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 384th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 547th 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 Word War Two Victory Medal.
A LINE A DAY
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.C.T.
4 Years = 3 Months = 4 Days.
2202 Maryland Ave.
Superior Wisconsin.
D.C. V. Claim # 05304-944

IDENTIFICATION

Name: John G. Schimnich
Residence Address: 2202 Maryland Ave. Phone: 635
Business Address: N. Olney Ave. Phone:
My Weight is: 150 lbs. Height: 5' 7"
Color of Hair: Black. Color of Eyes: Brown
In case of emergency please notify: Mr. & Mrs.
Frank Schimnich, Logansport

Lodges or Clubs:

RECORDS

Automobile License No.:
Car No. ............... Motor No. ..............
Valuable Papers are at:
Other Records:

SIZES TO REMEMBER:

Gloves: 9½  Hat: 6½
Shoes: 9½  Hosiery: 11½
Skirt: 15  Sash: 32
Lame: 31  Waist: 29  Length: 31
YOUR HOROSCOPE

Spring Signs  Summer Signs
♈ Aries—The Ram  ☊ Cancer—The Crab
♉ Taurus—The Bull  ☊ Leo—The Lion
♊ Gemini—The Twins  ☊ Virgo—The Virgin
♋ Lion—The Lion  ☊ Winter Signs
♌ Libra—The Balance  ☊ Capricorn—The Goat
♍ Scorpio—The Scorpion  ☊ Aquarius—Water Bearer
♎ Pisces—The Fishes  ☊ Sagittarius—The Archer

WHAT DID THE STARS FORETELL AT YOUR BIRTH

Capricorn
December 22—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. Gentle 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, unsatisfiable, 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 20—May 22


Cusp of Taurus
May 20—27

Versatilely gifted. Great thinkers, creators 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 scatterbrained. 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


Leo
July 24—August 24

Cusp of Leo
August 21—28
Dominant, analytical, intellectual. Excellent teachers, salesmen and physicians. Very tactful, and rarely offend or disturb.

Virgo
August 24—September 24

Cusp of Virgo
September 21—28
Discriminating and intellectual. The reserve of Virgo is contradicted by the ease and enthusiasm of Libra making a fascinating character. Always making the best of any circumstance. They are ardent lovers and devoted companions.

Libra
September 24—October 24

Cusp of Libra
October 21—28
Artistic, self-interested and materialistic. The woman are excellent cooks and housekeepers. Executive ability.

Scorpio
October 24—November 23

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November 21—28

Sagittarius
November 23—December 23

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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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
16. China
17. Silver
18. Pearl
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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 Baghdad. 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-able, as in love, 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 I have only one I at close; as delightful, faithful; unless the accent falls on the last syllable; as in betail, 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 e 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, monies; but if y is preceded by a consonant it is changed to i as in the plural; as bounty, bounties.
The pages of this diary accommodate entries for up to five years, resulting in portions of the dairy 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.
DECEMBER 25 1941

My Birthday, 29 today, I spent it at the Base. Guess taking life easy.

Maybe I will see my next one??!! Maybe!!??!!

1941. Tyndall Field Ft. Lorida, the Aces celebrate with fireworks. It looks more like the 4th of July.

1942. Stayed in Salt Lake City, Utah. I had left Tyndall Field Ft. Lorida. said I had a love

one-mail is anything
JUNE 10 1942

1941 F. D. Schimerick is sworn into the U. S. A. Fair Corps in Wisconsin. Whatta day?

1942 Still going strong at Tanglewood, filed for La Jolla. Right on the Gulf of Mexico.

1943 Two more weeks of school. In Sneebank, England. Still no mail from home. I hope it gets there.

1944 I sincerely hope and pray that I can fill it in this space. My prayers have been answered.
1942: My Birthday. 29 today. I spent it at the Base. Yippee! Taking life easy.

Maybe I should see my next one??! Maybe...??!

1944: I walked Field O. Florida to the fields celebrate with fire-works. It looks more like the 4th of July.

1942: Spent in Salt Lake City Utah. I had left Ft. Sanders Field Florida so I had a few hours no mail or anything.
1943 Salt Lake City, Utah. Jean assigned to 1546th Squadron of 384th Bomb Group.

1943. He's working in the Orderly Room on "The Passage" to town - Day, do I get to town alaht!!!

1944. Sthinking 'er easy while "swastikin' round" fake more Missiles to complete our 25 Operations here in England. This is awfully hard to speak into words, how one feels at this time in time? Time will only tell!?? Each day there is more "STRESS!!"
February 2 - 43

19:15 Ground School — weather bad for flying.

19:49 Took in a movie in the pm. Really there is to do here.

19:44 A Halifax crashed here tonight, 6 boys got alive & two were burned to death. Not a very pleasant sight to see.
FEBRUARY 3

1943 - Wendover, Utah
0900 - 1200 - 3 hrs. No 4 engine running rough. Tried for a Check.
191500 - 1700 - 2 hrs Local flight out of Wendover.

44 The Boys hit Kilhamhous today, one fold fell & fell out of the ball taking 74 and 26,000 feet.
No parachute & 42 got down.
One reason I peeped behind "where I could reach it?" Very hard to see it.
1943. Still looking at Hanover, the crew should be here from Boise any day. Watta place! The boys hit to breakfast here again today. Lots of the ships picked-up fish today.
FEBRUARY 7


19 Back at the Box & the Boys have been raising hell with airfields in France. In action soon.
FEBRUARY 9

19
Wendover Utah.

0800 - 0930 - ½ hr.
Water trouble - feathered
No. 4 Engine.

1944. Slept today. 19 for me
the high for the island.
16 for some of yesterday. High score
again. Lucky me! 19
I begin to wonder about the other
funnels when I watch them shoot.
1943. Wendover Utah

1946-1806 - 4 fire

Local flight - flew

over Garden Peak

at 15,000 ft. Beautiful

sky far flying. The peaks
top covered with
snow. Oh for Skiing!

The group hips Trump last

today & some of the boys had
some close-shaves from the

heavy flake.
February 12

1943, Wendover, Utah.
Local flight - 1330, up 8700 - 4th rush.
Altitude - 12,000 ft.

1944, I saw some of the ships from yesterday's raid.
They really took the beating.
They won't fly for awhile.
FEBRUARY 13

1943. Wendover Utah.
0800 - 1200 - 4he Local flight. Ten practice Bombs were dropped.

1944. Taking it easy, saw two snipers heard the very interesting lecture on Chilling out at high altitude. Very good !

19. The 1st parachute instruction we had since I started flying !
Skunk shooting & a Movie.
100 attraction for the ship were flying.

1944. We were alerted today,
but the weather kept us all grounded. Getting eager
to fly again. Grasswork maybe?

At this point in time one just
wants to get it "ear-with" one to 
the other.
1943 Kenfoster, Utah

"Company E" practices.

Bay! How these Babies play and the lead?

1944 The Alert is still on it.

with a late wake off time, it much to the Rockall Pass the Calais Area, just across the English Channel.
February 16

Kendover Utah. Escape procedures from a B-17 at the rise of equipment onboard.

4th. Poor weather keeps the 8th Air Force on the ground. R.A.F. is after Berlin tonite.
FEBRUARY 17

19 #3. Kearsarge, Utah
Lectures on first aid
in case of Charles. Really
good stuff!

19 #11. They really gave it to
Berlin the 17th with 2,500 tons
in about 3 minutes. A lot
of Bombers fly over here. We
are right on the flight path!
FEBRUARY 18

1943, Pendover Utah - Nothing to brag about when there's no place to go!!

1944, Everything Pass or taking life as it like. The weather is bound to clear in the near feature.
1943. Kendover Utah.
1500 - 1730 - 2 hrs
Local flight.

1944. He was in the air
Nein boards I saw the
Alps again.  He flew first
disable from Munich yesterday.

19. Switzerland was far too
far away - it looked awful
attempting to land there!
FEBRUARY 27

1943.
1200 - 1300 - 2 hrs
1400 - 1600 - 2 hrs
1630 - 1800 - 2 hrs

1944.
Sunday - we took off.
Schip got hit by flak & they went to "Switzerland" only 60 mi away. I don't know what they meant by "Switzerland"!?? From where did their ship come? Is it OK to me??
FEBRUARY 28

1943. Spanish Utah.
1400-1500-thru.
Local flight.

1944. Snowing outside. The boys took-off for somewhere.
It was in France - we lost contact, all the boys got clear.
FEBRUARY 29

1943. Homedale, Utah. 0100 - 1700 - 5 hrs Local flight.

1944. Not enough Oxygen on the Base for high altitude, so we’re “at deck” again. The R.A.F. is soaring overhead. They fly in the night time & are off at the day time.
MARCH 1

1943. Kemdover Utah. 0800 - 1200. This local flight.

1944. The R.A.F. hit Stuttgart; 2 our Fords hit Brunswick. Again with no fighter opposition. It was a rough day last time.
MARCH 2

1945—Stanhope, Utah
0800–1300-5 hrs
Local altitude—25,000 ft

1944—We were scheduled for Berlin & it was scrubbed.
So they hit Frankfurt & let us stay here at home.

1945—It looks like we'll catch the Big City run for our 25th Mission.
It can be rough & that is for very sure.
1943. Wendover 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. Turning back, two groups camped here on the ships collided. One huge explosion, that's all there is to it. No one got clear.

One of those and destruction.
Are also thank the Blessings of it could have been it?

Near Paris, France a captured Spitfire
(just up the rear ern - (in a group of six, range from England) Which Which kind. Saffie, it'll spin onto the north west
1943. Kenmore, Utah.
1330 - 1800 - 3 1/2 hrs
Over Salt Lake

MARCH 4

1944. What a relief to be finished! Really a feeling of relaxation. I think it's five every more.

19
It feels 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!!
1943. Wendover Utah.
0830 - 1100 - 2 hrs.
1900 - 2200 - 3 hrs. 20,000'

1944. The ship we flew to Ephrata on our last flight went down to slag over Bologna. The crew had 347 missions.

19 How lucky for Crew #61? Have been recommended for a "Battlefield Commission"? I deserve?
March 6

1943 - Farm dover, Utah.
1500-1600 - 5 hrs.
Over Salt Lake City.

[Redacted]
1943. Wendover Utah. 0:30 - 12:30 - 4 hrs. 4.
Local flight.

1944. One of our B-24s had a flameout over Berlin today, when theMe262s above dropped their bombs on the tail surface.

Really sad when something like this happens! "Friendly fire" or how they coded it up?!!
MARCH 10

1400 - 1500 - 4 hrs.
Local flight.

1944. No chutes came out of Reeds ship as the guys who saw it tell me. What is way to get checked out?
1943 - Called off.

1944 - In London & enjoying myself as usual. Egg & I double date with her sister & her boy friend. It's nice to have a home-cooked meal at this point in time.
1943  Wendover Utah
0730 - 1300 3 hrs to
Local flight.

1944  Beautiful day and
invited to Peggy's house
for a home cooked meal.
So she said !!
MARCH 14

19 43. Wendover Utah.
   School all day - no flying today!!

19. "Jacques, how are we due to leave here some time? Here we go again?"
1945, Sandaver Utah
1200 - 1500 - 2 hrs to Local flight.

1946, The Boys tie Abergavenny
again today & our lead 5
Ships. Enemy was over here
totally. Very hard to sleep during a
Bombing Raid by the Germans.
MARCH 19


1409-1700 - I have 2/3 \Local flight.\

"44" Jerry boy's were a visit but it lasted a very small 
raid. Ack-ack! I was heading.
MARCH 21

1945 - Wendover, Utah.
2000 - 2300 - 3 hrs.
Local flight flight.
Beautiful flight. The flying.

19 - He paid Standard. I left for a
week at Marion to go helping
with current work. It was a
beautiful dance hall.
MARCH 23

1943. Kenndover Utah to Pocatello, Idaho for 90c.
150o - 155o - 2hr. incl. return flight.

1944. Pitch at the Pace.

I leave for Charley's home in the very near future. I hope
I shall hear to believe you.

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

19. He flew with us on our first mission & remarked: "How do you
the hell, can we survive 25 missions?"
MARCH 24

1943 - Hangerover, U.S.A.

At the Calibration shop

Listened to Radio

Compass & Chicago, N. B. C.

1944 - Here at Chorley waiting

for orders to an Oscillatron

spare. It looks like the

end of my Diary, as we have

19 to check it into. I hope they

will get them after the War. I hope they

keep this promise. Oksey.
1943. Hindner Utah.
6:30-12:00-3 hrs. 1/2
Flown 1 hr in Go-pilotless
Quite an experience?
1944. Still at Charlie just
waiting for a book for those
I hope in the Rebecca Mary
or to replete.
19. I hide the diary every
time I hear an ambulance
I don't know 13.
MARCH 27

1943 - Windover Utah to Casper Wyoming. The trip was 400 - 1100 + 1300 - 1630.

1944 - Beautiful day here and we live like we're at a Resort Home. Really not too bad at all.
March 28

1943. Handover Utah to Pocatello Idaho - 5 hrs. another gasoline hop.

Listened to Radio Company

1944. He played ball & took it easy like, waiting for orders to pick up & took a boat for home.
March 29

1943, St. George, Utah.
0900-1100-1300-4 hrs.
Another Check. These 
Hoosier are rather boring.

If we don't catch 
that book for home pretty 
soon, we'll never make 
it for Easter.
MARCH 30

1943. Handover Utah to Ogden Utah - 55 minutes. Returned same day 55 minutes.
19 Hill Field has "girls-of-lore" working there. The "weather merchants" ran the joint.

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

19 Looks like the Air Force - Hurry-up & wait?!
1943. Hendo over Utah to Hill Field, Ogden Utah for a tire change.
Stayed overnight before returning to Hendo over next day.
Stayed for a few all-toll. Sure a treat to see Denver Colo.
+ Lowery Field again.

Still at Charlie England and don't think we can be home for Easter much. Just tight luck!
1943. Denver, Colorado to Kenesaw, Utah - 4,500 miles. Another beautiful flying day. 18,000 feet.

1944. Sweating out the bus to go home. Just like preparing to go on a Mission. It's hard to write with no table of any kind. I usually sit on my bunk and try to write. I hate to sneak and watch only when I try to make any entries!
APRIL 2

1943, Wendover Utah to Piochtauli, Nevada - 2hrs 50

13-B-17% in formation. O-39% simulated attack.

1944, Some boys left today. We hope to leave tomorrow.

Wish I knew we didn’t have too much food in English or something, cause were still hanging around.
APRIL 4


1943. Henderson, Utah to
Nevada City by train.
Really at change after
flying so much.

1944. Hoo-Ray! The long
tomorrow for the U. S. A.
Emil H. said!!! "Home-
Sweet Home" after all of our
narrow escapes. It is very
hard to believe we are going home
through God many times for
this day in my life. One has to
wonder! Why we?!! "Going Home"
what a wonderful feeling.

19
APRIL 6

1943. Enroute to Seven City. Beautiful 5-hay in Denver. "Golden Gate Hill". Ship's with old acquaintances.

1944. Leaving Charley at 2:15 for point of embarkation. Where'll I decide. Sh. looks like Easter on the boat.
1943. Still going to City No flying coming to town for the time being. 19
New #61 goes to the Ratsheller.

19 Louielette, Majewski & Joe goes Roller Skating. 19th dear
the girls are sixteen years older if younger. Last time there
19 still at Liverpool waiting to leave for home.

She the food never good. Wow! "?
First white bread the day. Jack
about one year come but had
any white bread!

One incident one will never
19 forget because the good food
Stills at what it should been
smiling!?
1943. Still Seiit City.

1944. The tugs are alongside.

1945. It's still hard to believe that

1946. What many prayers have been answered,

along with the prayers of others.

1947. We're hungry, & will take

1948. We're looking for safe

1949. We miss "Emily" & "Pete", see her every night there - after. We'll send you

1950. Home to come home too.
AUGUST 10

1944: Still since City & family sickening both me & you - nice.

19: I take her home or better yet she takes "me" to her fine home.

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

19: In the North Atlantic & is it rough. Pretty soon I'll find out if I get overseas or back.
1943. Still flying GIs. Them agit & Family. She get more & nicer. Very!!

1944. Still rolling & after of Bazaar & such. Of Me no. The wrong dinner of gh! Ugh! Could be the? Huh!!
APRIL 12

1943. Scary city & the folks' come & give me a big, huge family too. My whole complaint to her.

1944. I still rollin' & rockin' & I do mean fast that, just like a steam roller. For something. Not sick yet.
AUG 13
1943. Spent a fine few with the folks in Kansas City. Mother & dad both look grand & then some.

1944. No hate storms, we lost a big life raft lash note & clothes fell out of my bunk more than once.

1945. It's hard to try to sleep or hang on to the bunk at the same time. Hard to write too! The long, long month of May. North Atlantic storms...
AUGUST 14

1943. Leaving City with family to be doing today. The
Mom is real sweet but her sis Mary is a bit weird.

1944. Still packing about.
Six days on the Ocean after the past 48 hours. Don't
think I'll get seasick.
APRIL 15 # 23-0026

1943. Leaving City: We try out new ship - prep barrel now firm after by 4 is gathered again.

19. Send from family. I'll take in a movie. We meet the rest of crew. "61 there + "Shinking" gets a fineraging.

1944. Rush 90 miles from the Shores, we tried to go around the storm, but too go. It's letting up for the moment. Submarine alert when a torpedo went between us + the tanker behind us. 122 large seaplanes are protecting us.

19. While the ships around refuel after the storm.
APRIL 16

43. Leaving City of Rathkeller Bar, Ayer Engineer meets his future wife—yep, it's a Jones!!

19. Also to see Emily—Gerber is going steady with his future wife, Majewski & I, still Bachelors.

44. A beautiful day, still rolling w/ sunshine. I take off my shirt & enjoy the sun. No hats, life, fun! !

19. It took us all day to refuel all of the convoy. Quite a sight to see!! 37 Ships!!

The Edmund R. Alexander was our troop-ship!
APRIL 17

1943. Still Siouc City +
Schemming + Emily Lake
doing away -- still
their had hats "choice Liquids"
She shows me the family
Album & the snaps are
t really swell. Especially
the songs of Emily Liebaire
1944. Rather milk sailing, but
its becoming tiresome. Notting
windy again, so it should
get rougher again.
Seems S. City supposed to fly on the 7th & 11th. 
Tells us stil in S. City. 
He both hate to park.

4-4. Talking again to all the 
well. That States went too 
for off now?
APRIL 20


1944. Fresh sailing along. Enjoyed some more jazz today. No mention of any German submarines in this part of the convoy to New York.
1943. Seattle City folks left for home - we leave for Wark Coach. Due to Nonoahahk Nevada, guess-up 1945 hrs later Aleana City. We flew over Salt Lake City of Ffendover - 36 13-17 is Kini as spread formation.

1944. Ur Iskis like we will dock tomorrow, pick off the Statue of Liberty. Flash Man! "Home" it is very hard to beleive!!
April 22


1944. Worked at Station Ice, N.Y. Headed for Carl Hamilton. They say we can take in the Big town locate.

19. Hard to realize we made it by the Circle of God!
1948. Still Salinas, Calif. 
Roffing & Broomfield 
Kellogg's from Superior 
Whalen's surprise for us.

1949. New York City is quite the 
place. We had quite the 
tour. Cook in the Cafe Rouge
and Grey at The Pearl.
1945 - Salinas Calif. 1945 -
1500. In formation the Frisco
picked up 100 or more planes
of flour in Frisco vicinity.

1946. On my way to Chicago
& Fort D. The idea I had a
furlough at home. Wrong?
Called Lorne in Office.
April 25

1943. Easter Sunday. From Salinas, Calif., to office in City - 0645 West Coast time to 1800 Central time, 12 hrs.

19 Fly for two hrs., while Witch goes back to the Radio room to eat & take mail from. Really ok.

19 The closer we come on PGA, the home radio gets more familiar sounds to fade away.
1943. Saint City, Emily. Just like coming back home. Ohh - so fell so full. She said she missed me.

1944. I see Ernie and Lena for a short visit. I'm so glad to find Martha & H. O. M.E. Again the wonder is: "Why me?"

19
APRIL 27

19. Leaving City & still in family. I enjoy each other company. Their folks are tops. Their Mom fried eggs for us.

19. The story might be done which neglected from fire on Absh of History. Stress had come to an end. Thanks God.
April 28

Seagull City - Still arguing. Emily and Millie and Bertha are talking about marriage. Looks like it for the fall.
1945. Still living City & rumor gay we are to leave too damn soon. Phoney. — From Crew #61.
APRIL 30

1943. Shreve City - 0130.
0830 - Firing A.B.C.B.
Check at 25000 ft. We
leave a trail thru the clouds.
The battle of Sioux City rapidly draws to a close. I should have chosen again. I've fallen for Emily, Bob! Sometimes Emily just doesn't know how to take one of those quite-cute. She's still 'tappin' your fiddle.
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 nine checkpointers.
1943. Frank sends off some cards, to enjoy it. Cat Allen writes to me. The old memory at this time? John Allen has the flute all to himself?!
MAY 2

1943. The Second City Bills figure Serrow & Miller Place "Emily" as usual. Party at Mrs. Smith's Hotel for 34th at the peak of the 384th Group. Emily goes in formal attire. What a beautiful piece of femininity! Lovers that last like this can never be. They are lovely. (Period). Serrow & Miller get hitched. "Emily" says wife "should wait!"

19
MAY 3

19 11:45 Restricted at the Base in preparation to leaving Lowell City.
19 "Jt" after to leave 11.
19 Take off at 0130 for Kearney, Nebraska. I lost a half.
19 Ship is heavily loaded.
1941. At Kearney, Nebraska.
+ Being processed.
+ Redshirts as usual!!!
+ Smell Bill Meyers from home in the mess hall here in Kearney, Nebraska.
+ Another surprise for both of us!! We went to Cathedral.
MAY 5

19. Kearney, Nebraska.
Still restricted.
Possible furloughs.
MAY 6

1943, Kearney, Nebraska. 4th. 4th. a 6 day furlough. "Jack, May, I won't be long now."
May 7

Left Kearney for home. Packed all the way. Traffic was terrific. We stood up to Omaha.
MAY 8

19

Sugar in Wine, 1500

Through and hence I

Home and did I

surprise the folks. Wow!
MAY 9

Still on furlough at home. It's not quite the same. Johnny. A year is too!

John's letter from "Home" was always appreciated. It's a thrill to gather in Bellings-Park! Which of Championship Hall we grew up?

Wonderful memories!
May 10

1943 Still home Maj. 

Hilly Nelson come for 

Milfs. It's sure nice 

of her. Have very pleasant job 

in the Navy yard. I found the 

place to wander and watch the 

boats in the bath of sea.
MAY 11

MAY 12

19 Kearney, Nebraska. Phone call from Pauline to have girl up 8:30 to 11:00 to 2 o'clock.

19 Kearney to Omaha and the Glenn L. Martin 13-26 plant. We also flew over Father Imagine "Boy's Town" looking a sight to see.

19 The Boys are all out waving at us as we fly over lawn and Burgess them!
1943 Hearing talked to see if we can get someone to make E.I. clothes for flying. Rather nicer stuff so we sleep all afternoon.
1943. Still Kearney Nebraska, we have an officers briefing for the flight over to the 1st AAF in the Air Transport Command. We were given some fine dope on future missions. We have almost 300 miles ahead of us! There are no passes or leaves for us now, as we have too much information on where we were going!
MAY 15

19 Still learning & we are all set to go there & you. Everyone is restless & we're still fying around.

19 Another lecture this pm & everything looks like one big adventure. The Officers just came back from England.
MAY 16

1943. Still at Kearney, Neb. Sat up at 10:00 A.M. Just taking life easy - took in a Moible - whatta life!!!

1943. Got a swell letter from Emily today. She says, I need not worry, as she'll be there when I come back. From:

1943. Paid $75.00 flying pay. Everybody's in it. Other game. I'll should last till the race small fires!!!
MAY 17

1943. Kearney, Nebraska. Weather has cleared, six
19 of July ship is not finished. Everything all right!!

19 I sure hope we leave
this place soon!! The
food is terrible. We lived
on P.K. Sandwiches for 3 days.
MAY 18

Still Kearney Nebraska just waiting favorable weather for our take off to Selfridge Field Michigan or Benaerwille.

I called Betty Mahan and told her we would be rear Miller at 11 a.m. the following day. Noatta surprise when a manager said told me to "get lost".

I experienced that feeling that I had lost a very "Dear Friend". I guess all is fair in "Love & War"?? No more "hometown sweetheart, from the 19 looks of a Big City Romantic Affair at that time of day??"
May 19

1943, Kenney Navy to Bangor, Me.
9:20 to 10:00 - Eastern time.
8 hrs. Cross Miles to Saginaw, Mich.,
to St. Lawrence River, to Montreal, Quebec,
then to Bangor, Maine. One ship
scratched up when her bottom
wouldn't hold. Quite bad. No one
heard of the ship a complete wreck.
MAY 20

1943 Still at Bangor, Maine.
Ship being serviced, so we
had a day in camp. Attended
a radio show & dance.

19 They're about 200
W.A.C.'s here & from what
she seen & heard these girls
do work & hard too.
MAY 21

1943 Left Banff at 15:25
landed at St. John's, New
foundland at 2030 -5 hrs.
Very desolate country.

19 That is, the last we'll
see of "The States" for a while.

19 About 800 miles from Banff
4 1250 from New York City.

19 Seeing the States one feels like
the sea level again after being
back in the mountains.
May 22


The Canadians here are little distant toward us. They drive on the left side of the street here—quite cute!
MAY 23

19 To: Looks like we'll leave Squadron Lake this pm for England - a flight of 12 hrs. This is really the strictest!!

19 The native people here look very English-like and they take their teeth & hair. Tuberculosis is quite prominent.
May 24

1943 We took a 20 mile per hour tail wind, so we're still at Tenter Lake Newfoundland.

Juanda and D.A. game the all over.

19 The food at Banger's was good at this place it is tops— we had chicken lunch Sunday. Oh! nice?
The weather looks good this A.M. we're likely to leave around 8 in the forenoon. I take my turn to stand the ship's watch.

We have a sleeping-bag & it's put in the tail of the ship. As I stand watch there is quite cozy."

Saw Unicaa, Twakaller & Anthony. Later crossed the river to get all the mail. They were nothing for times.
May 26

1943. Still here at Sandusky. I took in the K. C. C. is swimming pool last. I'm havin' a fine time.

19. The weather is still unfavorable, so we still wait!! They say none of our mail service here till we do 20th July??
MAY 27

1943. Leaving Landver Lake. So all good and well we will be back Sherbrooke, in the New Hebrides Islands in 11 hrs. From there to Greencastle Scotland where were to land. This weather made too favorable - gotta use Oxygen.
MAY 28

1943. From Sagier Lake Newfoundland to Preswick Scotland - 111 hrs & 45 minutes. 6 hrs of Oxygen - otherwise very tiresome flight.

19 We flew over Ireland & then into Scotland - It's very beautiful here. We're quartered here on some Estate - Flowers, birds - Very Springlike. December thought we would even fly across an ocean!

19
1943. From Prestwick or rather Prestwick Scotland. I have 2 to 3 bags just outside of Northampton England. Unloaded and shipped with long shirt off as it was very warm. Boxed are flying to Germany torite 4 Concerned in for & blasting & then some!!
MAY 30

1943. Clear field in Grafton-Underwood & we left it today for a 10 day Summary school located on "The-Wold" wherever that is. All of the instructors have been in Guadalcanal, from what they say we have a good chance to get back. We'll see!
MAY 31
1943. At School & it's the same old stuff! I hear we are 12 miles from where Clark Field is. Hub? The Bombers are off to Germany again this p.m. They are the site-to-be. We hear no news here at all. Every thing seems so backward. Wow!!
1945.

MEMORANDA

The people think we fine, but the different coins & papers money sure has me confused for the time being.

Automobiles are very few & the majority travels by "bike". They each like the devil -10 ft. about 40.30 American Money.

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

Rumors fly fast & furious in this jungle so in the near future I hope to enter some safe experiences.

We should be out on a "raid" ourselves in a week or so - so Crew 61 wait for our next day over Germany!!!
1943 The School is right across from Norway — as I hear. One of the fellas got shot in the hand last one, & they don't know where it came from. Planes flew over today, they were so high, that they left a long trail of (unreadable word).
June 2

1943. Four more days of softball school left & then back to our field for the "real stuff." I had afternoon tea today.
1943. Rain & more rain—
We live in Tents here, so
you can imagine the fowl
strife we are having. Phoney
JUNE 4

June 5

1943 Set the highest degree in sheet today. (Lucky). Beautiful day just like summer in the good old U. S. A. Ohh! me?
JUNE 6

19 Cruw & I went to Kings

Lind today & what a Grand

place it is? Scents

place where two Bombs fell.

19
1943 Majewski & I take a tram-ride in a plum-orchard. We watch Spitfires & Hurricanes "dog-fight". Him?
JUNE 8

1943 Took in another town & whatta place!! We had fun, when we found a piano player—yes & sir.
JUNE 11

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

One of the planes in our squadron crashed today & killed all the Boys. "B. Claire" the Radio man come from Wise.

An accident that "sucked" because it was not from combat.
Norwich, England.
1943. Last night Jerry cut loose first twenty-five miles from us here — we could hear the explosions & A.A. fire.
JUNE 13

1943. Everyone talks about "coming back", from all indications, some of us won't!! I received today your Mass very important.

Being Catholic, one in "farm way" will be administered the Last Rights of the Catholic Church.
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?"
JUNE 15

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

1951. Mail today! the first since I arrived via England. My morale is up 100%. "Emily" in mail & "Mom" - oh!SELL.

1951. No mail from "Betty Nelson," I guess the spine that told me to "fish-lash" while nursing from See City has lost attention? The stuff of a Big-City Romantic "Life Style"
1943. Another day at School 
I think it looks like we'll never 
leave this here place. 
Really the Terhies!!!
JUNE 17

1943 Back at Grafton Underwood 1st we're scheduled for a morning hop. It feels just like common home. What a home?
JUNE 18

1943. New today 0930-1100.
1st half. At Perre felt fine after the lay-off. Sactie formation-Perre.

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JUNE 19

2 hrs.
1943. Fancy again -24,000
30 below zero. She flew over
London. It should be the
real thing any day now?
Father's Day.

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

1943. Upstairs again, 35,000 bug flies with this other

SGRAGT. 1000 to 1400. .4 hrs.

It really gets cold up there.
1943. Up at 2:30 A.M. for our first mission, but some thing went haywire. We expect her for sure tomorrow.

Before that mission we received Communion in the Last Rights of the Catholic Church.
Mission 3 Air No. 4

June 22

1945. The battle at Antwerp, Belgium. The General Motors plant was there. We had a 30-minute running battle with Me 109s. I took Wulfs. I saw one ship (B-17) burn and disintegrate in the air, while another crashed from 24,000 ft.

I fired about 100 rounds at all my shots were too far away. It's really rough out there!!

We had no combat briefing. Learning the hard way? We only get crasher for a combat mission when they're low.

We flew in aircraft: 026 B-17-F (No-Nose-Ghost Tiger). The 546th Squadron was the nose. I believe in that Air Division!!
1943. We went as far as the French Coast if we were called back. I could see Le Harve France. The target was Berny. We ran into flak airfield. It I would have been some battle that's for sure!!!

Our ship had holes in the Bombay, flak hitting us. We had to fight another day. We held fighters and gun.
JUNE 24

1943 Bad weather. Yesterday we flew all around London + that sure is someplace.

Early in the morn.

Dick, the waist gunner who was hit above the hip with a .30 cal. steel slug, is doing fine & will live.
1943 Up 'at 1 A.M.: - "Hamburg" was the target. Our cockpit filled with smoke & we turned back home.

With 10 five-hundred-pound Boden bombs aboard - Himmel - We were 50 miles out in the North Sea.

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

Our Wernher-venko-motor short-circuited, hence the fire & smoke.
JUNE 26

1943 - 10:30 A.M. Flying over, more or less if we come back. I'm back or very thankful! Crew #62 and three other ships never returned.

I seen two more burn to a few of the "Papi" parachuted. I have very sketchy Barraca tonight. This "Pakis" raid will not be forgotten for a long, long time. I don't think that 25 flights are at all possible! We need fighter protection. Bombing Group. Can men survive by themselves? Time will tell.

If you get harder & harder to get into our airplane for the next missions from what we need? Read the last sight of C. Chirbak.
JUNE 27

19 I went to Naples again. I hope I can make Naples again next Thursday?

Yesterday's target was Millacalabry just outside of París. We could see "París" from La Laff Allee, the Eiffel Tower & the Champ de Mars.
June 28

1943. We’re off again—some of us won’t be back. The sure plastered “Baw-molk Roger” we never fired at. It shot up the “Spitfires.” 100 strong took the home in fire. They sure were nice to see. They have a critical mass problem. Can’t fly too far into Greece, as usual.!
JUNE 29

We have a rest & it sure felt good, stuck in a movie & done some cycling in Kettering.

Any change of pace is a welcome change & that's for sure. Too much stress!
JUNE 30


19 Quite impressive from a historical point of view.
Places we visited in London:
- Lord Nelson Statue
- St. Paul's Cathedral
- London Bridge
- Tower of London
- House of Lords & Commons
- Buckingham Palace
- English Mink
- Admiralty House
- Bishopsgate Street
- St. Paul's Street
- Piccadilly Circus
- The Lord Mayor's House
- Westminster Abbey
- the Cathedral
- "Big Ben"
- Thames Embankment & all of Bombad London:
- Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum
MEMORANDA

We expect to hear any news today now from some of the boys who had to "bail-out" in France. Villocoulbey, just outside of Paris is where we were jumped by about 30 Tews. 190's + one 105's. Our altitude was 28,000 feet and it was near 30 below zero. That sure does get cold with the wind blowing down when. Our heated suits were fine, but my fingers got cold quick. I figured Beaumont would be tough, but with fighter cover, it's a no-no.
JULY 1

19 Took our rest period in London & this is just what we needed. I took in another movie.

19 Madame Tussauds was very interesting. A very interesting place!
JULY 2

1943. We were briefed for a mission but it was called off while we were taking off on the perimeter. The weather is another hazard while flying over here! Midair collisions are too common from what I have seen and heard! It is very hard on moral.
1943. Paid in “pounds” for the first time & got £36. About $145.00 in American money. Oh! London - Hm.
JULY 4

The best firework but then some. Another France is what we hit with 100 Bammers - we really panted that place good of proper. One 17 exploded in mid-air in our 45-minute battle. I had two - fair shots! ??

No credit unless the lighter explo was one feet from chalk on the ground... ?? Just damaged.
JULY 5

19 A few with any replace
mech crews & they almost
"got-us" with a Collision
in Mid-air.

19 From the way it looked to
finish 25 missions is first
impossible!!! We need to
have fighter escarp reel soon
to have any chance to survive.
JULY 6

1943. No flying, so "we" got to London, which is only 175 miles from our place here at Ettlingen.
1943. Another day of rest as the new replacements are getting in practice. We lost your friends at Villacambloy.

19 It's hard to leave 'Credos' one has flown with to the front in time!!! Empty bunk in the Barracks is hard to take?
1943 Another day of rest &
Crew #61 takes off again
for London. I'll need a
fine place to relax.
1943 School of French escape procedures from France & Germany. Paid May's flying pay 29-07-2 - 37.00.
1943. We hit Abbeyville and the Field of Tarlings (Yellow Noise).

19 The escorted and there was only warmed up our guns. "Flak" was

fairly accurate of all our ships returned. This is the third time I never saw at least

one ship go down!?
1943 Poor weather so we got to school & catch up on our sleep. Just 25 more Mission of work there so they say!!!
1943. Poor weather, so I go to town & get my cycle - "bad" - I ride myself to death now, instead of walking.
1943. "Villa Coublay" again, just outside of Paris. It looked good & the "flak" was terrific - 13 holes in our ship.

19. Draw the "Eiffel Tower" & Paris in general. A few boys were hurt - "Crew 61" is still full of fight!!? Our luck still favors us & we sure need all the luck we can get!!?
JULY 14

1943 Jeanne "Flying pie." $52.24

The rest against his let looks like there is a "Big Deal" in the near future.
JULY 15

19 Free day again, as I get ready to go fishing in the "Man of Kittery". I have had my special today - 6 mi.
JULY 16

19 London bound - there need be no more to say. One certainly can have a fine time there!!! So many things to see, that one has read about in School?
JULY 17

19 A few practice formation with subs new crews. They fly very well! Time will tell: ?? This is also of difference, when we get shot at by German fighters & flak!
JULY 18

1943. Sleep together all night. Slept till eleven o'clock + take life easy!!! Ah! me??
JULY 19

1943. Saw a U.S.O. Show & that's about all - the weather still keeps us here on the ground.
1943. I checked our guns today & just loafed the rest of the trip. Very good flying weather - call.

All of us boys are marin-to-go somemore.

I guess we are all rested & eager - funny but its true.

I guess shld 2 get in over both - one way or the other!!!
JULY 21

1943. The weather is clear here, so we are liable to get out on a mission in the morning. Yes fire.
1943. Still taking Life Hay.
No mail for three days. Now how do I look for mail from home?

All of the Day's are restless. One can hardly believe it after the past six trips out.

Is something one has to experience or to feel this way one feels at this moment there?
JULY 23

1943 I've really covered all of England after today's flight—a boring little tour of stuff that's for sure!!!

19. These kinds of flights are hard for the pilot in any case, our lack of excitement is sure getting me down.
1943, I took in Kettering with my trusty-bike. It was a beautiful spring day. Everything looked like a "big-show" in the morning.

16 - 200 lb incendiary on board. Germany here we come.
MOTION #7

JULY 25

1943. Hamburg, Germany. It really looked bad as we were "tail-end-Charlie" 100 fighters all the way to the target & 70 miles to sea. I see 3, B-17's go down - 2 into the sea. M. M. Jaremski gets two today.

I got in #2 and bailed out but I couldn't follow him down, as we were too low. 1,000 mi. round trip.

I will sleep good here tonight?? All hopeful and

1 ME #109 damaged.
July 25, 1943
Hamburg, Germany.

Seventh Mission
3 - B17's go down
2 - into the sea
"Ralph Lovejoy" went
down today
1943. We were after Hamburg again, but something went wrong?? 80 miles from our target - 3 holes yesterday!!

Our Group lost seven ships over Hamburg. Flooding was terrific & I feel I much better than "taking life easy."

19 All the Boys feel the very same. Some were hit, knocking off the left stabilizer. It actually looked going down like in a movie. Only more realistic.
1943. Recked up some more 500 pounders she aboard. I think they have early for "tomorrow's show". The weather is perfect — so nobody's going to get a kick in their butts this is for sure. All A-board!
Mission #8.

JULY 28

1943. We took a beating today, going for Kraase tonight. And if our bomb crews got it today. Were off again.

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

19 But for the Grace of God Miller or I could have been killed!! Just too close to talk about. We'll mab smoke 25 from what we went thru today?!

19 It does not get any easier, when we get into our airplane before take-off time?!
JULY 29

1943. They gave me a pass & told me to find a spot for a swim, 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?!
Mission #9

JULY 30

1945. We plundered Kassel, Germany today — all of our ships returned; I saw 2 17s on fire, one exploded.
19 A bomb dropped on a piece of flesh. It first missed my left side. My luck still holds with you, one does pray while you "up-there."
JULY 31

1943. Off the pace & I am off to London for a tour of recreation & etc. !!!

19 Reed & five of his crew are doing fine. Poor gents on two-rides & they got shot up bad both times. Poor "lucky still holds out" !!! We can't help wondering if it will be our turn next. !!
He made 6 Missions in July, from what he
said "up-there", again I
have to say, that it
seems impossible to con-
tribute twenty-five missions
Crew #6, did one of the
three "Old Crewes" left.

The raid on Hamburg
of the roughest one yet.
The fired 9,000 rounds so
caused have used more.
25 Tocco-Wulfe's + Me 109's
were downed. It looked
like a Battle scene in
the movies, only a lot
more real! I quizzed wonder
what experiences are in
store for us during
Christmas 1944.
1943, I layed in the park all day & just forgot that there was a war on.

"Home is so far away! I don't think I'll ever see home again!! Memories are so important & precious at this critical point in time for the whole crew!! You'll have tears in my eyes!!"
1943. They gave me the Air-Medal. Today for first trip over enemy-held territory. "Time Marches On." Six men from one crew shot down at Villacoublay have returned. Somewhere are on the way out.
1943. I write this before a raid. 16 three hundred pounders aboard, so some one will catch hell??

The Raid was called off for some particular reason, I believe it was the weather over Germany.
AUGUST 4

1943. No raid scheduled.

So we are off to cycle around England — surely it's fine exercise!!?
1943. It's a beautiful raining day out, so we write letters to listen to our "priceless radios." 19. Arts Saluting God, How How Scotch lead the all right Bull! They can then - they play Gandy's music. Haboob! Calling! 19.
AUGUST 6

1943, just taking life each again as the mudther won't let me "upstairs." Poor Reed he will be in the hospital for nine months with his compound fracture of the leg. A 30 M. S. hik him.
AUGUST 7

19 Classes today & lecture from Boys, 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 their first Raid.
1943. Went to Mass & Communion this Sunday. The weather still keeps us here on the ground.

Some one wants the praying real hard, for one to be buried at this parish in time.
AUGUST 9

1943. We flew practice again. It felt fine after the rough weather. Is it clearing? Won't be long now.
AUGUST 10

1945. We were briefed for a "Judy" today, this one, when it does come off, it will make aerial history.

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

19 I'm not supposed to keep a diary, so I have to watch & write carefully! It is kinda hard to write in a D backpack!
AUGUST 11

1943. The guns are aboard so it's "up and at 'em" bright and early tomorrow morning the she loaded with "fire-locks." From the German broadcasts that we hear, they call these "incendiary" shells. And a lot of other things.
August 12, 1943. "Battlewagon" is lagged up with half a galore of two hit's pierced armor main wing apron on the right wing.

One flash started to the whole made off a 174 she went down. "Lucky" Crew #67.

I don't believe we can be this lucky in the future. The stress is hard to deal with at this point in time!
1943. Today we take it easy.

He hit Felsen-Kirsch yesterday at the beach. 


The temperature hit 50° zero up there at 30,000 ft. Our vapor trails were sure at sight to see! It is very hard to describe the intense cold at this altitude. It just does not get any easier from day to day! Will it hold well that long for today?
AUGUST 14

1943 Five of the boys who were shot down at Villa-criblay are back & in very fine shape.
Mission # 11
AUGUST 15

1943 He took Poix, France of another Air-field at Amiens — and nice flag stole in our Horizontal tail wing.

19 Just before Majewski's head. We are a lot lovely.
AUGUST 16

1943: He flew out for a new ship today. 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

1945 The crew out for a new ship today. It looks like a show. Again in the morning. All board.

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.
AUGUST 17

1945, Schweinfurt, Germany.

100 or more odd "foots". They were going down all over the place, Nazi fighters.

Midden got hit pretty bad in the back, while I took a icretation in the arm. A 20 m. m. came thru the radio room.

For a moment I thought I lost my left arm. It felt like I coute hit with a golf club.

It turned me half sideways.
Mile # 12

Sthricher Fort Germany
60.37 60.09

Miller & I gathered & quality for the purple heath.
AUGUST 18

1943. Miller is doing fine, one of his lungs shot picked - we feel a take it easy. We keep him alive.

19 Faith Flygans. 1943. When Miller went down. The command took over his gun and magazines. He never got back to his gun position.

19 Bombers formations came back and the formations fighters to examine our the bomb. Limited force proved we were dead. Our fight is approaching end.
AUGUST 19

1948, the last fire ships at Schweinfurt. He are the only Model Crew left!! And luck is getting thinner & thinner! 1948.

The stress is hard to take especially with more to fly!
AUGUST 20

1945. He finally got a 48 to patch as 11 Crew 61 takes off for London & vacinity.

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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 Much of them I'll bet never be forgotten — never!!?
AUGUST 22

1943: Battlewagon is back in commission. Miller is doing fine & everyone feels fine too.
AUGUST 23

1943. He flew last night & it looks like night flights in the future. It looks like a mission in the morning.

Too many ships lost due to enemy fighter air attack on the deep run against the body of Germany. 8th.

Bomber Command we heard to convince?!
AUGUST 24

1943. A seven hour diversion run for the boy’s today + we went to the hospital to see Miller + he’s okay.
AUGUST 25

1943. Millers thru flying with two pieces in lint. He's to be shipped back to the States soon. All Board!!
1943. I write this before a "Raids." the R.A. Co. have been put all might. Rained out but we'll be back after in soon.
AUGUST 27

1943 Everyone is happy, as we are off for a seven-day rest up at Southport, England. Everyone is feeling too much pressure at this time?! Rest Home or Rest and Relax?! Requested by Flight Surgeon Capt. H. H. Stroud, 5th Station 106 UK, Kettering, England. "Combat Fatigue" symptoms per Doc. Stroud, also Flight Surgeon. Out of 30 Original Crew that left the States, only three of us are left at this point in time?!
1943. He take life easy &
that is for sure. Everyone
comes & goes as the Sears
1943. It's rained everyday so far, as we are sure to get 4 2. It's the Old Palace Hotel here & this small.

South Park England another one that is!!!?? Much compared to Atlantic City in the U.S.A.

Golf tournaments play here when scheduled.
AUGUST 30

1943 I played 9 holes of golf today & it sure felt fine. We couldn't finish the other 9 - Not enough Ball.
1943. Still taking life easy of the news of dear Raid at Schweinfurt comes from home. That must have been news! They seem to keep the news from us for Moral reasons?

19. Ores are shipped 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.
Three times out in Aug. they were all: "Deep in the Heart of Germany." Sorry. Just two to Germany and one to France. Schweinfurt seems to be the toughest deal yet. Fighters & Flak was really good. Too close! Our chaffs came 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 Schweinfurt & Regensburg. 10 of our aircraft failed to return! Only 10 to each plane? Really hard to take here in the barracks? Many friends gone!
1945. I go for a horseback ride in the A.M. & for a swim in the P.M. Ohh! my poor family tomorrow.
1943. Rain again, so we slept justfaboul all the day. Back to work in the morning.
1943. Back at the Base with 500 ch'ere aboard, it looks like #Crew 61 is on the prowl again in the morn.
1943. We were grounded, as the weather was very bad. So I got a pass to take a cycle ride to town.
1943 Sighted an "Oak Leaf Cluster" yesterday for ten raids over enemy territory. We flew tomorrow, weather permitting.

It's very hard to anticipate what is going to happen?

Nothing happened the day one expects it to!! Every time we go on a raid, something happens that is out of the way, from what one expects?! Very unpredictable.!!
1943. We were to bomb Stuttgart, Germany & we would have if the weather was clearer. We threw out guns & ammunition & just made it back to the first field here in England. Almost of the boys never made it back (out of gas) 36 lakh.

General Dravie flew over the target & threw the heavy flak four times. Ma cherally we all were nearly out of gas.

19 We had to keep on this kind of an individual whether we liked it or not? No common sense! A regular military blogger? Censored by Censorship.
1943. 12 five hundred pounders for tomorrows attack. I had to "abort," as No. 3 Engine just wouldn’t run.

19. It was a perfect day, 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 Run!"
1948. At Stuttgart, I flew right over the home of my grandparents, Liegeberg & Saarbrücken. The Alps were on our right. We were 40 miles from Switzerland. They sure are a site to see. Beautiful.
Mission #14  "Desert Air Artois"

SEPTEMBER 9

1943.  He hit another airfield inside France & it was "The Proverbial Milk-Run."  All of our ships returned -
the attack by fighters.

The Invasion Plan here is not too far away. Two raids scheduled, one completed.
SEPTEMBER 10

1943. We were briefed for another "long-haul" today and were still on call to take off any time. Bad weather has kept us from getting away. 10,500 pounders are aboard and it's a 1,600 hundred mile round trip. All hands.

19. Oxygen masks will be worn about 6 hours today at least. Is it not very pleasant too far?
SEPTMBER 11

1943. They're loading Bomb
Baij tanks, so that Mission
will come off in the very
near future. I shot a sheet

19 today & got 19 out of 25.

19 I was lucky & broke the
rest of our crew. The first
sheet since we left the States.
SEPTEMBER 12

1943. Bad weather keeps us grounded, all the bomb crews on board, so she won't be long now?
SEPTMBER 13

1943. A beautiful day here & the trip was cancelled. I take myself a Sunbath & Sleep. Ruff it ab?

1945 Honorable Separation
Discharged abt Camp -
& Capt. White. Hit ship
home to Superior Ulitz.

Total Service U.S. A.A.F.
4 Years = 3 Months + 4 Days
Claim No = A - 53044444
Record No = V-713-4718
SEPTEMBER 14

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

19 Tap, Brass, Etc.

19 - make sure they get in on the "Milk Run."

19 19 19
SEPTEMBER 15

1943. We were briefed for another Mission altogether this P.M. External Bomb Rack for the first time.
Mission #15

SEPTEMBER 16

1943. Nantes, France today we did a fine job. Huge explosion on the water front (40 fighters) - 2617 lock.

19. I got hit in a fine burst by the covering for the pilot off a Foochak-Waffe 1901. Stuff flew all over the floor. I did not see him hit the ground - so no credit.
1943. They briefed us for another "hot one". But it was cancelled at the last moment. 10 – 500 lbs.
September 18

1943. Just like yesterday, another "dress rehearsal." It would have been a pretty good show.
SEPTEMBER 19

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

Recommended for another promotion which near came.
1943 Poor weather as we have another dress rehearsal. This is getting rather monotonous.
SEPTEMBER 21

1943 He got in the Air at 4:30 A.M. flying lead in the whole Wisky, with our new Colonel as copilot. He hit the English Channel at dawn & we were ordered to return to base by Wing, pronto! Why did we never get told?!
SEPTEMBER 22

1943. No flying. Sick for the replacements. Had it ever got cold over here, Wow? Our first frost this A.M.
Mission #16

SEPTEMBER 23

1943. Nantes again in France. One of our ships lost, but the boys all parachuted then the ship exploded.

19. I flew the Ball Trench today, it was quite the place, especially with the "trench" all over the place!

19. No more flying in the Ball Trench - too confined.
September 24

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

Cancellations are hard to take-it's no fun for anyone. It's hard to explain one's feelings under such pressure!!
1943. Col. Lacy flew with us again today on a photo mission of our group practice bombing.
SEPTEMBER 26

19. She read a Mission play off the mesh one, the oldest crew, we have it pretty nice now.
19. We take our turn when it comes up & don’t volunteer for anything!?
September 27

One of the B-47s on today's London Raid hit the sea and we went out to look for them but failed to find them.

Air Sea Rescue work. We fly about 2000 feet over the North Sea. Half-slap in wheels being sitting ducks for German fighters! No credit for their misses.
September 28

19. We were all set to go out after a German ship. Battleships, but the weather kept us grounded.

19. Scharnhorst & the 7000 - ton Gneisenau (2p). They are Pocket-Battleships.
1943. Poor weather. I catch up on my correspondence. We'll be kept at them when the weather clears.
SEPTEMBER 30

Rain & more rain & it really does push that over there. It wasn’t place for weeks.
At Stuttgart there were too many clouds, we flew thru the flak, landed over the target. One 17 went down. I saw one of their casio 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 threwammunition + guns over board to lighten the ship. 16 017s had to ditch in the Channel. I caught both of my thumbs in the back board while preparing to ditch. (Ouch). One 17 hit the water close to shore & kept right on going down. didn't see anyone get off. Jack tough luck with no gas.
OCTOBER 1

1945. Our first 48 hr pass since we came back from the rest home up at Southport. London forces again.
October 2

1913. The boys went to London today and we've stayed home like good little boys. We're all happy tho.
1943 "Jerry is painting his Me 109 like Spitfires and his F.W. 190's like old P.47's. They're very hard to tell upstairs!"

"Our fighter escours have been alerted. Don't look a mess at the 384th or we'll fire!!"
OCTOBER 4

1943. Frankfurt in Germany a perfect Raid. Over 100, 176's didn't see a one go down. We were attacked by Me 109s.

19 Ch. W. 190's, Me 110's & 210's. They shot Rocket guns at us, they're something to see? They died from lack of Oxygen.

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1943. Another "Wing" caught hell yesterday. 15 F-60's lost, as says "The Stars & Stripes". He had it very easy! All returned.
1943. Poor weather, so we take life easy. Just 8 more missions & Chew 9/61 really will take it easy. After seeing so many ships go down one has to wonder if it is all 'turn wvh?'...
1943 Another 48 hr pass for Crew #61 in the morning, so we begin to have it pretty darn rough. London here we come.
1943 "Jerry" hit London last night. Very little damage. We sure hated to miss the show.
1943: "Jerry" gave us a shock while in London, but they disappointed me & just reached the outskirts.
OCTOBER 10

1943 Back at the Base + the Boys have been into Germany three times. Quite some battles as they say?
OCTOBER 11

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

The British would call it a "Bomber's Moon"!
OCTOBER 12

He were all ask for another "show" today, but the English fog kept us here on the ground.
OCTOBER 13

1943. He was out in the snow & they finally called us back. Poor visibility & it was hard to assemble.
OCTOBER 14

1943. Schweinfurt again. It was just like the last times. 17s & fighters falling everywhere. What a today!

19 The 20 mm. 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 our car didn't follow them down.

19 One only got credit, if they exploded when hit or gas seen them with the ground!!! 2 ME-109's damaged!
OCTOBER 15

1943 The Radio says we had to leave Shanghai, yesterday. I believe they were the ones back here to our Base. Some of the other seven had to parachute, when they ran out of gasoline over England. The York 7 ships all stall.

Letting down thru the smoke, we come out over the roof-tops of Leicester & flew the tree-tops back to our base. (Close again).
1943 The news of Schwienfurt still comes in & they say it is the biggest thing ever here yet. I believe it!
OCTOBER 17

1943. The pictures prove that we, "Schafendfeld," put the place out of commission for quite sometime to come.
OCTOBER 18

1943. I got another Oak Leaf Cluster today. I just hope that I can collect the next one & then the 13. G. C.

19. It's perfectly hard to look ahead & think of the future. We lack too many skilled crews up to this point in time! Also by poor judgement from the Borden's Command & HQ quarters.

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October 19

1943. The first practice bombing today and after that we flew over and "bugged" a P-38 field and we really did fresh that! Two B-17's flew formation over their Base - (P-38's field)
1943. We were "stood-down" to day & the Bojo's had a tuff time with the weather. All ships returned.
1943. He took off for Paris but the weather forced us back. Rain galore up at 10,000 feet.
OCTOBER 22

1945. School for me today. "Escape procedures." He will be back in the morn by the looks of the weather.
OCTOBER 23

1943 False Alarm! I seen another fellow from Superior.
Bill Braamote. He is in our delegation. He is full of questions
that are hard to answer.

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OCTOBER 24

19 The whole thing we operate with has been "stood-down", so they much have a good season.
1943. Glider Bombs must be the reason, as I heard them for the first time today. Little little devils.

Code name = Grape fruit. Any wind will blow them off target!
1943. These Fogs are terrific, one of the likeliest ones we've had of it's hard to see 5 ft & that's for very sure.
OCTOBER 27

1943. He saw a movie on "Wider-Bombe" today & they weren't taking the proverbial cake! It's hard to believe.

1943. I don't see how they can compensate for Winkler, Jr.
OCTOBER 28

1943. Another lovely fog, so we hear some staff lectures on Combat Tactics & enemy shipping facilities.
OCTOBER 29

1943. They still have us here fixed to fly lead. He have it pretty darn swell. Bellow than left us.
1943. Sonar was transferred to another crew, when a message came that a fast troop ship never had it located. 1943. Making it our new radio operator!
1943: Two raids for us this month & it looks like we will be here for quite awhile before we go three.
"Schweinfurt"& they can't come any tougher. One boy injured & his chute was afire, another got caught in the B-17's + went down with the ship. One Me 109 crashed into a 17 in mid-air. Two boys got out. One 17 exploded near our ship & three boys got clear. 10 mines + rockets were bursting all around me + we were hit four times. Mac got two fighters from the nose + W off in the tail got two more. Mike & I got hit's but were too busy to follow them down! Target picture showed one hit hit surface.
NOVEMBER 1

1943 Rain, Salute & we still haven't tried our new "Glider Bombs" - I'm anxious to see them in action.

1943 - I don't think they are practical, because there is no correction for "wind-drift" enroute to the target.

The bombs are released from 5 miles high & are supposed to glide to the target.
NOVEMBER 2

It looks like a "Big Show" tomorrow. The weather has cleared off. Bombs are A'board.
November 3

1943. Kielchenhaven, Germany. Sensed the greatest dog fight today that was just like a Movie Scene. P-38's + P-47's versus Me 109's + F.W. 190's. I had a wing side seat as we led the group for the fourth time.

No more rear-end flying for crew #61 - "War!"

Leadership and no promotion in rank!

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1943. Fresh, beautiful and foggy, more fog. So we catch up on our sleep. Looks possible for the U.S. M.
1943. The Boys went to Silverthorne & we are held back to fly back. So we spent Sunday & Monday.
November 6

1943. We flew practice All today & then we "Bugged" the P-38 field again & then landed there for a chat.

We "Bugged" them on the way & it was a "Class act" with 2-131's, flying fighter formation.

Our new radio operator asked: "Do you guys fly like this all the time?"
19 43. He flew practice "Eclipse Bombing" today out over the "Isle of Man" between Ireland & the British Isles. Phooey!
1943. "Grapefruit Practice again. That's what we call these new type Bombs."
1943. The same as yesterday
4: it won’t be too hot now,
before we shower them
with our "orange juice."

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1943. More “grapefruit” practice dives at thousand feet before they are released. Dive bombers now. 'My, My!'
1943. Raw weather, but the boys were out on schedule. I don't think it will last for another Armistice Day.
1943. "Grapefruit" hop again some time of these days were going to have the real thing.

One of our groups exploded yesterday. 9 boys failed to get clear. 2 other 17's collided and 15 boys were killed. Guff weather.

Too many aircraft trying to get into formation at one time. Assembly areas are too close together for this operation.
1943. Another practice run shut down poor weather forced us back. I listen to Statie done - Northwestern gone.
NOVEMBER 14

1943. Snowing outside for the first time, since I arrived here on the C. G. O. Oh! for sloppy outfit.
November 15

1943. The weather is fair we fly practice as usual. They please us pretty much to themselves.
1943 Our first 48 in quite something, so Makowski and I took off for London.
1943. London & our first
Bus around the town, we
send telegrams to our folks
back home.
1943. Jerry gave us a sound alert while we left London. It's quite a feeling to hear the Air Raid Sirens in full blast.

19. The 'Bofors' brought us to the nearest Air-raid shelter.
1943. Back to the Bear we find that all 48 hr. papers are cancelled til further notice. Phooey.
1943. There's a big Air offensive in the offering. It looks like we'll be in on the "Big Show."
November 21

1943 Poor weather + our Bob has more B-17’s than ever before. One thing is certain they can’t beat up there.
1943. The next mission makes 25+ "Nips" for Capt'n Kelly's Crew, who fly their B-17 over the D-Day area.
1943. The R.A.F. plastered Berlin, we were briefed but it was called off. (461 was stood down again.)
1943. The Berlin Raid will come off one of these days & we'll liable to be sh*t in the head. Rough!

Whatta guess!!?
1943, Tuesday Day in England. The R.A.F. then plastered Berlin real heavy 5,000 tons. Another Hamburg? One doubts?
1943. Berlin sure must be a good place to be from.
All of the histories and facts are sure rough.
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.

Hoodridge is the field & we were looking for R.A.F. Boys who ditched in the sea coming back from Berlin.
1943. That was a close squeeze for 61 yesterday as the fog caught us four in the North Sea. The 19 hit Woodbridge at tree-top height and after two passes, the field we finally made it. One of our Jaggs crashed, oh.
Breman in Germany the cold was intense, 58° below zero & everything was froze or frostbitten. One of the boys died on Bill Browne's Crew, two others with frost bites. Pretty sad, especially for their first Mission.
1945. He made it to the Coast + another R.A.F. field. He stayed two days and ship had to be inspected.

19 One engine afire & smoking badly! French very uneasy & didn't blow-up? Yes we do pray when we are a-fire!!?
Two to Germany this Mo. "Breman" was the toughest because of the intense cold. One day died + there were several cases of severe frost-bite. 27.300 ft. Our ship was hit four times + one of our gas tanks was punctured. He had to land at the first base we came to for repair. That was just outside of Harford. Ev'ry thing froze. Our nurse assisted. Ship + the snow attacks the boys could not see anything. Field guns were froze. Real bad. One gun on the Ball Gun. I + were also froze.
Our Bombe failed to release, they hit every release handle up front & even the pilots' stab release. No Bombe went away. So we broke into hone.
The right side oxygen system broke loose & Mike had to use my side till we hit 10,000 ft.
I had some fine shots at a Me 110, but they jigger was so many "Con" trails it was very hard to see the results. Rocket's 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. The rain off the hard surface runway & hit a fire-fighting marker & sent it flying. We scared everyone as we came in jagged over the tree-tops again. Scared everyone in the Mess-hall area!! Me too!! It was one of our ward-banding. I went up against my Gun Muzzle! 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. That's all.

1943. The R.A.F. left Berlin again & I'm afraid it won't be long before we take off for the same place.
DECEMBER 4

1943. We finally dropped our "grapefruits" and they really flew right on to the target. Wait to be sighted to see.
DECEMBER 5

19 #3 I saw the smoke and explosion from a ship that blew up in mid-air. It shook our ships. All bailed out.

19 Majewski was snoozing when the explosion knocked his centen off the wall. He got up in a hurry! Me too!
DECEMBER 6

1943 Capt'n Kelly's crew finished 25 T. Radio, the first day three in our Salem. Are they ever a happy bunch of boys?
DECEMBER 7

1942 War declared after the Indo-China Bomb Pearl Harbor. Myself, Philadelphia and everyone to see it in the fair.

1943 In the E.D. 0.4 it's a poor day for flying. The take lift leary.
DECEMBER 8

1943 After twenty raids they ask what we'd like to do?

King?irty undecided. Enemy aircraft looks good!

Battlefield Commission?
1943. Poor weather, so we take it easy. The Radio News has everything coming our way. Stone Marches On.
December 10

1943. The Boys' swimming practice today whilst we have a class in gymnastics and spend the rest of the day relaxing.
DECEMBER 11

1943. The Boys hit London today & it looks like we're all set for a "Big Show" in the morning - no board!
DECEMBER 12

1943. The "Big-Show" is still in the offing. To ships are all set for take-off. The R.A.F. is out to late.
DECEMBER 13

1945 The tago blasted Bremen & the Big Show looks like Berlin in the very near future.
DECEMBER 14

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The sun unexpectedly rose, so we took off for London and some relaxation. Poor weather again.
1943 In London & we take in Madame Tussaud's Wax-Museum. What a place & it is? Really good!

As much to see if you ever go to London??

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

Located puck off of the celebrated Picadilly Circus.
DECEMBER 17

December 18

1943. Crow is one happy guy it has the laugh on us. The leaves tomorrow for home. We have five more to go.
DECEMBER 19

1943. "Battlewagon" is coming back in commission tomorrow with a new wing section & gas tanks. Best hope in the morning.

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The factory trip here could make a figure out why the plane didn't explode. How lucky we are.

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DECEMBER 20

1943. The Boys plastered Bremen against the day. One of our ships failed to return. She lay home.

19. We fly when the Irish Air Division tells us to! We don't volunteer for any missions! No extra orders!
DECEMBER 21

DECEMBER 22

1943 The boys went to Aschabruck, Germany today. The crew in our barrack threw a "17" store control. 3 men parachuted as it dove down.

19 A Helipad crashed close here today; three Gliders came out. Two R.A.F. boys didn't get clear. One huge explosion of fire.

19 It is very sad when something like this happens!
DECEMBER 23

19 43. "Battlewagon" tech hopped to 30,500 ft + it was 4°F below! I got the "bends" in my left arm. I guess this altitude is getting me.

19 43. I really gotta get his attention + that job done! ??
December 24

1943. Croissette, France: "Wilbur P. Deluté". Here's hoping we have four more just like it. The first time we went in, nobody fired at us. Fought as hard as the A-1 Capt. Map took us over the target twice. It was after "Rocket" Sam Batteries. They protected the Buzz Bomb Launching ramp."

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DECEMBER 25

1943. My Birthday, 29 today. I spent it at the Base. Quiet. Taking life easy. Maybe I wanted see my next one?!! Maybe!!??

1944. Crystal Field C. Corina & the gads celebrate with fireworks. It looks more like the 4th of July.

1945. Spent in Salt Lake City Utah. I had left Crystal Field to kinda so I had a good time no mail or anything.
DECEMBER 26

1943. No flying, so we Boys
don’t do much of anything.
A beautiful day here, of
our new Screws fly practice.
DECEMBER 27

1948. Lovely day, no flying for some reason. No ether. Rushing for the Eisenhower & Gen. McPootz to say "Go."
December 28

1943 A few practice bombing today. Battlewagons' bombs release are getting old, as they failed to release again. So are we!!?
DECEMBER 29

1943 R.A.F. passing over head early to night. Bickling will take another posting that is for very sure.
1943. Our ship went to Ludickshaven - Mannheim & came back with one engine feathered. We stayed home, folks!
1913. New Year's Eve, spend here on the Box. Most of the Boys have left for town to get tidd. Time Marches On to 1914.

Do hope 1914 will be generous.
One Mission for November & December. With four more to go, it looks like we will be here for quite sometime yet?

Bombed Command tells us when to fly so that is only when we lead the Wing group on Air Division R118.

This takes place when you have combat experience. "Experience" is the name of the art being lead ship!??

But no boost in rank? We were good enough to lead the 1st Division, but are promotion that was never explained!??

1943. Still working in the Orderly Room. "The Passes" to town - lay, do I get to town alone! !!!!

1944. Taking it easy while sweating "out" forty more missions to complete our 25 Operations here in England. It's awfully hard to speak into words, how one feels at this point in time? Time will only tell!?? Each day there is more "STRESS"!
JANUARY 2

1944 Sunday went to Church & went to a Movie. The food-
ing list is posted, so it's a "show" in the near. We are
19 like "held in reserve" to fly lead ship in the Division.
JANUARY 3

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Just mat for me! Battlevagon spent a while back & if still logged up for an engine change.
JANUARY 4

1944 London Pass:
John loafed around the place. I took in a couple of movies.
In London today very rain fell & games were going full black. I slept thru the whole affair. So good. Too tired. :(
1944. All set for a nice trip to the "Rocky Coast," but the weather held us back. Possibly in the morn?
JANUARY 7

1944 was the trip at T.A.M. to bomb for Ludwigshaven, Germany. We failed to form at 26,000' with the other group so we come home.

1930 to 2430, 3/4 zero - it looked like another foul weather report from Bomber Command. It was common sense!
All red again today but the weather kept us here on the ground. Possibly in the morning?
1914. The group is "stood down" for the next raid, so we take it easy. Some of the boys got hurt, and the other day the stress is hard to describe.

"The Stress is hard to describe."
JANUARY 10

1944 Checked our ships list of munitions today & then had a dogfight with two P-38s. Really some fun and how!
JANUARY II

1944 Halberstadt, Germany, flak was close, but we had it rather easy. Others “Hingles” had it rough.

19 Saw them being attacked by few 17s explosions & a couple of fighters fell apart. We were attacked by Me 110’s & Ju 88’s. 4/19 Fw: 196’s & Me 109’s.

10 Men in each crew - fire, ice, trees & pressure. Just hard to misalign at this point in time. Should’ve been needed.

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JANUARY 12

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

1960. Planes went down + the pressure building forward to the Completion of only 25 missions. Go on + on!!! I wish too hard to describe a gun into words. Marvin Nord's younger brother went down on this mission! He was from Billings Park, Long Island.

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JANUARY 13

1944 Papers say it was the Big- 
gest Show called as we were again 
very lucky. 125 Miles from Bebkom. 
Poor weather, no flying.
JANUARY 14

1944. The Boys hit the Coast of France today at a mere 12,000 ft. Two Boys wounded on the ships full of flak holes.
JANUARY 15

1944. I hear our group lost one plane yesterday, another group lost five. Terrific fog here, so it's flying.
More fog early third A.M. I shot a beer again, first in quite awhile. 15 to 17 mph of 25. Terrific fog again today.
1944. I've finally seen the fog so think that when I put my hand in front of me I could hardly see it.
JANUARY 18

1944 I took in Northampton for a change & it is quite a place. Antique, just like the rest of these towns.

Meh! Gertrude & her Irish woman to serve the English Channel at the pub. Her & her husband own care in Northampton. She was interested in Natl Aquatics School classes.
19 "Briefed for the Rocket Scoat of Gardner again, but the Scat grounded. Man. It could have been rough."

[Additional notes or scribbles below]
JANUARY 20

Clear for a Raid from Jerry.
JANUARY 21

19 Eating in London 9 pm +
Lizzy goes up a fairly good
time. Book filming
all over the place.

19 Some people left for the
Shetland Peggy + CJ kept right
on eating that delicious rabbit
dinner. I was hungry. When
Maynake said that the lowest
dish of his appetite, when he sat
that at while eating?? ME TOO!! 

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JANUARY 22


After this, no more London?

I think would be a heck of a mate to die in bed during an air raid after what we've been through!!
JANUARY 23

1944. The Boys headed for Lee today, and we're called back. Climbed to 35,000 ft. I saw more than I have ever seen before. They looked like huge flocks of Geese, headed South for the winter. Only this was to Germany. We're getting stronger.
JANUARY 24

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

We have weather problems to fight along with the Germans?
JANUARY 25

1944. Still terribly windy, we fly & "Buzz" a 400 Tons plane,
we upset her awes & we really do jink that. How! Reetap.

Her laundry was blown all over the place! One of the zone, we let off steam?!? I wonder if he'll date her again?!
1944. Briefer for Frankfurt.

"Pathfinder Crews" take our plane, then they scrub the whole show.
JANUARY 27

1944. The boys hit "Frankfort" one of the "biggest-shower" yet, says the radio. All of "Vani" ships returned.

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1945. Poor weather, we take life easy. Alerted every day there now for a mission. The weather is clearing up.
JANUARY 29

1944th. We fly the next mission possibly in the morning as it looks like nice weather. A.C. Board.

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JANUARY 30

1944 Brunswick, Germany
Quite a show? I saw two.
A ship was close
we picked up a couple of holes.

19 Others in our group caught hell. Five lost & hasty of
their ships were field of
holes. How lucky can one get??
JANUARY 31

1944. One of the boys, who went down yesterday, was on his twenty-fifth mission. He, with 33 others, have along way to go yet!!

19. Each day that passes, it becomes hard to cope with. Yes, one does pray under circumstances such as these! Just plain luck.

19. Living under conditions such as these, are very hard to put into words!
At Halberstadt, Germany, they tried to bomb us with a good-sized bomb suspended from a cable. The explosion was terrific and it almost took “Jerry” with it. If exploded prematurely from what I could see, we’d have been getting desperate.

At Breslau, I saw one 17 dive straight down with a 109 right after him firing 20 M. M. The 17 pulled out and I came straight back up. I didn’t think a 109 could take a dive like it. He stalled and dove back down, exploding at cloud level.

The other 17 just fell apart, after gaze got clear, the rest never made it. Not very pleasant to see.
February 1

1943. 1000 to 1500 - 5 hrs. at Wendover Utah. Lt. Schlos. left down from 14,000 ft.

1944. Flew over Salt Lake City and vicinity. Crew # 61. My 1st flight in a Fortress 2. Experiences # 61.

1944. He went on the alert, but it was called off for some unknown reason. I never knew why. It always contributes to the pressure one experiences at the rank ever time...
FEBRUARY 2

1944. Ground School — weather bad for flying.

1944. Watch in a 38 movie in the pm. Really that's all there is to it here.

1944. A Halifax crashed here tonight, 6 boys got clear, two were burned to death. Not a very pleasant sight to see.
1943. - Wendover Utah
0700 - 1200 - 5 hrs. No #1 Engine running rough.
Defended for Check.
19/1500 - 1700 - 2 hrs
Local flight out of Wendover.

19

The Boys hit Kilhemshorn today, one pole fell, fell out of the ball turret at 26,000 feet.
No parachute & 3400 feet down.

The reason I kept "my chute" where I could reach it! Very hard to see it.
February 4

1943. Still looking at
Endover, the new crew
should be here for dinner
any day!! What a - place

1944. The boys hit a tank in
Her again today. Also if the
ships picked-up flash holes.
FEBRUARY 5

1944 “London leave” & Jerry let me alone for a change. I’ll beb he comes over tomorrow soon!

19 Seen #10 Downing St. & where Churchill & Anthony Eden carry on the War! ?

19 Sealed Madame Tussaud’s War Museum here in London & quite a place to visit. !
February 6

1944 Jerry came over, but it was just after planes. Searchlights caught him & he scrambled pronto!
FEBRUARY 7

1944. Back at the Base & the Boys have been raising hell with airfields in France. When is soon?
February 8

Some of the Boys flew to a tankfork again & we lost one ship. A head-on attack by 6 Me 109's.
FEBRUARY 9

3:13 Park City, Utah
0800 - 0930 - 2 hr.
Wash trouble - feathered
No. 4 Engine.

1944. Sheet today, "4 for me the high for the round.
26 for lots of yesterday, high score
again. Lucky me!"
19? I began to wonder about the other
gunner? when I watch them shoot??
FEBRUARY 10

1943. Nothing for us, but another thing went to Brunswick again and had a 3 hr battle with the whole Luftwaffe.
1943. Wendover Utah
1400 - 1800 - 4 hrs
Local flight - flew over Wendover at 19,000 ft. Beautiful
glace for flying. The peaks
topped with deep covered with
snow. Oh for skiing!!!

1944. The group hit Franklin
today & some of the boys had
some close-shaves from the
heavy flak.
FEBRUARY 12

1943. Wendover, Utah.
Local flight.
1330 - 013000 - 2 hrs 1/2
Altitude - 15,000 ft.

1944. I saw some of the ships from yesterday's raid.
They really took a beating.
They went flying for a while.
FEBRUARY 13

1943. Wendover Utah. 800-1200 - 1 hr. 
Local flight. Bomber practice bombs were dropped.

1944. Taking it easy, seen two movies & heard a very interesting lecture on blackouts at high altitude. Very good!

19 The 1st parachute instructions we had since I started flying!
1943. Ken-dover Field.
After-shooting & a Movie.
700 R. French speaking for the ship were flying.

1944. The men reported today, but the weather kept us all grounded. Getting eager to fly again. Tomorrow maybe?

Let this pair in time one push wants to get it "over-with" one radio-the other?
FEBRUARY 15

15.3. He invaded Utah — "I'm not in the business of practice — boy! how these babies plan and the lead."

19. The truck is still out with a late take-off time, it may be the Rockwell, Pas de Calais area, just across the English Channel.
FEBRUARY 16

Henderson, Utah.

Escape procedures from a B-17 at the risk of equipment onboard.

44th. Poor weather keeps the 8th Air Force on the ground. R.A.F. is after Berlin tonite.
FEBRUARY 17

1941 Kendall, Utah

Lecture on first aid in case of Charlie. 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!
1943, Hurricane Utah

Nothing to bring a bomb when there's no place to go!

1944. Everything busy or taking life easy like. The weather is bound to clear in the near future.
FEBRUARY 19

19th Jerry hit London again

19th I went home rather dejected from what I hear.

19th I went to and around Notting Hill. This is where Robin Hood of the Merry Men used to live. Our Bomb-dump was in Sherwood Forest!
1944. Off for an Airfield near Leipzig today, but our No. 2 Pipe Governor isn't away! Abortion #3.
FEBRUARY 21

1944 The Boys are off for Christmas today. It was snowy and not too far from Berlin. Some Boys got shot. From saw them.

19 Dog-fighters are hard to figure, and as to where all the ammunition. Also, who are some of these other guys shooting at?!! They call it "friendly."
FEBRUARY 22

1944. Set. again for the Bays. Two ships crashed in Mid-air. A Bais got clear. Another one of our crews got it over the target.

19 London got it again Storite, we could hear the A.A. guns & see them explode from there. 25 miles from London. 11:30 p.m.

19 And does not sleep very well during these air raids?! One figures that one of these bombs may blow his name on it?!
FEBRUARY 23

1944. Took tea easy. Shot sheet & checked your gun. It looks like a show in the storm!
February 24

1944: Schweinfurt B-17 for the boys. Proverbial 'Milk' run with fighter escort. The R.A.F. was passing over.

...and the sky was filled with Lancaster's. I ask how long can faculty 'take it'? Another show in the morning.
24th Mission

FEBRUARY 25

1944

Crawford Air. Flak holes still thick. 1-17 went down fire + two B-24's. 47 Clear in the 17, 6 in the B-24's.

One Me 110 came so close he bounced me off the floor with all his cannon's firing. Really too close for comfort.

Jimmy Stewart was flying in the B-24 formation he & Clark Gable both flew missions.
1943.
Henderson Utah
1500 - 1700 - 2 hr in
Local flight.

1944.
He were in the Air
Maine hawks & I saw the
Alps again. He flew just five
miles from Munich yesterday.

19.
Schweizeland was rich too
far away — if it looked royal
tempting to land there!
February 27

1943. Wendover Utah.
0800 - 1000 - 2 hrs
1000 - 1200 - 2 hrs
1400 - 1800 - 2 hrs

1944. Sunday we met one ship got hit by flak & they wanna to Switzerland only 60 mi away. Lucky Boy's!!! From where I was there ship lookd OK to me!!!
February 28

1943 Kemmerer Utah
1400-1800 Three Local flights

1944 Snowing outside & the Boys took off for somewhere. It was in France & we lost 1 ship, all the Boys got clear.
1943: Handover Utah.

0100 - 1700 - 5 hrs Local flight.

1944: Not enough Oxygen on the Base for high altitude, so we're "at sea level". The R.A.F. is buzzing overhead. They fly in the night time & are "up for the daylight."
1944 - Feb 29th.

MEMORANDA

Jamestown Raid for us this month & it was the main 
 hour shots to Long Island. It was one of our closest 
calls yet. The 11-0 clock attack 
out of the sea, by that Me 110 
with all his cannon firing, 
overshot us. Lucky for us! 
because we didn't see him 
coming out of the sea until 
it was too late. They had 
been trying to pick-off heads 
before of late & it's not too 
healthy, you can fly-swatching 
but instead, they behind the 
above, thought you sure he was going to check us & it 
was a very near miss & 
that is for very sure! The good 
Lord did not want us today.
Statistics say we dropped more bombs last month than the whole first year of Operation here in the European Theater of Operations.

The trip to Augsburg, the 8th and 9th Air Forces (Foster Boys) seemed Design of will. They were all over the place. Due to escorts, P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs were perfect. They covered us all the way in and out. It was really a thrilling sight to see. The 8th A.F. Eisenhower played hell with Jerry's airfields, factories, and factories throughout direct hits on all three target areas.

I'm glad I'm playing with this M.D. I can't wait to see the effects!
Kenneth McKay, our Ball turret operator, finished up at Cape Town with his looks like he is going home. He
is sending for the South Pacific. They send three boys home first. He had a
shirt torn right near his
left arm, a rifle slug hole.
Lt. Math had a close one,
right beside his head in
the tail gunner's position.
Lt. H. always jig. Tail gunner
in the lead ship. HD keeps
the two in close formation
by code signals with an
oldie-lad ship. He is our Co-
pilot, since Lt. H. left his
post of operations. Lt. H. has
taken over his place.
MARCH 1

45, Kendover Utah
0800-1200 hrs
Local flight

1944 The R.A.A.F. hit Stuttgart
& our Forts hit Brunswick
again with no fighter opposition.
It was a roughel back then.

19
MARCH 2

1944. We were scheduled for Berlin & it was scrubbed. So they hit Frankfurt & let us stay here at home.

1944. It looks like we'll catch the Big-City run for our 38th mission. It can be rough & that is for very sure.
MARCH 3

Mission Berlin

1942. Return to Utah.
1400 - 1600 - 4 hrs. Local flight.

It was Berlin, but we never made it. Heavy clouds up to 27,000 feet, 54 degrees below zero. In turning back, two groups came head on & two ships collided. One huge explosion & that's all they knew to do. No one got clear.

One of those rare situations - one also thanks the Blessings as it could have been "us".

Near Paris France a captured Spitfire came up the overcast - (away and of gas range from England) I think kind after all.
MARCH 4

1948. St. Andrew, Utah.
1330-1500 - 3'2" fire
Over Salt Lake

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

We all felt like we were living on "borrowed time", but we didn't know how much time we had borrowed!!
1944 The ship we flew to Copenhagen on our last flight went down to lay over in France. The crew had 24 P Missions.

19 How lucky for Crew #67? Have been recommended for a "Battlefield Commission" — Odessa?
The Boys were loaded for Berlin today. Our Composite group made it out and back okay.
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 as far as it will go!!!

This will end my entries in this diary as we are told that all diaries will be confiscated.

The high-ranking officers are afraid of negative reports getting to the press & published before they can be censored. ‘Battle damage is just a cover-up!!!’
March 8

1944. The Boys took Berlin & they said it was a Milk run with our fighters escort.
MARCH 9

1914. Honolulu, Hawaii.
6:00 - 12:30 am hrs.
Local flight.

1944. One of our Boys fuel near Berlin today, when the Japs above dropped their Bombs on his Tail surfaces.

1944. Really sad when something like this happens! "Friendly fire" if how they color it up?!
MARCH 10

1945. Provo, Utah
1400 - 1500 - 4 hr
Local flight.

1944. No chutes came out of领导, as the guys who saw it tell me. What is way to get checked out?
In London & enjoying myself per usual. Peg & I double date with her sister & her boyfriend. It's nice to have a home-cooked meal at this point in time!
MARCH 12

1943. Kenmore Wed.
0930 - 1300 3 hr l
Local flight.

1944. Beautiful day and I was invited to Peggy's house for a home cooked meal. Snuffy said it!!
MARCH 13

1945. Enderwee Utah
1400-1800 hrs.
Local flight.

1944. Back at Camp & the boys have been practicing with the Glider Bombs again.
MARCH 14

   School will say no flying today.!

19. Thursday hope if we are due to leave here some
    time. Here we go again?

19
1944. The Cape at Eyemouth. I made a filmmakers' raid by the Bearenhke.

1950. I was told by the Bearenhke.
1944 The R.A.F is going over here tonite & the sky is filled with planes & the roar of engines.
I take off for London & a seven day furlough. Eady & others went along too & we were greatly appreciated by the people who invited us to an English Home cooked dinner. They don’t have much! One young fellow didn’t know what to do with the Peanut Butter we brought along!
March 18

1944 London & I see a movie with Peggy & her sister, Betty.
MARCH 19

1972 Skedovee Utah.
1409-1730 5 hrs
Local flight.

19 Today power went off at 11:50. It was a very small raid. Ack-ack was heavy.

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19
MARCH 20

19th. In York for dinner at Peggy's House. I saw where one of the Jerry's ships hit in a previous Raid.
1945: Wendover, Utah
2000 - 2300 - 3 hrs 2 hrs
Local night flight.
Beautiful sight from the flying.

1944: Oldsmobile, Peggy & I went to the movies to go dancing at Covent Garden. It was a beautiful dance hall.
MARCH 22

1944 Jerry really came over lock, stock, and barrel, he sure has a weird sound.

1944 One gets to wondering: what if we're hit while off shore? What a way to go!!
MARCH 23

1943. Kedonover Utah to Provo, Aho, for gun
1500-1830-20th B-41
including return flight.

1944. Back at the base &
I leave for Charley & home in
the very near future. I hope
Mary Ward to believe 11/11.

told me that he would have made
the same decision that I made
with regards to y Battle Talk Comish!

1946. Flew with us on her 1st
mission & remarked: "Sure on
the hell can one decide 25
missions!"
MARCH 24

1915. Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.

Listened to Radio Compass & Chicago N.W.R.

1944. Here at C. Horsey waiting for orders to embark for S-2 here. It looks like the end of my Diary, as we have to check it in to S-2 here. They say, 'we'll get them after the war.' I hope they keep their promises.
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 diary home. I'm very worried now when I write what for sure?
MARCH 26

1944. Fishburne, Utah.
2:30 - 12:00. The H. F. & W. in Go-fila. I quite an "experience?"

1944. Still at C. Hollywood, just waiting for a Bock for lunch. I hope it's the Reem Murl or the Lysbeth.

I hide the diary every time I hear or see a bomb. I don't know 13.
MARCH 27

1945 Linskover Utah to Casper Wyoming. The 1st 0700-1100 1300-1600 small load of gas.

1945 Beautiful day here & we live like we're at a Rock Home. Really not too bad at all.
MARCH 28

1945 Snowmass Utah to Provo, Utah - 5-berth gasoline tank. Listened to Radio songs.
1944 the players ball + took it easy like waiting for order to pitch + took a boat for home.
MARCH 29

1913. Wendover, Utah.
0900-1100-1200-4 hrs.
another check. These
tours are rather boring.

1914. If we don’t catch
that hunk of home pretty
soon, we’ll never make
it for Easter.

19
MARCH 30

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

19 Hill Field. See girls of plane working there + the Weather Merchants see the joint.

1944. Some boys just came over from the States & they say that the Queen Mary is over there. I hope we catch her back. Just like the Air Force - Hurry-up & wait!??
MARCH 31

1943. St. George Utah to Salt Lake City, Ogden Utah for a tire change. Back off again for Carpenters family for the 4th. Back off again for Denver Colorado. Staged overnight & returned St. George, next day about 50 hrs all talk, time to see Denver Colo. & Lowery Fields again.

1944. Still at Charles England & I don't think we can be home for Easter now. Just my luck!
The finished up north with 25 missions. In March and there’s really not much more to say! I consider myself being very, very lucky and that’s for sure! Ask of my prayers have been answered!! Somebody else’s too! An experience that will never happen again and never will be forgotten!!
APRIL 1


1944. Sweating out the heat to go home. Just like preparing to go on a mission. It's hard to write with no table of any kind. I usually sit on my bunk and try to write. How to sneak a watch out when I try to make any entries!

19
April 2

1948. Wendover Utah to Pahunto, Utah - 2 hrs.
L-3B-17G in formation.
2-39E simulated attack.

1944. Same boy lift today we hope to leave tomorrow.
April 3

Henderson, Utah - everyone restricted in preparation for shipment.
Possibly, Dead City Inc.

1944. I guess we like it too much here in England or something, cause we're still hanging around.
AUGUST 4

1943

Leaving Reykjavik for Nord. Left Iceland at 9 AM. Home to Ward Camp - 19th July - 384th Bomb Group

1944

APRIL 5

WTS. Heber, Utah to
Sandy City by train.
Really all change after
flying so much.

1944. Hoo-ray! He was
home tomorrow for the U. S. A.
E. maff said!!! Home—
Sweet Home; after all of our
narrow escapes the very
hard to believe we are going home

The thought of God many times for
this day in my life. One has to

wonder! Why me?!! "Going Home"
what a wonderful feeling
at the pain in time?"
1944. Concourse to Seine City, 
beautiful day in Bengal, 
"Golden Gate Bridge. Rhine 
derews old acquaintance.

1944. Leaving Charley at 2:15 
for point of embarkation, 
where I decompose. It looks 
like Easter on the beach.
1943. Service City Iowa 4th Battlefleur Star Adapters for Crew 61.

19. Frank Jr. spend

the time recording the

feminine population of

Swift City to their

respectable homes.

19. Nazi fare on our deal,

"two - squabos" 1.55 straight

north - enough said:

"The Battle continues!!" (ouch).

1944. Arrived at Liverpool +

boarded the Edmund P.

Alexander, formerly the

"Americanica": what a feeling

to 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

Still Louie City. No flying, coming to baggage for the first time. Census looks to the Raskellers.

19. Louise, Majewski & Co. go to rollerskating. Very poor; the girls are sixteen years old & younger. Last time there were at Liverpool waiting to leave for home. Are the food here good, Wow? First white bread today. Jacob about one year since we had any white bread.

19. Are incident one would never forget. Because the good food still is what it should be. Smiling!
APRIL 9

1943. Still Saint Citi. 

19. We're having our first take off to Johnston's Safe.

19. We're much more at peace & just see a ship every night there after. A till you'd know to come home too.

1944. The troops are alongside where should fill with of Liverpool all any time.

19. 9:30 A.M. Easter off the Ocean.

19. It's still hard to believe that for going HOME? It's veryhard to keep the tears from flowing at this point in time? My many prayers have been answered along with the prayers of others.
1944. Still since Git & family Sickanie folks are 'mazing nice. So I take her home or better yet, she takes "je" to her farm home. Her fine Rod takes me back to the Base "Backfire"

1944. In the North Atlantic & is it rough. Pretty soon I'll find out if I get seasick or not.
Frieda is still sick. I still believe Frieda could be the switch. She is still fighting theJoined Corned beef lunch. Poor Frita.
APRIL 12

1944. Seen City & the "fowls" come & I fixed me. They much family too.

My whole complaint to her.

1944. Still rollin' & rockin' & I do mean just that. Just like a sheetin-tanner. or something. Not sick yet.
APRIL 13

1943. Spent a fine fog with the folks in Bangor City. Mother & Dad both look Grand & then some.

1944. A hell of a storm, we lost a big life raft, float, etc. & almost fell out of my bunk more than once.

It's hard to try to sleep & hang on to the bunk at the same time!! Hard to write too! One of those tough North Atlantic storms.
APRIL 14

1942 Lived in City. Emily E. & Paul taking care of things okay. Her Mom is real seriously but her sis Mary is with them.

1944. Still working about.
Six days on the Ocean & after the last 45 hrs, I don't think I'll get seasick.
all of the money. I got all of it. I
tried to run away with it. But the
owner caught me and took it away.

April 16

The day was really nice. We went
to the park and played baseball.

We had a great time and relaxed.

The weather was perfect, and
the sky was blue. It was a
beautiful day.

I hope you can join us next
time. It was a fun day!
APRIL 17

1943. Still living in City of Schenectady. Emily is doing okay. We had lots of choice liquors.

1944. Rather milk-sauing but it's becoming tiresome. Nothing really interesting again, as it should get t"rony again.
APRIL 18

19. Sunny City yet &
    Emily & I take in the
    R.O. dance. Fun & how
    we gowe & finished by all.

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

19. 017 days getting home.
    11 hrs & 151/2" gabling over
    to hang on oxygen due
    to raining condition, at
    25,000 feet, we broke out
    into the clean! Lucky again.
19 April City competed to fly on 14th and 15th Ave. Full of children in S. City. We both hate to part.

19.  Walking again & all is well. The States aren’t too far off now.
April 20

1943 San Francisco City & U.S.S. 2
Calibration calibration
John's & Saffie's in the bus
Back to family's house, then

1944 Just sailing along
Enjoys some shore shots today
No mention of any German
Sends up to this part of the
Conway to New York
AUGUST 21

1943. Leaving City folks left for home. Will leave for West Coast. Due to Monopahh Passage, gassed up 1,5 hrs later Alcaine City. We flew over Salt Lake City to Henderson - 30 B-17s in aerial spread formation.

1944. It looks like we will dock tomorrow, pick off the Statue of Liberty. Talk Now: "Home" & it is very hard to be believe!
APRIL 22

1943 Salinas, California. Beautiful weather. Came to Salinas, ran around, put things in Golden Gate Bridge. Coastal Patrol Duty. Took to 6 miles to aorta. A whole - quite a night. 1330 - 1830 - 5 hrs.

1944. Worked at Staten Island, New York, headed for Fort Hamilton. Did not say and can take in the Big town tonight.

19 Think hard to realize or made it. Hey, the miracle of God!
APRIL 23


1944 New York City is quite the place. He had quite the tour. Cook in the Cafe Rouge.

+ Glenn Grey at The Pearl.
1943 - Salinas Calif. 943 - 1500. The formation on the Frisco picked up 100 or more planes to fly in Frisco vicinity.

1944. On my way to Chicago from Ft. Sheridan. Then a furlough at home. You got a call from Lorraine at Chicago?
April 25

1943. Easter Sunday. From
Salinas, Calif. to affray
City - 0645 West Coasttime
to 1800 Central time. 12 hrs.

Fly for two - hrs, while
the West goes back to the
Radio room to carry take
as fine. Really ok.

The closer to home one gets
the "home-sickness" seems to
take away.
APRIL 26

19/8 Start City & Family, just like coming back home. Ohh - awful & more. She said she missed me.
19/8 I see Ernie & Lena for a short visit & am eager to feed North & H.O.M.E.!
After going through what we went through it being on the way home we done piece again the words are "Why me"!?
APRIL 27

19. Met. Sensing City & still none family & I6656765 each other Codpep. Air Folks are Tape.

19.1. Mrs. fried eggs for tea.

104. The diary maybe come which neglected from here on. A lot of tension & stress has come to an end - thanks to God.
SEPTEMBER 13 1945

1942. A beautiful day here & the ship was cancelled. I take myself a swim, bath & sleep. Ruff Hat at 2.


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