

# **IN MEMORY OF**

**SERGEANT ADRIAN GREY WILSON**

**416310, WHO DIED AGE 24**

**ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 1943.**

**SERGEANT WILSON, SON OF FRANCIS GREY WILSON AND BESSIE WILSON, OF  
BRIGHTON, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.**

**REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR  
FLUSHING (VLISSINGEN) NORTHERN CEMETERY**



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Adrian Grey Wilson's Diary

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30 NORTH ROAD, BRIGHTON, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

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Don McDonald 416349 Norm K. Williams 416135  
Ron M. Peake 408871 Eddy C. Fulton 411890  
John Good 408806 Merv. Stafford 405887  
Don Stevenson 405888 W. S. Hardwick 407791  
R. R. Sanderson 400836 L. S. Compton 408970  
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*Wednesday 12 November 1941*

E.D. Confirmed to camp. Did packing. Paid & money changed \$25 Sovereign. Traveller's cheques for £13 sterling.

*Thursday 13 November 1941*

Parade 0530. Breakfast 0600. Parade 0645. On board Monterey about 0800. Travelled in 5 double decker buses. Set sail 1100. Followed by cruiser "Achillies" as escort to Auckland. Cabin on "C" deck with Toomey & White.

*Friday 14 November 1941*

Usual day of lectures, PT etc. Evening played "Kena". Max prize \$178.

*Saturday 15 November 1941*

Parade 0710 for PT. Parade 0745 dressed. 0815 breakfast. Parade 1015. Navigation lecture and organised games. Afternoon Signals and finished letters home & to Atkinsons. PT and deck tennis. 1815 Dinner. 1945 Picture show in lounge. Drank plenty of beer with the lads and watched dancing. Bed about 0200. Bet's Birthday (23).

*Sunday 16 November 1941*

Sailed in very beautiful Auckland Harbour and berthed at 1100. 200 of us met by people with cars. Trip around district with Mr Banks. Tea at his home with Mrs Banks (FAA son Don). Free picture show with Ailsa Graham and Gwen Edwards at Plaza. Blackout conditions. Supper at low joint. Home in taxi to Grahams. Arrived back at boat about 0200.

*Monday 17 November 1941*

Second sitting for breakfast. Posted letters & sampled NZ beer. Met Mrs Banks. Back to boat & wrote to Pat and Jan. Posted menu's & letters after lunch. Met Ailsa who showed us some of the cities gardens. Wandered around and came back to boat. Parade 1530. Set sail 1700. Lots of people on wharf. NZAF & army have joined us. Followed HMAS Leander out of harbour.

*Tuesday 18 November 1941*

Parade 0745. Security patrol 0945 to 1215 on mooring deck "D" aft. Nothing seen. Afternoon signals & PT. Wrote letter home. Swimming pool filled. Evening Picture "Blood & Sand".

*Wednesday 19 November 1941*

Usual day on board. PT, Breakfast, Navigation, Lunch, Navigation, PT, Dinner. Evening played Keno in Pavilion. \$1.50.

*Thursday 20 November 1941*

Parade 0800 just as we berthed at Suva. Parade 1015 and went ashore about 1100. Changed some money. 26/6 Fijian for £1-10 Australian. Trip in army trucks sight seeing. Drink at military camp. Lunch in town then wandered about. Bought earrings for Jan 10/-. Watched boys play baseball against ships crew. Parade on wharf 1600. Pulled out 1830 whilst at dinner. Natives played hockey. Fair bit of sunburn. Wrote home & Jan.

*Second Thursday 20 November 1941*

Crossed date line. Parade 0800. Rather warm & muggy. Lecture signals. Organised games. Deck quoits. 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds with Meads as partner. Afternoon lecture on icing of aircraft. PT. Paddle tennis. Evening - Pictures "Toppler Returns". Very good indeed. Sitting naked in cabin writing this.

*Friday 21 November 1941*

Docked at Pagp Pago 0800. Shore 0930. Visited native school. Choir & dancing. Back to ship in launch. Sailed 1400.

*Saturday 22 November 1941* - Normal day at sea.

*Sunday 23 November 1941*

Holiday as far as work went. Wrote home & did a bit of washing. Evening - Pictures "Bill the Kid".

*Monday 24 November 1941* - Usual day at sea. Evening Keno.

*Tuesday 25 November 1941*

Landed and took on NZ troops at Fanning Island before breakfast. Evening. Pictures. "Night in Rio". Fairly good.

*Wednesday 26 November 1941*

"Honolulu". Early morning sighted US navy ships. Great display by planes as we neared harbour. Berthed about 11.30. Ashore at 1200. Guests of Red Cross. Private cars. Went to Waikiki beach. Had swim & lunch. Band & dance by pretty native girl. Very cheery crowd. Our host Mrs Kinght. Went for drive to other side of island then back & had a drink at a house with other lads. Back at boat at 5pm. Left at 6pm. Very cheery farewell, band & many streamers. Sorry to leave.

*Thursday 27 November 1941* - Usual day at sea. Fairly rough.

*Friday 28 November 1941*

Usual day at sea. Picture show. Rough. Slid all over the place. "I wanted Wings".

*Saturday 29 November 1941*

Easy day. No lectures. Played Keno. Did packing.

*Sunday 30 November 1941* - Dull day. Foggy. Pictures in evening.

*Monday 1 December 1941*

1<sup>st</sup> parade 0630. Very foggy. Entered San Francisco harbour early in morning but too foggy to see very much. Left Monterey about midday and marched to ferry. Boarded train about 1.30 and had lunch. Negro waiters. Poor view from train due to fog and rain. Rather poor carriage and crowded. All heated carriages.

*Tuesday 2 December 1941*

All day spent on the train but it rained all the time. Scenery not very interesting. Saw Lake Odell which is deepest lake in America. 4000 ft. All meals had on train.

*Wednesday 3 December 1941*

Arrived in Vancouver about 6am. Had breakfast in dining cars at station. Pay parade \$10 and changed money, sent cable and posted air mail letter home. To YMCA in buses for shower and dip in swimming pools.

Lunch again in dining cars then taken to CPR (*Canadian Pacific Railways* ed.) station & issued with blankets. Into city bought camera \$51. Picked up by Mr McLeod who drove us around for an hour. Train left 5pm. More comfortable than the other. Good sleep.

*Thursday 4 December 1941*

Woke in mountains with snow falling. Wonderful scenery all day but unluckily it was a bit dull. Took numerous photos from train. (*At least one photo survives* ed.) Stopped at Banff for an hour and marched through the town. Very pretty little place. Arrived Calgary 6pm said farewell to other lads. Piled into trucks and brought here to No 3 SFTS. Fixed up beds and turned in. Very nice hut. Double deckers beds.

*Friday 5 December*

Nothing much all day. Schick & Dick tests. Talk by instructor and issued with comforts from home. Leave from 5pm to 10.30. Went into city & wandered around.

*Saturday 6 December*

Leave from midday until 10.30pm Sunday. Afternoon spent wandering around city. Collected photos taken after Vancouver. Came back to camp for tea. Evening went to pictures. "Smiling through" quite nice. Came back to camp to sleep.

*Sunday 7 December 1941*

Got up about 11am & had lunch. Went into city with Ron Peake and Ian Edwards. Wandered along river & took photos. Had tea in town & then

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driven home by Mr & Mrs Duff from the drug store. Wrote to Janet and got to bed early. News came through of Japanese attack in the Pacific. 3000 casualties in Honolulu.

*Monday 8 December 1941*

Up 6.30. Bed made & breakfast before going to GIS at 8am. Issued with books and talk by CO. Listened to speech by president Roosevelt. 1.30 lecture in armaments, lecture by CFI. Lecture on Navigation. 4.50 into drill hall for volley ball till 5.15. Tea and have written to Tony, done washing and listen to wireless tonight. Pacific Coast blacked out. Cold outside & fair amount of snow.

*Tuesday 9 December 1941* - Usual day at GIS.

*Wednesday 10 December 1941* - Usual day GIS

*Thursday 11 December 1941* - Usual day GIS

*Friday 12 December 1941* - Usual day GIS

*Saturday 13 December 1941*

Usual day GIS until 5pm. After tea went to town with Merv Allan and Ern Allen (corp). Played bowls & did a bit of shopping. YMCA for supper. Back to camp about 11.30pm.

*Sunday 14 December 1941*

Got up 11am & had breakfast lunch. Did a bit of study. 4pm Gordon & I picked up by Mr Carlyle. Sahown Wireless school & zoo. Home for tea. Met his son & sons wife & his wife. Coloured pictures. United Church with young couple, "Messiah". Back to their home for supper & a chat. Brought us home at 11.15pm.

*Monday 15 December 1941*

Usual day GIS. Evening picture on clouds, icing etc. Pay day \$20.

*Tuesday 16 December 1941* - Usual day GIS

*Wednesday 17 December 1941* - Usual day GIS. First aid lecture.

*Thursday 18 December 1941* - Usual day GIS

*Friday 19 December 1941* - Usual day GIS

*Saturday 20 December 1941*

Stood down at 3.30. Showered & dressed. Drinks in canteen with Merv, messmen etc. After tea went to town with Merv. More drinks then game of bowls. Arrived at College dance about 10pm. Not a bad show. One dance, paper hats, supper etc. Home by tram and to bed 1am.

*Sunday 21 December 1941*

Parade 8am for Church held in drill hall. 9am back to bed & now writing this. Afternoon entertained by womens lodge IODE. Went with Merv and Ern Allen. Afternoon tea, singing and musical chairs. Merv & Ern had battle for Clara Sturett. Evening back to camp.

*Monday 22 December 1941* - Usual day at GIS

*Tuesday 23 December 1941* - Usual day at GIS

*Wednesday 24 December 1941*

Christmas Eve. Finished up work at midday. Went to town with Merv. Few beers then went to pictures. More beer, tea and played bowls. When pubs closed at 10pm bought bottle of whisky & went to Penleys with a Canadian. Had about one dance. Merv got sick. Both rather full, came home in taxi. Boys made my bed and helped me in.

*Thursday 25 December*

Xmas Day. Not feeling very bright. Dinner in the Mess where Officers did the waiting. BTO. Lots of singing etc. 4pm went with Merv, Allen, John to Forsyths. Met plenty of people and had another dinner that evening. Very nice homely people. Spent couple of hours next door at McCleans with Phyllis Forsyth. Very enjoyable day. Home by taxi about midnight.

*Friday 26 December 1941 - Usual day at GIS*

*Saturday 27 December 1941 - Usual day at GIS. No leave - Duty Watch.*

*Sunday 28 December 1941*

Got up 11am and had dinner. Now writing this.

*Monday 29 December 1941*

Usual day at G.I.S. Evening entertained by women of IODE. Dancing and Bingo but not much fun. All the old hags around the place.

*Tuesday 30 December 1941*

Usual day at G.I.S. Started New Year leave of five days. Pictures in Recreation Hut (Stage Door). Acoustics lousy so could not hear it.

*Wednesday 31 December 1941*

Slept all morning. Afternoon in city with lads. Drinks, bowls & pictures. Looked for cheap dance in taxis. Arrived at Fenleys at 11pm and saw the New Year In. Doc Toormey passed out.

*Thursday 1 January 1942*

Started year at No 3 SFTS. Calgary. Slept all morning. Good turkey dinner at mess. Beer etc. Evening went with Mervyn Burke to Ann Cornette's home for another big dinner. Spent evening chatting.

*Friday 2 January 1942*

Slept all morning. Spent afternoon at pictures, drinks and bowls. At 10 o'clock went to dance at The Avenue with Merv. Feeling fine & had a few dances. Took Marge McKenzie home (L1059).

*Saturday 3 January 1942*

Slept all morning. Evening went to pictures on my own.

*Sunday 4 January 1942*

Slept all morning. Mucked around all day & tried to do a little work. Evening went into town by taxi to church at the Pro Cathedral. Tora's birthday.

*Monday 5 January 1942 - Usual day at G. I. S. Met. pictures at night.*

*Tuesday 6 January 1942 - Usual day at G. I. S.*

*Wednesday 7 January 1942* - Usual day at G.I.S.  
*Thursday 8 January 1942*  
Morning Navigation exam (141 out of 150). Afternoon Met and Airmanship.  
*Friday 9 January 1942*  
Kit inspection. Practice parade for Inspector in Chief. Signals exam. Evening Pictures in town "Thin Man".  
*Saturday 10 January 1942*  
Oral armaments. Leave from lunch time till Monday morning. Afternoon in town, bowls, drinks, pictures and then Penleys.  
*Sunday 11 January 1942*  
Slept all morning. Afternoon played ping pong. Going to Mrs Fraser's for tea. Met Mr and Mrs and brother in law & daughter. Very nice tea. Very scotch & hard to understand. Left 10.30 & came home to bed.  
*Monday 12 January 1942*  
Letters from Mother, Janet & Philip. Written about 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Morning. Rehearsal parade for Inspector General's visit. Started flying but did not go up as instructor on leave. "D" Flight. Cessna Crane. Instructor P/O Mallett.  
*Tuesday 13 January 1942*  
Cable from Janet. Familiarization flight in morning with P/O Mallett. Wrote home. Cleaned up floors etc.  
*Wednesday 14 January 1942*  
Parade for Inspector General. Lot of bullo! Did 3 circuits and bumps. Afternoon revolver & skeet shooting.  
*Thursday 15 January 1942* - Usual day at flights.  
*Friday 16 January 1942* - Usual day at flights.  
*Saturday 17 January 1942*  
Went to pictures in the evening. Flying all day as usual.  
*Sunday 18 January 1942* - Church parade. Flying all day.  
*Monday 19 January 1942*  
Usual day in flights. Instructor Sgt Christmas back from leave. Check with F/O Lewington. Solo 35 mins after 6 hours dual.  
*Tuesday 20 January 1942*  
Usual day at flights. Started week of duty watch.  
*Wednesday 21 January 1942*  
Usual day in flights. Two navigation flights to Bassano, Drumkeller.  
*Thursday 22 January 1942* - Flying  
*Friday 23 January 1942* - Flying. Evening Concert in Recreation Hall.  
*Saturday 24 January 1942* - Flying  
*Sunday 25 January 1942*  
Church Parade. Sick parade with cold. Grounded for 48 hours. Loafed rest of day. Treatment at hospital.

*Monday 26 January 1942* - Couple of hours at Bombing Teacher.

*Tuesday 27 January 1942* - Flying

*Wednesday 28 January 1942*

Snowed all day. Flying scrubbed. Washed planes & shovelled snow.

Boys built a snow kangaroo. 9 pm Link trainer.

*Thursday 29 January 1942*

Flying. Begin 48 hrs leave. 10pm bus to Medicine Flat to see Tony.

*Friday 30 January 1942*

Arrived Med. Flat 0630 & checked in at Assinibria Hotel. Tony arrived about 11am and we had lunch. Fred Agar lent us his car for afternoon.

No 34SFTS & picked up Toby. Few drinks then collected Fred. Spent all evening drinking & arguing. Slept with Fred at Mrs Shaws and got to bed about 4am.

*Saturday 31 January 1942*

Afternoon Fred drove me out to No 34 and picked up the three of us at 4pm. Few drinks then caught train at 5pm. Calgary about 10pm and home to bed.

*Sunday 1 February 1942*

Church parade & usual flying day.

*Monday 2 February 1942* No entry.

*Tuesday 3 February 1942* Start duty watch for the week. Pictures in rec. hall.

*Wednesday 4 February 1942* No entry.

*Thursday 5 February 1942* No entry.

*Friday 6 February 1942* No entry.

*Saturday 7 February 1942*

Tony in Calgary. Met him at Yale Hotel at 6pm. Drinks and tea. Went to Ranchers Club with Inez Stiles. Home by taxi at 11pm feeling full of fight.

*Sunday 8 February 1942*

Church parade & flying.

*Monday 9 February 1942* No entry.

*Tuesday 10 February 1942* Pictures in Rec. Hall. Letter from Jan.

*Wednesday 11 February 1942*

Start of 48 hours leave. Pictures in town with Dave White.

*Thursday 12 February 1942*

Morning in bed & pictures in evening.

*Friday 13 February*

Dave White, Norm Williams and myself caught train at 9-30 for Banff.

Arrived at midday and after lunch got bus to ski run. Watched race & took photos. 5.30 - left again by train and hit Calgary at 7.30pm.

Pictures then home to bed.



*Saturday 14 February 1942*

Flying in morning & off for afternoon. Night flying scrubbed.

*Sunday 15 February 1942*

Flying in morning & at night. Listed for 2315 but did not get up until 015. Dual only as it was scrubbed. Bed at 0430.

*Monday 16 February 1942*

Slept all morning. Afternoon solo formation. Wrote to N.B.H. Ltd. & link. About 40 hours up. Letters from Mum, Dad & Janet.

*Tuesday 17 February 1942*

Start duty watch again. Pictures in Rec Hall "Stanley & Livingston".

*Wednesday 18 February 1942*

Flying as usual. 4 hrs.

*Thursday 19 February 1942* No entry.

*Friday 20 February 1942*

Cable from Home. Cables home for Mother's Birthday.

*Saturday 21 February 1942*

Mother's Birthday.

*Sunday 22 February 1942*

Church Parade in Pro Cathedral. Into town in trucks & damn near froze. Most uninteresting service. Babies baptized. Two seniors and instructor killed. Cause carbon monoxide from heaters.

*Monday 23 February 1942*

Flying as usual. Letters from home, Janet & cards from Chaplins & Conners.

*Tuesday 24 February 1942*

Flying scrubbed on account of weather. Afternoon funeral for the two Aussies. Pictures at night.

*Wednesday 25 February 1942*

Night flying. Navigator to McLeod, Bassano. 40 dual & 1.15 solo.

*Thursday 26 February 1942*

Night flying. Nav flt as pilot.

*Friday 27 February 1942*

Pictures "Captains of the Clouds". Good. Flying from 3.30am to 5.30am. 2.00 hours solo. Wings Parade for senior course.

*Saturday 28 February 1942*

On 48 hrs leave. Slept all morning. Afternoon wrote to Chaplins and home.

*Sunday 1 March 1942*

Slept all morning. Did washing. Wrote to Janet.

*Monday 2 March 1942*

Flying in morning. Pictures in afternoon. Flying at night. Clarke & Loton killed when Cessna dived in. Cowling ripped off.

*Tuesday 3 March 1942*

Planes grounded. Afternoon Clarke's funeral to CDR. Pictures.

*Wednesday 4 March 1942*

Weather crook with snow in morning. Afternoon Loton's funeral. Tea in town & pictures.

*Thursday 5 March 1942*

Night flying scrubbed. Went to town with Merv Burke & saw Captains of the Clouds.

*Friday 6 March 1942*

**Birth**day. Flying in morning. Night flying. Circuits.

*Saturday 7 March 1942*

Night flying. Wrote home. Wrote to Joan Atkinson.

*Sunday 8 March 1942*

Flying as usual. Wrote to Janet.

*Monday 9 March 1942*

Flying as usual. Cross countries under the hood.

*Tuesday 10 March 1942*

Flying as usual. Pictures in camp but left to go to link. L.L.

*Wednesday 11 March 1942*

Did not fly. One hour link. Wrote to Bill Elwood & Betty Arnott.

*Thursday 12 March 1942 - No Entry*

*Friday 13 March 1942 - Night flying scrubbed.*

*Saturday 14 March 1942 - Night flying scrubbed.*

*Sunday 15 March 1942*

Flying as usual. Wrote home & to Betty Arnott & Tony Atkinson.

*Monday 16 March 1942*

Pictures in Rec Hall. One on gold concentration.

*Tuesday 17 March 1942*

Pictures in Rec Hall. "Lilian Russell". Interrupted by an hour on the link.

*Wednesday 18 March 1942*

Instrument flying wings test. Rather rough & a very poor show.

*Thursday 19 March 1942 - No entry*

*Friday 20 March 1942*

Went to Mandarin Café with a team after drinking in Royal. Good party & took Irene home.

*Saturday 21 March 1942*

Finished up flying time at Calgary 5.30 hours. Covered district from Red Deer to McLeod. Did a bit of drinking & went to pictures with Bill & Don & Ron. "How Green was my Valley."

*Sunday 22 March 1942*

Canteen with Don Merideth & Cyril Kroemer. Got some Rye & went to church. Picked up Frankie & Marge & went to social. Did the

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washing up. Supper then preview at Grand then another feed & took girls home. Back about 5am.

*Monday 23 March 1942*

Party at the Mandarin and again started at the Royal. Had a good time with Inez Stiles (Tom's friend). Home about 3pm.

*Tuesday 24 March 1942*

Spent afternoon in Royal while waiting to see the American Consul. Later went to pictures & slept. Back to camp to party in the mess for the ground staff.

*Wednesday 24 March 1942*

Mucked about all day with clearances etc. Evening party at the Palliser Hotel. Dinner Dance with a very good crowd. Gwen Pernell as partner who was charming but failed to co-operate towards end. I drank a lot of Scotch. Don & I finished up with a feed of steak before going home to camp.

*Thursday 26 March 1942*

Fixed up our clearances and did packing. Dinner at Palliser for Instructor. Boys played merry hell with his moustaches etc. Posted to Y Depot, Halifax.

*Friday 27 March 1942*

Big day as it is our Wings Parade. Got wings & hooks on uniform etc. Parade at 4pm then photos taken in States. Fair crowd of visitors. Farewell to officers in their mess. Into town for tea then a scramble to get on train at station with the boys very merry. Farewell to Inez, Frankie, Irene & few others. Early part of night spent drinking beer. did not see Tony at M. H.

*Saturday 28 March 1942*

All day spent on train CPR (*Canadian Pacific Railways*)

*Sunday 29 March 1942*

Stopped at Winnipeg that evening & toured town in a taxi.. Not much of a city. Very like other prairie towns.

*Monday 30 March 1942*

Arrived Montreal in morning & stayed there for an hour. Short walk in city which looks very nice. Boarded train for New York. Rained or snow most of way. Met by Red Cross by mistake at Yray. Arrived New York 8pm & to Picadilly Hotel. Bathed then looked around city. Disappointed in high prices. Jack Denpys bar.

*Tuesday 31 March 1942*

Got up late & went for trip around city in Greyhound bus & saw all the island. Luncheon party at Picadilly. Went to USO and got theatre tickets. Tea at Stage Door. Canteen & then saw Banjo Eyes with Eddy Cantor at the Hollywood Theatre. Both shows very good.

*Wednesday 1 April 1942*

Slept all morning. After free luncheon at Picadilly visited Empire State Building. Evening dance at the Phi Gamma Club with show girls etc. Very enjoyable evening. Lunch party again at Picadilly arranged by Wally (British American Ambulance). Met Mr & Mrs Weston & Mrs Yehudi Meniun.

*Thursday 2 April 1942*

Got up about 10am & wrote this up. Visited Rockefeller Centre with Jock Glazebrook and Radio City. Human guinea pigs for test programme. Met other boys back at Picadilly & went to Stage Door for tea. Later visited Louis Bar and met Dr and Mrs K. Early hours of morning before we got to bed. Rosemary Lane at Stage Door.

*Friday 3 April 1942*

Slept late as usual. Afternoon boys broadcast to home & we were too late to get theatre tickets. Stage Door. "Tommy Dawsy" & went to bed about midnight.

*Saturday 4 April 1942*

Went with Bill, Thommy & Don to Dr Floyds at Staten Island. Spent afternoon driving around up west of Manhattan & over to New Jersey. Dinner with Dr & Mrs Floyd at Italian place in Greewich Village. Back to Picadilly about 8.30pm. (Bill Drysdale's Aunt is Mrs Floyd). Visited Stage Door Canteen & saw Fredrich Marsh. Met Dr & Mrs Kern at Louis Bar. Don & I went to their room and talked for hours. Got to bed about 6 pm (?am). Both couples presented us with books. "Wind, Sand & Stars". "The Moon Went Down".

*Sunday 5 April 1942*

Got up at midday and went to lunch at Three Arts Club. Left there about 4pm after listening to records etc. Arranged date with Rene' of Puracota for following afternoon at Blackstone Hotel. Back to Picadilly, had a steak & changed. Arrived at Westons about 7.30. Very enjoyable evening with Gwynneth & Bob, cocktails, spaghetti & beer. Talked & made record. Gwyn going to write home. Gwyn from Melbourne Huntington Rd, Malvern. Jona.

*Monday 6 April 1942*

Got up about 10 & had breakfast for a change. Did packing before lunch with Bob Weston & a friend of his. "Bob is a swell guy". Met the Rene' at Blackstone about 5pm. She took me to a party in aid of the blind. Hell of a crowd & not much fun. Met another couple of Aussie women. Got on train at 7.30 for Montreal. Sat up all night & arrived about 11am....

*Tuesday 7 April 1942*

After a few hours in Montreal snowing, set out again for Halifax. Sleepers in train.

*Wednesday 8 April 1942*

Arrived St John about 7am & got on ferry. Had breakfast & landed at Digby. Arrived Halifax about 7pm after very pretty trip. Arrived at "Y" Depot & allotted beds.

*Thursday 9 April 1942*

Halifax. Parade. 8:30. Lectures etc, Lunch & took boats to be repaired. Went into town but not very impressed. Narrow dirty streets & crowded with service men. Pictures "Woman of the Year". Came back to camp about 9.30pm & wrote this.

*Friday 10 April 1942*

Visited stores and got webbing, tin hat etc. Evening went into city & saw "Song of the Islands".

*Saturday 11 April 1942*

Parade and route march. Went into city & did business with Commercial Bank of Canada.

*Sunday 12 April 1942*

Parade at 1000 hrs. Evening at Anzac Club. Concert and games.

*Monday 13 April 1942*

Usual day at "Y" depot. Pictures in city that evening.

*Tuesday 14 April 1942*

Visited Dartmouth in the afternoon & saw Catalinas, Hurricanes, Kitty Hawks, Hudsons etc. Pictures with the boys "One Foot in Heaven".

*Wednesday 15 April 1942*

Pay Day. Received \$20. Pictures in the Rec Hall. "Swing Time". Spent \$7.60 in overseas canteen.

*Thursday 16 April 1942*

Usual morning in Y depot. Bludged after 1<sup>st</sup> lecture. Afternoon off after parade. Letters from Mother, bet, Philip, Jack Atkinson & Jan. Wrote to Len & Tony. Pictures in town. Joe E. Bown in "Shut My Big Mouth", then to Anzac Club.

*Friday 17 April 1942*

Isobel Crane's Birthday. Morning. Route march. Afternoon lectures. Evening. Beer up in canteen & then to town by taxi for a feed.

*Saturday 18 April 1942*

Morning Lectures. Afternoon lectures and range practice. Evening wrote letter to Philip Stretton after a few beers in canteen.

*Sunday 19 April 1942*

Church parade on drill square in drizzle and fog at 1000 hrs. Afternoon wrote home.

*Monday 20 April 1942*

Usual day at "Y" depot. Pictures in gym at night. "U Boat 29".

*Tuesday 21 April 1942*

Usual day at Y depot. Range practice 98 out of 125.

*Wednesday 22 April 1942*

Usual day at Y depot. Pictures in rec hut at night.

*Thursday 23 April 1942*

Afternoon marched to Anzac Club to hear Sir William Glasgow. Tea and then pictures with Don McDonald.

*Friday 24 April 1942*

Morning. Route march down to water. Beautiful day. Afternoon off for rugby match but did washing. Pictures in rec hall.

*Saturday 25 April 1942*

Aussies & NZs (400) marched in to Civic Square for Anzac Day commemoration. Lunch in town. Afternoon with Johnny, Don & John Ball in rowing boat. Wrote to Janet.

*Sunday 26 April 1942*

Parade 10.00 Afternoon walked along foreshore & Pt Pleasant Park. Tea in town then concert at Anzac Club.

*Monday 27 April 1942*

Usual day at Y depot. Letters from Mother & Dad. Latest 18 March. Pictures in Rec Hall. Wrote to home & Bob Sanderson.

*Tuesday 28 April 1942*

Usual day. Evening. Paid \$47.80 at about 9pm.

*Wednesday 29 April 1942*

Morning off to do shopping. Hell of a crowd of airmen in town. Afternoon also free, town with Thommy & Don to buy stockings, lipstick etc.

*Thursday 30 April 1942*

Arranged in embarkation order etc. Paid £3 sterling. Closed camp. Finished packing. Letters from Tora & Pat written on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Evening. Few beers in the canteen.

*Friday 1 May 1942*

Up early to put out luggage. Parade at 08.30 to hand in bedding. Parade of squadron at 1.30 with rest of baggage, webbing etc. Marched down to pier No 21 & aboard the M/S Batory (Polish). (14,000). Full of officers, sergeants, LAC & AC2 plus Canadian & American army. Rather disorganised as regards meals etc. Fairly comfortable 6 in 4 berth cabin. Went to bed early as there is nowhere to sit on this ship.

*Saturday 2 May 1942*

Early breakfast 0745. Parade at 10.00. Large number of ships came into harbour. Cruisers, big transports & aircraft carrier (Acquitanian). Second sitting for meals. Did nothing in particular all day. Letter from Jan.

*Sunday 3 May 1942*

Set sail early morning. 26 ships in convoy. 8 destroyers, 2 U.S. cruisers, 1 aircraft carrier and all other vessels carrying troops. Largest troop convoy to cross Atlantic.

*Monday 4 May 1942*

Sailing in fog. Evening couple of bottles of beer in aft mess.

*Tuesday 5 May 1942*

Still in thick fog. Started lectures. Morning. P.T. on promenade deck. Afternoon Navigation in aft mess. Flight on duty from 1900 hrs for 23 hrs. 1 hr on sun deck. 7 to 8.

*Wednesday 6 May 1942*

Watch on sun deck. 0400 to 0800. Slept couple of hrs after breakfast. Watch 1600 to 1900. Fog cleared about midday but weather still dull but sea very calm. Very calm trip so far.

*Thursday 7 May 1942* - Usual day aboard.

*Friday 8 May 1942* - Usual day aboard. Boxing on promenade deck.

*Saturday 9 May 1942*

Usual day aboard. Went on watch at 1900 hrs near aft mess.

*Sunday 10 May 1942*

Usual day. Watch 0430 - 0830. Slept most of day. On again 1600 - 1900 hrs.

*Monday 11 May 1942*

Arrived Greenock about 5pm after leaving part of convoy during morning. Andes went down to Livapool & escorting destroyer got a sub.

*Tuesday 12 May 1942*

Went aboard ferry about 1.30pm. Landed 2.30 & left by special train about 4.30. Very beautiful scenery & light until about 10.30. Stopped at Carlisle, Derby and Bath. Saw results of bombing at Bath. Rather uncomfortable in train & very little sleep. Meals brought along to us in carriages. Blackout conditions on train.

*Wednesday 13 May 1942*

Arrived Bournemouth about 1000 hrs & marched up to quarters in apartment house overlooking the channel. Meals at East Cliff house about ¼ mile away. Afternoon lecture on conduct & filled in forms. After tea got baggage lugged upstairs (fourth floor), bathed & went to bed. Have room with Johnny Good & Don McDonald. 6 roomed flat, 2 baths, 3 lavatories. Stretchers but no other furniture.

*Thursday 14 May 1942*

Up at 0730, breakfast & on parade at 0840. Night Vision test then dinner (Average in test). Taken to Lady Ryder's to get fixed up for our week's leave. Very nice afternoon tea served by nice looking lassies.

*Friday 15 May 1942*

Morning spent at stores getting flying clothing, battle dress, gas cape etc. Afternoon free. Wandered about parks etc.

*Saturday 16 May 1942*

After parade taken for route march & let loose in Boston. Had tea and cakes at a café then wandered back for lunch. Afternoon free & just

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wandered around, watched tennis on public courts. Evening. Paraded at 1845 to act as casualties for mock attack on city. Marched all over the place then to Town Hall. Display of low flying by Walrus Planes. Went to cleansing station to have eyes washed. Lots of tear gas about the town.

*Sunday 17 May 1942*

Parade 0915 then free. After lunch Dony, Thommy & myself went to Salisbury by bus. Nice trip of 2 hrs and saw lots of country. Trees, grass & flowers very wonderful. Spent couple of hrs looking at the Cathedral together with 3 pommies. Had tea at a service canteen then started back. Don & I went to pictures and saw Second Chorus.

*Monday 18 May 1942*

Morning paraded for dental inspection which was very rough & ready. Then down to Lady Ryder's. Probably go to Cumberland for leave. Afternoon received identity cards and lecture on pay. Evening packing of bags ready to store before going on leave.

*Tuesday 19 May 1942*

Pay Parade £12.0.0. Stored excess baggage on ground floor.

*Wednesday 20 May 1942*

Paraded at 10am to get leave passes, rail tickets & ration coupons. Left West station at 11am & arrived Waterloo about 2pm. Overseas League by taxi then to Sloane Square to tea at Lady Ryder's. 6pm back to Overseas League for party & broadcast by BBC (Band & quiz). Several whiskeys then to Picadilly for feed at Chinese joint. Out to Earls Court by underground to sleep at Loftus Hotel (8/- bed & breakfast). Not much of a joint.

*Thursday 21 May 1942*

From Earls Court to Euston by tube to catch 10.35 going north. About 50 from 3PRC on the train all looked after by Lady Ryder. Arrived Kendal & met by Mrs Huggins. Then on to Stavely & met by Miss Mather & four lads, Bill, Peter, Norm, Ivan. Went to tea & pictures at Windemere (Met Peggy & Marion Parker). then back to Sidegarth. Don & Thommy slept in a double bed. Wonderful home & hostess.

*Friday 22 May 1942*

Bill & Peter left by early train. Visited Kendal with Miss Mather who was on ARP work. Few drinks in the pub & read in YMCA as it rained all the time. Afternoon visited Mrs Shere and kids in Winder mere. Very charming young woman. spent evening playing poker at home.

*Saturday 23 May 1942*

Mucked about in the morning, playing croquet etc. Afternoon visited the Prentices at Windemere. Evening went to the Wild Boar for dinner with Mr & Mrs Cannon & had very pleasant evening.



*Sunday 24 May 1942*

Had lunch with Miss Mather at the Wild Boar. Evening spent at Jim's with big crowd playing a race betting game also a rowing contest. Ric Oliver (South African Fleet Air Arm) arrived making six visitors at the house.

*Monday 25 May 1942*

Ivan & Norm left by early train. Evening went to local dance in Stovely. Had a fair sized party. Peggy, Marian, Noreen & several others plus Canadian officers. Went for a drive & drink & Ric & I swam in the river. Finished up the party at home.

*Tuesday 26 May 1942*

Spent all day driving around the district. Had lunch at nice little place beside Lake Windemere. Dinner at Wild Boar with Mr & Mrs Cannon then to their place for a drink.

*Wednesday 27 May 1942*

Left by 9.30 train. Steel took us down. Arrived Euston 4.30. Left Waterloo 5.30 & got home about 9pm. Had meal at Betty's before going to bed.

*Thursday 28 May 1942* - Usual parades. Stuff out of stores.

*Friday 29 May 1942* - Usual parades.

*Saturday 30 May 1942*

Free after morning parade. Left by 11 o'clock bus for Salisbury. Another bus then 2 mile walk to race course. Rather showery & funny little track. Did little betting so did not loose much. Had tea at lousy café then home at 10pm.

*Sunday 31 May 1942*

Parade 0915 and went to church at 10.00. Afternoon just mucked about. Evening pictures with Don.

*Monday 1 June 1942*

Started lectures. Keep us busy from 08.30 to 1200 and 1400 to 1700. Rather strenuous P.T. Went out drinking with Don. Ended up with some officers at Boscone with fish & chips. Perfect weather.

*Tuesday 2 June 1942*

Another perfect day. Lectures etc. Evening wrote to Pat and Miss Mather. Half lads posted for a months course.

*Wednesday 3 June 1942*

Absolutely perfect and really warm. Lectures & bludging. Evening saw "Macbeth" at Pavilion with Don & enjoyed it. Supper at Y.M.C.A. Wrote this up for last week or so. Half our lads left for St Athens for months aircraft engineering course. Thommy Good went with them leaving Don & I alone in the room.

*Thursday 4 June 1942*

Usual day with parades & lectures etc. Weather still perfect if a bit too warm. Evening drinking at Pavilion. Met Georgie Connor & Joan Tarbuck and went to supper.

*Friday 5 June 1942*

Morning at range. Clay pigeons, rifle & revolver shooting. Did fairly well. Evening few drinks then to bed.

*Saturday 6 June 1942*

Morning navigation class at Ice Rink. Afternoon free after parade. Wandered around, had afternoon tea. Bombs dropped by ME1094 about 5.15 about 5 Canadian officers killed. Met Georgie & Joan & went to pictures "Ladies in Retirement". Supper then walked them home. Bed about 12.30. Some of the lads worked most of the night clearing up mess.

*Sunday 7 June 1942*

Parade 10.00 then free for rest of day. Lay in sun in gardens for while. Evening pictures with Don "I Want a Divorce". Came home and ate peaches and cream and felt a trifle guilty about it. Wrote to Jan.

*Monday 8 June 1942*

Parade. Lectures. Intelligence & Nazi Propaganda film at Regent Theatre. Afternoon signals and films on gas plus afternoon tea at Service Club. Weather still good but a few clouds & a bit cooler today. Cable to North Mine and to Len at Brinham.

*Tuesday 9 June 1942*

Range all morning. Topped score for group with 117 out of 125 for rifle & 12 out of 15 birds with 12 gauge. Afternoon lectures at East Cliff. Evening pictures with Don & Ron Peake "The Pieman(?) went to France"

*Wednesday 10 June 1942*

Pictures again at Regent to see end of "Victory in the West" & "No., Rank & Name". Afternoon, pictures again in Westover Ice Rink "Next of Kin". Evening finished letter home.

*Thursday 11 June 1942*

Afternoon bludging from lectured.

*Friday 12 June 1942*

Usual day at lectures. Evening spent in Pavilion Bar with Staff. Steve, Junior, Don & Len. All fairly bright by 9.30 and went to Betty's for supper.

*Saturday 13 June 1942*

Lectures in morning. Afternoon wandered around, played miniature golf & had afternoon tea.

*Sunday 14 June 1942*

Service at Pavilion Theatre for All Nations Day. All civil services etc. represented. Some of our lads were in parade in London before the king.

Afternoon with Don, Norm & Ron, went to Christ Church. Looked at church & wandered about then afternoon tea in very nice tea garden beside river. Back just in time for tea & to be caught in rain. Played couple of rounds of golf on putting green in gardens.

*Monday 15 June 1942*

Usual day at East Cliff Court. At Regent in morning to hear lecture on security. Evening saw "Johnny Egar" by myself at Regent. Other three went to dance at Pavilion.

*Tuesday 16 June 1942*

Usual day of lectures. Inclined to be showery. Morning on range. Poor score but won 8/- from the lads. Evening at home writing letters (I hope!). Wrote to Mother, Len and Joan Tarbuck.

*Wednesday 17 June 1942*

Morning lectures. Afternoon played golf with Ron & Don at Merrick Park. Finished up rather tired. Evening saw "One of our aircraft is Missing".

*Thursday 18 June 1942*

Lectures all day. Mail. Two from Mother & one from Dad. Note from Reg Furzer. Evening packed for weekend, did washing & wrote to Jan.

*Friday 19 June 1942*

Left Bournemouth at 3pm for 48 in London. Arrived Chevron Club (Pont St) about 7pm. Lads in party Ron Peake, Don McDonald, Norm Williams. Spent evening wandering around city with Mrs Ray Broad. Met Doris Brooks. Back in bed by midnight.

*Saturday 20 June 1942*

Met Ray Broad at Trafalgar Sq at 11am. Wandered around & visited parks etc. Later met Doris Kitt and Edith. Tea in Hyde Park then to see Big Top at His majesties. Good show & Doris hardly stopped laughing. Did more wandering & finished up eating Strawberries in Leister Sq after dark. Took Doris back to Oxford St and met others later & got taxi home. Norm missed a train & spent few hours wandering home.

*Sunday 21 June 1942*

Pat's Birthday. Met all the girls at 11am at Trafalgar Sq. Went out to Kew Gardens by Bus. Had lunch at tea house then spent all afternoon lying under the trees. Party paired off very nicely. Had dinner at Euston (Schmits) then collected bags from Chevrons & to Waterloo. Ray, Edith & Doris saw us off at 10pm. Southampton struck a raid & waited couple of hrs. Met Melbourne girl in shelter. Got to bed about 4.30am.

*Monday 22 June 1942*

Got posting when on parade to No 15 AFU Leconfield East Yorkshire. Morning did packing. Afternoon slept. Evening drinking at Pavilion with Nor, Don, Thommy Good. Thommy also posted but leaving others behind.

*Tuesday 23 June 1942*

Left Bournemouth 8.20am. Arrived London 11am. Baggage carted to Kings Cross. Rang Doris. Went with boys to Boomerang Club, Aust. House. Then met Doris 1.30 in Oxford St. Took bus to Marble Arch & had lunch near there. Then spent an hour in Hyde Park. Very friendly. Taxi to Kings Cross where Doris saw me off at 4pm. Arrived up here about 11pm & after issue of bedding & feed got to bed about 1am. Joan Tarbuck's Birthday.

*Wednesday 24 June 1942*

Spent all day with pep talks, medical inspections etc etc.

*Thursday 25 June 1942*

Started flying. On for afternoon shift and got about an hour in the Oxford. Instructor Sgt Caterer. Wrote Doris & Don.

*Friday 26 June 1942*

Flying two shifts. Got about 7 hours & went off solo. Wrote home.

*Saturday 27 June 1942*

Flying two shifts again. 1 hr solo in morning.

*Sunday 28 June 1942*

Church Parade in morning. Flying in afternoon. Evening walked into Beverly, had a feed & couple of drinks. Got bus back at 9-10. Wrote to Len.

*Monday 29 June 1942*

Flew in afternoon & wrote to Bill Hardwick & Jan.

*Tuesday 30 June 1942*

Day off as station broke record with 12,000 hrs for month. Morning into Beverly to leave films etc. Had lunch there then took bus to Hull. Pictures with two N.Z.'s. "Shadow of the Thin Man". Had tea then came home again, the lads (Ron & Norm) arrived from Bournemouth. They saw Doris in London. Don sent to Ossington. Lads arrived here all fairly merry & hell of a row in barracks.

*Wednesday 1 July 1942*

Slept most of morning. Lunch & solo in afternoon. Evening wrote to Bob Sanderson.

*Thursday 2 July 1942*

Flew two shifts & got about six hours. Letters from Jack Atkinson and Janet.

*Friday 3 July 1942*

Flew two shifts. Wrote to Doris. Letters from Doris & Len (Biss).

*Saturday 4 July 1942*

Went to Beverly to collect washing with Jhonny Ball. Evening went into Beverly with a few lads. Few beers then home in 9.30 bus. Finished off letter to Tony.

*Sunday 5 July 1942*

Slept most of morning. Afternoon flying. Solo then cross-country with F/O Williams. Wrote to Dad (Air Mail) (*Frank Grey Wilson*).

*Monday 6 July 1942*

Janet's birthday (22). Flying in morning. Cross country to Ashern, Ripon, Scarsborough. Afternoon lectures. Signals & Intelligence.

Evening flying. Did not go up.

*Tuesday 7 July 1942*

Morning. Lectures Nav, Intelligence. Afternoon flying X country to York, Spalding. Landed at Watton, Newick, Great Heck. Evening free.

*Wednesday 8 July 1942*

Flying morning & evening. Got about 7 hours. Lectures in afternoon. No 3 X Country with Merv Burke. Letter from Don McDonald & card from Doris at Bournemouth.

*Thursday 9 July 1942*

Morning Lectures & pay £9-0-0. Afternoon flying No 4 X Country with Merv Burke, Fairly tired.

*Friday 10 July 1942*

Flew morning & evening. Lectures in afternoon.

*Saturday 11 July 1942*

Lectures in morning. Afternoon station athletic sports. Pupils did not do so well. Had a go in tug of war. Evening tried to sleep before night flying. Letter from Doris written in Bournemouth. Flying from 1am to 2.30. Did three circuits dual & two solo.

*Sunday 12 July 1942*

Slept until late in morning. Afternoon off. Evening went to Beverly with Staff, Steve & Burke. Fair number of beers then home by taxi about midnight. Wrote to Jan & Philip.

*Monday 13 July 1942*

Morning off. Went to Beverly to collect laundry and send cables. Afternoon did a bit of sodium flying but it was later scrubbed due to poor visibility. Wrote home & to Don.

*Tuesday 14 July 1942*

Flying morning & evening. Sodium & solo. Afternoon lectures. did hour as ACP in evening.

*Wednesday 15 July 1942*

Lectures in morning & flying in afternoon. Flying at night at Acaster. Report at flights at 2115. Rained all night at Acaster. Got a bed about 2am. Left again about 7.30am. Wrote to Doris.

*Thursday 16 July 1942*

Arrived back from Acaster about 0815. Went to bed at 9 & got up for lunch. Bludged all afternoon & got pulled up before CI for missing nav

lecture. ACP for four days. Wrote to Pat & did 1 ½ hrs solo after tea.  
Letter from Doris.

*Friday 17 July 1942*

Lectures in morning & just sat in flight hut all afternoon as rained most of the time. Night flying at Acaster leave here about 9pm. Still fairly crook weather with strong gusty wind. Very rough flying & did not get any sleep over there. Got to bed here at 7am Saturday morning. 3 dual & 4 solo landings.

*Saturday 18 July 1942*

Slept all morning after night flying. Afternoon a right off. Wrote a couple of letters and nearly went to Beverly. Missed bus so had couple of beers in mess & wrote to Tora & Aunt Ethel.

*Sunday 19 July 1942*

Pulled out of bed to go to W/T Flight. Couple of flips in morning & one in afternoon. Detailed for beacon flying at night but it was washed out about 3am. "Doc" Toomey got caught up in fog & did not land until daylight. Bed about 3.30am Monday.

*Monday 20 July 1942*

Slept all morning. Afternoon W/T flight to Carlile. Three planes & party of 12. Had eggs & bacon then flew above clouds on ADMs to home. On beacon flying again tonight. Did 1.20 and ran into a fair bit of cloud. Not much fun all on your own. Letter from Doris.

*Tuesday 21 July 1942*

Slept all morning. Afternoon at W/T flight. Did a couple of flips. Boys played cricket but got well cleaned up. Wrote to Miss Mather & got a letter from her. Johnny Good shot up Sidegarth in the morning.

*Wednesday 22 July 1942*

Flying in morning. did No 5 X Country with Staff and got lost due to bad visibility. Lectures in afternoon. Rained all day. Detailed for W/T X Country night flying. Weather crook so expect it to be scrubbed. Letter from Aunt Ethel. Night flying scrubbed.

*Thursday 23 July 1942*

Nancy Atkinson's Birthday. Lectures in morning. Flying in afternoon. No 5 X Country with Eddy Fulton. Weather closed in so did not finish second lap. Detailed for night cross country W/T. Pay day £9-0-0. Still owed a weeks pay. Wrote to Jan. 1000 cigarettes from Tony. Did morte beacon flying as W/T X Countries were scrubbed. Low cloud & rain and only found Catfoss beacon.

*Friday 24 July 1942*

Slept all morning. Lectures in afternoon. Night flying scrubbed but stayed up all night. Wrote to Doris.

*Saturday 25 July 1942*

Slept all morning. Flying afternoon and at night. W/T X country with Sgt Horne.

*Sunday 26 July 1942*

Slept all morning. Afternoon evening off. Went to Hull with Staff & Steve & saw a picture show. "Janet Wedding". Came back to Beverly & drank, beer, gin, whisky & cherry brandy. Finished up fairly merry. Steve & I caught a taxi but Staff walked home.

*Monday 27 July 1942*

Slept most of morning then went over road for egg and spaghetti breakfast. Afternoon flying. Went to Peterborough with Mr Harper. Night flying at Acaster. One dual circuit before scrubbed due to evening action. No sleep, damned cold & landed back here in mist about 5am.

*Tuesday 28 July 1942*

Slept all morning. Afternoon lectures then a flip. Free for decent nights sleep. Wrote to Doris.

*Wednesday 29 July 1942*

Wrote home. Flying lectures etc.

*Thursday 30 July 1942*

Morning Lectures. Afternoon flying. Detailed for night X country with Smithy. Flying scrubbed due to very heavy ground fog. Friday declared holiday as station had record of 15,000 hours for the month.

*Friday 31 July 1942*

Slept most of morning. On posting list for BAT Course at Middleton St George. Afternoon went to Hull with the lads and saw film "Birth of the Blues". Evening back on Beverly at Green Dragon. Taxi home about 11pm. Staff & Steve took two WAAFs back to camp (MT section, awful pieces). Finished evening with Johnny Good in mess on whisky and beer and playing draughts.

*Saturday 1 August 1942*

Spent latter half of morning collecting signatures etc for clearance. Evening spent in Beverly Arms. Got fairly merry. Staff and I took two lassies home to Hull (Barbara Denzel). Luckily got a taxi back to camp. Middleton St George is an ops station flying Halifaxes. Nos 76 & 78 squadrons. Few Aussies in the crews.

*Sunday 2 August 1942*

Left Leconfield by plane about 9.30. Difficulty in finding Middleton St George due to fog. Afternoon lectures about BAT course and link. Evening Johnny & I went to Darlington. Visited many pubs and got rather full. Made a date with couple of lassies (Gwen). Could not get accommodation due to Bank Holiday. Officer found a taxi and we arrived home safely.

*Monday 3 August 1942*

Slept all morning. After lunch back to Darlington. Market day & lots of people about. Met the girls & went to the pictures "Uncensored". Had tea then said goodbye & caught 7.30 bus home. Wrote to Doris.

*Tuesday 4 August 1942*

Flying & link all day. Instructor F/L Rose. Early to bed.

*Wednesday 5 August 1942*

Flying and link all day. Evening show in the NAAFI by ENSA. Not too bad.

*Thursday 6 August 1942*

Flying & link all day. Supper of beans & chips in Sally Ann & now to bed. Meals here are not so hot considering the job the lads have to do. Wrote home & to Lyn Compton.

*Friday 7 August 1942*

More flying and link. Early to bed after supper in Sally Ann.

*Saturday 8 August 1942*

Agatha's Birthday. Link & flying until lunch time. Afternoon filled up log books and lecture & visit to main beacon. Went to Middlesborough with Eddy Fulton. Put up at Corporation Hotel. Left Eddy & met Dundas & Monty and spent evening drinking. (Westgarth Club. Robert Taylor). Got to bed about midnight & got up about 7am. Got taxi back to Middleton St George.

*Sunday 9 August 1942*

Left Middleton with Mr Patey about 10am. Afternoon put in log books & did a bit of packing. Evening spent in Beverly Arms with Staff. Met Barbara Denzel, Joyce & Margaret & went down to Hull. Got home by taxi about 1am (16/6d)

*Monday 10 August 1942*

Slept most of morning. Breakfast of spaghetti & beans on toast across road. Afternoon finished packing, saw MO & accounts & got cleared. Went into Beverly & visited Arms & Green Dragon with Johnny Good. Finished up walking home but got fair supper of bacon & chips.

*Tuesday 11 August 1942*

Breakfast of egg & spaghetti across road then started on our trip to 17 O.T.U. Upwood, Hunts. Eddy & Johnny went as far as Hull with us. Travelled from 10am till 8pm. Four trains, one bus & 1 transport. Plenty of baggage shifting. Arrived here & drew bedding. After supper Steve rolled up having had a 48 in London. Not a bad station.

*Wednesday 12 August 1942*

Couple of forms to be filled in & visit to MO & dentist. Evening walked into Ramsey and went to pictures. Not feeling too happy as effect of typhoid inoculation. Couple of beers then came home. Wrote to Doris & Len.



*Thursday 13 August 1942*

Couple of lectures in morning & one in afternoon. Wrote to Barbara & Jan. Spending quiet evening in camp.

*Friday 14 August 1942*

Lectures by CI & CGI. Group photograph. Interview by CGI. Pictures in Ramsey.

*Saturday 15 August 1942*

Started lecture programme. Took laundry down road & few drinks and supper at Lion. Did PT consisting of game of soccer. Bit of exercise is a change.

*Sunday 16 August 1942*

Lectures all day. Evening at home. Wrote to Doris.

*Monday 17 August 1942*

Lectures all day. Pictures in NAAFI "Ride Em Cowboy". Letter from Doris. Rather sad as her brother had just been cremated. Wrote to her.

*Tuesday 18 August 1942*

Lectures and P.T. Wrote home.

*Wednesday 19 August 1942*

Lectures all day. evening went into Ramsey with Staff & Steve & had few drinks at the George.

*Thursday 20 August 1942*

Lectures all day. Pay parade 7pm.

*Friday 21 August 1942*

Lectures all day. Went into Ramsey had a few beers then came home again.

*Saturday 22 August 1942*

Lectures all day. Pictures in camp. "Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde".

*Sunday 23 August 1942*

Lectures all day as usual.

*Monday 24 August 1942*

Lectures until 1430. Went into Peterborough about 5pm. Went to pictures after tea then left again at 9pm.

*Tuesday 25 August 1942*

Started flying in "A" Flt. Short nosed Blenheims. Instructor an Aussie Flight Sgt "Nuseda". Wrote to Jan.

*Wednesday 26 August 1942*

Lectures all day & P.T.

*Thursday 27 August 1942*

Coral McClure's Birthday. Flying again. Went off solo in short nose Blenheim. 4 hours. Hot & muggy as hell.

*Friday 28 August 1942*

Lectures all day. Hot again.