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Heavy figures denote English Bank Holidays

POSTAL INFORMATION

It was decided, when this Edition was going to press, to omit postal rates. Owing to the war situation it was impossible to predict the changes that were almost certain to be made, and the insertion of the rates then in force might have been misleading. But up-to-date information on Post Office Services (Postal and Telegraph) may be obtained on application at any Post Office.

Bank Holidays in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Eire

S. Patrick, March 17th (*N. Ireland and Eire*); Good Friday, April 7th; Easter Monday, April 10th; Whit Monday, May 29th; Wednesday, July 12th (*N. Ireland*); Monday, August 7th; Christmas Day, December 26th; Boxing Day, December 26th.

Bank Holidays in Scotland

New Year's Day, January 1st; Good Friday, April 7th; Monday, May 1st; Monday, August 7th; Christmas Day, December 26th.

Septuagesima Sunday, February 6th; Ash Wednesday, February 23rd; Good Friday, April 7th; Easter Day, April 9th; Ascension Day, May 15th; Whit Sunday, May 28th; Trinity Sunday, June 4th; Advent Sunday, December 26th.

English Quarter Days

Lady Day, March 25th. Michaelmas Day, September 29th. Midsummer Day, June 24th. Christmas Day, December 25th.

Scottish Quarter Days or Terms

Candlemas, February 2nd. Lammas, August 1st. Whitsunday, May 15th. Martinmas, November 11th.

The Removal Terms in Scottish Burghs are May 25th and November 25th.

MOON'S PHASES, 1944

Month	Day	Phase	Time
JANUARY	3	First Quarter	8, 4 p.m.
	10	Full Moon	10, 9 a.m.
	18	Last Quarter	3, 33 p.m.
	25	New Moon	3, 34 p.m.
FEBRUARY	1	First Quarter	7, 8 a.m.
	9	Full Moon	5, 20 a.m.
	17	Last Quarter	7, 42 a.m.
	24	New Moon	1, 50 a.m.
MARCH	1	First Quarter	8, 40 p.m.
	10	Full Moon	12, 28 a.m.
	17	Last Quarter	8, 5 p.m.
	24	New Moon	11, 56 a.m.
APRIL	1	First Quarter	12, 34 p.m.
	8	Full Moon	5, 23 p.m.
	16	Last Quarter	5, 50 a.m.
	22	New Moon	9, 42 p.m.
MAY	1	First Quarter	7, 6 a.m.
	8	Full Moon	8, 28 a.m.
	15	Last Quarter	12, 12 p.m.
	22	New Moon	7, 12 a.m.
JUNE	1	First Quarter	1, 6 a.m.
	6	Full Moon	7, 58 p.m.
	13	Last Quarter	4, 56 p.m.
	20	New Moon	6, 0 p.m.
JULY	1	First Quarter	6, 37 p.m.
	6	Full Moon	5, 27 a.m.
	12	Last Quarter	9, 20 p.m.
	20	New Moon	5, 42 a.m.
AUGUST	1	First Quarter	10, 33 a.m.
	4	Full Moon	1, 39 p.m.
	11	Last Quarter	3, 52 a.m.
	18	New Moon	9, 23 p.m.
SEPTEMBER	1	First Quarter	12, 30 a.m.
	2	Full Moon	9, 21 p.m.
	9	Last Quarter	1, 3 p.m.
	17	New Moon	1, 57 p.m.
OCTOBER	1	First Quarter	1, 7 p.m.
	2	Full Moon	5, 23 a.m.
	9	Last Quarter	1, 12 a.m.
	17	New Moon	5, 55 a.m.
NOVEMBER	1	First Quarter	10, 48 p.m.
	31	Full Moon	1, 35 p.m.
	7	Last Quarter	5, 28 p.m.
	15	New Moon	10, 29 p.m.
DECEMBER	3	First Quarter	7, 53 a.m.
	23	Full Moon	12, 32 a.m.
	7	Last Quarter	2, 27 p.m.
	15	New Moon	2, 34 p.m.
23	First Quarter	3, 54 p.m.	
29	Full Moon	5, 39 p.m.	

CHURCH FESTIVALS, 1944

Circumcision	Jan. 1	Ascension Day—Holy	
Epiphany	Jan. 6	Thursday	May 18
S. Hilary	Jan. 13	Sunday after Ascension	May 21
Conversion of S. Paul	Jan. 25	White Sunday	May 28
Purification	Feb. 2	Trinity Sunday	June 4
Septuagesima Sunday	Feb. 6	Corpus Christi	June 5
Sextagesima Sunday	Feb. 13	S. Barnabas	June 11
Quinquagesima—Shrove		S. John Baptist	June 24
Sunday	Feb. 20	S. Peter	June 29
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 23	S. Mary Magdalene	July 22
S. Matthias	Feb. 24	S. James	July 25
Quadragesima—First		Transfiguration	Aug. 6
Sunday in Lent	Feb. 27	S. Bartholomew	Aug. 24
S. David	Mar. 1	S. Matthew	Sept. 21
S. Patrick	Mar. 17	S. Michael—Michaelmas	
Annunciation—Lady Day	Mar. 25	Day	Sept. 29
Faith Sunday	Mar. 28	S. Luke	Oct. 18
Palm Sunday	Apr. 2	SS. Simon and Jude	Oct. 28
Maundy Thursday	Apr. 6	All Saints'	Nov. 1
Good Friday	Apr. 7	S. Andrew	Nov. 30
Easter Day	Apr. 9	First Sunday in Advent	Dec. 2
Low Sunday	Apr. 16	S. Thomas	Dec. 21
S. George	Apr. 23	Christmas Day	
S. Mark	Apr. 30	(Monday)	Dec. 26
SS. Philip and James	May 1	S. Stephen	Dec. 26
Rogation Sunday	May 14	S. John, Evan	Dec. 27
		Holy Innocents'	Dec. 28

COMMON NOTES, 1944

Golden Number	7	Independence Day	
Egact	5	(U.S.A.)	July 4
Solar Cycle (Year of)	21	S. Swifthin's Day	Aug. 15
Domical Letters	BA	Lanmas Day	Aug. 1
Roman Indiction		Queen Elizabeth born	
(Year of)	19	(1900)	Aug. 4
Julian Period (Year of)	6667	Jewish New Year	
S. Valentine's Day	Feb. 14	(a.m. 5795)	Sept. 18
Summer Time begins	April 16	Summer Time ends	Oct. 8
Primrose Day	May 19	Marikmas	Nov. 11
Empire Day	May 24	King's Accession (1900)	Dec. 11
Queen Mary born (1907)	May 26	King George VI born	
Dominion Day (Canada)	July 1	(1900)	Dec. 14
		Mohammedan New Year	
		(A.H. 1364)	Dec. 17

OCTOBER 1944

Thursday

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Friday

1943

8 I left London this P.M. at 5:06. It was a slow trip. Had quite an air raid in London last night. It was the worst they have had in a long time. Our ships went out on a mission - none ~~missing~~ missing.

OCTOBER 1944

Saturday

9 Got my flying pay this morning. Our planes ~~went~~ went on a raid at 8:15 A.M. It was a year ago when we first went on a mission. All our reserve gunners are off Combat now. I'm going to work in Armament instead of engineering.

18th after Trinity

Summer Time ends (British Isles)

Sunday

10 Our planes went out on another mission at noon today. I didn't do nothing today. Wrote a letter to my honey.

OCTOBER 1944

Monday (

11 ~~9~~ Didn't do anything to-day.
I turned in most of my
flying equipment. Went to
the post theater and saw
the picture, "Valley of the Sun";

Tuesday

12 ~~10~~ I turned in the rest
of my flying equipment.
This after-noon I helped
clean the guns in one of
the tail turrets. I'm assigned
to ship no. 104.

OCTOBER 1944

Wednesday

We, in armament house, ~~13~~
had much to do to-day. I
received a letter from Helen
and I answered it to-night.
All Combat Crews are alerted
for to-morrow.

Thursday

12 ~~14~~
I went on sick call this
morning cause I wanted to
have a filling replaced that
is coming out of one of my
front teeth. I got my ration
this morning. Helped unload
bombs this evening.

OCTOBER 1944

Friday

15 ~~13~~

Was put on a detail this morning spreading dirt in the area around our barracks. I didn't receive any mail to-day. Wrote a letter to George Offord.

Saturday

16 ~~14~~

Our planes went on a diversion this morning. I am still on that dirt spreading detail. Had one of my front teeth filling replaced.

OCTOBER 1944

19th after Trinity

Sunday

16 ~~17~~

I slept this morning quite late. It has been raining out, most all day. I wrote a couple of letters.

Monday

16 ~~18~~

Went back to work on the detail. We have been taking our time on it. Went in to town late this after-noon and took Majorie the nurse out to a show. (Mr. Lucky)

OCTOBER 1944

Tuesday •

19

Worked in the Armament shop helping to assemble 2 .50 Cal. guns together to place in the nose of our ship. Went to town again and took Marjorie to the show and saw, "Crash Dive".

Wednesday

S. Luha

18 20

Well, we moved over to another airbase, near "Buengay". We are to stay here for about a week. We loaded bombs on all the ships. Worked until about 1:30 A.M.

OCTOBER 1944

Thursday

21 19

Slept until about 10:30 A.M. and went out and unloaded one ship because it got stuck in the mud. Saw a show at the post theatre. Went out and unloaded bombs and replaced them with 100 lb. practice ~~to~~ file.

Friday

20

We have all been ~~all~~ loading and unloading bombs all day.

I received 3 letters from my honey (Helen). I also answered them with longest letter I've ever written. I really love her, but haven't the nerve to tell her.

OCTOBER 1944

Saturday

21²³

To-day we didn't have to load bombs. There was a pretty bad air raid near here to-night. The crash warning was even sounded. We could hear the bombs and guns going off.

Sunday

20th after Trinity

22²⁴

Got up rather late this morning. We had ice-cream with Chow this noon. We all went to a G.I. Camp show this evening. It was very good. We were all also alerted to load bombs to-night.

OCTOBER 1944

Monday

Well, we didn't have 23²⁵ to get up last night to load bombs. Got word this noon that we are moving back to Hardwick at 3:30 P.M. We all arrived at about 4:30 P.M.

Tuesday

Worked on the ship 24²⁶ "WHAM BAM". The tail turret Plexiglass was broken so we replaced it. I went into tower, on the liberty run, for the first time in quite a while. Received Xmas gifts from my honey and Hornepad.

OCTOBER 1944

Wednesday

25²⁷

Did some work on our ship's guns. I went to town again to night and saw a picture at the Hay Market Theatre. Stayed at the Red Cross.

Thursday

26²⁸

Came back to camp on the workmen's bus. Had a very little to do out in the Ammunition shop. We checked the bomb racks on my ship * 104.

OCTOBER 1944

Friday

27²⁹

This afternoon I went to the dentist to have 2 of my teeth filled. Went to see the show, "Five Graves to Cairo," at the post theatre. It was very good.

SS. Simon and Jude

Saturday

28³⁰

We had to get ^{up} at 1: A.M. to load bombs. Worked up until 8: A.M. loading them by hand, 5 hundred pounds to. The mission was called off after they took-off. We un-loaded the bombs this evening.

FIRST NOTICE.—The 1945 edition of this diary is now ready, so kindly place your order

OCTOBER 1944

Sunday

21st after Trinity

31 **29** I got up just in time to get paid this morning. And what a payday this was: £3:19s: 9d. There are all kinds of card games going on in all barracks. There is a U.S.O. stage show at our gym but I don't feel like going over to see it.

Monday

1 **30** I was quite busy this morning. Made some hooks with bungee rubber cord to hold up the machine guns and put a pin in the rear turret to keep it in one position when not in use.

OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 1944

O Tuesday

31 **31** Been quite messy out to-day. Didn't receive any mail for the 3rd day. I've packed most of my stuff ready to go on pass to London to-morrow at noon.

All Saints'

NOV. Wednesday

Had to get up at 1:00 A.M. **£ 3** to load bombs. Worked until 6:00 A.M. and slept til 8: A.M. Came to London on the 2:15 train. I went to the dance at the "Red Lion". There was an air raid alert and the sirens were sounded.

NOVEMBER 1944

Thursday

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Found out in this morning that the raid our boys went on was the largest ever (over 1,000 planes: bombers). They bombed the hell out of W. I saw the picture, "Gentlemen Jim": Gee, I'm dog tired.

Friday

3 $\frac{5}{11}$ I shaved and had a shower at the Hans Crescent Red Cross. I put a down payment on a braicet for Helen. Had lunch at the "Veinma Brasserie" at Tottenham Court Road Corner. Left London on the 3:40 train.

NOVEMBER 1944

Saturday

The boys loaded up 4 $\frac{6}{7}$ the planes with bombs last night so we slept this morning. It rained quite a lot this morning. We may have to get up to-night to change the bombs for a different type. I wrote out a lot of Xmas Cards.

22nd after Trinity

Sunday

I got up just in time 5 $\frac{7}{7}$ to go to church. The water has been turned off on this field for the past few days & I need a shave bad. We are ~~about~~ alerted to load bombs to-night. It's cold as hell out.

NOVEMBER 1944

Monday

6⁸ Well, we did have to get up at 11: to load 300 pounders. Worked until 2:00. I went to Norwich this evening and saw the picture "Here to Hold." It was pretty good. I haven't heard from Helen in about 2 weeks now.

Tuesday

7⁹ Been busy cleaning two new 35's. I washed some clothes in gasoline, this afternoon. We are alerted to load bombs again. I received a letter from Helen and I answered same.

NOVEMBER 1944

Wednesday

8¹⁰ Moved into another barrack this morning. This afternoon I received 2 letters from Helen and one from my brother Charles. He is now in advanced training and will soon receive his wings. I answered Helen's letter. We are alerted to go out and load bombs to-night.

Thursday

We didn't load bombs 9¹¹ last night. All crews got up early this morning for a practice flight. I received a money order from my sister, and a package from Nini. We are again alerted to load bombs.

NOVEMBER 1944

Friday

12 ~~10~~ I recieved a gift from
Phyllis, to-day. The weather
has been very cold. We
went out and loaded
500 lbs. "incendiary" bombs
to-night on 6 ships from
our Squadron (330th).

Saturday Armistice Day

13 ~~11~~ The planes went out
on a mission to Brennem.
We lost *Dusty* "Utah Man" and
its crew. It was a very rough
mission, cold as hell. P-47
and P-38 landed on our field
after the raid.

SECOND NOTICE.—If you have omitted to order
your new Diary for 1945 it would be well to
do so NOW to prevent disappointment

NOVEMBER 1944

23rd after Trinity

Sunday

This morning all the 12 ¹⁴
mud puddles were frozen over.
It's been very cold out and
this P.M. it rained. I
went and saw "North of the
Klondykes". It wasn't so hot.

Monday

It has been quite 13 ¹⁵
cold out to-day. I went
to town and saw the
picture "Dixie", at the
Carlton Theatre. While I
was in town the boys
loaded bombs.

NOVEMBER 1944

Tuesday

16 ¹⁴

The boys went on a long mission this morning to Norway. They all returned at about 3:30 P.M. Captain Emmons finished his tour of "ops" to-day. Gen. "Ted" Timberlake, flew as Co. pilot in the ship "The Duchess".

Wednesday •

17 ¹⁵

It has been quite nasty out all day. We went out and loaded bombs at about 10: P.M. They were 500 pounders. This evening I wrote a letter to Helen.

NOVEMBER 1944

Thursday

16 ¹⁸

The planes went out early this morning and came back (all of them) this P.M. The mission was very good. I wrote a letter to my sister. Went to the post theatre and saw the show, "Bomberdier".

Friday

17 ¹⁹

We didn't have so very much to do, to-day. I went to the post theatre and saw the show, "Above Suspicion". From there we went down to the "beer joint" and had a few. Been a long time since I had any to drink.

NOVEMBER 1944

Saturday

12-20¹⁸ We have been changing the ammunition in some of our ships. Gosh I haven't received any mail in a week (almost). I wrote a letter to my brother Chas. he gets his wings this month.

Sunday

24th after Trinity

21-19 To day I've been on a detail to clean-up around our area because we are expecting a Gen. to-morrow. I saw the picture "Six Town," at our post theatre.

NOVEMBER 1944

Monday

I was on room order ~~20-19~~ this morning. The General did not show up. The weather has been awful all day. Haven't received any mail in a long time.

Tuesday

Boy! didn't I sleep ~~21-28~~ to-day. We had to get up and load bombs at 1: A.M. and I worked until 7:30 A.M. I sure was some tired. The mission was "scrubbed". Went to bed and stayed there till supper time.

NOVEMBER 1944

Wednesday

22 Went out and loaded bombs. The weather is cold and wet. I got pretty well soaked through. I'll probably get a good cold out of it.

Thursday

23 They didn't go on any mission this morning. The weather was wet. Got up for dinner we had turkey. I was in on the turkey raffle at the R.C. and was one of the ten to win it. It was already cooked too.

NOVEMBER 1944

Friday

Boy, what a sore throat 24²⁶
I have now. Our planes went out on a mission this morning and all of them returned OK. Went to the Red Cross Aero Club and spent the evening there. Got a V mail from Nini.

Saturday

25²⁷
I still have a bad cold. Been quite busy on the ship that I'm assigned to, 'BIG NOISE'. Have been installing "flame hiders" on the guns. They are supposed to increase the rate of fire by 100 rounds per min. Received a letter from George.

NOVEMBER 1944

Sunday

Sunday next before Advent

28²⁶

Been busy this morning working on the tail turret floor hiders. This P.M. I moved into a different barracks. I went into Norwich and had a couple of shots of whiskey.

Monday

29²⁷

Been cold out all day. Couldn't do much to our ship because it has been flying. We loaded bombs late to night. Hope they complete their mission in the morning.

NOVEMBER 1944

Tuesday

Our planes came back **28³⁰** from the mission but they didn't complete it. It was a turn-back. Been very cold out to-day with occasional rain. They are expected to go out again to-morrow.

Wednesday

The planes went out **29!** on the mission that they didn't complete yesterday. All came back. Johnny Clements got a fighter from the waist gunners position. One of the planes nose wheel collapsed as it came in for a landing. No one hurt.

NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 1944

Thursday ○

S. Andrew

12
11
2 30 Been out in the arm. shop all morning. This P.M. I went to a "V.D." lecture by Maj. Payne. Received a writing folder from "Am. Legion of Aux." Wrote two letters to-night.

Friday DEC.

3
11 I received a letter from Jogy this morning. Been quite busy on my plane's guns. We are pretty well caught-up on our work. We are slated to load bombs to-night. I'm restricted to the post for a week and have to sign in at the C. Q. at 8. 79.

DECEMBER 1944

Saturday

Didn't have very much 2 4 to do to-day. Mailed the bracelet to Helen. We expected to go out and load bombs to-night. Harry and I went over to the ablation and took a shower. The water wasn't very hot.

1st in Advent

Sunday

Yes, we did have to 3 5 get up and load bombs. I was asleep when they came and got us out at 11:30 P.M. We loaded 500 pounds till about 5:00 A.M. They didn't drop their bombs on ^{to-day} raid.

IMPORTANT
THIRD NOTICE.—If you wish to secure your "Walker" for 1945, order from your Stationer at once, otherwise you may be disappointed

DECEMBER 1944

Monday

6 **4** Had to unload the bombs from ~~out~~ our ships. We modified the firing solenoid on my ship. Received a gift from mom. Two years ago to-night I was in Bilopie, Miss. with William Fish on a "bender". That was the last time I had civilian clothes on.

Tuesday

7 **5** Had to replace the Plexiglass on the rear turret on "WHAM-BAM" again. I received a ~~some~~ parcel from my sister Marge and a letter to-day. We moved our armament ship into another building. Our Sgt. had a dance at the post theatre.

DECEMBER 1944

Wednesday

Nothing much happened **68** to-day. Every thing around here are kind of dull. Don't know what to do with my self.

Thursday

I went to the show at **79** our post theatre with some of the boys and saw the Andrew Sisters in a musical. Gee, I hope we don't have to get up and work to-night. Harry and I expect to go on pass for London tomorrow.

DECEMBER 1944

Friday

10 ~~8~~ We went out to the shop until 10:00 and then came in and got ready to go on pass. Harry & I got the 2:10 P.M. train out of Norwich for London. We went to the "Paramount Dance Hall". We are staying at the "Harley House".

Saturday

11 ~~9~~ Harry and I went to the Hans Crescent Club and had a slower this morning. This afternoon I took Lily Wood to the picture "Girl Crazy". It was very good. Had a few drinks in the evening.

DECEMBER 1944

and in Advent

Sunday

I stayed in bed till 10:15 about 11:30 A.M. Had lunch at the "Rain bow Corner". I left London on the 2:20 train and didn't arrive in Norwich until 8:00 P.M. and had to stand up all the way tad. Came back to camp and the boys were loading bombs.

Monday

12 ~~10~~ Got up early (5:AM) to 11:15 see the planes off. They bombed Kiel with pretty good results although it was quite cloudy. We didn't lose none. Loaded bombs to night

DECEMBER 1944

Tuesday

¹⁴ ~~12~~ Our planes went out on a mission again and bombed BREMEN. We didn't any planes. Didn't receive no mail to-day so I wrote some instead. Sent Helen one.

Wednesday

¹⁵ ~~13~~ I got a new rifle today. Been quite busy putting a new rubber weather stripping on the top turret of "Lonesome Polecat." We loaded bombs to-night again.

DECEMBER 1944

Thursday

Didn't get up until late ~~13~~ ¹⁶ to-day cause we worked quite late last night. The boys bombed BREMEN again with no losses. Good for them. Received a letter from Helen and answered it and wrote one to Ninfi too.

● Friday

¹⁵ ~~17~~ Been quite busy on my ship to-day. The weather out ain't so hot. I burned up all my letters except Helen's.

DECEMBER 1944

Saturday

18¹⁶ Didn't have so very much to do to-day so I came back to my barracks this after-noon and got some shut-eye. Saw the picture "HIT PARADE '43". I wrote a letter to Helen. Gee I feel awful lonely for her.

Sunday

3rd in Advent

18¹⁷ We all slept late to-day. I went down and shaved soon after getting up and then I went to "show". I was put on guard this P.M. but don't go on duty until to-morrow. The boys went out and loaded bombs this evening.

DECEMBER 1944

Monday

Well I didn't go on guard 18¹⁸ after all. I went out and helped load bombs till 3:00 A.M. The planes bombed "BREMEN" again and sure made a good job of it too. "Doity Boid" made a crash landing at another field and was a "wash-out". "WHAM-BAM" landed at another field too. It had one brake, but didn't crack-up.

Tuesday

18¹⁹ Didn't do so much to-day. Cleaned out the empty shells out of my plane. Also loaded some practice bombs on 5 of our ships. Chopped some wood for our stove in our barracks this after-noon. Haven't gotten any mail in the past few days.

DECEMBER 1944

Wednesday

Ember Day

20 We had to get up and go load up our planes at about 12 midnight till about 4. Loaded 500 pounders on only 5 of our planes. They all returned late this P.M. still with their bomb load. I received a V-mail from Wiffi, to-day.

Thursday

S. Thomas

21 Had to go out and un-load my plane (Lonesome Solcat) so that it could fly at 9:30 AM. We had a meeting at the shops with Capt. Porter, our C.O. Harry, Revak and I went to see our C.O. about getting on Combat. We may get a chance yet. I wrote Helen a letter, to-mite.

DECEMBER 1944

Ember Day

Friday

We had to get up **22** at about 11:30 or 12:00 to go out and load up our planes with bombs. They went out and bombed the rocket gun installations across the Channel. Again, for the third year in a row, I didn't go to church on Xmas eve. I'm really really sorry, but I'll make up for it—

Ember Day

Saturday

Christmas day and not a **23** thing to do. Had turkey for dinner. Went down to our beer garden this evening and had a few. Got a sleeve-less sweater from the Red Cross. Wrote a letter to Helen this evening.

DECEMBER 1944

Sunday

4th in Advent

²⁶~~24~~ Stayed in bed all morning. We all took the day off because there was no operations of any kind. Felt very lonely and blue so I went to our beer garden to draw some away but no soap, they run out of beer too darn early.

Monday Christmas Day

²⁷~~25~~ Worked on the guns & turrets in my plane, same as usual. Loaded up the nose guns with "emo". We went out to the shop late this evening, to load up with bombs but it was "scrubbed" before loaded any.

DECEMBER 1944

S. Stephen

Bosing Day Tuesday

Had some safetying to ~~26~~²⁸ do on my tail-turret. That was about all. I recieved 10 letters and cards to day. I only answered Helen's. We are not abletted to mite.

S. John, Evan.

Wednesday

²⁷~~27~~²⁹ This has been a slow day for us. Had to go out and load bombs on 9 of our planes (with oil bombs). Worked quite late through the night.

DECEMBER 1944

Thursday

Holy Innocents

30 **28** The boys went on a mission to-day. They all come back. The target was "WILHELMSHAVEN". Eight of our planes went over the target. Had to work again to-mite loading bombs again. The same bomb load, on only 7 planes.

Friday ○

31 **29** Got paid this afternoon. Six of our planes went on the mission to-day. It was a 9½ hr. flight. They all come back.

This is one night that I sure wish I was good and drunk but --- no soap.

DECEMBER 1944

~~Saturday~~~~30~~

1st after Christmas

Sunday

31

ENGLISH LAW SITTINGS, 1944

HILARY begin January 11th, end April 5th.
EASTER begin April 18th, end May 26th.
TRINITY begin June 6th, end July 31st.
MICHAELMAS begin October 12th, end December 21st.

SEASONS (Astronomical), 1944

SPRING EQUINOX—March 20th, 6 p.m.
SUMMER SOLSTICE—June 21st, 2 p.m.
AUTUMNAL EQUINOX—September 23rd, 5 a.m.
WINTER SOLSTICE—December 21st, 11 p.m.

ECLIPSES, 1944

In the year 1944 there will be two Eclipses, both of the Sun.

1. A Total Eclipse of the Sun, January 25th, partly visible as a Partial Eclipse in Great Britain.
2. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, July 20th, invisible in Great Britain.

UNIVERSITY TERMS, 1944

OXFORD FULL TERMS

HILARY—January 16th to March 11th.
TRINITY—April 23rd to June 17th.
MICHAELMAS—October 15th to December 9th.

CAMBRIDGE FULL TERMS

LENT—January 11th to March 11th.
EASTER—April 18th to June 9th.
MICHAELMAS—October 10th to December 8th.

^a Provisional.

Seasons and Eclipses from the Nautical Almanac by permission of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office.

JANUARY 1944

Circumcision.

Bank Holiday in Scotland Saturday

After checking over my **1**
plane I washed some O.D. clothes
trousers, shirt and caps in gasoline.
We had turkey for dinner. I
received a letter from my kid
brother Charles, he's a 2nd Lt.
I won 7 pounds playing poker
to-night.

2nd after Christmas

Sunday

To-day being Sunday we **2**
didn't get up till late. I
didn't even go out to the
line. I pressed most of
my clothes this after-noon.

JANUARY 1944

Monday

3 Didn't have anything to do on my plane so Harry and I got an after noon pass and went to Norwich. It rained most all day and evening. When we came back the boys were out loading bombs.

Tuesday

4 Got up early to go out and see the ships off. Bom gunners are sure some stupid. Certainly kept me busy before they were able to take off. The target was "KIEL". All planes returned.

JANUARY 1944

Wednesday

Had to go out and load **5** bombs again. They were 500 lb. Clusters (inc.) The target was "KIEL" again, and all planes returned. I haven't received any mail in a long time.

Epiphany

Thursday

We went out again last **6** night to load bombs. The load was 100 lbs. demo. bombs. The mission was cancelled just before take-off. I didn't get up out of bed till 2: P.M. We are alerted for to-morrow.

JANUARY 1944

Friday

7 We were out loading up again last night so we all slept in late today. I broke my wrist watch last night, while loading it dropped on the concrete parking strip. Again, we are alerted to load up.

I dreamed that I was home and that Helen went to California, to marry an officer.

Saturday

8 Last night we were called out to load bombs while we were at a A.R.C. stage show. The mission was ~~not~~ cancelled, after we had 'em all loaded up.

This afternoon we went out and unloaded 'em. I sent home my watch.

JANUARY 1944

1st after Epiphany

Sunday

9 I am now assigned to a different ship, an S model. Was busy taking off the waist-joint moulds for modification. I went to Norwich to-mite on the liberty run and saw a picture at the Haymarket Theatre.

Monday

Been busy working on my **10** new plane to-day. We all went out and loaded bombs to night. The weather don't look so hot though. I started writing a letter to Helen before we had to go out and load up.

JANUARY 1944

Tuesday

11 Worked late but last night so we slept late this A.M. Had to go in and see our C.O. this P.M. He put Harry & I back in engineering. Said Combat was out of the question. Saw the pic "This is the Army". Finished the letter to Helen.

Wednesday

12 Been working on our ship in the hangar all day. The A. R.C. Clubmobile was here with coffee & donuts this after-noon. Finally received a letter from Helen, to-day.

JANUARY 1944

Thursday

Our ship "BIG NOISE" is **13** still in the hangar. We finished putting on the De-icer boot on the right wing. I wrote a letter to Helen.

Friday

Almost ready to fly **14** our plane. Will drag it out of the hangar, in the morning. I moved into a different barracks to-night after work.

JANUARY 1944

Saturday

15 The plane was taxied out to the parking space. It has a little more work to be done on it yet before it is ready for flight.

Sunday

and after Epiphany

16 We all slept till 11: A.M. Had chicken for dinner but there wasn't much of it. This P.M. we had a sex and moral lecture also the presidential citation was read off to us.

JANUARY 1944

Monday

It has been quite a cold 17 and damp day. Didn't have very much to do on our plane except having some ring Cowling clamps replaced on No. 2 engine. Had to have one made by the service squadron. We are all alerted for a mission in the morning but the weather don't look so good.

Tuesday

Not very much of any - 18 thing happened to-day. The weather has been very wet.

The planes are all alerted for a mission in the morning

Wednesday

19 I was on room-orderly this morning. The mission was "scrubbed". Harry and I got our passes this noon and came in to Norwich. It has been raining all evening so we went dancing. Stayed at the Red Cross.

Thursday

20 Got up rather late this morning. We bought some parts for our electric irons. Went and saw the picture "Bachelor Lady". Had a few drinks (Beer) afterwards.

Friday

again we got up late. 21 That's the idea of a pass anyway. Harry and I went to the "Regent theatre" and seen the "pic" "The Adventures of Robin Hood". It was very good although I've seen it a long time ago. Target was - "pass del. Calais"

Saturday

I went to the "Haymarket" 22 theatre and saw the picture "Alexander's Ragtime Band". I took Marjorie (a nurse) with me. Came back to camp on the liberty run. It was a cold trip back.

JANUARY 1944

Sunday

3rd after Epiphany

23 There hasn't been very much to do to-day. No mail again. Wrote a letter to Helen to night. The planes are suppose to go on a mission in the morning and I'm to go out at 4:30 A.M. and warm-up our planes.

Monday

24 Been quite busy on our plane. Had trouble with our A.P.U. It is wet and ~~was~~ raining out. The planes came back shortly after they took off.

JANUARY 1944

Conversion of S. Paul

• Tuesday

25 Received 2 letters from Helen to-day so I sent her a long one in return. I got a 1 lb. box of cho at the P.M. They were the first I've had in an awful long time. planes are all alerted for a mission in the morning.

Wednesday

26 The mission was called off. Been quite cold and windy out. Went down to take a shower to-mite and the water was not so very warm but I took one any how.

Thursday

27 Fixed up the starter solenoid on #3 engine but #1 is still out. Can't get replacements. The planes are all alerted for a mission in the morning.

Friday

28 They (planes) all went out this morning and all came back O.K. this P.M. The planes are alerted again for tomorrow. I had to help gas-up all the planes to site. Target was, "Pas-de-Calais".

Saturday

I slept until late **29** this morning. All the planes took off for a mission and came back O.K. The planes again, are alerted for tomorrow.

Target was, "Frankfurt"

4th after Epiphany

Sunday

The planes all took **30** off for another mission this morning. Then I went to church. All our ships returned O.K. Target was - "Brunswick".

Monday

31 Our ships took off again for another mission.

Lat said this morn. We lost one ship, "Merely Daze", while flying over England shortly after they got into formation.

The target was; "pas. de Calis"

Tuesday FEB. 1

1 The mission this morning was scrubbed. The weather was rainy. Harry and I went down to the "Red Cross Aero Club" to meet

Purification

Wednesday

Our plane didn't fly **2** this morning. It was too wet out. Received some ammunition for my new Carbine rifle. I received 2 packages; pair shoes and rubbers from my "sis". We are alerted for tomorrow.

I had to get up at 4:30 **Thursday**
A.M. and warm-up my **3**
ships and have it ready for take-off.

The planes all came back the mission was not completed. Ships all turned back 30 min. from the target. Bad weather. A plane from 328th crashed at the end of our field (Dog Patch R.F.I. DEB)

FEBRUARY 1944

Friday

4 Our planes went on a mission this morning. All our planes came back O.K. The target was some where in N.W. Germany.

Saturday

5 Again our planes went out on a mission. I got up 3:30 A.M. to get the plane ready. My plane "Big Noise" flew out a time when it came in for a landing. Four men on it finished up their tour of operations.

FEBRUARY 1944

Septuagesima

Sunday

6 There was no flying today. I went to Norwich tonight. There isn't much doing anywhere. The theatres are all crowded.

Monday

7 Again our planes did no flying. I had to move into another barracks to-night.

All our planes are alerted for a mission in the morning. I'm to get up early in the morning to see the plane off.

FEBRUARY 1944

Tuesday

8 The planes went on a early morning mission. The moon was full bright when they took-off. All of our aircraft returned. I received 3 letters from Helen to-day and I answered them all.

Wednesday ○

9 I was changed over on a different ship and crew. to-day. 1st Sgt. P. W. SCOTT is my new chief. He has a new B-24-J.

FEBRUARY 1944

Thursday

10 Was on room orderly this morning. We had a practice alert this P. M. Worked on our plane until 9:30 P. M. pulling a 100 hrs. inspection. Most of our planes are alerted to fly in the morning.

Friday

11 Our planes went out this morning. We lost "Lone some Polecat" and its crew (TURNER'S) it was their last mission too. They got a direct hit.

We finally got our plane finished and dragged it out of the hangar. Some general is suppose to come to our field to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 1944

Saturday

12 All our planes came back Ok. from the mission. The target was Col Pas-de-Calais. General HODGES was on our field inspecting our lay out. Got our plane almost finished except for an oxygen leak.

Sunday

Sexagesima

13 The planes went out again, late this morning. They all came back Ok. Except a little shrapnel. My plane had 4 holes in it. The oil sump was punctured on #1 engine.

FEBRUARY 1944

Monday

This morning there was **14** suppose to be a mission but it was "scrubbed" on account of bad weather. I wrote Helen a letter to-mite.

Tuesday

The mission was again **15** "scrubbed" this morning. But there is one scheduled for to-morrow. I expect to go on pass at noon to-morrow.

Wednesday

16 It was raining out this morning when I got up so for that reason the mission was "scrubbed". But my pass and came to London this P.M. I had some oysters for the first time in about 2 years. I am staying at a small hotel at "Waren Lt."

Thursday (

17 Got up at about 10:30 this morning. Here it is my birthday (25th) - I wonder what I should do ????!!! Saw the show this afternoon and I had a few drinks this evening.

Friday

It has been snowing **18** most all day on and off in London. Took the 5:46 train from London via Cambridge way. Arrived in Norwich at 10:40 P.M. It sure was a cold ride back and so was the ride from Norwich to Camp in the trucks. Had lots of mail waiting for me.

Saturday

Didn't have much to **19** do on our ship to-day. It is alerted for to-morrow. I wrote a letter to Helen to-mite. I'm to get up early to-morrow and see the planes off.

FEBRUARY 1944

Sunday

Quinquagesima

20

Got up at about 4:00 A.M.
12 of our planes went this
morning (2 abortions). The
target was "GOTHA". All
our planes returned O.K.
My plane came back with
a bursted expander tube
on the left inboard wheel.

Monday

21

Got up rather late this
morning cause I worked
late last nite. The planes
went out again this P.M. and
14 went this time. It is
our (93rd) group's 100th
mission in combat. I go
on guard at 5: P.M. today.

FEBRUARY 1944

Shrove Tuesday Tuesday

22

Came in off guard this
morning tired as hell never
slept a wink and was out in
the weather all the time too.
Slept all day though. Received
a valentine from Helen. The plane
went out this A.M. we lost one
on landing it crushed up badly.
No one was hurt though.

Ash Wednesday Wednesday

23

The mission for this
morning was "scrubbed" on
account of the weather.
Didn't have any thing much
to do on our plane today
so I came in early.

FEBRUARY 1944

Thursday ●

S. Matthias

24 Got up early this morning to see my plane off. They all (10) came back Ok. I washed a few of my clothes in gas this P.M. while waiting for the planes to come in. I wrote a letter to Helo tonight.

Friday

25 Our ships (14) went out on a long mission (9 hrs) this morning. Two of our air-crafts are mission. The "Duck" was one of 'em. Most all other ships were pretty well shot up.

FEBRUARY 1944

Saturday

The mission for this **26** morning was ~~school~~ "scrubbed". It is rainy out. We had our dance here and it was a flop as usual. There was hardly any girls. I had a couple of dances. Couldn't get enough to drink though.

1st in Lent

Sunday

This was suppose to **27** be a day off for the whole 93rd so we slept quite late. Generals Hodges & Timberlake read off our Citations and Group history.

FEBRUARY 1944

Monday

28

our planes went out this morning somewhere in France. I went into town with Harry to see if my brother was at the A.R.C. but he wasn't.

Tuesday

29

The mission for this morning was "scrubbed" on account of bad weather. I received a letter from my brother Charles. We got paid this morning.

MARCH 1944

S. David. Ember Day

Wednesday

1

There wasn't any flying to-day. Our plane is in good shape so we didn't have any thing to do on it. Wrote a letter to Helen to-night.

Thursday

2

Had to get up early this morning to see the planes off. Harry and I got our furlough papers and took off at noon for London. We are staying at the "Columbia Club". We went to the "HammerSmith" dance hall.

MARCH 1944

Friday

Ember Day

3 We got up at about 11:00 and went to see the "pic" "Johnny Vagabond." It was pretty good. We went out and had a few drinks and then we went in the "Paramount Dance Hall," late.

Saturday

Ember Day

4 Got up late again. I went and saw Lily Wood & saw a show with her. It was "Doughboys in Ireland". We later went out and had a few drinks together.

MARCH 1944

2nd in Lent

Sunday

Got up late as usual. 5 This morning. Harry and I walked around town all after-noon and to-nite we went to the Paramount dancing!

Monday

Been looking around 6 shopping to-day then we went to the Paramount again to-nite. There isn't very much that one can do, so Harry & I went out of the dance hall early and went out for a few drinks. We ended up late up on "Volka".

MARCH 1944

Tuesday

7 Same as usual been out looking the town over. Went to the Paramount again seems like that's all there is to do around here.

Wednesday

8 Harry and I went to the "Sports Dome" ice rink in Richmond, London this P.M. We had lots of fun there. This evening we went out with Lily and Joan.

MARCH 1944

Thursday

Well to-day we have to be **9** back in Camp - our furlough is up. We saw the picture "Phantom of the Opera." It was ok if you like that sort of singing. We took the 5:06 P.M. train and had to stand all the way.

Friday

Reported to work this **10** morning. Didn't have very much to do on our plane. Received only 3 letters while I was away.

MARCH 1944

Saturday

11

Got up early this A.M. to see my planes off. They all came back okay. Harry and I went on guard 5:00 P.M. to day.

Sunday

3rd in Lent

12

Was relieved at 8: A.M. so I went to the mess hall had breakfast then I hit the 'ole sack. Didn't get up until 3:30 P.M. I was too tired to do anything.

MARCH 1944

Monday

13

Got up early this morning to see my plane off, on a mission. They did n't drop there bombs because the target couldn't be seen. They encountered lot of flak. We changed the plugs on no. 1 engine.

Tuesday

14

Taped our plane in the hanger and changed plugs on # 2, 3, & 4 engines then we taped it out to our parking area.

MARCH 1944

Wednesday

15 The planes went up on a practice mission this morning. Drained the sumps and screens on #1 + 2 engines. Had to go out and fill up 11 planes with 2700 gals. of real petrol. Worked until about 4: P.M.

Thursday

16 Our ships took off at 8 this morning. We lost 2 including "BIG NOISE". I didn't get up until about 3:30 this after-noon. The planes didn't come in until 4: P.M. We finished draining the oil and cleaning the screens on #3 & 4 engines.

MARCH 1944

S. Patrick. Bank Holiday in Northern Ireland and Eire

Friday

Bonfile and I got up early **17** this morning but the mission was scrubbed at about 8: A.M. We have been working around on our plane all day. I'm sending a Easter Card to Helen also a letter.

Saturday

Our planes went out **18** on a mission this morning. They bombed S.W. Germany. We lost 1 plane from our Squadron. My plane 150 didn't go. Had to return shortly after take-off. Had a gas leak in the transfer pump selector valve.

MARCH 1944

Sunday

4th in Lent

19 There was no missions to-day. I didn't get up un- till quite late. Been do- ing odds and ends on my ship. There seems to be always some thing to do on 'em.

Monday

20 Our planes went out on a mission this morning. They all returned quite alright except for a few flog holes on all of 'em. Haven't been receiving any mail lately. Don't know what's wrong.

MARCH 1944

Tuesday

No mission to-day **21**
on account of the weather. It has been quite misty, all day..

Wednesday

Our planes went out **22**
on a mission. The target was "BERLIN". My plane landed at another field first. The navigator passed-out over the target on account of oxygen trouble.

MARCH 1944

MARCH 1944

Thursday

23 The planes went out a gain this morning but mine didn't go. I'm on guard to-mite so I'm going not working on the line this P.M. All our planes returned ok.

Friday •

24 Got off guard about 8:30 this morning went and had breakfast and went to bed. I didn't get up until 3:30 P.M. Wrote a letter to Helen to-might.

Annunciation. Lady Day

Saturday

Not much flying to-day. **25**
Had nothing to do on our ship so I went over to help Steward put on a new de-icer boot on "Old Hickory". I had to go out and put in 2700 gals of gas in all our planes.

Passion Sunday

Sunday

The mission for this **26** morning was scrubbed so I slept in quite late. Had Chicken for dinner. This after-noon we changed No. 3 generator on our plane. Got a hair-cut to-mite.

MARCH 1944

Monday

27 The mission for this morning was finally scrubbed after being fog bound. It has been a damp day. This after-noon I layed in bed sleeping 'cause I got up early to see the planes off.

Tuesday

28 The planes took off this morning but were called back just before reaching the target. The bomb load was (4) 3000 pounds. I recieved 8 letters to day.

MARCH 1944

Wednesday

Got up early this morning **29** to see my plane off. They were loaded with (4) 2000 lbs. jobs. One plane from our sqdn. Crashed into another from the 329th and I believe they were all killed. Too bad, that was a swell crew. They flew in our plane quite a few times.

Thursday

There was no flying **30** this morning. This P.M. our plane went up for a high altitude flight. Got my weekly rations this P.M.

Friday]

31 Got up early this morning to see our plane off. It snowed like hell for a short time so the mission was scrubbed. Got paid this P.M. Went down to the "pub" and got half "canned" to night.

Saturday APRIL

1 Didn't get up to see our plane off. Our plane didn't go cause the pilot is in the hospital. One of our planes made a crash landing with one engine on fire. It was quite a wood wreck too.

Palm Sunday

Sunday

Been quite a miserable **2** day. Raining all day long. No one went out to the line. I went to mass this morning, being palm Sunday and nothing else to do. I've been writing letters all day.

Monday

It has been raining **3** again to-day. My plane flew for a couple of hours this P.M. Had to go through the gas Chamber this morning.

APRIL 1944

Tuesday

4 What a hell of a day this has been. Raining every 2 minutes. "BOOMARANG" took-off this after-noon at 2:30. Lucky guys to be going home after going through some rough missions. Capt. Steward was pilot, Carroll was eng. & Lee was asst eng.

Wednesday

5 Not much doing to-day. No flying or any thing. We are all restricted from passes (over-mite). There ain't nothing to do other but go to the post theatre or our local "pub." Looks like the real thing is coming.

APRIL 1944

Maundy Thursday Thursday

There was no flying 6 this morning but our planes went up for a 2 1/2 hour hop* this P.M. The weather hasn't been so hot lately. I saw the stage show, "Flying High" with "Al Bernie".

Good Friday Friday

Nothing much happened 7 this morning. This after-noon our plane went up but before it got out to the runway it got stuck in the mud, for about an hour. I went and saw the show, "Louisiana Purchase" at the post theater.

APRIL 1944

Saturday ○

8 Got up 4 A.M. to ~~see~~^{see} our plane off for a mission. They finally took-off at about 10: A.M. on account of the weather. Most all of our ships came back all shot-up. One failed to return. The target was "BRUNSWICK."

Sunday Easter Day

9 My ship is in the hangar from battle damage. No. 2 eng. has to be replaced, No. 1 eng. to inter-cooler also. Lots other work to do on it too. Went to mess this morning. It rained again to-day for only a short time though. All our planes returned from the mission today.

APRIL 1944

Easter Monday Monday

Went to work on our **10** plane in the hangar this morning. Replaced the inter-cooler and deicer boot on the left wing. The ships all went on a mission this morning - all returned.

Easter Tuesday

Tuesday

There was another mission **11** to-day. We are still working on our plane in the hangar. It will be a couple more days before it will be ready to haul it out on the line. I wrote a letter to Helen to-night.

APRIL 1944

Wednesday

12

Our planes went out again to-day but were called back before dropping their bombs.

Am still working on my plane in the hangar.

Thursday

13

Again our planes went out on a mission. Everyone on our field ~~was~~ restricted from last night till 8: P.M. to-day. We rolled our plane out of the hangar and taxied it out to the line and runned up the message.

APRIL 1944

Friday

14

Been quite busy getting our plane in shape. Had it gased and oiled up for the first time since it came back from a mission all shot-up last Saturday.

Saturday

15

Our plane was test-hopped this P.M. Everything is ok. except for a few minor adjustments. Received some mail for a change. Went to Norwich on the liberty run. Been raining most all day.

APRIL 1944

Sunday (

Low Sunday)

Summer Time begins (British Isles)

16

Been busy adjusting the fuel and oil pressure this morning. Had to change the nose wheel tire. Col. Beam told us to change the name and put some cloths on our picture on our plane.

Monday

17 No flying to-day because the weather had been quite nasty. Had to repair a nose wheel tire - and what a job it was.

APRIL 1944

Tuesday

18

The planes went out on a mission this morning just before noon. All returned OK.

We pulled a 50 hr. inspection after it come back. Had quite an air raid last

Wednesday

19

The planes went out again today but rather early. Went to Norwich this morning. Saw the pic "The Kansair" + "Lost Angel". Came back on the liberty room at 11. Had quite an air-raid last night. Everything rattled.

APRIL 1944

Thursday

20 Some (4) of our planes went on a mission at 4:30 P.M. today. We were busy this A.M. adjusting and synchronizing the trottles. Our plane is slated for to-morrow.

Friday

21 All our planes went out on a mission this morn but were called back a couple of hours after take-off on account of the weather. I've been packing all my equipment and am ready to move to another field in the morning.

APRIL 1944

• Saturday

22 We moved to another field this morning. Metfield is our new airrome. Went down to the village to-mite and had a look around. Jerry was over. They followed our bombers back and they shot a few down, too.

2nd after Easter. S. George

Sunday

23 Didn't do anything to-day except write a few letters. Brought some laundry down to the village to handwashed. This evening I went down to Halsworth on bikes with Harold Stumps.

APRIL 1944

Monday

24

Was on a detail to place sod on a barracks area. It's been a swell day, at least for a change. I go on K.P. in the morning.

Tuesday

25

Got up 4:30 P.M. to go on K.P. I worked on the dish washer. This afternoon my brother Charles come up to see me. I got relieved from K.P. and got a pass to Norwich. He stayed at my barracks.

S. Mark

APRIL 1944

Wednesday

26

Got a all day pass to Norwich with Charles. We had a few drinks, saw a show "The Lodger" and had more drinks. Come home to Camp on the liberty run. Charles went back on the train to his field.

Thursday

27

Went down to the village to pick up my laundry. Went to a dance in Harleston. We were sorting out our tech supply equipment to-day.

APRIL 1944

Friday

28 Didn't have so much to do to-day. I sure do hope our planes hurry up and get here. I wrote a letter to Nimi to-mite.

Saturday

29 Been working around our site to-day. There is lots to do but we didn't over do our self.

APRIL—MAY 1944

3rd after Easter

) Sunday

Same thing to-day **30** as all the other days - details. Sure hope those planes come in pretty damn soon. Went down to the village this evening with some of my laundry.

SS. Philip and James
Bank Holiday in Scotland

MAY Monday

1

More details - details and no end. This is sure a hell of a set-up. Col. Beachore (field C.O.) is a Kiwi and is sure a pain in the neck. We didn't start paying off yesterday till about 6:30 P.M. so's no one could go to town.

MAY 1944

Tuesday

2 ✓ worked out on the
base ball diamond, to-day.
Clearing it out and smoothing
it up. We will all be doing
this sort of work till our
planes come in. Went to
Moravich on the liberty run with
Charles Busch to-mite.

Wednesday

3 Had to move to another
site this morning. Received
2 letters from Helen this morning.
I wasn't on any detail to-day.

MAY 1944

Thursday

Worked out on the line 4
this morning. This P.M. I didn't
go out cause I'm on K.P. to-
nite. I pressed my clothes this
after-noon and also tried to
get a little sleep. Went on K.P. at
6:30 P.M.

Friday

Got through K.P. at about 5
2:30 P.M. slept till 10:45 P.M. and
had a shower and shave. I
got my pass and took off
for Moravich. Tried to get a linen
table cloth for Helen. They seem
to be damn hard to find. I
did get one for 1 pound 6 shillings
It's not so hot though.

MAY 1944

Saturday

6 I was suppose to be on a detail to-day but news showed up. I wrote a letter to Helen this afternoon. Went down to the Red Cross or should say "Cly's-joint".

Sunday

4th after Easter

7 Was on the "site 2" detail to-day. Seems as though we will never get done with details around here. I went down to the village to get my laundry to-site.

MAY 1944

Monday

Again, I was on "site 2" **8** detail. worked on the picket fence. There isn't much to do on the fence before it's finished. Went and saw the picture, "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" at our post theater.

Tuesday

I wasn't on any special **9** detail to-day so I went out on the line and worked there digging ditches. What an army life!! What an Air Force!!

MAY 1944

Wednesday

10 Was on detail again to-day. Been laying sod all morning. This P.M. went to town (5 P.M.) on a 24 hr. Pass. Not much doing in town at all.

Thursday

11 I didn't get up until about 11: A.M. Got cleaned up, had dinner and went to the show and saw the pic "Thousands Cheer". It was very good. Came back on the Liberty run.

MAY 1944

Friday

12 I was on ~~sp~~ Capt. Tate's detail to-day. We got off rather early this P.M. I recieved 2 packages from Nipfi and Lily. I also rec'd a letter from Nipfi and Helen. I answered 'em both.

Saturday

13 Worked for Capt. Tate again to-day. We didn't work any too hard. I went to Harleston to mte. Had a few drinks and then went to the dance. It was quite wet out this evening.

MAY 1944

Sunday

5th after Easter

14 Didn't get up until late this morning cause we didn't have roll call. Worked from 2: P.M. till 8: P.M. for Capt. Tate wheeling Cement. I wrote a letter to Charles.

Monday

Rogation Day

15

Went to the dentist at 2:30 P.M. and had two teeth filled, have to come back a week from to-day and have more filled. Went out to the line afterwards. Two more of our planes came in.

MAY 1944

Rogation Day

Tuesday

16

Been working pretty damn hard to-day. Mixing and wheeling Cement. I go on K. P. to-morrow. What an army this turned out to be.

Rogation Day

Wednesday

17

Was on K. P. to-day. What a day and am I tired. I wrote a letter to Helen. Received 3 letters also.

MAY 1944

Thursday

Ascension Day

18 Gee, wasn't it hard getting up this morning. Worked again on K.P. Now I have only one more day to go. I wrote a letter to Irene tonight.

Friday

19 Got through K.P. tonight and what a relief that is. I wrote a letter to my sister Lily. I'm quite tired so I'm going to bed early.

MAY 1944

Saturday

I went out to the line **20** this morning, not much doing though. Was out there this P.M. too helping J. L. Brown III on his plane.

I go on guard ~~this~~ at 1930.

Sunday after Ascension

Sunday

Came off guard at 7: A.M. **21** and went straight to bed. I don't mean fudge ~~at~~ out there. At 9: A.M. they had an practice alert and it lasted until 2: P.M. But I was in bed all the time catching up on my sleep.

MAY 1944

Monday •

22 Messed around on our plane to-day. Had to go to the dentist at 3:30 P.M. and have 2 of my teeth filled.

Tuesday

23 Was out working on the line to-day. Did some painting on the planes, painting our Squadron call letters "39". I received a letter from Helen, to-day.

MAY 1944

Empire Day Wednesday

24 My plane flew for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours this morning and then it was turned over to me and Stephens. We worked until 11: P.M. getting it into shape. It had a complete oxygen failure. This sure was a long day and ~~was~~ I tired.

Thursday

25 My plane flew for a couple of hours this P.M. Been cleaning it up all the rest of the day. Had to change some oxy. regulators.

MAY 1944

Friday

26 To-day I got the worst news possible. My brother Charles was reported missing in action on April 29th just 3 days after I saw him last. Right away I signed up as a gunner. Hope I get my chance soon.

Saturday

27 Been pretty busy to-day. Had 2 tires to change on my ship. Didn't get through till about 9:30 P.M. I wrote a letter to Helen.

MAY 1944

White Sunday Sunday

Got up early this **28** morning to see my ship off. It flew for 3½ hours. Being the formation ship it's got to be ready and in ship-shape at all times. We taxied our plane to the hangar to have it painted a ~~yellow~~ background.

White Monday Monday

29 Our plane flew again to-day - just another practice mission. We pulled a 25 hr. inspection this P.M. and then we taxied it to the hangar to have it finished painting it.

MAY 1944

Tuesday

Whit Tuesday

30 My plane flew again this morning. All our other planes went up on a practice mission. We had a dance at the Aero Club. WREN's & some civilians were there.

Wednesday

Ember Day

31 Didn't have so very much to do on our plane to-day. I received 2 letters from Helen as with a picture of herself. She's prettier than ever, too.

JUNE 1944

Thursday

Not much doing to-day.¹
No flying at all on account of the weather. It's been kind of cloudy all day long. Quite a sudden change from the past week or so.

Ember Day

Friday

Our planes all went² out on a ~~practice~~ mission. They'll be ready for the real thing in a few days. late this P.M. (4:30) and came back about 11:30 P.M. we lost one near the target.

JUNE 1944

Saturday

Ember Day

3 Didn't do any flying to day. The weather wasn't so very good.

Sunday

Trinity Sunday

4 pulled another mission just before noon and one of our planes came in for a landing at another field and blew up. Passes were given out to write. I rode over to Hardwick on my back bike to see the boys.

JUNE 1944

Monday

Our planes went out 5 early this morning. We didn't lose any today. I had to get up at 4:30^{A.M.} and only come in at 2:30 A.M. Had to stay out late again to write. Been working pretty hard.

Tuesday

Well, this is the "D. day" we all 6 have been waiting for and it never even bothered us. Maybe because ~~soon~~ we were too tired. Had to get up at 4 A.M. and we just got to bed an hr. before. Our planes pulled 2 missions to-day.

JUNE 1944

Wednesday

7 I worked awful late last night. Our planes didn't take off until 10:30 P.M.

Had quite an air raid to-night. We were all ordered into the bomb shelters but I was too tired to crawl out of bed.

Thursday

8 Had to get up 2:A.M. to see our planes off. One of our Group's planes come in for a landing on 3 engines and a full bomb load and it crashed up and then all the 2,000 lb. bombs went off. What a noise!

JUNE 1944

Friday

It has been raining all **9** morning so there was no flying and everyone slept till late this morning catching up on some sleep for a change. I go on guard to-night and it's raining.

Saturday

I was relieved at 2:A.M. **10** cause the planes were to take off early. I went to bed and caught up on some sleep. I got an evening pass and went Harleston to the dance. Didn't come back till after 3:A.M. and was supposed to be in at 12.

JUNE 1944

Sunday

1st after Trinity
S. Barnabas

11 The guard at the gate turned my name in so I may catch hell for coming in so late. I changed clothes & went out to the line just a short time before take-off.

Monday

12 I get up early to see our plane off (2: A.M.). Went to the village of Friesenfeld to a little dance they had there. Came in at about 11:30.

JUNE 1944

Tuesday

Went in to Harleton again **13** to-site and came in at about 12:30.

Wednesday

14 Had to see Capt. Altmeyer because I come in late. He said that he cancelled my name off of the rating list - the sticker.

JUNE 1944

Thursday

15

Been busy changing spark plugs on my plane. One of 'em broke off while trying to remove it. And I had to drill it out. What a job that was.

Friday

16

I got up early today all our planes went on a mission this morning. I went on guard to night.

JUNE 1944

Saturday

17

I was relieved about 2: A.M. and saw my plane off and when it came in. We changed the nose wheel actuating cylinder on our plane to - nite. Came in at about 11: P.M.

and after Trinity

Sunday

18

The planes went out on a mission than just before they all took off they were called back. I went to church this morning. Had to work till 10:30 P.M. to - nite.

JUNE 1944

Monday

19 I got up at 5 this morning and found my plane had taken off an hour ago. It didn't fly any more all day although we were alerted to.

Tuesday •

20 Got up 1:30 A.M. to see my plane off. It flew for only 3 hrs. It flew again this evening at 7:30. I wrote 2 letters to write. We are now able to get a 4-hr. pass. I get mine Friday mite. I had 3 more teeth filled this P.M. I go to work for Capt. Tate in the morn.

JUNE 1944

Wednesday

Was working Capt. Tate **21** today. Went on plane guard to write. We only pulled one mission today.

Thursday

I was relieved from **22** Guard at 5:30 A.M. Then I went to bed and got some sleep. Our planes pulled 2 missions today. I received 3 letters, one from Helen.

JUNE 1944

Friday

23 We didn't get up until about 8: A.M. This morning. We have an all day "stand-down". At noon my 24 hr. pass started & I went to Great Ashfield, my brother's field. It was about an 25 mile bicycle ride. Stayed there over nite. Found out some pretty good news about Chuka.

Saturday

24

Most of the boys all believe that he bailed out with of the others on the crew. It happened just after they dropped their bombs and started swinging around to come home. He flew as Co-pilot with an experienced crew.

S. John Baptist
Midsummer (British Isles)

JUNE 1944

3rd after Trinity

Sunday

25

This morning we didn't have any flying so we did some work on my plane. Replaced the starter meshing side & cleaned the vacuum pump check valve. It flew this after-noon. I went to the village with some of my laundry.

Monday

26

No flying to-day. I went to Norwich on a pass to get a linen table cloth I had ordered. I tried to get 2 radio tubes for my radio but couldn't get any but I did get a transformer.

JUNE 1944

Tuesday

27 I went to the dentist at 10:30 and had one more tooth filled. My pass was up at noon. I went on guard at 9: P.M. The planes went on a early mission so I was relieved at 2: A.M. Went to bed and didn't get up till noon.

Wednesday

28 Received a letter from Eggy so I answered it.

JUNE 1944

S. Peter

Thursday

Got up at about 2:00 **29** A.M. and saw my plane off. Changed plugs on the front row of No. 3 engine. I didn't receive any mail today. We had our beer party and went to Tyosie.

Friday

There was supposed to be an early morning mission **30** but only my plane took off before it was scrubbed. We built a small shack near our plane to keep all our equipment in. I took my load down to the village and then rode over to Harleton.

JULY 1944

Saturday

1 There was no flying to-day on account of the weather, so we slept till about 11: A.M. This P.M. we started pulling a 25 hr. inspection and found some ~~metal~~ metal in the Eng. sump of #2. So we are changing it. It is now ready to put in the new one.

Sunday

4th after Trinity

2. We went to work on our #3 eng. and had it ready for running up at about 3: P.M. Most every thing came along swell and it was a very quick change. We test hopped it at about 9:15 P.M. I went up as engineer and my engineering officer went up as pilot.

JULY 1944

Monday

We slept till about 10:30 **3** this morning cause it has been raining and nothings been flying.

Tuesday

I didn't no sooner get **4** in bed and I had to get up and preflight my plane. They all went out on a mission. Went on guard to nite.

JULY 1944

Wednesday

5 There was only a practice flight this morning. This afternoon I worked on my bike, greasing it & etc.

Thursday ○

6 Got up at 4 this morning to pre flight my plane. Some of our planes went out on a mission.

JULY 1944

Friday

Got up early again to 7
run up my plane. I went back to bed after it took off. Got up again at 10 to go on pass at 12. Went to Norwich and saw the movie, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." I saw it before about 8 years ago. Stayed at the Red Cross.

Saturday

Got up at 8:30 A.M. and got 8
the 10:00 A.M. bus back to camp. Not much doing today. I wrote one letter to nite.

JULY 1944

Sunday

5th after Trinity

9 There was no flying this morning but this P.M. some of our planes took off for a practice mission but were all called back cause a storm came over.

Monday

10 There was a stand-by all day long but ended up not flying at all. Stephen Hanson and I went down to the village house at Frisenfield.

JULY 1944

Tuesday

All our planes went on **11** a long mission this P.M. the target was Munich. We didn't lose no planes.

(Wednesday

Again our planes **12** went to Munich but we lost 2 planes. I went to Norwich this after-noon. It's been quite wet out all day.

JULY 1944

Thursday

13 I got the 10 o'clock bus back to camp. My plane landed at an R.A.F. base cause our field was closed in. It came back early this afternoon.

I finally received a letter from Helen.

Friday

14 Not much doing today. The weather is too bad to go on a mission. My plane went up for a few hours this P.M.

JULY 1944

Saturday

Again there was no mission **15** today. This P.M. the Col. flew my plane for a little while. This evening our bomb dump blew up and stuff was flying all over.

6th after Trinity

Sunday

The bombs that blew **16** up in our bomb dump really caused a lot of damage. There was no mission on account of that. I went on a "sub-crawl mission" to night.

JULY 1944

Monday

17 again we didn't have no mission. Sen. Dalittle was over inspecting our field to day. I went to the "rat race" (dance) at Freisenfield to nite.

Tuesday

18 For the first time since we've been put on this ship (The Little Thompson) it failed to go up. No. 3 eng. has some internal trouble. Can't quite figure out what it is yet. We had to change Carburator and fuel pumps at the same engine.

JULY 1944

Wednesday

We finally got out our **19** trouble - No. 10 cyl. exhaust valve rakes arm was broken. It had a flaw in it. We finally got it replaced after some rough language. It sure was a tough job to take off & to replace same.

• Thursday

Got up this morning **20** to see our plane off. It flew for only 3 hrs. to day. I went on a 24-hr. pass this evening and so I went to Norwich.

JULY 1944

Friday

21 Got up late this morning after dinner I went to see a show at the Regent theatre. I met J. L. Brown # at the Red Cross this P.M. so we went to a pub outside of the main part of town. We had a few and came back on the liberty run.

Saturday

22 not much flying to-day. Our plane came back with a burned out #3 generator. We went to Haddfield to some country dance.

JULY 1944

7th after Trinity

Sunday

* Our plane flew this P.M. **23** and came back with a generator out and No. 2 eng. collector ring broken. Steplens and I worked until 4: A.M. getting 'em fixed.

Monday

I stayed in bed and **24** slept this morning. Went out this ~~morning~~ afternoon. our planes went out on a mission but were all called back by 8th air force.

JULY 1944

Tuesday

S. James

25 Went on K. P. this morning at the Consolidated mess. I washed in the dining room. Got through at 6:25 P.M. I got my 24 hr. pass and come over to Hardwick. They are having a 200th anniversary party.

Wednesday

26 I stayed in Campbell's bed for the night. We all had some beer this P.M. and early this eve we came back to Westfield. Got back at about 12: midnight.

JULY 1944

Thursday

Had to get up at **27** about 2:17 A.M. but it was scrubbed at about 5:30 so back to bed I went till noon.

Friday

J. L. Brown and I **28** went to town last night and ~~we~~ came ~~it~~ back at 12:30 and had to get up at 1:30 to see the ship off. It was scrubbed at about 5:00 so back to bed I went till noon. Albright came over to see me this P.M.

JULY 1944

Saturday

29 We got up at 5 A.M. to get our planes warmed up for a mission this morning. I changed #1 oil cooler this P.M.

This evening I wrote a letter to Helen and one to Peggy.

Sunday

8th after Trinity

30 J.L. Brownth and I went to Norwich on a 24 hr. pass. We were "steak up" and don't that make me mad. We went "pubbing" and had a few.

JULY—AUGUST 1944

Monday

We stayed at the Red Cross. **31**
Didn't get up until 10: A.M. then we went out drinking "mild & bitter". There seems to be quite a few Comandos from London around Norwich. Brown & I saw the picture "For whom the Bells Toll."

AUG. Tuesday

Some of our planes went **1** out on a mission at about noon. Major Strauss flew mine. I won 2 pounds in a crap game while our planes were flying.

AUGUST 1944

Wednesday

2 It has been quite wet out all morning. This P.M. our planes went out and came back about 10: P.M. Saw the pic "Hi Diddle Diddle" but I walked out before it was over cause it was too silly.

Thursday

3 I slept in quite late this morning. Our planes went out on a mission rather late today again.

AUGUST 1944

Friday

Got up early to see **4** our plane off. They all returned without loss. We started a plug change on No. 1 engine and #1 plug broke off and we had to bore it sawed out and what a job. We worked rather late too.

Saturday

Again we got up early **5** to see our plane off. When it came back we started plug changing on No. 2 engine. I went to Harleston this evening.

AUGUST 1944

Sunday

9th after Trinity

6 Got up at 5 A.M. to see my plane off this morning. They all came back ok. I washed 2 pairs O.D. trousers in petrol. I wrote a letter to Helen.

Monday Bank Holiday in Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Eire

7 We all got up early this morning cause there was a mission. They all returned. Hanson, Stephen & I went to the dance at Friesenfield.

AUGUST 1944

Tuesday

8

There was another mission this morning. My plane flew to southwest Eng. to pick up another crew but didn't come in until 10:30 P.M.

Wednesday

9

Hanson and I got up early this morning. But the mission was scrubbed at about 8 O/c on account of it being too foggy. This evening I went on a 24 hr. pass to Norwich.

AUGUST 1944

AUGUST 1944

Thursday

10

There hasn't been much doing in town. All the theatres are crowded but I saw one, "Tefos to Tokyo." The pubs are mostly all sold out. I came back on the liberty run.

Friday

11

Our planes went out on a mission this morning. My plane has been flying most all day. It came in at 9:30 P.M. The last time it went up. I wrote a letter to Helen this noon. Three years ago I left home for the army.

Saturday

12

Some of our planes went out on a mission this A.M. Mine went up again late this afternoon.

Three years ago to-day I was sworn in the army.

10th after Trinity

Sunday

13

Got up at about 6% this morning and our planes went out on a mission. We changed our nose wheel on our plane. I wrote 3 letters to write.

AUGUST 1944

Monday

14 Again our planes went out on a mission. My plane has been flying all day long. Has been carrying crews to our new field. We move there tomorrow morning.

Tuesday

15 We moved from Metfield to North Pich. It's not such a hot field. The runways aren't level enough and the buildings are all scattered about, too far apart.

AUGUST 1944

Wednesday

When my plane came in **16** yesterday the Col. that flew it in hit it hard on its tail shield and pushed it almost through the bottom. We have it now in Sub Depot for repairs. I go on K.P. in the morning. Got a letter from Helen.

Thursday

Got up 5:15 this morning **17** to go on K.P. I worked in the dining room. Finished up about 7:00 P.M. and took a shower. Came back and wrote a letter to Helen.

AUGUST 1944

Friday •

18 To-day we went on our first mission from this base. All planes come back O.K. Stephens, Hanson & I got a new plane to-day.

Saturday

19 That new plane that we got yesterday was taken a-way from us and transferred out, after we had it all modified. Now we have "Long-Whi". Got some pictures from Helen & 2 letters from her.

AUGUST 1944

11th after Trinity

Sunday

For the first time in a **20** long time I got up for breakfast. They had powdered eggs and what a mess they were. It has been a rather dull day. Raining on and off all day long.

Monday

Hanson, Stephens and I **21** went out "pubbing" this evening. There isn't much doing around these parts of the country.

AUGUST 1944

Tuesday

22 The weather has not been so hot to-day. It's been too wet to go out to any place.

Wednesday

23 Stephens and I went out to the village and had a few beers. The pubs are only open 1 hr. per night.

AUGUST 1944

S. Bartholomew

Thursday

Our plane flew twice to-day **24** but there were no missions on account of the weather. Stephens and I went out to the Red Cross Aero Club and had a bite to eat this evening.

Friday

I got up early this A.M. **25** to see our plane off. They all came back Ok. Cars had a cracked # 5 cyl. on # 3 eng. We worked on it quite late to night. I go on K.P. in the morning.

AUGUST 1944

Saturday

26 Gee, how I hated to get up this morning, after working so late last nite. K.P. was really tough to-day, they had us on the get all the time. The planes went out on a mission this morning.

Sunday)

:2th after Trinity

27 While I was on K.P. yesterday Stephens and Hanson changed the ~~to~~ cracked cylinder and to-day the pilot slow timed it. I went up with him, for 1 hr. and 20 min. We had got to change the two main tires cause they are out of round and vibrate an awful lot.

AUGUST 1944

Monday

What a hectic day
this has been!!! **28**

To-nite, after our days work was done, a list of names were read off to go home on Wednesday morning. As usual I never have such luck.

Tuesday

I've been working
on my (mine-sow) plane alone
to-day. (The asst engineer helped
me though). We had a beer
party to-nite, and we had
a swell time. **29**

AUGUST 1944

Wednesday

30 Stephens left for home, early this morning. I am now crew chief on "Tony Hoi" (230). Stephens got me the job. I was sure sorry to see him go cause he was really a swell kid. I received a (3) letters to day. My plane was inspected by 5th Bomb wing. They sure didn't miss anything.

Thursday

31 There was supposed to have been a mission this morning but it was "scrubbed" on account of the weather. Hanson (my assistance) and I went to a town (village) and had a few drinks of "mild and bitter". Whoa - Whoa!!!

SEPTEMBER 1944

Friday

Got up early this morning to see my plane off. They had a full gas load. All planes were called back just before reaching the target.

1

Saturday

There wasn't any flying to-day so I didn't have so much to do on my plane. I received a couple of letters for a change.

2

SEPTEMBER 1944

Sunday

13th after Trinity

3 There was no mission to day on account of this bad weather. My ship flew for a short hop this P.M. I wrote a letter to Helen.

Monday

4 It has been raining all day. What a day to go on a 48 hr. pass. I left camp this morning for London and it was also raining here. I'm staying at the "Hower Hotel" near Euston Square. Piccadilly is worse than ever. Buzz bombs didn't scare 'em out.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Tuesday

Got up at about 9:45 **5** and had breakfast and then I went and layed down in bed again. I've been looking forward for this pass for a long time so I'm going to really rest up. This P.M. I had my photo taken and took out the girl that worked there.

Wednesday

I stayed at the Hower hotel **6** again, last night. Got up at about nine again. I went to the photo shop and saw my proofs. Oh, aren't they awful!! Came back on the 5:46 (P.M.) train.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Thursday

7 It has been raining almost all day. My plane is in the hangar for modifications. The putt-putt is out of commission too. I wrote 3 letters to nite.

Friday

8 Our planes went out on a mission and we lost one crew and ship some where in France. My plane was dragged out of the hangar late this evening. We put in a new putt-putt. She's now ready for a mission.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Saturday

9 Been rather a nasty day out. My plane flew from 10 to 1 to nite and was I tired.

14th after Trinity

Sunday

10 I got back to the barracks at about 3: A.M. and had to get up again at 3:30 A.M. Cause there was a mission going. My plane flew too. I haven't had any sleep since Friday nite and am I tired

SEPTEMBER 1944

Monday

11 My plane was alerted as a spare lead ship but it didn't go. I had to replace the right inboard brake cause the expander tube had a leak in it. After we did fix it it didn't go anyhow.

Tuesday

12 Our planes went out again to-day to the same target as yesterday. We lost 2 to-day. One is in France some place. I have an engine change on mine. Number 3 engine oil pressure dropped so the pilot feathered it.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Wednesday

We have been busy on **13** my #3 engine change. This evening after supper we went out and runned her up. She runs very good. They'll test her in the morning.

Thursday

The weather has been **14** rather bad this morning so there has not been any flying. This P.M. Capt. Hendrik, the pilot, took her up for 2 hrs. After supper he took her up again but landed at an R.A.F. base cause the radio went out and it was foggy.

Friday

15 Capt. Hardrip brought the ship this A.M. He had prop trouble so we changed the prop governor. He flew it again this P.M. and everything was ok.

That was a very fast engine change we did, only about 12-13 working hrs. including an oil cooler and oil tank change, too.

Saturday

16 My plane didn't do any flying at all to-day. So this P.M. I changed plugs on #4 engine.

15th after Trinity

● Sunday

17

Monday

My plane went out on a **18** mission to drop supplies to the paratroopers. It came back with a shot up elevator. My brother Eggy came over to see me. The first time since I left home over 3 years ago.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Tuesday

19

Wednesday

20

Jerry and I went to Kings Lynn on a 24-hr. pass. We had a few beers. There wasn't much doing.

Ember Day

SEPTEMBER 1944

S. Matthew

Thursday

We had our picture taken together. Saw a show. I went out with Phyllis (a Red Cross worker) & we went to see a show. I had to walk most of the way back to camp.

Ember Day

Friday

I got in at about 4:15 A.M. and we all had to get up at 6:00. The planes went out on a mission this A.M. Mine came back ok.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Saturday

Ember Day

23 I recieved two letters from Helen to-day. The first is over a month

Sunday

16th after Trinity

24 This has been a day just for ducks. It's been pouring rain. I wrote a nice long letter to Helen and also recieved one from her.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Monday

Our planes went out **25** on a mission. Mine came back with the nose wheel door off. The wheel wouldn't come down all the way so the engineer took the door off.

Tuesday

My ship was alerted as **26** a spare lead ship. A crew from the 853rd flew it and he brought it back Ok. I went to the ~~show~~ dance at the Red Cross Aero Club.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Wednesday

27 My plane was used as a farming ship this morning. This P.M. it was used as a lead ship for a practice mission. Both times flown by the 853rd Sqdn.

Thursday

28 "Gung Hai" went on the mission this morning. It came back with only one hole in the left wing. Had to work late replacing the breather pipe connection on no. 1 engine.

SEPTEMBER 1944

S. Michael and All Angels'

Friday

29 There was a stand-down all day. I've been working on mine all day. Gave it a good going over.

Saturday

30

OCTOBER 1944

Sunday

17th after Trinity

1

I made Stew to-day.

Monday ○

2

OCTOBER 1944

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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MEMORANDA

ENGAGEMENTS FOR 1945

JANUARY

MONDAY

1

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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MEMORANDA

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CALENDAR NOTES 1942 TO 1946

	1942	1943	1944 L'p Y'r	1945	1946
Golden Number ..	5	6	7	8	9
Epact ..	13	24	5	16	27
Solar Cycle (Year of	19	20	21	22	23
Dominal Letter or					
Letters ..	D	C	B A	G	F
Julian Period (Year					
of) ..	6655	6656	6657	6658	6659
January 1 ..	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.
Sundays after					
Epiphany ..	3	6	4	3	5
February 1 ..	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Thur.	Fri.
Septuagesima Sun-					
day ..	Feb. 1	Feb. 21	Feb. 6	Jan. 28	Feb. 17
Ash Wednesday ..	" 28	Mar. 10	" 23	Feb. 14	Mar. 6
First Sunday in					
Lent ..	" 22	" 14	" 27	" 18	" 10
March 1 ..	Sun.	Mon.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
Mid-Lent Sunday ..	Mar. 15	April 4	Mar. 19	Mar. 11	Mar. 31
April 1 ..	Wed.	Thur.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
Palm Sunday ..	Mar. 29	April 18	April 8	Mar. 25	April 14
Good Friday ..	April 3	" 23	" 7	" 30	" 19
Last Day of Lent ..	" 4	" 24	" 8	" 31	" 20
Easter Monday ..	" 6	" 26	" 10	April 2	" 22
May 1 ..	Fri.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
Bank Holiday in					
Scotland ..	May 4	May 3	May 1	May 7	May 6
Ascension Day ..	" 14	June 3	" 18	" 10	" 30
Whit Monday ..	" 25	" 14	" 29	" 21	June 10
Trinity Sunday ..	" 31	" 20	June 4	" 27	" 16
Sundays after Trin-					
ity ..	25	22	25	26	23
June 1 ..	Mon.	Tues.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
July 1 ..	Wed.	Thur.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
August 1 ..	Sat.	Sun.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
August Bank Holi-					
day ..	3	2	7	6	5
September 1 ..	Tues.	Wed.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Jewish New Year ..	Sept. 12	Sept. 30	Sept. 18	Sept. 8	Sept. 26
October 1 ..	Thur.	Fri.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.
November 1 ..	Sun.	Mon.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
Advent Sunday ..	Nov. 29	Nov. 28	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 1
December 1 ..	Tues.	Wed.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Christmas Day ..	Fri.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
December 31 ..	Thur.	Fri.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.

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JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL
M 3 10 17 24 31	M .. 7 14 21 28	M .. 7 14 21 28	M .. 4 11 18 25
M 4 11 18 25	M 1 8 15 22	M 1 8 15 22 29	M .. 5 12 19 26
Tu 5 12 19 26	Tu 2 9 16 23	Tu 2 9 16 23 30	Tu .. 6 13 20 27
W 6 13 20 27	W 3 10 17 24	W 3 10 17 24 31	W .. 7 14 21 28
Th 7 14 21 28	Th 4 11 18 25	Th 4 11 18 25	Th 1 8 15 22 29
F 8 15 22 29	F 5 12 19 26	F 5 12 19 26	F 2 9 16 23 30
S 9 16 23 30	S 6 13 20 27	S 6 13 20 27	S 3 10 17 24
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
M 2 9 16 23 30	M .. 6 13 20 27	M .. 4 11 18 25	M 1 8 15 22 29
M 3 10 17 24 31	M .. 7 14 21 28	M .. 5 12 19 26	M 2 9 16 23 30
Tu 4 11 18 25	Tu 1 8 15 22 29	Tu .. 6 13 20 27	Tu 3 10 17 24 31
W 5 12 19 26	W 2 9 16 23 30	W .. 7 14 21 28	W 4 11 18 25
Th 6 13 20 27	Th 3 10 17 24	Th 1 8 15 22 29	Th 5 12 19 26
F 7 14 21 28	F 4 11 18 25	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 6 13 20 27
S 8 15 22 29	S 5 12 19 26	S 3 10 17 24 31	S 7 14 21 28
SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
M .. 5 12 19 26	M 3 10 17 24 31	M .. 7 14 21 28	M .. 5 12 19 26
M .. 6 13 20 27	M 4 11 18 25	M .. 8 15 22 29	M .. 6 13 20 27
Tu .. 7 14 21 28	Tu 5 12 19 26	Tu 2 9 16 23 30	Tu .. 7 14 21 28
W 1 8 15 22 29	W 6 13 20 27	W 3 10 17 24	W 1 8 15 22 29
Th 2 9 16 23 30	Th 7 14 21 28	Th 4 11 18 25	Th 2 9 16 23 30
F 3 10 17 24	F 1 8 15 22 29	F 5 12 19 26	F 3 10 17 24 31
S 4 11 18 25	S 2 9 16 23 30	S 6 13 20 27	S 4 11 18 25

CALENDAR FOR 1945

JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL
M 7 14 21 28	M .. 4 11 18 25	M .. 4 11 18 25	M 1 8 15 22 29
M 8 15 22 29	M .. 5 12 19 26	M .. 5 12 19 26	M 2 9 16 23 30
Tu 9 16 23 30	Tu 1 8 15 22 29	Tu 2 9 16 23 29	Tu 3 10 17 24
W 10 17 24 31	W 2 9 16 23 30	W .. 7 14 21 28	W 4 11 18 25
Th 11 18 25	Th 1 8 15 22 29	Th 1 8 15 22 29	Th 5 12 19 26
F 12 19 26	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 6 13 20 27
S 13 20 27	S 3 10 17 24	S 3 10 17 24 31	S 7 14 21 28
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F 4 11 18 25	F 1 8 15 22 29	F 6 13 20 27	F 3 10 17 24 31
S 5 12 19 26	S 2 9 16 23 30	S 7 14 21 28	S 4 11 18 25
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Th 6 13 20 27	Th 4 11 18 25	Th 1 8 15 22 29	Th 6 13 20 27
F 7 14 21 28	F 5 12 19 26	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 7 14 21 28
S 8 15 22 29	S 6 13 20 27	S 3 10 17 24	S 8 15 22 29

Licences, Taxes, Stamp Duties

	£	s.	d.
AFFIDAVIT, OR STATUTORY DECLARATION	0	2	6
AGREEMENT, under hand only (not otherwise charged)	0	0	6
APPRENTICESHIP, INSTRUMENTS OF	0	2	6
ARMORIAL BEARING: ANNUAL LICENCE (<i>Great Britain</i>) ..	1	1	0
If used on any carriage or motor car	2	2	0
AUCTIONEER'S ANNUAL LICENCE	10	0	0
BILL OF EXCHANGE (<i>Inland or Foreign</i>) payable on demand or within 3 days after date or sight, for any amount	0	0	2
BILL OF EXCHANGE of any other kind (except a Bank-note), also Promissory Notes of any kind (except a Bank-note) when drawn or expressed to be payable or actually paid or endorsed or in any manner negotiated in United Kingdom: Not exceeding £10, 2s.; £25, 3s.; £50, 6s.; £75, 9s.; £100, 1s.; every £100 and also for any fractional part of £100, 1/-.			
BILL OF EXCHANGE, not payable on demand or within 3 days, drawn and expressed to be payable out of United Kingdom, when paid or endorsed or negotiated in United Kingdom: Not exceeding £10, 2s.; £25, 3s.; £100, 6s.; every £100 and also for any fractional part of £100, 6d.			
CARRIAGE: 4 or more wheels and drawn by 2 or more horses	2	2	0
Four or more wheels and drawn by 1 horse	1	1	0
Less than 4 wheels	0	15	0
Hackney Carriage	0	15	0
(Half the above rates from October 1st to end of year.)			
DOG (<i>Great Britain</i>)	0	7	6
ESTATE DUTY: Exceeding £100, 1%; £200, 2%; £1,000, 3%; £5,000, 4%; £10,000, 5.5%; £12,500, 6.6%; £15,000, 7.7%; and so on.			
GAMING LICENCES:			
August 1st to July 31st	3	0	0
August 1st to October 31st	3	0	0
November 1st to July 31st	2	0	0
For 14 days (continuous)	1	0	0
GAMING DEALER'S LICENCES	2	0	0
GAMINGKEEPER'S LICENCE (<i>Great Britain</i>)	2	0	0
GEN LICENCES	0	10	0
MOTOR BICYCLE:			
Not over 150 c.c. in cylinder capacity	0	17	6
Over 150 c.c. but not over 250 c.c.	1	17	6
Over 250 c.c.	3	15	0
Used with trailer or sidecar, an extra	1	5	0
MOTOR TRICYCLE	5	0	0
MOTOR CAR (private), not over 6 h.p.	7	10	0
and £1 5s. for each h.p. extra			
MOTOR DRIVER'S LICENCES	0	5	0
RECEIPTS for £2 or upwards (salaries, pensions, etc., exempted)	0	0	2
WIRELESS BROADCAST RECEIVER'S LICENCE	0	10	0



