

Charles (Dick) Patisson Pocket Diary 1942

April 1942

19 Sunday

20 Monday

21 Tuesday

Saw Robert Montgomery in 'Here comes Mr Jordon' a very funny film, which we both did enjoy very much.

22 Wednesday

23 Thursday

Mary & John came and spent the day with us.

24 Friday

Took Ruby & Anthea to the Paramount to see a coloured cartoon 'Happity goes to town' afterwards to Lyons.

25 Saturday

Went to see Jess & Alex in their new home on Downham Estate. Baby Bob is such a poor little thing and very sickly but Helen loved him.

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26 Sunday

27 Monday

Up to Mitcham to stay with Connie and called in the shop to see Gwen and do some shopping and saw Uncle Harry.

28 Tuesday

Left Children with Con and went down to Chesham where we had a most enjoyable day with Percy & Tiny in their new house which we had not seen before + later at aunt Dolly's & Jacks, saw their two children.

29 Wednesday

Went over to 5 Longley & spent the day with Ma & Gwen.

30 Thursday

Took Anthea to mothers this morning & in the afternoon we all went to Uncle Harry's. The children loved the animals & chicks & we had an enjoyable time.

1 Friday

Home this morning and while I was down the mill seeing Mr Pine a wire came telling me to return to Croft on Sunday.

2 Saturday

Took Anthea down to Ramsgate and found Mother & Bella quite well. Missed 5:20 train so went and looked at the sea in the brilliant sunshine till it was time to catch 7:40. Home at 12 o'clock and Anthea just about whacked but still talking – she slept till 10.

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3 Sunday

Ma & Gwen came for the day – after dinner started on my journey to Croft. Met **Lunan** at Kings X & **Dench** got in at Grantham, & we had a very jolly journey with a Cockney Soldier in the carriage.

F/S W.E. "Bill" Lunan RCAF (P) later KIA 11-12 Aug Ops Mainz and Sgt W.D "Wally" Dench (P)

4 Monday

Out on 9 o'clock bus but was met with very sad news of 3 Kites missing. **Snow, Hedge, Shattock, Smith, Jerry (Gerry) Copeland** among them. Called on Ken & Gwen for tea and saw Bobby.

Halifax Mk BII R9391 EY-A Ops Hamburg 3-4 May. Aircraft crashed in North Sea. 6 KIA & 1MIA. Those killed included S/L A.J.D. Snow and Sgt E.C. Mills. Both buried in Kiel War Cemetery, Germany

Halifax Mk BII W7662 EY-E Ops Hamburg 3-4 May. Aircraft crashed on Luneburg Heath 5 KIA 1POW. Those killed included; P/O A.W. Hedge RAAF (P) and P/O G.W. Copeland RAAF (MUG) both buried in Ohlsdorf Cemetery, Hamburg, Germany

Halifax Mk BII W7663 EY-F Ops Ostende 29-30 Apr. Aircraft crash location unknown. All crew KIA including F/O R.M. Shattock (P) All buried in Dunkerque Town Cemetery, France

5 Tuesday

No flying again so might just as well had my extra 48 hours & brought Ruby back. Here that Hellzapoppin's is on at Alhambra so went & saw it and it was all the reports said – just terrific.

6 Wednesday

Again to pictures this time to see Greta Garbo in 'Two Faced Woman', which I did much enjoy – the first time I had ever seen her.

7 Thursday

We flew today **Jeff Foers (Geoff)** & I doing 4 landings each quite satisfactory. A very cold day and I feel I have a chill so will stay in.

P/O G.C. Foers (P) seriously injured 30-31/05/42 Ops Koln later as F/L KIA 02/10/42 Ops Krefeld

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8 Friday

Mitchenor pranged on runway so night flying for which I was detailed was scrubbed. Spent evening at home transferring feathers from one mattress to another. Have beastly cold in nose.

Halifax Mk B1 L9582 EY-W on 1st solo. Aircraft drifted and on landing developed violent swing leading to total undercarriage collapse and fracture of the aircraft's back. NB: The 2P on this particular flight was Sgt J.C.Stevens who is mentioned elsewhere in this diary

P/O C. Mitchiner (P) later MIA-NKG as F/O 26-27/07/42 Ops Hamburg

9 Saturday

Cold worse and was again down for night flying. Went and saw MD before going to flights and got lots of tablets. We just got out to flarepath when **Foers** landed & burst tyre thus stopping all flying. **Dennis** & I walked to Croft and then got a returning taxi right home by 2:30.

May 1942 **P/O Foers** previously mentioned

F/S C.G. Dennis (P)

10 Sunday

Did not get up till 11:30 & felt awful. Colin phoned & I went out by 3:45 but was not wanted. Sgt in mess until after dances started & then flying was cancelled for which I was very pleased for cold is awful.

11 Monday

Letter from Ruby saying that she coming back today. Went back with Ken on the 11'oclock bus only to find we had day off so returned on 2'oclock bus & met Ruby at 3.

12 Tuesday

Another half day off & was pleased to get home to Ruby. Went to see Ken & Gwen & spent a most pleasant evening with them.

13 Wednesday

Took Ruby to see W^m Powell & Mytha Hay in 'The Shadow of the Thin Man' a very entertaining film, which we did much enjoy.

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14 Thursday

Anthea had a holiday so was pleased to get home early when I took her to the pictures to see a Walt Disney cartoon 'Dumbo'.

15 Friday

Had a good look round my machine, A brand new & not yet modified. Then flew it to Middleton & brought 'G' back. Night flying with Kirkpatrick & Whittingham but stopped before it was my turn Wally Dench & Runan (Lunan) pranged followed by a Beanfighter. (Beaufighter)

Kirkpatrick. Have not yet identified this individual

F/O J.A. Whittingham (P) later KIA 25-26/06/42 Ops Bremen

Halifax Mk B1 L9621 EY-? Aircraft on trng sortie. After five unsuccessful attempts at landing by Sgt W.D Dench (2nd P), F/S W.E. Lunan RCAF (P) assumed control. On 6th approach the aircraft veered sharply to the right and the undercarriage collapsed at 0200 16/05/42

16 Saturday

Home by Gale's bike at 4.30am & slept till 11. Ken called saying I was not wanted. Took Ruby to Majestic but it was a very duff programme.

May 1942

17 Sunday

Terrific hot sunny day so cycled in. Flew 'J' for an hour, a ground chap who came up was very sick. No night flying for me so went home & then to Ken's to meet family.

18 Monday

Ken Cator was ordered to go to Padgate to have a medical in connection with his commission, which now seems to be on the move.

19 Tuesday

Took Ruby to the 'Court' to see Douglas Fairbanks in 'The Corsican Bros.' quite a good film.

20 Wednesday

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A lecture on the 'Goon Box' this morning & Bradley & I played with it all the afternoon. Bradley came in to arrange about staying with us while miss L is away.

21 Thursday

Went with miss L to station this morning to see her off.
More practice with the 'Goon Box'.

22 Friday

Got 2 books from the library this evening on heraldry prior to draughting ourselves a coat of arms.
Bradley met his wife at the station & brought her to stay.

23 Saturday

Actually flew this morning in 'G' & was up for 1½ hours in very bad weather. But night flying was scrubbed.

May 1942

24 Sunday

A big church parade this morning in the airman's mess which went very well. After dinner went to funeral practice at Middleton.
Was night flying with w/c (W/C) Lucas until 12:30 & then S/L James brought 3 of us to Darlington.

W/C A.G H. Seymour~Lucas OC 78 Sqn between 18/05/42 and 10/07/42

25 Monday

Up at 11 & after dinner at home went to funeral of 5 Sgts killed when a Wellington crashed.
Panic at 9 when Dennis phoned to say I was flying - but it was scrubbed when we got to Dalton.

F/S Dennis mentioned previously

26 Tuesday

Orders for all kites to be serviceable & crew to be ready. Did a 3½ hr cross-country to Cambridge working 'goon'. I was very tired in the evening but found myself night flying with S/L James (only pupil) & he drove me home by 2.

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27 Wednesday

Up again at 6:30 & caught workman's bus so as to air test at 9, but **Wally Deuch (Dench)** run '**W**' kite (**recorded as Q**) into 'B' (DG220) & bent it (all crated) & then ops were scrubbed & we all got the afternoon off.

Halifax Mk BII W1090 EY-Q. Aircraft due for Air Test. Crashed on T/O from RAF Croft and collided with DG220 EY-B. The second aircraft returned to Ops after repair. Pilot of W1090 EY-Q was Sgt W.D. Dench

28 Thursday

Same early routine as yesterday & 'do' was scrubbed early

29 Friday

Weather still holding up the 'BIG DO'

30 Saturday

A perfect day & did a nice air test & then played Bridge all day till our meal at 9 interrupted only by our briefing when we got gen for a terrific incendiary raid on Cologne. 1050 aircraft on & the sight of Cologne burning was just fantastic. Whole area blazing & visible 150 miles & smoke to 12000ft over the target. Back in daylight & got hydraulic trouble but landed OK.

May - June 1942

31 Sunday

Were told to report for further 'do' at 3:30 but I felt awful & went sick & saw the MO. Ops were scrubbed anyway & I had a good nights sleep.

1 Monday

Argument with **Leyland** because I was late & he wouldn't let me have 'A' but saw CO. Went on a fine raid to 'Essen' & had a good trip. Area well alight but not as fierce as Cologne. Back without trouble but we lost 2 kites. **Leyland missing** & **Slugger Lawson** in sea near Holland.

S/L G.D Leyland Flt Cdr (P)

Halifax Mk BII W7698 EY-? Ops Essen 1-2 June. Aircraft collided with Luftwaffe Night Fighter at 14,000ft over Bocholt, Germany. 3KIA 3POW including S/L G.D. Leyland (P)

Halifax Mk BII R9634 EY-R Ops Essen 1-2 June. Aircraft was damaged by Flak and after a flat spin came down in the North Sea. 4KIA including P/O

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J.S Lawson MiD RCAF (P) with 2POW including F/S T.B. Miller GM RCAF (WOP) the holder of the highest Gallantry Medal ever awarded to 78 Sqn (to date)

2 Tuesday

Slept very solid nearly all day.

3 Wednesday

Went in early this morning & found I was again on. 'A' was u/s so was given 'G' which was also u/s so then after a very tiring day in sweltering heat took J' to Middleton got briefed for 'Bremen' just in time for supper. P/O Ide boobed the bombing over the target.

4 Thursday

Back to Middleton & then by bus to Darlington. Slept solid & Mrs Bradley went home yesterday so he went back to Croft. Ken & Mrs came in afternoon & then early to bed in the evening.

5 Friday

New Flight Cmdr introduced himself today (F/L Brough) & then found myself on an ops to 'Essen' again. Never known such a sweltering hot day & the kite was like an oven. The machine wouldn't climb above 14000ft & the reception at 'Essen' was terrific so had to turn away. Was last to land. u/c flopped down.

6 Saturday

Slept nearly all day & it is terrifically hot.
Ken & **Dennis** abandoned their trips & returned.

F/S C.G. Dennis mentioned previously

June 1942

7 Sunday

No ops on tonight but, as if I have not done enough night flying this last week I was on local night flying with Ken & **Dennis**.

Did two solo circuits and engine packed up – Got a returning taxi to Darlington.

F/S C.G. Dennis mentioned previously

8 Monday

Went in after Lunch & found **Tug Wilson** was on ops in 'A'.

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Took Ruby to Majestic to see 'Design for Scandal' with Rosalind Russell and Walter Pidgeon.

Sgt W.A. "Tug" Wilson (P) later MIA-NKG 9-10/08/42 Ops Osnabruck

9 Tuesday

Much activity moving Sdn to Middleton. Ferried a brand new machine over & nearly had another.

Took Ruby to Coust to see 'Ball of Fire' with Gary Cooper.

10 Wednesday

Packed up flying kit this morning & went by bus to Middleton. Found ourselves on ops in a 76 kite and air tested in afternoon. But at 10 o'clock it was scrubbed - home by train at 12:30.

11 Thursday

By bus to Middleton & reading a loop & compass all morning till 2 o'clock when we found ourselves the only crew without the afternoon off & on a cross-country. Goon went u/s so flew for only an hour.

12 Friday

Bough furious this morning about my not flying but asked to see Wing Co. & he cooled off a bit. Flew for 2 hours in filthy weather. After a pm. in mess ops were scrubbed. Took Ruby to Regal to see 'Ladies in Retirement' a very good film. A poor little sparrow we had been caring for 2 days got drowned in drain so sad.

13 Saturday

A horrible wet day & 'stood by' in the mess all day awaiting news (playing bridge) & ops were finally scrubbed at 5:30. And so home for a quite evening.

June 1942

14 Sunday

Still raining this morning (& it continued all day) met Dennis at Stn but got a lift right into camp on a lorry. No brake pressure on 'E' so did not fly - ops scrubbed at lunchtime.

F/S C.G. Dennis mentioned previously

15 Monday

Rained all night & still at it this morning so did at ground test but had to wait till 5:45 before ops were scrubbed & played bridge while waiting.

16 Tuesday

Ken at York all day about his Commission. Was on ops but were suddenly scrubbed & **Woodhatch** was put on when he wasn't before. Took Ruby to see 'weekend in Havana' a very entertaining film.

Sgt H.A. Woodhatch (P)

17 Wednesday

No ops on tonight & after a bit of local flying got the pm off. Home on **Jack Clarke's** bike & called at his home. Then spent a quiet evening at home until Gwen telephoned that Ernie had sold my motorbike.

Sgt J.W. Clark (WOP) later KIA 5-6/08/42 Ops Bochum

18 Thursday

News today that Alf Hedge & Jerry Copeland are dead & Slugger Lawson body had been washed up by sea.

Another wet morning & ops were scrubbed at lunchtime. A crew conference in the morning & the pm off. Took Ruby to see Tyrone Powers in 'Blood & Sand' a very colourful film but I don't like bullfighting & hate all killing.

See a previous entry on highlighted crew names listed above

19 Friday

Air test this morning & did some firing at a sea marker we dropped. A large convoy of Flambora, I kept well clear. Also feathered all aircrews in turn. Ops tonight to 'Emden' ^{10/10} cloud & searchlights but plenty of flak. **Jim's** crew missing. Slept till 12 when they telephoned for me but Knox rang again at 1:30 putting me off till he called again but he didn't so I had the evening off.

Possibly Sgt J.R.Williams (RG) MIA when Halifax Mk BII BB200 WY-? FTR 19-20/06/42 Ops Emden. Entire crew MIA - NKG

20 Saturday

A sticky sweltering day. Went to the library to get some Cecil Roberts books & sat in The Dean rec. watching a game of bowls afterwards.

June 1942

21 Sunday

Still very sultry hot & sticky & owing to the terrifically thick cloud there could be no ops.

22 Monday

This morning changed our 'E' for 76 'R' an older kite. Air tested her & the ground crew got cracking on it after. Went to 'Emden' & it was perfectly visible & well ablaze like a miniture 'Cologne'
Altogether a wizard trip & most satisfactory.

23 Tuesday

Got home just after 7 and slept till 1:30. After a great afternoon took Ruby to the Majestic to see Robert Taylor in 'Johnny Eager' a really classical gangster film which we did much enjoy.

24 Wednesday

Wilson back from leave & **Steve** & co back from Dalton, all getting ready for another big do but nothing on tonight.

Sgt W.A."Tug" Wilson (P) mentioned previously
Sgt J.C. Stevens (P) later POW after 5-6/08/42 Ops Bochum

25 Thursday

All ready for tonight's BIG effort. Air test including firing in sea off Scarborough'. **Arthur Aston** crashed on take off when 2 engines cut & was killed.

Target for the 1000 kites ' Bremen' but cloud spoilt the effort and we bombed by goon. We sent 31 kites & lost one **Whittingham** - 52 lost altogether. (Halifax Mk.II W1067 EY-? - F/O J. A. Whittingham - 00:42 - into the Ijsselmeer 78 Squadron - RAF - 26th June 1942 - Mission: Bremen
2 KIA - 4 POW) <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/7191/jack-edward-gibbs.htm>

No details for either this individual or incident – not 78 Sqn

F/O J.A Whittingham (P) details as above He is buried in Hemelumer-Oldeferd (Koudam) General Cemetery, the Netherlands

26 Friday

Slept till 3:30 & in evening went to see Ken.

27 Saturday

Did a Height test on the old 'A' DG221 & it staggered up to 15000ft as I climbed straight to Nottingham. Found myself on ops with the old crate but with a full load of incendiaries, it would not get above 12000ft so we bombed 'Papenburg' the first German town we came to.

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Dennis put on a good show landing at **Catfoss** on 2 engines - **Bill Luman (Lunan)** was chased by 3pr of fighters.

RAF Catfoss was a BC training airfield on the East Yorkshire coast

June - July 1942

28 Sunday

Slept all day and felt particularly exhausted.

29 Monday

Went sick this morning & was sent straight home to bed where I did lie all day. Took the M&B tablets prescribed & they made my heart palpitate often.

30 Tuesday

In bed again until 7 o'clock when I did get up - felt very faint & head swims so off to bed early & I was surprised that I slept solidly all night although punctuated with horrid dreams.

1 Wednesday

Felt too faint to go in this morning so telephoned MO - he told me to go back to bed & contact RA MC major but he did not come & I lie in bed all day, very restless.

2 Thursday

Got up this morning as I was fed up with being in bed. Major came at about 11 & after examination told me to take easy till Sat or Sun. Went up Deans in PM & Ken/Gwen came up there to us.

3 Friday

Went to library & got a very funny book 'Aces made easy' by Derek M^cCullouch & tried to find gen about Papenburg but could not. Took Ruby to see 'How green was my valley' (Walter Pidgeon) very sad.

4 Saturday

In to camp this morning but MO gave me further 48 hours off flying. It just teemed down with rain all day & Darlington looked so clear altho' every shopper was soaked.

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Lybian news very depressing & Russians have evacuated **Sabastafol**.
(Sebastapol)

Arthur b coat of arms arrived 6th - a wonderful piece of work with which I am very pleased.

July 1942

5 Sunday

Went in to camp but did nothing all day - Jack took some photos of us. Spent evening knitting dolly coat for Anthea.

6 Monday

Saw MO who pronounced me fit for flying again but there were no ops on. Did a 3 hr x-country with **M^cAllister** to Oxford & landed at 5:30 just in time to get the bus home.
Air raid during the night & Ruby was up but did not wake.

P/O G.W. McAllister (N) later KIA 11-12/08/42 Ops Mainz

7 Tuesday

Ops on & scrubbed at once. Had afternoon off & went out round town & to library & spent evening knitting Anthea coat and hat for dolly.
Coat of arms
China been fighting Japan for 5 years.

8 Wednesday

76 Sdn. had security lecture on their forthcoming secret trip. On an ops tonight to '**Wilhemshaven**' (**Wilhelmshaven**) in the old 'A'. Could get only to 13,000ft. but went in very satisfactory in spite of lots of Flak. Searchlights formed huge cone as we left & learned after that it was **Bill Lunan** who came back all the way on 3 engines & landed at **Duffield** (**Driffield**)

F/S W.E. "Bill" Lunan RCAF mentioned previously

9 Thursday

Ruby let me slept till 3:30 & after tea we went to the Regal & saw Fred Astaire in 'Never Get Rich' a very clever film & we enjoyed his dancing.

10 Friday

Supposed to formate this morning but the others didn't come up so did a bit of local. Afternoon off.

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Miss Rascelles went off for a weekend at Sunderland.

11 Saturday

Much surfuse today to find that **Win Co Lucas** is not coming back but we have **W/c Tate (Tait)** from **Marston**, a very strict but fair man. Ken back (now a ^{P/o}) & Dennis too. All on ops (that were scrubbed)
W/c Tate (Tait) gave us introductory speech. Then air test in 'G' as he has taken 'A' for himself. Swung loop all pm.
Ken & Gwen came for the evening & brought books for Anthea & Helen.

W/C A.H. Seymour-Lucas OC 78 Sqn 18/05/42 – 10/07/42
W/C J.B. "Willie" Tait DSO DFC OC 78 Sqn 10/07/42 – 01/11/42
Later he became OC 617 Sqn "The Dambusters" and led 617 & IX Sqns on the successful raid that saw the destruction of the Battleship Tirpitz

RAF Marston Moor was a BC training airfield in Yorkshire

July 1942

12 Sunday

ops on again & did air test. Had a snooze in armchair till Guff wake me up with news of ops scrubbed.

13 Monday

Usual air test but in filthy weather & then ops to '*Duisburg*' without much opposition.
All on including Bough & had to fly under a large big front both ways with more static than I have ever seen & more flak too.

14 Tuesday

Phone message to say I was on again but met Hurst at Dinsdale with news of scrub. Went to see Jack Benny in 'To be or not to be' a very funny film on Nazi Gestapo.

15 Wednesday

ops tonight & did some goon homing on air test. It just poured with rain all evening had no break till 10 o'clock. Got quite wet getting home.

16 Thursday

Taxied aircraft back to dispersal first thing & then spent the rest of the morning doing dingy drill. pm off. Helen not a bit well & looked very feverish - Ken ear bad from other nights ops, went to **Catteuck (Catterick)** today - we called on them.

Catterick is an Army Garrison in North Yorkshire. The garrison hospital is still used by all three services today

17 Friday

A horrible filthy wet day & it just poured all day. Dennis & Plinte nearly went on daylight but it was scrubbed. Had my teeth sealed. Rained all night & still at it this morning.

F/S C.G. Dennis mentioned previously

18 Saturday

Brough told me we could have 12 days leave after next moon period. pm off but we had to be in at (time) tomorrow. Called on Ken to borrow his bike to go along tomorrow morning & found him back from **Catteuck (Catterick)** Hospital after he had gone about his ear. It is quite serious & may stop him flying a long time. What a day! Did an hour's dingy practice in the hanger & then air test.

July 1942

19 Sunday

Briefed for daylight on *Varnemonder* but by the time we got to the kite it was scrubbed - standby for night ops & went to **Negesack (Vegesack)** near *Bremen*. A shaky do with much flak & were hit - 3 holes. All in safe but 76 lost their only machine.

20 Monday

Called today to be briefed at 3 o'clock but after ops tea it was scrubbed again at 4.45 – home to Darlington. Ken's ear still no better & there is some talk of his not flying again.

21 Tuesday

Ops tonight on Duisburg & spent the day as usual before take off. A good trip & got there at a Flak free period although we got hit & found a lump of shrapnel.

22 Wednesday

Slept till 12:30 & then had to go in at 3 for a lecture by a Cmdr on Convoys – A nice quite evening reading.

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23 Thursday

On again tonight. A lecture first thing about the last trip – most bombs west of flare. Could not do an air test owing to her drop & sheered air pump. Went again to *Duisburg* & flak was terrific & quite terrifying.

24 Friday

Slept till 3:30 & then after getting a haircut went with Ruby to Mrs Putnam's to get some raspberries & spent a very pleasant afternoon in the garden.

25 Saturday

Found kite on inspection this morning so arranged air test after dinner. Then found rev's drop & no brake pressure so put off till after tea & even then had to wait till 6. Op to *Bremen* but at last minute it was changed to *Duisburg* (4th time) & it was hotter than ever. Bradley's oxygen packed up but think we hit the place at last.

July 1942

26 Sunday

Had to be back at 3 but did only ground test. All on even Brough & Tait & went to *Hamburg*, which was bashed well & truly. Saw fighter & followed us. Saw target light as day. **Saw kite shot down** & had mystic lights follow us. Circed an hour before landing.

**If this was close by it was possibly 78 Sqn Halifax Mk BII W1184 EY~?
lost with all crew MIA-NKG. Capt P/O Mitchiner**

27 Monday

Slept solid until the afternoon & then after getting up for tea went to bed early & slept solid again till morning.

28 Tuesday

On again tonight to *Hamburg* & got as far as turning up before it was scrubbed. Asked Brough about a commission & heard from Chiefy Noble that we are to see the Wing Co. Home at 12 o'clock.

29 Wednesday

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Changing engines on 'G' & we have got 'C' again tonight. No air test as we are still bombed up. Did a crafty trip to *Saarbrucken*. Dennis down in sea, Steve Wilson lands away.

F/S C.G. Dennis (P) Halifax Mk BII W1059 EY~L Ops Saarbrucken. The aircraft was intercepted and attacked by a Ju88, which was shot down by the RG. Badly damaged the Halifax ditched in the English Channel some 10 miles from the port of Calais. All crew picked up by RAF ASR HSL

Sgt W.A. "Tug" Wilson mentioned previously

30 Thursday

On again tonight so went sick.
Great news that Dennis & crew had been picked up off Dunkirk.
Had good sleep.

See above entry

31 Friday

On to *Dusseldorf* tonight & in spite of opposition went in & bombed getting photo of railway yards. A most happy trip & were pleased as our leave starts at once.

1 Saturday

Got everything ready & then stopped & put on ops. Went sick & they tried to make my crew fly but after an afternoon of arguing got away except Bradley. Spoilt my whole day & I am exhausted.

August 1942

2 Sunday

Leave.
Caught 11.28 train this morning & had quite a decent journey arriving home at 8.30. Place very nice & clean as Rose had been. Garden just like a jungle.

3 Monday

Slept very soundly. Ma & Gwen, Mary & John came to see us today & spent all time jawing until they went by taxi at 8.30
Gwen has to go into Brompton Hospital under observation.

4 Tuesday

Leave

5 Wednesday

Leave

6 Thursday

To Ramsgate with Anthea & had a pleasant day. Rosie was home with Alice & Madeline, Anthea was very happy.

Had two AR warnings, one urgent but nothing happened. Ruby went to town & got back very late.

7 Friday

Rested today & did a bit of gardening.

8 Saturday

Down to Chesham today & in spite of the bad start with trains & trams had a very pleasant day. The children loved it as they had never been there before & Uncle Percy made such a fuss of them

August 1942

9 Sunday

A day at home resting – poured with rain on & off. Did lots of cuddling. Planted out little Cyprus tree that Uncle Percy gave us.

10 Monday

Up to Mitcham today & called on Uncle Harry etc & met Gwen who is going into Brompton Hosp. Today. After seeing Gwen & Ma off Ruby went to Mr Hewitt's while I took Helen to Cons.

11 Tuesday

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Went with Ruby up to London & saw **Chas Langhton (Charles Laughton)** in 'The Tutties & Tahiti' quite a good film & then walked along looking in the shops.

12 Wednesday

Went over to Arthur at Worcester Park & did like his house – quite the best I have seen. Back too late to go home.

13 Thursday

Mr & Mrs Sweeting came this morning from Orpington & brought a message saying not to return till 17th! Cannot understand it but don't argue. Took Ruby & Anthea to Croydon theatre then shops & had quite a pleasant day.

14 Friday

Went to see Gwen in Brompton Hosp. & after took Anthea to Waterloo to see Uncle Herbert who was pleased to see us.

15 Saturday

Back home to Orpington & tied our poor Lyburnham tree up which had been blown over.

August 1942

16 Sunday

A lazy day – cut the grass & Ruby packed & I spent the evening going up the station getting a taxi for tomorrow.

17 Monday

Started our travels at 8:30 & arrived Darlington 3:30. Evening unpacking – went to Ken's but he is on leave!

18 Tuesday

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A great shock this morning to find 7 crew missing, **Steve**, **Shipley**, **Clark**, **Lunam**, **(Lunan) Wilson**, were among them. Letters from Mrs Stevens & Mabs, we are all very upset.

Halifax Mk BII W1180 EY~? Ops Bochum 5-6 Aug. Aircraft crashed at Sint Odilinburg (Limburg) Holland. 3KIA including Sgt J.W. Clarke (WOP) 4POW including P/O R. Shipley (N) and Sgt J.C. Stevens (P)

Sgt Clark buried Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Nijmegen, the Netherlands

P/O Shipley interned in Stalag Luft Three (Sagan) site of the infamous "Great Escape" Sgt Stevens interned in Stalag 344 (Lamsdorf)

Halifax Mk BII W1061 EY~? Ops Mainz 11-12 Aug. Aircraft damaged by Flak wounding several crew members. Later attacked by Night-Fighter. The aircraft crashed at Wommelgem nr Antwerp, Belgium. 2KIA including WOII W.E. Lunan RCAF (P) buried in Schoonselhof Cemetery, 4POW, and 1 EVD

Halifax Mk BII W1106 MP-B Ops Osnabruck 9-10 Aug. Aircraft lost without trace. All crew MIA NKG including Sgt W.A. Wilson (P) This aircraft was on loan from 76 Sqn for this operation

19 Wednesday

Kite u/s all morning & had lectures all the afternoon. Spent evening at DISA show & then a couple of night circuits with Dennis & **Bundark (Bunclark)** No need for comment.

P/O P. Bunclark DFM. As S/L Bunclark DFC DFM, and Flt Cdr he was KIA 23-24/08/43 Ops Berlin. He is buried in Berlin's 1939~1945 War Cemetery

20 Thursday

Kite again u/s all morning & fixed up my kit which had been collected with Steve's. Did a nice hours flying in the afternoon although Ken & Gwen at home when I arrived.

21 Friday

Helen's Birthday & had a grand tea with the Cator & Peter inv.

22 Saturday

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After air test did a 4-hour cross-country round the Irish Sea – What a bind. Felt very tired & Ruby was at the Cators when I got home I went straight to bed. Ken gone down to B'/nm. with armed guard on a special mission.

August 1942

23 Sunday

Asked Brough about my commission but he won't move. After running up etc got the afternoon off.
Weather very misty.

24 Monday

A pouring wet day and I got soaked - After a binding lecture by Wing Co went to see a radio location plant in action at Stockton. Then afternoon off.

25 Tuesday

Another lousy day & no flying.

26 Wednesday

Dennis went down to group today about his commission.
A horrible hot sticky misty day and was pleased to get home for a bath.

F/S C.G. Dennis mentioned previously

27 Thursday

Miss Lascelles returned tonight from her short visit to Crackpot Mr Richmond.

28 Friday

Made a Flight Sgt today & was told by Wing Co Tait.
Dennis made a Warrant Officer & much chaffing all round.
Went to see Jack Benny in Charlie Aunt.

W/O C.G. Dennis (P) mentioned previously

29 Saturday

Charles (Dick) Pattison Pocket Diary 1942

Still no flying and got afternoon off.
Spent evening at Cators - getting all the latest gen as he is now acting adjutant for a month? Olbury being away Jack Lascelles of Newquay allowed as observer.

August - September 1942

30 Sunday

Gen lectures all morning & pm off.
Willoughley (**Willoughby**) & Shipley of Steve's crew known to be prisoners of war.

Sgt D. Willoughby (BA) POW after 5-6/08/42 Ops Hamburg. Interned in Stalg 344 (Lamsdorf)
P/O R. Shipley (N) mentioned previously
Sgt J.C Stevens (P) mentioned previously

31 Monday

Still more Lectures & off pm. Played much bridge.

1 Tuesday

Flew 'G' for air test after all this time. Then we had to have 'D' because of 6 tanks - target altered so back to 'G' for *Saarbrucken*. Quite but successful trip & back in daylight.

2 Wednesday

Slept till 4 then dinner & to Regal seeing Tommy Trinder in 'the Foreman went to France'.

3 Thursday

The only kite on tonight for a nuisance raid (scuttle) on *Emden*, didn't see a thing in the way of opposition so had fun & games on the way back firing guns & cartridges & turning on landing lights.

4 Friday

Charles (Dick) Pattisson Pocket Diary 1942

Were told before to land at *Topcliff, (Topcliffe)* which we did with a flat port tyre. Swung off runway but undercart stayed up. To bed at Shellfield House at 6 o'clock. Tyre replaced at 4.30 & then found glycol leak so had to stay the night again. Went to pictures at naafie said Kipps

5 Saturday

Up at 7 & out to kite at 9 but leak took till 12.30 run up, had lunch & took off, 2.30 arriving 3 & straight home in ^{S/L} Moore's car.

September 1942

6 Sunday

On tonight to *Duisburg* for the 5th time & went in high this time & really hit it. Had a second pilot tonight so had a rest & felt quite fresh in the morning.

7 Monday

Police came for me at 2 & was on again to *Wainemonde* but it just poured with rain all day & at take off it was scrubbed & a good job for I was soaked.

8 Tuesday

On to *Frankfurt* - a long trip & had to land at *Waddington* on 3 engines. Lost *Tippeth Aylmer (Tippetts~Aylmer)*, *Atkinson* bailed out & *Dennis* had his gunner *Dewhurst* Killed.

Halifax Mk BII W7782 EY-C 8-9 Sep Ops Frankfurt. Aircraft was intercepted and shot down by a Night-Fighter. The aircraft crashed nr Sclayn (Namur) 4KIA including F/L P.H. Tippetts~Aylmer DFC 1POW 2EVD. F/L Tippetts~Aylmer DFC buried in Heverlee War Cemetery, Belgium

Halifax Mk BII W1252 EY~? 8-9 Sep Ops Frankfurt. Aircraft damaged by Flak. On return to UK acft was impossible to handle at slow speeds and successfully abandoned over Northamptonshire. F/O R.E. Atkinson (P) Atkinson

F/S G. Dewhurst (RG) KIA on this operation

9 Wednesday

Slept in Ante room for 3 hours & then mooched about till kite was ready, which they did unexpectedly quickly.

10 Thursday

Found that I am still not screened & on again tonight so went sick again with my cold.

Brough called for me at 2 & said I was to live in!! What a low life. Dennis asked to be screened & Tait told him he would be supped.

11 Friday

Cold very bad & crew were relieved to get a rest too though they took Taylor to fly with Gregory. Saw 'The man who came to Dinner' very funny.

12 Saturday

We are going to move to Linton & things are getting moving. Get plenty of gen from Ken now he is acting Adjutant.

September 1942

13 Sunday

Still sick with my cold & it doesn't get any better.

Dennis commission came through but Tait won't sign it.

14 Monday

Getting packed up but still sleeping out. Took Colin home for the evening.

15 Tuesday

Cold still bad but fit enough to fly - but not down for ops. Took Kelly home for evening.

16 Wednesday

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Took kit into camp. Flew to **Docking** & spent evening in Kings Lynn - Linton upon Ouse.

RAF Docking was a Coastal Command base in north Norfolk

17 Thursday

Shut up Docking. Flew to **Bircham Newton** & then back to Linton. Disgusted with quarters we have to live in.

RAF Bircham Newton was a Coastal Command base in north Norfolk

18 Friday

Flew to Middleton this pm with 3 crews. Could not get Ruby on phone & our kit gone.

19 Saturday

Not on tonight strange to relate to off into York for evening. Could not get in pictures so after a walk round met Chiefie Eagles from **Maston Moor (Marston Moor)** & then had supper at Jack Hadwens Uncles. Ops were to *Saarbrucken*.

^{W/C} Marks & ^{S/L} Joe Childs missing last night on raid on Munich.

RAF Marston Moor was a BC training airfield in Yorkshire

Not 78 Sqn personnel

September 1942

20 Sunday

No parade this morning & no flying as weather very duff. Had a mess meeting & a social do in the mess. Bradley now a Flight Sgt.

21 Monday

Mike Kendall screened at 23 trips. Moved from married quarters into a block & got an NCO's room!

22 Tuesday

Did a glorified air test in 'G' after an engine change & then into York with Colin taking washing, parcels & went to pictures. **Conrad Viedi (Conrad Viedt)** in Nazi Agent. Phoned Ruby.

23 Wednesday

Ground tested 'G' on ops tonight to **Flemburg (Flensburg)**

24 Thursday

25 Friday

26 Saturday

September 1942

27 Sunday

28 Monday

29 Tuesday

30 Wednesday

1 Thursday

2 Friday

3 Saturday

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Films Dick went to see and comments.

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| 21 st April 1942 | Saw Robert Montgomery in 'Here comes Mr Jordon' a very funny film, which we both did enjoy very much. |
| 24 th April 1942 | Took Ruby & Anthea to the Paramount to see a coloured cartoon ' Hoppity goes to town' afterwards to Lyons. |
| 5 th May 1942 | Here that Hellzapoppin's is on at Alhambra so went & saw it and it was all the reports said – just terrific. |
| 6 th May 1942 | Again to pictures this time to see Greta Garbo in 'Two Faced Woman', which I did much enjoy – the first time I had ever seen her. |
| 13 th May 1942 | Took Ruby to see Wm. Powell & Mytha Hay in 'The Shadow of the Thin Man' a very entertaining film, which we did much enjoy. |
| 14 th May 1942 | Anthea had a holiday so was pleased to get home early when I took her to the pictures to see a Walt Disney cartoon 'Dumbo'. |
| 16 th May 1942 | Took Ruby to Majestic but it was a very duff programme. |
| 19 th May 1942 | Took Ruby to the 'Court' to see Douglas Fairbanks in 'The Corsican Bros.' quite a good film. |

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- 8th June 1942 Took Ruby to Majestic to see 'Design for Scandal' with Rosalin Russell and Walter Pidgeon.
- 9th June 1942 Took Ruby to Coust to see 'Ball of Fire' with Gary Cooper.
- 12th June 1942 Took Ruby to Regal to see 'Ladies in Retirement' a very good film.
- 16th June 1942 Took Ruby to see 'Weekend in Havana' a very entertaining film.
- 18th June 1942 Took Ruby to see Tyrone Powers in 'Blood & Sand' a very colourful film but I don't like bullfighting & hate all killing.
- 23rd June 1942 A great afternoon took Ruby to the Majestic to see Robert Taylor in 'Johnny Eager' a really classical gangster film, which we did much enjoy.
- 3rd July 1942 Took Ruby to see 'How green was my valley' (Walter Pidgeon) very sad.
- 9th July 1942 We went to the Regal & saw Fred Astaire in 'Never Get Rich' a very clever film & we enjoyed his dancing.
- 14th July 1942 Went to see Jack Benny in 'To be or not to be' a very funny film on Nazi Gestapo.
- 11th August 1942 Went with Ruby up to London & saw Chas Langhton in 'The Tutties of Tahiti' quite a good film.
- 13th August 1942 Took Ruby & Anthea to Croydon theatre.
- 28th August 1942 Went to see Jack Benny in Charlie Aunt.
- 2nd September 1942 Regal seeing Tommy Trinder in 'the Foreman went to France'.
- 4th September 1942 Went to pictures at naafie said Kipps.
- 11th September 1942 Saw 'The man who came to Dinner' very funny.
- 22nd September 1942 Went to Pictures. 'Conrad Viedi in Nazi Agent'.
All of Dicks BOMBING RAIDS and comments.

18th August 1942 A great shock this morning to find 7 crew missing, Steve, Shipley, Clark, Lunam, Wilson, were among them. Letters from Mrs Stevens & Mabs, we are all very upset.

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23rd September 1942 Ground tested 'G' on ops tonight to Flemburg

Films

[Here Comes Mr. Jordan \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ Comedy, N/R, 93 min.

Director: [Alexander Hall](#) Starring: [Robert Montgomery](#), [Claude Rains](#), [Evelyn Keyes](#), [Edward Everett Horton](#), [Rita Johnson](#), [James Gleason](#), [John Emery](#), [Donald MacBride](#), [Don Costello](#), [Halliwell Hobbes](#)

When a prizefighter (Robert Montgomery) dies in a plane crash, his soul is sent back to Earth in the body of Bruce Farnsworth whose wife and secretary have evil plans for his demise. The film received Oscar nominations for Best Picture, Actor, Director, and Supporting Actor (James Gleason) and won Oscars for Writing (original story and screenplay).

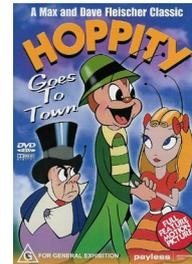
[Hoppity Goes To Town \(1941\)](#) ★★★ Cartoon, N/R, 84 min.



Brothers Max and Dave Fleischer, the pioneering animators behind Betty Boop and Popeye, made their first leap into feature cartoons with 1939's *Gulliver's Travels*. When that movie's Lilliputian adventures proved to be a modest success, the Fleischer Brothers decided to go even smaller. The result was *Mr. Bug Goes to Town*, a musical comedy set in the tiny world of neighboring insects.

Hidden among the dirt and grass of a vacant New York City lot, the miniature town of Bugville is home to a grasshopper named Hoppity, his girlfriend Honey Bee and the unscrupulous C. Bagley Beetle. Bagley's eyes have long been on Honey's lovely exoskeleton, and through a dastardly scheme he is forcing her to become his wife. As if Hoppity's fortunes weren't bad enough, human developers are planning to build a skyscraper on Bugville's lot, threatening the town's very existence. Bugville's only hope is that good humans Dick and Mary, struggling Broadway songwriters, can earn enough money to buy the lot and build a home, leaving enough open space for Bugville to thrive.

For his own typically selfish reasons, Bagley wants the construction to proceed, and he dispatches his comically inept sidekicks Swat the fly and Smack the mosquito to make sure Dick and Mary's bid fails. Only Hoppity can save the town and win the girl.



[Hellzapoppin' \(1941\)](#) ★★★ Comedy, N/R, 84 min.

Director: [H.C. Potter](#) Starring: [Ole Olsen](#), [Chic Johnson](#), [Robert Paige](#), [Jane Frazee](#), [Martha Raye](#), [Clarence Kolb](#), [Mischa Auer](#), [Elisha Cook Jr.](#), [Hugh Herbert](#), [Nella Walker](#), [Shemp Howard](#), [Richard Lane](#)

Big stars of the 1940s, Ole Olsen and Chick Johnson, provide good fun in this comedy about behind-the-scenes filmmaking.

[Two-Faced Woman \(1941\)](#) ★★★ Comedy,



DIRECTED BY: [George Cukor](#) Starring: [Greta Garbo](#), [Melvyn Douglas](#), [Constance Bennett](#), [Roland Young](#).

Silent-screen diva [Greta Garbo](#) stars in this lighthearted comedy about mistaken identity in her 27th, and last, film. Excellent bits of farce pepper the film, which has often been criticized for miscasting Garbo in a



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comedy in order to make her accessible to American audiences; MGM's publicity machine clamored that their star played a dual role, swam, skied, and even wrestled. Garbo did all that as Karin Borg, a ski instructor who gives lessons to gentlemanly playboy Larry Blake (Melvyn Douglas) and ends up marrying him. Soon after, however, she realizes that he has a sophisticated mistress of long-standing; becoming fearful that he will stray again, Karin devises a plan to keep him. The film had a hard time with the morality censors who criticized its attitudes toward marriage.

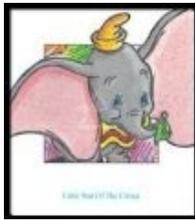
[Shadow of the Thin Man \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ [Mystery](#), N/R, 98 min.



Director: [W.S. Van Dyke](#) Starring: [William Powell](#), [Myrna Loy](#), [Barry Nelson](#), [Donna Reed](#), [Sam Levene](#), [Alan Baxter](#), [Loring Smith](#), [Henry O'Neill](#), [Will Wright](#), [Louise Beavers](#)

Master sleuths Nick and Nora Charles (William Powell and Myrna Loy) are at it again. Of course, their dog Asta is in the middle of things as they investigate mysterious events at the local racetrack.

[Dumbo \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ [Family](#) / [Musical](#) / [Fantasy](#), N/R, 64 min.



Director: [Otto Englander](#) Starring: [Sterling Holloway](#), [Edward Brophy](#), [Cliff Edwards](#), [Verna Felton](#), [Herman Bing](#), [John McLeish](#)

Dumbo is an elephant born with very large ears. Because of his physical deformity, he is teased by the other circus animals. Adversity is turned into a plus when Dumbo's mouse friend, Timothy, teaches him to use his ears to fly in this classic Disney children's animated film. The film won an Academy Award for Best Musical Score.

[The Corsican Brothers \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ [Adventure](#)

Douglas Fairbanks jr plays Siamese twins, separated by a doctor after their parents are killed by Vendetta.

Directed by [Gregory Ratoff](#); Starring: [Douglas Fairbanks Jr.](#), [Ruth Warrick](#), [Akim Tamiroff](#), [J. Carrol Naish](#), [H.B. Warner](#), [John Emery](#), [Henry Wilcoxon](#), [Gloria Holden](#), [Walter Kingsford](#), [Nana Bryant](#), [Pedro de Cordoba](#), [Veda Ann Borg](#), [William Farnum](#), [Sarah Padden](#), [Manart Kippen](#), [Ruth Robinson](#) with [Richard Alexander](#), [Wilson Benge](#), [Henry Brandon](#), [Anthony Caruso](#), [James Craven](#), [Ralph Dunn](#), [Eddie Foster](#), [Paul McVey](#), [Milburn Morante](#), [Edgar Norton](#), [Isabel Randolph](#), [Frank Richards](#), [Charles Stevens](#) and [Roland Varno](#).

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Screenplay by [George Bruce](#) also adaptation, based on the novel by [Alexandre Dumas](#). [Howard Estabrook](#) further adaptation of story.

Produced by [Edward Small](#); Original Music by [Dimitri Tiomkin](#); Cinematography by [Harry Stradling Sr.](#); Film Editing by [William F. Claxton](#) and [Grant Whytock](#); Special Effects by [Howard A. Anderson](#); [David Sharpe](#) – stunts; [Ralph Faulkner](#) - fight choreographer
[Edward Small Productions](#) – Distributed by [United Artists](#)



[Design for Scandal \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ [Comedy](#), N/R, 85 min.

Director: [Norman Taurog](#) Starring: [Rosalind Russell](#), [Walter Pidgeon](#), [Edward Arnold](#),

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[Lee Bowman](#), [Jean Rogers](#), [Mary Beth Hughes](#), [Guy Kibbee](#), [Thurston Hall](#), [Donald Meek](#), [Barbara Jo Allen](#)

Newsman Judson M. Blair (Edward Arnold) plots to set up and frame Judge Cornelia Porter (Rosalind Russell) in a scandal, but he falls in love with her in the process.

[Ball of Fire \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ **Comedy**, N/R, 111 min.

Director: [Howard Hawks](#) Starring: [Gary Cooper](#), [Barbara Stanwyck](#), [Dana Andrews](#), [Richard Haydn](#), [Oscar Homolka](#), [Henry Travers](#), [S.Z. Sakall](#), [Allen Jenkins](#), [Tully Marshall](#), [Elisha Cook Jr.](#), [Leonid Kinskey](#), [Dan Duryea](#), [Aubrey Mather](#)

Burlesque dancer Sugarpuss O'Shea (Barbara Stanwyck) moves into the home of seven professors who are writing the "Encyclopedia of Slang." Comedy abounds when the professors learn slang first hand from their new resident and her gangster cohorts. Barbara Stanwyck received an Oscar nomination.

User Review(s)

One of my favorite comedies

Review Date

03/26/2007

This comedy, famously modelled on Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs places the great Barbara Stanwyck doing the "heart of gold tramp" in the middle of seven ivory tower professors living a monastic life, dedicating themselves to the writing of a new encyclopedia. (You remember written encyclopedias; you used to be able to find them in libraries near the microfiche.)

The professors are a splendid gathering of the best of the character actors of the time: "Cuddles" Sakall, Henry Travers, Richard Haydn and on and on. Their leader and chief egghead is Gary Cooper playing wonderfully against type. (He did this in a great comic western once: See "Along Came Jones" when it comes along.) The result is funny and charming; and, yes, we really are touched by the innocence of long ago and far away.

For those who don't know the work of the young Barbara Stanwyck, this is a good one to serve as introduction. She really is a ball of fire

Ball of Fire (1941)

Gary Cooper [News](#) Oscars:

Best Actor for [Sergeant York](#) (1941), Best Actor for [High Noon](#) (1952)

Cast

Character

Gary Cooper	Prof. Bertram Potts
Barbara Stanwyck	Katherine "Sugarpuss" O'Shea
Dana Andrews	Joe Lilac
Richard Haydn	Prof. Oddly
Oscar Homolka	Prof. Gurkakoff
Henry Travers	Prof. Jerome
S.Z. Sakall	Prof. Magenbruch
Allen Jenkins	Garbage man
Tully Marshall	Prof. Robinson
Elisha Cook Jr.	Nightclub Waiter
Leonid Kinskey	Prof. Quintana
Dan Duryea	Duke Pastrami
Aubrey Mather	Prof. Peagram

[Ladies in Retirement \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ **Drama**, N/R, 92 min.

Director: [Charles Vidor](#) Starring: [Ida Lupino](#), [Louis Hayward](#), [Evelyn Keyes](#), [Elsa Lanchester](#), [Edith Barrett](#), [Isobel Elsom](#), [Emma Dunn](#), [Queenie Leonard](#), [Clyde Cook](#)

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A housekeeper (Ida Lupino) tries to keep the murder by her psychotic sisters a secret by covering up their diabolical deed.

[Weekend in Havana \(1941\)](#) ★★★ Musical / Comedy, N/R, 80 min.

Director: [Walter Lang](#) Starring: [Alice Faye](#), [Carmen Miranda](#), [John Payne](#), [Cesar Romero](#), [Cobina Wright](#), [George Barbier](#), [Sheldon Leonard](#), [Leonid Kinskey](#), [Billy Gilbert](#), [Chris-Pin Martin](#), [Hal K. Dawson](#), [William B. Davidson](#), [Hugh Beaumont](#)

After Nan Spencer's (Alice Faye) ship gets hung up on a reef while she is headed for a Caribbean vacation, the company sends Jay Williams (John Payne) to escort her on a tour of Havana. While enjoying the local hot spots, Nan meets gambler Monte Blanca (Cesar Romero), and before the vacation ends both Monte and Jay become romantically interested in her. [Rate this Movie](#)

Cast	Character
Alice Faye	Nan Spencer
Carmen Miranda	Rosita Rivas
John Payne	Jay Williams
Cesar Romero	Monte Blanca
Cobina Wright	Terry McCracken
George Barbier	Walter McCracken
Sheldon Leonard	Boris
Leonid Kinskey	Rafael
Billy Gilbert	Arbolado
Chris-Pin Martin	Wagon Driver
Hal K. Dawson	Mr. Marks
William B. Davidson	Capt. Moss
Hugh Beaumont	Officer

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[Blood and Sand \(1941\)](#) ★★★ Drama, N/R, 123 min.

Director: [Rouben Mamoulian](#) Starring: [Tyrone Power](#), [Linda Darnell](#), [Rita Hayworth](#), [Anthony Quinn](#), [Nazimova](#), [J. Carrol Naish](#), [George Reeves](#), [John Carradine](#), [Pedro de Cordoba](#), [Lynn Bari](#)

In this remake of the 1922 film, popular Spanish bullfighter Juan Gallardo (Tyrone Power) finds his performances lack their previous daring now that he is in the middle of an affair with the beautiful Dona Sol (Rita Hayworth). In an effort to regain the love of his wife, Carmen (Linda Darnell), and to regain lost popularity, Juan Gallardo makes the fateful decision to fight just one more bull.

[Johnny Eager \(1942\)](#) ★★★ Drama, N/R, 107 min.

Director: [Mervyn LeRoy](#) Starring: [Robert Taylor](#), [Lana Turner](#), [Edward Arnold](#), [Van Heflin](#), [Robert Sterling](#), [Henry O'Neill](#), [Glenda Farrell](#), [Barry Nelson](#), [Charles Dingle](#), [Nestor Paiva](#)

Lisbeth Bard (Lana Turner), the stepdaughter of a crusading district attorney, falls in love with slick Johnny Eager (Robert Taylor) who is anything but a law-abiding citizen. Van Heflin won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in this film.

[How Green Was My Valley \(1941\)](#) ★★★★★ Drama, N/R, 118 min.

Director: [John Ford](#) Starring: [Walter Pidgeon](#), [Maureen O'Hara](#), [Donald Crisp](#), [Anna Lee](#), [Roddy McDowall](#), [John Loder](#), [Sara Allgood](#), [Barry Fitzgerald](#), [Patric Knowles](#), [Morton Lowry](#)

This touching story about the changing world of a Welsh coal-mining family won the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1941, John Ford won an Oscar for Best Director, and Donald Crisp won for Best Supporting Actor. The film won two additional Academy Awards and was nominated for five others.

[You'll Never Get Rich \(1941\)](#) ★★★ Musical, N/R, 88 min.

Director: [Sidney Lanfield](#) Starring: [Fred Astaire](#), [Rita Hayworth](#), [Robert Benchley](#), [John Hubbard](#), [Osa Massen](#), [Frieda Inescort](#), [Guinn "Big Boy" Williams](#), [Donald MacBride](#), [Marjorie Gateson](#), [Cliff Nazarro](#)

When musical comedy star Robert Curtis (Fred Astaire) is drafted into the Army, he immediately thinks that the Army will solve his problems by removing him from his romantic entanglements, but it doesn't take long before Curtis changes his mind.



[To Be or Not to Be \(1942\)](#) ★★★★★ Comedy, N/R, 100 min.

Director: [Ernst Lubitsch](#) Starring: [Carole Lombard](#), [Jack Benny](#), [Robert Stack](#), [Felix Bressart](#), [Lionel Atwill](#), [Stanley Ridges](#), [Sig Ruman](#), [Tom Dugan](#), [Miles Mander](#), [Tom Dugan](#)

Actors Joseph and Maria (Jack Benny and Carole Lombard) help the Polish underground aid families of escaped Polish aviators. This was Carole Lombard's last film.

[The Tuttles of Tahiti \(1942\)](#) ★★★ Comedy, N/R, 90 min.

Director: [Charles Vidor](#), Starring: [Charles Laughton](#), [Jon Hall](#), [Victor Francen](#), [Gene Reynolds](#), [Florence Bates](#), [Curt Bois](#) (more)

A large family of young men experience comic misadventures as they sail about the South Pacific. Their occupational success as fishermen is sorely limited by their disinclination to work. Writer: [Lewis Meltzer](#), [James Hilton](#)

[Charley's Aunt \(1941\)](#) ★★★ Comedy, N/R, 80 min.

Director: [Archie Mayo](#) Starring: [Jack Benny](#), [Kay Francis](#), [James Ellison](#), [Anne Baxter](#), [Edmund Gwenn](#), [Reginald Owen](#), [Laird Cregar](#), [Richard Haydn](#), [Arleen Whelan](#), [Will Stanton](#)

An Oxford student, Lord Fancourt (Jack Benny), pretends to be his roommate Charley's (Richard Haydn) Aunt Babbs Babberley. The deception is performed as a means to facilitate the romancing of Amy (Anne Baxter) and Kitty (Arleen Whelan).

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[The Foreman Went to France \(1942\)](#) ★★☆☆ Drama N/R,

Director: [Charles Frend](#), Starring: [Tommy Trinder](#), [Constance Cummings](#) ([more](#)) In this British World War II drama a factory foreman from England is sent to occupied France. AKA "Somewhere in France."

[The Man Who Came to Dinner \(1942\)](#) ★★☆☆ Comedy, N/R, 112 min.

Director: [William Keighley](#) Starring: [Bette Davis](#), [Ann Sheridan](#), [Monty Woolley](#), [Richard Travis](#), [Billie Burke](#), [Jimmy Durante](#), [Reginald Gardiner](#), [Mary Wickes](#), [Elisabeth Fraser](#), [Grant Mitchell](#)

Monty Woolley recreates his Broadway role of Sheridan Whiteside, a critic and radio personality. Whiteside is a guest lecturer who suffers an injury. While recuperating, he and his secretary (Bette Davis) move in with a local family. It does not take long for the welcome to wear out. Monty Woolley: "Strange? She's right out of 'The Hounds of the Baskervilles.'"

The Man Who Came to Dinner (1942)

Bette Davis Oscars:

Best Actress for Dangerous (1935), Best Actress for Jezebel (1938)