griffith Park in Los Angeles in 1942. Its duty was to guard against Japanese attacks, which for the most part never came.

Wednesday, June 10, 1942

Weds. Weds. JUNE 10 Ther.
School - Then I went over to that studio but didn't see anyone (Bob) I knew. I was late. Then Mother, Bev, Marion McMillan (& me) went over to Marion's Cody's for dinner. Afterwards I worked at the Police Station. Found out that Bob De Lano is married. Wonder where his wife is. Boy from this diary you'd think I never thought about any thing but men. Well? I'll get over it. I guess I'm pretty silly but then you're only young once. Bev is sorta nuts. She's going to be adult before she enjoys her youth. I got a letter from Bob Herring. The War is going well. We sank "half" the Jap fleet off the Aleutians. We've been on an alert for the last few days.

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¹⁸⁰ This refers to the Battle of Midway, (June 4-7, 1942) a decisive victory by the U.S in which four Japanese aircraft carriers were sunk. It actually took place far to the south of the Aleutian Islands, although there was a diversionary attack on the Aleutians. It is not surprising that the news was inaccurately reported.

Monday, June 22, 1942

Wea.	JUNE 22	Ther.
Didn't go to school. This is last week anyway. Ironed things to take to Flagstaff. Can hardly wait till I get there. I love Arizona. Went to see Joe Smith American and we were dancing. Love - foey (?)! It's a racket.		
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¹⁹¹ *Joe Smith, American* is a 1942 drama film.

¹⁹² *We Were Dancing* is a 1942 film based upon the play of the same name by Noël Peirce Coward.

¹⁹³ On the evening of 21 June 1942, *Japanese Submarine I-25* followed a fleet of fishing vessels to avoid minefields near the mouth of the Columbia River, in Oregon. I-25 fired seventeen 14-cm (5.5-inch) shells at Battery Russell, a small coastal army installation within Fort Stevens

¹⁹⁴ In the evening of 20 June 1942, while patrolling two miles off the coast of British Columbia, *Japanese submarine I-26* surfaced and shelled the lighthouse and radio-direction-finding (RDF) installation at Estevan Point.

Thursday, July 9, 1942

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Wes.	JULY 9	Ther.
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²¹³ *Rio Rita* is a 1942 comedy film starring Abbott and Costello.

²¹⁴ *The Wife Takes a Flyer* is a 1942 romantic comedy film.

²¹⁵ AWS: Aircraft Warning Service

Friday, August 14, 1942

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²⁴⁹ The USS Lexington (CV-2) sank on May 8, 1942 in the Battle of the Coral Sea. Some 216 crewmen were killed and 2,735 were evacuated.

²⁵⁰ The Paris Inn was a Los Angeles restaurant featuring singing waiters located on Broadway near Chinatown.

Saturday, August 29, 1942

Wea.	AUGUST 29	Ther.
Up at four to go on observation Came home about 10 and collapsed. Slept till 4 then did nothing till bedtime. (Sunday next (30th) Jim said he phoned me. But so did mother & Genie and I was too dead to the world to hear it. I think maybe he did call. I know Bobby didn't when he said he did.		

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Tuesday, October 27, 1942

Wea.	OCTOBER 27	Ther.
<p>Tues - Work on new schedule 9:30 to 5:30. I'm doing messenger work from 4:30 to 5:30 - Meeting of Communications Corps and afterwards we all went to see "Hey Rookie!" One scene in the barracks gave me the oddest feeling - maybe Bobby reads my letters like that. Oh, Dear! Uniforms uniforms ditto. I'm getting service nervous as Genie says. G'night.</p> <p>P.S. Sent the cookies to B.B. oh oh oh - should I have? Oh!</p>		

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³⁰⁷ "Hey Rookie" was a show produced and performed by members of the Fort MacArthur Garrison in San Pedro. The show was developed during the early years of World War II and was performed for men stationed at the remote gun batteries of the Harbor Defenses of Los Angeles in order to increase morale.

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Monday, December 7, 1942

Wea.	DECEMBER 7	Ther.
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MEMORANDA

What Next?
Who knows
I do!
8-9-45

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I do 8-9-45

June 17 - got a letter from Bob.

June ?? got a letter from Bobby.

June 20 - got a letter from Bobby.

August 7 - got a letter from Bob. August 27 - Met Jim Mc Calla

August 30 - Went out with Jim.

Sept 6 - Jim came over - and left. His ship sails Tues.

Sept 7 - post card from Fred.

Sept 10 - letter from Bobby.

Sept 21 - letter from Bobby.

Oct 5 - Letter from Bobby.

Oct 16 - Letter from Bobby

Oct 26 - Letter from Bobby

Nov 13 - Letter from Bobby

Dec 23 - Met Fred Murtaugh

Dec 24 Went out with Fred.

Dec 25 Bobby called me.

Dec 31 Bobby called me.