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3 SUNDAY
JANUARY

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1st day / 362 to come

8:00 the searchlights waving about,
 8:30 sometimes they caught an
 9:00 aircraft, probably enemy. Ever
 9:30 they started firing the guns
 10:00 at it but seemed likely to
 10:30 be well off target and the
 11:00 plane would go serenely on its
 11:30 way to the accompaniment
 12:00 of loud cheers. This time was
 12:30 a lot different. Always just
 1:00 before 5 o'clock our official
 1:30 time. Someone would produce
 2:00 an illicit peg, open the clock
 2:30 dept & advance the hands
 3:00 a few minutes - off we would
 3:30 go, since the Waltham Arsenal
 4:00 employed tens of thousands
 4:30 of people, all coming out of
 5:00 the four gates as to the
 5:30 Plymouth Road at the same
 6:00 time, this would give us a
 6:30 advantage if it quick probably
 7:00 that all the others had the
 8:00 same idea. But then we heard
 this succession of loud clump
 noises coming over nearest,
 someone threw some red dye
 shotted bombs and a rush
 was made to the nearest

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MONDAY
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4th day / 362 to come

8:00 surface shatter, resulting
 8:30 in about a dozen bodies
 9:00 jammed in the entrance,
 9:30 the tanks marched on
 10:00 pass us by on the other
 10:30 side of the road, the
 11:00 last one hitting a car
 11:30 and shatter, killing the
 12:00 all, including my cousin
 12:30 husband; a small fox
 1:00 was hit scattering smoking
 1:30 coals all over the car park,
 2:00 setting one alight. We were
 2:30 told to get away. I had
 3:00 about a half mile bicycle
 3:30 ride to my home, as I
 4:00 cycled along the bombs
 4:30 were dropping, guns were
 5:00 firing, Stophel was
 5:30 whizzing down, fighter planes
 6:00 were taking a firing their
 6:30 guns, parachutes were
 7:00 coming down, it was hectic.
 8:00 I was passing the Royal
 Artillery barracks, where
 some soldiers called to me
 to take shelter from the
 shrapnel which was raining
 down, as well as the clips

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5 TUESDAY
JANUARY

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100 days / 200 to come

8:00 from the fighter ammunition,
 9:00 these soldiers had been
 9:00 evacuated from Dunkirk
 9:00 so they were war wise, we
 10:00 stood in the doorway of
 10:00 the barracks for a while,
 11:00 watching events, until it
 11:00 colored dawn, a bit the S
 12:00 got on my bike and pedalled
 12:30 off home, passing the old
 1:00 sick quads on the Woodvil
 1:30 camp site. All the way home
 2:00 the road was full of
 2:30 ambulances and civilian
 3:00 cars and trucks being
 3:30 auxiliary fire ~~to~~ ^{at} the
 4:00 all headed for the scene.
 4:30 Reported back to write
 5:00 the next day, they was no
 6:00 New Year for me, legs just
 6:30 done after long of burst
 7:00 out machine. On the next
 7:30 day I went to visit
 8:00 for Auntie and Dottie.

Working on the Woodvil
 Arsenal, I was in a reserved
 occupation and they wouldn't
 release me. In early 1942

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WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 6

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100 days / 200 to come

8:00 I got my ^{first} release, the
 8:00 form said released for
 8:00 Photos DATES only. I was
 9:00 inducted into No 1 ACRE
 10:00 at Eads Court, measured
 10:30 for my two uniforms, had
 11:00 a couple of wipers of eye
 11:30 cream, popped home a
 12:00 few tines, shot far away by
 12:30 the or train, then on to
 1:00 Initial training was at
 1:30 SCARBOROUGH, staying in the
 2:00 Grand Hotel, boys of hell,
 2:30 polishing the line, block
 3:00 leading the lines, marching
 3:30 drill session on the parade
 4:00 curiously watched by holiday
 4:30 makers, it was AUGUST BOMBS
 5:00 HOLODAY TIME, up to the
 5:30 CASTLE for CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING.
 6:00 after a couple of months was
 6:30 moved on to KINGSTON
 7:00 AIRFIELD at CARLISLE for
 7:30 GRADING COURSE ON TIGER MOTHS
 I had made friends with a chap
 called MANS. We used a saddle
 field at WICKHAMPTON & SCOTLAND.
 the planes flew daily from
 Carlisle with a couple of passengers
 the other cadets went by

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7 THURSDAY
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7th day / 137 to come

8:00 road. One day one of the Tiger
8:30 didn't arrive, it was surprised
9:00 that the wings had fallen
9:30 off the Tigers ROBSONS and his
10:00 instructor both bought it. Some
10:30 of the mothers had notices on
11:00 the instrument panel warning
11:30 that it should not be used for
12:00 aerobatics, whether that was
12:30 the cause we never found out.
1:00 A group of ex cadets were
1:30 waiting our team to fly when
2:00 we saw the Tiger coming in
2:30 to land, we then saw another
2:30 Tiger almost on top of it, as
3:00 the lower one landed the top
4:00 one landed on top of it, flipped
4:30 over on its back and the
5:00 lower one dug in and fringed
5:30 up vertically. The pilot of one
6:00 was the chief flying instructor,
6:30 the ~~other~~ other was the deputy
7:00 flight commander. I thought
7:30 that I was quite competent
8:00 and scared at 45 lbs with no
8:30 problem, although I sustained
9:00 quite a few that year. It was
9:30 too loud to land at 20 feet,
10:00 the Tigers didn't seem to
10:30 suffer too much damage.

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8th day / 137 to come

FRIDAY
JANUARY 8

8:00 as all the occupants seemed
8:30 to walk away, we were
9:00 under the control of the
9:30 Scottish Aviation company,
10:00 the members who were concerned
10:30 with the catering arrangement
11:00 were obviously on the fiddle
11:30 because the food was vile,
12:00 the caterers were the Seward
12:30 Grey company who had a
1:00 restaurant in the main street
1:30 a pal of mine GEORGE WARREN
2:00 took a Scotch Pie that he
2:30 had been served with and
3:00 slapped it on the table of the
3:30 person who was supposed to be
4:00 the C.O. (he was a civilian), opened
4:30 it and rejected that it was
5:00 green with mould. Their idea
5:30 of a meal was to give you
6:00 one sandwich on a piece of bread
6:30 cut four to the side. It was
7:00 so bad that we were reduced
7:30 to creating a commotion at the
8:00 head of the queue while those
8:30 toward the counter and grabbed
9:00 what we could. George & I stayed
9:30 together for over a year, going
10:00 and coming together, sharing together.

11 MONDAY JANUARY

2000 FEBRUARY							2000 JANUARY						
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Thoughts in 2000.

This talk of birds on the
 front line prompted a
 thought which turned
 into a dream. I was
 navigating my old MK 10
 Wipac from Foggia in Italy
 to PARBUICE oil refinery in
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA, a trip of
 eight hours, started off on GEE,
 which ran out of fuel shortly
 than a D.R. It was one
 of the blackest of nights, with
 a ceiling of 10,000 ft we
 couldn't get above cloud, so
 no star shots, legs of flak
 to starboard some poor sod
 has wandered over VICINIA,
 press on, T.T.A. coming up,
 air to air flig, some gong
 down in flares, 50 y cars
 later the old Wipac landed in
 the bottom of a lake. The old
 NAV leader was still a board.
 Shifty flares down, the some
 target markers just off to

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13 WEDNESDAY
JANUARY

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20th Day / 202 to come

8:00 starboard, make over and
 8:30 drop the banks, not a lot
 9:00 to see, then turn for home,
 9:30 driving on for a couple of
 10:00 hours, feeling fairly soother
 10:30 it was one 'usual' practice
 11:00 for the near gunner to
 11:30 be relieved in the turret by
 12:00 the wireless operator and
 12:30 come forward to stand in
 1:00 the Astro dome beside my
 1:30 position, flanking himself
 2:00 with his arms to warm
 2:30 himself, and the old
 3:00 Wippy would fill with the
 3:30 smoke of the Vops fag as
 4:00 he lit up, in spite of the
 4:30 old pipe being full of holes.
 5:00 But this was so different,
 5:30 I saw beside me this
 6:00 lovely young bird, same as
 6:30 as my 'allot' '21, and it
 7:00 wasn't cigarette smoke it
 7:30 was CHAPEL nos. which
 8:00 should pick up in CARO
 8:30 on the way up from E.T.O.
 I gave her a black top
 of lukewarm coffee and
 it seemed quite natural

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THURSDAY
JANUARY 14

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20th Day / 202 to come

8:00 3/ make for the bed,
 8:30 which the Vickers
 9:00 company + BARON'S WAGGIE
 9:30 in particular had provided,
 10:00 the TROPIC AMPHIB of
 10:30 MORPHIA became an
 11:00 aphrodisiac, and then,
 11:30 an awful WHUMP!! the
 12:00 old Wippy went all over
 12:30 the sky, it appears that
 1:00 it was by kind permission
 1:30 of the HERMAN GERZING
 2:00 PAOTER GREENADERS ship
 2:30 hatteries, we had wandered
 3:00 over land, on GRAT, the
 3:30 old Wippy, dived on as
 4:00 though she was used to that
 4:30 on a regular basis. What
 5:00 did the bird do, what
 5:30 would we have done, we
 6:00 had more than 100 holes,
 6:30 some quite big.
 7:00 You may ask what provided
 7:30 this, today I showed a
 8:00 letter from a JAN MANN of
 8:30 HUSOIA, MIRESLAV in the
 9:00 CZECH REPUBLIC requesting
 9:30 information about the crew's
 10:00 members who I can go to
 10:30 their search the Day

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15 FRIDAY
JANUARY

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15th day / 150 to come

8:00 in 1946 and who lay
8:30 forgotten by their own
8:00 country, among others
8:30 until a excavation took
10:00 place a 1990-1991. By a
10:30 CZECH team, 45th; medals
17:00 were taken out to the crash
11:30 site and attended the burial
12:00 of their heroes military
12:30 funeral, another ironic
1:00 twist here, Lillcrap was
1:30 the regular navigator on that
2:00 crew, but missed that "up"
2:30 strong illness, he ~~was~~
3:00 up with another crew ^{formed}
3:30 but got the drop a fortnight
4:00 later! We had got together
4:30 in England 1942, route to
5:00 South Africa together, trained
5:30 in S.A together to Polakine
6:00 together for O.T.U. up to
6:30 Italy joined the squadron
7:00 together, & then!

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SATURDAY
JANUARY 16

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written in 2002. 16th day / 149 to come

8:00
8:30 Will someone in about
9:00 50 years, review the case
9:30 of 2nd W.W. aircor and their
10:00 treatment in particular, the
10:30 litigious lawyers have
11:00 got the "shot" at your affair
11:30 "licked up, to whose advantage
12:00 can post traumatic stress be
12:30 indolent, in the eyes of those
1:00 that fired the rifles. Honour
1:30 & courtesy in war come to
2:00 be accepted, but when it comes
2:30 from your own side it must be
3:00 condoned. My father came out
3:30 of the 1st W.W. aged 20 had
4:00 been employed in the R.A.S.C
4:30 driving and writing wagons to
5:00 the trenches (horse drawn) on
5:30 supply routes targeted by the
6:00 enemy, he was badly gassed
6:30 and on becoming a curly
7:00 he was unemployed &
8:00 unemployed for many years
8:30 from the gassing. He received
9:00 no benefits from the governm
9:30 who had proclaimed it. I was
10:00 FIT FOR HEROES, and succumb
10:30 to his illness at the age of

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17 SUNDAY
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17th day / 140 to come

8:00 8 1/2 53 years, it took her a
 long time to die slowly.
 8:30 Coming up to the 2nd W
 and beyond, perhaps my
 experience may shed a
 10:00 little light, shot at dawn
 10:30 didn't figure I was aircrew,
 11:00 and an almost effective
 11:30 deterrent was used against us
 12:00 I almost said cowardice,
 12:30 but it wasn't that, the
 1:00 deterrent was L.M.F. or lack of
 1:30 moral fibre in which, the
 2:00 post fellow was stripped of
 2:30 rank (our lowest was SGT)
 3:00 given the lowest job S.D. and
 3:30 his pay book stamped large
 4:00 L.M.F., so wherever he went
 4:30 they knew, the all-ones
 5:00 knew. So perhaps a little
 5:30 personal experience may
 6:00 help. Arriving in the back of
 6:30 a lorry at a vineyard &
 7:00 white grille just outside
 7:30 Foggia, nothing idyllic in
 8:00 the fact we had a collection
 of old broken up ridge tents
 wherein we later found to
 have been all through the

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1961 FEBRUARY							1961 MARCH						
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18th day / 140 to come

18th day / 140 to come
Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

8:00 desert warfare for years,
 8:30 they showed their age,
 9:00 underneath the tents had
 10:00 been dug out about 2 foot
 10:30 so that we could just about
 11:00 stand up in the middle. We
 11:30 were told to find empty ones
 12:00 and it was three to a
 12:30 tent. The empty ones were
 1:00 the ones where the crews
 1:30 had got the chop, very
 2:00 seldom did any one finish
 2:30 a tent (40 ops us not 30 as the
 3:00 highly boys). We were 205 GAF
 3:30 heavy bomber squadron
 4:00 consisting of six Wellington
 4:30 squadrons, one British Liberator
 5:00 Sqn. 2 SAAF six sqn and
 5:30 one HANFAX Sqn. at P.F.F.
 6:00 I was in 37 sqn and with
 6:30 our sister squadron 70
 7:00 were on a single strip P.S.P.
 7:30 runway at FORAREIA which
 we shared with the flying
 8:00 Force of the 99 Bombrgrm
 15 A.FORC. (USAAF) situated on the
 far side of the runway.

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19 TUESDAY
JANUARY

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25th day / 141 to come

8:00 It was within a day or so
8:30 of arriving that my pilot
9:00 ALEC HAYES, (QUEENSLAND
9:30 AUSTRALIA) went off to MILAN
10:00 on his second diary trip to
10:30 get a taste of hostile activity
11:00 and learn a few ropes, he
11:30 was with a SAAF crew in a
12:00 MA8 Wipac the trip being
12:30 either their ultimate or pen
1:00 ultimate trip (39th or 40th).
1:30 the fact that he solo
2:00 came back was because of a
2:30 collision over the target.
3:00 He is buried near MILAN!
3:30 The very next day I was
4:00 listed to fly with a crew
4:30 that had arrived with us
5:00 on the squadron, since their
5:30 navigation had gone sick. The
6:00 pilot of this aircraft was a
6:30 Canadian APT SCHLOTE who
7:00 had trained in Canada with
8:00 my pilot but who had
8:30 come back safely from his
9:00 experience trip. This trip
9:30 proved quite hairy when the
10:00 photo flash started to set
10:30 its own fuse & had to be

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Fuel

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WEDNESDAY 20
JANUARY

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26th day / 142 to come

8:00 jettisoned with resultant
8:30 judgement, no picture
9:00 any a poor start shortly
9:30 I was back with my gun
10:00 crew, piloted by a SAAF who
10:30 had come down over enemy
11:00 territory & had walked back
11:30 with quite a story to tell. Over
12:00 the time of my tour I was used
12:30 as an old bod, flying with
1:00 new crews (very ad hoc) but
1:30 being assigned to the SAAF
2:00 who became Flight Commander
2:30 and was only allowed to fly
3:00 once a fortnight. I was
3:30 given the job of collecting
4:00 loads from a holding course
4:30 out'side of NAPLES while
5:00 awaiting court martial on
5:30 summary of evidence, they
6:00 have gone absent without
6:30 leave & then captured in NAPLES.
7:00 A call would be made to
8:00 the control tower to
8:30 enquire for the next
9:00 Foggia ferry on Old Flying
9:30 Forties which had been
10:00 deactivated and used as a
10:30 mail plane & transport all

Washes

Fuel

Bombs

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21 THURSDAY
JANUARY

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21st day 134 to copy

8:00 (4) around Foggia area, my
 8:30 pilot would take me in his
 9:00 old V8 Woody Ford to the
 9:30 taxi track, along would roll
 10:00 the old fortress, a square of
 10:30 bricks, door open and off
 11:00 we would go to Pomigliano
 11:30 airport. I think a ride down
 12:00 the AUTOSTRADA to PORTICI,
 12:30 present a piece of paper to the
 1:00 guard house & collect my
 1:30 prisoner and back track to
 2:00 Foggia, sometimes all the
 2:30 farmers had gone so we had
 3:00 to sleep on the floor of the
 3:30 NAPPY until morning, then
 4:00 off. I was given a messidor
 4:30 but of course no pills, but
 5:00 they caused no trouble. The
 5:30 first prisoner was a 6/8 sq
 6:00 wireless operator who had
 6:30 done a tour in the desert
 7:00 & was left way through his
 8:00 second tour when he became
 an odd ball, had a couple
 of shaky days, and was
 along I believe he became
 lost. The next one had
 a rather sad tale to tell,

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FRIDAY
JANUARY 22

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22nd day 135 to copy

8:00 (5) he had been ground
 8:30 staff in the desert and
 9:00 along with 3 friends decide
 9:30 to volunteer as air gunners,
 10:00 expecting to be posted back
 10:30 to Brighton for training, but
 11:00 training grounds had been
 11:30 opened & the middle east
 12:00 so they didn't get home,
 12:30 in fact they went to our group,
 1:00 and one by one they got the
 1:30 chop, until just this one
 2:00 was left so away he went &
 2:30 was captured again in Naples.
 3:00 Another rear gunner bled
 3:30 out & the middle of the
 4:00 Atlantic, look, but another
 4:30 saga took a bit longer to
 5:00 unfold, I was signed to
 5:30 fly with a full old bod
 6:00 but ~~he was very~~ ~~an~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~middle~~
 6:30 until the rear gunner
 7:00 reported flames from the port
 8:00 engine during part of a
 8:30 tuck, that was followed
 9:00 by the slab down of the
 9:30 engine & the usual feathering
 10:00 when upon the old ship
 10:30 started to sink, bank down

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23 SATURDAY
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23rd day (342) to come

6:00 (6) open, jetstream engine operated
and then gently back to
base, land surface filling
back at base, not moving
we were called as a crew to
report to GEORGE when he
gave us a terrific dressing
down, we should be court
martialled etc, we had the
choice to ask if we should
carry on with no bombs,
but he insisted that we
should have carried on even
without bombs, perhaps we
should have checked the clear
at that but we didn't dare
suggest that, subsequent
events shed a little light
on this episode. Flying
with this pilot once again
we were approaching the
target Phobos, reckoned to
be second only to Brevin
in defence since it was
Hercules only natural oil.
Due to go forward to stand
by the pilot to record
the following observations,
light & make observations

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24th day (343) to come

7:00 (7) regarding the target &
engine's etc. Reporting, when
I found I couldn't open
the door, it was only on a
ball catch, but I pulled so
hard I broke the Walker loop
which acted as the handle.
I reported this in Gibcon &
asked the Bomb-aimer to
come & push the door open
at the same time the pilot
reported that he had the
control right over but
still couldn't get the
port wing up to fly straight
& level. He indicated the
Geodetic frame to turn &
look the door, since I was
standing beside the gauges
that I registered the state
of the petrol tank & asked
the bottom to read & saw
that the port tanks were full
& the star almost empty, were
well down. I shot back to the
main beam to turn on the
petrol gauge caddy then
told the pilot to ensure that
the balance cock beside his

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25 MONDAY
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25th day / 200 to come

8:00 (S) seat was on, by now the
 8:30 W/A had packed the class
 open came back up our
 9:00 positions, then we were over
 9:30 the target and then we were
 10:00 comed, I never believed in
 10:30 inking on altimeter height
 11:00 to lose searchlights, they
 11:30 were faster than we were &
 12:00 was radar controlled so the
 12:30 pilot who agreed with me
 1:00 just put the nose down
 1:30 for maximum speed out
 2:00 up to about 300 mph and
 2:30 finished up just above
 3:00 the tops of the refinery
 4:00 towers, somewhere in the
 4:30 way we had dropped our
 5:00 bombs but we didn't get a
 5:30 photo. I later learned that this
 6:00 pilot had aborted on another
 6:30 raid - on another occasion had
 7:00 not appeared for take off & had
 8:00 been found hiding in a field.
 The wing commander of was
 detailed by Gp on page to take
 the aircraft over which he did,
 but the wing finished up in a
 ditch, that kid had left the
 ground area by the next morning.

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26th day / 100 to come

 QUAZINA
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 THURSDAY
 JANUARY 26
 Palestino

8:00 This episode started on
 8:30 a concrete apron at
 9:00 TT O.T.U at Qastina just
 9:30 a short distance from Jerusalem
 10:00 in Palestino, it was mid March
 10:30 1944. Qastina was a pelliston
 11:00 B.F. using Ic models. A
 11:30 mixed crowd of aircrew were
 12:00 asse. bled on a concrete apron
 12:30 and ordered to sort ourselves
 1:00 into rows, this apparently being
 1:30 standard R.A.F. procedure
 2:00 We had segregated ourselves
 2:30 into our various trades
 3:00 since in many cases we had
 3:30 trained in our various trades
 4:00 & knew one another. As it
 4:30 turned out, in the main
 5:00 it was left to the navigators
 5:30 to do the picking. My first
 6:00 choice was a short chubby
 6:30 bomb aimer, who never also
 7:00 managed to get his front
 7:30 cap on straight, this was
 8:00 the reason that I picked
 8:30 him, well was because we
 9:00 had been at the same air
 9:30 schools in South Africa and
 10:00 he was a wonderful science
 10:30 player and had struck up

27 WEDNESDAY
JANUARY

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27th day / 337 to come

8:00 ② all our parties with
his playing, he came from
9:00 Kingston CKK and had
started a career in his
10:00 local newspaper before
11:00 volunteering. I noted a
rather skinny looking
12:00 Australian, standing close,
I made an approach, he
13:00 agreed to join us, it turned
14:00 out that ^{the} name from a family
15:00 of pineapple growers in
16:00 Pukekohe. That made three
17:00 of five & next was the
18:00 Air gunner who came from
19:00 Wallington in Surrey and had
20:00 started in a bank, he had
21:00 trained in Rhodesia, he
22:00 resembled a bloodhound in
23:00 looks, his name was
24:00 appropriately enough 'Cassidy'.
25:00 That but not least was the
26:00 W/oper who had trained
27:00 in England, and had been
28:00 from in Down Castle where his
29:00 father who was a soldier
had been stationed, he was
always known as Mac &
had started out as a boy

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THURSDAY
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28th day / 337 to come

8:00 ③ soldier & had transferred
9:00 to the R.A.F, he had
10:00 made his home in Stratton
11:00 in S.E. London. We soon
12:00 settled in to a good routine
13:00 flying around the Eastern
14:00 Med, where we were informed
15:00 that all radio aid was to be
16:00 treated as suspect, evidence
17:00 of this came when we
18:00 took a beam on a beacon
19:00 at Cairn which we could see
20:00 away beyond our port wing
21:00 tip, but the beam beam
22:00 from the W/op was miles
23:00 out. We had a pretty good
24:00 two months at O.T.O., and
25:00 unlike the stories that we
26:00 had heard about tragedies
27:00 at O.T.O. in England, we
28:00 suffered no losses from our
29:00 taller crews, it came close
30:00 when one of the pilots
31:00 who always displayed the
32:00 facts that he wanted to be
33:00 a fighter pilot, did bomb
34:00 the Academy on Cairn
35:00 which we had been given
36:00 as a simulated target, he

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29 FRIDAY
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29th day (13) to come

8:00 (4) dived so violently that
 8:30 on pull out he stripped
 9:00 a lot of fabric from the
 9:30 wings and had to make
 10:00 an emergency landing for
 10:30 repair. Talker who we
 11:00 loaded the squadron by
 11:30 using our first casualty,
 12:00 failing to return from his
 12:30 first op. From OT U we were
 1:00 sent on head to Alexandria,
 1:30 which we quite enjoyed then on
 2:00 to CAMO about 1/2 posting, we
 2:30 were picked up by a USAAF
 3:00 Dakota & after a stop at B&P/O/S,
 3:30 for fuel we landed up at
 4:00 PORTICI, a dirty old multi-story
 4:30 warehouses, factory's what we could
 5:00 see the bay of NAPLES, (didn't see
 5:30 all that romantic) to the east
 6:00 was Vesuvius to the NORTH (about
 6:30 100 yds) was a military prison
 7:00 otherwise known as a classroom
 7:30 in military parlance, which I
 made acquaintance later on, &
 to the South was Sorrento which
 was our next camp. The only
 advantage that we had
 over the slightly boys, although
 they had the prospects of

SATURDAY 30
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30th day (13) to come

8:00 London for compensation.
 8:30 The local population was
 9:00 in a sorry state, they appeared
 9:30 to be almost peasant, and
 10:00 the war had made their
 10:30 situation much worse. The
 11:00 children lined up all day
 11:30 to share out our swill bins
 12:00 they were so hungry, they
 12:30 were welcome to it since
 1:00 once again the RAF food
 1:30 was terrible, in those &
 2:00 a half years overseas I
 2:30 never once had food next
 3:00 except when in South Africa
 3:30 where the South Africa airforce
 4:00 did one catering on any of
 4:30 the times when we was
 5:00 able to eat in mess halls
 5:30 run by the Americans.
 6:00 Whilst waiting posting my
 6:30 pal Albi Hart & his Brazilian
 7:00 pal that he had framed with
 7:30 in Canada decided to head
 north for a look at HOME,
 I decided to tag along. So
 the Antioch quill near
 thanks at the nearby we were
 soon picked up by an officer
 who checked us out whilst I & C

5th FRIDAY
MARCH

1950 July / 200 hr course

8:00 we hadn't been missed. The
 8:30 on to trucks for the ride
 9:00 to our squadron. Was 20500
 9:30 stationed around the town
 10:00 of FOGGIA two squadrons
 10:30 were on FOGGIA main airfield
 11:00 number 104 + 40, just out of
 11:30 town was a single ship PSP
 12:00 (Purified Steel Plant) remaining
 12:30 which held 37 + 70 sq mi
 1:00 at REGINA a few miles away
 1:30 was 142 + 150. Our destination
 2:00 was to be 37 sq mi.

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Wed day / 123 to come

8:00 efficiency at so doing, as
 8:30 the central of Europe - of
 9:00 course we were at war with
 9:30 Germany. In mid 1940 I
 10:00 joined the Woolwich Arsenal,
 10:30 working in the NEW FOST
 11:00 factory whilst awaiting
 11:30 transfer to a tool-room to
 12:00 start my apprenticeship.
 12:30 This as the name implies was
 1:00 a factory producing machined
 1:30 components for assembly elsewhere
 2:00 when plate fuses, the machines
 2:30 ranged from master bar & chucking
 3:00 automatic HOME-GUIDEYS, though
 3:30 man operated capstan & other
 4:00 machines down to small lathe
 4:30 machines not much bigger than
 5:00 sewing machines, set on tables
 5:30 working quietly away. The place
 6:00 was liberally coated in various
 6:30 cutting liquids, including special
 7:00 cutting oil - the smell was
 8:00 decidedly ^{strong} only. The factory
 8:30 employed a few hundred people,
 9:00 and thus being a Saturday, we
 9:30 finished work early at 12:30
 10:00 we worked weeks about alternating
 10:30 day & night shift, we were in
 11:00 of at the clocking station

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Wed day / 123 to come

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 2

8:00 to put our cards into the
 8:30 time clock, stamp it by passing
 9:00 down a handle & replacing
 9:30 the card in the "out" rack.
 10:00 We weren't all that perturbed
 10:30 by the morning air said
 11:00 seven since withered the way
 11:30 lines, in fact on the night
 12:00 shift we were made to leave
 12:30 the factory, & go to our
 1:00 designated air raid shelter,
 1:30 in my case it was known as a
 2:00 surface shelter, a brick built
 2:30 affair with a thick concrete
 3:00 top & a baffled blast wall
 3:30 at the entrance. At night it
 4:00 was our usual place - to climb
 4:30 on the top of the shelter, lay
 5:00 down & cover up with a waterproof
 5:30 sheet & watch the searchlights
 6:00 search out the intruders, we
 6:30 would chat like mad when
 7:00 we felt caught for phones
 8:00 & gossip etc. etc. But then
 8:30 we also saw the anti-aircraft
 9:00 shell bursts which always
 9:30 seemed to "well" off target.
 10:00 Shortly after the siren
 10:30 started up, we heard the
 11:00 loud explosion followed

Parker

123 to come

3 WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY

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FEBRUARY							FEBRUARY						
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30th day / 131 to come

8:00 in sequence by others, getting
 8:30 louder, we also were hearing
 9:00 aircraft engines droning away,
 9:30 someone then shouted bombs,
 10:00 when a mad rush started
 10:30 for the nearest shelter, we
 11:00 all fringed up jammed in
 11:30 the doorway as the bombs
 12:00 continued on, the "side" of
 12:30 bombs continued along
 1:00 the road beside the factory
 1:30 where the surface shelters
 2:00 were lined up, one bomb
 2:30 went over our head and blew up
 3:00 a small forge which scattered
 3:30 red hot coals into the car
 4:00 park, the coals burnt through
 4:30 the cloth tops of the cars
 5:00 set them on fire, whilst the
 5:30 last bomb hit in underground
 6:00 shelter, killing all the
 6:30 occupants, including my
 7:00 cousin's husband's twin

8:00 were raining all around, people
 were walking around covered
 in blood mostly from shards
 of glass which had come
 from the windows of multi
 storied buildings. There was no
 panic but chaos all around us

Weather: clear cloudy rain snow fog

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 4

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30th day / 130 to come

8:00 immediate relief, we were
 8:30 totally unprepared for this
 9:00 Someone took the authority
 9:30 to tell us to get away
 10:00 home so I got on my bike
 10:30 and pedalled like mad
 11:00 along the blushed road to
 11:30 Wood with town centre where
 12:00 I turned left onto the road
 12:30 to Eltham my home, all the
 1:00 time the bombs were dropping,
 1:30 our fighters were attacking
 2:00 the bombers, sharpshooting
 2:30 the ack-ack was raining
 3:00 down, cartridge clips were
 3:30 bouncing on the road, aircraft
 4:00 were coming down + I began
 4:30 to see parachutes everywhere
 5:00 I looked. I was pedalling
 5:30 past the military barracks
 6:00 when I was called in to the
 6:30 shelter by the soldiers, it
 7:00 appeared that they were

8:00 surprised from D. K. K. K., +
 had seen it all before.
 During a lull I pressed on
 towards home, the roads
 were full of emergency
 vehicles, ambulances, fire
 appliances, buses, etc.

Weather: clear cloudy rain snow fog

5 FRIDAY
FEBRUARY

1950							1950						
JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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26th day / 120 hr count

8:00 on the schedule, for
 8:25 engines, all in a constant
 stream heading toward
 9:30 Woodwick. Arriving home went
 10:00 to the family relief we could
 10:30 see the fire & all the smoke.
 11:20 it appeared that this raid
 11:30 signalled the start of the blitz.
 12:00 I went back to the hospital
 12:20 arrival to see what was
 1:00 going on, and what my
 1:30 instruction would be. I
 2:00 found the New Forge factory
 2:30 completely burnt out, a
 3:00 stand was being made to
 3:30 remove all the machinery
 4:00 for renovation, all the skilled
 4:30 adult workers were being
 5:00 recruited to join the shadow
 5:30 munitions factories which
 6:00 had been set up around the
 6:30 country and in what was
 7:00 known as the Flying Column

8:00 to go to places around the
 country to impart their skills
 to those people recruited
 to man these factories. I was
 told to report to the Gun &
 Carriage tool room. I had

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SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 6

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30	31				29	30	1	2	3	4	5

27th day / 120 hr count

8:00 a look around the relics
 8:30 of my destroyed works
 9:00 place I was happy that
 9:30 I hadn't made it to
 10:00 my particular shelter on
 10:30 the warning screen. I was
 11:00 fairly convinced that that
 11:30 type of shelter was not
 12:00 all that clever since a
 12:30 near miss high bomb would
 1:00 collapse the brick walls &
 1:30 the concrete roof would come
 2:00 down in one massive chunk
 2:30 and flatten anyone who was
 3:00 inside. This unfortunately
 3:30 happened in this event.
 4:00 After a few days I got a
 4:30 start in the Gun & Carriage
 5:00 tool room manufacturing gun
 5:30 fixtures. It's heavy stamping
 6:00 & forging that's a lot of
 6:30 press work for the multitude
 7:00 of factories comprising the
 7:30 column. Arsenal with the
 8:00 capacity to manufacture every
 8:30 thing from 16" Naval guns
 9:00 weighing about 130 tons all
 9:30 the way down to minute
 10:00 components for timing for fuses

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7 SUNDAY
FEBRUARY

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1942 day 1327 to come

8:00 In the interim I had
 8:30 been to the local recruiting
 9:00 office & volunteered to be
 9:30 trained as a pilot. I was
 10:00 told that my job was considered
 10:30 a reserve occupation and I
 11:00 would have to apply to be released.
 11:30 over time & not being called I
 12:00 wrote letters to the Air Minister
 12:30 complaining that I hadn't been
 1:00 called, and I was writing some
 1:30 quite interesting letters. I left
 2:00 it to my mother to post the
 2:30 letters, she told me much later
 3:00 that she hadn't posted the
 3:30 letters ~~and~~ reading them she
 4:00 felt that they would result
 4:30 in my being shot. Just over
 5:00 a year later I was called to
 5:30 report to N°1 ACRC at LORDS
 6:00 CRICKET GROUND, at S^t John's Wood
 6:30 NORTH LONDON. This was in
 7:00 February 1942.

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Number	Temp	Barom	BB

WEDNESDAY MONDAY
FEBRUARY 8

1942 day 1328 to come

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9 TUESDAY
FEBRUARY

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4th Day / 125 to come

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WEDNESDAY 10
FEBRUARY

1944							1945						
JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Some
of photos

Bombs, they're Bombs. The land bombs continued & got louder as about 50 people made a dash for the air-raid shelter, just ten yards away, we just jammed together in the door-way while the march of the bombs continued & matched close by, the nearest one landed & exploded on a small building housing a small forge which scattered hot coals over the car park setting the cars alight, the last bomb landing on an ~~upper~~ air raid shelter, killing all those inside including the husband of my cousin. We had been sitting up on "THE CHICK" waiting to clock off of our shift in the NEW F&E factory a large factory machining components for engines from large shells down to watch like mechanicals & components for torpedoes. The factory was inside the fourth gate of the Woolwich Arsenal a massively complex dominant factory

13 SATURDAY
FEBRUARY

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JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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44th day / 329 to come

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SUNDAY 14
FEBRUARY

1945							1946						
JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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45th day / 328 to come

8:00 shelter, covered up with an
 8:30 old tarpaulin and watched
 9:00 as the search lights groped
 9:30 the sky for the enemy
 10:00 intruders, and the guns
 10:30 would fire away, it became
 11:00 almost a joke as we saw
 11:30 the search lights catch the
 12:00 plane for an instant & then
 12:30 lose it, while the shell bursts
 1:00 from the anti-aircraft guns
 1:30 seemed to be not at all close,
 2:00 rather different to the experiences
 2:30 I had some years later.

However, after the bombing
 we were told to go home
 and since most of us were
 on bicycles we made one way
 post-haste, I cycled along the
 Plumstead road, turning on to
 the road to Elham, my home
 at Becclesford Square. By this
 time the R.A.F. fighters
 were among the bombers
 and firing was incessant, air-
 craft were smoking and coming
 down, many parachutes were
 descending, anti-aircraft guns
 were firing with thunderous roars.

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17 WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY

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4th Day / 117 to come

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THURSDAY 18
FEBRUARY

1940							1941						
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4th Day / 118 to come

8:00 apprenticeship, and shortly after
8:30 volunteered to join the R.A.F.
9:00 as aircrew.

9:30 I am prompted to write
10:00 this letter by the article
10:30 which mentioned the bombing
11:00 of the Arsenal on page 6, the
11:30 letters page of your APRIL 14th
12:00 publication.

12:30 I wonder
1:00 I have often ~~asked~~ whether
1:30 the bombs that fell that day
2:00 at 5 o'clock on 7th September 1940
2:30 were the first of the daily
3:00 blitzes on London as no other
3:30 explosions were heard and I
4:00 think that the air-raid
4:30 sirens hadn't sounded.

Yours

Exp	①	②
Waste	Temp	Beam

At NAV School in S.A. flying in the Anson, wind up unescort 48 wide up or down. One day an episode occurred that would seem to be almost impossible with few aircraft (after all it wasn't a thousand bomber raid) one Anson settled itself briefly on top of another Anson, both flying on the same heading, they parted and returned to base with little damage. This precipitated an all round safety review of everything including parachutes. On opening the batta down flap on the chute it was found that the 2 release wires, attached to the "D" handle, used to deploy the chute, which were threaded through two steel pillars which were used to hold the four flaps covering

② the canopy & its lines, had been bent right round, making it impossible to release the chute, obviously, we had a MALANKES an organization run by a D^r MALAN who were sympathisers of HUNGER and anti British, they were the "Osewa Brardvag", on the camp.

The other occasion that I had a brush with them when we going by train from PORT ELIZABETH to Durban, we were on a single track and on reaching BLOMFONTAIN we had to wait for 8 hours for a train coming down the line to reach us where double track had been laid for us to pass. All our course of about 30 hods made our way into town, it being the beer brewing capital of S.A, with many different brews on offer. I was with my mate LOFTY WINTERBOURNE

④ received a blow to my left eye, some of our mates rallied round and we went to the train & looked for someone with a ripped shirt, fortunately for them we didn't find them, by this time I had a lovely black eye, but after a few beers we went on our way. During the night, on one of our train journeys across S.A. one of the fellows walked along the corridor to the toilet, opened the wrong door - fell off the train, he finished up walking along the track following the train in only his short shirt, his name was Watson, he had been named Willey Watson after an old time Music Hall turn, Happy days, he had to walk until he came to some habitation which was far better up on the high veldt, however he eventually caught up with us.

23 TUESDAY
FEBRUARY

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WEDNESDAY 24
FEBRUARY

2000 FEBRUARY							2000 MARCH						
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Each day 7:00 to 6:00

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11 SATURDAY
DECEMBER

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SUNDAY
DECEMBER 12

NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30						29	30	31				

3000 Day / 19 come

8:00 Turn'g off the tree line
 8:30 typically, the tree road
 9:00 not a dirt track or
 9:30 arrived at ~~the~~ TOROCCA
 10:00 the present home of 375 Sep.
 10:30 You couldn't say that we were
 11:00 depressed, it looked like a
 11:30 deserted tip. If it had a
 12:00 molewing feature you could
 12:30 say it was the olive tree
 1:00 at least they looked alive, not
 1:30 many Sep's of life otherwise,
 2:00 no welcome crowd, & no
 2:30 brass band, just clapped out
 3:00 old tents, showing their age
 3:30 after 3 years in North Africa
 4:00 flying & blowing with the tide
 4:30 of battle, to say they bagged
 5:00 was an understatement. They were
 5:30 the standard ridge tent,
 6:00 propped over a hole dug
 6:30 into the ground to give
 7:00 some egg room to stand up.
 8:00 entrance was by sliding
 down the slope created by
 the feet traversing the entrance
 coming at going. After a while
 the entrance had continued
 to deepen, the slide & distribute
 the weight evenly over the

13 MONDAY
DECEMBER

NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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347th day / 28 to come

8:00 bottom of the living space
 8:30 floor, making the makeshift
 9:00 beds look like a train
 9:30 beds a serious by realising
 10:00 the head room inside,
 10:30 you had two options you
 11:00 either lifted the tent &
 11:30 fast or so or excavate
 12:00 the floor. The tent had
 12:30 a trench dug around 3
 1:00 sides to catch the rain
 1:30 before it encroached on
 2:00 your salubrity inside.
 2:30 There were other ~~trans~~
 3:00 dug at random all over
 3:30 the site which were
 4:00 there for "AMERICAN FOOT
 4:30 USE" of anyone took
 5:00 exception & stayed the way
 5:30 going again in our area.
 6:00 These trenches contained
 6:30 water, (rain) diesel oil
 7:00 which spilled from the 45
 8:00 gallon drums of diesel oil
 8:30 which had been punctured &
 9:00 decanted & balanced across
 9:30 these trenches, no one was
 10:00 silly enough to attempt to
 10:30 Siphon ^{off} the water, so they

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TUESDAY 14
DECEMBER

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348th day / 27 to come

8:00 were laid on their side &
 8:30 rolled back & forth so
 9:00 start or stop the flow,
 9:30 spillage almost as unaddl
 10:00 & all this in spite of clear
 10:30 warning as against making the
 11:00 diesel because of shortages.
 11:30 I might point out that this
 12:00 was ~~stale~~ in time & they
 12:30 cold's raving hiccups. But the
 1:00 we were short of replacement clothes
 1:30 food was vile, no tapes for the
 2:00 thing. We were assembled by
 2:30 the AOS to be informed that
 3:00 the cupboard was bare
 3:30 and that if we wanted any the
 4:00 at all we must make our
 4:30 own arrangements or guarantees.
 5:00 We had checked the local
 5:30 farmer out of his house for
 6:00 our mess, so he had invited
 6:30 into a barn, which when you
 7:00 approached it, displayed in
 8:00 a woman & a dog, I don't know if
 8:30 the goats & chickens used the
 9:00 bed but they including the
 9:30 chicken wandered around in
 10:00 the barn. Bastard's cigarettes
 10:30 or soap would get fresh eggs

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15 WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER

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1943 day / 15 to come

8:00 or if you indicated the need
8:30 for a chicken the farmers
9:00 light year old delapator
9:30 would catch it using its
10:00 neck & hand it to you when
10:30 u you can't get fresher than
11:00 that.
11:30 But to go back before the
12:00 beginning for some of our history
12:30 during 1942 due to the invasion
1:00 of N Africa by the Americans there
1:30 was a distinct shortage of troop
1:50 ships so loads of us were
2:00 couldn't get to South Africa
2:30 for further training from ITW
3:00 so we were moved around like
3:30 chickens, although in the main
4:00 we went in blocks by flights.

5:00 Henton Park (monstrous) barracks
5:30 (Glenisnaw) WHITLEY Bay (whorries
6:00 for a Quacks command course)
6:30 essentially we made Boneybrook
7:00 to amount (the BOAT) our

8:00 crowd I had been issued with
a tropical kit so we were sure
that we would be going to cold
Canada, so since in fact this
I brought a pair of ice
skates I could hand up

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THURSDAY
DECEMBER 16

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1943 day / 16 to come

8:00 Canadian, I trailed the all
8:30 around the hot container until
9:00 once seeing ice, brought
9:30 the back to England & sold
10:00 them at a handsome profit.
10:30 (about 2 days which was
11:00 to us - 2 days) I
11:30 Blackpool we landed up
12:00 with the Blackpool band leader
12:30 who was storming us to dance
1:00 while flagging our ratings
1:30 on the blackboard in collusion
2:00 with the RAF No 6 dance &
2:30 the NAAFI wallah. I could
3:00 give you her name but she
3:30 would still be alive she was
4:00 too wicked to die. I was in
4:30 the army with a blanket (one
5:00 laid over a wire spring etc -
5:30 which passed as a mattress &
6:00 a straw filled canvas pillow.
6:30 I queried why the doors were
7:00 so big. It was because she
7:30 had to leave a door open for
all the notices that were
telling you what you could
shouldn't or mustn't do.
The idea of the main meal
was a small portion of

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19 SUNDAY
DECEMBER

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23rd day / 12 hr time

8:00 from either side, this pattern
 8:30 was repeated about 2 times to
 9:00 from our mess deck. Over the
 top of our table were steel
 9:30 fish traps for our barnacles &
 10:00 that was it. We had a
 10:30 large tea - pot & large trays
 11:00 which were taken up about
 11:30 a flight of steps, along a
 12:00 covered deck down into
 12:30 the galley where whoever
 1:00 was duty ate collected the
 1:30 food. We rocked our way
 2:00 along, the rocking machine
 2:30 promised, we had a battleship
 3:00 variant corvette & a number
 3:30 of destroyers which kept
 4:00 churning off into the distance
 4:30 like grey clouds, getting
 5:00 larger as water as they tore
 5:30 about, the battleship all
 6:00 but disappeared at times
 6:30 as we got further south & the
 7:00

60 weather got really harsh.
 By this time 90% of the force
 broke or turned about, 6,000 light
 were violently seasick, also 90%
 had diarrhea caused by the
 glutening out on tinned fruit

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MONDAY
DECEMBER 20

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24th day / 11 hr time

8:00 + rainbows aboard which the
 8:30 ship had picked up in Canada
 9:00 The toilets on the mess deck
 9:30 were permanently occupied with
 10:00 people who couldn't make
 10:30 up their minds, both ends of
 11:00 their bodies breaking alternately
 11:30 We still had to go to the
 12:00 galley for grub & fetch back
 12:30 this & left trays with pre
 1:00 cooked fried eggs & crabs &
 1:30 of bacon, pre cooked about
 2:00 six hours before commencing
 2:30 at ad carnival across a
 3:00 open deck. These fellows had
 3:30 made a lunch to heat their
 4:00 place on the log took one
 4:30 look & returned. In spite
 5:00 of all this mess we were still
 5:30 amused on inspection to
 6:00 share the tea-pot & trays
 6:30 like a shoving, up ^{the} deck
 7:00 we watched the massive water

60 patch. The ships about W,
 identified our nearest com pan in
 ship as the Cape and Castle
 the biggest ship in the convoy
 at any one time you could
 see daylight under the hull

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21 TUESDAY
DECEMBER

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21st day / 28 to come

8:00 As she rode the waves, I
 8:30 heard ~~the~~ screams over as
 they came out of the water, she
 9:00 plopped back in again, we seemed
 to sail in all directions, the
 10:00 report among us, suggesting
 that we were riding submarines,
 11:00 the destroyer raced in & out &
 12:00 danger was feared, depth charges
 were suggested as the cause.
 1:00 Some wreckage thought to be
 1:30 seen the lights on the New York
 2:00 skyscrapers, but that was not
 2:30 believed. We got a message that
 3:00 Diana Dors had the film star
 had been killed on one of the
 4:00 lower underground escalators
 but that proved false. As the
 5:00 days passed all fresh food ran
 out & we were given hard tack
 6:00 deserts. They almost walked
 6:30 off the table they were so full
 7:00 of weeds. We held the biscuit
 8:00 over a candle with the weeds
 would return to the other side,
 a quick flip over & the weeds
 were in the other, a quick look
 on the dark end of the lamp,
 I can't remember what we

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WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 22

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22nd day / 7 to come

8:00 like this it was no way of
 8:30 passing the time. Suddenly the
 9:00 weather improved & the sun
 9:30 started to shine & it got hotter
 10:00 & hotter. Tennant's easy chair
 was practically a volcano & off course
 11:00 some over inhaled & collapsed
 to the deck when the sun
 12:00 burnt them as they lay
 12:30 I saw the consequences, the
 1:00 blister entered the hole of
 1:30 their back, they picked up
 2:00 under arrest, still inhaled
 2:30 injury is greatly punished. It
 3:00 was rumored that some had
 3:30 died of sun stroke & been
 4:00 buried at sea during the
 4:30 night & so we sailed into
 5:00 Fife town harbor, a sign
 5:30 for a locked harbor which
 6:00 took all our life & many
 6:30 others. The men & boats, the
 7:00 and canvas on a also
 8:00 trying to sell food
 they were about 30 ft down &
 we had been unable to deal
 with the. The local fishermen
 came out in their sculler
 dug out canvas, the apparent
 so much off from the beach

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23 THURSDAY
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2276 days 8 hours

8:00 ✓ let the tide take them out
8:30 ✓ come back in with the tide
8:00 when it turned, those in the
9:30 house on the bank were tossing
silver coins over & the fishermen
10:00 watched them until they hit
10:30 the water, they would roll out
11:00 of their canvas, and drive after
11:30 them, we could see the coins
12:00 being collected, they never
12:30 failed to collect them, they had
1:00 this remarkable ability to pull
1:30 back into their canvas so
2:00 effortlessly, of course some a
2:30 board were coming further
2:30 & half penny with silver &
4:00 paper from their cigarette
4:30 packets, which these fellows
5:00 still doted for, coming up
5:30 from the deck & shouting, you
6:00 bastard Glasgow fanner, that
6:30 was one of the fishermen who
7:00 led to a flat topped tower

8:00 painted & old, who only had
just the ship loudly giving
old army dither at the top
of his voice as he daffled
along between the railboard
convoy. He knew all the

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FRIDAY 24
DECEMBER

2276 days 17 hours

8:00 woods, particularly of Bless-
8:30 en-all-Bless-en-all
8:00 except that he substituted
8:30 the 'F' word for Bless, and
10:00 to the embarrassment of the
10:30 officers & third ladies & nurse
11:00 doctor who were leaving
11:30 the open upper decks while
12:00 we were not allowed near
12:30 We were soon on our
1:00 way again we had a
1:30 cross - the line ceremony
2:00 (Eurosak) with Father Nipper
2:30 and all received their crossing
2:30 the line certificate.
2:30 Even tally we rounded
4:00 O.P.E. Tower, which we
4:30 saw at the distance, many
5:00 male Spence took a picture
5:30 of Tall Mountain far away ✓
6:00 like we were politicians
6:30 the chairman in the station to
7:00 vector Dr. Paul H. G. B. B. B.

8:00 which had entered which
back-gate, all the time
disturbance to the whole
voice of a lady, standing
on the deck, folded, surprised
through a mega phone, all

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25 SATURDAY
DECEMBER

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20th day / 4th cruise

8:00 popular singing ^{Christmas Day} the day.

8:30 She was the ^{traveller} ^{CSI} ^{as}

9:00 ^{Diagonal} who was given secret information of the arrival of ships, also of their departure

9:30 It was all very impressive. She was from Westville where her parents had at one time owned the ^{WENTWICH INDEPENDENT} ^{TIC} local newspaper. We disembarked very soon & were greeted by ladies of the Women's Voluntary services who plied us with all kinds of goodies including fruit & fruit of many descriptions which we hadn't had for years.

9:30 So we came to ^{CLAREWOOD} ^{RACECOURSE} in DURBAN, massive ^{straight} ^{camp}, reached by a short railway journey, full of soldiers, sailors & airmen all in transit to all directions. After a week or so which we spent swimming in the Indian Ocean with shoals of Dufleys swimming around us or taking the train along the coast to Isipingo or on to AERONAUTIC where we took a pony boat up a small river, we moved with the boat

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 26

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20th day / 4th cruise

8:00 Boxing Day (Can.)

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Weather	Temp	Barom		