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Monday 8th May 44

Left birthday of my home at
 home 8.30 + at lunch I spent the
 rest of the morning sitting in the
 grass. In the afternoon went down town
 + after quite a search managed to buy
 - linings at Wilby Row in Trinity
 St. Quite a nice job but it set me
 back £11.10.0. All told went to the
 City to see an excellent show - a
 musical "Thousands to a Rupee" with a good
 supporting programme. Rats etc. and
 food finally home - on pretty part of
 the way I pushed at the cart. Had
 a nice little spin to Farnley at
 night when I had a drink in the
 local. That Dick came up + we
 had a drink + chat after. Finished
 Walter B. Baker's "War in the Air" +
 a quiet day.

Tuesday May 9th 44

A busy morning spent mainly
 in packing. Mrs. Raul came to dinner.
 Cycled to South 4th in afternoon
 + found her in the midst of spring

leaving. In a burst of enthusiasm
I volunteered to give a hand with
the carpet laying which I afterward
regretted, getting a large blister on
my right hand. Ephie came to tea &
took my bag to the station while
I stayed down. Caught the 8:00 clock
& changed at Penitence. Arrived safely.
Very clean - girl in an apartment.
Packed at Lynden & Tit in
rents. Darry returned in his 10:00 clock.
One hour in the new & so to bed.

Wed 10th May 44

Back to work again. Got
up at 8:00 clock but was rather
shaking after the loss. Darry had
a bad cold & started sick. Off flying
for the day. Did a spot of flycatcher
affliction in the morning - about
an hour. Put on a night bulldozer
but this was eventually scrubbed.
Had a first crack at ground &
with Darry in the afternoon. Laid
into something with Darry & Tit in
time to catch the 8:30 pm to Penitence.

Had a picture show show - Bury
to early in "Paris Thompson" W. just
had a couple of hours & sandwiches
at the 6:00 clock to go to night. Not
a cigarette all day.

Thursday 11th May 44

On a day & county.
But I a fair & clear aircraft.
Finally got off just after 12:00
& had to be back by 4:00 clock as
out it a bit short. Not a bad
trip that a high flying too with
the usual egg & iron bit - but.
Wrote home & included the latest
batch of new notes together with
Frank's photograph after dinner cycle
into Bury with Tit & had a beer.
Watched the large takeoff.

Friday 12th May 44

Did a spot of V in the
morning. Should have gone on air
to air flying in the afternoon
but this was scrubbed as we
were put on a bulldozer & had

to attend briefing & busy afternoon
followed by a very busy evening
briefing. Took off at 22.45 & had
quite a good trip. No bombs.
Landed at 0230 & after a very
late breakfast at 0330 - & so to a
late sleep.

Saturday 12th May 44

Got up at 12 o'clock.
Had an unpleasant letter at
dinner time - my first mail since
my return from base - an evasive
letter from home for 1944. Went
out in the afternoon just off
the coast & did our air to
air firing. Got down just after
5 o'clock & had then finished for
the day. After dinner Darryl
took five of us into B. egg &
the other two went on their
motorbikes. Had a couple of hours
at the target & a look round
the place. We are based at half
past nine & did one or two odd
jobs.

Sunday 14th May 44

Had another egg for
breakfast & intelligence lecture. First
thing in the morning followed
by a bombing detail. Darryl topped
a good set of bombs. No night
ops. & 4 lectures after lunch.
After dinner cycled down into
B. egg & had a couple of hours.
Very pleasant run on the way
in but haven't had work since
have due to a bad bad wind.
Had one of my favourite
meals in the club - B. egg &
the kitchen sisters singing "God bless
you" & a lot of singing & then
to bed & very pleasant but
cold day.

Monday 15th May 44

Extra commander found at
0915 but I was just too tired
to get up for it. A wonderful
morning. No night ops for us. In
the afternoon went on a X X
outing. Passed over ^{Shirleyfield} on route but

there was too much cloud to see it. After a helluva week we landed at 5.40. Ted Dwyer & I just managed to get the 6.30 train to Poughkeeps. Thunder & lightning & a hail of hail at the Capital was a danger coming. Back to Poughkeeps very good.

Tuesday 16th May 44

Daily - wet & cold - much as weather started down for the night. Did no flying though the day when in the morning had an interesting & useful lecture & film on engine repair & ditching. After lunch Dwyer & I had another film show. This time on V. Then went for a very busy week hunt. In the meantime Dwyer & I had swiftly caught the 4 o'clock into Poughkeeps. The rest of us followed on the 6.30 which eventually left at 7 o'clock. Had a pleasant evening. Saw "Goodbye Mr. Chips" which was well worth seeing

again & a snack. & then at the Capital forgot to mention we had some photographs taken in the morning for our new pink identity cards. That is to say bye-bye.

Wed. 17th May 44

Another very busy day & another standard. In the morning spent a couple of hours preparing a very pretty master chart of enemy defenses. I should have had a lecture in the afternoon but the Weyg. Co. in charge of the expedition asked us to fly with him on a local air test which took 40 minutes. On landing I thought he was going to drive it into the deck but he made it OK after all. Spent a very pleasant evening reading T.M. & playing table tennis in the mess with Dwyer. A spot of writing letters all for today brother.

Thurs. 18th May 44

Another standard, which

Dango's assistance finished my master chart. After lunch had a letter with Mr. Evans which was very useful. Packed at early & cycled into Buxley with Dany. Dany Ted & Frank to visit the farm. Took train to Ipswich. Intended to do a spot of sketching there but unfortunately it was early closing day. Had a very enjoyable place & left town for 11.00 & then went to the flicks - Tyne Pines in "The Mark of Zorro". Came back to work in good time getting the 9.15 train with Dany. The other boys came by bus later. Packed at Buxley met an uncle - can that guy talk. Had a drink in the pub & then had a most interesting & long discussion in the pub with Dany & later on Ted & Dany at small boy.

Friday 19th May 44

The weather had improved slightly & we were on a 2nd & 1st X-country in the morning. Rained just after 10 o'clock so finished

at once as I was then also on that lunch & then got our gear out to the bike. Raining started at 4.15 clock & we took off at 10.15 clock. Calene marshalling guide was the target & we had a good kick & a good prize. Rained heavily after 3 am. & after inter-rogation & early breakfast finally got to bed at 5.45 am. I think I secured my 3rd & 4th sleep.

Sat. 20th May 44

Got up at 12.45. I was very pleased to hear there was a standstill owing to diff weather. Changed my flying fall over in the afternoon - white - filled in my logbook, put out another chart & did one or two other odd jobs in the afternoon. After a spot of tea had a book which I extremely read. Dany had got his antique

niche set working & after dinner
listened to radio & spent a lazy
evening writing letters - & so!

Sunday 21st May 44

Nasty, dirty day for
a start but met said it would
clear & of course it did. They were
now on the right. I refused inside
morning & had a rest in the afternoon.
Target - Dangling. Took off at
22.30 & had quite a good test but
rather too much about one target.
I got to bed at 6.0' clock the next
morning.

Monday 22nd May 44

Got up at 1.0' clock.
Life on again. Bombardment again a
week & a half - the boys guess
it's the Ruhr again. I refused in
the afternoon. Took off at 22.15
for Dortmund - the boys were right.
Too bloody hot for my liking. I met
a hit by flak just after leaving
the target. Standard never reached

at sharply afterwards - we had to
harden it due to a leak in the
engine & catching fire. Finally got
out of it & struggled out of
the Ruhr. Boy and I survived.
Then 70 miles from base the
standard never reached at 22.45
a sticky half-hour earlier than
OK & Danny made a urgent landing
on his two foot engine. Left the
bike just off the runway & caused
the damage & was now so glad
to get the old dogs on the
ground once again. But at 6.0' clock
the morning.

Tuesday 23rd May 44

Got up at 12.30. Day off
& when rain came it. Did a
few odd jobs in afternoon. Danny
took us into Burg in his car
just after 4.0' clock & left at
there at a garage for some repairs.
Did a spot of shopping there &
had the - packed eggs on toast. Then
a bus to "Cumbria" & went to see
Burg in "Holiday Inn" at grand show.

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Caught the 7.30 pm train back
to then to bed. Darg now looks
amused during the day. - Royal
Enfield roadster.

Wed 24th May 44

Up on again. Ted started
sick with cystitis & was quipped
until next Monday when he has
to see a specialist. That meant -
should be flying with a new
surgunner - his first trip - which
we didn't like very much.
I spent afternoon preparing the
mate home & had an hour not
before briefing. Sunday came back
today for which I was well &
Kerby grateful as I was
reduced to my last collar.
Target Kuchow. Took off at
midnight & had a relatively quiet
trip. Landed at 05.10 & had to
go like hell to get across the
Dental coast before dawn broke.
Got to bed at 16.30 just as the
batman were starting their

days work.

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Thursday 25th May 44

Got up at 1.30 pm.
On again. Went out to the
hills in the afternoon & checked
things over. Checked new sur-
gunner. Ted went home for
a day or two. Breakfast at 1900
for Mannheim. Just got away
thing, set up & in the airport
waiting to start up when the
rocket went up & the jet was
scrambled - for which I was very
glad having learned that. Had
a beer in the mess "got this
thing up to date". went home & so
to bed for a good night's rest.

Friday 26th May 44

Got up at 08.20 & just
made breakfast. Darg was unlucky
- he had to touch his toe up
& missed out. Went into chemical
section to do a spot of V. party
in the morning. Then came the

welcome news that there was a
standdown. Went to the briefing
room & prepared a couple of
charts before lunch. Afterwards
went back to the billets &
really got the bike & to
rental - cleaned it, oiled it & filled
new front shock absorbers. Caught the
4.00 train to Sandhurst
& after a long wait in the
Messiaen got changed to get
sausages & chips. I am a bit
slow but a couple of hours in
the Boulevard & returned on the
9.00 train. An excellent day.

Sat. 27th May 44

Went over to the net.
action in good time to see what
the scene was. I got above of the
they say but the tank went
altogether a deal less for I
had a good out of coffee scene
the. Gps on OK but to our
surprise - we had got our gear

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in the transport ready to take
out to the aircraft - we went
on the detail. In the afternoon
went round all the other bikes
and the rest of the boys to
check up on the window supplies.
Lost 13 x 1000 lbs. & only 14000 galls.
of petrol. Went with a lot of
men & a late briefing at 2100
it came a bit. Faint trip so
maybe we have mixed out. Had
a fairly good lunch after tea
& then Darryl & I spent a highly
satisfying hour getting the
motor set working sufficiently
well to pick up the F.A.1
programme. We eventually succeeded.
Wrote a few letters at night
& enjoyed the fruits of our
success on Darryl's radio.

Sunday 28th May 44

Got into breakfast - as
usual. Oliver & Ben missing from
last night's effort on track.
I spent day & much to an engine

also was a standdown. Puffed
to be on a Y X-country at 13.50
but Y 1/5 & I didn't get off
the back. After dinner cycled
with Barry & had a few hours
with Doug, Russell, Ted & Whelby
& Ken Evans. A good night.

Mon. 29th May 44.

A little of yesterday's
standdown still present. After
standdown C.O. parade in the
morning but got out too late
missed both it & breakfast. On
a Y stage in the afternoon
with Y bombing & anti-air practice
bombing on Messin. Up for 3 hrs.
- weather hot & cloudy & felt
rather uncomfortably though I felt
OK. After dinner cycled into
Barnetby with Ted & Doug & had
a beer in the 'Pit Inn'. Followed
this by a game of football &
to bed. A quiet & happy Monday.
Thank from here - also in Examin.

Tues. 30th May 44.

Got up at 0910 - rather
earlier than usual. After washing
parade a lecture by the Wing
Co. on discipline & discipline. Then
standdown. Darryl is now flight
commander - lots of office work
lecture by the O/C after lunch
again on discipline. He spoke
very well. With Ted, Doug & Frank
- Darryl was still working -
caught the 4.0. took train to
Sperdyby. A very good first
cliff & for tea at the Paddy
cave. Then quite a short lecture
show - "Peak London" & "Ireland
Hollow Fear Death". I caught the
2.50 bus back, had a beer in
the pub at Barnetby & so to
bed. A good day.

Wed. 31st May 44.

Another standdown. I
largely stuck to a lot of
standdowns about. Did very
little before lunch except paper

another ghost Bays of training during the day but we were lucky & slipped off at. Nothing to do at flight in the afternoon so went back to the hills & wrote home. I collected my share from the cabbies - sent in a month ago. After dinner went for a cycle run with Doug - about 15 miles. Very pleasant. Had a couple of beers at a couple of country pubs. Ted rode Kachlan in Banerly & we passed down on route. Poor old Ted.

Thurs. 1st June 44

Danny's birthday. Ted went to see a specialist about his eyes. Refrat rather grim - had to have an operation on 1st - results will be doubtful. He rather looks as if we shall need a new surgeon. O.K. on but we can't put a maximum effort. Went into Brigg in Danny's car while

he was taking in for further repairs. Had a dinner good cold ham & tea in there & then caught the 6.15 clock bus to Southgate. Saw a film show - he being seen - I caught the 9.30 train back. Saw an extractor from Blyton - Bardsell missing on his account of his second term. I got to the house & had a couple of beers with Doug. I had been scrubbed at 7.15 clock & there was quite a party. Ted had gone home until Sat. Saw our 4 bombing photos from the 29th - not so good letters from Don & the bank - £44 in the old account so I'm still solvent.

Friday 2nd June 44

6.45 am - light petrol load only 1100 galls so we when it should be a shot - I was late on early - but Jack & the gunnery beds - is coming with

us as a messenger. Did an air
test just before lunch. Every-
thing O.K. In the afternoon
had a good sleep after the
usual meal, - briefing. It control
back on gun positions near
Calais. Took off at 11.00 pm
& was on the target at 12.30.
It had been for the target
was covered in $\frac{1}{2}$ the cloud
& we had to take the bombs
back. When we got back to our
base we had to stowage around
for another hour & a half as
we were now petrol & got our
weight down. Finally landed
with our bombs at 4 am -
first hour to Calais - no salt
low water it quicker. That
makes first trip the lowest while
training.

Sat. 3rd June 44

So on again but was
not a messenger yet not at
12.30. Had a look at the new
section. Went into Begg with

Danny, had a good tea at a
little cafe where I then got
I remember. I saw "This is the
thing" - a great slow float
- a couple of hours while Dany
planned how & when caught the
7 o'clock bus back to Begg.
Danny looked at his car
when I drove me back to gun.
Later on went on to the
control office roof & watched
the boys take off in rather
weather from 11 am until a
quarter to twelve. Target now
fired near Boulogne, it good
day.

Sunday 4th June 44

Stentdown. In the
morning another crew took me
over to Killingholme to look
at one of our aircraft which
had balled down there last
night. After a long wait
we eventually got it & brought
it back that helped to see Mandy

the but he was still in
last having been on last night
of. Had a much needed bath
in the afternoon. It very wet
evening which I spent better
waiting - a really belated effort
of listening to the radio. To read
the usual special reports of the
all matters including the listening
from the latest film "My
My Way". Old Ted having his
eye operation today. Hope all
goes well.

Monday 5th June 44
Up on. Got on green
out to the bit in the
morning I had a shock in the
afternoon. Briefing at 6.0'clock
with shock no. much earlier
than usual. Bombed you envelope
-ments in the bombing formation.
Took off at 7.30 I landed
at 2 am. Light most of the
way the I seen when dark
was. felt it was still about

114
as light as the daytime by
the full moon. Built a good
trip. Saw a lot of ships
crossing the Channel towards
France as seen very back-
- the universal fleet.

Tue. 6th June 44
Got up at 10'clock.
On again. Got up again in
afternoon. Took off at 10.0'
back to bomb a railway &
road bridge just behind the
front. Very bright night again.
Not a bad trip. Bombed for
only 4000' - much too low for
my liking. Landed at 03.30 &
so to bed.

Wed. 7th June 44
Got up at 10'clock to
have the very pleasant news
that there was a standstill.
After lunch went to the
section & did one or two
odd jobs. Afterwards did my

rounds + cartridges from the
armory. Heaven help me if I
ever need to use it. Wrote a
letter to mother + Margaret at
Blackpool. Had an early dinner
+ caught the 6.30 train to Sw.
with Denny + Daisy. Saw a film
show - 100 Men + a Girl + Dumb
+ Crazy. Felt very sleepy and
a slight headache. Had a couple
of beer + then back to rest.

Thursday 8th June 44.

Just made breakfast
- as usual 6.45. on - went out
to the hills with our gear.
After lunch prepared a chat
+ then had a couple of beer
kiss on the F.R. Received a letter
from Irene in the morning
mail that our meal at 6.30.45
but still no gun about time
of leaving etc. Eventually at 7.15
the news came through that
ops were regulated. It yielded into
Bugs with Daisy + Denny + had

15
- very enjoyable hour in the
"Dying Embrace" - locally
orchestrated as the Dying Embrace
+ very pleasant night.

Friday 9th June 44

6.45 on. Got our new
reorganiser. Bill Banfield from
Manchester who is on his second
tour + seems a good chap. Went
out to the aircraft in the
morning + had a sleep in
the afternoon. Time very
late in coming through + when
they did an briefing went
till 9.0 clock. Target - airfield
at Fless. Took off at 0040 +
didn't land until 0330 - latest
yet. It finished very hot so
didn't get to bed until 0745.
Hope there are no ops - tonight
Our quietest trip yet.

Sat. 10th June 44

Nancy woke us at 11.30
with the very welcome news that

P.T. which stands one in your
stead on these nights. Briefed
at 1915. Target, Gylendurker.
Didn't like the idea much
after our last shaky meet
to the Rich but we took off
at 2245 & it went off quite
nicely. Quite a strong wind &
got there at 0100-80 miles after
5/10. Back at 60' back.

Tuesday 12th June 44

Nancy woke us at 1230
with news that she was on
- which rather cheered me off.
It was time of pack for
lunch. Received a welcome letter
from home. Got up to flight
at 20' back just in time to
hear that off. Had been scolded.
Went into I. Quinlan with
the boys on the 40' back & saw
"The Nelson Touch" & had tea
there. It couple of boys at the
covelet taken back on the 934
& spot of meeting & then to bed.

Wed. 14th June 44

Went to the briefing
room soon after 9 am & got
all my things ready for the
night etc. which I thought was
a bit. Actually they were
but no wait on due to
Denny being put in hospital
with a slight temp. - nothing
serious I hope. Had a navigation
net with 5/10 Gylendurker
before lunch. Wrote home for
my job & one or two other
jobs & cards & mounted around
the new section in the after
noon. Briefing at 17.00 - belatedly
early. After dinner went down
& saw Denny, who wasn't feeling
too bad & then had a 15
miles cycle run to Barton
- very pleasant with a couple
of hours on road. Had a
game of backgammon & table
tennis in the mess afterwards
- drunk what the boys was
doing at daylight on the phone.
That all good well.

Thursday 15th June 44

Danny still in dock as spent quite a free day. Prepared a fillet maitre chef after managing to secure an extra - quite a long job. Then saw Danny - he should be at tomorrow & took him some again. Then cycled to Batten and Danny & Frank who we had a meeting too for 2 1/2 but not at a little coffee (well) did take him some biscuits & cheese. Cycled through P. Farley who he said told us it for a bit. After it closed went on into Begg who we had anticipated going to see a cinema show but he said delayed us so we had a drink at the "Dying Gladiator" instead. It lasted 2 1/2 hours cycling for the night. It grand day. He had been scrubbed - probably because of the dust machine. All the boys had got back OK but not yet. Took Mole a good rest but not enough to 5 1/2 days for at least a month.

Friday 16th June 44

Again just made breakfast - especially for effort it was to be. on but again was not down due to Danny being in hospital still. After a shot of beer the NAAFI men came round and down to see the shipper. He was just getting ready to come out - feeling under with but otherwise OK. In company with Tony. Dave & Frank went to gymkhana on the 4.0' clock then after Danny in who had the usual bit & bit top. For the film show at the Navy Club was quite good & then caught the 2.50 bus to Banbury. Had a couple of hours at the "Railway Hotel" & then got back to camp just before the boys took off. He had a good rest. Got a letter from Frances in the morning - a very bright & good letter. He has got. She has enough & deserves

letter of life in the future.
to you etc.

Sat. 17th June 44.

After a leisurely breakfast
+ a look at the papers went out
to flights. Nobody around in the
new section last night effort
on a small plane and the radio.
Pretty sticky trip apparently
last night lots of clouds +
fog + rain. Not at all easy
we missed it. Went down to the
balloon + was just in the middle
of a letter to Jimmy when
Jordan came down with a
message to report to the adj. -
said for orderly officer. Off on
but Danny still not feeling
up to the mark so was stood
down again. Goodly duties +
writing letters filled in the
rest of the day + night. One
thing about being O.C. you can
one which off your correspondence
over. I got seven written. Received
a birthday card - rather early

but what the hell - 5 p.m. for 51-
from Hunter Harrod. The boys
took off from about 2300 -
2330. Hope it's a letter trip
to when tonight.

Sun. 18th June 44

The boys had an
abstinent trip last night - about
below 600 + they all brought
them home back. None in
flights for a time + when
worked out some circles.
About 10.30 went across to met.
+ prepared the sports chart.
Had a cup of tea + a cake
across shore + a game with the
navigator present. Went down
early to the mess + read the
Sunday paper. News came through
while we were at lunch that
H. was on. Danny reported
to the M.C. for treatment but
he wouldn't let him fly - still
in trouble. Wrote a letter
to Mark before tea. After dinner

saw an excellent film at
the ant arena - French War
Tours - one of the funniest
comedies I've ever seen the
"submarine" & Mickey Mouse
cartoon & a shot on the
destruction of the Tyrol village
of Lidice by the Nazis.
Spent about early to late
at good day. C.D. was scrubbed.

Mon 19th June 44

Went to Belfast again
- G.C. weekly parade which I
attended for a change. After that
Ron gave us a lecture on V
& a general outline of an agent
but Denny's car is still trouble
some & we stood down. Strange
it may seem you get a hell
of a rotten feeling seeing all
the boys getting ready for the
trip when yours not on. You
really feel out of it. One or
two odd jobs in the afternoon
then went into Duncannon with

the boys. Had tea in Bagg
first & then saw a film show
in P. - William Powell & Judy
Garland in "Heavenly Body" - not
a wonder - a satisfying film.
Very good. Halfpast nine then
back after a couple of hours
in the Arnold together to the
mess & had a coffee & collected
my mail - as is all - when
birthday cards.

Tues. 20th June 44.

Teacher birthday & another
pair arrived in the air force.
The boys gave me 150 to another
apartment as a birthday present.
Not nothing particular in the
morning - Duncannon for once. In
the afternoon we were going
to do an article to reach
Denny's car stopped but the
aircraft wasn't ready in time.
Incidentally 15 of the boys
actually took off last night
& then it was scrubbed. They

had to go out to sea & get them
some of them barrels & a bag of
flour. when an abortive effort.
Wrote to Lytle for a check
when for \$1 & good money. No
letter for me nor has the parcel
from home arrived yet. Went
Dorsey. Dorsey. Ted & I went up
to Barton & had the smoking
breakfast and then. the usual
stuck ribs & egg casserole & my
tea. afterwards went to the
beach & saw a couple of
quite decent murrelets. I yelped but
I had a bee in the nose. Rather
a fine briefing at 0315 & met
at 0215 in the morning. Was
to be called at 0130 even though
it is very dark but whether we
shall be on it good day.

Wed. 21st June 44.

Not called during the
night. when good news so got up
at the usual time & saw my
mail. just made breakfast. No

work during the day. I hardly.
Wrote three letters - home, Dorsey
& for a civil engineer's account
of the Wally Brown report of
what I saw at dinner when
we were to a cocktail party
at N. Killighilane on Friday
evening. Hope to go. I yelped with
Bugs & had a few beers with
Ted - the purveyor, officer &
Lytle - the intelligence officer.
A great day. I tell the good
bird news from home. That
where Bing needs in the case
of the day.

Thurs. 22nd June 44.

Rather a fine start at
flight in the morning. Esp.
on - another daylight briefing
at 11.30. After lunch watched
the takeoff - a pilot's plane
back near Balise. Hit back into
Bugs for tea & from where
caught the usual bus into town
shops. Saw a rather gaudy

Technicolor musical "The Girl
 Is Left Behind" with three
 Faye & Lauren Miranda. Had
 a beer on two at the Social
 & so home. My birthday passed
 unnoted. A boy on route. Very
 good cake. All the boys had
 a piece also the two bartenders.

Friday 20th June 44.

It rained just made
 breakfast. After mowing about
 for a time did an outfit
 in W which is over now in
 -off from now on. Darryl's car
 stuck at quite well. Took the
 to the car with us only
 we was sick. Gave an but was
 stuck down. Had a look that
 a look in afternoon. This is
 a chance of our going on
 have tomorrow - M.C. does not
 want Darryl to fly before
 we have so he can have a
 good rest. After dinner had
 a double at T.T. & Darryl &

I had Darryl & Tar after a
 good zone. I got most of my
 things packed & then cycled
 into Barry with Dave & Gordon
 Had a beer on two at the Flying
 Jockey & felt rather knotted
 to pick up a woman in the
 but thought better of it. Had
 my last piece of birthday cake
 & so to bed.

Sat. 24th June 44.

I got dressed in my
 best but & Kicker thought
 away in case we would get
 on home today. Eventually
 Darryl being unfit was
 allowed to go but the rest
 of the crew has to stay
 behind until Mon. or Tues.
 I was bloody, annoyed & found
 the adjutant right - also the
 walk at large but it was no
 go & eventually the Wing Co.
 kind of tricked me off about
 having the assistant I heard off

over the whole affair. Darg. and
into I anticipate. After dinner
went for a while then went to
the local at Barnetly with Dini
& had a couple of pints. Made
another good resolution to not
drinking down to a minimum
& smoking to five cigarettes
per day. A good day on the
whole & one to remember.

Sun. 25th June 44

Another disappointing day
as far as home is concerned.
Went about in general though
the day & gave the bike another
clean. At night went to a
party at Kellingdone with
Darg. & Mary & Wally & others.
- day has done 18 now. It really
fritches party - loads of beer
& pints, cigarettes & food. All
free to the guest. Left pretty
well out & Darg. was really
out. Eventually left at 10.15
but the transport broke down.

We had to get another one
sent from Egham & it eventually
arrived back at work at half
past three.

Mon. 26th June 44

The co. found another
- good show. Just made breakfast.
- Darg. still feeling rather queer
& didn't get up until 10.15. Had
finished packing in afternoon &
got our home bags & station
cards at 5.15. clock but no
train till the morning. Left
the girls to take my case
down to their parents for
me to pick up in the morning.
Had a quiet night in the
morn.

Tues. 27th June 44

At long last was
on leave. Early breakfast &
slept the 9.15. clock train from
Barnetly. Changed at Rotherham
where we had our home mail

+ a spot of Kew & Tre.
 More changes at Sheffield &
 Penikese & a bus from there.
 Eventually got home at half past
 one - rather late. Margaret had in-
 March took my bookshelves in
 to be changed - ready for Sat.
 Saw a notice for show at
 Rensselaer St. at night. to go
 of solo - a seat - & then to look
 at grand day. Found she had seen
 that Ben Fox is missing. Took his ox.

Wed 28th June 44.

Got up at 9 am & spent
 the morning finishing reading.
 The Man on the White Horse
 & sticking some new maps in my
 collection. Went to the City in
 the afternoon & saw "Kinky Kinky,
 Black Trouble" - very funny. After
 tea watched a cricket match at
 Hall Broom between Cham & H. G. for
 Red & Bar. Blandly & several people
 at show about 1/2 pm. Left early
 but I think Hall Broom would
 win - 134 for 5 & P.H. 76 for 3 - only

5 more over to go. A very pleasant
 evening. Took two tickets for a look
 of string & apple but no luck.
 Had a chat with Mr. Pollitt
 & then home still smoking too
 much - decided to not it soon.

Thurs 29th June 44.

Had a read in the
 morning. After dinner went to
 the Empire & saw Sister Ashley
 in "Boys in Paradise" & a Herbert
 Holmes picture "The Spider Woman"
 - a good show. Visited Lysbeth
 at night & had a good yarn.
 The news of Ben Fox was in
 the Examiner - also the newspaper
 news that P. Guinness still had
 won last night - 136 - must
 have knocked out 60 in the last
 5 over. A good read & then to
 bed. A grand day.

Friday 30th June 44.

Went to N. H. & saw the morning
 after dinner went to see Mr.

Fri at Hawley - she was very cheerful. Went on to Kent Harrold for the Sun & filmster at the Carlton. It took when I got home had to wait another month.

Sat 1st July 44

Went down town in am & collected my belongings which had been cleared - quite well. I found my train for the journey back. In afternoon went to Elland to see the Lyke Cup 3rd round - Hill Bower v Elland. We lost 113 to our 101. But a very good match. Had a couple of punches & a mug of tea of course in company with Archie Lyke. The journey was quite good after a rather shaky start. Went to Batty's afterwards. Found them well & pleased to see me. Had a couple of pints with Mr. B at the Fountain before coming home. A good day.

Sun 2nd July 44

Got up at 10.15 clock & continued reading "Plutarch's Lives" in the morning. After dinner sat with mother to Fiddle & saw Mrs. Reed - then on to Revue Cinema for a very good session too. Left club at 8.15 clock. Rhoda was over & another family. Chat Mrs. reading & then to bed at 1.30. A good day.

Mon. 3rd July 44

Another successful day - go back to camp today. Raining all day. I did not go out until it was time. Mr. Reed came just before & left. Bought the 5.15 clock as usual. - Ephie was at the station to see me off. Early change. Permitted but I got asked to the train getting to camp with suitcase & bike from Barnsley station. Day already in. Got unpacked & dried & then to bed.

Tues. 4th July 44

Got to 10 flights at 0915 & got the gun - nothing much fresh. Denny & Ted got back stuck in Doncaster for the night. On the night I got things changed when necessary. D & T arrived at lunch time but Denny has spent half his time in shelter & the other half down with laryngitis so M.O. says he hasn't to fly tonight. Ted has also got a quite bad time with the laryngitis. Got two weeks Charlotte ration. Had a year with Denny & the boys after lunch & went up to see sister in afternoon. Some of my clothes still set for yesterday's work. After dinner tried to get into a conference but full house. Lunched with Briggs with Doug had a drink & came back & heard the old maestro in an American show. A good day.

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Wed. 5th July 44

Spent quite a busy morning in charge of all new action. Ted & Ben were flying. - boys of air subs. I went to town from last night's run to Calcutta. All our boys got back but the other squadron lost one aircraft & one went missing. Four of our navigators have been sent in a plane tonight. Went to see a car concert in the afternoon - 2045 show & very good. At the time was called by the flight commander to do an artist and P/O Bartlett had after writing round from 1730 till 2030. It was cancelled. Life on - a long bit - but Denny still unfit. Ted on much another run. After a late dinner wrote a letter home & did a spot of work on my books before turning in for the night. A good day.

Thurs. 6th July 44

The boys had been diverted from last night's long stage & returned just after 9 o'clock. At 9 hr trip to Diger without loss. Ted was on it & they had a rather shaky trip getting 100 miles off track & staying over St. Nazaire all day. Meanwhile, Dier an artist in the morning to see how Darryl was worked out - they didn't & he is to see a specialist tomorrow. Worked out some amputation time in the afternoon & then night to 4 o'clock to Diger with Darryl & Darryl. Had a good time with Dier & Darryl & then out to Blackthorn. A grand night & a very pleasant time with Dier (a bold one) & shot machine gun on the religion was the only way. Out on the 2050 & a hour in the med. Darryl & Ted on 2050 early tomorrow morning.

Friday 7th July 44

Cdr. on briefing at 0915 instead of 0930 as originally planned. I was duty room. After about an hour it was a rather difficult meeting. I travelled for most of the time. No mail. Went out to see doctor and afternoon but nothing doing so soon left. Briefing at 1700. Darryl & Ted flying as usual. The boys are all nearer. Darryl called back at 1900. Pretty quiet. He is to see specialist again on Monday. More trouble for dinner. Watched boys take off at 1730 - daylight on base. Wrote a couple of letters & had a beer in the mess. Then to bed as the boys were just arriving back at good day.

Sat. 8th July 44

Darryl saw the 2050 - not until told Monday. Eventually got away on the 1330 train for

London till Monday. Worked
 the air miles out for last
 night's flying in & seen & had
 a cut of the air in the met office.
 All got back OK - a good flying
 day just about got a decent
 hit. Ted had another rather
 shaky navigational effort. More
 as in a collision way target
 - westward (with gunner) was
 showed off also one first under
 control at T. August. Two days
 of. scolded. Read a book in
 the room during the afternoon.
 Henry down just after tea,
 signed to Barton with Ted, Tony
 & Ben Evans. Got out with the
 screening screen but finally
 got away to the naval port
 ahead. Another first & then up
 home. I still no more. Heard F/O May
 broadcast on last night's been off.
Sun. 9th July 44.

. Nothing flying in the
 morning. Standby until 2300.
 Late by 5/6 Jollyhiser & Cole

back at 20'clock. Then returned
 to letters & finished "Wannick
 Design" Mr. Gurney & Mr. Hale
 - & enjoyed it. After dinner
 the room stopped & Denis Dwyer
 & I agreed to the "Dying War
 igiton" & had a couple of pints
 then home & to bed - CO. back
 in the morning. A good day.

Mon. 10th July 44.

Got up at 0740 & had
 a letter to get on the
 GCA points at 0815. but just
 made it OK. Ted didn't. In charge
 of new office in morning -
 standard but bags of things.
 Sir Chief Marshal. Inspector
 General & bags of other high
 back at our station for
 lunch till the war king down
 for a conference as well. Went
 into Lambeth with all the
 bags on the 40'clock. Saw
 John Fairfax in quite a short
 picture with a couple of boys

at the Gould afterwards.
 Darry took still not fit-
 to be specialist again on
 Thursday.

Tues 11th July 44

First made breakfast
 - Darry did it. After kicking
 round in the new section for
 an hour or so, went out to
 & made & had a look over it.
 Ted & Ben were at Lifford &
 looked after new section while
 they were away. Three letters
 today from home - last that
 O'Leary has been killed in a
 crash - also from Margaret Milne
 & Paul. Darry & Denis had letters
 & went to Lifford. Frank &
 I had a mixed evening. We
 left camp just after 6 o'clock
 & cycled to Batten where we
 had the usual banger meal
 of steak, eggs, tomato & chips. The
 stew - a film show with two not
 very well known but excellent

films. Returned via South Fairy
 where we had a pint which
 we drank & then to the men
 for another odd one. An
 excellent day. I should say.

Wed. 12th July 44

6.45 am. Went across to
 net. & had a cut of the in
 morning also checked my new
 gear. Went to school in the
 afternoon & got a bit of
 practice in. Bought the usual
 train to Lifford - Darry was
 waiting, letters & Ted was gone
 so went there with Frank &
 Darry. Gordon had been on a
 V X country with another gun
 & Denis was to see the G/C about
 his commission. More specimens
 & fish & chips for tea. Saw The
 North Star - about Russia & quite
 good. It got to eat & then back
 on the 2.50. Boys had just taken
 off - a bag full - 2000 yellow
 & max. all at night. Had a

leave with Frank & go to bed.

Thurs. 13th July 44.

The boys had been diverted last night - but we - & had landed all over the place to complete shoulders of a mile - no marks & returned after gleaning for a half of a time - about 123. - 110 miles SE of Paris. There from our squadron - Albert, Phillips & Hanson. Another crew landed out through lack of petrol on return. I sent a useful man with Dug. in the red section in morning & then with Ted & Dug. did a shot of daybreak duty - but a lot to Ted but as it took nearly afternoon at tabletting. We have & used a cheque at lunchtime. I spent an hour at the new station in the afternoon - the boys were past getting back for last night's effort - & then caught

the 40' look to Vanchouville with Denny & Ben Evans. A good sign of chips again & sometimes & then saw "a grey ball" for with Spencer Tracy & from Denny - very good. Then a walk & a test at a new & very different lab. Saw Spenser on the house train - is climbing again.

Friday 14th July 44

Worked out some in mile in the morning. The egg for lunch. Had my first glass of lunch for nearly a year. F/3 Thomas & I played together & did quite well. After lunch went up to the new station & gave F/6 Pauline the gun. Just after 4.0' look flew down to Keltner with F/6 Williams & Denny to pick up another hit. Landed again to base just after 6.0' look. Denny has got the whole crew - 48 until Monday morning but it was too late to go home

tonight. Had a letter from Frances & Mrs. Howell - Grace has been landed out - Frances is still chiefly Graham & Frank as an as open books - 9000 bank 2000 petrol 7/10 2100. Had a bath when went into Briggs for a first visit Davis. An excellent day.

Sat 15th July 44.

Had last news first thing. From last night's rail on Ringing - banks brought back again - two bikes were lost from our squadron - Gide with Frank as midshipman & 1/10 Tuckery in. At last night eventually decided to go home for the weekend. Bought the 1110 & after four trains & two buses finally got home at 6.15. Met the twins. Rose & John - two good little kiddies. Had a quiet evening & tumbled into the car at 2 am after

a long time trying to put a new suit in my light but I didn't manage it. Met Shirley in town.

Sunday 16th July 44.

Rose at 0930. Took John & Rose over to Thornton in the morning. A grand day & spent a pleasant afternoon in a back garden. Mother & May & Rose went to chapel while John called me for several games. Ephie & Mrs. Rose came down just before I left. Bought the 2100 to Manchester. I changed stations when I had a bath at the YMCA. Eventually got on the 0135 from Manchester & met via Paisley (which I reached 5 hr. after leaving home) to Barnetley at 0551. Eventually got to bed at 0630.

Monday 17th July 44.

CO. parade & no more got to bed then at 11.00 getting

at time again. After the
hunts went into the new
section & got the latest news.
Then lunch followed by a
game of bridge & a letter
by 5/12. Yellowknife on some
new equipment. My letter for
Ray Fox returned. Had a glass
& then dinner. Went to a bar
& then a bit of reading &
so to welcome bed.

Tuesday 19th July 44

Danny still unfit.
To see specialist again on
Friday. Went across to met
in morning & prepared a deal
for Ted showing pictures etc.
Danny flight commander -
yes on last night's test
on a place near Olsen - a
good bang in early morning
light - 1000 lbs - 5500 lbs & back
- some from our station & stored
around in afternoon. Went
down to 8 etc & took two

more at 15 feet a new at -
from another station. Had a
bed then went out after
dinner to Barry for a couple
of pints. Also an - expressed
news & cookies - looks like a
yellowish back - looks all you
could - Danny went to Frank
for a bit of details of the new.

Wed. 19th July 44

But night's effort on
an relieving new Yellowknife
all our hills got back but
several had shaky efforts. It
got heavy. 5 of them went to
Barry & back to out. It just
over a hundred. Worked out
some in miles & the just
long around. Also an - after
even looked in new section &
met new new leader - of 1/12
when I had met in the great
section at Wymondley - seems
quite a decent chap. Went
into Wymondley on the 10:10 clock
with Danny & Ted. Day on

with another crew & going to
the out cinema. Went to
several refs for tea - saw
strangers - & then spent
my pleasant evening in after
the - saw two rounds of
hitting. Retained on the 8:00
hr - a magnificent conductor -
just had time for a beer
in the "Station" & to home.
Wrote home & sent Margie
birthday card. Got on & sat
back until early morning.
The excellent day.

Thurs 20th July 44

No early morning. Had
a decent game of bridge
with Vane as partner in the
evening. Got on - Day on and
Flo Hall & Guder with a new
car. Guder managed to get at
it eventually. Went out
on section in afternoon
& had a game & then a bit
of tea (doughnut) with Ben

in the net section. Had a game
of Kallikenis with Darryl & a
rest before dinner. Then Big
in his weekly programme on
the Transcan. Fairs midnight
at 11:05 & then saw an excellent
film at the cinema "I got
trouble" - Mickey Rooney & Judy
Garland. Boys took off at 7
& should be back by this time
- 10:30. The excellent day.

Friday 21st July 44

Margie's birthday. Had
a game of bridge in the morning
- Day had a go but fell out
- fair bit of practice. Got on
- cookies again. Last night's sleep
back was a piece of cake. Got
July. Tea at luncheon. Went
to Rodon in afternoon with
Ben & Ted. Just got the 4:00
train with all the boys. Had
quite a good tea then saw
"Halfway Home" - unusual & very
good also a Charlie Chan picture.

Afternoon went to the Quarry
 & had a couple of fresh - Denny
 the nurse for mass. Met Kate
 Train late. Name is attempt
 on Rich's life & work in
 Germany on everyday things
 & good day.

Sat. 22nd July 44.

Last night the candles.
 Got up to flight by 9 am
 that a game of bridge until
 just about 11 am & then
 joined to the mass where
 I had a good game of T.T. with
 Walker. Denny & I had tried
 to get tomorrow off to go to
 London but who couldn't was
 it. However we was given
 out of the day off 2.45 &
 went to Ipswich in the 2.30.
 Denny got tomorrow off &
 went home. I offered to fly
 as a V seven with F/O then.
 However we get a couple of
 10 hits - cockpit leaks - so it

was a waste of an afternoon.
 After dinner went into Brix
 with Rev Evans & had a full
 beer. Secret fear of being
 missed. Made a good resolution -
 no more than 5 cigs. per day
 & a minimum of drink. A good
 day.

Sun 23rd July 44.

Went on a church
 parade in the morning - quite
 a good service. Afterwards had
 the usual game of bridge.
 6 to 20. Full effort Ted &
 Denny. arrived back about
 11.30 after spending the night
 at the Bluebell - rather a dirty
 live. Spent a bit of time on
 the V trainer in the after-
 noon but it is rather a
 bad loss of time. 10.15.00 - looks like the return after
 the had a bad & a real one
 sent to the 3.30 sent across
 the. By 10.00 on day back

Red Shellen + Elmer Powell
not had. Had a cup of coffee
+ a beer in the mess. Saw some
of the tubs off. Should go on
leave again on Aug 8th. It
good day.

Mon 24th July 44

Worked out last night
animals - a good test to Kiel
- no losses from here. Then
spent the rest of the morning
working in lat. & long. on some
new gas charts. Continued the
in the afternoon & at 4 o'clock
went to a lecture in the cinema
by the S.A.S.O. - on
the bombs on the last day
daylight attack near been
Very interesting. Read my
little gen. book at night. Left
my hair & shoes back. Ted
had gone to the Committee of
Adjustment in Frank's room.
Danny back - OK again for last
time. Day had a good foul

from his cousin. Had a letter
from Margaret & Denny had
a letter from Frank's people.

Tues 25th July 44

Last night's effort on
Stuttgart - one from each squadron
missing. Two miles in morning.
The forecast showed new clouds
during the day. Denny taking
an Indian 3.30. Major arrived
in the afternoon. No better
so we couldn't fly. Eps on
- even on a long & the other
even on a short trip. Ted
on with F/L Marshall. Went
into Scoutbase with Denny on
the 6.30 pm & saw the
Rayline Band - quite good &
had a couple of pots. Letter
from Donnell & gloves from her.

Wed 26th July 44

Worked out some more
animals for the second Stuttgart
& changed back - Dyer missing.

Finished off the new shirt
I started yesterday. Got a couple
of hours in in the afternoon
doing a couple of articles -
an even lot & when in which
we went 60 miles out to look
the mountain that a good
wash & then after dinner
on the most scenic shore.
"New Moon" - 2000. Had a bit
of time to look.

Thurs. 27th July 44

That a harvest in
the morning & wrote home.
Darry fit for the up to
14000 - the m. & for a change
was a - sleeping only in
the morning. Both & a sleep in
the afternoon. I got an glow
out to the hills at 10 o'clock.
I got to bed at 10 o'clock & slept
until 2 a.m. I awoke for a
French trip & got out to the
hills only for it to be
scattered at the last minute.

Friday 23rd July 44

Got to last day 70' and
set again at 12.30. 5 ft an-
cous \$500 pounds. Got all paper
in afternoon & had a shop & bank
at 7 pm. - looked to last part
- another Stuttgart way. after
a hell of a rushed briefing
we were scrubbed at 10:15
monks - 190's under. Saw the boys
take off - hope all - goes well.
Had a couple of parts & a
game or two of table tennis in
the mess. It goes with the
boys & us to bed.

Oct. 29th July 44

It rained night - eight
left on I Stuttgart & several
others badly smothered & landed
away - four left from each
squadron. Worked out some on miles
& had the usual cut of tea
at the natl. office. Dismissed (Ward)
Ward (Vaucliff) Mayo (Glover) & Armstrong
(Phew - last trip) from an squadron

Came on - five came from an
squadron. were on. Got on gun
out to the hole in the after
noon. Subsequently the crew
on & an early morning effort.

Sun. 30th July 44.

Wakened up by Jack
Buckley at 0230 - what an
awfully long. Went at 0300 hrs
& our briefing started at 0400
Trucker said supporting the
army - about 30 miles in.
Very poor weather for take
off but Darry made a good
job. Navigation not bad for
and a long layoff - one or two
minor hiccups. Gordon had no
finger trouble. It got foggy -
went down to 2000' to land
& even felt the blast. Landed
at a Yankee station in
East Angles at 1130 am. I had
lunch & quite a good time. Later
was a Fair. When weather
permitted took off at 1300

& landed at base just before
2 o'clock. Navigation & then a
good hot bath. Decided to stay
in camp - nothing definite on.
Had a long grapefruit in the
open with Darry - saw gun crew
through unobstructed stand down
Bunker a mile. & went to an
early night.

Mon. 31st July 44.

C.O. Parade - what
- kind. Had to take our rifle
- at 10 & get rifles around in
the morning. Watter by 11 o'clock
to meet 1 B/A at 10 am. Etc
on & so on. I should have
done an air test at 2 pm
but went at 3 & briefing at
3.45 so it was cancelled. I
went just off into inspection.
Feeling very tired & a slight
headache. Be there - target &
good briefing. Bad headache &
felt very grim. Left after
mid hour up about an hour

but on afterwards & coffee fairly well. Took off at 6 pm & landed at 2000. Flak moderate, & accurate. We were hit very slightly on the indicator. Flak with gun was very accurate. Eric Todd saw Flak then shot down - tough. Time of his drop was seen to get out OK landed at 0730 pm & after interrogation & an egg got to bed. A good night.

Tues. 1st Aug. 44

Had breakfast at 0930 then went to a lecture on escape by a Flak who got out of Germany in the last war. OK on. Got everything ready - left at 1700. Took off at 1950 - a launch flying bomb right on target just after 2030 but just as we crossed the coast the master of ceremony told us to abandon & go home. Got quite a lot of accurate flak puffed &

at us by a flak ship just off the coast. Returned some of our bombs & returned. Launch was pretty good - 700' - but Danny made a good job.

Wed. 2nd Aug. 44.

Got out to flights by 9 o'clock. Landed at about 8 got gear ready again. He on & took our things out to the field. After lunch went home & then lay down for a while. Meal was at 1500 but when I got up the time was 2000. I went until 2300. On Tue. Day I went into Girmally saw "Bog" when I returned on the 2000. Saw that - been & so to bed. Remained that briefing us at 0930 in the morning.

Thurs. 3rd Aug. 44

Got out to the sea to find what was on - briefing 0930. Took off at 1135

for a flying land ^{into} ~~right~~ about
100 miles in France & had put
a good trip. Landed at 1610.
After interrogation had another
egg - laid & a questioning
with a couple of hours in
the mess. Letter from home
(Mrs. Howell) Den - who is getting
home from 10th - 17th & Feb.
I should be able to see Den.
OK & wrote him.

Friday 4th Aug 44.

6th an first thing.
A ball of a washed laundry
- on base - what a panic. Tapt
- Panellie oil spraying way down
almost in Spain. A long sea
crossing at 1000. Not a bad
trip but took 7 1/2 hrs long
range fighter support. Landed
at 2130. That is sort of something
to eat a drink & called into
bed. Halfway through our turn

Sat. 5th Aug 44.

Just had time to sort
our base applications in before
leaving again - 11.30. Almost
same place. same route & same
Katie's. Another oil spraying
just across the river estuary.
Another 3 hours only this
time directed to 8.50 p.m.
- a 4.00 p.m. Winty 07.0. A
lot of balling around but
eventually got a little, a drink
& a bed & started at base.

Sunday 6th Aug 44

Woke up at 0930.
Two eggs for breakfast, a wash
& took off for base at 1130.
Landed to hear what there
was a standard - someone was
after it in some days. My
was still very sore - finished
by continual rubbing of the
soreness. Landed OK at
base & after interrogation
had a wash, a drink & then

get my gear ready for the
next one. To bed & then a
spot of lunch at 2:45 pm.
I felt I was cleaning my log
book up & then had a yeast
portion with the beans which
at no less 3/- Had a letter
from accounts waiting for
me asking for another £14
- another invoice as on my
I got changed, had dinner
& a few good games of TT
with Roy Walker & then cycled
into Buggs with the two D.
Daisy & Darryl for the old boy
Darryl trying to get accounts
for Glad & himself for next week
but no luck. Hope to go away
on leave tomorrow. It out of
case in the mess & so told.

Mon. 7th Aug. 44

Got up full of hope
that we may get on leave
today but when mess called
near lunchtime when it

was put on & being a full
effort was made. Did a load
& storage as ever - also in
the morning had 1/10 Smiths
cow - it didn't go off too
badly. Got my gear out to
the field in the afternoon
- leaving 1800. The army support
job - a big one - the other
side of town & we didn't
mend the keep but not, said
we was almost certain to be
disrupted. Took off at 2:00 &
it was a good thing. Met me
and I was road back to base.
One little message - cow had bled
out OK. Got to bed at 3 am.

Tues 8th Aug. 44

On leave. Got up at
7:30 am to catch the 9.5 - the
large cog to the S.S. Travelled
to Doncaster in company with
the other met. chaplain. Flying up
for an hour at Rinkens where
I had a post & a year with an

Sat. Left home at 2 pm + to find
Mrs. Howell alone - all she saw.
The train went off to Lynden
Park for the day. It was a day.
At night had a walk to the
same park + she talked out
to Lynden Park. Left home at
10:45 pm

Wed 7th Aug 44.

Didn't get up
till 11:30 am - a lovely good
sleep on the campbed after
lunch slipped up to Lynden
- Donald home tomorrow. Went
to the station + got the gun on
the train to Leeds. Then went
to the Pines to see "Plants
of the Pines" - very good. Lizzie
+ Lizzie to tea. Did a bit of
writing at night. A good day.

Thurs. 1st Aug 44

Went to Leeds for the
day with mother + Mrs. Howell.

The train packed off to Banbury
at 10:43 train + had to stand
all the way. Finally managed
to get a seat off lunch at
the Imperial Hotel. Mother + Mrs.
H. went shopping so I slipped
into Leeds B + saw Harold +
Mrs. Dalton - it was a wonder
of old times. Then spent the
next hour in the new electric
for the morning, met into the
Royal + had a beer - mother
had a cherry. Finished up
with seeing David + Mrs. in The
Way House at the 6:00 pm. Very
good. Had a bite at the station
+ caught the 3:2. Went to Leeds
where I met Ben + Lizzie + had
supper.

Friday 11th Aug 44.

After breakfast went
over to Jimmie - visited + L. The
train had left at Lynden +

OK. They seemed to want to spend
all their time telephoning.
Had a game of cricket with
John. After lunch went to the
bushes for the most about
the city with Dan & Geoff to
see "Destination Tokyo" with
Garry Grant. Not bad. Went up
to Dan's just before 9 o'clock &
had a walk up to Battle Hill.
Back to Dan's for supper & then
had Mrs. Howell & her all.

Sat. 12th Aug. 44

Packed away in for a
time.

