

TUESDAY.

NOVEMBER 9TH 1943.

My dear husband - Today I received your postcard stating that you are a prisoner of war. I can't tell you just how I do feel - after the agony of the last forty six days I can really begin to live again. God has answered my prayers and He knows how grateful I am.

The news that you were missing came as a dreadful shock. I got the wire at 1.15 a.m. at the shop, Friday September 24TH. I had listened to the 10.00 a.m. news, heard that our planes had raided Mannheim and that thirty two were missing, but not for a second did I think that yours could be one of them. Never for a moment even at my blackest hours did I believe that you were gone from me - there were times when I had to fight hard - but thank God my faith remained unbroken.

You would be surprised at the sympathy I was shown, it helped such a lot. I have kept all the letters

for you. They will explain themselves.

On Thursday October 2nd, the news came via Frank, through the press, that you had been awarded the O.F.C.

I, too, and of course am terribly proud. I am wondering if I have to go to receive the 'gong', or if it will be left until you can fetch it yourself.

I shall keep a diary day by day for you darling - there will be so much that I shall be unable to tell you in the letters I can send.

I haven't been to the pictures since August, so tomorrow, by way of celebration for my grand news I am going to see your favourite - Betty Grable in 'Springtime in the Rockies'. Have been stopped countless times by people who have heard the good news. Bought a big red maternal dress.

I have written fifteen letters today - does my arm ache? I know I shan't sleep tonight, but who cares. I think I must be one of the happiest beings in the world. Write my first P.O.N. letter.

WEDNESDAY.

NOVEMBER 10th 1943

I feel actually sick today dear, I think its reaction. I haven't done much work - I've had a series of 'phone calls and visitors all day. I don't realise we had so very many friends. It's just grand.

No particular war news today.

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 11th 43.

Heard from Lois - wrote her and Chalky White, still feeling hilarious. Had a hair set, and saw Betty Grable in 'Springtime in the Rockies'. Have been stopped countless times by people who have heard the good news. Bought a big red maternal dress.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 12th 1943

Really cold today. Heard from unknown folk. Note to the M. Gages. RAF representative visits regarding your personal effects. Hope to get them before long.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 18TH 43.

Received a letter and cheque for the value of £6.2.6 from the club of the Earl of Berkeley. Cannot tell you how touched I was by this truly grand gesture. One of my customers bought in a cyclamen plant - feel as if I've married to public love No 1. Have been fêted and congratulated and I feel in a whirl.

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14TH 43.

A really dreadful day with snow, wind and rain. Had a celebration at the report centre in Thanksgiving for your escape. Many took a bottle of port. I took jelly, blancmange and cake. Comforted in a sense by people's good wishes etc. but, my own boy, my heart is so full when I think of you. I miss you terribly - miss your letters, phone calls - everything. May God help us both to endure the separation until you return.

Wrote to you.

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 15TH 43.

Heard from Betty Cargill. Stan Packard has been repatriated. I am wishing this at Stanclough, and know that I shall now be happy here again. I think I should have finished altogether - it was a mistake to come back. It's almost now that I can bear when I think of the joy we have never been together. I ~~must~~ think hard tonight, definitely about staying.

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 16TH 43.

Received a very much less frightening priority telegram confirming that you are a P.O.W. Horribly cold. Feel a little less miserable than yesterday. Packed up a large amount of glass and linen, and tidied drawers in anticipation of leaving here before long. Friends are at Bottenford, St Vincent's, and numerous other camps. See more going around than our own boys. No mail today.

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 17TH 43.

Hard from Air Ministry. Casualty Branch confirming telegram of yesterday, also from Bita Brooksbury and Mrs McKinnon she is still without news of her husband and I feel reluctant to tell her of my good news. Very little to tell you dear. Shall be or glad when I hear from you again. I do think of you. Same across Tom Pullen's love address and note telling him of your plans about.

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 18TH 43.

News came from the squadron that you are commissioned to the rank of Pilot Officer with effect from September 13TH 43. Feel terribly proud, you have done so well. Hard from Chalky and Mrs Nelson. Note to you, also Air Ministry. Accounts regarding pay. Our bombers raided Ludwigshafen - lost one. There have been very few large scale raids of late. Finished reading of all books 'Night life of the Gods' don't know whether I liked it or not.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 19TH 43.

Hard from the McEnaght and Lois. Our planes bombed Berlin and Ludwigshafen - lost three this. According to radio the biggest force ever sent. I am really awfully glad about your having a commission. Have read the letter over and over again.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 20TH 43.

Very busy day in the shop, I got tired easily now. Our bombers raided Luxembourg south of Cologne. Lost five. Sent to the report centre, slept at Harlington Road. Romney died.

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 21ST 43.

Spent the day at Harlington Road. Did not turn out, Linnets fog and rain. Note to you, also Mrs McKinnon. Am reading 'Pilot's Wife's Tale' by Kathleen Terry Wright. No particular new news.

Monday

NOVEMBER 22ND 43

Have an awful crop of chilblains.
No mail today, in fact at all together
very uneventful day. Nothing happened
worth recording. Might mention that
Mr Apps called to see me and make
the usual remarks about my good news.

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23RD 43.

Berlin received its heaviest raid
of the war last night - we lost
twenty six aircraft. No mail.
Wrote to Lois, Bib Brocklesby, Miss
Elliot and Cecil Franklin. Skipped
the laddy bear lightness case you
gave me for Junior. Reading
Late and down by E.M. Delafield.

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24TH 43.

Berlin raided again. Twenty aircraft lost.
Terrible windy day. turned to rain.
Mrs Forth gone to London to buy.
Had a letter from Bill Bridgewater.
Must be glad to leave Stroudlight.
Wrote to you.

Thursday

NOVEMBER 25TH 43.

Received a letter from Mrs M-Linan to
tell me that she and Mrs Foster have
received a wire stating that from
information received their husbands are
believed to have lost their lives.
Feel very very sorry. Wrote her and
Chalky. Mosquitoes attacked Berlin.
one lost.

Friday

NOVEMBER 26TH

Our bombers attacked Frankfurt -
Berlin lost. Went to the report centre,
shot at Harleston Road.

Saturday

NOVEMBER 27TH

All Lancaster force bombed Berlin.
Halifaxes bombed Stuttgart. Thirty two
aircraft lost. Dorothy and I went to
see Tyne Power in 'The black Swan'.

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 28TH

Spent a very lazy day. Great fun going on over to the release of Monday. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 29TH

Feeling off colour. Nothing of particular importance to relate. Spent the evening at Thameyden. Very cold and windy.

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 30TH

Hears from RAF at Hough who are releasing a parcel of your clothing. Spent the evening and night with Hilse and George Chaffard, who have been surprisingly kind to me during the past weeks.

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 1ST

Told them at Stadelheim that I am leaving - they are very kind and quite understood my position. Shirley paid me a visit. Still feeling better.

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 2ND 43.

Simply awful news today. Vic was killed in an aircraft accident, on 12th Dec. Went to see poor little Shirley - she is heart broken. Feel absolutely terrible about it.

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 3RD 43.

Vic would have been leaving here today but along to Shirley again, I'm afraid she will be many years getting over the shock. Our planes raided Berlin for once - more losses for someone.

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 4TH 43.

Packed up a lot of my things at Stadelheim. I received a parcel of your clothing from the central depository yesterday. Our bombers raided Leipzig - twenty three lost.

SUNDAY

YOUR BIRTHDAY 1943.

Wrote a letter about my your Lovers. Mabel and I
went to see Shirley. Started packing up
at Stenleigh.

MONDAY

6-12-43

An uneventful day. Did a great deal
of packing. Mick visited me.

TUESDAY

7-12-43.

Had my first letter from you - and
one a lot of good too. Wrote to you,
also Patricia, also Mother sent me a letter.
Went along to see Shirley. Your letter dated 25th 02.

WEDNESDAY

8-12-43.

Sent you 200 cigarettes. Packaging
a red cross parcel. Received a POW
magazine. Spent my last night at
Stenleigh. Horrible foggy weather.
Vic was buried today.

THURSDAY

9-12-43.

Moved from Stenleigh. Feel actually
very - a very lively business.

FRIDAY

10-12-43

Despatched your red cross parcel
Fairly very well at the red +
center. Not feeling too good.

SATURDAY

11-12-43

Have to return my allotment book
until you make necessary arrangements
regarding my allowance. Horribly cold
still feeling rotten. Purchased a
few Christmas gifts.

SUNDAY

12-12-43.

Stayed in all day - wrote to
you, and various R.A.F. departments,
also Charlie, the Mc Gregors and
Percy.

Monday

13TH DEC 42.

Had a letter and postcard from you, dated 14TH October. Awful cold weather. Sent the report cables.

Tuesday

14TH DEC 42.

Fog all day. Went to bed at 7.45 PM. No mail. Nothing to report.

Wednesday

15TH DEC 42.

No mail. Wrote to numerous people - also yourself.

Thursday

16TH DEC 42.

Word from Mrs Pugh - Mrs McGregor and Helen, also Lloyd regarding your RAF pay.

Friday

17TH DEC 42.

An uneventful day. Nothing worth recording. Very serious flu epidemic sweeping the country. Our planes raided Berlin. Nothing coming.

Saturday

18TH DEC 42.

A very busy day at the shop. Mr Churchill is in Africa suffering from pneumonia, but is recovering.

Sunday

19TH DEC 42.

Awfully cold. Wrote to you - also Mrs Mc Gregor - Helen and Lois. Made fresh some doughnuts.

Monday

20TH DEC 42.

This is becoming a boring narrative. I said I had a very uneventful life.

Tuesday

21ST DEC 42.

Our bombers raided Frankfurt and Mannheim we lost four tons. Awful Christmas for some poor things.

Wednesday

22ND DEC 42.

Very busy at the shop. Mrs F. not well. Sent you 200 cigarettes.

THURSDAY

DEC. 23RD 43.

Had a hair cut. Open all day at the shop. Not feeling too good. Raided Berlin. Adventure, please! Look!

FRIDAY

DEC. 24TH 43.

Lousy day. I can't work up an interest in Christmas. Mr Howard left after an argument regarding time off with his husband. Phil & Fred came at night. Toasted your health, and consequently almost finished myself off. Saturated to sleep on the window. Missing you terribly. Dorothy and I attended midnight communion.

SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY 1943.

The quietest Christmas day I have ever experienced. Did not get dressed at all. Laid around in my housecoat. Did feeling not so good. Dorothy and I went to bed at 9:30 A.M. Thought of you all day and wondered what you were doing.

Very mild weather.

SUNDAY

26TH DEC. 43.

Wrote to you - had a most unexpected visit from Chalky White and his girl friend. Thought it grand of them to come. Had a bit of a party. The folks from Newark came also - Mr & Mrs Christopher and Shirley.

MONDAY

27TH DEC. 43.

Spent the afternoon and evening at Tammydore. enjoyed it very much. Mr F. suggests chartering a plane to fetch you home after the war. Is also serving some cigars for you.

TUESDAY

28TH DEC. 43.

Had a letter from Mr. Siler. Mumbled around during the morning. Dorothy and I had a walk during the afternoon. Went to bed early. Very glad Christmas is over. Must report that the home fleet sunk the Shavlost on Saturday night, sorry Sunday the 26TH. Wrote to you;

WEDNESDAY

DEC 29TH 43.

Went back to work. Wrote to Mrs Bugh and Bib Brooklesby. Coastal command and naval forces sank three axis destroyers and a blockade runner in the bay of Biscay. Considerably colder.

THURSDAY

DEC 30TH 43.

Our bombers raided Berlin, we lost twenty aircraft. The staff were guests of Mr & Mrs Forth at a tea given at the Picture House, and afterwards to the cinema show, which was Leslie Howard in 'Stand In' and a supporting film 'The fugitive lady' which I liked best. Altogether very enjoyable.

FRIDAY

DEC 31ST 43.

Very cold. Started stock taking. The last day of a very sad year on the whole. Brother's trouble, Moley's loss, and my arriving. As I write this, I wonder dear one if I shall see you in 1944. prays God that I do.

SATURDAY

JANUARY 1ST 44

Sent your letters and cards to Frank. A mild successful day. Reading 'Polaris' by Tom Leach. Received 'Captain Jonathan' by Ethel Mannin from the book club.

SUNDAY

JANUARY 2ND 44.

Sidest turn out all day. Our planes raided Berlin and Hamburg, twenty eight lost. Wrote to you, also Chalky.

MONDAY

JANUARY 3RD 44.

Not feeling so good. Our planes raided Berlin again, twenty seven lost. Got your personal belongings back from Air Ministry.

TUESDAY

JANUARY 4TH 44

Came back from work in the middle of the morning. Have a rotten cold. Smoothy too. Heard from Mrs Mc Gregor yesterday.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 5TH 44.

Saw off work. Heard from Tom Pullen. He is now a P/O just about to start a second tour.

THURSDAY

JAN 6TH 44.

Went to see the doctor for an examination. Still feeling rather uneasy but went to the shop. Our bombers raised station. Fifteen lost. Mr & Mrs Forth gone to Briggs. Mr Hyatt left money for 200 cigarettes for you. Wrote to you.

FRIDAY

JAN 7TH 44.

Wrote to Mr Hyatt, Tom Pullen and Betty Langill. Received my second P.O. W. magazine. Sent you 200 cigarettes. Rumors fighting ten miles inside Poland. Mrs Johnson tells me that young Ponten is missing.

SATURDAY

JAN 8TH 44.

Paid income tax totaling £10-6-0
Heard from Ruth

SUNDAY

JAN 9TH 44.

A horrible wet day. Went to tea at Shirley's.

MONDAY

JAN 10TH 44.

Still feeling not so good. Went to bed early. Busy taking stock.

TUESDAY

JAN 11TH 44.

Germano shot Riano. Ben Twidley called in the shop to see me. Is not F/O. Wrote to Ruth. Feel rotten. Heard from Mrs Courtney.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 12TH 44.

A very uneventful day. Feel I shall go mad if I don't soon hear news of you. I am missing you terribly. Wrote to you

THURSDAY

JAN 13TH 44.

Feeling simply awful. Went to bed after dinner. Missing you terribly.

FRIDAY

JAN 14TH 44.

Feel a bit better. Our bombers sent out for the first time for ages. Arrived during or lot of day raining.

SATURDAY

JAN 15TH 44.

We raided Brunswick - lost thirty-eight bombs. Heard from Clabby. Bill came to spend leave. Shirley brought two of Vice friends down. I went to bed at 7-0 P.M.

SUNDAY

JAN 16TH 44.

Got up at 9-15 AM. A lovely rest - feel much better. Spent a pleasant day. Took D.J. for a walk in the afternoon. Played cards, read, and wrote to you at night. A lovely frosty sunny day.

MONDAY

JAN 17TH 44.

Feeling much more cheerful. received letter from you dated Nov 7th and 20th. Wrote to Lois. Temp, dirty weather.

TUESDAY

JAN 18TH 44.

Shirley's birthday - Mum, Dorothy and Bill went along at night. Feeling not so good again. Wrote to Mrs Mc Gregor.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 19TH 44.

Had the doctor to see me - advised me to give up my work. Had a letter, and a pink material coat from Bibo Brocksley. Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

JAN 20TH 44.

Today in bed. feeling weak, fed up, and missing you terribly.

FRIDAY

JAN 21ST 44.

Our bombers raided Berlin - thirty five missing. Still taking things quietly. Joan McKelvey had a son.

SATURDAY

JAN 22/44

Our bombers raided Magdeburg and Berlin - 55 missing. Had a walk to the shop in the afternoon. Mum and I went to see Bob Hope, brother Lawrence in 'They got me covered'. A grand film. 9.00pm news revealed that 52 planes were lost.

SUNDAY

JAN 23/44

Wrote to you dear. Four months ago today you were missing. Shirley came at night.

MONDAY

JAN 24/44

Twinkled altogether at the shop - glad of the rest. Miserable day, rain etc. No particular news.

TUESDAY

JAN 25/44

Had a good rest. Took lunch out. Cold wet back. Beginning to feel very tired.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 26/44

Wrote to you. Heard from Liffie. Leading an uneventful life.

THURSDAY

JAN 27/44

Took D.J. out morning and afternoon. Bird myself out. A rather light rain despite that.

FRIDAY

JAN 28/44

Went to Thoresby to clear out your chest of drawers. Lancasters four raided Berlin - 34 lost. Did not Fred come.

SATURDAY

JAN 29/44

Berlin again raided - 47 bombers lost. Strong American daylight force raided Frankfurt. Called at the shop.

SUNDAY

JAN 30/44

A glorious day. Took D.J. out in the morning. Rested during the afternoon. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

JAN 31/44.

Received a P.C. from you dated Nov 15th.
Betty Southern had a baby boy.
Wrote to Robin. Called at the report
centre at night to collect local gossip.
Our 'pless' raided Berlin again.
33 lost.

TUESDAY

FEB 1st 44.

Took D.J. out during the morning and
afternoon - otherwise a very uneventful day.
No mail - no particular over news.

WEDNESDAY

FEB 2nd 44.

Wrote to you. Took D.J. out.

THURSDAY

FEB 3rd 44.

A horrible day. rain and wind. Had
a hair set.

FRIDAY

FEB 4th 44.

Mrs F. ill. Did some shopping.
Very rough weather.

SATURDAY

FEB 5th 44.

Had a P.C. from Dad dated 7th Nov.
Spent a few hours at the shop during the
afternoon. Bill arrived unexpectedly - his
2^{1st} today.

SUNDAY

FEB 6th 44.

Wrote to you, also Dad. Feeling not so
good. Had tea at Shirley's.

MONDAY

FEB 7th 44.

Heard from Louis - feeling awful, have a
bad chill on the stomach - most painful.

TUESDAY

FEB 8th 44.

Still feeling awful. Little to relate.
Wrote to Frank. Made out a list for
your second red cross parcel.

WEDNESDAY

FEB 9th 44.

Mrs F. went to hospital. The Mitchell's,
Shirley & Ray came at night.
Wrote to you. Saw the doctor
for final examination.

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 10TH 44.

A horrible cold day. Did not go out.

Very uneventful day.

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 11TH 44.

Went to the hospital to see Mrs. F.

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 12TH 44.

Went out during the afternoon. Heard from Pop. He had a baby boy on Feb 6th.

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 13TH 44.

Wrote to you, also Lois. Did not go out all day. No particular news.

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 14TH 44.

Alice and I went to see Mrs. F. She looks much improved. Sent you 200 cigarettes. Wrote to Frank and Pop. Dick Lamping's ^{Pa} paid us a short visit.

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 15TH 44.

One day starting. My thoughts have been all of you. Mr. Silver sent me a cat cover, toy rabbit and 107. for cigarettes. Heard from Biko Brooksbury. Took O.J. out. A lovely sunny day with a fullness of treasured memories.

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 16TH 44.

Went to see Mrs. F. again with Alice. Large raid on Berlin. 43 planes lost.

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 17TH 44.

A horrible wet day, did not turn out at all. Heard from Chalky.

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH 44.

Went to see Mrs. F. again. Biko sent me a copy of 'The Briggensian'. Wrote to Chalky.

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 19TH 44.

No particular news. Went to see the doctor. Horribly cold. Reading 'Bombers fly East' by Bruce Sanders.

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 20th 44.

Our planes raided Leipzig in great strength. 79 missing. A very cold day, did not go out. Wrote to you also Bob.

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 21st. 44.

Received a letter from you dated 5th December. Mr. Campbell wrote, kick seat missing on last Berlin raid. Our planes raided Stuttgart, lost 10. Went to see Mrs F. Wrote to you.

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 22nd 44.

Frank sent L2 towards your next parcel. Hopkins moved your chest of drawers.

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 23rd 44

Cleaned and rearranged my bedroom. Wrote to you

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 24th 44

No particular news. Took D.J. out in the morning. Reading Park on her face by John Ruddy Cartiers.

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 25th 44.

Mum and Dorothy sent to Nottingham to see birch. Prepared your red cross parcel sending vents, knickers, pullers, gloves, socks, tie shaving tackle etc. Our planes raided Schweinfurt - 35 lost.

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 26th 44

Recorded 27th February. Taken to Hospital at 8-0 P.M.

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 27th 44

A terrible day - full of pain

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 28th 44

Simply awful until baby was born at approx 5-45 P.M.

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 29th 44

Harriet been allowed to see our baby yet. Dorothy brought a card from you dated 26th October. Auntie Louise met David Jan 4th

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 1ST 44

Saw David Jan for the first time at 6-15 PM. In a sense it was a bitter sweet meeting - he is so ridiculously like you darling. I am missing you more than I dare admit.

THURSDAY

MARCH 2ND 44

Saw only one bird today - or trying to find him. He is cute, looks just like Grand Pa Lays.

Mrs Johnson gave him a token for 15/- Mum, Alice and Shirley came to see me. Write to you.

FRIDAY

MARCH 3RD 44

Return of kidney disorder. They are giving me M & B 693 and some medicine.

SATURDAY

MARCH 4TH 44

Am feeling very good. Mr F. came in to see me.

SUNDAY

MARCH 5TH 44

Mum and Dorothy came.

MONDAY

MARCH 6TH 44

Mother not so good day

TUESDAY

MARCH 7TH 44

Not much change

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 8TH 44

Feeling a little better

THURSDAY

MARCH 9TH 44

Heard from Caterpillar Club you are awarded certificate and badge. Red Cross are sending a cable advising you of David Jan's birth.

FRIDAY

MARCH 10TH 44

Uneventful day. Feeling rather better. Missing you terribly. David Jan doing well, and getting very pretty.

SATURDAY

MARCH 11TH 44.

Usual routine. My leg giving me trouble - very maddening.

SUNDAY

MARCH 12TH 44.

Allowed out of bed. Enjoyed a good lot with. Mops and Dorothy came to see me. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

MARCH 13TH 44.

Further 'off' day, and a dreadful longing for you.

TUESDAY

MARCH 14TH 44

Feeling much better.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 15TH 44.

Left hospital at 3:30 PM. Feel decidedly weak, and ailed so much that I was giving home to you. Mrs F. left too.

THURSDAY

MARCH 16TH 44.

Not very good. David can not feeding very well. One-please raided Stuttgart - 4.0 lost.

FRIDAY

MARCH 17TH 44.

Things better today. Dr Gray came to see me. Had a good talk with her, and feel less worried.

SATURDAY

MARCH 18TH 44.

Went to St Johns for shopping. ~~But~~ - red cross parcel.

SUNDAY

MARCH 19TH 44.

Took David out. Went as far as Mrs Christy's. Felt awfully tired. Bill turned up. Planes raided Frankfurt. 22 lost. The swans went, but nothing doing.

MONDAY

MARCH 20TH 44

Feel horribly miserable. Missing you terribly. Wrote to you.

TUESDAY

MARCH 21ST 44.

Another not so good day. So wish I could hear from you. Registered David's birth.

5 WEDNESDAY

MARCH 22ND 44.

Got a taxi and took David to
Thornycroft. spent a most enjoyable
afternoon and evening.

THURSDAY

MARCH 23RD 44.

Our planes raided Frankfurt.
33 lost. Took David to the welfare
center, Levinge 7 hrs. 12 yrs.

Wrote to you. Heard from Mrs McKinn.

FRIDAY

MARCH 24TH 44.

Just six months since you were reported
missing my darling. Took our son out
in the afternoon. Feeling much better.

SATURDAY

MARCH 25TH 44.

Berlin - 73 planes lost. Tony and Paul
came for the day. Bill and Jack also
here. Went with Shirley to see 'Subway
was a Lady'. Shall be so glad when I
hear from you. Lost red cross 57. and
have received acknowledgment.

SUNDAY

MARCH 26TH 44.

Margaret turned up unexpectedly.
Went to Thornycroft. Glorious weather.

MONDAY

MARCH 27TH 44.

Disappointed in letter from you.
Took David out in the afternoon.
Wrote to you. Rooster raided - 9 lost.

TUESDAY

MARCH 28TH 44.

Still no letter. Went to Mrs Christophel
and stayed tea. Glorious weather.

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 29TH 44.

Much cooler. Stayed in all day.

THURSDAY

MARCH 30TH 44.

David weight 8 lbs. 7 ozs. Took him for a
short walk. Awfully cold.

FRIDAY

MARCH 31ST 44.

Nuremberg. 96 lost. So wish I could
hear from you. Went to the doctor -
disappointed at her verdict. Went to see 'Watch
on the Rhine' with Mary.

SATURDAY

APRIL 1ST 44.

Heat out with Joan Greetham. Still no word from you darling. Heat to bed early. Yesterday's losses cancelled on radio to 94.

SUNDAY

APRIL 2ND 44.

Our baby is adorable. Mum stayed in bed until 6.0 a.m. Rained all day. David and I busy. Write to you.

MONDAY

APRIL 3RD 44.

The Harrings came. Heat out in the morning and afternoon.

TUESDAY

APRIL 4TH 44.

At last, had a P.C. from you dated January 16TH. Heard also from RAF accounts who are making over part of your money to me. Miraculous slippy day.

David just wonderful. Received P.O.W. magazine. Bought from Boots for 3/- each 'Mad dogs and Englishmen' by Erich Berry 'Escape to fight again' A.P. Lucombe Whyte.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 5TH 44.

Heard from Betty Laygill. Slippy day. Heat for a short walk in the afternoon.

THURSDAY

APRIL 6TH 44.

Fixed P.C. dated January 11TH. Roger came over. Took David to the Welfare Centre now weighs 8lb 14oz. Write to you.

FRIDAY

APRIL 7TH 44.

Worked hard all day. Did not go out.

SATURDAY

APRIL 8TH 44.

A lovely day. Took David out in the afternoon.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9TH 44.

Shelley White and Margaret visited us and stayed overnight. Enjoyable day. Had a drink at Mace.

MONDAY

APRIL 10TH 44.

Heat out in the morning with Shalby, Margaret and David. They went back at 12-39 p.m. Savely and I went out during the afternoon. Took David to see his Auntie at Miss Allen's.

TUESDAY

APRIL 11TH 44.

Paid my hospital bill £7-1-0.
Mistley came at night. French rail road targets attacked by strong force. All missing.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 12TH 44.

11 planes missing from attacks on targets in France. Savely and I had a lovely walk during the afternoon. Note to you.

THURSDAY

APRIL 13TH 44.

Hard from Frank - he has made you a member of the old boys' association. Took David to the welfare centre - he was weighed 9 lbs. 7 ozs.

FRIDAY

APRIL 14TH 44.

Hard from Air Ministry they are paying me Y3-18-0 a week with effect from March 1st. Took David out - Note to Frank.

SATURDAY

APRIL 15TH 44.

A really glorious day. Took David out, accompanied by Joan Greenham.

SUNDAY

APRIL 16TH 44.

Had tea with Aileen and George Challand. Note to you.

MONDAY

APRIL 17TH 44.

Much cooler. Mary and I went to see Betty Grable in 'Loney Island' it was wizard. Called down the report centre at night.

TUESDAY

APRIL 18TH 44.

Out for a walk with Betty Sparrow. A lovely day again.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 17TH 44

Received cheque for £10.17.0 from A.M.
 Actually rough wind. 13 aircraft lost from raid
 on rail targets in France.

THURSDAY

APRIL 20TH 44

Received cheque for £6.8.5 from C. & K's.
 Had tea with Mrs Christopher. David
 weighs 9lbs. 11oz. Mrs McKenna sent him
 two bibs.

FRIDAY

APRIL 21ST 44.

Wrote to Mrs McKenna and Lois.
 Took David to the doctor, he has lost
 much for which I am giving him medicine
 and vitamin. Milder weather.

SATURDAY

APRIL 22ND 44.

Went to Hougham to look at a sewing
 machine - turned it down. Lovely day.
 Joe Barham stayed at night until 10.0 P.M.

SUNDAY

APRIL 23RD 44

Took David up to Thorneydon - called to
 see the Lees and Mrs Keary. Very enjoyable.
 42 aircraft lost after raid on Düsseldorf.
 Wrote to you.

MONDAY

APRIL 24TH 44

Received a P.C. from you dated January 22.
 Bought a blouse.

TUESDAY

APRIL 25TH 44

29 aircraft lost after raid on Munich
 and Karlsruhe. Best out during the
 afternoon with Betty Spradon. Wrote to
 Frank.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 26TH 44.

Even. 29 aircraft lost.

THURSDAY

APRIL 27TH 44.

Received two postcards from you dated
 Dec 11th & 21st. Windy today.
 David weighs 10lbs. 6oz.

FRIDAY

APRIL 28TH 44.

Fredericks-Loren - 26 planes lost.
H letter I wrote you returned from censor.

SATURDAY

APRIL 29TH 44.

Went for a walk in the afternoon with
Joan Guethers. Received parcel from America.

SUNDAY

APRIL 30TH 44.

Took David out in the evening.
No particular news.
10 planes lost from raid on French
rail targets.

MONDAY

MAY 1ST 44.

Had David photographed.
Saw Mr. Hyslop.

TUESDAY

MAY 2ND 44.

Went for a walk with Betty Spradon.
Another letter returned from censors.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 3RD 44.

Received cheque for £10.10.0. Had tea
with Mrs Christopher.

THURSDAY

MAY 4TH 44.

Military target at Meilly attacked
49 aircraft lost. Received cheque
for £8.15.7. David weighs 10lb. 14oz.

FRIDAY

MAY 5TH 44.

Went to a Red Cross next of kin
meeting. Purchased some things for your
next parcel: brush, pipe, hair brush,
tooth brush, comb, 2 pairs socks, hairif
shaving brush.

SATURDAY

MAY 6TH 44.

Shot of 'White the Soldier' verb.
Bought David a 30% certificate.
Went out with Joan Guethers.
Wrote to you.

Sunday

May 7th 44.

Shirley, Dorothy and I took the children down the park. French rail targets attached, five planes lost.

Monday

May 8th 44.

Mr. John Johnson, who tells me young Proctor is believed killed. Was going to Thorsbydene but found Mr. F. at the shop. French rail targets attached - nine lost.

Tuesday

May 9th 44.

Went to Thorsbydene - a very enjoyable day.

Wednesday

May 10th 44.

Saw a RAF exhibition particularly interested in parachute packing and releasing.

Thursday

May 11th 44.

David weighs 11lbs. Tozo. Mum and Dorothy went to Belvoir. Note to Shallop. Lovely weather. French rail targets attached.

Friday

May 12th 44.

French rail targets attached - 15 lost. David and I photographed at Walter Lees. Mum and I went to see Kings Row a very good film.

Saturday

May 13th 44.

14 planes missing from attacks on French rail targets. Received a letter from you dated 15th February. Am glad to hear mail is reaching you okay. Note to you.

Sunday

May 14th 44.

Took David out during the afternoon. Note to Mrs. Mc Gregor and Lois.

MONDAY

May 15th 44.

Had a very nice letter from Mrs Kempshall.
Hopefully dull weather.

TUESDAY

May 16th 44.

Heard from Lou. Another dull day.
Feeling rather fed up with myself.

WEDNESDAY

May 17th 44.

Very dull and wet. Did not get out at all.

THURSDAY

May 18th 44.

David weighs 11 lbs. 12 oz.

FRIDAY

May 19th 44.

Went to Carlton School to stay with
Joan Franklin.

SATURDAY

May 20th 44.

Very enjoyable day. Went out in the village.
A pleasant change.

SUNDAY

May 21st 44.

Rather cold. Spent another pleasant day.
Reports that 47 RAF officers were shot during
March & left 3 announced.

MONDAY

May 22nd 44.

Returned home to find 2 letters from
you dated February 22nd March 9th
and a P.C. dated Feb 12th Very thrilled.
Had also from Bils Bookleby and
Margaret King. Wrote to you and sent a
photograph of David. Dick's father called
last as news, Dick awarded D.S.O.
Paid on Duisburg - 30 planes lost.

TUESDAY

May 23rd 44.

Paid on Dortmund - 35 planes lost.
Wrote several letters.

WEDNESDAY

May 24th 44.

Lovely weather. Took David out during
the afternoon. Called in at the report
centre at night. Heard from Mrs McGregor.

THURSDAY

May 25th 44.

Received a P.C. from you dated 10th Feb.
25 planes missing from raid on Aachen.
Wrote to you and sent photographs
of David and myself. He weighs 12 lbs 3 oz.

FRIDAY

May 26th 44.

Went to Bobette Land's home to fetch David's snake which is exquisite. Phil & Fred came.

SATURDAY

May 27th 44.

A lovely day. Took David out in the afternoon. Writing his notes.

SUNDAY

May 28th 44.

Antelope & French rail targets. 27 planes aiming from 1000 feet. Had an enjoyable afternoon & evening at Thompsons.

David is rigid & getting very tanned.

MONDAY

May 29th 44.

Very hot. A fair in Nyalams fields. Went out in the morning and evening.

TUESDAY

May 30th 44.

Another hot day. David beautifully tanned. Wrote to you.

WEDNESDAY

May 31st 44.

Much cooler. Strong force raided rail targets in France. 8 lost.

THURSDAY

JUNE 1st 44.

David weighs 11lbs - 10 yrs.
Antie's birthday - Roger came. Had my fortune told.

FRIDAY

JUNE 2nd 44.

Received cheques for £70.17.0 and £8.0.0 from A.T. Received you are a F/O.

SATURDAY

JUNE 3rd 1944.

Food from Lido & Red Cross. Have to send your football things in a rest of bin parcel. Went out in the afternoon with Joan G.

SUNDAY

JUNE 4th 44.

Miserable weather - did not turn out. Wrote to you. Paid on Loochman.

17 planes lost. Sent you enlargement of banner.

MONDAY

JUNE 5th 44.

The allies entered Rome.
Cousinbrooke raided without loss.
Wrote and sent photographs to your Pa.
Frank, Aunt Ida and Mrs Mc Gregor.

TUESDAY

JUNE 6TH 44.

We invaded Northern France.

New battles all day, and everyone on edge. Thinking of you so much. Mum and I went to see 'The man who Sings' a very excellent film.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 7TH 44.

Progressing satisfactorily in France.

Preparing your Red Cross parcel.

THURSDAY

JUNE 8TH 44.

Had 8 postcards dated March 17th 23rd 30th and a letter April 7th

David weighs 13lbs. Had tea with Pop & Mom.

FRIDAY

JUNE 9TH 44.

Had my hair permed. Wrote to you.

Miserable weather.

SATURDAY

JUNE 10TH 44.

Living okay in Normandy.

289 planes lost in air battles and numerous sorties.

Had my photograph taken.

SUNDAY

JUNE 11TH 44.

20 bombers lost over French rail targets. Called down the report centre at night.

MONDAY

JUNE 12TH 44.

Macmillan day. Took David out.

TUESDAY

JUNE 13TH 44.

Miserable weather, did not go out.

Lancasters very busy attacking targets in France.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 14TH 44.

Weather still very cool.

No particular news. Aunt Ida sent

David 10/- Wrote you

THURSDAY

JUNE 15TH 44.

Your father came. Went to Thonycroft and had a very enjoyable time.

FRIDAY

JUNE 16TH 44.

Took David to the car park to see your father off. Cold wet weather.

SATURDAY

JUNE 17th 44.

Went out in the afternoon with Joan
Bretham. Wrote to you.

SUNDAY

JUNE 18th 44.

Reading a wonderful book by Axel
Munche called 'The story of San Michele'.
Went out in the afternoon.

MONDAY

JUNE 19th 44.

The papers full of accounts of pilot less planes
used on the south coast and London area.

TUESDAY

JUNE 20th 44.

Went out with Betty Southern.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 21st 44.

Wrote to you and sent a photograph of
myself.

THURSDAY

JUNE 22nd 44.

Went out with Pop Close.

FRIDAY

JUNE 23rd 44.

Phil & Fred came in the evening.
Thinking so much of you. Months since
you went.

SATURDAY

JUNE 24th 44.

Went to Thornycroft and had a pleasant
time. A lovely day. Ben & Joan Johnson
two Americans & Phil & Fred came at night.

SUNDAY

JUNE 25th 44.

Full and chilly. Did not go out.
Wrote to you.

MONDAY

JUNE 26th 44.

Went to see Bing Crosby and
Sooty Linn in 'Dixie'.
You father out David a cheque for £10.

TUESDAY

JUNE 27th 44.

Received postcard dated April 14th 29th
and am glad to have you know of
David's arrival.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 28TH 44.

Wrote to you - also to Bita, Lina, and your father.

THURSDAY

JUNE 29TH 44.

Had tea with Mrs Christopher.

David weighs 14 lbs. 2 ozs.

FRIDAY

JUN 30TH 44.

Spent the afternoon and evening at
Thomson's. Phil & Fred came at night.

SATURDAY

JULY 1ST 44.

A dull day. Wrote to you at night.

SUNDAY

JULY 2ND 44.

Went to see Hilcen Lomish whose
brother was posted missing June 23.

Poured with rain at night. Went to bed
early. Dorothy has taken up voluntary
help at the American Red Cross.

MONDAY

JULY 3RD 44.

Rained without ceasing. Went to the
pictures to see 'Lords of Light in Algeria'.
Very enjoyable.

TUESDAY

JULY 4TH 44.

Heard from Bita and Ruth. Received word
from Lloyd's Bank stating that £17.3.7
had been paid to your account. Have
written P.M. as there does not appear to be
any payment of family allowance. Have
been issued with cheque books from Lloyd's
but Betty sprang them in the afternoon.
Your pay is 13/2 per day, from which P.O.W.
deductions income tax etc. is taken.
Cashed cheque for £3. paid Mum £5.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 5TH 44.

Nothing seemed to settle. Her watching
the German news - they are 100 miles
from East Prussia.

THURSDAY

JULY 6TH 44.

Went to tea at Altheim and
strongly enjoyed it. Called at Thomson's.

FRIDAY

JULY 7TH 44.

Unsettled weather. Phil & Fred came.

SATURDAY.

JULY 8TH 1944.

Pleasant weather again.

Wrote to you.

SUNDAY

JULY 9TH 44.

Verrick visited us - did not go out.

Hot weather.

MONDAY

JULY 10TH 44.

I am getting very interested in the Pacific news. They are only 60 miles from East Prussia.

Did some shopping during the afternoon.

TUESDAY

JULY 11TH 44.

An wonderful day: kissed at night.

Horrible cold stormy weather.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 12TH 44.

Bought a set of books shelves for 35/- from Jacott and Barnell's sale. Took David and Buck out.

THURSDAY

JULY 13TH 44.

David weighs 14.401. Soya. Horrible weather. Cloud Hart running from east over France. 12 planes lost.

FRIDAY

JULY 14TH 44.

Took David out in the afternoon.

Air mail service to P.O.W. resumed. Called to see Mr. & Mrs. Hart. They are taking it badly.

SATURDAY

JULY 15TH 44.

Heard that P.O.W. in East Prussia have been moved. Went to see Teresa Miranda and Alice Page in 'The girls he left behind'. Wrote to you. Hearing David.

SUNDAY

JULY 16TH 44.

A really lovely day. Joan Green and I took the boys out.

MONDAY

JULY 17TH 44.

Received two letters dated May and a P.C. dated May. Very happy.

TUESDAY

JULY 18TH 44.

Went to see Noel Coward's 'This Happy Breed' an excellent film. Fully wearing David.

WEDNESDAY

July 19th 44.

Nothing outstanding to report.

Have news very good from all fronts.

Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

July 20th 44.

Heard that Frank Lathin has died in Normandy.

Feeling rotten. did not go out.

FRIDAY

July 21st 44.

Took David out in the afternoon.

Phil & Fred came at night.

News of revolt in Germany and an attempt on Hitler's life reported.

So long to see you darling.

SATURDAY

July 22nd 44.

Stopped in the morning.

Stayed home the rest of the day. Played our records and made myself thoroughly miserable.

Wrote to you.

SUNDAY

July 23rd 44.

Ten months darling. Went for a walk with Shirley.

MONDAY

July 24th 44.

Overly friendly with Michael Burn. Have chummed up with Mr. Bohman and his wife Marie. Went to Honeydew. Practically impossible to give you reports of air activities as water command carries out both day and night operations. Chief targets at present are the flying boat routes.

TUESDAY

July 25th 44.

Went for a walk with Betty Scotten and to the pictures at night to see Cary Grant. Danced Gunga in 'My favourite wife' with Marie. A rotten film.

Heard from Bibo.

WEDNESDAY

July 26th 44.

Went to R.A.F. Regiment sports at Bolton Park. Heard from Mrs Marshall. Am hoping to visit her next week.

THURSDAY

July 27th 44.

Did not go out. Wrote to you. Heard that last Russian POW camps have been moved.

FRIDAY

July 28th 44.

Called to see Mrs. Paddy, Marie, Larry & Mac came at night. Larry a wonderful pianist. Phil & Fred came.

SATURDAY

July 29th 44

Went out with Joan Greathams.

Sunday

July 30th 44

Wrote to you. Took David and Jack out. Went to see Burns over Carmel and Macanood with Marie & Paddy.

Monday.

July 31st 44.

Had tea with Mrs Kenny and visited Thomazdore. Had a most interesting letter from Ken Twissley.

Tuesday

AUG 1st 44.

David weighs 15 lbs. 5 oz.

Wednesday

AUG 2 44.

Spent a very enjoyable day at Limerick with the Marshalls. Saw the Langhills too.

Thursday

AUG 3rd 44.

Went out in the morning also afternoon. Little funniest to tell you.

Friday

AUG 4th 44.

Nothing worth recording except David vaccinated. Very Hot.

Saturday

AUG 5th 44.

Went out in the afternoon. Lovely weather.

Sunday

AUG 6th 44.

Went for a walk with Shirley in the afternoon. Marie, Paddy, Laurie & Mac came for tea.

Monday

AUG 7th 44.

Received a letter from you dated April 21st. Had tea at Joan Greathams. A glorious day - altogether very pleasant. Wrote to you.

TUESDAY

AUG 8TH 44.

Nothing of interest to report.

WEDNESDAY

AUG 9TH 44.

Went to see 'Chinese Bungalows'

Marie went back.

THURSDAY

AUG 10TH 44.

David not well due to vaccination

weighs 15 lbs. - large.

FRIDAY

AUG 11TH 44.

Nothing to say.

SATURDAY

AUG 12TH 44.

Really miserable day. David quite sick

SUNDAY

AUG 13TH 44.

David's arm terribly swollen

Took him out in the evening and had a better night. Mom spent the weekend at Newark

MONDAY

AUG 14TH 44.

David much better. Went to see

'New Voyager' at vigiland film, Betty Davis

Paul Herold. Very Hot. (weather)

TUESDAY

AUG 15TH 44.

Wrote to you. Went for a walk in the afternoon. Allied landing at south of France between Nîmes and Marseilles

WEDNESDAY

AUG 16TH 44.

Air attacks are so numerous I cannot possibly keep an account of losses etc. Lancaster's bombing day and night. Pat (Laurie's wife) came to get a rest from flying bombs.

THURSDAY

AUG 17TH 44.

Shopped in the morning with Pat worked in the afternoon. Wrote to Molly and Frank. Heard from Molly this morning and am going there to stay on Tuesday next. Received a P.C. from you dated June 11TH 44.

FRIDAY

AUG 18TH

Went to Thomsens.

SATURDAY

AUG 19/44.

Rained all day. Went shopping in the afternoon. Margaret came.

SUNDAY.

AUG 20/44.

More rain. Didn't go out all day. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

AUG 21/44.

Heard from Mr. Campbell. Dick is buried at Hopperswood Cemetery 27 miles N.W. of Berlin. Busy Packing.

TUESDAY

AUG 22/44.

Took the 8:00 AM train to St. Neots arrived 9:33. Received a terrific welcome.

WEDNESDAY

AUG 23/44.

A thoroughly enjoyable day. Paris liberated. Wrote to you. Thinking of you darling.

THURSDAY

AUG 24/44.

Went to Sandon with Molly and Helen. Rained but very enjoyable day.

FRIDAY

AUG 25/44.

Layed around. Went to St. Neots to send off your guns and collect box. Bus didn't pick us up so I walked back.

SATURDAY

AUG 26/44.

Another enjoyable day. Help collect eggs and pick tomatoes. 27 planes missing from 1400 engaged on various sorties.

SUNDAY

AUG 27/44.

Königsberg raided. 29 missing. Mrs. Bowman and her daughter came. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

AUG 28/44.

Received a letter from you dated 21ST July giving new camp address. Collected box from St. Neots.

TUESDAY

AUG 29th

Went to Cambridge for a few hours.
Made myself known to Mrs Pugh -
she was awfully pleased to see me.
Society mixed, Claud fast alive and
well. Mrs Huron died about January time.

WEDNESDAY

AUG 30/44.

41 planes coming from raids on
Stettin and Königsberg.
Thoroughly enjoying my stay here.

THURSDAY

AUG 31/44.

A year since I lost my watch and it
hurts like anything to think of it.
Went into Cambridge to see the Pughs.
Met various customers she made a terrific
mess of bread.

FRIDAY

SEP 1st

SATURDAY

SEP 2nd 44.

Four years ago I came to Cambridge.
Mrs Pugh told me ten o'clock for St. yesterday.
Allies doing very well in France.
Rained all day. did not go out.

SUNDAY

SEP 3/44.

Allies in Belgium. Awful weather did not
turn out all day. Mrs Bowman and Joan
came over. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

SEP 4/44.

Brussels liberated. Received letter from
Mr F (husb arrived safely) and Shirley.
Fell weather. Helen and I had a walk
after tea.

TUESDAY

SEP 5th 44.

Antwerp reached. Simon went during the
night. Heard a double toning explode
Still very dull. Did not see far.

WEDNESDAY

SEP 6th 44.

Helen and I glanced in the afternoon.
Collected eggs and tomatoes at night.
Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

SEP 7th 44.

Rained practically all day. Went for short walk
at night with Helen. Read true accounts of
murders. Blackout to be relaxed.

FRIDAY

SEP 8/44.

Another dull day. Picked pear.
Haven't from Dorothy. A.B. in trouble.

SATURDAY

SEP 9/44

Went into Cambridge in the morning
with Helen. A lovely day. Spent some time

SUNDAY

SEP 10/44.

Mrs and Miss Bowman came.
Glorious weather. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

SEP 11/44.

Clear in the afternoon. Helen came and
has invited me to the tomorrow.

TUESDAY

SEP 12/44.

A year today you came on what was to be
your last leave for a while. Had tea at Birken
College with the nation. Thoroughly enjoyed
the visit.

WEDNESDAY

SEP 13/44.

Went for walk in the afternoon.
Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

SEP 14/44.

Went to Sandon. Lovely weather.

FRIDAY

SEP 15/44

Did some shopping in Cambridge with
Molly and Helen. Alice leaving
Bachel.

SATURDAY

SEP 16/44

Spent most of the day out of doors.

SUNDAY

SEP 17/44.

Mrs Bowman and her daughter came.
Packing to leave and feeling very
depressed about it. Holland invaded by
the allies.

MONDAY

SEP 18/44.

Left at 5.49 P.M. after a grand
holiday.

TUESDAY

SEP 19/44.

Thoroughly miserable. Missing your
bushes. Rang Thorneycroft.

WEDNESDAY

SEP 20/44.

A year today since you went back from leave. Went to the pictures to see Rita Hayworth in 'Cover Girl'.

THURSDAY

SEP 21/44.

David weighs 17 lbs. 14 ozs.
Shopped in the morning.

FRIDAY

SEP 22/44.

Spent an enjoyable afternoon at Thornycroft.

SATURDAY

SEP 23/44.

Shirley took photographs of David and I in the park. A year darling.
Moley had 10. from Robbie.

SUNDAY

SEP 24/44.

Thinking of you so much. Tony cried over. Did not go out. David has a bad cold.

MONDAY

SEP 25/44.

David quite sick. Feel miserable and unsettled.

TUESDAY

SEP 26/44.

David a little better. Received a letter from you dated 6th June. Did in the way here - as wish I could get a house.
Peter & came over. Did not go out.

WEDNESDAY

SEP 27/44.

Went out in the afternoon. Heard from Mrs E. Morris who was with you at Luft 6.

THURSDAY

SEP 28/44.

David weighs 18 lbs. 3 ozs.

FRIDAY

SEP 29/44.

Took David out.

SATURDAY

SEP 30/44.

Drinks tea. Went out with Shirley.
Alex came, returning tomorrow.

SUNDAY

OCT 1/44.

Shirley came for tea. She Moley and I went for a walk.
Wrote to you.

MONDAY

2nd OCT 44.

Stayed in miserable weather.

TUESDAY

3rd OCT 44.

Had a tooth out.

WEDNESDAY

4th OCT 44.

Wrote to you. Had my hair cut.

THURSDAY

5 OCT

Went to see Jennifer Jones in 'Song of Bernadette' a beautiful film.

FRIDAY

6 OCT 44.

Poured my tomatoes out at Thornycroft.

SATURDAY

7 OCT 44.

Miserable weather. Had a few chaffing.

SUNDAY

8 OCT 44.

Still weather. did not go out.

Reading Angela Thirkella 'Growing Up'
has now had of her 'Northanger Rectory'
'Cherphoo breaks in' 'Marling Hall'

MONDAY

9 OCT 44.

Went to see 'For whom the bell tolls'
thought it disappointing. Potten weather.
Wrote Molly re cottage.

TUESDAY

10 OCT 44.

Went out in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY

11 OCT 44.

Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

12 OCT 44.

Horrible weather David weighs
18 lbs - 10 yrs.

FRIDAY

13 OCT 44.

Went to the shop and had a
talk with Mrs F. Flying Bombs at North
Witham.

SATURDAY

14 OCT 44.

Went out with Joan G.

SUNDAY

15 OCT 44.

Had tea with Shirley. Phil & Fred
came at night. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

OCT 16/44.

Went for a walk with Betty & Gordon

TUESDAY

OCT 17/44.

Went to see 'The Lodger'
Watching David & Bert. 'Lep's' boy friend
missing.

WEDNESDAY

OCT 18/44.

Received an invitation to Betty Broughton's
wedding. Shopped in the morning.
Rainy day. Wrote to Pop. W/O Morris
& Chalky.

THURSDAY

OCT 19/44.

David weighs 19 lbs. Wrote to you

FRIDAY

OCT 20/44.

Wet, horrible day.

SATURDAY

OCT 21/44.

Betty Broughton married Jack Phillips.
USAAF. A pretty wedding.
Enjoyed it.

SUNDAY

OCT 22/44.

Took David out in the afternoon

MONDAY

OCT 23/44.

Wrote to you. Am miserable
waiting for letter from you.
Heard from Ken Twisley.

TUESDAY

OCT 24/44.

Heard from Molly. Went to Beller
with Betty S. to get chestnuts.

WEDNESDAY

OCT 25/44.

Bought David a new blue cloth coat.
Met Percy Marshall unexpectedly in
High Street. Still no news from you.

THURSDAY

OCT 26/44.

Bill came. Went out in the afternoon
with Margo Hales and her baby daughter.

FRIDAY

OCT 27/44.

David had his first hair cut.

SATURDAY

OCT 28/44.

Went to see 'Four girls in a Jeep' with Shirley. Mrs Percy told me her P.O.W. son has passed his final auctioneer's exam with honours. Still in news.

SUNDAY

OCT 29/44.

Stayed in all day. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

OCT 30/44.

David cut a tooth. Went out with Betty S.

TUESDAY

OCT 31/44.

Heard from Mrs McKenna.
Took David out in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY

NOV 1ST 44.

Had David photographed at Bang.

THURSDAY

NOV 2ND 44.

Had tea with Miss Kitchen and enjoyed myself. Bill went back.

FRIDAY

NOV 2ND 44.

Took David out. Went to G.M.A.R Co. first fair at night with Dorothy.

SATURDAY

NOV 4TH 44.

Went shopping in the afternoon.

SUNDAY

NOV 5TH 44.

Stayed in all day. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

NOV 6TH 44.

Took David out in the afternoon.

TUESDAY

NOV 7TH 44.

Margaret and Seimick came.
Stayed up gossiping until the small hours.

WEDNESDAY

NOV 8TH 44.

Dorothy heard from A.M. Andy commissioning.

THURSDAY

NOV 9TH 44.

Agree since I received your first P.O.W. card. Wish I could hear again. M. & D. went back. Dorothy went to Whichford.

FRIDAY

Nov 10th 44.

Spent an enjoyable afternoon at
Thornesdene.

SATURDAY

Nov 11th 44.

Went to see 'Fanny by Gaslight'
and enjoyed it thoroughly. Shirley
took David out.

SUNDAY

Nov 12th 44.

Dorothy and I took the boys
out in the morning. Wrote to you
also Mrs Kinshell and your Pa.

Ben Tindley called. Has done 11 trips.

MONDAY

Nov 13th 44.

Still no news of you. Went for a walk
with Betty Sparrow.

TUESDAY

Nov 14th 44.

Took David out. He is teaching
and consequently rather fatigued.

WEDNESDAY

Nov 15th 44.

Feel I shall go mad if I don't soon
hear from you. Missing you terribly.

Bought David a high chair. Heard from
Mrs Lague and Molly.

THURSDAY

Nov 16th 44.

At last a letter dated August 6th.
Wrote to you.

FRIDAY

Nov 17th 44.

Horrible weather. Did some
chopping. Marie came for tea.

SATURDAY

Nov 18th 44.

Very dull - went out in the
afternoon.

SUNDAY

Nov 19th 44.

Finished a suit for David. Wrote to you.
Marie came for tea.

MONDAY

Nov 20th 44.

Horrible wet day. did not go out.
David said 'Teddy'

TUESDAY

Nov 21st 44.

Received a P.C. in your writing signed
R. Colbeck, dated September 26th

Took David out. Started second suit.

WEDNESDAY

Nov 22nd 44.

Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

Nov 23rd 44.

Received a letter dated 28th July.

FRIDAY

Nov 24th 44.

Went to Thorndyke

SATURDAY

Nov 25th 44.

Saw Charles Boyer and Ingrid Bergman
in 'Murder in Thornton Square'

SUNDAY

Nov 26th 44.

Did not turn out. Miserable day -
wrote to you.

MONDAY

Nov 27th 44.

Did some Christmas shopping
with Dorothy.

TUESDAY

Nov 28th 44.

More Christmas shopping.

WEDNESDAY

Nov 29th 44.

Busy all day. Did not get out.

Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

Nov 30th 44.

Received a letter dated August 20th 44.

David wishes 20th 45. Gogo.

FRIDAY

DEC 1st 44.

Did some shopping. Terribly cold.

SATURDAY

DEC 2nd 44.

Went out in the afternoon.

SUNDAY

DEC 3rd 44.

Did not get out. Miserable day.
Fed up. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

DEC 4th 44.

A letter dated August 30th.
Feel very miserable and fed up.
So wish I could get a house.

TUESDAY

DEC 5th 44.

Thinking of you.
Had my hair perm.

WEDNESDAY

DEC 6TH 44.

Received a letter dated 24th September.
Visited the Remshalls at Lincoln
and enjoyable day.

THURSDAY

DEC 7TH 44.

Bought a folding pram for David.
Wrote to you.

FRIDAY

DEC 8TH 44.

Horrible day. foggy.

FRIDAY

DEC 9TH.

Another letter dated 22nd September
Saw Joan G. in the
afternoon.

SUNDAY

DEC 10/44.

Did not go out.
Wrote to you.

MONDAY

DEC 11/44.

Went to see Bing Conway
in King's Cross Prison.

TUESDAY

DEC 12/44.

Did some shopping.

WEDNESDAY

DEC 13/44.

Not much to report.

Wrote to you.

THURSDAY

DEC 14/44.

Very cold. Should have visited
Hilda Haring but did not go.

FRIDAY

DEC 15/44.

Went to Thorneydene.

David developed a cold.

SATURDAY

DEC 16TH.

Horrible day. No news.

SUNDAY

DEC 17/44.

Had tea with Giles Challand.
Wrote to you.

MONDAY

DEC 18/44.

An unexpected visit from Bile
Brooksbury. Went out in the
afternoon.

TUESDAY

DEC 19/44.

Bernard Twilley reported missing yesterday.
Called to see his mother.
David's cold very bad - even now pretty
serious.

WEDNESDAY

DEC 20/44.

Went out in the morning. David quite a
bit better. Wrote to you. Missing you.

THURSDAY

DEC 21/44.

David not very well.
Did not go out.

FRIDAY

DEC 22/44.

David only fair.

SATURDAY

DEC 23/44.

Mavis came for Christmas.
I went to bed at 6.45.
Fed up and animals.

SUNDAY

DEC 24/44.

Swirick came. He stayed in.
Mk D went to RAF Reg. Party. Wrote to
you
Missing you.

MONDAY

DEC 25/44.

Little David had quite a number of gifts.
I am missing you badly. Very glad of
Swirick's company. Happy Xmas.

TUESDAY

DEC 26/44.

Went to Thoresby Lane for tea.
Auntie Annie, Uncle Harry, Rover came
over. Mavis went back.

WEDNESDAY

DEC 27/44.

David developed sickness etc.
Did not go out. Cold.

THURSDAY

DEC 28/44.

David still ill, feel worried
and miserable. Wrote to you.

FRIDAY

DEC 29/44

Took David out but his condition
is much the same.

SATURDAY

DEC 30/44.

Took David to the doctor.
He has a child. gave him medicine.

SUNDAY

DEC 31/44.

David quite a lot better.

A harassing day. Please let next
mor bring you home, and find us
a house.

MONDAY

JAN 1ST 45.

A letter from you dated October 15TH
& a parcel from America containing
sheeping suits, with catclash & soap.

TUESDAY

JAN 2/45.

Awful damp day. David quite
better. Did some shopping.

Received 'Colonial' House. Elly Luce.
Big, pitched parcel containing approx-
4 prs. socks, plimsolls, blades, soap, shoes,
toothbrush etc. also 4/10 clips.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 3/45.

Had a hair cut. Knitting David
a suit. Fine weather.

Had a letter from Margaret Marshall.

THURSDAY

JAN 4TH 45.

Nothing of much interest.

FRIDAY

JAN 5TH 45

Phil & Fred came at night.

SATURDAY

JAN 6TH 45.

I bought a suit at the shop.

Bill came.

SUNDAY

JAN 7TH 45.

I wrote to you - busy knitting
for David.

MONDAY

JAN 8TH 45.

Had a fall of snow.

TUESDAY

JAN 9TH 45.

Took David out - awfully cold.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 10TH 45.

Did not go out. Finished a
pullover for David.

THURSDAY

JAN 11TH 45.

David attended his first party.
Jennifer Bone aged one.

FRIDAY

JAN 12/45

But Adam had four sons' actually good
Photo Fred came, Bill here.

SATURDAY

JAN 13/45

Bernick came - glad to see
him.

SUNDAY

JAN 14/45

Feeling not so good. Bernick
went back.

MONDAY

JAN 15/45

Note to you, have a rotten cold,
and missing you terribly.

TUESDAY

JAN 16/45

Feel ghastly. Stayed in all
day miserable with self and
everyone else.

WEDNESDAY

JAN 17/45

Feel only fair.

THURSDAY

JAN 18/45

Had my hair cut. Sent you tobacco
note to you.

FRIDAY

JAN 19/45

Photo Fred came. Potten day in
every way.

SATURDAY

JAN 20/45

Now came Bernard Tindley killed
18 Dec 44. But 'Love Story'
Margaret Ashwood - Stuart Gingles.
Dressed heavily.

SUNDAY

JAN 21/45

Feel awful. Note to you.
Took David out in the afternoon.

MONDAY

JAN 22/45

Potten cold. Awful weather.
Rang Mrs F. Bought a wardrobe &
chair.

Tuesday

JAN 23rd 45.

Horribly cold. Short of coal too.
Letter from you dated 9th Oct 44.

Wednesday

JAN 24th 45.

Wrote to you. Went to Thoresbydene
but did not take David as he was
cold.

Thursday

JAN 25th 45.

Weather simply atrocious - but being
coasting in 'Bringing my Baby'

Friday

JAN 26th 45.

Terribly cold. Went for grass &
moss. Did some shopping in the
evening.

Saturday

JAN 27th 45.

Sid icy / Tony & his girl friend
called at night. Sid not go out.

Sunday

JAN 28th 45.

Hated skating on the canal.
Wrote to you also Ken Tooley.
Not quite so cold.

Monday

JAN 29th 45.

Went to look at a house in
Gusley Road. Turned it down.

Tuesday

JAN 30th 45.

Sid not go out. Awfully cold.

Wednesday

FEB 1st 45 JAN 31st

Had my hair cut. Wrote to you.

Thursday

FEB 2nd 45.

Weather improving. Sid came shopping.

Friday

FEB 2nd 45.

Phot. Fred saws quite an enjoyable
evening. Russian were marvellous

Saturday

FEB 3rd 45.

A lovely day. Took David out
with Betty's Acorn. Her husband
in India.

Sunday

FEB 4th 45.

Took Derek and David out.
Wrote to you.

MONDAY

FEB 5/45.

Received letter dated 30 October
P.C.'s October 18. Nov 24th. Sent
out in the afternoon with Betty S.
Lovely day.

TUESDAY

FEB 6/45.

Took David out, weather lovely.

WEDNESDAY

FEB 7/45.

P.C. dated 20 Dec.

Wrote to you. Saw 'Hotel Reserve'
James Mason - very good.

THURSDAY

FEB 8/45.

David weighs 22 lbs. 9 ggs.

FRIDAY

FEB 9/45.

Took David to Thornycroft
where he crawled across the room
and pulled himself up by the
cotter. A lovely day. Phil
& Fred came.

SATURDAY

FEB 10/45.

Took David out. Pather sold.
Wrote to you.

SUNDAY

FEB 11/45.

Stayed in all day. Knitted
read the David lovely.

MONDAY

FEB 12/45.

Heard today Barbara Parr drowned on
Friday last. Heard from Ken Tindley.
Horrible weather.

TUESDAY

FEB 13/45.

Hissed announcement numerous camps
including Left 3 overrun by the
Russians or moved. Feel rather
worried and depressed. Hate this
uncertainty.

WEDNESDAY

FEB 14/45.

Stayed in all day - wrote
to you. Spent an hour with
Pop Mason at night.

THURSDAY

FEB 15/45

One day again. Took David out. News still very good.

FRIDAY

FEB 16/45

Phil & Fred came down. Busy knitting David a boot.

SATURDAY

FEB 17/45

Did some shopping during the morning. Phil & Fred came again.

SUNDAY

FEB 18/45

Took David and Gorch out. Aray turned up unexpectedly. He is at Ovington. Wrote to you.

MONDAY

FEB 19/45

Saw Betty Southern and had a lovely walk. Parols are off again.

TUESDAY

FEB 20/45

Took David out. He has a cold.

WEDNESDAY

FEB 21/45

Took David and Gorch up the road. Lovely day. Wrote to you. Feel awfully worried and unsettled.

THURSDAY

FEB 22/45

Loosy weather. Took David out. Wireless report 2661.

P.O.H. liberated by the Russians.

FRIDAY

FEB 23/45

Rained, so did not get to Thomsdane. Phil & Fred came - Andy also.

SATURDAY

FEB 24/45

Andy went back. I took David out - he has a cold.

SUNDAY

FEB 25/45

Very dull - Cycled to Thomsdane in the A.M. Wrote to you. Reading for the old Troopers by E. Raymond.

Monday

FEB 26/45.

Took David and Buck out.
Uneventful day.

Tuesday

FEB 27/45.

Received a P.C. dated 25 October -
Did some shopping but did not take
David

Wednesday

FEB 28/45.

David had quite a number of gifts
and eleven birthday cards.
Had photographs taken. Hubby came
round. Note to you.

Thursday

~~April~~ 1st 45.

Manchen Gladbach captured.

Friday

MAR 2/45.

Took David for a walk.

Saturday

MAR 3/45.

Ada Parker sent a cardigan and
helmet for David.
Andy came Reconciliation.

Sunday

MAR 4/45.

Dull day. did not go out.
Wrote numerous letters.

Monday

MAR 5/45.

Went for a long walk with
Betty Spruon. Birthday
myself & pullover.

~~Feb~~ Tuesday

MAR 6/45.

Andy at Dorkington. failed
B.O.P. awaiting posting.

Wednesday

MAR 7/45.

Went to see Prof. Tishell.
Note to you. Catalogue has fallen

Thursday

MAR 8/45.

Busy day. did not go out.

Friday

MAR 9/45.

Margaret and Derrick came.
Andy was also.

SATURDAY

MAR 10/45.

Went to the doctor, trouble with eyes etc.
Ate cold

SUNDAY

MAR 11/45.

David has troublesome cough.
Did not go out, still feeling not so good.

MONDAY

MAR 12/45.

M. & D. returned. Went for a walk
with Betty O'rawoon. Had a
letter from Effie. Saw Fantasia.

TUESDAY

MAR 13/45.

David not well. Took him
out during the morning.

WEDNESDAY

MAR 14/45.

Took David to the doctor -
got medicine but already he is
much better. Had my hair
cut. Arday still here.

THURSDAY

MAR 15/45.

David greatly improved.
Took him and Buck out in the
afternoon. Went to see Pops at night.

FRIDAY

MAR 16/45.

Marvellous day. David fine.

SATURDAY

MAR 17/45.

Did not go out. Received parcel from Effie.
Pompos. business blocks. 4 plates etc.

SUNDAY

MAR 18/45.

Same as yesterday.

MONDAY

MAR 19/45.

Took David out - the fair here.

TUESDAY

MAR 20/45.

A cold day. Wrote to Effie.

WEDNESDAY

MAR 21/45.

Had for Lois & Constance
Saw a wonderful film - 'Madonna of
Seven Moons' Stuart Springs
Phyllis Calvert.

THURSDAY

MAR 22/45.

My father and Mrs L. here, took David to Thorneycroft and spent a very pleasant afternoon.

FRIDAY

MAR 23/45.

Dorothy, D.J. and I went to Lincolnshire express purpose of buying shoes. Glorious weather.

SATURDAY

MAR 24/45.

Letter dated 22 Jan 45.
Saw your people off on the bus.
Big Allied air base landing beyond the Rhine.

SUNDAY

MAR 25/45.

Lovely day. Took David out. Derek and Dorothy came too. Spent the evening with Pop.

MONDAY

MAR 26/45.

Went for a walk with Betty.
A lovely day

TUESDAY

MAR 27/45.

Our arrival well beyond the Rhine. Surely the war must end soon.
So worry about you and wonder where you are. Took David out. Lovely weather.

WEDNESDAY

MAR 28/45.

Feeling rather flat. Still I know more about you.

THURSDAY

MAR 29/45.

Took Derek and David to have tea at Pop's.

FRIDAY

MAR 30/45.

Note to you. Went to see 'The Man in the Iron Mask'

SATURDAY

MAR 31/45.

Saw Joan Johnson married.
Amidst windy.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1/45.

Still cold and windy. Margaret and Bernick came, returning tomorrow.

MONDAY

APRIL 2/45.

Took David to Thorney Lane.

TUESDAY

APRIL 3/45.

News of liberated P.O.'s keeps coming through. I feel so unattracted.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 4/45.

Took David out. Cold weather.

THURSDAY

APRIL 5/45.

Went to Madge Broughton's wedding she married Pat Aronson an American.

FRIDAY

APRIL 6/45.

The allies doing remarkably well. Keeping my fingers crossed.

SATURDAY.

APRIL 7/45.

Went out in the afternoon with Dorothy.

SUNDAY

APRIL 8/45.

Had an enjoyable walk after tea, all of us. Had a big supper and went to bed early. Sent you photographs.

MONDAY

APRIL 9/45.

Had a walk with Betty, spruce Koenigsberg fallen.

TUESDAY

APRIL 10/45.

Took Jack and David out. Note to you Re and Ade Parker.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 11/45.

Vienna, however various other places fallen. Took Jack and David out. Lovely day.

THURSDAY

APRIL 12/45.

60 miles from Berlin.

Took David for a walk. Lovely day.
Wrote to Lois, Louance, to M. Kimm
& Chelley. Not I could hear
from you.

FRIDAY

APRIL 13/45.

^{Proclamation}
Brunswick, Tagdeburg fallen.
Lovely day. David had his first
injections against diphtheria and
whooping cough. Took him
to Thurneysdane. But Ida sent lovely tips.
President Roosevelt died last night.

SATURDAY

APRIL 14/45.

Received long letter from America.
Oflag 79 liberated - so anxious
about you. Spent the evening
with Pop.

SUNDAY

APRIL 15/45.

Buzz all day did not go out.
Gorgeous weather.

MONDAY

APRIL 16/45.

Staling 357 113 liberated
Cannot rest - no sleep - just
wondering. Took David down
the park with Betty and John.

TUESDAY

APRIL 17/45.

Nuremberg entered.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 18/45.

A lovely day. Tagdeburg fallen.
Thinking of you. very worried.

THURSDAY

APRIL 19/45.

Took Ben and David out
in the morning. Litzing fallen.

FRIDAY

APRIL 20/45.

My last red cross parcel returned.
Took David to Thurneysdane.
Anxious for news.

SATURDAY

APRIL 21/45.

Russians shelling Berlin. Feel miserable.
Cold today. Nuremberg fallen.

SUNDAY

22 APRIL 45.

15,000 P.O.'s liberated, anxious
about you. Met over to see Pop
at night.

MONDAY

23-4-45.

Shirley's cousin Lou from 357.
Had David photographed. Cold.

TUESDAY

24-4-45.

Russians attacking immediate
outskirts of Berlin. David not well.

WEDNESDAY

25-4-45.

Took David out but he is only
fair. Met Ken Twilley home from
over seas.

THURSDAY

26-4-45.

Took David to Thorney down
Walter Lee took snaps. Berlin
cut off. Bremen fallen.

FRIDAY

27-4-45.

Ken Twilley came in.
Look to see 'A' going to remember

SATURDAY

28-4-45.

Marling Milroy Nord released
Hitler reported ill and Himmler offered
unconditional surrender to ourselves
and America - not Russia.

SUNDAY

29-4-45.

27,000 P.O.'s liberated at Moosburg.
Munich captured. ~~Too~~ Terribly
cold weather - snow etc.

MONDAY

30-4-45.

V.E. day expected at any time.
Sail Sunday dinner for soldiers.

TUESDAY

1-5-45.

Hitler reported killed in Berlin.
Admiral Goebbels takes his place.

WEDNESDAY

2-5-45.

Unconditional surrender of
Germans in Italy. Berlin captured.

by the Russians.

THURSDAY

MAY 3/45.

Andy came on leave.

Gschabel reported to have committed
suicide. Angrily awaiting news.

FRIDAY

MAY 4/45.

Unconditional surrender of North Germany
Holland and Denmark signed at
6.20 a.m. with effect from 8.00 a.m.
OB. summer time tomorrow.

Camps 3A. and 4B. liberated.

SATURDAY

MAY 5/45.

I keep wondering about you
do wish I could get some news.

SUNDAY

MAY 6/45.

V.E. day imminent

MONDAY

MAY 7/45.

The prime minister to broadcast
tomorrow. 1500 P.O.'s brought
home.

TUESDAY

MAY 8TH 45.

V.E. DAY.

Unconditional
surrender of Germany to
ourselves American & Russia.
Prime Minister (Winston Churchill)
spoke at 3.0 a.m. the king
at 9.0 a.m. Lancaster landed
in Germany. brought back
4,500 P.O.'s. Everywhere
decorated and looking very
gay and festive.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 9/45.

Tonight I & A. came to tell
me you are in England

but attempt to express what
it means.



MRS F.

JAN 8/44

10-10-0

29/44

110-0-0

MAR 15

5-0-0

24

5-tablespoons P. Flour

1/2 tea spoon powdered

1/4 " salt

1/2 " grated nutmeg

1/4 " cinnamon

1 " mixed spices

MUMS:

FEB 12

1-0-0

1-tablespoon Sugar

1 lb mixed dried fruit

4 eggs bread crumbs

" grated suet

1-tablespoon marmalade

2 dried eggs

1/4 pint ale stout or milk

Mix in order given

put in greased basin

4 hours