19 Fri.

In time for breakfast
ordinary routine of lectures all
day. Gds alarm from 9 to 9.30
Received £8 on a pay parade
in "B" hanger at 1.30.

19 Posted
some more snaps in & wrote to
Chum. Had an exam to see who
was going to be observers and who
Bombardiers — heres hoping!
Wrote to Chum

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Received £8

Posted letter to Chum

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MAY 2. Sat

19 Usual routine all day
Leant in the afternoon that Rail
RGM + ZOW. were to be Bombardier
Passed with DCs. Had an
hours drill after tea and then
back 19 to Lulea wood Hall.

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MAY 3. Sun

19 Slept in until about 10. and then got up and lay out in the sun and then walked slowly down to dinner. Mucked around in the afternoon putting photos in and sleeping in the sun.

19 Went down to the "Red Lion" after tea and met O. and went for a walk

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MAY 4. Mon

19 Up with the lark
good lectures on intelligence
in the morning.
Saw first uncovered
Pansy in Arrmaship Hall.

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MAY 5.

Tues

19 Lectures all day
nothing unusual.
Had a mock gas attack
and it was funny. Was dashing
for a shelter when a bomb
19 exploded in front of me, and I
dived smartly to earth. Several
of the chaps were caught and
decontaminated.

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MAY 6. Wednes

19 Lectures and PT
last period but played
cricket instead.
Went down to "Red Lion"
after tea with Sid & Lofty

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Letter from Chum

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MAY 7. Thurs

19 In D.R. Tranter nearly all day.

Went to "Red Lion" with Scotty and met a very nice W.A.A.F. 19 and then we went up to "Waggons & horses," then to camp and home about 11.

Inserted Later :-

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Night I met Sheila Styde - a jolly good Sort!

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MAY 8. Fri

19 Lectures

Nothing unusual.

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19 Letters from

Mum

Hilary Russell

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MAY 9. Sat

19 D R Trainer in afternoon

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19 Parcel from Gwen

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MAY 10. Sun

19 Up about 9 and was
pulled out by Phil-Phil. He, Les,
Russ and I caught a bus into
Cambridge which is a very pretty
place. It was a beautiful day
19 and we had a pleasant time
We went to an address Bus had, and
Phil + I brought 2 push-bikes
mine costing 50/-. We then went
down and hired boats. Saw
three 19 boatloads tipped out. Rode
the 15 miles home on our newly
acquired bikes.
Home with a hired seat

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MAY 11.

Mon

19 Heard this is our last day in Headquarters. Had a D/F exam by P.O. Fryer. Heard a few good lines from F.P. Brown. A picture on Met after tea. Baldy, Sid and I went in to the "Clean Plunge" and had a jolly good boo.

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19 Letter from W.D. R.S.A.

Posted { Letters to Mum
Rosemary

MAY 12. Tues

19 Duly reported to "A" flight and had a pow-wow with our P.O. instructor. Then we went down and drew our parachute which are great contrivances. Then we drew watch, sextant, and all navigational equipment which seems O.K. Were to fly in the afternoon but weather was foul cloud height only 600' so whole flight was washed out

19 Went in to Royston at dinner time with Skin and bought some pencils & sent a cable to Jocelyn.

Home straight after tea

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19 Banked £3
Cabled Jocelyn
Letter to Ed Jackson

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MAY 13. Wed

19 Fixed up all my map very elaborately in the hope that we would fly but all to no avail. Down to the Lion after tea.

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MAY 14.

19 Had my first trip in the ~~afternoon~~ morning up to Goole on the Hull estuary. We landed at Finningley and saw quite a few "wimps" and Manchesters.

19 Landed at Base about 12.30. Quite a fair trip but it was pretty bumpy. Nothing of interest for rest of day

19 Saw "Underground" at the pictures in Royston.

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Letters Chum
Mum
Hilary Russell

MAY 15. Fri.

19 In DK trained nearly all day which wasn't very interesting. I was pilot to Powley. Took some sun shots in afternoon. Went to the 19 Rose with "Snow" — my wireless operator

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MAY 16.

19 Most of course flying but I missed again so had to hang around in the crew room nearly all day. Went in to bar & Lectures with Sid Mac & Skin, had a good meal at the Gran Plunge.

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19 Letter from WDRSA

MAY 17.

Sun

19 Was not on morning schedule so decided to calibrate my sextant - after a lot of mucking about I came to the momentous decision that I have an error of 3½ A.

19 Flew in afternoon to Horncastle - Mablethorpe and then to 60 miles out to Sea which is the nearest I have been yet to the enemy. Was challenged by a convoy and had to ~~g~~ circle about 6 times. Home and Harvey + I biked to Cambridge. We had a W.A.A.F in the Plane on our trip. Met Sid Stumps at the Criterion and then booked in at the "Red Lion". Good

19 wild night with Williams + Co. Chasing stucks in a punt at midnight - lost our bikes. chased by police

19 What a Show!

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MAY 18. Mon

19 Up at "nine-ish" and had breakfast. Went shopping and brought a new tennis racquet costing £3:12:6. Had dinner and went punting on the Cam, it started to rain so we cut the trip short. Biked home via Granchester had tea there and after going a couple of miles we had to take refuge in a pub on account of the rain - this gave us cause to stop at about 6 more. Home - shifted all my gear into the huts am now in 72. Sleep pretty late

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Posted Letter to Clare Hawke

MAY 19.

Tues.

19 Not on the morning detail so plotted in some stations on my Mercator. Went to the mess early and had a fairish dinner. Was not on the 19 afternoon detail either so went back to Knesworth and got my tennis gear. Had 3 sets with Les Winsloe and slept before tea in the 19 ~~pl~~ mess. Beked home with Les. Had a bath and wrote this up to date.

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Cable from Shirley Joan Hopper.

MAY 20. Wednes.

19 Up early and over to the crew room, prepared my maps and as per usual the whole ~~usual~~ show was scrubbed and instead we acted as a taxi + took a ~~19~~ F/sgt. up to york - ran into dirty weather up there but on the whole it was a good trip, Harvey dropped 4 bombs.

We were nabbed for the C.O's ~~19~~ parade and it was a big show as the whole shebang was on parade. Got a late chit and had dinner about 2.30. Watched the cricket & tennis in the afternoon and ~~19~~ then had tea & back to Knaresworth

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Received letter from Mum.
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MAY 21. Thurs.

19 Up with the lark for a change. Was not on the detail in the morning so went over to the Intelligence Library to swot up on some new "Gen." Was out of the detail again in the afternoon, but went for a ride with "Sim" Hayden. We landed at Feltwell picked up some log forms. We just map read and it was a change not to have to work. Landed about 4.45. and had tea and back to Kneesworth - down to (~~Red~~). the "Lion" with Sid A. Then we went to a dance at the camp, home about 12 ½.

19 Letter from Ted Jackson

MAY 22. Fri.

19 Slept in until 7 o'clock and then popped down but the weather closed in and it was scrubbed. So sat in the crew room until dinner time. Scrubbed again in the afternoon so went back to the mess. Home & to bed early

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MAY 23.

Sat.

19 Shaved at camp and then went over to the crew room. Flew up towards Homcastle at 3,000' above cloud, came down through the cloud and ceiling was only about ~~19~~ 100 feet with vis less than 1 mile in rain. Back to camp about 1.45pm. and slept till 4. Then went back to Kneesworth and read till 9.

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MAY 24. Sun.

19 Over to the crew room and went for a flight with W/O Price, up to Polegate landed there up to Upaven but turned before we were there as it started to rain.

19 Home about 12.30. Got our discharge from "A" flight saw my logs and they were O.K. Went back to Kneesworth and slept

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19 Wrote home to Mum.

MAY 25. Mon

19 Duly caught the 7 o'clock bus to Steple Morden and found that I was crewed up with a Sgt. Brooks and crew who seem jolly decent chaps, but rather disappointed I am not with Hawley & Co. Went over to Bass for a "Grope" in the afternoon but there was not enough time so it was called off. Back in the "Chattle" 19 to tea and then back to Bass. for a lecture by a Navy man on convoys. Back S.M. about 6 and had supper, afterwards wrotang to Ted Jackson

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Shifted all kit to Steple Morden

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Wrote to Ted Jackson

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JUNE 3. Wed.

19 Arrived in London about 12.11 so had dinner at the N.Z. Forces club. Went out to the Kew gardens in the afternoon the weather was wonderful and the Gardens were an unforgettable sight. We lay down under a tree and slept for a couple of hours. Back for tea. Met two N.Z. American
19 privates went to the Sussex and afterwards to the "Mazurka" Club - in all - one hell of a wild night

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JUNE 4.

Thurs.

19 Got up about 9. and went to the New Zealand Forces club and had a game of snooker and had dinner there. Caught a train from Kings Cross about 2.15 19 home after a very hot and uninteresting journey

Do bed and not feeling very happy after last nights effort

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JUNE 5. Fri.

19 No flying so went over to Bas
to see Ted Jackson but had no luck
as he was still in bed. Received
two parcels from home, caught the
11.45 "shuttle" home to Steeple. Started
to walk 19 in with Harvey Flower when
Ted & "Stevie" came out in the YMCA's
car. Went back with them to
dance at the Lgts Mess. Had
a jolly fine reunion and the
dance 19 went with a swing.
Met Sheila Hyde who I met in
my first week at 11 O.T.U. Took
her home to Kneesworth.

19 a Jolly good night

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JUNE 6.

Sat.

19 Went on our first cross country on a wetzpey. Dual - with Pfc Swift as pilot a good exercise from every point of view. Landed ~~19~~ Gale.

Went in to the green plunge for a swim in the afternoon as Billy Still on 19 Circuits & Bumps.

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JUNE 8.

19 Went up but there was nothing doing as Bill was still doing circuits and bumps There was no wireless in the kite he was in so decided to take up a map and go for a trip. Went up for 2 hours and went to Cambridge Hutchin Letchworth Luton + just stooged around

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JUNE 12. Sunday

19 A five hour country lined up but the weather is puff with low cloud. Over to Babs in the afternoon and had a test in the decompressio Chamber 19 - went up to 25,000 feet no ill effects experienced but because of a slight cold had a little ear trouble on the way down but no harm done. — thank goodness.

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Had a pray parade and widently our pray has not come through from Millom yet.

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Took Sheila to pictures in Keyston

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Received £8/0/0

JUNE 13. Sat.

19 Due for a cross-country but because of adverse weather it was called off so just hung around. Went over to Bass. about 10.30 and had my inter.com changed. Had dinner there and then came back 19 nothing doing but circuits and bumps so went to bed early

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Papers from Janie

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JUNE 14. Sunday

19 Our day off so made the most of it & stayed in Bed until 12, then got up for dinner. Lay in the Sun all afternoon reading and sleeping. Over for a shower shave and tea at 5.

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19 Wrote to Chum
Kay Addis

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JUNE 20.

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Harvey Stowe messing on ops!

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JUNE 29. Mon

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Sid Stump burn to Death in a crash at 4.30 am.

Pa Callander went for a Burton

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JUNE 30.

Tues

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Have Received Mail from Mum (2) Clare (2) Shirley Todd, Gwen

19 Parcles from home + Gwen

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JULY 1. Wed.

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Went for a bike Ride with Sheila

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JULY 2. Thurs.

19 Lay in and missed breakfast as per usual! Went up with Bill Spinney to get my maps ready for our night shift. Rode in and saw Sheila and had to cancel our picture 19 date

Flew Base - Henlow - Aberporth - Helenswell Base back about 10 past 3.

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JULY 10.

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Went to Dance at
Coco Nut Grove with Crew

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What a night

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Received £13 : 0 : 0.

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JULY 11. Sat

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19 Celebrated our Departure
With Mick Moon

19 Still afloat!

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JULY 14.

Tues

19 Left No 11 O T Y Bass. - Caught the 9.36 with Bill Spunney my pilot. Decided to hitch. Bike so got off at Hitchen it wasn't so hot. but got there at last. Met them, Chris & Mick and celebrated finishing up at Covent garden. Caught the 10.55 to Barrow

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JULY 15. Wed

19 Arrived in Barrow about 8 had breakfast and went out to Conishead Priory to see G.J.F. but he has gone. Had my photo taken and caught a bus

19 to Windermere arrived OK and was lucky enough to get board. Had a walk around met Dunc Mac - to Bed early

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JULY 16. Thurs

19 Up 9 and went to Keswick - lovely scenery but unfortunately bad weather spoil had a good day

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JULY 17. Fri.

19 Wandered leisurely down to Bowness had dinner and sat down by the lakes edge. To finish an early night.

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JULY 18.

Sat

19 Got up fairly early but missed the first train to Barrow caught the 11.15. and it was very packed

Arrived at Euston about 8.30 ~~19~~ booked in at the Victoria League cleaned up and then went to Covent Garden but it was full and so had supper & home.

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JULY 19.

Sun.

19 Had a lovely hot
bath - went round to the
NZ Club for dinner. Met Alan
Rushell & went for a walk
to Hyde Park to listen to the
hecklers - went to a show
and back to the club for dinner.
Then met old Snow who is
back in the crew! Went to
the Mazurka and got
fairly
19 Happy so decided to
go to Coney Island before it
got too bad. Met a nice girl
and took her home arranging
to meet her to morrow
19 night

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JULY 20.

Mon

19 Slept in pretty late and ambled round to the Forces club for lunch. Then strolled round Oxford St. Regent St. just going where I pleased Went 19 to "Son of Fury" – met Snow, Mick & Chris in the Club and then went round to meet D.M. at C.G. Station. Went to the Regent palace Hotel for tea and 19 to the show at the Hippodrome after having supper at a flash restaurant

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Mail { Clare (29th May)
Mum.

No 101 Squadron —

J Bourn.

JULY 21. Tues.

19 Met Mick & Snow and caught the 10.10 for Cambridge After a bohale of a lot of trouble got all our kit ready at Bass. and got a shuttle into 19 Royston. Met Bill Spurrey on the train and went to Cambridge. Finally got to Long Stanton and a shuttle to Oakington. Nobody knew us so we 19 bedded in in the same room as Burgess & Co.

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JULY 22. Wed

19 Up earliest for a long time and down and had a look over a Sterling.

Got a track to Bourn where we are going to be on Mk III 5. Had a good tea and early to bed.

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JULY 23. Thurs.

19 Up + saw the C.O. of our Squadron — got all our Draval Chits filled in all of us got clean sheets Could not get a ride to Oakington so played Snooker To bed + to write letters

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Posted letters to Mum, Sheila, Doc Turnbull + Photo people in Barrow Cat 20 Paxton St, Barrow in Furness

JULY 24.

Friday

~~19~~ Reported to the flight at 9 o'clock but there was no one about on A/c of ops last night. Went to Oakington to draw flying kit - got underwear but no Irvin. Received my nav. kit, parachute + harness and had a chat by the navigation officer who showed me round the station

~~19~~ Went to an ENSA concert at night which was not bad.

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Rec. Lg: 2:0

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JULY 25. Sat.

19 Received some instruction on G.B. and tried to use my gas sextant very good but heavy. Mucked about and went to bed about 19 4.15

Were 60+ Red Lion & with Snow bed 11.15.

Spin went on a raid to Duisberg

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JULY 26. Sun

19 Went up to flights but as there was ops last night no one was about, so went around with Snow while he did his D.I's. Then spent the rest of the morning on "Db". Had morning tea at the NAAFI hut.

Nothing doing in the afternoon as it is the big do tonight 16 kites - looks like an 'el' 1000 bomber "do".

19 with Chris & Bill going

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JULY 27.

19 Chris came in

Nothing interesting rained

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all day!

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JULY 28.

Tues.

19 Chris woke me up after 7 to know the time - I could have killed him. We went up to the drome and had a good morning tea. I then fooled around with my sextant and popped back to have a game of snooker.

19 Up in the afternoon and spent a couple of hours on the T.R.

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Received a letter from Sheila. Wrote Rosemary. Doc Turnbull, Shirley told

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JULY 29.

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~~Wednes~~

19 Was awake when Chris and Bill came back from Hamburg - Chris dropped a 4,000lb bomb - good show.

19 There was nothing doing as all personnel had been on last night and as it rained I stayed behind and wrote letters.

19 Went up in afternoon, was supposed to go up for a trip with the T.R. but it was scrubbed

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JULY 30.

Thurs.

19 As there was no
last night. Had breakfast
and came back to the billets
it started to rain but cleared
before dinner and went on an
Air- ~~19~~ firing trip up to the
Wash with Nobby Clarke
Played with the T.N. for a
while but unfortunately the
set packed up.

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Num of flight 1 hr 30

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Received letters from
Mum & Dick Hairwood

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JULY 31. Fri

19 Heard in the morning that we were to be pall bearers at the funeral at 7/o Stubbings. Sgts Webster + Comber. Had tea early dinner and went in to Cambridge on a "shuttle" with S/L Watts. Acted as pall bearers to Eric Webster and Bob Stubbings. Then went and got a punt with Spin, Mick and Snow. Had tea and went to the pictures then to the Criterion from there to dance at Rex driving home by taxi about 1/o clock

19 They were killed when a wimpey collided with a stirling off the Oakington Circuit.

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AUGUST 1.

Sat.

19 Up rather late as I was pretty tired after last night. Went up to the drome but there was nothing doing. Biked into Camberley & Basingbourne & took Sheila 19 & Beryl to the ~~picture~~ green plunge & had a steak. Then went to the "Waggon & Horses" and then went to the dance at the sergeants' mess 19 Rode back with Bill Spurney & Gordon Otter.

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AUGUST 2.

Sun

19 Big Day. As a crew we at last got off the deck for 1¼ hrs. I pledged with the Q.M. T.R. T it worked great. Nothing in afternoon. Doubt if soldiers 19 mess for Supper T then Lonie.

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AUGUST 3. Mon

19 Up to the flights but as the boys had Sweenor Ops there was nothing doing. Weather very duff. Ops scrubbed at night so went in to Cambridge on the bus. Went to the pictures and had a good supper of chicken(?) after

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AUGUST 4.

Tues

19 Nothing doing — weather is stable prodgity duff. Walked down to Jeffries.

Had a chat by the 19 Group Captain:

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19 Papers & Truth but no letters inside.

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AUGUST 5.

Wed

19 Went up to the flights and was supposed to fly but it was cancelled.

Went up in the afternoon and flew with F/S Brown for a couple of hours on the T.R. then had tea and flew again at 6.30 with Bill Spinney and crew I did local flying on fires I homing home to supper and bed

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Letters { Mum / Gwen

Cable from Home re Birthday

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AUGUST 6.

Thurs.

19 Woke up early and cleaned the room out for a change. Had mor. tea at the NAAFI and then went on a cross-country with the crew arriving back about 12½ o'clock. Had a late dinner and came back for pay parade. Bill on C & L's and I'm not going. Had supper at the Army Canteen and ~~19~~ Home

Had the old Jerry over here but no bombs close.

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Received parcel from Clare

Received £9:2:0

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AUGUST 7.

Fri

19 A very dirty miserable day. Went down to the canteen for supper and then to the Golden Lion and got a bit happy. Home about 11.30

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AUGUST 8.

Sect.

19 supposed to swing a loop but everything went wrong so will do it to-morrow morning. Had a lecture on Gun fighter tactics and a couple of Instructive films.

19 Had a game of billiards after tea and went to the XXS concert. which was quite a good show.

Home & to do letters working

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19 Work to Class.

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AUGUST 9.

Sun

19 Went up to the flights and was "Joed" for a compass swing in the morning before lunch. Went to dinner and when we came back there was nothing doing ~~19~~ was just ready to buss off when I was caught again at 4.15. Swung "R" for Robert and it rained just to make matters worse.

19 Went to bed early.

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AUGUST 10.

Mon

19 As Mick + Snow had been flying last night I got up early up to the flights but because of Ops last night there was nothing much doing. Came home early and started to write a letter. Came back from the drome about 3 and played Snow at snooker. Went for a ride down to the soldiers barracks for supper and came back to pack for our shift to Stradishall to morrow.

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19 Wrote to Nona.
Wrote to Mum.

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No 101 Squadron STRADISHALL

AUGUST 11.

19 Snows & Mick went up to fly and I got up quietly & packed Carried my kit over to the Airmans mess. Had dinner and up to the flights had a talk by 19 Sq. Ldr. Watts. Took off about 4 and went over to have a look at Cambridge landing at Stradishall about 4.30

Went to the pictures and 19 to bed

a funny trip bags gas masks, bombsight thyles Mae Wests all piled in the Rite

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19 Mail from Mum, Jocelyn, R.S.A., Max, Clare, Chink.

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AUGUST 12.

Wed

19 Slept in all day nearly as rest of squadron has not yet arrived. Went to KHAKI for supper then to bed

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AUGUST 13.

Thurs.

19 Were to report to flights at 9.30. Nothing doing so lay on the grass and then went to dinner. Had all the fuel system explained by Bill S.

19 Got a shuttle and went out to "Edward" and got our kit bringing it back to the hut. Went to the mess with snow and then went to the dance ~~19~~. Had a pretty good time.

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Cables Janie Lyon

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AUGUST 14.

Fri

19 Nearly missed breakfast and was glad I didn't as we had bacon + eggs. Came back and all the boys were still asleep so popped out and down to the 19 hangar but everything in pretty much of a mess. Heard that we were "on" to-night Went for a trip in the afternoon around Cambridge testing 19 the T.R. Came down to hear that ops had been scrubbed.

Went to "Arizona"

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19 Letter from Sheila Hyde
Cable from Home
Wrote to Sheila.

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AUGUST ~~15~~ 16 Sat

19 Just mucked around cleaning up the navigation room. Went to the pictures which I had seen before

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AUGUST ~~13~~ 15 Sun

19 Up to the flights and we are on the battle order at last! Did our N.F.T. and were all ready to go Target was Dusseldorf. On our ~~19~~ turn ~~*~~ take off but we went off the runway with 7000 lbs (6 x 500 + 1 x 1000) so the trip was scrubbed

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AUGUST 17.

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19 Saw two "Typhoons" in the morning they look very nice kites. N.F.T. unnecessary as our kite "X" was tested in the morning. Briefed and

19 were out at the kite in plenty of time. Target - Osnabruck Aerodrome 2154 on Target 0023. medium & plenty light flak. 2 sorties - time 5hrs 40 mins, load 1x4 000 lb.

19 F/Sgt Brown & Crew missing Sgt. Foderingham - pulled out after 11 hours in drink

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AUGUST 18.

Tues

19 Slept in until 12.30 and then went to dinner. Nothing doing in afternoon. Put our names down to go to Cambridge. Went in a 5.30 with the crew. Stayed 19 in the "Criterion" till 10 and then went to the Rex till 1. Home on the 12 bus.

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Letter from Sheila.

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AUGUST 19.

Wed.

19 What a night! Not feeling so good so slept in till about 10 and then wandered down to the Nav. office. Went on a bombing trip up by Stoningtons and dropped a few 11½ lbs. Came back and it was a big day on the station. All personnel had the day off. Sports all afternoon and a dance at night 19 Went to the dance and to bed

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AUGUST 20.

Thurs.

19 Up + cleaned up as we thought the C.O. was coming but he let us down as he didn't turn up. Went up for a trip in the morning about 1½ hours bombing. Came back had dinner. There was nothing doing in the afternoon so slogged over to "G" + shifted my kit

19 Flew on a cross country at night of 3½ hours and had a good night's astro + "G" practice

Bed 2·30

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AUGUST 21.

Fri.

19 Slept in till 11 o'clock
Went over to the flights but
there was nothing doing. a
group stand - down to night
Handed in my maps at the
intelligence stored
Were payed at 3.15
Went over to the
Sgts. Mess until 9.15 then
down to the dance for the
B.A.T. boys.

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19 Received £9:2:0
Banked £12:0:0

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AUGUST 22. Sat.

19 Not feeling so hot at all this morning. Down to the hangar and went out to our kite to miss compass swinging. Did an N.F.T in "Edward" and then went in to the pictures and to the NAAFI for supper

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AUGUST 23.

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19 "Stand-by" for daylights!
Were all ready to go all 11 o'c
but were put off till 3 o'clock
having "K" Kitty Win the morning
and when ive finished we
heard 19 that the daylights were
scrubbed. "V" victor & "O" Orange
went and bombed Emden
from 4,500 feet. Shooting down
1 Me 110 on the way back
Went 19 on a T.R. stooge in
the afternoon with P/O Still

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Received my birthday cake

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AUGUST 24. Mon

19 Got my rations of 4 bars of chocolate. Did an N.F.T. in the afternoon and the "G" was not too good so reported to the Spec. signals. Went to Frankfurt - bags of flak, attacked by a nightfighter off the French coast - hit by shrapnel over Target. Total - 6 hrs 15. Landed 03.20 - very tired

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"C" Charlie missing

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AUGUST 25.

Tues

19 Woke up at 1200 and went to dinner. Went to "Edward" and took my charts to the Intelligence. Did an N.F.T. in "L" London and then went to briefing at 16.45. Ops were scrubbed at the Last minute.

19 So went to the pictures

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Letters From Clare
Mum
Ray addis
Good Show!

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AUGUST 26.

Wed

19 Up to the flights in the morning and was lucky enough to get out of several compass swings. Did our N.F.T. in "L" London for ops to-night. Briefed at 19 usual time and were already and over at the crew room at 11.30 when it started to rain cats & dogs so the whole show was scrubbed. 19

Go bed about 12

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Post-card from Sheila

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What a day. Thurs.

AUGUST 27.

19 Taking "Q" "Queenie"
to-night. Went to do an abs-
test in the afternoon but the
kite was U/S so did a ground
test after tea. Target - KASSEL
At last 19 we got away at 8.50. No
trouble over the Dutch coast -
passed north of Amsterdam and
had quite a bit of flak light and
intense. Arrived at the target 20
mins 19 early so stooged around
and watched the fireworks. At the
bombs go at 11.47. Bright moonlight
and intense ground haze. Coming
home the fun started. Flak + S/L from
Hamm, 19 then got caught in the
S/L's over Essen and were hit
several times by heavy flak,
diving from 16000 to 3500'. Finally
got clear, then we climbed to height
and 19 crossed Over Zuider Zee at
12,000, were 30 miles out to sea
when we were attacked by a night
fighter. Rear gunner severely
injured, hydraulics shot up,

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AUGUST 28.

Fri

no A.S.I, 19 wheels down, bomb doors open, T.R. & wireless U/S, crossed English coast at 3,500, called darky and immediately got a reply - drome lit up by F/L and we crash - 19 landed - got Nick out & about 1 min later the Kite burst into flames. Landed at Martlesham Heath - at about 0220 on Aug 28th.

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19 28/8/42

Feeling a little shaky this morning. Ops & had bacon & eggs. The boys came over for us and we got back about 12. Saw the C.O. and the M.O. and saw Pilky. The only thing I saved was 2 pencils and my Nav log. Supper at NAAFI & to bed

19 Good Show!

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AUGUST 29.

19 Sat

Full feeling a bit tired nothing doing in the morning. Swung all the compasses on "J" Johnnie in the afternoon and then went in to Cambridge about 4.30 19

Went to the "Regulat" had tea then to the "Baron of Beef" and to the Dorothy getting back about 1.30

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Paddy Colhoun in "A" } Missing
Beale + Knowles in "C" } from
Ayres " " "X" } Numbug

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AUGUST 30.

Sun

19 Slept in and missed breakfast. Went down to the hangar and got a new Irvin suit, went back and had an hours sleep. No ops to night so went to the picture and then to the NAAFI for supper.

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AUGUST 31.

Mon

19 Slept in again and missed breakfast. Went down to the flights but there was nothing doing so went back to clean up and write a letter.

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19 Posted a letter to Mum 1800

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SEPTEMBER 1.

19 Did an N.F.T. in the afternoon in "K" Kittie. Left about 12 o'clock for Saarbriken with Sgt. Crawley releasing Mick. Tested guns over Thames estuary – two guns U/s near Lunet u/s so decided to return to base. Bombs jettisoned in wash and on return to Base cloud found at 200' – hang of a job finding drome but finally landed O.K.

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19 Letter from Sheila

Truths (4) Received

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SEPTEMBER 2.

Wed

19 Down to the flights and "ops" to-night. Tested "H" Harry: it is a good kite. Briefed 8 o'clock and airborne 2300. S/c for English coast immediately on/cloud. ~~19~~ Climbed to 15,000 and crossed French coast where there was some heavy flak. Fairly quiet in to target at largest experienced heavy & intense light flak no S/L's - large Forest big ~~19~~ bomb bursts seen - home ok - Target was Karlsruhe

Dum 6 hrs 30 mins

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Received Mail Mum
WDRSH

SEPTEMBER 3. Thurs.

19 Woke up at about 12.30 and went to dinner. Stand-down to-night. Went to pictures at night & to Bed

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Wrote to Sheila

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SEPTEMBER 4.

Fri 1

19 Had a good nights sleep. and went and swung the compasses on "J" they went all O.K and did not need any adjusting.

19 Did our N.F.T. in the afternoon in "K" Edward Went to Bremen. Hundreds of S/L's and intense flak, quite a hot spot. Came back O.K. landing 19 0500.

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SEPTEMBER 5. Sat.

19 Woke about 8.00 and had dinner. There was a "stand-down" so went in to Cambridge at 5 o'clock. Went to the "Boar's Head," 19 at night and stayed till the bitter end. Home about 1 o'clock.

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SEPTEMBER 6.

19 Woke very tired + wandered down to the flights. Air tested "E", Edward and she is still as good as ever.

19 Left for Duisberg, not much in the way in. With bomb doors open we turned in to the target when bang the port motor cut we jettisoned our bombs and made for home. Could not track as the starboard motor pulled us to port a very shaky do! Had to get a run - shaky do.

19 P/o Gill + Crew Missing

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SEPTEMBER 7.

Mon

19 Woke up 12 to hear that they had put overload tanks in. First target was Stettin 60 miles NE of Berlin. Then we were going to Warnemun

19 were in the kites ready for take off when they scrubbed it - I was jolly glad as I am not fond of swimming the north Sea

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SEPTEMBER 8.

19 Slept in till 9 and got down to the flights late. Did an N.F.T. bus "D" Donald and everything was O.K. Went to Frankfurt

19 Taking off at 9 o'clock, crossed Fr. coast off bags of flak. 5/Li's fairly quiet to target where there were hundreds of 8/Li's and much heavy flak. Load 1 x 4000 lb.

19 Target well alight with incendiaries attacked by a Me 110, got rid of him O.K. More flak on Fr. coast. Landed very short of juice about 0300

19 Letter from Clare

Poor old Williams & Joe McMurray & Yanky Reame missing

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SEPTEMBER 9. Wednes.

19 Woke up very tired
about 11 o'clock for Jude aren't
getting much sleep lately. Down
to flights and Filky said
leave to-day. Got paid —
£11.18.0 a jolly good sum.
Welch hiked to Kedmarket and
caught the train for Bury
had to stay the night there
as no train to Ipswich
19 Played at the
Suffolk hotel and turned
in Early

19 Called Mum
Clare

19 Sheila

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SEPTEMBER 10.

Thurs

19 Up & had breakfast
at 7 caught the train to Ipswich
arriving there about 9.40. Went
straight up & saw Mick who
looks very frail & washed out.
19 Caught the 11.30 train
to London & booked in at the
Victoria League till Monday.
Met Sheila by good luck.
Saw Sam Brydon, Tong Taylor
and Rose Buckley. Went
19 to a show with Sheila
A Jolly good night!

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Meeting this leave
Thanks!

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SEPTEMBER 11. Friday

19 Woke about 11, had
a hot bath and went to the
NZ Forces club where I met
Sheila and took her to dinner.
Then saw her off on the 2.05
19 train to Cambridge. Back
and saw a Shod meeting. Th
boys at the NZ E.C. and
then to a club where we got
19 pretty tight. Sun & I went
to the Covent Garden where
I met Irene who I took home
to Kensington South arriving
home at 12.45.

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Another Good Day.

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SEPTEMBER 12. Sat

19 Woke pretty late so ambled around & the Forces Club for dinner. Met Bob Stephenson and went to a show in the Afternoon. Met Norm Factor in the Evening so went to the Sussex and then back to the N.Z.F.C where we met a WAAFS took them to supper and hitched a ride in a van to Flat Street. Back to the Strand after we had a very wild night—

" 19 " Bonnee — I'll See

Bonny Berry

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SEPTEMBER 13.

Sun

19 Went for a walk along the Embankment till 10 o'clock then saw the girls off at Trafalgar St. station. Went to the Milkay Club with Snow back about 6 met Steve went to the Sussex, too hot so went to a show. Left Steve in Piccadilly and went P. fair time home 0400

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SEPTEMBER 14. Mon

19 With Steve all day not doing much Saw a couple of Shows

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SEPTEMBER ~~15~~. Last.

19 Woke about 8.30 & to Steve & Co missed their train. Had breakfast downs at Lyons on Strand. Back to N.Z. Forces Club & then back to the Strand Palace Hotel Saw

19 Steve & Co off and then caught the 11.55 for Cambridge. Arriving about 1.40. Booked in at the Red Lion and then went to the Flix and home & an early bed very very tired

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Tues 15th

SEPTEMBER 16.

19 Steve & I met Ted Grey & Celebrated at the Sussex. Then to Covent Garden met three Nurses and saw them to London Bridge.

19 5 of us slept in a three roomed bed, Steve his pilot a Canuck & Gredy & Reuse & myself

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SEPTEMBER 17. Thurs

19 Woke about 8.30 and went down town for breakfast. Then walked slowly down to the train. Caught the 10.8 for Newmarket then hitchhiked out to the camp arriving about 12. Down to the flights in the afternoon and went for a height test with the Aussie - Hawkins - reached 21,000' temperature was minus 20 centigrade - above 10/10 cloud. landed 6.20. Home to an early bed.

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SEPTEMBER 18. Fri

19 A Good nights sleep and was fit welcome - I'll say. Down to the flights and there was nothing doing Cloud 10/10 weather was not too good.

19 Went up on a height test with Hawkins. We went up to 21,000 feet and "G" packed up and we did not know where we were finally pinpointed at Colchester got back about 6. Tea and went to the ~~pictures~~ Three Tuns and got pretty well oiled

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SEPTEMBER 19. Sat

19 Not feeling so good this morning. I went up on an N.F.T. in Good old "E" Edward pretty good everything OK for ops to night.

19 Took off at 8.10 with Andy Gould and a new gunner. No trouble over Fr. coast quiet to target and then quite a bit of difficulty locating it. Home with bags of flak over Fr. Coast. Trip 5hrs 40.

19 NOP SAARBRÜCKEN
72 x 20lb incendiaries

19 1 Kite missing - P/O de Barbe & Drury.

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SEPTEMBER 20.

19 Sun
Woke up about 11.30. To a lecture on last nights do. 7 photos within 5 miles in all a pretty good show.

19 Nothing on to-night so went to NAAFI for supper then to Hillzapoppin'

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SEPTEMBER 21.

Mon

19 Off Leith Fresh S
fit. Nothing doing in the
Morning but ops 6 night. Did
an N.E.T. on "L" - weather
awful ceiling 150 feet in rain
like all bk. Back about
3.30. Target Mining 5 miles
from mouth of Kiel Harbour.
Made landfall at Mandø. Is
OK after a 330 mile Crossing
19 Map - Head into the large OL
saw a few ship or two, but
very quiet really. Had "George"
in all across the Sea.
Saw a single M/S 110
19 Down - 6.30

Trip 9.

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Hawkins the Aussie S
S/Ldr Patterson (Canuck) Mining
Bad Show!

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SEPTEMBER 22.

Tues

19 Woke about 11 pm had a bath and went down to the flights - Stand down Had a lecture on the photographs taken at SOKN

19 & walking 5 miles. Went to the mess to celebrate Bob's flight. Then to waafs dance and got pretty happy.

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19 Wrote 10 pages to Mum

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SEPTEMBER 23.

Wedn

19 Woke feeling good after last nights do. Down to the flights and then shifted upstairs in 'D' block. Down after lunch and watched a football match with a station crew. Standdown to night

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19 Wrote to Sheila Dave

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SEPTEMBER 24. Thurs

19 Nothing doing in the morning. Mo opb to night. Watched a football match in the afternoon – Weather Shocking

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SEPTEMBER 25. Fri

19 Woke pretty early & standing by for daylights but they rocket/scrubbed as the cloud dispersed very quickly. Ops to night but we are not on — played Chris a couple of sets of tennis and then went to the pictures — Ops scrubbed.

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SEPTEMBER 26.

19 Sat

Nothing doing again to day - Ops to-night but we are not on again Ops were cancelled at the last minute. Played Chris tennis and then went to the "Three Tuns" with Smithy + Brad - a good sing song + quite a good night

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SEPTEMBER 27.

19 Sun
Down & the flights at 9 o'clock and everybody getting ready to shift. Went up for an Air Test in "C" with Spin - swung the compass first - Kite O.K. Checked harnesses in the afternoon and had a talk by the Group Captain on leaving Naafi - Tons & beds.

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19 Posted Mail { Chum Snow

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SEPTEMBER 28.

Mon

19 Took off about 10.20 for Holme
Chris navigated and I map-head
arrived O.K. and had a good dinner
Settled in at billets well away from
the 'drome. Went to the wardroom
in the ~~19~~ Sgts mess and boy was
it a "Boozeroo". Bags of drinking
hours everyone very happy.

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OCTOBER 8.

Thurs

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No lectures except Phy
S/Ldr Ruth on ops. pretty fair.

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19 Mail Mum (2) Jocelyn, Rosemary,
Doc. J., Nona, Ehem

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OCTOBER 9. Friday

19 Supposed to fly kites all A/s.

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19 Mail from Chum & Sheila

Wrote to Nona, Home, Chum, Shiela, Rosemary.

OCTOBER 10. Sat

19 Had lectures on "ops" + tactics - a bit late but good for the birds from O.T.U.'s

Went to town on the 5.30 bus with Spin + Andy - To Saracen's Head for tea and to Crown for a few drinks then to "Montana" dance hall

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Posted my Photo home

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OCTOBER 11.

Sun

19 Bacon + eggs for breakfast About the best thing that's happened since we've been here. Nothing doing in the morning but got off in a Manchester for two hours in the afternoon spin. ~~19~~ did a couple of landings and when we were going solo the brake-pressure gave out.

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Wrote to { Clare 8 pages.
G.P.O. about Bank Book.

OCTOBER 12.

Mon

19 Up 7.15 and down to breakfast. Lectures on Astro - it is surprising how much I don't know about navigation - still we live & learn. Lecture by S/Ldr Ruth on evasive ~~19~~ action his experiences tally with Fours.

Same in afternoon. Home to barracks and lit the fire, it overbalanced and damn near set the ~~19~~ place on fire.

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Letter Aug 10 from home.
2 Lts Papers from Janie

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OCTOBER 21. Wed

19 Flew in Morning & 2½ hours at night too.

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19 Wrote to Chum

Telegram from Chum

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OCTOBER 24.

Sat

19 Woke up early but stayed in Bed went up to Parade but was too late

Do Flying home to

19 Wrote Letters

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Letters from { Gwen Mum.

Wrote to Mum, Sheila, Stew, Colchester Muriel Ar

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No 101 Squadron	BOURN.	Cambs. "
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