



# **John Francis Schimenek**

## **WWII Diary**



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This diary begins on 10 June 1941 when John F. Schimenek was sworn in to the U.S. Army Air Corps in Wausau, Wisconsin.

The diary contains a few sporadic entries made during 1941, 1942 and 1943 until February 1943 when daily entries begin. At this time, he was in training with the 384<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy), 547<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) at Wendover Field, Utah.

After 2 February 1943, John made daily entries until 27 June 1944, at which time he had returned to the States via troop transport and was home on leave.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps on 13 September 1945 at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin after having served a total of four years, three months and four days.

John flew 25 combat missions and was awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross, The Purple Heart Medal, The Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, The Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal, and the World War Two Victory Medal.



A LINE A DAY



GENUINE  
LEATHER  
MADE IN U. S. A.

JOHN F. •

SCHIMMELK

This Diary presented  
to me by Delores  
Crawford, just before  
I left for Military  
Service in the Air-  
Force. June 8, 1941

Greatly appreciated.

Total Service U.S.A.A.F.,  
4 years = 3 Months = 4 Days

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### IDENTIFICATION

Name *John S. Schimenek*

Residence Address *2202 Maryland* Phone *6381*

Business Address *59 1/2* Phone

My Weight is *154 lbs* Height *5'7"*

Color of Hair *Dark* Color of Eyes *Brown*

In case of emergency please notify *Mr. & Mrs.*

*Frank Schimenek, Sup. Wisc*

Lodges or Clubs

### RECORDS

Automobile License No.

Car No. Motor No.

Valuable Papers are at

Other Records

### SIZES TO REMEMBER

Gloves *9 1/2* Hat *6 3/8*

Shoes *9 1/2* Hosiery *11 1/2*

Shirt - *15 1/2 + 32* Sleeve

Pants - *31* waist + *31* length

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

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### Spring Signs

- ♈ Aries—The Ram  
 ♉ Taurus—The Bull  
 ♊ Gemini—The Twins

### Autumn Signs

- ♏ Libra—The Balance  
 ♍ Scorpio—The Scorpion  
 ♐ Sagittarius—The Archer

### Summer Signs

- ♋ Cancer—The Crab  
 ♌ Leo—The Lion  
 ♍ Virgo—The Virgin

### Winter Signs

- ♑ Capricorn—The Goat  
 ♒ Aquarius—Water Bearer  
 ♓ Pisces—The Fishes

## WHAT DID THE STARS FORETELL AT YOUR BIRTH

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### Capricorn

December 23—January 21

Energetic, ambitious and self-centered, but very conservative. As business partner, unsympathetic, but reliable; not generous, but just; accurate to the last detail. Prefers to work alone. Domestic and unable to make a lasting friendship. Writes and speaks eloquently, but without originality. Best companions—Taurus and Virgo.

### Cusp of Capricorn

January 21—28

Complex personality. Conservative, yet more friendly and impersonal than his neighbor Capricorn.

### Aquarius

January 21—February 20

An all around person, but specializing in nothing. Fond of imparting knowledge to others. An excellent teacher, a good surgeon and a poor mathematician. Kind, generous and courageous. Common sense stupendous, but too practical to be visionary. Never gives quick or drastic decisions; too restrained and discreet. Writes fluently and pleasantly, but too superficial to be real good authors. Many bachelors. A good public citizen. Best companions—Gemini and Libra.

### Cusp of Aquarius

February 21—28

Honorable in business and all other relations. Obliging and promising favors at the moment, forgetting them the next. When happily married, are the most joyous of people.

### Pisces

February 20—March 22

Natural wanderers. Lack concentration and directness. Adaptability to circumstances, and environment may be their salvation. Careless with money. Genial and life of party. Essentially lazy; most domestic. Sub-conscious mind is better mind. Makes a good friend. Best companions—Cancer and Scorpio.

### Cusp of Pisces

March 21—28

Impressionable, unselfish, and domineering. Generous and great business ability.

### Aries

March 22—April 21

Energetic, proud, aggressive, self-willed and impulsive. Vast initiative, but lack persistency. Good conversation.

alist, and can be depended upon always to provide entertainment. Diplomatic, honest and generous in money matters. More capable than others in public affairs. Can progress, but not change radically. Make excellent orators. Best companions.—Virgo and Capricorn.

#### Cusp of Aries

April 19—27

Idealistic, practical. Not always physically robust, but have a wiry, tenacious nature. Very imaginative.

#### Taurus

April 21—May 22

A hard sign to overcome. Muscular, endurance almost superhuman. Many acrobats. Patient and calm, but when roused, very excitable. Good for executive positions. Sound, conservative financier. A loyal and trusting friend. Unless understood they develop an inferiority complex. Best companions—Virgo and Capricorn.

#### Cusp of Taurus

May 20—27

Versatilely gifted. Great thinkers, orators and inventors. Busy and helpful when interested, but indolent when in poor spirits. Proud, preferring starvation to dependence. When understood are willingly helpful with their blending of spiritual and material qualities.

#### Gemini

May 22—June 22

A dual character, one trait contradicting the other. Lacking in stability and easily influenced by others. Alert, restless, robust. Develops but never creates. Apt to be scatter-brained. Adaptable to circumstances because of rapidly changing opinion. May be nervous but enduring. Has a good time during life. Careless in money matters. Often shallow and superficial. Good administrators in public affairs

if things are going well. Best companions—Aquarius and Libra.

#### Cusp of Gemini

June 21—28

Self-willed and conceited. Mercurial. Magnetic personality; both brilliant and great talkers, sometimes ardent readers. Conservative, intellectual and affectionate.

#### Cancer

June 22—July 24

Both active and passive. Their determination of an idea cannot be balked, but if hurt they lose heart. Idealistic, poetic, romantic and imaginative, often times lazy. Inspiring teachers or guides. Rarely strongly intellectual. Spiritually developed. Moody. Easily adaptable to environment. Writes fluently and pleasantly, but unoriginal. Easily swayed and should cultivate independence, generally taking the line of least resistance. Enjoy working with their hands. Best friends—Pisces and Scorpio.

#### Cusp of Cancer

July 21—28

Super-sensitive, conservative and often over-confident. Deep thinkers, lovers of books. Very domestic.

#### Leo

July 24—August 24

All are kind-hearted, generous, sympathetic, idealistic, executive and magnetic. More merciful than just. Prone to anger and to excess pride. Excitable and accessible to flattery. Generous with money and expect the same in return. Great optimist. Fairly domestic. Can't harbor a grudge. Likes danger and adventure. In matters of state, bold and sagacious. Happy in responsibility. Best companions—Aries and Sagittarius.



### Cusp of Leo

August 21—28

Dominant, analytical, intellectual. Excellent teachers, <sup>1</sup>slas-  
men and physicians. Very tactful, and rarely offend or  
disturb.

### Virgo

August 24—September 24

Theirs is an orderly mind. Fine scholars and inspirati-  
musicians. May be talented, but never a genius. Exce-  
critic. A purist and statistician. Not aggressive, and  
company. Thrifty and constructive in financial mat-  
ers. Domestic, preferring country to city. Make a good c-  
mercial lawyer, scientist or philosopher. Lacks enthusiasm  
and emotionalism. Enjoys intellectual friendships, but  
broken because of differing opinions. Make a good part-  
trustworthy and diligent in all affairs. Best friends—C-  
corn and Taurus.

### Cusp of Virgo

September 21—28

Discriminating and intellectual. The reserve of Virgo is  
contradicted by the ease and enthusiasm of Libra mak-  
a fascinating character. Always making the best of any  
circumstance. They are ardent lovers and devoted com-  
panions.

### Libra

September 24—October 24

A deep, mysterious character; often deceptive in tell-  
the truth. Very rhythmical and fond of dancing. Gentle  
amiable. Inclined to procrastinate. Prone to making excu-  
to justify their actions. Not so good in financial affairs,  
astonishingly accurate if necessary. Mathematical abili-  
great. A gentle and subtle speaker. Domestic. In public  
affairs sound and conservative. Shrewd in tactics, ingenio-  
Make a good scientist, philosopher or clergyman. Best  
friends—Aquarius and Gemini.

### Cusp of Libra

October 21—28

Artistic, self-interested and materialistic. The women  
are excellent cooks and housekeepers. Executive ability.

### Scorpio

October 24—November 23

Strong will power. Direct to point, selfish, critical, skep-  
tical, never compromising. A great seeker of the truth.  
Excellent physicians. Great organizer. Turns everything to  
his own account in money. Strictly honest. Powerful and  
eloquent speakers, sometimes make convincing clergymen.  
Fond of outdoor sports. Poor business partner. Best com-  
panions—Pisces and Cancer.

### Cusp of Scorpio

November 21—28

Shrewd in all financial or business dealings. Magnanimous  
and generous. Very courageous. Happy in married life.

### Sagittarius

November 23—December 23

Fond of outdoor sports, particularly horses. Temper-  
amental, expansive and altruistic. Idealistic and practical,  
honest and sincere. Very critical. Easily swayed by opinions  
of others. Good teachers and sure of financial success.  
Often presumptive of position. Promises not always ful-  
filled. Lasting friendships; religiously skeptical. Unusual  
degree of mental activity. Best companions—Aquarius and  
Aries.

### Cusp of Sagittarius

December 21—28

Deep thinkers. Make good teachers. Good conversation-  
alists. Good workers.

## BIRTH STONES AND FLOWERS

January.....	Garnet	Carnation
February.....	Amethyst	Violet
March.....	Bloodstone	Jonquil
April.....	Diamond	Sweet Pea
May.....	Emerald	Lily of the Valley
June.....	Pearl	Rose
July.....	Ruby	Larkspur
August.....	Sardonyx	Gladiol
September.....	Sapphire	Aster
October.....	Opal	Calendula
November.....	Topaz	Chrysanthemum
December.....	Turquoise	Narcissus



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1.....	Paper
2.....	Cotton
3.....	Leather
4.....	Fruit and Flowers
5.....	Wooden
6.....	Sugar
7.....	Woolen
8.....	India Rubber
9.....	Willow
10.....	Tin
11.....	Steel
12.....	Silk and Fine Linen
13.....	Lace
14.....	Ivory
15.....	Crystal
20.....	China
25.....	Silver
30.....	Pearl
40.....	Ruby
50.....	Golden
75.....	Diamond

## EASTER 1930-1960

Year	Ash Wednesday	Easter Sunday
1930	Mar. 5.....	April 20
1931	Feb. 18.....	April 5
1932	Feb. 10.....	Mar. 27
1933	Mar. 1.....	April 16
1934	Feb. 14.....	April 1
1935	Mar. 6.....	April 21
1936	Feb. 26.....	April 12
1937	Feb. 10.....	Mar. 28
1938	Mar. 2.....	April 17
1939	Feb. 22.....	April 9
1940	Feb. 7.....	Mar. 24
✓ 1941	Feb. 26.....	April 13
✓ 1942	Feb. 18.....	April 5
✓ 1943	Mar. 10.....	April 25
✓ 1944	Feb. 23.....	April 9
✓ 1945	Feb. 14.....	April 1
1946	Mar. 6.....	April 21
1947	Feb. 19.....	April 6
1948	Feb. 11.....	Mar. 28
1949	Mar. 2.....	April 17
1950	Feb. 22.....	April 9
1951	Feb. 7.....	Mar. 25
1952	Feb. 27.....	April 13
1953	Feb. 18.....	April 18
1954	Mar. 3.....	April 5
1955	Feb. 23.....	April 10
1956	Feb. 15.....	April 1
1957	Mar. 6.....	April 21
1958	Feb. 19.....	April 6
1959	Feb. 11.....	Mar. 29
1960	Mar. 2.....	April 17

## POPULATION OF PRINCIPAL CITIES

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United States Government Census

City	1940	1930
Akron, Ohio .....	243,130	255,040
Albany, New York .....	130,447	127,412
Atlanta, Ga. ....	302,538	270,366
Baltimore, Md. ....	854,144	804,874
Birmingham, Ala. ....	264,151	259,678
Boston, Mass. ....	769,520	781,188
Brooklyn, New York .....	2,660,479	2,560,401
Buffalo, New York .....	575,150	573,076
Camden, N. J. ....	117,777	118,700
Charlotte, N. C. ....	100,327	82,675
Chattanooga, Tenn. ....	128,138	119,798
Chicago, Ill. ....	3,384,556	3,376,438
Cleveland, Ohio .....	878,385	900,429
Columbus, Ohio .....	304,936	290,564
Dallas, Texas .....	293,306	260,475
Dayton, Ohio .....	211,456	200,982
Denver, Colorado .....	318,415	287,861
Des Moines, Iowa .....	159,155	142,559
Detroit, Mich. ....	1,618,549	1,568,662
Duluth, Minn. ....	100,238	101,463
Elizabeth, N. J. ....	109,396	114,589
Flint, Mich. ....	151,275	156,492
Fort Worth, Texas .....	177,748	163,447
Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	164,061	168,592
Hartford, Conn. ....	166,329	164,072
Houston, Texas .....	386,150	292,352
Indianapolis, Ind. ....	386,170	364,161
Jersey City, N. J. ....	301,012	316,715
Kansas City, Kan. ....	121,258	121,857
Kansas City, Mo. ....	400,175	399,746
Knoxville, Tenn. ....	112,002	105,802
Los Angeles, Cal. ....	1,496,792	1,238,048
Louisville, Ky. ....	318,713	307,745

Manchester, N. H. ....	77,685	76,834
Memphis, Tenn. ....	291,312	253,143
Milwaukee, Wisc. ....	589,558	578,249
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	489,971	454,356
Nashville, Tenn. ....	167,415	153,866
Newark, N. J. ....	428,236	442,337
New Haven, Conn. ....	160,257	162,655
New Orleans, La. ....	492,282	458,762
New York, N. Y. ....	7,380,259	6,930,446
Norfolk, Va. ....	143,275	129,710
Oakland, Cal. ....	304,909	284,063
Oklahoma City, Okl. ....	204,517	185,389
Omaha, Neb. ....	223,185	214,006
Pasadena, Cal. ....	81,566	76,086
Paterson, N. J. ....	139,651	138,513
Philadelphia, Pa. ....	1,935,086	1,950,961
Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	665,384	669,817
Portland, Me. ....	73,464	70,810
Portland, Ore. ....	307,572	301,815
Providence, R. I. ....	253,504	252,981
Richmond, Va. ....	190,341	182,929
Rochester, N. Y. ....	324,694	328,132
Salt Lake City, Utah .....	150,019	140,267
San Antonio, Texas .....	253,143	231,542
San Francisco, Cal. ....	629,553	634,394
Scranton, Pa. ....	140,393	143,433
Seattle, Wash. ....	366,847	365,583
Shreveport, La. ....	97,964	76,655
St. Louis, Mo. ....	813,748	821,960
St. Paul, Minn. ....	288,023	271,606
Spokane, Wash. ....	122,462	115,514
Syracuse, N. Y. ....	205,637	209,326
Tacoma, Wash. ....	107,520	106,817
Tampa, Fla. ....	107,674	101,161
Toledo, Ohio .....	281,096	290,718
Trenton, N. J. ....	124,685	123,356
Tulsa, Okla. ....	141,750	141,258
Washington, D. C. ....	663,153	486,859
Wilmington, Del. ....	112,504	106,597

## THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

The Pyramids of Egypt and the Sphinx—are situated close to the west bank of the Nile River nearly opposite Cairo, and were built between 4731 B.C. and 4454 B.C.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon—were near the Euphrates River in the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar, 60 miles south of the present city of Bagdad. They date from about 600 B.C.

The Temple of Diana—at Ephesus in Asia Minor, an ancient but now vanished city, was built in the Fifth Century, B.C., by the Ionian cities as a joint monument. In 356 B.C., the temple was destroyed.

The Statue of Jupiter Olympus—in the valley of Olympia, 12 miles inland from the west coast of the southern peninsula of Greece, was begun in 432 B.C.

The Tomb of Mausolus—was in Asia Minor on the Eastern side of the Aegean Sea opposite Greece. It was built of marble about 352 B.C. by Queen Artemisia.

The Pharos of Alexandria—a white marble lighthouse or watch tower on the island of Pharos, in the port of Alexandria, Egypt, was completed in 283 B.C. Fires were used as a beacon by night and were kindled in the upper part of the tower.

The Colossus of Rhodes—was a brass statue of the Greek sun-god Apollo, about 109 feet high and was erected at the port of the City of Rhodes on the Island of Rhodes in the eastern part of the Mediterranean Sea north of Alexandria. It took 12 years to build, was completed about 280 B.C. and was thrown down 224 B.C. by an earthquake.

## RULES FOR SPELLING

Words ending in e drop that letter before the termination, as in move, movable, unless ending in ce or ge, when it is retained, as in change, changeable, etc.

Words of one syllable ending in a consonant, with a single vowel before it double that consonant in derivatives, as ship, shipping, etc. But if ending in a consonant with a double vowel before it, they do not double the consonant in derivatives; as troop, trooper, etc.

Words of more than one syllable ending in a consonant preceded by a single vowel, and accented on the last syllable, double that consonant in derivatives; as commit, committed; but except chagrin, chagrined.

Words of more than one syllable ending in l have only one l at close; as delightful, faithful; unless the accent falls on the last syllable; as in befall, etc.

Words ending in l, double that letter in the termination ly.

Participles ending in ing, from verbs ending in e, lose the final e; as have, having, make, making, etc.; but verbs ending in ee retain both; see, seeing. Dye, to color, and singe, to scorch, however, must retain the e before ing.

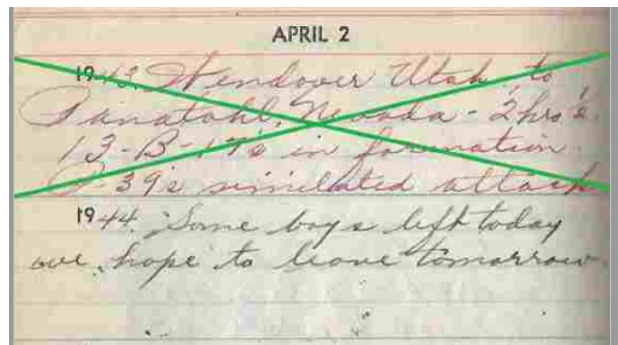
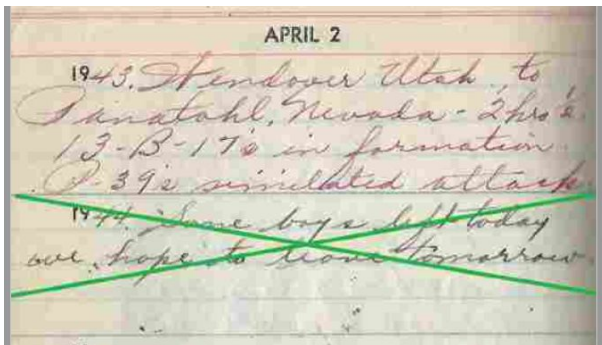
All verbs ending in ly and nouns ending in ment retain the e final of the primitives; as brave, bravely; refine, refinement; except words ending in ge; as judge, judgment.

Nouns ending in y, preceded by a vowel, form their plural by adding s; as money, moneys; but if y is preceded by a consonant it is changed to ies in the plural; as bounty, bounties.

## READER NOTES

The pages of this diary accommodate entries for up to five years, resulting in portions of the diary having entries for the same date from more than one year on the same page.

To simplify reading the diary in chronological sequence, some entries are crossed out with green diagonal lines: such entries appear in proper chronological sequence without being crossed out. For example, the page for April 2 has entries for 1943 and 1944: here are two examples which illustrate the practice.



JUNE 10

1941

J. P. Schimerek is sworn  
into the U. S. A. Air Corps  
at Ft. Sausau Wisconsin  
Ohh! Whatta day?

1942.

Still going strong at  
Coydell Field & Airfield  
The Bible Sunday School.  
Right on the Gulf of Mexico.

1943

Two more days of  
School - In Freshman, England.  
Still no man from home &  
so goes it!!?

1944

I sincerely hope & pray,  
that I can fill in this space.  
My prayers have been  
unabated.

1944

DECEMBER 25 1941

~~1943. My Birthday, 28 today & I  
spent it at the Base, just  
taking life easy.~~

~~Maybe I would see my  
next one?!! Maybe!!??~~

19

1941. Dyncall Field Florida  
& the folks celebrate with fire-  
works. It looks more like  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

~~1942. Spent in Salt Lake City  
Utah. Had left Dyncall Field  
Florida - so I had a page  
I was - no mail or anything~~

JUNE 10 1942

~~1941 I. P. Schimenek is sworn  
into the U. S. B. Air Corps  
at Ft. Cassaw Wisconsin  
Ohh! Whatta day?~~

~~1942. Still going strong at  
Crydell Field & Laifda  
The lexible Sweeney School.  
Right on the Gulf of Mexico.~~

~~1943 Two more delays of  
School - In Sneesham, England  
Still no mail from home &  
so goes it!!!?~~

~~1944 I sincerely hope & pray,  
that I can feel in this space.  
My prayers have been  
unbinded.~~

1944



DECEMBER 25 1942

~~1943. My Birthday, 28 today & I spent it at the Base, just taking life easy.~~

~~Maybe I would see my  
19 next one?!! Maybe!!??~~

19

~~1941. Spent at Wendell Field Florida  
& the GIs celebrate with fire-  
works. It looks more like  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.~~

~~1942. Spent in Salt Lake City  
Utah. Had left Wendell Field  
Florida - so I had a poor  
time - no mail or anything.~~

JANUARY 1

1943. Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Just assigned to 546<sup>th</sup>  
Squadron, 384<sup>th</sup> Bomb  
Group.

1943. Am working in the  
Orderly-Room for "The Passes"  
to town - Boy, do I get to  
town alot!!!!

~~1944. Taking 'er easy while  
"sweating out" fever more  
Mississ to complete over  
25 Operations here in England~~

~~19 It is awfully hard to speak  
into words, how one feels at  
this point in time? Time  
will only tell!???~~ Each day

~~19 there is more "STRESS"!~~

FEBRUARY 2 - 43.

1943

Ground School —  
weather bad for  
flying.

1943

Look in a Movie  
in the pm. Really that's  
all there is to do here.

~~1944~~

~~A Halifax crashed here  
tonite, 6 boys got clear & two  
were burned to death. Not  
a very pleasant sight to see!~~

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FEBRUARY 3

1948 - Henderson Utah  
0900 - 1200 - 3 hrs. No #4  
Engine running rough.  
Landed for check.

19 1500 - 1700 - 2 hrs  
Local flight out of  
Henderson.

~~19 The Boys hit Wilhemstown  
today, one pair fell out of  
the ball tier at 26,000 feet.  
No parachute & 2 ops down.~~

~~19 One reason I kept "my-shute" where  
I could reach it! Very hard to see!??~~

FEBRUARY 4

1943. Still loading at  
Hendover, the new crew  
should be here from Boise,  
any-day!! Whatta-place!!

~~1944. The Boys hit St. Louis  
Ker. again today. A lot of the  
ships picked-up fish holes.~~

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FEBRUARY 7

1943. Pendover Utah  
1800-2000 - 2 hrs.  
Local flight.

~~1944. Back at the Base &  
the Boys have been raising  
hell with airfields in  
France. Invasion soon.~~

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FEBRUARY 9

19<sup>+3</sup>

Pendover Utah.

0800 - 0930 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.

Motor trouble - feathered  
No #4 Engine.

~~19<sup>44</sup>~~

~~Spent today, 19 for me  
the high for the round!~~

~~16 for me yesterday. High score  
again. Lucky me!~~

~~19~~

~~I began to wonder about the other  
gunners when I watch them shoot. ...~~

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FEBRUARY 11

1943. Henderson Utah

1400 - 1800 - 4 hrs

Local flight - flew  
over Pillate Peak

19 at 15,000 ft. Beautiful  
day for flying. The peaks  
top was all covered with  
snow. Odd for 2 being!?

~~1944. The Group hit the  
today & some of the Boys had  
some close-shaves from the  
heavy flak.~~

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FEBRUARY 12

1943, Henderson, Utah.

Local flight -

1330 - 1800 - 4 hrs 1/2

Altitude - 12,000 ft.

~~1944 I saw some of the~~

~~ships from yesterday's Raid~~

~~& they really took a beating.~~

~~They won't fly for awhile.~~

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FEBRUARY 13

1943.

Handover Utah.  
0800 - 1200 - 4 hrs  
Local flight. Ten practice  
Bombs were dropped.

~~1944.~~

~~Making it easy, seen  
two moose & heard the very  
interesting lecture on tailing out  
at high altitude. Very good!?~~

~~19~~

~~The best parachute instructions we  
had since I started flying!??~~

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FEBRUARY 14

1943. Henderson Field  
Sketch - shooting & a Monie  
100 hr inspection for the  
ship were flying.

~~1944 We were alerted today,  
but the weather kept us  
all grounded. Getting eager  
to fly again! How much longer?~~

~~19 At this point in time one just  
wants to get it "over-with" one way or  
the other?~~

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FEBRUARY 15

1943. Henderson Utah -  
"Company Gun" practice -  
Bay. How these Boats  
pour out the lead?

~~1944 The Alert is still on +  
with a late take off time,  
it must be the Rockett  
Pos de Calais Area. Just  
19 across the English Channel.~~

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FEBRUARY 16

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Handover Atab. ↗  
Escape procedures from  
a B-17 & the use of  
equipment onboard.

~~19 Feb.~~

~~Poor weather keeps  
the 8th Air Force on the  
ground. R.A.C. is after  
Berlin route.~~

~~19~~

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FEBRUARY 17

1943

Wendover Utah  
Lectures on first aid  
in case of crashes. Really  
good stuff!

~~1944~~

~~They really gave it to  
Berlin last night. 2,500 tons  
in about 30 minutes. A lot  
of Bombers fly over here. We  
are right on the flight path!~~

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FEBRUARY 18

1943. Henderson Utah  
Nothing to brag about when  
there's no place to go!?

~~1944. Every thing was  
taking life off like. The  
weather is bound to clear  
in the near future.~~

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FEBRUARY 26

1943. Henderson Utah.  
1500 - 1730 - 2 hrs <sup>to</sup>  
Local flight.

~~1944. We were in the Air  
Nine hours & I saw the  
Alps again. The first few  
miles from Munich yesterday.  
19. Switzerland was, not too  
far away - & it looked awful  
tempting to land there!?~~

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FEBRUARY 27

1943. Henderson Utah.  
0800 - 1030 - 2 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$   
1400 - 1600 - 2 hrs.  
1630 - 1800 2 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$

~~1944. Sunday & we rest, one  
ship got hit by flak & they  
went to Hewitt Island only 60 mi  
away. "Lucky Bay's"! From where  
19 I was their ship looked O.K. to  
me?!~~

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FEBRUARY 28

1943 Henderson Utah.  
1400 - 1800 - thru.  
Local flight.

~~1944 Snowing outside the  
Boys took off for somewhere.  
It was in France & we lost  
a ship, all the Boys got clear.~~

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FEBRUARY 29

1943. Henderson Utah.  
0100 - 1700 - 5 hrs  
Local flight.

~~1944. Not enough Oxygen on  
the Base for high altitude, so  
were "staid down". The R.A.C.  
is passing overhead. They fly  
in the night time & are flying  
the day time.~~

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MARCH 1

1943 It endower Utah  
0800-1200 - then  
Local flight

~~1944. The R.A.F. hit Stuttgart  
& our ports hit Brunswick  
again with no fighter opposition  
It was a ruffal last time~~

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MARCH 2

1943. - Henderson Utah  
0800 - 1300 - 5 hrs  
Local altitude - 25,000 ft

~~1944. We were scheduled for  
Berlin & it was "scrubbed".  
So they hid & ransacked & let  
us stay here at home.~~

~~19 It looks like we'll catch  
the "Big City" run for our 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mission. It can be ruff  
& that is for very sure!~~

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MARCH 3

1943. Henderson Utah.

1400 - 1600 - 4 hrs.

Local flight.

~~1944 It was "Berlin", but we never made it. Heavy clouds up to 27,500' + 54 degrees below zero. In turning back, two~~

~~19 groups camped here on 2 ships collided. One huge explosion & that's all there was to it. No one got clear!~~

~~19 One of those sad situations = one also thanks his blessings as it could have been us!?~~

~~Near Paris France a captured Spitfire <sup>19</sup> came through the overcast = (away out of our range from England) & shot & killed him a fire & he spun into the overcast~~

MARCH 4

1943. Henderson, Utah.

1330 - 1800 - 3 1/2 hrs

Over Salt Lake

~~1944. What a relief to be finished! Really a feeling of relaxation + that is for very sure.~~

~~19 I feel like two-huge weights have been taken off our shoulders. One had to be there to feel the way we did!?~~

~~19 We all felt like we were living on "borrowed-time"; but we didn't know just "how-much-time" we had borrowed?!!~~

MARCH 5

1943. Henderson Utah.  
0830 - 1100 - 2 hrs.  
1900 - 2200 - 3 hrs - 20,000'

~~1944. The ship we flew to  
Cuxhaven on our last flight  
went down to day over Gofaque  
The crew had 24 Missions.~~

~~19 How lucky for Crew #61?  
I've been recommended for a  
"Battlefield Commission" - I deserve?~~

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MARCH 6

1943 - Henderson Utah.

1300 - 1600 - 3 hrs.

Over Salt Lake City:

~~1944 The Boys were headed for Berlin today. Our Composite Group made it out & back okay.~~

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MARCH 9

1943. Henderson Utah.  
0800 - 1230 - 4 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Local flight.

~~1944. One of our Boys back  
over Berlin today, when the  
Japs above dropped their  
Bombs on his Civil surfaces.  
19 Really sad when some thing like  
this happens! "Friendly fire" is how  
they call it up?!~~

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MARCH 10

1943. Heydover Utah

1400 - 1500 - 4 hrs.

Local flight.

~~1944. No chutes came out  
of Reeder ship, so the boys  
who saw it tell me. What  
a way to get checked-out?~~

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MARCH 11

1943 - Called Jeff.

~~1944 In London & enjoying  
myself per usual. & eggs  
& double date with her  
sister & her boy friend. It's  
nice to have a home-cooked  
meal at this point in time?!~~

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MARCH 12

1943 Henderson Utah.  
0930 - 1300 3 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Local flight.

~~1944. Beautiful day & I am  
invited to Peggy's house  
for a home cooked meal.  
Luff said "!!"~~

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MARCH 13

1943 Henderson Utah  
1400-1800 - 4 hrs.  
Local flight.

~~1944. Back at Camp & the  
Boys have been practicing  
with the Glider Bombs again~~

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MARCH 14

1943. Henderson Utah.

School all day - no  
flying - phoney!!

~~1944. Research here if we  
are due to see here some  
time. There we go again?~~

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MARCH 15

1943 Spend over Utah  
15:30 - 1800 - 2 hrs 2  
Local flight.

~~1944 The Boys hit Augsburg  
again today & we lost 3  
ships. Jerry was over here  
tonite. Hard to sleep during a  
Bombing Raid by the Germans~~

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MARCH 19

19 43 Handover Utah.  
400-1730 - 3 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Local flight.

~~19 44 "Jerry" says we visit  
but it was a very small  
raid. Ack-ack was heard~~

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MARCH 21

1945. A dance Utah.

2000 - 2330 - 3 hrs 2.

Local night flight.

Beautiful prob for flying

~~19. The Old London, Peggy & I~~

~~see at 11:00 go dancing~~

~~at Covent Garden in H. that~~

~~a beautiful dance, till.~~

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MARCH 23

1943.

Spencer Utah to  
Sacatello, Idaho for gas  
1500 - 1800 - 2 hrs <sup>1/2</sup>.  
including return flight.

1944.

Back at the Pace &  
I leave for Charley & home in  
the very near future. I hope?  
Just hard to believe!!<sup>33</sup>

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Col. Dale O. Smith our C.O.  
told me that he would have made  
the same decision that I made  
with regards to a Battle Field Comish!

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He flew with us on his last  
mission & remarked: "How on  
the hell, can one survive 35  
missions!"<sup>1211</sup>

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MARCH 24

1943 - Henderson Utah.

1 hr Calibration hop.  
Listened to Radio  
Compass + Chicago N.B.C.

~~19 4/4. Here at Charney waiting  
for orders to an embarkation  
point. It looks like the  
end of my diary, as we have~~

~~19 to check it in to S-2 here.~~

~~They say, "we'll get them  
after the war." I hope they  
keep this promise in Phoscy.~~

~~19~~

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MARCH 26

1945 Henderson Utah.

0830 - 1200 - 3 hrs 1/2

Flew 1 hr in Co-pilots seat.  
Quite an experience?

1944. Still at C. Harley just

waiting for a Book for phone  
I hope it's the Queen Mary  
or Elizabeth.

19 I hide the diary every

time I hear or see someone  
I don't know!

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MARCH 27

19<sup>th</sup> ~~Spent~~ ~~in~~ ~~Utah~~ ~~to~~  
~~Casper Wyoming - There's~~  
~~0700 - 1100 + 1300 - 1630~~  
~~Full load of gas.~~

~~19<sup>th</sup> Beautiful day here &  
we live like we're at a Rest  
Home. Really not too bad  
at all.~~

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MARCH 28

1943. Henderson Utah to  
Pocatello Idaho - 5 hrs  
another gasoline hop.  
Listened to Radio Compass

~~1944 He played ball & took  
it easy like waiting for  
orders to put me for a  
boat for home.~~

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MARCH 29

1943. Handover Utah.  
0900 - 1100 - 1300 - 4 hrs.  
Instru. Check. These  
logs are rather boring.

~~1944. If we don't catch  
that boat for home pretty  
soon, we'll never make  
it for Easter.~~

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MARCH 30

1943. Handover Utah to  
Agden Utah - 55 minutes.  
Returned same day  
55 minutes.

19 Hill Field has "girls-  
of-alore" working there &  
the "Weather-Merchants"  
run the joint.

~~1944. Some boys just come over  
from the States & they say that  
the Queen Mary is over there.  
I hope we catch her back.~~

~~19 Just like the Air Force -  
A curry-up & wait!??~~

MARCH 31

19 43. Henderson Utah to  
Bill Field, Ogden Utah  
for a tire-change.

19 Took-off again for  
Casper Wyoming for  
gas. Took-off again  
for Denver Colorado.

19 Stayed overnight & return  
ed to Henderson next day  
about 10 hrs all-tall. Sure  
a treat to see Denver Colo.  
& Lowery Field again.

~~19 44. Still at Charley Canyon  
& I don't think we can be  
home for Easter now. Just  
my luck!~~

19

APRIL 1

1943: Denver Colorado to  
Hendover Utah - 4 hrs.  
Another beautiful flying  
day: 18,000 ceiling.

~~1944: I sweating out the  
week to go home - just  
like preparing to go on a Mission.  
Its hard to write with no  
table of any kind - I usually  
sit on my bunk & try to write.  
I have to sneak & watch out when  
I try to make any entries!~~

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APRIL 2

1943. Henderson Utah, to  
Panatohl, Nevada - 2 hrs. a.  
13-B-17<sup>0</sup> in formation  
P-39<sup>0</sup> simulated attack.

~~1944. Some boys left today  
we hope to leave tomorrow.~~

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APRIL 3

1943. Henderson Utah —  
everyone restricted in  
preparation for shipment —  
possibly; Lincoln City, Ia.?

~~1944. I guess we like it  
too much here in Engl.  
or something, cause we're  
still hanging around.~~

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APRIL 4

1943.

Spent over Utah  
Left for depot + Mid-  
West, here we come -  
546th Sq. - 384th Bomb Group

1944.

~~Went to England yet.  
"Since, Marched on." What  
a bit down here on this place~~

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APRIL 5

1943. Henderson Utah to  
Sandy City by train.  
Really a change after  
flying so much.

~~1944. Hoo-Ray! We leave  
tomorrow for the U. S. A.  
C. Muff said: "Home-  
Sweet Home"; after all of our  
19 narrow escapes it's very  
hard to believe we are going home.  
We thanked God many times for  
this day in my life. We had to  
19 wonder: why did <sup>DI</sup> "Going Home"  
what a wonderful feeling  
at this point in time?~~

APRIL 6

1943. En route to Sioux City  
beautiful 5 hrs. in Denair.  
"Golden Gate Grill". "Kheim"  
renews old acquaintances.

~~1944. Leaving Charley at 7:15  
for point of embarkation,  
where I discuss. It looks  
like Easter on the boat.~~

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APRIL 7

1943. Sioux City, Iowa.  
Kathskellars Bar  
Adopters for Crew 61.

19 "Girard" + "Jr" spend  
the eve. escorting the  
feminine population of  
Sioux City to their  
respective homes.

19 Taxi-fare on one "deal,"  
"two-squabs," 1.55 straight  
north - enough said.  
The Battle continues!! (ouch).

~~1944. Arrived at Liverpool &  
boarded the Edmund B.  
Alexander, formerly the  
"American" what a feeling  
to <sup>19</sup>know, that one is going home!  
It all seems like a dream &  
that's for sure!! Yes, I still pray  
to the good Lord for being here.~~

APRIL 8

1943. Still Sainy City  
No flying, amazing to think  
for the time being. So  
Crew #61 goes to the Katchkellers.

19 Lodielle, Majiwaki & "Jai"  
goes roller-skating. Ohh dear  
the girls are sixteen years &  
a lot younger - last time there.

~~1944. Still at Liverpool wait-  
ing to leave for home.~~

~~She the food bar girl, Wow??  
First white bread today. Just~~

~~19 about one year since we had  
any white-bread!~~

~~One incident one will never  
forget because the good food~~

~~19 tells us what we have been  
missing!?~~

APRIL 9

1943.

Still Saint City:  
Saw again with M. Jewish  
Were hungry & we take  
off to Johnson's Cafe.

19

We meet "Emily" &  
"Jri" see her every mite  
there - after. A bill you'd  
Love to come home too:

1944.

The tugs are alongside  
so we should pull out of  
Leverpool at any time!?

9:30 A.M.

Easter on the Ocean.

19

It's still hard to believe that  
I'm going HOME! It's very hard  
to keep the tears from flowing at  
this point in time? My many  
prayers have been answered  
along with the prayers of others!?

APRIL 10

1943. Still Sioux City  
& Emily Sickenie bothers  
"me" sooooo-nice.

So I take her home or  
19 better yet, she takes  
"Jo" to her fine home.

This fine Dad takes me  
back to the Base - "Flat tire"

~~1944 In the North Atlantic &  
is it rough. Pretty soon  
I'll find out if I get sick  
or not.~~

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APRIL 11

1943. Still Sioux City -  
no flying & it's them  
against "Emily" - She  
gets "nicer & nicer." Very!!

~~1944. Still rolling & a lot  
of boys are sick. Me no  
bedroom dinner of ab! ugh!  
Could be tho? Ah!~~

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APRIL 12

1943.

Seaside City & the  
"folks" come & visit me.  
They meet Emily too:  
My what compliments to her?

~~1944. Still rakin' & rakin'  
& I do mean just that.  
Just like a Steeler-Twiter.  
Or something. Not sick yet!~~

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APRIL 13

1943. Spent a fine day  
with the "falke" in Quincy  
City. Alder & had both  
look Grand & then some?

~~1944. In hatta storm, we  
lost a big life raft last  
nite & I almost fell out of  
my bunk more than once.~~

~~19 It's hard to try & sleep &  
hang on to the bunk at the same  
time!! Hard to write too! one of  
these tough North Atlantic storms.~~

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APRIL 14

1943. Sioux City & Emily  
& I are doing okay. Her  
Mom is real sweet, but  
her Sis Mary ~ Ohh Deal!

~~1944. Still racking about.  
Six days on the Ocean &  
after the past 48 hrs, I don't  
think I'll get seasick.~~

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APRIL 15

# 23-0026

1943. Saines City: We  
try our New Ship - prop  
Boatman runs away #  
No #4 is feathered again.
- 19 That pm Emily + I take  
in a Movie. We meet  
the rest of Crew #61 there +  
"Schinsky" gets a fine ragging.
1944. Just 90 miles from the  
Azores, we tried to go around  
the storm, but no go. It's  
letting up for the moment
- 19 Submarine alert when a  
torpedo went between us +  
the tanker behind us.?? Large  
Seaplanes are protecting us
- 19 While the 32 ship - Conover  
refuels after the storm. Chitney

APRIL 16

1943. Six City of Rattskollar  
Bar. Our <sup>all</sup> engineer meets  
his future wife - yep  
his a gone!!

19 I go to see Emily -  
Gordon is going steady  
with his future wife.  
Majewski + I, still "Bachelors".

~~1944. A beautiful day, still  
rolling + with sunshine I take  
off my shirt + enjoy the sun.  
"Hatta life", Horn 2!!~~

~~19 I took us all day to refuel  
all of the convoys. Quite a sight  
to see!! 32 ships!~~

~~The Edmond B. Alexander~~

~~19 was our troop-ship!~~

APRIL 17

1943.

Still Sioux City & Schimney & Emily are doing okay - still. Her dad has "Choice Liquors"

19

She shows me the family album & the snaps are really swell, especially the ones of "Emily Dickson's"

1944.

A rather nice sailing, but it's becoming tiresome. Getting windy again, so it should get rougher again.

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APRIL 18

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<sup>143</sup> Leavenworth City yet &  
Emily & I take in the  
K. S. dance - fun & how?  
A swell party had by all.

19 4th

Just few more days  
& we hit New York. The  
storm really held us up.  
Getting rougher & rougher.

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17 days getting home =  
11 hrs + 45" going over!  
to dawn on 10th of Apr due  
to icing conditions at

19

25,000 feet, we broke out  
into the clear! Lucky again!

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APRIL 19

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Swain City supposed  
to fly on the 1st or 2nd.  
A. B. is still in S. City.  
He both hate to park.

1944.

~~Rolling again & all  
well. That's late aren't too  
far off now?~~

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APRIL 20

1943. Saint City & 1 hr  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Calibration mission  
Johnson's Cafe in the town  
Out to family's house & miss

~~1944. Just sailing along  
Enjoyed some of the show today.  
No mention of any German  
Subs up to this part of the  
19 Convoy to New York~~

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To San Francisco!

APRIL 21

1943. ~~Sioux City - folks~~  
~~left for home - we leave~~  
~~for West Coast. & we to~~  
~~Donipah Nevada, gassed-up~~  
1943 hrs later ~~Alvinia Calif.~~  
We flew over ~~Salt Lake City~~  
& ~~Hendover - 30 B-17's in~~  
~~a spread formation.~~

~~1944. It looks like we will~~  
~~back tomorrow, just off the~~  
~~Statue of Liberty, Good Mor!~~  
~~"Home" - it is very hard to be~~  
~~believe!?~~

APRIL 22

19

Salinas California  
Beautiful weather. Flew  
to San Francisco & put  
up in Golden Gate Bridge.

19

Coastal Patrol Boat  
400 to 500 miles to sea. I  
saw a whale - quite a  
sight! 1330 - 1830 - 5 hrs.

~~19~~

~~44. Docked at Staten Island  
N.Y. & headed for Fort Hamilton.  
They say we can take in the  
Big town tonight.~~

~~19~~

~~Just hard to realize we  
made "it" by the Grace of God!~~

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APRIL 23

1943. Still Salinas Calif.  
No flying & I met old  
Kodjicki from Superior.  
Whatta surprise for "us".

~~1944. New York City is quite the  
place. He had quite the  
tower? Cook in the Cafe Rouge  
& Stern Grey at "The Pen".~~

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APRIL 24

1943 - Salinas Calif. 945-  
1500. In formation the Prisco  
picked up 100 or more planes  
of fuel in Prisco vicinity.

~~1944. On my way to Chicago  
& Port Sheridan. I had a  
furlough at home. Gueyab.  
Called home in Chicago~~

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APRIL 25

1943. Easter Sunday. From  
Salinas Calif. to officious  
City - 0645 Wash Coast time  
to 1800 Central time. 12 hrs.

19 I fly for two - hrs, while  
the ~~hospital~~ goes back to the  
Radio - room to eat & take  
a ~~fix~~. Really ok.

~~19. As the closer to home one gets  
over "home sickness" seems to  
fade away.~~

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APRIL 26

1943.

Saint City & Emily  
Just like coming back  
home. Ohh - swell & more.

She said she missed me.

1944

I see Corrie and Tina for  
a short visit & I'm eager to  
head North - H.O.M.E.!!

After going through what  
we went through & being  
on the way home in one piece  
again one wonders = "Why Me!!?"

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APRIL 27

1943. Living City & still "me";  
Emily & I enjoy each other  
company. The folks are tops.  
The Mow fixed seats for us.

~~1944 The diary may be come-  
pletely neglected from here on?  
What a tension & stress has  
come to an end - Thanks to God!~~

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APRIL 28

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<sup>115</sup> Sioux City - Still  
seeing Emily - Miller &  
Berndt are talking marriage.  
Look like it for the

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APRIL 29

1943. Still Sioux City &  
rumors say we are to  
leave too damn soon  
phoney, - from Crew #61

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APRIL 30

1943. Spring City - 0130  
0830 - 4 hrs. A.T.C. Co.  
Check at 25000 ft. We  
leave a trail thru the clouds.

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## MEMORANDA

The battle of "Leaves  
City" rapidly draws to  
a close & peace again.  
I've fallen for Emily - Bad!  
~~Someone~~ Emily just  
don't know how to take  
me & that is quite-cute.  
She's still tappi'-you-know.

MEMORANDA

1943 - While flying along the route of the Convoy to Russia all we did see was one large-whale - No Submarine-activity while we were on duty.

We were going to fly under the Golden-Gate-Bridge, but a Navy-Battleship was coming toward us & we chickened-out.

MAY 1

1943

Frank Seaco opens  
up home - surely not  
there to enjoy it. Let  
Allen write & reminds me.

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Oh, bad memory at this  
point in time! John Olson  
has the Bride all to himself?!

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MAY 2

1945.

The Sioux City Girls  
have Errow & Miller - have  
"Emily" as usual. Party at  
Mardin Hotel for 546<sup>th</sup> & the  
19<sup>th</sup> of the 584<sup>th</sup> Group.  
Emily goes in formal  
attire. What a "beautiful  
piece of femininity I heard  
19<sup>th</sup> on that last Eve. in town.  
They were lovely" - (periods).  
Errow & Miller got "hitched."  
"Emily" say we "should wait!"  
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MAY 3

1943

Restricted at the  
Base in preparation to  
leaving Saint City.

"JW" notes to leave!!

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Take off at 0130 for  
Ferry Nebraska.  
1 hr & a half.

Ship is heavily loaded.

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MAY 4

1945.

At Kearney Nebraska  
& being processable.

Restricted as usual!!!

I met Bill Meyers from home  
in the mess hall here  
in Kearney Nebraska.

Another surprise for both  
of us! We went to Cathedral.

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MAY 5

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43. Kearney Nebraska.  
L. H. M. Check. 4 hrs.  
Still restricted,  
Possible furloughs? . . .

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MAY 6

1943. Kearney Nebraska  
+ all set for a 6 day  
festival. "Hoot Nite".  
It won't be long now!

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MAY 7

19 Left Kearney for home  
train all the way &  
traffic was terrific.  
We stood up to Omaha.

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MAY 8

19<sup>5</sup> Superior Wis., 1800  
Crough said: came  
it's home & did I  
surprise the folks. Wow?

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MAY 9

1943. Still on furlough  
at home.

It's not quite the same.  
Johnny Olson is the!!

19 John's letter from "Home" was  
always appreciated. We'd never  
to gather in Billings Park! What of  
Companionship what we grew up?

19 Wonderful memories!

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MAY 10

1973 I still have "Mami Ray".  
Betty Nelson comes from  
Mills. & it's sure smell  
of her. With my present job  
19 in the town I wonder if I can  
begin to wonder what she is in store  
before the bath of sea?

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MAY 11

19 43. Left 1:30 on Los Angeles  
for N. Pls. & Kearney.  
Really no fun.

Uneventful train ride.

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MAY 12

1944

Fearney Nebraska  
Photo of what have you  
0:830 to 1100 - 2 hrs  
Fearney to Omaha + the

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Glenn L. Martin B-26 plant  
We also flew over Patler  
to Lavagnone "Bays Cove"  
Surely a sight to see!

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The Bays are all out  
waving at us, as we  
fly really low + Buzz them!

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MAY 13

19<sup>43</sup> Learning to fly. We get  
some make G.I. clothes  
for flying. Rather nice stuff  
We sleep all afternoon.

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MAY 14

1943. Still Kearney Nebraska  
& we have an Operations  
Briefing for the flight "Over"  
there. Officers of the Air  
Transport Command gave us  
some fine "dope" on our future  
travels, we have alot of  
air miles ahead of us!

19 There are no passes or  
leaves for us now, as we  
have too much information  
on where were going!



MAY 15

19 Still Kearney & we  
are all set to go - "Hither  
& Yon". Everyone restless  
as we're still lying around.  
19 Another lecture this pm &  
everything looks like one  
big adventure. The Affiches  
just came back from England.

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MAY 16

1943. Still at Kearney Nebr.  
Got up at 1000 A.M. Just  
taking life easy - took in a  
movie - whatta life!!!

1943. I got a swell letter from  
Emily today. She says, "I need  
not worry, as she'll be there  
when I come back." How?

1943. I paid \$78.00 flying pay.  
to very body's in a paper  
game. I should last til  
the well small hrs!!!

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MAY 17

1943. Kearney Nebraska is  
Heather has closed - in  
& our ship is not finished.  
Everything all sbh !!

19 I sure hope we leave  
this place & soon !! The  
food is terrible. I've lived  
on P.H. Sandwiches for 5 days.

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MAY 18

1943

Still Kearney Nebraska  
Just waiting favorable weather  
for our take-off to Selfridge  
Field Michigan or Bangor Me.

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I called Betty Mahoni & told her  
we would be over Milwaukee at 11<sup>00</sup>am the  
following day - a rather surprise, when  
a male voice told me to "get lost!"

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I experienced that feeling that  
I had lost a very "Dear Friend"  
I guess all is fair in "Love & War"?!?!?  
No more "home-town" Sweetheart, from  
the<sup>19</sup> looks of a Big-City Romantic -  
Affair at that time of day!?

MAY 19

1943. Journey Nbr. to Bangor Me.  
06:20 to 16:00 - Eastern time.

10 hrs. Over Miles. to Saginaw Mich.  
to St. Lawrence River, to Montreal, Quebec

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+ Bangor Maine. One ship  
crashed up when his brakes  
wouldn't hold. Quite bad. No one  
hurt + the ship a complete wreck.

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MAY 20

1943

Still at Bangor Maine.  
Ship being serviced, so we  
have a day in Camp. Attended  
a Radio show & dance.

19 They're are about 200 -

W.A.A.C.'s here & from what  
I've seen & heard these girls  
do work & hard too?

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MAY 21

1943 Left Bangor Me. at 15:25  
landed at Bander Lake, New  
foundland at 2030 - 5 hrs.  
Very desolate country.

19 That is the last we'll  
see of "The States" for a while.  
Approx. 800 miles from Bangor  
4. 12:50 from New York City

19 Leaving the States one feels like  
he is leaving a very dear friend behind.

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MAY 22

1943 Still at Gander Lake  
Newfoundland. Very cold here  
& Mr. Perking come in right  
ahead of our ship.

19 The Canadians here are  
a little distant toward us.  
They drive on the left side of  
the street here - Quite cute!!

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MAY 23

1943 Looks like we'll leave  
Spander Lake this pm for  
England - a flight of 12 hrs.  
This is really the "Tropic"!!

19 The native people here  
look very E. native - like &  
they have thick teeth & hair.  
Tuberculosis is quite prominent.

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MAY 24

1943. We need a 20 mile per hour tail wind, so we're still at Gander Lake Newfoundland. "Gards + d.a. guns" are all over.

19 The food at Bangor Nfld. was fine & at this place it's tops - we had chicken last Sunday. Ohh! nice?

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MAY 25

1943 The weather looks good  
this A.M., we're liable to  
leave around six in the eve.  
I take my turn to guard the ship.

19 We have a "Sleeping-bag"  
& it's put in the tail of  
the ship, so "Guard-duty"  
here is quite cozy.

19 Saw Whiter, Harold & Anthony  
Edin across the runway from the  
ship. They were walking for exercise.

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MAY 26

1942. Still here, at Sandusky Lake  
I took in the R. A. C.'s  
swimming pool last pm  
& had a fine time.

19 The weather is still  
unfavorable, so we still  
wait!! They say, none of our mail  
leaves here till we do - phooey!!

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MAY 27

1973. Leaving Tender Lake  
"If all goes well we will be  
over Durmacross, in the  
New Hebrides Islands in  
19 11 hrs. From there to  
Prawicke Scotland - where  
were to land. The weather  
not too favorable - gotta use Oxygen  
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MAY 28

1943. From Sanger Lake Newfoundland  
to Preswick Scotland - 11 hrs &  
45 minutes. 6 hrs of Oxygen - other-  
wise very tiresome flight!

19 We flew over Ireland & then  
into Scotland - It's very beautiful  
here. Were quartered here on some  
estate - flowers, birds - very springlike

19 I never thought I  
would ever fly across an ocean!

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MAY 29

1943. From Prestatun or rather  
Prestwick Scotland - 2 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$  to our  
base just outside of Northampton  
England. Unloaded our ship with  
19 my shirt off as it was very  
warm. Bombers are flying to  
Germany tonight & some ones in  
for a blasting & then some!!  
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MAY 30

1943. Our field is Grafton -  
Underwood + we left it today  
for a 10 day Summer school  
located on "The Wash" wherever  
19 that is? All of the brothers  
have been in Gombak, from  
what they say, we have a good  
chance to get back? We'll see!

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MAY 31

1943. At School & it's the same  
old stuff!! I hear we are 12 miles  
from where Clark Gable is. ~~Hub?~~  
The Bombers are off to Germany  
again. This time. They sure  
are far site-to-see. We hear no  
news here at all. Every thing  
seems so-backward. Wow!!!

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1943.

MEMORANDA

The people treat us fine, but the different coins & paper money sure has us confused for the time being.

Automobiles are very few & the majority travel by "bike". They cost like the devil - 10<sup>00</sup> pesos about \$40.30 American Money.

So I shall have one soon? I've been so-busy, I haven't written to a single one back home. Facilities are very poor.

Rumors fly fast & furious in this "joint," so in the near future I hope to enter some fine experiences.

We should be out on a "raid" ourselves in a week or so - so Crew 6! wait for our next day over Germany!!!!

JUNE 1

1943 The School is right across  
from Norway - as I hear? One  
of the fellows got shot in the  
hand last Dec. & they don't  
19 know where it come from?  
Planes flew over today & they  
were so high, that they  
left a long trail of vapor.

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JUNE 2

1943.

Four more days of Gombak  
School left & then back to  
our field for the "real-stuff."  
I had afternoon tea today - Hon.

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JUNE 3

1942. Rain & more rain -  
We live in tents here, so  
you can imagine the fine  
time we are having? Phooey.

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JUNE 4

1943

Still at "The Wash";

The "Stories" get "ruffier" &  
"raughier". Sometimes it sets  
a guy to wondering? Much.

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JUNE 5

1943 Got the highest score in  
sketch today. (Lucky)? Beautiful  
day, just like summer in the  
good old U. S. A. . . Ohh! me?

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JUNE 6

19 Crew 61 went to "Kings  
Lind" today & what a quaint  
place it is? Seen a  
place where two Bombs fell.

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JUNE 7

1943. Majewski & I take a  
Sun-bath in a plum-orchard  
We watch "Spitzfires" & "Hur-  
ricanes dog-fight". Himim?

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JUNE 8

1943. Took in another town  
+ whatta place!! We had  
fun, when we found a piano  
player - yes Sir.

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JUNE 9

1943. Majewski & I continue  
our sunbathing in the  
plum-orchard. "Sooin-off"  
as usual? Whatta War!

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JUNE 10

1941

J. P. Schimunek is sworn  
into the U. S. A. Air Corps  
at Ft. Seward Wisconsin  
Ohh! what a day?

1942

Still going strong at  
Crydell Field & Florida  
Lexible Supervisory School.  
Right on the Gulf of Mexico.

1943

Two more delays of  
School - In Sneedham, England.  
Still no-mail from home &  
so goes it !!!?

1944

I sincerely hope & pray,  
that I can fill in this space.  
My prayers have been  
answered.

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JUNE 11

1943. Starting on the last  
year of my enlistment &  
from all indications, it  
is to be the hardest one.

19 One of the planes in our  
Squadron Crashed today & killed  
all the Boys. "Blaise" the  
Radio man came from Wise.

19 An accident that "hurt"  
because it was not from  
Combat!

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Norwich JUNE 12 England.

1943. Last night Jerry cut-  
lease just twenty-five miles  
from us here - we could  
hear the Explosions & A.A. fire.

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JUNE 13

1943. Everyone talks about "Coming-Back", from all indications, some of us won't!! I "received" today. *Hum.*

19 *Mass is very important. Being Catholic, one in "harmful" way will be administered the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.*

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JUNE 14

1943. "They" raided Bremen & Kiel  
again, 26 of our planes failed  
to return. I'm sure some of  
the stories we hear are true?

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JUNE 15

1943. Last night the R. A. G.  
"carried the mail" to Hitler.  
They passed here for two - two  
straight. They kept us awake!

19 Mail today! the first since  
I arrived in England. My  
morale is up 100% - "Emily's"  
mail & "Moms" - ohh! subell.

19 No mail from "Betty Nelson". I guess  
the ~~grace~~ that told me to "get - back" while  
phoning from Las City has her attention!?  
The start of a Big-City Romantic Life Style

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JUNE 16

1943. Another day at School  
& it looks like we'll never  
leave this here place.  
Really the Derbies!!!

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JUNE 17

1943 Back at Grafton Underwood  
+ were scheduled for a morn-  
ing hop. It feels just like  
coming home? Whatta home?

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JUNE 18

1943 <sup>1</sup> New today 0930-1100

1 hr + half - Lt secure felt fine  
after the lay-off. Structure  
formation - Corning.

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JUNE 19

2 hrs.

19 43. ~~As~~ low again - 24,000

30 below zero - we flew over  
London. It should be the  
real thing any day now?

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St. Athel's Day.

Heard Mass JUNE 20 at 4:30 p.m.

1943. Upstairs again 25,000

we flew with two - other  
groups. 1000 to 1400 - 4 hrs

It really gets cold up there

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JUNE 21

1943. Up at 2:30 A.M. for our  
first mission, but some  
thing went haywire? We  
expect her for sure, tomorrow.

19 Before a session we  
reviewed Communism & the last  
rights of the Catholic Church.

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#1 Mission 3 hrs 5 mins  
JUNE 22 5:30  
Lahn

1945 He hit Antwerp Belg.  
& the General Motors Plant  
there. We had a 30 minute  
running battle with Me 109.

197 To take Wulfes. I saw  
one ship (B-17) burn & dis-  
integrate in the air, while  
another crashed from 24,000 ft.

19 I fired about 100 rounds  
as all my shot's were too  
far away. It's really rough  
that it's for sure!!

19 We had no combat briefing:  
learning the hard way! ?  
We only get credit for a  
Combat Mission when fired on?

19 We flew in Aircraft: 026  
B-17-F (No-NOSE-GUNSTAFFET)  
The 546<sup>th</sup> Squadron was the  
one I flew in. That Air Division?!



#2 Mission "Scrubbed"  
JUNE 23 of hrs

1943. We went as far as  
the French Coast & we  
were called-back. I could  
see Le-Harne France.

19 The target was "Bernier"  
Garrison's plk airfield. It  
would have been some  
Battle & that's for sure!!

19 Our ship had holes in  
the Bombay, flak hit us  
in yesterday's scrap. We  
like to fight another day.

19 We bombed fighter escort

JUNE 24

1943

Bad weather - Yesterday  
we flew all around London  
& that sure is some place?  
Early - hop in the barn.

19

Price, the waistgunner  
who was hit above the hip  
with a 30 Cal. steel slug, is  
doing fine & will live.

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JUNE 25

3 hrs.

1943 Up at 1 a.m. - "Hamburg"  
was the target. Our cockpit  
filled with smoke &  
we turned back - home.

19 With 10, five-hundred-  
pound Bombs aboard -  
Hinnin - We were 80 miles  
out in the North Sea.

19 2 of our ships failed  
to return. Over 200 fighters  
were seen & engaged over  
the target area. (Ouch)

19 Our Wendell-wiper motor  
shorted-out, hence the fire & smoke

# Mission 2

Quite buff!!  
JUNE 26

1943 - 10:30 A.M. "Bring-over",  
more if we come back in back  
of very thankful! Crew #62 &  
three other ships never returned

19 I seen two more burn &  
a few of the "Boys" parachuted  
into a very deserty Barracks  
tonight. This "Paris-raid"

19 will not be forgotten  
for along, long time. I  
don't think that 25 flights  
are as possible!! NO

19 fighter escort but the German  
we need fighter protection -  
Bombing groups cannot survive  
by themselves - time will tell??

19 It gets harder & harder to get  
into our airplane for the next  
missions from what I see down!!  
Rec'd the last night of C. Check

JUNE 27

19 + 2.

I went to Haas again - I hope I can make Haas again next Sunday?

19

Yesterday's target was at Villacoublay just outside of Paris - We could see "Paris" - Ooo! La, La!! Also

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the Eiffel Tower, & the Champ de Mars promenade.

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# Missions 3

JUNE 28

1943. Were off again - some

of us won't be back -  
He sure plastered "Beau-  
mont Roger" - we never

19 fired a shot, as the

"Spitfires"; 100 strong, took  
else home in fine ship.  
They sure were nice to see.

19 They have a critical gas

problem & can't fly too far into  
France as escort!?

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JUNE 29

1943 We have a reef &  
it sure felt good. I took  
in a movie & done  
some cycling in Kettering

19 Any change of pace is a  
welcome change & that's for sure.  
Too much stress!

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JUNE 30

1943. I took in London  
with a 48 hour pass.  
The House of Parliament  
& No 10 Downing St. High Wycombe

19. Quite impressive from  
a historical point of view.

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## MEMORANDA

Places we visited in  
London:

Lord Nelson Statue.

St Pauls Cathedral

London Bridge\*

Tower of London

House of Lords & Commons

Buckingham Palace.\*

Bank of England

Admiralty House.

Birdcage Street.

Beck Street.

Piccadilly Circus.\*

The Lord Mayor's House.

Westminster Abbey &

the Cathedral.\*

"Big Ben".\*

Shames Estates & all

of Bombed London.

Madame Tussauds Wax Museum

## MEMORANDA

We expect to hear some news any day now, from some of the "Boys" who had the "bail-out" in France. Villocoublay, just outside of Paris is where we were jumped by about 30 Frs. 190's + one 10's. Our altitude was 28,000 feet & it was near 30 below zero. That sure does get cold with the waist windows open. Our heated suits work fine, but one's fingers get cold quick. I figured Beaumont - Ruffy would be tough, but with fighter escort it's a nice trip - flap was very inaccurate.

JULY 1

19 Took our rest period  
in London & this is just  
what we needed. I take  
in a rather movie.

19 Madame Tussauds Wax-  
Museum was very interesting.  
A very interesting place!

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JULY 2

1943. We were Briefed for  
a Mission & it was called  
off while we were taxiing  
on the Perimeter. The

19 weather is another hazard  
while flying over here! Mid-air  
collisions are too common from  
what I have seen & heard!

19 is very hard on Mozak

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JULY 3

1943. Paid in "pounds" for  
the first time & got £.36.  
About 145.00 in American  
money. Ohh! London - Am?

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Mission # 4

JULY "4"

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- 19 The big fireworks & then some. ~~Lantern~~ France is what we hit & with 100 Bombers - we really "pasted" that place good & proper. One 17 exploded in mid-air in our 45 minute battle. I had two fair shots. "!!"??
- 19 No Credit unless the lighter explodes or one sees him crash on the ground. "!!"?? just damaged.

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JULY 5

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<sup>4/3</sup> A few with our replacement crews & they almost "got us", with a collision in mid-air.

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From the way it looks to finish the mission is just impossible!!! We need to have fighter escort real soon to have any chance to survive.

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JULY 6

1943. No flying, so "we" go to London, which is only 75 miles from our Base here at Fettering.

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JULY 7

1943. Another day of rest, as the new replacements are getting in practise. We lost four crews at Villecaublay.

19 It's hard to loose "Crews" one has flown with to this point in time!!! Empty benches in the Barracks is hard to take?

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JULY 8

1943 Another day of rest for  
Crew #61 takes off again  
for London. It sure is  
a fine place to relax.

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JULY 9

1945 School of French & es-  
cape procedure from France &  
Germany. Paid May's flying  
pay 2.9-17-2 - 37.00.  
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Mission # 5

JULY 10

1943. We hit Abbeyville & the Field of "Lairing Yellow Noses". P-47's escorted us & we only warmed up our guns. "Flak" was

19 fairly accurate & all our ships returned. This is the 2nd time I never saw at least one ship go down!?

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JULY 11

1942. Poor weather - so we got to  
School 7. catch up on our  
sleep. Just 2.5 more Missions  
to be done - so they say!!!??

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JULY 12

1943. Poor weather, so I go to town & get my cycle - "that bad" - I ride myself to dent now, instead of walking?

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Mission #6

JULY 13

1943 "Villocoublay" again,  
just outside of Paris. It  
loaded good & the "flak" was  
terrific - 13 holes in our ship.

19 I saw the "Eiffel Tower"  
& Paris in General. A few  
boys were hurt - "Crew 61" is  
still full of fight!!?? Our

19 luck still favors us & we  
sure need all the luck we can  
get!!?

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JULY 14

1943 June "Flying pay" \$52.24  
The rest again but it looks  
like there is a "Big Deal" in  
the near future.

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JULY 15

19 Free day again, so I get  
a pass & go peeping in the  
town of "Kettling" & I sure  
had my special today - 6 mi.

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JULY 16

19 London bound - there  
need be no more to say  
One. certainly can have  
a fine time there !!! So

19 Many things to see, that one  
has read about in School?

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JULY 17

19 A few practise formation  
with our new crews -  
They fly very well! Time  
will tell: ??? It is alot of  
19 difference, when we get shot  
at by German Fighters & flak!

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JULY 18

1943. Sloppy weather  
we sleep till eleven  
o'clock & take life  
easy!!! Ah! me?

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JULY 19

1943. I see a U. S. O. Show  
7 that's about all - the  
weather still keeps us  
here on the ground.

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JULY 20

1943. I checked our guns today & just loafed the rest of the time. Very poor flying weather - cold.

19 All of us Boys are rarin' to go some more, I guess we are all rested & eager - funny but its true.

19 I guess it's to get it over with = one way or the other !!!

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JULY 21

1943. The weather is clearing here, so we are liable to get out on a mission in the morning. Yes, since

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JULY 22

1943. Still taking "Life Bay"  
No-mail for three days  
now to show I do look  
for mail from home?

19 All of the Bay's are  
restless, one can hardly  
believe it, after the past  
six trips out?

19 It's something one has to  
experience to feel the way one  
feels at this moment here?

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JULY 23

1943 Joe really covered all of England & after today's flight - a boring 6 hrs aloft & that's for sure!!!

19. These kind of flights are hard for us folks. Our lack of excitement is sure getting us down.

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JULY 24

1943. I took-in Kettering  
with my "trusty-bike".  
It was a beautiful  
spring day. Every thing

19 Looked like a "big-  
show" in the morning  
16-200 lb incendiarys  
on board. Germany here we come

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Mission # 7.

JULY 25

1943. "Hamburg" Germany -

It really looked bad as we were "tail-end-Charlie's" 100 fighters all the way

19 into the target & 70 miles to sea. I see 3, B-17's go down - 2 into the sea. Majewski gets two today.

19 I got in a good burst but I couldn't follow him down, as we were too-too busy. 1,000 mi round trip

19 ~~but~~ will sleep good here tonight 11:21 All shopped out!  
1 ME 109 damaged

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July 25 = 1943

Hamburg, Germany.

Seventh Mission

3 - B17's go down

2 - into the Sea

"Ralph Lavoie" went  
down today

JULY 26

1943. We were after Hamburg again, but something went wrong?? 80 miles from our target - 3 holes yesterday!!

19 Our Group lost seven ships over Hamburg. That was terrific + I feel much better than "taking life easy."

19 All the boys feel the very same? One B-17 was hit, backing off the left stabilizer, it actually looped going down

19 just like at a movie, only more realistic.

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JULY 27

1943. Rested up some more  
500 pounds are aboard &  
I hit the hay early for  
"tomorrow-show". The  
19 weather is perfect - so some-  
body's going to get a pick  
in the bitches & that's  
for sure!! All-a-board!  
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Mission # 8.

JULY 28

1943. We took a "beating-  
today" going for Kassel bombing.  
One of our best crews "got-  
it" today. Were off again

19 in the morning. I  
don't think our luck  
will hold out much  
longer? Time will tell??!!

19 Berow almost got it in  
the fanny today - a bullet  
came right thru the radio  
room & out the Bombays.

19 But for the Grace of God  
Miller or I could have been  
killed!! Just too close to talk  
about?! We'll not make 25 from

19 what we went thru today!?  
It does not get any easier, when  
we get into our airplane before  
take-off time?!

JULY 29

19<sup>43</sup>. They gave us a piece  
& I tried to find a spool  
for a switch, but no-  
soap. These streets!!!

19 Our Boys took too-  
much yesterday, so they  
gave us a chance to  
relax.

19 Our Moral was at a very  
low point here today.<sup>21</sup>

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Mission #9.

JULY 30

1945. He plastered Kassel  
Germany today - all of our  
ships returned; I saw 2  
17's afire, one exploded!!

19 I almost "got-it" from  
a piece of flak. It just  
missed my left side.  
My luck still holds out?

19 You one hell pray while  
you're "up there"!!??

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JULY 31

1943. 48 hr pass & I am  
off to London for a  
tour of recreation &  
etc.!!!

19 Reed & five of his crew  
are doing fine, poor guys,  
on two rides & they got shot  
up bad both times. Over  
"back" still "held out"!!! We  
can't help wondering if it  
will be our turn next!!!

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## MEMORANDA

He made 6 Missions  
in July, from what he  
seen "out-there"; again I  
have to say: that it  
seems impossible to run  
three twenty-five mission  
Crew #6! Just one of the  
three "Old-Crews" left!

The raid on Hamburg  
is the roughest one yet.  
He fired 9,000 rounds &  
could have used more.

25 Focke-Wulfen & Me 109s  
were downed. It looked  
like a "Battle" scene in  
the movies, only alot  
more real! I just wonder  
what experience are in  
store for us during  
August?!!?

AUGUST 1

1943. I layed in the park all day & just forgot that there was a war on.

19 "Home" is so far away! 122! I don't think I'll ever see "Home" again!!<sup>112</sup> Memories are so important & precious at this critical point in time for the whole crew!?! you'd have tears in my eyes!!

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AUGUST 2

1943. They gave us the  
"Air-Medal" today for five  
trips over enemy held ter-  
ritory. "Time Marches On"

19 Six men from one crew  
shot down at Villacoublay  
have returned, some more  
are on the way-out.

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AUGUST 3

1943. I write this before a  
raid, 16 three hundred  
pounders aboard, so some-  
one will catch hell ? ?

19. The Raid was called  
off for some particular  
reason, I believe it was  
the weather over Germany?

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AUGUST 4

1943.

No Paid scheduled  
so we are off to cycle  
around England - surely  
it's fine exercise !!!

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AUGUST 5

1943. It's a beautiful  
rainy day out, so we  
write letters & listen  
to our "priceless-radios."

19 ~~And Sally & Lora~~ How How  
sure find us all the Bull!  
they can, then - they play ~~And~~  
~~ideas~~ music. ~~Have~~ Calling!

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AUGUST 6

1943. Just taking-life  
easy again as the  
weather won't let us  
"upstairs". Poor Reed  
will be in the hospital  
for nine months with  
his compound fracture  
of the leg. A 205m. hit him.

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AUGUST 7

19 <sup>430</sup> classes today & lectured  
from Bay's, who got out  
of France - they sure  
had some experiences.

19 Price, the first boy  
wounded is doing fine  
he got it over Antwerp on  
his first Raid.

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AUGUST 8

1943 I went to Mass &  
Communion this Sunday.  
The weather still keeps  
us here on the ground.

19 Some one must be praying  
real hard for me to be here  
at this point in time. !!!

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AUGUST 9

1942. He flew practise again  
it felt fine after the rest  
we had - the weather is  
clearing - it won't be long now?

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AUGUST 10

1943

We were "Briefed" for a "Lulu" today, this one, when it does "come-off", it will make aerial-history.

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Can't make an entry here, as regards to this particular mission, but hope to later on???

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I'm not supposed to keep a diary - so I have to watch & write carefully! It is kinda hard to write in a D book!

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AUGUST 11

1943. The guns are aboard  
so it's "up to 'em" bright  
& early tomorrow morning  
they are loaded with "fire-bombs".

19 From the German  
broadcasts that we hear,  
they call these incendiary's  
inhuman & alot of other things.

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Mission 10 (30,000)  
W. G. Silverschneider  
AUGUST 12  
Western Germany.

1943. "Battlewagon" is laced up with holes galore - two hits pierced our main wing spar on the right wing.

19 One flat burst took the whole nose off a 17 & she went down. <sup>1/2</sup> more from our group, "Lucky" Crew #61.

19 I don't believe we can be this lucky in the future. <sup>1/2</sup> The stress is hard to deal with at this point in time!?

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AUGUST 13

1943. Today we take it easy.  
He hit ~~Gelsen-Kirschen~~  
yesterday at thereabouts.

U. S. G. A. F. lost 25 Bombers.

19 The temperature hit  
40° zero up there at 30,000!  
Our vapor trails were  
sure a sight to see! It

19 is very hard to describe the  
intense cold at this altitude.

It just does not get any easier  
from day to day! It is cold

19 will that be here today!



AUGUST 14

1943. Five of the Boys who were shot down at Villa-coublay are back & in very fine shape.

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Mission # 11.

AUGUST 15

1943 He hit "Poil", France  
of another Air-field at  
"Amiens" - one nice flat  
hole in our Horizontal tail wing  
19 Just over Dr. Rajewski's  
head. We are still lucky!

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AUGUST 16

1948 He flew out for a  
new ship today and it looks  
like a "show" again in  
the morning. All board

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### 'We'll Never Forget,' RAF Tells Arnold

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21—"The U.S. Eighth Air Force has earned for itself during the past weeks a reputation that the Royal Air Force will never forget."

With those words, Britain's Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal conveyed his "sincerest congratulations" to Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Army Air Forces commander, on the American heavy bomber attack on the Schweinfurt ball and roller bearing plants Oct. 14, in which 60 U.S. Flying Fortresses were shot down.

"The Schweinfurt raid," Portal said, "may well go down in history as one of the decisive air actions of this war, and it may prove to have saved countless lives by depriving the enemy of a great part of his means of resistance."

AUGUST 16

1948 He flew out for a  
new ship today but looks  
like a "show" again in  
the morning. Al' board

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Add decorations: Silver Star to S/Sgt.  
Loring C. Miller, B17 waist gunner from  
Stockton, Cal., for refusing to quit his  
post after a shell fragment punctured his  
lung. Former district circulation  
manager for a Stockton newspaper, the  
30-year-old gunner also refused first aid  
until his pilot ordered him to submit to  
it.

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Mission # 12. (60 planes lost)

AUGUST 17

1943, Schweinfurt Germany.

100 some odd "bouts". They were going down all over the place, Nazis fighters too.

19 Miller got hit pretty bad in the back, while I took a ~~decrated~~ scratch on the arm. A 20 m. m. came thru the radio room.

19 For a moment I thought I lost my left arm! I felt like I was hit with a ball bat. It turned me half sideways!!

19 Maglewski & I got in 3 good hits & damaged 2 ME 109's. We need fighter support very bad.

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Mission # 12  
Schweinfurt Germany.  
Co: 17<sup>th</sup> A lost

Miller & I get hit &  
qualify for the Purple  
Heart.

AUGUST 18

1945. Miller is doing fine,  
one of his lungs was  
picked - we feed & take  
it easy. We keep him alive.

19 South Pygmy! 133. When  
Miller went down, I took over  
his gun & ammo. He never  
got back to his gun position.

19 Bomber formations cannot  
take and the German fighters  
to remain with their limited  
fuel reserves. We send our  
fighter support very bad!

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AUGUST 19

1948. The last five-ships  
at Schweinfurt "The"  
are the only Model Crew  
left!! And luck is getting  
19 thinner & thinner! (12?)  
The stress is hard to take  
~~especially with more to fly.~~

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AUGUST 20

1948. He finally got a  
48 hr pass, so crew 61  
takes off for London &  
vicinity.

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AUGUST 21

1943. Bad weather, so we  
"swap" comments on our  
missions & some of the  
things we saw "up there".

19 Most of them will never  
be forgotten - never!!?

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AUGUST 22

1943. "Battlewagon" is back  
in commission, Miller is  
doing fine & everyone feels  
fine too.

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AUGUST 23

1943. He flew last night & it looks like night flights in the future. Lt Robbe like a mission in the morn

19 Too many spies look down to see fighter support on the deep penetrations into the middle of Germany. 8th

19 Bomber Command is hard to convince?!

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AUGUST 24

1943. A seven hour diversion  
run for the boy's today &  
we went to the hospital to  
see Miller & he's okay.

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AUGUST 25

1943. Millers thru flying with  
two pieces in his V4 he is  
to be shipped back to the  
States soon. Al Board!!

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AUGUST 26

1943. I write this before a  
"Raid," the R.R. has been  
out all night. Rained out  
but we'll be out after im soon

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( "Rest Home" )

AUGUST 27

1943. Everyone's happy, as we are off for a <sup>(10)</sup> seven-day rest up at "Southport England".

Everyone is feeling too much pressure at this time?!

19 ~~Rest Home~~ or Rest + Rehab?!, requested by Flight Surgeon Capt H. H. Stroud, Dr. Station 106 U.K.

19 Kettering England. "Combat = Fatigue" symptoms per Doc. Stroud also Flight Surgeon.

Out of 30-Original Crews that left the States, only three of us are left at this point in time?!



AUGUST 28

1943. He take life easy &  
that is for sure. Everyone  
comes & goes as he pleases

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AUGUST 29

1943. It's rained everyday so far, so we are sure to get a rest. It's the Old Palace Hotel here & it's swell.

19 South Park England where over that is!!! It is compared to Atlantic City in the U.S.A. Golf tournaments play here when scheduled

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AUGUST 30

1943. I played 9 holes of  
Golf today & it sure felt  
fine. We couldn't finish  
the other 9 - "Not enough Ball"

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AUGUST 31

1943. Still taking life easy  
& the news of our Raid at  
"Schwiebelfurt" comes from home  
That must have been news!

19 They seem to keep the news  
from us for Moral-Reasons!?  
Censorship Control by the  
Officers to cover-up mistakes.

19 This goes right up the ladder  
to the High Command too! It  
is Classified as "Battle-Damage"  
& Censorship.

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## MEMORANDA

Three times out in Aug & they were all: "Deep in the Heart of Germany". Sorry just two to Germany & one in France. Schwinfurt seems to be the toughest deal yet. Fighters & Flak was really good. Too close!

Two crews come back from France & one from a forced landing in the North Sea.

The "Mission" I mentioned Aug 10th, as a "Lulu" was the big show at Schwinfurt & "Regensburg" 60 of our aircraft failed to return! 10 men to each plane! Really hard to take here in the Barracks! Many friends gone!?

SEPTEMBER 1

1943. I go for a horseback-  
ride in the a.m. & for a  
swim in the p.m. Ohh!  
my poor family tomorrow?<sup>2</sup>

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SEPTEMBER 2

1943. Rain again, so we  
sleep just about all the  
day. Back to work in  
the morning.

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SEPTEMBER 3

1943. Back at the Base & with  
500 lbs aboard, it looks  
like # Crew 61 is on "the  
prowl" again in the morn.  
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SEPTEMBER 4

1943. We were grounded, as  
the weather was very bad.  
So I got a pass & take a  
cycle ride to town.

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SEPTEMBER 5

1943 I got an "Oak Leaf Cluster" yesterday for ten Raids over enemy territory. We fly tomorrow, weather permitting?

19 It's very hard to anticipate what is going to happen! Nothing happens the way one expects it to!! Every time

19 we go on a raid, something happens that is out of the way from what one expects! Very unpredictable...?

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Mission # 13.

SEPTEMBER 6

1943. We were to Bomb Stuttgart Germany & we would have, if the weather was clearer. We threw out guns & ammunition

19 & just made it back to the first field here in England. A lot of the Boys never made it back, (out of Gas) 36 lost.

\* 19 General Travis run us over the target & threw the heavy flak four times. & as a result we all were nearly out of Gas.

19 We had to support this kind of an individual whether we liked it or not! No Common sense! A regular Military Bloop!?

Covered-up by Censorship.

SEPTEMBER 7

1943. 12 five hundred pounders for tomorrow's haul." He had to "abort", as No #3 Engine just wouldn't run.?!

19 It was a perfect "Raid" & we hated to pull out of formation. All of our ships returned safely.

19 These kind of Missions are the ones we would like to complete !.?? They call them "Milk-runs".

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SEPTEMBER 8

1948. At Stuttgart, I flew right over the homes of my Grandparents. Luxembourg & Saarbrücken. The

19 Alps was on our right & we were 40 miles from Switzerland. They were a site to see. Beautiful.

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Mission #14 "Virtue (or Virtis)"

SEPTEMBER 9

1943. He hit another Airfield  
inside France & it was "The  
Proverbial Milk-Run".  
All of our ships returned -  
19 one attack by fighters.  
The Invasion from here  
is not too far away. Two-  
Raids scheduled, one Completed.

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SEPTEMBER 10

1943. We were briefed for another "long-haul" today & we're still on call to take off any time. Bad weather has kept us from getting away. 10,500 pounds are aboard & it's 1600 hundred miles round trip. All-Board!

19. Oxygen masks will be worn about 6 hours today at least! It is not very pleasant - too far?!

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SEPTEMBER 11

1943. They're loading "Bomb-Bay" tanks, so that Mission will come off in the very near future. I shot a sheet today + got "19" out of 25. I was lucky + beat the rest of our crew. The first sheet since we left the States.

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SEPTEMBER 12

1943. Bad weather keeps us grounded, all the Bomb Cars are on board, so she won't be long now?

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SEPTEMBER 13

1943. A beautiful day here &  
the trip was cancelled.  
I take myself a Sun-  
bath & sleep. Ruff H. av.?

~~1945 Honorable Discharge =  
Discharged av Camp =  
McCay Wike. H. itek liked  
home to Superior Wike!~~

~~19 Total Service = U. S. A. A. N.  
4 years = 3 Months - 4 Days  
Claim No = @ - 5304944  
Records No = V-713-4718~~

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SEPTEMBER 14

1943. It looks like another  
"Milk Run" tomorrow, as  
we have a passenger  
scheduled. He'll see?

19 Tap-Brass Lbr, Cal's + etc. -  
make sure they get in on  
the "Milk Run".

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SEPTEMBER 15

1943. We were briefed for another Mission altogether this pm. External Bomb Racks for the first time.

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Mission # 15.

SEPTEMBER 16

1943. "Nantes" France today &  
we did a fine job. Huge  
explosions on the water  
front. (40 fighters) - 2 B17's lost.

19 I got in a fine burst &  
knocked the covering for  
the pilot off a Focke-Wulf  
190. Stuff flew all over the place.

19 I did not see him hit the  
ground - so no credit!!

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SEPTEMBER 17

1943. They briefed us for  
another "hot one", but it  
was cancelled at the  
last moment. 10-500 lbs

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SEPTEMBER 18

1943. Just like yesterday,  
another "dress-rehearsal".  
It would have been  
"a pretty good show."

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SEPTEMBER 19

1943. He either fly lead  
or deputy-lead from here  
on out. It's the best place  
to fly in, on a Raid.

19 Recommended for another  
promotion which never came!

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SEPTEMBER 20

1943 Poor weather so we  
have another "dress rehearsal."  
This is getting rather  
monotonous.

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SEPTEMBER 21

1943 He got in the Air at  
4:30 A.M., flying lead in  
the whole Wing, with our  
new Colonel as pilot.

19 He hit the English  
Channel at dawn & we  
were ordered to return to  
our Base by Wing, pronto!

19 Why - we never was told?!

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SEPTEMBER 22

1943. No flying, but for the  
replacements. Was it ever  
get cold over here, Wow?  
Our first frost this A.M.

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# Mission # 16

SEPTEMBER 23

1943. "Gantes" again in France.  
One of our ships lost,  
but the Boys all para-  
chuted then the ship Exploded

19 I flew the Ball Turret  
today & it was quite the  
place, especially with the  
"F. lab" all over the place!

19 No more flying in the Ball  
Turret - too confined

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SEPTEMBER 24

1943. Briefed for another  
"buff show" but it was  
cancelled at the last  
minute before take-off

19 Cancellations are hard to  
take & that's for sure! It's  
hard to explain one's feelings  
under such pressure!

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SEPTEMBER 25

1943. Col. Lacey flew with us  
again today on a photo-  
mission of our Group  
practice bombing.

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SEPTEMBER 26

1945. He lead a Mission  
\* lay off the next one. As  
the oldest crew, we have  
it pretty nice now.

19 He take our turn when  
it comes up to don't volunteer  
for any others!?

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SEPTEMBER 27

1943. One of the Boys on today's  
Bombing Raid hit the sea &  
we went out to look for them  
but failed to find them.

19 Air Sea Rescue-work. We  
fly about 200 ft over the North Sea.  
Half-days & wheels-down-sitting-  
decks for German fighters! ~~No~~  
19 credit for these missions.

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SEPTEMBER 28

19 We were all set to go out after a German (Pog) at 3 Battle ships, but the weather kept us grounded

19 Scharnhorst & the Gneisenau (sp)!! They are Pocket-Battleships

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SEPTEMBER 29

1943. Poor weather, I catch  
up on my correspondence.  
It'll be "up + at em," when  
the weather clears.

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SEPTEMBER 30

1943. Rain & more rain &  
it really does just that  
"Over-There." If Watta place  
for Wucks?

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Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - Mission to Ber.

MEMORANDA

At Stuttgart there were too many clouds, we flew thru the flak <sup>(4)</sup> ~~trajectories~~ over the target. One 17 went down. I seen one of their Aerial Bombs, it just missed us. On the way home we were all running low on gas. Our warning lights came on just opposite Paris. We threw Ammo. + guns over board to lighten the ship. 16 B17's had to ditch in the Channel. I caught both of my thumbs in the back board while preparing to ditch. (Ouch). One B7 hit the water close to shore + kept right on going down. Didn't see anyone get clear. Just tough luck with no gas!

OCTOBER 1

1943. Our first 48 hr pass  
since we come back from  
the rest home up at South  
port. London for us again.

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OCTOBER 2

1943. The Boys went to London  
to day and we stayed home  
like good little boys. We're  
all happy tho.

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OCTOBER 3

1943. "Jerry" is painting his <sup>5</sup>Mc 109  
like Spitfires & his F.W. 190's  
like old P.47's. They're very  
hard to tell upstairs!

19 Our fighter escort has been  
altered - Don't point a nose at  
the 384<sup>th</sup> or me fire!!??

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Mission #17.

OCTOBER 4

1943. Frankfurt in Germany  
a perfect Raid. Over 100, 17's  
& I didn't see a one go down.  
We were attacked by Me 109's

19 F.W. 190's, Me 110's & 210's.

They shot Rocket guns at us;  
they're something to see? I say  
died from lack of Oxygen. ~~The~~  
~~was a very close call. I was~~  
~~shot in the back of the head.~~

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OCTOBER 5

1943. Another "Wing" caught hell  
yesterday, 15 parts lost, so  
says "The Stars & Stripes". He  
had it very easy! All returned.

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OCTOBER 6

1943. Poor weather, so we  
take life easy. Just 8 more  
missions & Crew #61 really  
will take 'er easy. After

19 seeing so many ships go down  
one has to wonder if it is our turn  
next?!!

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OCTOBER 7

1943. Another 48 hr pass for  
Crew #61 in the morning, so  
we begin to have it pretty  
damn swell. London here we come.

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OCTOBER 8

1943. "Jerry" hit London last night. very little damage. but we sure hated to miss the show.

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OCTOBER 9

1943. "Jerry" gave us alert  
while in London, but they  
disappointed us & just  
reached the outskirts.

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OCTOBER 10

1943. Back at the Base &  
the Boys have been into  
Germany three times. Quite  
some battles as they say?

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OCTOBER 11

1943. It's a Beautiful, fall evening here tonight, full moon & all. It was surrounded by a heavy fog this A.M.

19 The British would call it a "Bombers-Moon"!

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OCTOBER 12

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We were all set for another "show" today but this English fog kept us here on the ground.

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OCTOBER 13

1943 We were out in the  
"soup" & they finally called  
us back. Poor visibility  
& it was hard to assemble.

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Mission #18.

OCTOBER 14

1943. "Schwienfurt" again: it was just like the last times, 17's + fighters falling everywhere. Whatta day?

19 The 20 m.m. that hit us in the tail, punctured our tail wheel + scared Majewski + I something awful.

19 "Battlewagon" knocks down five Nazis. Majewski + I got good hits but we couldn't follow them down.

19 One only got credit, if they exploded when hit or saw seen them hit the ground!!!

2 ME-109's damaged

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OCTOBER 15

1943. The Radio says we lost  
60 planes yesterday & I believe  
them. It is <sup>only</sup> seven ~~ones~~  
back here to our Base. Some

19 of the other seven had to  
parachute, when they ran  
out of gasoline over England  
the last 7 ships all tall.

19 Letting down thru the soup,  
we come out over the roof-tops of  
Leicester & flew the tree-tops  
back to our base. (Close again).

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OCTOBER 16

1943. The news of Schweinfurt  
still comes in & they say it  
is the biggest thing over  
here yet. I believe it!

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OCTOBER 17

1943. The pictures prove that  
we (Schwieger) put the  
place out of commission  
for quite sometime to come.

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OCTOBER 18

1943. I got another Oak Leaf Cluster today. I just hope that I can collect the next one & then the D. F. C.

19 It's awfully hard to look ahead & that's for sure! We lost too many ships & crews up to this point in time! Alot of <sup>19</sup> poor judgement from the 8th Bomber Command Hd'quarters.

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OCTOBER 19

1943. He flew practice bombing today + after that we flew over + "buzzed" a P-38 field + we really did just that!

19 Two B-17's flew formation over their Base - (P-38's field)

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OCTOBER 20

1943. We were "stood-down" to  
day & the Boys had a tuff  
time with the weather.  
All ships returned.

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OCTOBER 21

1943. He took off for "Paris"  
but the weather forced  
us back. Rainy galore  
up at 10,000 feet.

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OCTOBER 22

1943. School for us today  
"Escape procedures". We  
will be out in the morn  
by the looks of the weather.

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OCTOBER 23

1943. False alarm! I meet  
another fella from Superior.  
Bill Pramow. He is in our  
Adm. He is full of questions  
19 that are hard to answer!

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OCTOBER 24

19 The whole thing we  
operate with has been  
"stood-down", so they  
must have a good reason.

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OCTOBER 25

1943. Glider Bombs must be  
the reason, as I heard  
& seen them for the first  
time today. Citty little devils.

19 Code name = Grape fruits.  
Any wind will blow them  
off target!

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OCTOBER 26

1943. These fogs are terrific,  
one of the first real ones  
we've had & it's hard to  
see 5 ft & that's for very sure.

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OCTOBER 27

1943. He saw a Movie on  
"Glider-Bombs" today & they  
sure take the proverbial  
cake! Its hard to believe.?

19. I don't see how they can  
compensate for Wind-Drift!!

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OCTOBER 28

1943. Another lovely-fog, so  
we hear some of the  
lectures on Combat tactics  
& enemy shipping facilities

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OCTOBER 29

1943. They still have us here  
just to fly lead. He have  
it pretty darn swell.  
Snow has left us.

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OCTOBER 30

1943. Scrow was transferred to another crew, when a message came thru last hop & he never had it decoded.

1943 - Makay is our new radio-operator.<sup>12</sup>

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OCTOBER 31

1943. Two Raids for us this month & it looks like we will be here for quite awhile before we be three.

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## MEMORANDA

"Schwienfurt" & they can't  
come any tougher. One  
boy jumped & his chute  
was afire, another got  
caught in the Bomb Bay &  
went down with his  
ship. One Me 109 crashed  
into a 17 in mid-air.  
Two Bays got out. One 17  
exploded near our ship &  
three Bays got clear. 20 m  
m's & rockets were bursting  
all around us & we were  
hit four times. Mac got  
two fighters from the nose  
& Wolf in the tail got two  
more. Mike & I got hit but  
were too busy to follow  
them down. Target picture  
showed we hit it perfect.

NOVEMBER 1

1943 Rain Galore & we still  
haven't tried any new  
"Glider Bombs" - I'm anxious  
to see them in action.<sup>12</sup>

1943 - I don't think they are practical,  
because there is no correction for  
"wind-drift" enroute to the target.<sup>13</sup>  
The Bombs are released from 5 miles high  
19 & are supposed to glide to the target.

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NOVEMBER 2

19<sup>13</sup> It looks like a "Big Show" tomorrow. The weather has cleared off & Bombs are a' board.

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Mission # 19.

NOVEMBER 3

1943. Wilhelmshaven Germany  
& I seen the greatest dog fight  
today that was just like  
a movie scene. P-38's &

19 P-47's versus Me 109's  
& F.W. 190's. I had a ring-  
side seat as we led the  
group for the fourth time.

19 No more bear-and flying  
for Crew # 61 - "us"!?.

Lead-ship, but no-promotion  
in rank!

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NOVEMBER 4

1943. Just beautiful and  
fog & more fog. So we  
catch up on our sleep.  
Looks possible for the A.M.

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NOVEMBER 5

1943. The "Boys" went to  
Gilsen-Kirchen & we are  
held back to fly lead. So  
we "sweat-dri" & how?

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NOVEMBER 6

19/13. He flew practice Alt. today & then we "Bugged" the P-38 field again & then landed there for a chat.

19 We "Bugged" them on the way out & it was a "class-act" with 2- B-17's, flying fighter formation.

19 Our new radio-operator asked: "Do you guys fly like this all the time?!"

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NOVEMBER 7

1943. He flew practice "Slide Bombing" today out over the "Isle of Man", between Ireland & the British Isles. Phooey!

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NOVEMBER 8

1943. "Grapefruit-Practise"  
again, That's what we  
call these new type  
Bombs.

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NOVEMBER 9

1943. The same as yesterday  
& it won't be too long now,  
before we shower them  
with our "Grapefruit".

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NOVEMBER 10

1943. More "Grapefruit" practise  
The dive at thousand feet  
before they are released.  
B-29 Bombers now! My, My!

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NOVEMBER 11

1943. Poor weather, but the  
Boys were out on schedule.  
I don't think it will last  
for another Armistice Day.

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NOVEMBER 12

1943. "Grapefruit" trap again  
some none of these days  
were going to have  
the real thing.

19 One of our groups exploded  
yesterday, 9 boys failed to get clear.  
2 other 17's collided + 18 boys  
were killed. Puff weather.

19 Too many aircraft trying to  
get into formation at one time.  
Assembly areas are too close to-  
gether for this operation.



NOVEMBER 13

1943. Another practice run  
but poor weather forced  
us back. I listen to State-  
home - Northwestern game.

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NOVEMBER 14

1943. Snowing out side  
for the first time, since  
I arrived here in the  
E. A. O. Okk for sloppy out.

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NOVEMBER 15

1943. The weather is fair  
we fly practise as usual  
They leave us pretty much  
to ourselves.

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NOVEMBER 16

1943. Our first 48 in quite  
something, so Maykowski  
& I take off for London

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NOVEMBER 17

1943. London & we first  
Bum around the town, we  
send Gablegrams to our folks  
back home.

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NOVEMBER 18

1943. "Jerry" gave us an alert while in London. it's quite a feeling to hear the Air Raid Sirens in full blast.

19 The "Bobbies" escort us to the swareak Air-raid Shelter!

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NOVEMBER 19

1943. Back to the Base we  
find that all 48 hrs passes  
are cancelled til further  
notice. Phooey.

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NOVEMBER 20

1943. There's a big air offensive in the offering & it looks like we'll be in on the "Big Show".

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NOVEMBER 21

1943. Poor weather + our Base  
has more B-17's than ever  
before. One thing is certain  
they can't beat us there.

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NOVEMBER 22

1943.

The next mission  
makes 254 "lines" for Capt  
Kelly's Crew, we fly their  
right wing - Deputy lead.

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NOVEMBER 23

1943. The R.A.F. plastered  
Berlin, we were briefed  
but it was called off.  
(#61 was stood down again)

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NOVEMBER 24

1943. The Berlin Raid will  
come off one of these days  
& we'll liable to be out  
in the lead? Rough!

19 Wotta guess! 1122

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NOVEMBER 25

1943,

Coique Day in England.  
The R.A.F. has plastered  
Berlin real heavy 5,000 tons.  
Another Hamburg. No doubt?

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NOVEMBER 26

1943. Berlin sure must  
be a good place to be from  
all of the histories we hear  
are sure rough.

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NOVEMBER 27

1943. The R.A.F. is out after  
them & we go on Air Sea  
Rescue. We find no one &  
just sneak into an R.A.F. Base  
<sup>19</sup> Goodridge is the field &  
we were looking for R.A.F.  
Boys who ditched in the sea  
coming back from Berlin.

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NOVEMBER 28

1943. That was a close  
squeeze for "61" yesterday as  
the fog caught us out  
in the North Sea. He  
19 hit Hoodkidge at tree-  
top height & after two-passes  
at the field we finally made  
it. One of our Boats crashed, ok.

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Mission

NOVEMBER 29 - 43

19 "Breman" in Germany the cold was intense, 58° below zero & every thing was froze or frosted. One of the Boys died on Bill Bram and crew, two others with frost bites. Pretty bad, especially for their first Mission! 19

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NOVEMBER 30

1945. He made it to the Coast  
& another R. A. G. field.  
He stayed two days  
and ship had to be inspected.

19 One engine - a fire & smoke  
ing badly! Just very lucky  
and didn't blow-up! <sup>19</sup> Yes we  
do pray when we are a fire! <sup>19</sup>

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## MEMORANDA

Two to Germany this Mo. "Bremer" was the toughest because of the intense cold.

One boy died & there were several cases of severe frost-bite. 27,000 ft.

Our ship was hit four times & one of our gas tanks was punctured.

We had to land at the first base we come to for gas. That was just outside of Norfolk.

So very thing froze. Our nose frostbitten & on the nose attacks the boys could not see anything. Tail guns were frozen solid. One gun in the Ball turret was also frozen.

## MEMORANDA

Our Bombs failed to release, they hit every release handle up front & even the pilots Salvo release. No Bombs went away. So we bröt into home.

The right side Oxygen system broke loose & Mike had to use my side til we hit 10,000 ft.

I had some fine shots at a Me 110, but the haze was so many "Con" trails it was very hard to see the results.

Rockets burst real close to us again & they were too close for comfort.

All of our ships returned.  
Our prayers are answered!?

DECEMBER 1

1943. Back to our Base & it was another "sneak-job" as our field was closed-in. We ran off the hard surface runway & hit a fire spot-marker & sent it flying. We scared everyone as we come-in just over the tree-tops again.

19 Scared everyone in & around the Mess-hall area!! Me too!! It was one of our worst landings I went up against my Gun Mount.  
197 Hail-Mary-time again!

DECEMBER 2

1943. I've seen some pictures  
of high altitude frostbite &  
it really is a very unpleasant  
sight to see. Rugged!  
19 It is nothing but snow  
freezing under Bitter cold.

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DECEMBER 3

1943. The R. A. F. Lib. Berlin  
again & I'm afraid it won't  
be long before we take-  
off for the same place.

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DECEMBER 4

1943. He finally dropped our  
"Grapefruit" & they really  
fly right on to the target.  
Quite a sight to see.

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DECEMBER 5

19 43 I saw the smoke & explosion from a ship that blew up in mid-air. It shook our Bks. All bailed-out.

19 Majimaki was snoozing & when the explosion knocked his canteen off the wall he got up & in-a-hurry! Me too!

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DECEMBER 6

1943. Capt. Kellys Crew finished  
25 Raids, the first boys thru  
in our system & are they ever  
a happy bunch of boys?

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DECEMBER 7

1942 War declared after the  
Japs Bomb Pearl Harbor.  
Dumbell Florida & everyone  
is up in the air.

1943. In the C.O.D. it's  
a poor day for flying. He  
take life easy.

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DECEMBER 8

1943. After twenty Raids they  
ask, "what we'd like to do?"  
In quite undecided, then  
my Officer looks good!  
19 Battle field Commission!?

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DECEMBER 9

19 43. Poor weather, so we take  
it easy. The Radio News  
has everything coming out  
okay. Time Marches On.

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DECEMBER 10

1943. The Boys flew practice today while we have a class in gunnery + spend the rest of the day easy-like

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DECEMBER 11

1943. The Boys hit Camden today + it looks like were all set for a "Big Show" in the morning - All board!

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DECEMBER 12

1943. The "Big-Show" is still  
in the offering, 40 ships are  
all set for take-off. The  
R.A.S. is out tonight.

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DECEMBER 13

1943. The Logo played  
Gemen & the Big Show  
looks like Berlin in  
the very near future.

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DECEMBER 14

1973 An unexpected 68 hr  
pass, so we take off for  
London & some relaxation.  
Poor weather again.

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DECEMBER 15

1943 In London & we take  
in Madame Tassand's  
Wax-Museum. Whatta  
place it is? Really good!

19 A much to see if you ever  
goes to London.<sup>12?</sup>

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DECEMBER 16

1943. In London & taking life easy. He ate in a Indian Restaurant & it sure was a treat. A beautiful place.

19 Located just off of the celebrated Piccadilly Circus.?

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DECEMBER 17

1943.

Lock at the Base &  
Honors Grow our first  
Radio operator finished his  
25 Missions yesterday.

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DECEMBER 18

1943. Grew is one happy guy  
& has the laugh on us. He  
leaves tomorrow for home &  
we have five more to go.

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DECEMBER 19

1943. "Battlewagon" is coming back in commission tomorrow with a new wing section & gas tank. Test hop in the snow.

19 The factory reps here could not figure out why the plane didn't explode? How Lucerne are?

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DECEMBER 20

1943. The Boys plastered  
Bremen again to-day. One  
of our ships failed to  
return. She stay home.

19 We fly when the 1st Air  
Division tells us to!?

We don't volunteer for any  
missions! No extra Orders!

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DECEMBER 21

1943. The R.A.F. is out again  
tonite. "Jerry" came over tonite  
& I heard guns firing & pursuit  
ships roaring overhead.

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DECEMBER 22

1943 The Boy's went to "Osnabruck"  
Germany today. The crew in our  
barracks saw a "17" low control,  
3 men parachuted as it dove down.

19 A Halifax crashed close here  
today & three shutles came out.  
Two <sup>(3)</sup>R. A. G. boys didn't get  
clear. One huge explosion & fire.

19 It is very sad when some-  
thing like this happens!?

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DECEMBER 23

1943 "Battlewagon" test hopped to  
30,800 ft + it was 47<sup>00</sup> below! I  
got the "bends" in my left arm, I  
guess this altitude is getting me;  
19 It really gets one's attention  
+ that's for sure!??

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# Mission # 21

DECEMBER 24

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Craicette France:

"William Deluge" + heris hoping  
we have four more just like  
it. The first time we went.

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in" & nobody fired at us.

Fighter escort was A-1. Capt  
Max took us over the target twice.  
We were after Rocket Gun Batteries.

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They protected the Buzz  
Bomb launching ramps!

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DECEMBER 25

1943. My Birthday, 28 today + I spent it at the Base, just taking life easy.

Maybe I would see my  
19 next one?!! Maybe!!??

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~~1941. Cynball Field Florida  
+ the folks celebrate with fire-  
works. It looks more like  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of July~~

~~1942. Spent in Salt Lake City  
Utah. Had left Cynball Field  
Florida - so I had a few  
days - no mail or anything.~~

DECEMBER 26

1943. No flying, so our Boys  
don't do much of anything.  
A beautiful day here, so  
our new crews fly practice

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DECEMBER 27

1948. Lovely day, no flying for  
some reason or other. I just  
waiting for "the" Eisenhower &  
Gen. Spaatz to say "Go".

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DECEMBER 28

1943 A few practice Bombing  
today. Battlemorgon's Bomb releases  
are getting old, as they failed  
to release again. So is the Ship  
19 So are we!!??

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DECEMBER 29

1943. R.C.G. passing over head  
early tonite. P. Rubin will  
take another picture & that  
is for very sure! ✓

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DECEMBER 30

1943. Our ship went to Luedich-  
shaven - Mannheim & come  
back with one engine feathered  
& I stayed home, phooey!

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DECEMBER 31

1943. New Year's Eve. spent here  
on the Base. Most of the Boys  
have left for town to get tidd.  
Time Marches On to 1944  
19. Do hope 1944 will be generous. <sup>12</sup>

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## MEMORANDA

One Mission for November  
 + December. If it's fact  
 more to go, it looks like  
 we will be here for quite  
 sometime yet?

Bomber Command tells us  
 when to fly & that is only  
 when we lead the Heavy  
 group or Air-Division (1st)

This takes place when  
 you have Combat-experience  
 "Experience" is the name of it.  
 we being Lead-ship!?

But no boost in Rank?

We were good enough to Lead  
 the 1st Division, but no  
 promotion that was never  
 explained!?

JANUARY 1

~~1943. Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Just assigned to 46<sup>th</sup>  
Squadron, 384<sup>th</sup> Bomb  
Group.~~

~~1943. Am working in the  
Orders Room for "The Passes"  
to take - Boy, do I get to  
town alot!!!!~~

1944. Taking 'er easy while  
"sweating out" fairly more  
missions to complete over  
25 Operations here in England

19 It is awfully hard to speak  
into words, how one feels at  
this point in time? Time  
will only tell!?? Each day

19 there is more "STRESS"!

JANUARY 2

1944. Sunday, went to Church  
& went to a Movie. The load-  
ing list is posted, so it's a  
"show" in the morning! We are  
19. like "held in reserve" to fly  
lead ship in the Division.

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JANUARY 3

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Just not for us!

Battlewagon spent ~~a~~ while  
back & is still layed up  
for an engine change.

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JANUARY 4

1944, London Pass:

Just loafed around  
the place. I took in a couple  
of movies.

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JANUARY 5

1944 In London + every raised  
bell + gun were going full  
blast. I slept thru the  
whole affair. Scaped!! Too  
19 tired!!

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JANUARY 6

1944. All set for a nice  
trip to the "Pocket-Coast", but  
the weather held us back.  
Possibly in the morn.?

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JANUARY 7

1944 into the City at 8 A. M. Failed  
for Ludwigsbahen, Germany. The  
failed to form at 26,000' with  
the other Groups so we come home.

1930 to 400. Below zero - it looked  
to me like another foul weather re-  
port from Bomber-Command. <sup>19</sup> No  
common ~~sense~~ Sense!?

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JANUARY 8

1944. All set again today  
but the weather kept us here  
on the ground. Possibly in  
the morning?

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JANUARY 9

1914.

The Group is "stood down"  
for the next Raid, so we  
take it easy. Some of the Boys  
got hurt bad the other day.

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The stress is hard to describe??

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JANUARY 10

1944 Checked our ships Instru-  
ments today + then had a  
dogfight with two P-38's.  
Really some fun and how!

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#22 Mission 60 Parts "lost".

JANUARY 11

1944

Halberstadt Germany  
flak was close, but  
we had it rather easy.  
Others "Stings" had it rough.

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I saw them being attacked  
& a few 17's explode & a couple of  
fighters fall apart. He were  
attacked by Me 110's & Ju 88's.

19 FW = 190's & Me 109's.

10 Men in each crew - gone  
& tired & crewed just hard to  
visualize at this point in time?

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Fighter Escort ~~is~~ badly needed!

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JANUARY 12

1944. The "Stings" to our left had it every bit as ruff as the Schweinfurt Raids. A lot of planes went down.

1960 planes went down + the pressure leaking forward to the completion of our 25 missions. Go on + on!?! Just too hard

19 to describe & put into words?! Marvin Nords younger brother went down on this mission! He was from Billings Park; Home town!

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JANUARY 13

1944 Papers say it was the "Big-  
gest Snow" yet, so we were again  
very lucky. 125 Miles from Berlin.  
Poor weather, so no flying.

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JANUARY 14

1944. The Boys hit the Coast  
of France today at a mere  
12000 ft. Two Boys wounded &  
the ships full of flak holes.

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JANUARY 15

1944. I hear our group lost  
one plane yesterday, another  
group lost five. Terrific fog  
here, so no flying.

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JANUARY 16

1944 More fog early this A.M.  
I shot a beeb again, first  
in quite a while. 13 to 17 out  
of 25. Perfect fog again tonight

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JANUARY 17

1944. I've finally seen the  
fog so thick that when I  
put my hand in front of me  
I could hardly see it! 1951

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JANUARY 18

1944. I took in Northampton  
for a change & it is quite  
a place. Antique, just like  
the rest of these towns.  
Met Gertrude & early the Irish woman  
to swim the English Channel at the  
Pub her & her husband own here in  
Northampton. She was interested in  
1944 Natl Aquatic - School classes

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JANUARY 19

19<sup>th</sup> Briefed for the "Rocket  
Coast of France" again, but  
the fog grounded us. It  
could have been rough.<sup>2</sup>

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JANUARY 20

1944 London Pass, as we  
indulge in spirit of Engl.  
Night Life: Really Cheap.  
Clear for a Raid from "Jerry".

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JANUARY 21

1944. Eating in London 9. pm +  
"Jerry" got up a fairly good  
Air Raid. There boozing  
all over the place.

19 Some people left for the  
Shelters Peggy + I kept right  
on eating our luxurious Rabbit  
dinner. I was hungry. Ahem!

19 Masurki said that he loses  
a lot of his appetite, when he is  
shot at while eating! ME TOO!

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JANUARY 22

1944 London: 4:30 A. M. & "Jerry"  
Comes again; what a helluva  
noise! Ack-ack guns &  
Bombs bursting. It lasts

19 lit the place up like  
day light, dropped by Jerry.  
Just like a bad-dream  
after this, no more London?

19 It would be a heck of a  
mate to die in bed during an air  
raid after what we've seen thru!?"

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JANUARY 23

1944. The Boys headed for Ken.  
today, but were called back.  
Clouds to 25,000 ft. I saw more  
B-17's than I have ever seen before?

19 They looked like huge  
flocks of Geese, headed south  
for the winter. Only this was  
to Germany. Were getting stronger.

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JANUARY 24

1944. Scheduled for Germany  
but a terrific wind  
keeps us all here on the  
ground. It feels like snow.

19 We have weather-problems  
to fight along with the Germans!

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JANUARY 25

1944. Still terribly windy,  
we fly + "Buzz" a Gol's house  
and pilot knows + we really  
do just that. How! tree top.

19 Her laundry was blown all  
over the place! One of the ways  
we let off steam?!?! I wonder  
if he'll date her again?!

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JANUARY 26

1944. Briefed for Frankfurt.

"Pathfinder Crews" take our  
place & then they scrub  
the whole show.

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JANUARY 27

1944. The Boys hit Frankfurt  
One of the "biggest-shows"  
yet, says the radio. All of  
"our" ships returned. (58)

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JANUARY 28

1943. Poor weather, we take  
life easy. Alerted every day  
here now for a mission ✓  
the weather is clearing up.

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JANUARY 29

1944. We fly the next Mission  
Possibly in the morning  
as it looks like nice  
weather. A.C. Board.

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Mission # 23.

JANUARY 30

1944

Brunswick, Germany

Quite a show? I saw two  
17's burn, flak was close  
we picked up a couple holes.

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Others in our group caught  
hell. Five lost 4 boys hurt  
& their ships were full of  
holes. How lucky can one get!?

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JANUARY 31

1944. One of the Boys who went down yesterday was on his twenty-fifth mission. He, with 23 down, have a long way to go yet!<sup>3!</sup>

19 Each day the pressure becomes hard to cope with!<sup>19</sup> Yes, one does pray under circumstances such as these! Just plain luck!<sup>17</sup>

19 Living under conditions, such as these, are very hard to put into words!

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## MEMORANDA

At Halberstadt Germany they  
 tried to Bomb us with a good  
 sized Bomb suspended from  
 a cable. The explosion was  
 terrific & it almost took  
 "Jerry" with it. It exploded  
 prematurely from what I could  
 see & before getting dispartate!

At Brunswick, I saw one 17  
 dive straight down with a 109  
 right after him firing 20 m. 5 m a  
 The 17 pulled out & come straight  
 back up. I didn't think Va  
 Fark could take a dive like it.  
 He stalled & dove back down,  
 exploding at cloud level.

The other 17 just fell  
 apart, a few Bayle got clear,  
 the rest never made it!!  
 Not very pleasant to see!!??

FEBRUARY 1

~~1943~~

~~1943. 1000 to 1500 - 5 hrs  
at Henderson Utah. Instru.  
let-down from 14,000 ft.~~

~~1943 flew over Salt Lake  
City + vicinity. Crew # 61  
My 1st flight in a Fortress  
debit on Experience # 61~~

1944 He was on the alert,  
but it was called-off for  
some unknown reason.  
I never hear why?

19 always contributed to the pressure  
one experiences at this point  
in time <sup>121</sup>...

FEBRUARY 2 - ~~2~~

1944

Ground School -  
weather bad for  
flying.

1944

Work in a movie  
in the pm. Really that's  
all there is to do here.

1944

A Halifax crashed here  
tonite, 6 Boys got clear & two  
were burned to death. Not  
a very pleasant sight to see.<sup>?</sup>

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FEBRUARY 3

- ~~1943 - Henderson Utah  
0900 - 1200 - 3 hrs. No #4  
Engine running rough.  
Landed for check.  
191500 - 1700 - 2 hrs  
Local flight out of  
Henderson.~~

- 19<sup>24</sup> The Boys hit Kilmeshaven  
today, one pole fell out of  
the ball turret at 26,000 feet.  
No parachute & 24 ops down.  
19 One reason I kept "my chute" where  
I could reach it! Very hard to see 122

FEBRUARY 4

~~1943. Still loafing at  
Kendover, the crew  
should be here from Boise  
any-day!! Whatta - place 118~~

1944 The Boys hit P. Bankfort  
Ker. again today. A lot of the  
ships picked-up flash holes.

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FEBRUARY 5

19<sup>th</sup> "London lease" + Jerry  
let us alone for a change.  
I'll bet he comes over  
tomorrow too!

19 Seen #10 Downing Street + where  
Churchill + Anthony Eden carry on  
the war!?!?

Visited Madame Tassard's Wax

19 Messengers here in London + quite  
a place to visit!!!

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FEBRUARY 6

1944 "Jerry" came over, but  
it was just a few planes.  
Searchlights caught him  
& he screamed pronto!

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FEBRUARY 7

~~1943 Henderson Utah  
1800-2000 - 2 hrs.  
Local flight.~~

1944. Back at the Base &  
the Boys have been raising  
hell with airfields in  
France. Insein soon!?

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FEBRUARY 8

19<sup>4</sup> Some of the Boys flew  
to a rank apart again & we  
lost one ship. A head-on  
attack by 6 Me 109's.

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FEBRUARY 9

~~19 <sup>43</sup> Henderson Utah~~

~~0800 - 0930 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.~~

~~Motor trouble - feathered  
No # of Engine.~~

19~~44~~. Shoot today, 19 for me  
the high for the round!

16 for me of yesterday. High score  
again. Lucky me!

19 I begin to wonder about the other  
gunners when I watch them shoot...?

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FEBRUARY 10

1943. Nothing for us, but another King went to Brunswick again & had a 3 hr battle with the whole Luftwaffe.

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FEBRUARY 11

~~1943. Henderson Utah  
1440 - 1800 - 4 hrs  
Local flight - flew  
over Delta Lake~~

~~19 at 15,000 ft. Beautiful  
day for flying. The peak  
top was all covered with  
snow. Oh for Skiing!?~~

1944. The Group hit Frankfort  
today & some of the Boys had  
some close-shaves from the  
heavy flaps.

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FEBRUARY 12

~~1943~~

~~Handover, Utah.~~

~~Local flight -~~

~~1330 - 1800 - 4 hrs 1/2~~

~~Altitude - 12,000 ft.~~

1944

I saw some of the  
ships from yesterday's Raid  
& they really took a beating.  
They won't fly for awhile.

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FEBRUARY 13

~~1943~~

~~Handover Utah.  
0800-1200 - of bus  
Local flight. Two practice  
bombs were dropped.~~

1944.

Taking it easy, seen  
two snowcapped heard a very  
interesting lecture on Paratrooper  
at high altitude. Very good!

The 1st parachute instructions we  
had since I started flying!

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FEBRUARY 14

1943

~~Kindover Field.  
Spent shooting a Movie  
100 hrs. inspection for the  
ships were flying.~~

1944

We were alerted today,  
but the weather kept us  
all grounded. Getting eager  
to fly again. Tomorrow maybe?

19 At this point in time one just  
wants to get it "over-with" one way or  
the other?

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FEBRUARY 15

~~19 <sup>13</sup> Hangover Utah —  
"Tommy's" practice —  
Boy! How these Babies  
show out the lead!"~~

19 <sup>14</sup> The Clerk is still on +  
with a late take-off time,  
it must be the Gochatt  
Pas De Calais Area. Just  
19 across the English Channel.

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FEBRUARY 16

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~~Handover Utab. &  
Escape procedures from  
w. B-1 at the use of  
equipment onboard.~~

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19 Feb. Poor weather keeps  
the 8th Air Force on the  
ground. R.A.F. is after  
Berlin route.

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FEBRUARY 17

~~1943~~

~~Wendover Utah  
Lectures on first aid  
in case of crashes. Really  
good stuff!~~

1944

They really gave it to  
Berlin back with 2,500 tons  
in about 30 minutes. A lot  
of bombers fly over here. We  
are right on the flight path!

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FEBRUARY 18

1943.

~~Spencer, Utah  
Nothing to bring about when  
there is no place to go!?~~

1944.

Every thing Easy &  
taking life easy like. The  
weather is bound to clear  
in the near future.

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FEBRUARY 19

1944 Jerry hit London again  
& it must have been  
rather rough from what  
I hear?

19 Wejowski & I bicycled in  
& around Nottingham. This is  
where Robin Hood & the Merry Men  
used to live. Our Bomb-dump was  
19 in Sherwood Forest!?!?

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FEBRUARY 20

1944. Off for an airfield  
nearby, slipping today, but  
our No 2 prop governor  
run away! Portion #3.

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FEBRUARY 21

1944. The Boys are off for  
France today. It was too far from Berlin.

Some Boys get shot. How over time

19 Day-fights are hard to figure  
out as to where all the ammo goes!

Also, who are some of these other guys  
shooting at? They call it "friendly"

19 friendly  
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FEBRUARY 22

1944. Sev. again for the Bay. Two ships crashed in Mid-air, 2 Bays got clear. Another one of our crews got it over the target.

19 London got it again tonight, we could hear the a. a. guns & see them explode from here, 75 miles from London. 11:30 pm.

19 Ark does not sleep very well during these air raids?! one figures that one of these bombs may have his name on it!?

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FEBRUARY 23

1944. Tooker's easy. Shot  
short + checked our guns.  
It looks like a show  
in the morning!

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FEBRUARY 24

1944

Schwinenfurt Ger. for  
the Royal Proverbial Melp  
run with fighter escort.

The R.A.F. is passing over-  
head & the sky is filled  
with Lancasters. I wish  
how long can Jerry take it?  
Another show in the morning

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# 24th Mission

FEBRUARY 25

19<sup>44</sup> Augsburg Bcr. Flak holes  
slight times. 1-17 went down  
afire + two B-24's. 4 Clear in  
the 17, 6 in the B-24's

19 One Me 110 came so close  
he bounced me off the floor  
with all his cannons firing.  
Really too close for comfort.

19 Jimmy Stewart was flying in  
the B-24 formation he + Clark  
Gable both flew missions.

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FEBRUARY 26

~~1943. Henderson Utah.  
1500-1700 - 2 hrs to  
Local flight.~~

1944. He was in the Air  
Nine hours & I saw the  
Alps again. He flew just few  
miles from Munich yesterday.

19. Switzerland was not too  
far away - & it looked awful  
tempting to land there!?

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FEBRUARY 27

~~1943. Henderson Utah.~~

~~0800 - 1030 - 2 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$~~

~~1400 - 1600 - 2 hrs.~~

~~1630 - 1800 2 hrs  $\frac{1}{2}$~~

1944. Sunday & we rest, one ship got hit by flak & they went to Switzerland only 60 mi away. "Lucky Boys"!! From where 19 I was their ship looked O.K. to me?!

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FEBRUARY 28

~~1943 Henderson Utah.~~

~~1400 - 1800 hours.~~

~~Local flight.~~

1944 Snowing outside & the  
Boys took off for somewhere.  
It was in France & we lost  
1 ship, all the Boys got clear.

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FEBRUARY 29

~~1943. Henderson Utah.  
0100 - 0700 - 5 hrs  
Local flight.~~

1944. Not enough oxygen on  
the Base for high altitude, so  
were "stand down". The R.A.C.  
is passing overhead. They fly  
in the night time & we fly at  
the day time.

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1944 - Feb 29th.

MEMORANDA

Just one Raid for us this month & it was the mine hauler trap to Ayrburg. Nev. It was one of our closest calls yet. The 11-0' dock attack out of the sun, by that Me 110 with all his cannon firing, overshoot us. Lucky for us, because we didn't see him coming out of the sun until it was too-late? They have been trying to pick-off lead ships off-late & it's not too healthy, for we fly watching out ahead, eyes behind us & above, thought for sure he was going to crash us & it was a very near miss & that's for very sure! In good Lord did not want us today.

## MEMORANDA

Statistics say we dropped more bombs last month than the whole first year of Operations here in the "European Theater of Operations".

The trip to Augsburg, the 8th & 9th Airforces (Porter & Liba) roamed seemingly at will. They were all over the place. Our escorts, P-47 Thunderbolts & P-51 Mustangs was perfect. They covered us all the way in & out. It was really a thrilling sight to see. The U.S. A. G. F. sure played hell with Jerry's airfields & factories. Our pictures proved direct hits all thru the target area. Am glad I'm playing with this U.S. A. G. F. & not the Axis!

## MEMORANDA

Kenneth McKay, our Ball  
 Current operator finished up  
 at Augsburg & it looks  
 like he is going home. He  
 signed up for the South  
 Pacific & they sent those  
 boys home first. He had a  
 near miss right near his  
 left gun, a nice flat hole.  
 Lt. Wadd had a close one,  
 right beside his head in  
 the tail gunner position.  
 A Lt. always gets tail gunner  
 in the lead ship. He keeps  
 the boys in close formation  
 by code signals with an  
 Aldis-lamp. He is our Co-  
 pilot, since Lt. Wolf finished  
 his tour of operations. Wolf has  
 left for home also.

MARCH 1

~~1942 <sup>42</sup> ~~It~~ endower Utah  
0800 - 1200 ~~thru~~  
Local flight~~

1944. The R.A.F. hit Stuttgart  
& our ports hit Brunswick  
again with no fighter opposition.  
It was a ruffal last time.

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MARCH 2

~~1943 - Henderson Utah  
0800 - 1300 - 5 hrs  
Local Altitude - 25,000 ft~~

1944. We were scheduled for Berlin & it was "scrubbed".  
So they hid & ransacked & let  
us stay here at home.

19 It looks like we'll catch  
the "Big City" run for our 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mission. It can be ruff  
& that is for very sure!

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Mission Berlin

MARCH 3

1940. Handover Utah.

1400 - 1600 - 4 hrs.

Local flight.

1944. It was "Berlin", but we never made it. Heavy clouds up to 27,800' + 54 degrees below zero. In turning back, two

groups camp heads on & two ships collided. One huge explosion & that's all there was to it. No-one got clear!

19 One of those sad situations = one also thanks his Blessings as it could have been us!?

Near Paris France a captured Spitfire  
19 wrapped thru the overcast = (away out of gas range from England) I shot & kept him a fire & he spun into the overcast.

MARCH 4

~~1945. Henderson, Utah.~~

~~1330 - 1800 - 3 1/2 hrs~~

~~Over Salt Lake~~

1944. What a relief to be finished! Really a feeling of relaxation + that is for very sure.

19 I feel like two-huge weights have been taken off our shoulders. One had to be there to feel the way we did!!

19 We all felt like we were living on "borrowed-time"; but we didn't know just "how-much-time" we had borrowed?!!



MARCH 5

~~1943. Henderson Utah.  
0830 - 1100 - 2 hrs 2.  
1700 - 2200 - 3 hrs - 20,000'~~

1944 The ship we flew to  
Cuxhaven on our last flight  
went down to day over Dogue  
The crew had 24 Missions.

19 How lucky for Crew #61?  
I've been recommended for a  
"Battlefield Commission" - I deserve?

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MARCH 6

~~1943 Henderson Utah.  
1300-1600 3 hrs  
Over Salt Lake City.~~

1944 The Boys were headed for Berlin today. Our Composite Group made it out & back okay.

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MARCH 7

1944. Leave in London,  
as I wait to see if they  
give me a Commission  
here.

19 They want me to fly more  
missions for a Battle field-  
Commission. No deal, as I  
feel that I've stretched my luck  
19 as far as it will go. "!!"

This will end my entries in this  
diary as we are told that all diaries  
19 will be confiscated.

The high-ranking officers are  
afraid of Negative reports getting  
to the press + published before  
they can be censored. 19. Battle-  
damage is just a cover-up!!

MARCH 8

1944. The Boys hit Berlin  
& they said it was a  
Milk run. with our fighter  
escort.

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MARCH 9

~~1944. Henderson Utah.  
6:00 - 12:50 - 4 hrs 1/2.  
Local flight.~~

1944. One of our Boys back  
over Berlin today, when the  
Japs above dropped their  
Bombs on his Tail surfaces.

19 Really sad when some thing like  
this happens! "Friendly fire" is how  
they call it up?!

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MARCH 10

~~1943. Handover Utah.~~

~~1400 - 1500 - 4 hrs.~~

~~Local flight.~~

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1944. No chutes came out of Reeds ship, as the boys who saw it tell me. What a way to get checked-out?

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MARCH 11

~~1943 - Galled off.~~

1944. In London & enjoying  
myself per usual. Peggy  
& I double date with her  
sister & her boy friend. It's  
nice to have a home-cooked  
meal at this point in time?

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MARCH 12

~~1943 Henderson Utah.~~

~~0930 - 1300 3 hrs~~

~~Local flight.~~

1944. Beautiful day & I am  
invited to Peggy's house  
for a home cooked meal.  
Luff said "Hi"

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MARCH 13

~~1945. Lower Utah  
1400 - 1800 ft. sea.  
Local flight.~~

1944. Back at Camp & the  
Boys have been practicing  
with the Glider Bombs again.

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MARCH 14

~~1978. Handover Utah.~~

~~School all day - no  
flying - phoney!~~

1944. Rumors have it we  
are due to leave here some  
time. There we go again?

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MARCH 15

~~1943. Spent over Utah  
10:30 - 1:00 2 hrs 2  
Local flight.~~

1944. The Boys hit Augsburg  
again today & we lost 3  
ships. "Jerry" was over here  
tonite. Hard to sleep during a  
19 Bombing Raid by the Germans.

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MARCH 16

1944 The P.A.C. is going  
over here tonite & the sky  
is filled with planes & the  
roar of engines.

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MARCH 17

1944 I take off for London +  
a seven day furlough.

Condy + I went along too  
+ was greatly appreciated  
19 by the people who invited  
us to an English home cooked  
dinner. They don't have much!

one young fellow did not know  
19 what to do with the Peanut-  
Butter we brought along!?

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MARCH 18

1944 London & I see a  
Movie with Peggy & her  
sister, Betty.

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MARCH 19

~~19 42 Henderson Utah.  
tag-1730 5 hrs. 2  
Local flight.~~

19 44. "Jerry" pays us a visit  
but it was a very small  
raid. Act-act was heavy

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MARCH 20

1944. In Alfred for dinner  
at Peggy's house. I saw  
where one of the Jerry's ships  
hit in a previous Raid.

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MARCH 21

~~1945. Hand dance Utah.~~

~~2000 - 2550 - 3 hrs. 2.~~

~~Local flight flight.~~

~~Beautiful prob. for flying~~

1944. In London, Peggy & I

see a Marie & go dancing

at Covent Garden. It's that

a beautiful dance, till.

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MARCH 22

1944. Jerry really came over last night & I heard a Bomb come down & it sure has a weird sound!

1944. One gets to wondering: what if we're hit while off shore? What a way to go!!

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MARCH 23

1943

~~Handover Utah to  
Sacatello. Ad to for gas  
1500 - 850 - 2 hrs to  
including return flight.~~

1944

Back at the Base &  
I leave for Charley & home in  
the very near future I hope?  
Just hard to believe!! 33

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Col. Dale C. Smith our C.O.  
told me that he would have made  
the same decision that I made  
with regards to a Battle Field Comish!

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He flew with us on his last  
mission & remarked: "I saw in  
the hell, can one survive 25  
missions!" 121

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MARCH 24

~~1973 - Henderson Utah.~~

~~I have Galapagos hope~~

~~Listened to Radio~~

~~Compass & Chicago N.B.~~

1974. Here at Charley waiting

for orders to an embarkation

point. It looks like the

end of my Diary, as we have

19 to check it in to S-2 here.

They say, "we'll get them

after the war." I hope they

keep this promise in Phoscy

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MARCH 25

1944. Nobody has told me to turn  
in this diary yet, so I'll  
take it home with me.

I was lucky to get this  
19 diary home ~~and~~ in very  
careful now when I write +  
that for sure!

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MARCH 26

~~1943 Henderson Utah~~

~~0.830 - 1200 - 2 hrs 1/2~~

~~Flower 100 in 1/2 - 1/2 to 1/2 sec.~~

~~Quite an experience!~~

1944.

I still at C. Harley just  
waiting for a Book for phone  
I hope it's the Queen Mary  
or Elizabeth<sup>2</sup>

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I hide the diary every  
time I hear or see someone  
I don't know!

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MARCH 27

~~1943. B. endover Utah to  
Casper Wyoming - There's  
0700 - 1100 + 1300 - 1630  
Full load of gas.~~

1944. Beautiful day here &  
we live like wire at a Rest  
Home. Really not too bad  
at all.

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MARCH 28

~~1943~~

~~He endover Utah to  
Pasatello Utah - 5 hrs  
Cynather gasoline tank.~~

~~Listened to Radio Gomp~~

1944

He played ball + took  
it easy like, waiting for  
orders to put me in a  
boat for home.

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MARCH 29

~~1973. Handover Utah.  
0900 - 1100 - 1300 - 4 hrs.  
Instruct. Check. These  
logs are rather boring.~~

1974. If we don't catch  
that boat for home pretty  
soon, we'll never make  
it for Easter.

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MARCH 30

~~1943. Handover Utah to  
Agdon Utah - 55 minutes.  
Returned same day  
55 minutes.~~

~~19 Hill & old see "girls-  
of-alace working there +  
the weather-merchants  
run the joint.~~

1944. Some boys just come over  
from the States & they say that  
the Queen Mary is over there.  
I hope we catch her back?

19 Just like the Air Force -  
Hurry-up + wait!??

MARCH 31

~~19 43. Henderson Utah to  
Bill Field, Ogden Utah  
for a tire-change.~~

~~19 took off again for  
Casper Wyoming for  
gas. Took off again  
for Denver Colorado.~~

~~Stayed overnight & return  
ed to Henderson, next day  
about 10 hrs all-tall. Sure  
a treat to see Denver Colo.  
& Lowery Field again.~~

19 44. Still at Charley England  
& I don't think we can be  
home for Easter now. Just  
my luck!

## MEMORANDA

He finished up with  
 25 Missions, in March &  
 there's really not much  
 more to say! I consider  
 my self being very, very  
lucky & that's for sure! Most  
 of my prayers have been  
 answered! !? somebody else's too!

An experience that will  
 never happen again & never will  
be forgotten! !?

APRIL 1

~~1943: Denver Colorado to  
Hendover Utah - 4 hrs.  
Another beautiful flying  
day: 18,000 ceiling.~~

1944: Sweating out the  
boat to go home - just  
like preparing to go on a Mission.  
Its hard to write with no  
table of any kind - I usually  
sit on my bunk & try to write.  
I have to sneak & watch out when  
I try to make any entries!

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APRIL 2

~~1943. Handover Utah to  
Paratohl, Nevada - 2 hrs a.  
13-B-170 in formation  
B-39's simulated attack~~

1944. Some boys left today  
we hope to leave tomorrow.

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APRIL 3

~~11/5 Henderson Utah -  
everyone restricted in  
preparation for shipment -  
possibly; Lincoln City, Ia. 2~~

1944. I guess we like it  
too much here in Engl.  
or something, 'cause we're  
still hanging around.

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APRIL 4

1943

~~Sp endover Utah  
Left for depot + Mid-  
West where we were coming -  
546th Sq. - 384th Bomb Group~~

1944

On way to England yet.  
"Since, Marched on." What  
a let down here in this place

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APRIL 5

~~1943. Handover Utah to  
Main City by train.  
Really at change after  
flying so much.~~

1944. Hoo-Ray! We leave  
tomorrow for the U. S. A.  
Touff said!!! "Home-  
Sweet Home", after all of our  
19 narrow escapes it's very  
hard to believe we are going home  
We thanked God many times for  
this day in my life. One has to  
19 wonder: why me!!! "Going Home"  
what a wonderful feeling  
at this point in time?

APRIL 6

~~1943. En route to Sioux City  
beautiful views in Dakota.  
"Ball & Gate Grill". "Shimi"  
renews old acquaintance.~~

1944. Leaving Charley at 2:15  
for point of embarkation,  
where I discuss. It looks  
like Easter on the boat.

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APRIL 7

1943.

Leaves City Iowa  
Kathakellars Bar  
Adopters for Crew 61.

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19 "Papa" & "Jr" spend  
the time escorting the  
remaining population of  
Leaves City to their  
respective homes.

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19 Taxi fare on one "deal";  
two squabs; 1.55 straight  
north - enough said.  
The Battle continues!! (Cuch).

1944.

Arrived at Liverpool &  
boarded the Edmund B.  
Alexander, formerly the  
"Americas": what a feeling  
to <sup>19</sup>know, that one is going home!  
It all seems like a dream &  
that's for sure!! Yes, I still pray  
to the God-Hard for being here.

APRIL 8

~~19<sup>th</sup>. Still Sainy City  
No flying, making for Sainy  
for the time being. So  
Crew #6 goes to the Katchkellers.~~

~~19<sup>th</sup> Lodiakette, Mijivaki & "Ja"  
goes roller-skating. Oh dear  
the girls are sixteen years &  
all younger - last time there~~

19<sup>th</sup>. Still at Liverpool wait-  
ing to leave for home.

The food here good, Wow??  
First white bread today. Just

19<sup>th</sup> about one year since we had  
any white-bread!

One incident one will never  
forget because the good food

19<sup>th</sup> tells us what we have been  
missing!?

APRIL 9

~~1943.~~

~~Still Saint City.  
Again again with Madjwick  
Were thinking & will take  
off to Jahnke's Cafe.~~

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~~We "met" Emily &  
"Jri" see's her every mite  
there - after. A bill you'd  
love to come home too.~~

1944.

The tugs are alongside  
so we should pull out of  
Liverpool at any time.!!?

9:30 A.M

Easter & on the Ocean.

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It's still hard to believe that  
I'm going HOME!! It's very hard  
to keep the tears from flowing at  
this point in time? My many  
prayers have been answered  
along with the prayers of others!!?

APRIL 10

~~1943. Still Sinner City  
& Emily Sickerie bothers  
"me" nooo-nice.~~

~~So I take her home or  
19 better yet, she takes  
"Jo" to her fine home.~~

~~Her fine - Dad takes me  
back to the Base - "Flat tire"~~

1944. In the North Atlantic &  
is it rough. Pretty soon  
I'll find out if I get sick  
or not.

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APRIL 11

~~1943~~

~~Still Living City -  
no flying & it's them  
against "Emity". She  
gets "nicer & nicer". Jerry!!~~

1944

Still rolling & a lot  
of Boys are sick. Me no  
bedroom dinner yeh! ugh!  
Could be tho? Ah!

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APRIL 12

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~~17. The Seaside City & the  
"folks" come & visit me.  
By they meet Emily too:  
My what compliments to her?~~

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19. Still rakin' & rockin'  
& I do mean just that.  
Just like a Steeter-tawtler.  
or something. Not sick yet!!

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APRIL 13

~~19-13 Spent a fine day  
with the "gals" in Quincy  
City. Molder & had both  
Lalok Grand & then some.~~

19-14. In hatta storm, we  
lost a big life raft last  
nite & I almost fell out of  
my bunk more than once.

19 It's hard to try & sleep &  
hang on to the bunk at the same  
time!! Hard to write too! one of  
those tough North Atlantic storms.

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APRIL 14

~~19-43 Sioux City & Emily  
& I are doing okay. Her  
Mom is real sweet, but  
her Sis Mary ~ ohh dear!~~

19-44. Still racking about.  
Six days on the Ocean &  
after the past 48 hrs, I don't  
think I'll get seasick.

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APRIL 15

# 23-0026

1943. ~~Spain City: We  
try on the New Ship - prop  
Boatman runs away #  
No #4 is feathered again.~~
- 19 ~~That for Emily + I take  
in a movie. We meet  
the rest of crew #61 there +  
"Schinsky" gets a fine ragging.~~
1944. Just 90 miles from the  
Azores, we tried to go around  
the storm, but no go. It's  
letting up for the moment
- 19 Submarine alert when a  
torpedo went between us +  
the tanker behind us!?? Large  
Seaplanes are protecting us
- 19 While the 32 ship-convoy  
refuels after the storm. Chitney!

APRIL 16

~~1943. Six City of Rattah  
Bar. Our <sup>all-</sup> engineer meets  
his future wife - yep  
his a girl!!~~

~~19 I go to see Emily -  
Gerber is going steady  
with his future wife.~~

~~Majewski + I, still "Bachelors"~~

1944. A beautiful day, still  
raining + with sunshine I take  
off my shirt + enjoy the sun.  
"Hatta life, Amin?"!!

19 I took us all day to refuel  
all of the convoys. Quite a sight  
to see!? 32 ships!

The Commodore B. Alexander

19 was our troop-ship!

APRIL 17

1943.

~~Still Sioux City &  
Schinnerer & Emily are  
doing okay - still.  
They had had "Choice Liquors"~~

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~~She shows me the family  
Album & the snaps are  
really swell, especially  
the ones of "Emily Dickson"~~

1944.

A rather nice sailing, but  
it's becoming tiresome. Getting  
windy again, so it should  
get rougher again.

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APRIL 18

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~~19<sup>18</sup> Leaving City of St  
Emily & I took in the  
K. S. dance. Fun & how?  
We were pushed by all.~~

19<sup>4th</sup>

Just few more days  
& we hit New York. The  
storm really held us up.

Getting rougher & rougher.

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17 days getting home =  
11 hrs + 45" going over!  
to haul on oxygen due  
to icing conditions at

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25,000 feet, we broke out  
into the clear! Lucky again!

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APRIL 19

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~~Swain City supposed  
to fly on 21st but for now.  
G. B. L. still in City.  
He both hate to part.~~

1944.

Calling again & all's  
well. The States aren't too  
far off now?

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APRIL 20

~~1943. Sausal City & 1 hr's  
Calibration mission  
John's Cafe in the bus.  
Back to Emily's house & mine~~

1944. Just sailing along.

Enjoyed some shore seen today.

No mention of any German

Subs up to this part of the

19 Conway to New York

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To San Francisco!

APRIL 21

~~1943. Sioux City - folks  
left for home - we leave  
for West Coast. & we to  
Sonoma Peninsula, gased-up  
1943 hrs later Salinas Calif.  
We flew over Salt Lake City  
& Henderson - 30 B-17s in  
a spread formation.~~

1944 It looks like we will  
dock tomorrow, just off the  
Statue of Liberty. Thank God!  
"Home" & it is very hard to be-  
lieve!?

APRIL 22

~~1943 Salinas California  
Beautiful weather. Went  
to San Francisco & put  
up in Golden Gate Bridge.~~

~~19 Coastal Patrol Duty  
400 to 500 miles to sea. I  
saw a whale - quite a  
sight! 1330 - 1830 - 5 hrs.~~

1944. Worked at Station Isle  
N.Y. & headed for Fort Hamilton.  
They say we can take in the  
Big town tonite.

19 Just hard to realize we  
made "it" by the Grace of God!

APRIL 23

~~1943. Still Salinas Calif.  
No flying & I went to  
Golightly from Superior.  
So happy surprise for "a"~~

1944. N. York City is quite the  
place. He had quite the  
town? Cook in the Cafe Rouge  
& Glenn Grey at "The Penn".

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APRIL 24

~~1948 - Salinas Calif. 945 -  
1500. In farm at in the Prisco  
picked up 100 or more plovers  
4 flew in Prisco vicinity.~~

1944. In my way to Chicago  
& Port Shepherd. I had a  
furlough at home. Youzak?  
Called home in Chicago

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APRIL 25

~~1943. Easter Sunday. From  
Salinas Calif. to  
City - 0645 West Coast time  
to 1800 Central time. 12 hrs.~~

~~19 I fly for two - hrs, while  
the pilot goes back to the  
radio-room to eat & take  
a fix. Really ok.~~

~~19 As the closer to home one gets  
one "home sickness" seems to  
fade away. <sup>192</sup>~~

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APRIL 26

~~1943~~

~~Saint City & Daily  
Just like coming back  
home. Ohh - small & more.  
She said she missed me!~~

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I see Corrie and Tina for  
a short visit & I'm eager to  
head North + H.O.M.E.!

After going through what  
19 we went through & being  
on the way home in one piece  
again one wonders = "why me"!!?

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APRIL 27

~~1943. Leaving City & still in  
Emily & I enjoy each other  
company. Her folks are tops.  
The 4th of July fixed seats for us.~~

1944 The diary maybe some-  
what neglected from here on?  
A lot of tension & stress has  
come to an end - Thanks to God!

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SEPTEMBER 13 1945

~~1942. A beautiful day here &  
the trip was cancelled.  
I take myself a Sun-  
bath & sleep. Ruff H. at?~~

\* 1945 Honorable Separation =  
Discharged abv Camp =  
McCay Wise. Hitch hiked  
home to Superior Wis.

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