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### Dreams

At Waco I dreamed that you lost your ring in Hull's yard and you felt so badly about it but insisted to forget it and I'd buy another. Oh! it was time and then I woke happy again.

(May *Mar?*) Here at Beverley I dreamed that I was having the stone set in platinum right in our repair shed and I got a black smooth stone in place set deep & flat. Gee! I was a blue kid but oh! so happy to awaken & find it all a dream.

(Apr.) One night I dreamed that I brought a girl America and that I was supposed to be married to her and then it came to me that 'you & I' were to be married and I didn't know what to do. When I awoke I was "all in" but so happy to find that I had only been dreaming and that still there was still there was nothing between us, Marguerite my own.

Seven nights in order I dreamed I was home again and always could see you. Those were happy dreams.

(March 4) Sent diary to Mgt. (Marguerite). Had 2 inspections. Did nil all day. In eve good dinner music in diningroom. After chow got paid-hurray. Got \$11.55 & spent or invested, \$4.40 in cigs. for overseas. To bed,.

(March 5) Up at 5:30. chow early & made ready to leave any minute. About 10 a.m. were called & filed out to train-packs on our backs-headed for Brooklyn. Arrived there at 12 & on ferry waiting. Went down East River around to N.Y. harbor in view of all sky scrapers & statue of Liberty under Manhattan & Brooklyn bridges. Were unloaded from ferry to Transport S.S. Celtic. about 4 P.M. Dropped cards & letters & had chow at 5:30 P.M. Head-cheese, spuds, & bread & butter, pickles & tea. Talking & started a real crap-game on deck.

(March 6) Up 6:30 & had formation telling us all about our life boats. Was assigned to 8-18 of us in it & 20 phone girls. Left N.Y. harbor at 11 and on high seas in P.M. Sitting around on deck to keep from getting sick. Am in bed now 8:15 P.M. Steward tried to kick us back to "K" where we were last night in steerage & leave these empty when he has a good bed--the hull-head.

(Mar. 7) Up at 6 & eat shortly. Formation & boat-drill. Monkeying around all day. Sleep a little P.M. Ate 3 meals & danced in eve feeling pretty good. Wrote a letter.-somewhere on Earth "ogs tmow uhkaye" (*Henry & his brothers & sisters had a 'secret' language.*)

(Mar.8) Frost on walls of ship beside my bed when I awoke at 8. 8 Mush & fish for breakfast-boat-drill 10-11:30 in port at Halifax. Soup, roast spuds. P.M. Broke into John & Smithy's room just at the cycological moment & "qgak hcuus kc fihkense". Left Halifax about 4 P.M. 7 boats in a group, 3 Transports & others cruisers. Boxing match. The setting sun was grand as it stayed on the waters midst the grand escorts. To bed reading till 9:30.

(March 9) Fair sleep but feeling bum acc of toothache. Formation at 9 A.M. & boat-drill 10:30. Formation 2 P.M. & drew gloves, sox & tobacco ex. Miss Margaret S. Carson head of Army

Girls' Transport. Tobacco Fund 40 cents. At 3 P.M. Formal guard mount. My post No. 28. Supper, wieners, spuds, cheese, pickles, jelly, bread butter & tea. Fine.

(Mar.10) Sunday-shaved shined shoes & at 9 went on guard my post No. 13 ex 9 to 11, 3-5, 9-11 & 3 to 5 at night. To bed at 7 for a little sleep. Stormy during night but my post OK. Sleep.

(11) Until 8:30 A.M. Guard mount & boat drill till 11:30 Ate & to bed until 4:30. Sick all over. Ate a little & sat on deck until after 9 P.M. Quite Stormy & 3 boats behind for a few hours out of sight but finally caught Now have good music & singing.

(Mar.12) Quite stormy on deck ex 9 to 11:30 Chow bunk-fatigue to 3 then exercises on deck. Quite stormy and rocky all day.

(Mar. 13) Stormy a "L" A.M. & snow. Once she rocked and made everybody fly. P.M. exercises & saw boat-drill. Engineer of Co. E died, of pneumonia -was laid out with silk American flag over him. Sick-chills to bed shivering.

(Mar. 14) Up at 7 and at 7:30 formation at military funeral of dead engineer. He was weighted down was slid overboard about 8 A.M. British ships had flags half mast but the grandest of all was to see the U.S.S. BALTIMORE, off port, flying the grand & glorious, the dignified, "Stars and Stripes". It made tears mingled with pride & joy come into my eyes to see "Old Glory" wave o'er the soldier's watery grave. I went on sick call- it is only 2nd time since I'm in Army. All I get is pills never any consideration--marked duty. P.M. drill. We have been in war zone since midnight & have look-outs accompanied by officers. Oh! Diary, listen with your paper ears-I read "her" letter again for the thousandth time and I am awfully lonesome for the dear girl but, I fear, if this horrible war last too long, I'll have to part forever out of justice-consideration-for her. I do not laugh any more nothing is joy to me save the thought of early peace-return to you.

(March 15) Up at 7:30 No breakfast. To deck at nine. Boat-drill as usual P.M. Up at two about 2:45 all boats turned went to rear-directly west-for about half an hour then resumed original position & went East again. Danger perhaps. Telephone girls gave us boys of "247" 4 bxs of chocolates. 8 lbs. Formed guard again P.M.

(Mar. 16) Our "Convoy" was here when I went out this morn.-light extra bit- the fighting boat know as "Sub" Chasers and destroyers, Dandy old boats. Quite rainy A.M. Went on guard at One P.M. on post "13" again. To bed until 5 from 3:15. Ate & to rest before going on guard at 7 to 9.

(March 17) Up at 12:30 A.M. to go on guard to 2:30. To mess & had coffee & cake ex Ed Atterson. To be at 4 to 6:30 & onguard till 9 Saw Scotland at 8. They found a sick man in "K" lying on floor. S.O. inspection. Got rations for on train. Passed along Ireland & all water looked green. St. Patrick's Day. About 8 P.M. got stuck in sand-bar till 12 P.M. & convoy-boat helped us out.

(Mar. 18) Up at 5:30 & turned in everything, ate and made ready to unload. First saw Bloomin' Blighty 7 A.M. in Liverpool harbor. Got off boat at 12 M. & on train. Off at Birmingham & had coffee at 6 PM. Ate 4 times on way to Romsey and arrived there at 10 P.M. & started for concentration camp 1 1/2 miles out where we arrived at 11 P.M.--23 men to a tent. On blanket detail & when we rolled in it is now exactly 12:30 A.M.

(March 19) Up at 6:45-Exercises-chow 7:30 Bacon, bread & coffee. Could hear birds sing all morning. Took a walk around picking flowers-violets, birdseyes & holly & Ivy. About eleven saw first sky-lark up high and singing beautifully. The air is great & woods beautiful but not allowed in-may disturb resting. In eve to Y.M.C.A. I wrote letter home. It closed at nine P.M. sharp. To tent to bed.

(Mar.20)

”\*Note crack at bottom marked”--Henry

Reveille at sunrise. After chow all washed tables in mess tents-2 tents 20 tables--40 benches. 2 men scrubbed one swept floors and I wiped furniture with a piece of gunnysack-ha ha! Then shaved, washed my laundry & leggings and took bath while boys went to town witta lieutenant. Chow 12:30- stew, a spud, one piece of graham bread & cup of coffee P.M. some music & drill It is a beautiful sun-shining day 3:30 P.M. Where are you now dearest Marg. its is 1:30 A.M. and you are just beginning your day's work. Wish I could drop in on you now. You all, at home, are hustling around to get ready to go to school. (\*I wish I could be there and go to work in the spring work instead of lying around doing nothing for my Country. You or myself.) In eve cheese, bread, a piece of meat and coffee. In eve to “Y” & wrote to my Marg. till 9 & to bed.

(March 21) First Day of Spring. Very foggy in morn. & during day nice and warm A.M. Drill & lecture by Dep. Field Marshall of England. P.M. platoon drill & relay races. Men refused to march at right dress Ha ha! Could hear loud booming as if by cannon -perhaps 'tis. Am sitting in sunshine beneath big oak 3 ft at butt. Shave & washing clothes.

(March 22) went on guard A.M. getting ready & on 1 to 3 PM. & 7-9 PM. To guard house to sleep on cement floor, but fellows cutting up & no sleep till late. Got up at 12:30 to go on guard again.

(March 23) Went on past 10 A.M. to 3 Beautiful moonlight but a little chilly. Was “htniikgu fo oya ull inhg tdn anow snochirgu fi oyt ushguo trn ff,” from 5 to 7. When I came off guard we got a lunch-to bed 3:30 to 6- breakfast 6:30 & on past 7-9 A.M. hair-cut & did washing & shampoo. To bed early.

(Mar. 24) British set clock 1 hr. ahead for summer months during night so got cheated out of an hour's sleep and had reveille at 5 instead of 6-really. 37 of us to church in Romsey at 10:30 & got palms. Saw big Abbey built it \_\_\_\_\_, ranking next to Westminster Abbey. Chow 1:15 P.M. ball-game- 247 vs. 657- we tripled some Were called in to roll Tommy blankets & turn in ready to go in morning. Letters are being censored by our Command. Last night I dreamed I was with my Margrt home- then it changed & I was in Spokane telling Lillian the Chole died-committed suicide; despondent. (*Chloe was Henry's earlier girlfriend*)

(Mar. 25) Up at 2:30, rolled our blankets, formed, marched to kitchen got our bacon sandwich &

coffee & marched to depot 2 miles. Got barrack-bags and at 6:30 entrained. Went thru Oxford, stopped off at Seicester & were fed by Red Cross at about 1 A.M. Changed trains at York & went to Beverly, then we marched to camp at Beverly 1 1/2 mil. where we arrived at 6 P.M. sharp. Got bowl of soup, a glass of beer & made beds. Saw pretty scenery & old abbeys. Girls working in factories and round-houses. Also saw German prisoners working on railroad and farmers working in fields-many driving 3 horses strung out on plow-& seeders-one had small tractor. Don't seem to care for time but do everything neatly. Boys are getting plenty of ale. Good-night loved ones. I'm going to bed about 5 P.m.

(Mar. 26) Up at 6:15 & walked around missed reveille first time since in army and was put on K.P. 1 day for penalty. Washed dishes all day for 3 "agdas". P.M. at 3 was taken to aero-school and assigned my position in army as sails-maker-ha-ha!-hours 8 to 4:30. Some boys had mumps so were quarantined to quarters. Chow 4:30-soup 7:30 & to bathe & go to bed. Night-night.

(Mar. 27) To work in shop as sails-maker-sewing the linen on to wings-and like it fine. There are a fine bunch of girls-Emily Taylor is my friend-she's a good Catholic girls. At retreat had S.S. insp. & "gargle iglrs" looking on.

(Mar.28) To work as usual all day. Pay-day for girls & all British. All camp quarantined- 2 of ours scarlet-fever, 1 mumps & 1 pneumonia. "Iglrk ssiesm dg eaob dey". In eve writing a letter to Lillian at "Y". To bed at 9:30. Holy Thursday.

(Mar. 29) Good Friday to work at 9 & to 12:40 P.M. off duty-shaved & did detail. Got letter ex ma of Feby 18-poor dear she's worrying I'd go to France across. "Hsaeeeki da ndu ogs tce nosd"--28 days in "hoose-gau" if caught. At "Y" eve writing to Jesse Borgen. Soon to bed.

(March 30) Working all day in sails-shop good time. Girls had a real lip-fight-Fairys' "Mariette" (Emily) good old pals gave me candy, tea & eats & cigs. In eve wrote to Lillian.

(March 31) Easter Sunday Could hear chimes in bed. To sails-shop wet with rain-"Fairy" wet. To dope-shop to paint on dope wings. Got milk to drink, first in 3 mo. P.M. signed payroll-no work. To "Y'all WAAC's" there. Emily called names innocent of meaning. Sold carton of cigs@10 \$2.00. 4 beers & good time. In eve to "Y" church but only Eng. Church of Eng. My own girl how I'd like to be with you now. We'd be just about eating, for there it is just noon and you've all been to church & Sacraments. Goodnight-sweetheart, my thought are with you. Tis a beautiful starry-night. Wrote to Jesse 10 pgs.

(April 1) To do patching on rips in hangar-good job. Was called to Hdqtrts & sent to Hospital with 2 mumps cases as orderly. Told Sgt. C. Smith how dissappointed I was to be taken from my work & be interceded to Lt. Williams for me Sven Smith was sent to relive me in P.M. Good. Aviators threw dummy out to fool public.

(Apr. 2) To shops again & fine time "Caps'n" came in & raised "L". Girls had to work after supper. "Sequied" up for tent stakes. Monkey at "Y" & wrote to Mother & dad. "Mariette" exposed us.

(Apr.3) To work in "dope shop" & got along fine. Lt. Williams came in to see. Capt. Wilson of R.A.F. fell about 3 or 4000 feet & landed on R.R. track. Plane-"Sop Camel"-was nearly upside-down & smashed to smitherines-Capn's head smashed. Saw brains all over machine front. Two

fliers out late tonight one Cap'n Reynolds rockets were sent up for them to guide by. Worked after supper.

(Apr. 4) A.M. off and P.M. covered part of a Bomb. thrower place a Sopwith Bomber to go to France.

(Apr.5) Work in hanger A.M. & P.M. off. Bath, shaved & cleaned up. Aviator ran into trees & smashed new machine beyond repair. He was not killed-Twas a new Aero. first time out.

(April 6) To work in rig shop all day- raining like "L". Got letter ex Joe Tobin. Anna sent candy to Waco. May to be married cuddled like mama-Photo ex Emily one of W.A.A.C.'s No soup.

(Apr.7) To work all A.M. Got 4 letters Alice, Lillian, Pearl & Henrietta. Photos ex Pearl & Lillian. P.M. to "Y" reading, smoking, & playing checkers. Shave Rain and shine all day.

(Apr. 8) in dope shop all day & milk A.M. & P.M. Swiped bread & "ale" ex K.

(Apr. 9) To Orderly tent about insurance didn't Rat chewed ordnance & got bread. Got 4 letters & at last one ex her. Sails shop all day.

(Apr. 10) on Street Police. swept tents & pick paper. Sitting in greens room to read. Damp all day. Wrote to Mrs. Hill.

(April 11) Street Police again. Setting around reading "Web of Lift" Wrote to Bertha.

(Apr. 12) Working in dope shop all day. At 12:30 got paid. I got 2-18-11= \$14 27cents

(Apr. 13) In sails' shop making a cover for fusilage. P.M. off. Shaved and played checkers & read.

(April 14) Sunday, to work at 9 until noon P.M. off. Wrote to Charles (*Lorang*). Eve sewing chevrons on for Smithy, C. Playing checkers & some beer.

(April 15) In dope-shop all day. Finished sewing Smiths chevrons. Quarantine lifted.

(April 16) In A.R.S. putting fuselage on & doping it. Letter to Christ. (*Christine Lorang*)

(April 17) Moved to new camp nearer town, A.M.- P.M. on camouflage detail. Letter ex Marg. Wind still blowing for fourth day-8 planes came ex Hull.

(April 18) In dope-shop all day- 2 pts. milk. Got two letters 4 my own Marg. and the likeness of her dear self enclosed. It is snowing & blowing. Wish I were with You. And going to bed now & pray. 8:15

(April 19) Snowed all night & was 2 inches snow on grass where I rolled out the bed. Beat it & shaved. In sail's makers shop all day. Windy & a lot of snow, mailed your letters sweetheart & hope they reach you OK. In eve to town to buy leggings but shops closed. All boys clicked girls so I to cafe & got coffee & eats 1\$ 1/2 pd. Had some pie reminded us of home & you dearest. Pass to 13 but home early & visited with you a while & kissed you goodnight to bed.

(Apr. 20) In dope shop with kid until noon & then P.M. signed up to go town. Cullen & I together. Bo't leggings & soap box, cake & .35 suppers. Had wine, beer whiskey, port & beer. Stood lines to see pictures. secret kingdom. Ragged Messenger, Charlie Chaplin Home 10:30.

(Apr. 21) One K.P. & did work Stand-in with Corp. Joe A.M. in rations room & had all bread, ale, & jam I could eat &, sausage & "Sargeant My's" tea. Joe gave me biscuits & great-big meat sandwich. Two machines collided head on miles out & fell. 3 Lieut's Killed. & 1 mach. 4ft in ground crank-shaft thru mans belly. Others all on paved road demolishing plane & smashing man to bits.

(Apr.22) on K.P. till 9:30 P.M. Letter to Sill & Mgt. Took bath sick all day from being foundered. Ha-ha!

(Apr. 23) In sail's shop & shed making & repairing sails fuselages. To orderly room last time to get overalls. union Taylor too sarcastic, Letter to Pearl, Cocoa & biscuits. To bed 9:15

(Apr. 24) In dope-shop all day. Coming over field in morn I saw aviator fall in machine to ground nose down -Seargant Richardson-He was instantly killed. Eve. I wrote to Peter.

(Apr. 25) In A.R.S. shed repairing. Williams came back & gave lecture. In eve, Cullen & I had beer & to concert to "Y" 6 \$ a couple. Soup 9 P.M. home 4 P.M. I think so much of you Marguerite.

(Apr.26) In dope-shop all day, feeling fine Eve playing checkers & to soup at 8:30. Lots of bread. Got repaired shoes & spr. Union overalls.

(Apr. 27) Making base-bags A.M. & mess gear tents. P.M. Holiday. Cleaned up & to camp-Cullen & I. In one we signed up & to see movies & had a few drinks. Missed bad-check but fixed up with Molitor.

(Apr.28) Sunday to work in sails & B. Flight P.M. 2-4:30 Repaired Juliennes-Cullen's things in eve playing checks. & beer & cheese. Am awfully alone tonight dearest Marguerite.

(Apr.29) In "sails" & shed, with fuselages till Noon. P.M. little detail & to bed. Up at 6 P.M. & to works-ate & to work nights in dope-shop. Midnight drank our milk.

(Apr. 30) Finishing four planes. It is 3 A.M. and wonder where you are dearest at 7 P.M.

Got up at noon and had my breakfast then went to shop & worked on planes till supper ate & to work. 8:30 to eat-guy didn't want to give. Home at 3.A.M. May 1.

(May 1) Up at noon ate played ball & to bed again to supper time ate & to "Y" to write home. Finished letter in dope-shop.

(May 2) home at 3:30 Up at noon & to shop mending leggings & making kit-bag. Had supper & to work as usual. Home at 4 A.M. pretty all in.

(May 3) Up at 12-ate-shaved & cleaned up to got to Jimmies. At 2:15 he met me here with son,

Norman & we walked to his house on Norton St. Met his wife-she is a sweet woman (Jimmie says married 16 yrs. & never had a quarrel.) They took me to walk in West Wood & to see stone coffins & carvings of Muster. To museums, in library bldg. Ancient instruments of war very interesting of wood-stove & bronze arrow heads, spear-heads & stone axes-some of bronze Saw first bicycle of heavy iron frame & wheels like a wagon wheels. Back to Jimmies for tea which was grand. Jimmie played piano & we took leave of my first taste of English hospitality which I'll never forget. To dope-shop 7:15. Finished about 2:30 on

(May 4) The rains drip drop drip awoke me & I moved back & went to sleep again. Am in bed now & rain has ceased. Had butter & Jam sandwich & a sausage & now I'm having a Camel while I look at your loving image & listen to the beautiful song of birds building their nests their homes. Wish I were with you in our home sweetheart. Got up to eat at 12- cleaned around then to sailmakers. Altered coat & made bag & pillow cases. In eve Cullen & I to get a drink & pictures.

Sunday May 5) Work sails A.M. P.M. doing repair work for boys'

May 6) Six more boys to work in our shop. Put me in charge. Working on Aero fusilage & P.M. late on side-work on scout. To town Y in eve.

May 7) in dope shop in charge of doping. Two of our boys on. In eve to camp Y & wrote to Barney (*Lorang*).

May 8) Fusilage A.M. P.M. Holiday. Repairing ball (*baseball*) & leggings Eve to movies & saw "Mother Love" made one after supper ate moldy bread in my tent Dry & it tasted (?) At night I dreamed I went home and oh! how I did hug & cling to her.

May 9) Upholstering all day & patching too. Sure big Blackburn Kangaroo (?) machine to fit ex tip to tip & 40 nose to tail end. 700 HP & 2 engines 3 seats. At night I dreamed dad gave a flying exhibition in an Aero without wings & only a center section. He fell & went straight for a fence but put in reverse & tail hit a warehouse. Ha! not hurt. Smith & I to "Y" & I wrote to C. (*Charles Lorang*) P. (*Peter Lorang*) & Mollie (*Lorang*).

May 10) Putting on a fusilage & doping an Aero & in dope shop. In eve tug of war & sewed Cheverons one for Mathews. Everyone is out with girls but I was true to you Marguerite mine.

May 11) In A.R.S. shed all day repairing & doping. Formed mess-like- Got slim supper. Cullen had can bully-beef & Warren gave me bread. No more cigs nor money. Raining 10:30.

May 13) Putting fusilage on McMaborn Base A.M. P.M. repaired ball & Meyer's rain-coat. In eve to work on night-duty in dope-shop speaker at Y- to work at 6-to bed at 5 A.M.

May 14) Molitor made me get up to go to hdqtrs for pay & I had only 25 minutes to dress, wash, shave, & clean up. At 8:45 lined up & was paid by pay master first time. I drew L3-1s-1d= 14.81 To bed 9:30 till 12:30 Ate & to bed at 2 till 5:30 stood retreat & had S.A. inspection. To work at 7 P.M. sick as "L". It is sometime in early morning now on

May 15) am in dope-shop Home at 2:30 & slept until noon. Ate & to shop making canvas card kits. To work at 7.

May 16) Martha's birthday. To bed at 3 A.M. & up in bed at 11 A.M. sewing until 12. East & to shop making linen hdkfs. 3 machines fell on 15 men injured 1 died broken. Home ate & to work at 6:30. Lerner gave .48 1 florine for card-kit.

May 17) to bed at 3:30 & slept right on to noon like a log. Dressed & to work everything out of tents to dry ground which is sappy mud. Letter ex Coz. Helen (*Helen Gesellchen*). To "Y" hot as L now & sultry. To work at 6:30 & about 7:30 thunderstorm came hailing like "L". Going to camp lost you my dear old friend diary. To bed 3:30 A.M.

May 18) Up at 11 & cleaned up & shaved. P.M. sewed pair cheverons on for Molitor he gave me a shilling. Got my hair cut cost a shilling. Across Aerodome after supper hunting diary-no luck. Found shipping & Conklin to see pictures. Just got bye on bed-check & had big feed in tent 8. One grand moonlight night.

May 19) To work-target & in A.R.S. repairing all day. Matthews gave diary back & 3 letters Mama, Chris (*Christine Lorang*) & Lillian. In eve got out of retreat to go to Jimmie's for a tea. Had fine time until 10:10. Home dreaming to bed.

May 20) To work P.M. to go out into field repair on plane that came down & tore on hedge. Sonalecky accused Cul of sucking seargents to get tripes but I made him take water called him a damn liar & a yellow streak crawled up his back-the humans Devil. I'm only a buck private & try to do my duty as such. P.M. holiday. Sewed cheverons on for Matthews 1s to town & had feed on Cully. Home to retreat & eat. Cully & I to town 3 beers & 2 wines. To dance hall & Johnnie & I to dance. Pretty good time but too warm & girls do make it hard work dancing & only one way, we get dizzy. (Nat?) too bad forcing themselves on one for a dance. Wish "You" had been there dearest. Were allowed to stay out to one A.M. Were you looking at the moon at 5 P.M. M ?(*Marguerite*) over there?

May 21) A.M. dope-shop P.M. repairing. Invited out to Barlett Wislteiga g. Lairgate for tea at very fine people. Spent twice in lovely garden & in house talking & looking at rare eggs. Grand time.

May 22) Early in morn Liet \_\_\_\_\_ fell in his machine doing a nose spin at 130 ft. started engine & tried to right & dashed to ground demolishing plane & crushing him to Death. On K.P all day. Big 5 mile race at 6 P.M. Letter to home & 3 from Bert (*Bertha Lorang*), Christ (*Christine Lorang*) & Jesse.

May 23) On fusilage in A.R.S. all day-doping. In eve we four to canteen & had some beer then to concert. U.S.A., best act of all. Across aerodome having hell of a time in a rain-coat fight. To bed about one A.M.

May 24) In dope-shop all day and did big days work. We 3 to Y to write letters. One to my own. When am I going to hear from you. Boys had porcupine in beds.

May 25) To work in A.R.S. on fusilage & also P.M. doping 'em. Patches on a Capn's machine gun bl'ks. In que to Y letter to Lillian. Had free for all down town & "Dbsuvo" paked a blue jacket "Hbafz" paked a seargeant & it started.



May 26) Up at about 7 & I took bath before anyone was up. Ate, shaved & to church. To work till noon. Got letter ex my own of 2 (inst?) P.M. to Hull standing & walking around. To Cafe & on my way home at 5:50. Got early to Beverly when I found I forgot rain-coat & took same train back to Hull & found coat. Found other boys & home on 9:25. Weighed myself at Hull. 13 stones 182 lbs. Plenty of girls & we had lots of flirting but they don't mean anything to me it's only You

May 27) In dope-shop all day pretty warm but felt fine. To Y in eve writing to Bert. Singing till bed time.

May 28) Went to our doctor for exam on lungs & heart- dope pains. I went "A-1". On target with Stressing all day. In eve to Jimmie, his wife, Jeff & school teacher to Daughter of the Gods-Aurette. Kellerman \$2000000-20,000 people 1s 3cents a seat-best in house 6s 3cents. They took me to house & we had tea, assorted cookies-real butter & bread & fried spuds.

May 29) Inspection to work on target & canvas clip-cases. 12:30 to eat P.M. holiday. I to shop to patch Cully's shirt & make me a toilet & kit. About 5 P.M. looking out of window I saw machine crash-I ran down-both may still alive but all smashed-arms & legs laceration struts run thru legs "aftujdmft" lacerated. Liet's \_\_\_\_\_ and both died on ambulance. Kicking foot-ball in eve & to Y writing to Chas (*Charles Lorang*) To bed about 11:20 "Old Man" came to tell put lights out & I thought it was Wahler. So I said "No"-called me down.

May 30) Decoration Day wish I could be in old Fairy land the U.S.A. today. Making signal-screen all day. In eve Y to write.

May 31) In orderly all day first time in army 8-8:30 Loaned 5s to \_\_\_\_\_

June 1) In dope-shop all day. Heard first cuckoo early morn Got our tobacco Fatima & Bull 2 1/2 cents owl cigr 3d cigs 3d Bull 3d cigar 1 a day. In eve to Y concert grand 10:30-lights out. Moved sails-shop to new quarters.

June 2) On S.P. all day-cleaning tent and wash-room. Got through A.M. P.M. sewing Kelleher's leggings & my kits. In eve Cully & I to town for beer & Letter ex girls to Y for eats.

Monday 3) On signal curtain A.M. P.M. little sleep & to night duty in dope-shop till 3 A.M. (S. Army inspection)

June 4) To bed up for breakfast to bed till noon. P.M. to sail-shop repair Lerner's leggings & making kit. Supper & took lunch to shop at 7. Off at 2 A.M.

Wed 5) Sleep till noon Mended ball for Molitor E. Student Liet fell in side-slide engine on his legs smashing them. P.M. to shop to make kit. & to work at 7.

May (*June*) 6) Sports Day Off duty at 2 A.M. & to sleep till 8:30 sitting in bed till 11 Bath & shave & dinner. P.M. to Cricket ground see sports. We won proportionate share of prizes. I was in tug of war. 727 S. vs. U.S.A. A.R.S. vs. Sabor unit in 1-2 heats A.R.S. vs. U.S.A. 3rd heat. We won easily & got medals one each silver medal-gold front 7s 6 cents. Home about 8:30 ate & to dope-shop at 10.

June 7) off duty at 2 A.M. & slept until noon. It rained like "L" on my bed & dripped in my face. I shifted & slept like a log. P.M. to shop talking of war & air-raids on Hull. Letter ex dad. To "Y" writing letter home P.M.

June 7) To work 7 in eve & till 1:30 A.M. Slept fine & am O.K.

June 8) Up at 11 A.M. shaved ate & got pass from 12-12. O.K. with Jimmie & family to ship yards-my first. Then home & had a grand tea bread butter scones assorted cakes & custard & goose berries. Then they took me to picture show & it was grand. "The Coward" Home again & had supper Egg au gratin new spuds ham pie cakes & tea. Then music.

June 9) To hangers to get letter ex King- to church. P.M. fusilage & repairing to Y letters home.

June 10) We U.S.A. made our own plane & then I to help Jimmie on fusilage.

June 11) Just 6 mos. since I took oath which I (wired?) Finished fusilage & doped it's P.M. Eve to Y & wrote to "Her". Dare devil lost tire of under carriage.

June 12) In dope-shop all day. In eve drill with roll & pack for inspection till 9 o'clock after supper.

June 13) Hoey & I swinging lead & work on Flapper P.M. patching-sewing leggings & kit. Put in quarantine for Eng. fever suspect. Everybody playing foot-ball base-ball etc. I working till 10:30 on kits & leggings for boys till I couldn't see anymore. Boys getting hair clipped & decided to get us all but-

June 14) On fusilage with Bowden Letters ex Her & Lillian. Sweetheart why are you so lax toward me. Instead of going out with girls or "lsieu" to town I stay at home & try to make a little money on side for you & me. How I love you & long for you. In eve I went out got haircut before boys came home so I slipped it over 'em. Had inspection again borrowed underclothes & things flying here & there. O.K. In eve sewing leggings for boys.

June 15) On fusilage to 12 P.m. measuring & making panels for v.7133 aero eve to bottom shop sewing kits till dark. Bath, shave to bed

June 16) Sunday to work putting hooks on panels-P.M. putting 'em on bus & dopping them. Made me another pillow case. In eve Cullen & I to Benediction & home making letter kits sold one to Cully & one to Conklin @ 604 1/2 crown 10:30 to bed. Letters ex Mama & Bert.

June 17) on K.P. washing dishes & spuds A.M. Had lots of ham & fried bread. to tent sewing P.M. something. Had rabbits to skin-gave one Eng. chap 1s 3cents & he skinned in half hour 30 of 'em then we buried 'em. sewing toilet kit in eve.

June 18) In dope-shop all day until 6 P.M. Eve writing to Marg. & home. in our new "Y" Sergeants to Victoria barracks-boys put a sheep & horse in their tents. Then we all turned their tents around & when they came home all drunk They had some time finding their way in.

June 19) In A.R.S. lacing fusilage & patching P.M. off for holiday. Stayed at home sewing kits in bottom shop. In eve to our "Y" tent writing home to Marg. Nearly everyone gone.

June 20) Finished bus I was on & Mr. Hill helped me. Then we went on a Bristol Fighters machine to put in panel. Eve Talking until 11:45 to bed Liet. Scott got killed in camel at Barracks fell 4,000 ft. Last night at 9 Lt. Brody hit civvy in head with mach. & almost killed him. Eve sewing Big American dance in twon & everyone gone but a few of us. If you were there I would.

June 21) Longest day. On fusilages on Sop scouts. Eng. civvy stopped our canteen the selfish bastard. Eve in Y writing to Lillian.

June 22) In dope-shop all day & in eve sewing at bottom shop & got springs for my bed.

June 23) Up & bath before reveille-dressed & to church. Cully & I to communion-home to eat & to work, on a fusilage sick as "L" a headache. Home 4:30 & to bed up at 6 & ate a little then to bed & Cully gave me some quinine. Slept until 10:30 then up to latrine & dressed for bed. Slept intermittently but felt fine. Cully paid me 60 cents 1/2.

June 24) On Sop Camel cleaning & doping then and little repairing. Making kits.

June 25) On Bristol Fighter all day & 2 other buses repairing. In eve working late. Bro't spars to make bed & after supper I sawed it out with 1/2 hack saw blade & butcher knife. Letter to Chas. till 11.

June 26) In dope-shop till noon. P.M. 1/2 holiday & with brace & bit finished my bed using shock absorber rubber for my springs. Did my washing & in eve to work for Swinons in dope shop. English gave us a good feed. He came at 12 & I rode bicycle home & to bed for "A1" sleep on new bed.

June 27) To work on gun shields at 10:11 we got paid I got 3-1-1 & a lot of money loaned. Still sld coming. Stay at home eve sewing & writing to Marg.

June 28) Lacing for silage & patching & putting on roll evening. (Build?) inspection of kits I got first honors, sewing & writing to B.T.L. (*Barney Lorang*)

June 29) On fusilage work & patching & help Jim Good time in shop-sister & Mary. Eve bath shampoo shine & to town. Melville & I to pictures & to 9:30 Supper Home smoking & to talk to bed at 12 P.M.

June 30) Up at 7 in Rev 7:15 eat 7:30-stood muster 8 A.M. now waiting in line to sign muster & pay & all Sunday In dope shop alone till noon P.M. off & laid around camp till eve sewing etc. In eve I Cully & Warren to Base Public house & had some beer & stout also some with Peppard

& had a good talk. We home together & I into 1s with Johnnie. He won 2-15s I lost 6s to bed 12.

Mon July 1) Swinging lead all A.M. & put on one patch just before noon. P.M. to sleep till 5:30 & up ate & to dope shop on night duty. Had lots of grand Cols. & Sgt. Majors tea & a qt. milk. Home at 1:30 with Sleepy Everett.

July 2) Up for breakfast find feed on increased rations just begun to bed reading & smoking & read your clear letter again. Why are your messages so short? Had photo taken P.M. & (?) In eve stale leftovers & onions

July 3) Sleep till noon up at noon & ate. P.M. to get some eggs- 2 at cemetery keepers & broke one on a walk. Made mayonnaise & then salad of lettuce, onion & lobster-fine. Hair cuts to work till 11:45 & home.

July 4) Up early & shave & to train 8:20 to got to Scarborough-arrived at 10:45 & to castle till 1 P.M. climbed all over & inside where I could go & wrote a letter to Marg. To cafe & to 28 Princess street to see Jimmie's M-in-law Mrs. King took me all around & then I had tea with them at the station. Eve Warren & I in Beverly at Green Dragon & had quite a time Home 9:30 & after a bit waiting for Everett to go to work, but instead went to bed. It's 4 P.M. Where are you where?

July 5) sleep till noon After to shop monkeying To work at 6 & till 2:30 A.M. ---

July 6) Sleep till noon ate & to shop talking Jim invited me to tea so P.M. took shampoo, bath, shave & cleaned up Got late pass ex Molitor & met Jim in road. Grand tea & talking of visit to Scarborough Music & grand supper. Home.

July 7) To church & work. P.M. in shop 1 with girls all P.M. fine time Mary & good talk to Olive about castles etc. Home with the W.A.A.C.'s Cleaned up & after retreat to town. Y 1 glass beer to West wood Talking to some tarts ex Hull Med. & I home.

July 8) To work again after going before M.O. & being marked O.K. In eve to bot. shop sewing & then writing home in tent

July 9) Doping fusilage making gun covers Machine fell near West Wood. Liet\_\_\_\_\_ complete wash. Eve to town Doyle & I had 2 beers then to Y visiting with W.A.A.C.'s walked up with Mary fine time Wrote to Chas-bed early.

July 10) On K.P. all day. rest of boys to York doings Finished 2 kits & got s5. To town to get photos-pretty good like "L" Girls got all.

July 11) In dop-shop Sgt. Blacklurie went away. P.M. had holiday. to shop to make kits & bags. One to Whaler & 1 to Walters one Smithy, Cully, John & N beer & kid.

July 12) A.M. Patching & P.M. Fusilage cover. Rain. In eve Cully Johnnie & I to Darleys & John took us to Mews to eats fine time.

July 13) Dope shop all day paneled 1 plane Eve Sultry, Cully & I to town Darley's. Gash took us to Green (?) & we had a fine time on West wood road met Shil & Vera fine times to bed.

July 14) On fusilage in A.M.P.M. off Uncle Sam said to have all day but Westwood Dick said, "No, boys are too busy." old prune Moved from tent 7 to 25 for others benefit-old bastards. Sewing & writing. Letter ex Chas. & Viola In eve to "Y" & wrote to J. Konen. Bloom, Stark, Smith & Cully there eats & home.

July 15) Jimmie put me on C.O. Fairbairn's bus to dope it while 3 coats "The White Angel" Eve to shop to make a kit for Souvleske-gave me 1/2 60cents Home & to bed. Letter ex Marg.

July 16) In dope-shop all day with Everett-slow I stripped two to his one. Turned out 4 Camels & 1 Aero rudder ex start to finish. In eve to shop to sew sections into burnt tent for ourselves. Made kit for letters for myself. saw most beautiful rainbow I ever saw-sketched it.

July 17) On fusilage A.M. & it fits pretty well-it is my first. P.M. off Frid & I put up tent after finding a pole & it is a dandy. Good it is, for it rains like "S" now. Just had our first lesson in French. Liet. landed on building with machine. Teddy R's son Quentin killed & fell in German lines.

July 18) On my fusilage & it fits fine. One Eng. chap axed "Have you done any before?" I said "No." He said it is as good as our fellows do in over a yrs practice. Girls to work in dope shop today. In eve to town "Y" concert. Home. Letter to Marg.

July 19) At reveille we drew numbers for leave I drew 23 & and to go second week, 15 every week In dope shop all day with Peggy Jackson & Emily Grdingr.

July 20) Repairing beds and on my fusilage. In eve to Jimmies (Chits?) from Cooper to tea with late pass ex Molitor. Got out of M.P. I took the family to show 5s then to house & supper (2 eggs) fruit-custard, etc.

July 21) Up at 6 & had kit inspection. To church to work on my bus. all day. Eve on job in A. Height & got out of M.P. Eve made 2 kits at 60cents 2-4-1. In tent & had some eats & to bed.

July 22) In dope-shop all day-got sox on survey & took coat to tailor for repairs. In eve French in "Y" & wrote to Bert. First one in bed for once. Rain galore.

July 23) In A.R.S. on repairs all day. Party for sergeants tonight in shop. In eve cutting kits & reading. Raining like "L"

July 24) Putting our shop in order & helped ourselves to beer in barrel 1 bath whiskey & 14 of pop. I felt fit & flight Palmer tried to run me I "told him off" P.M. on target & P.M. half day so I to Hull on 4:20-bot sox & new (spirals?) 2-11 & 10-6 To tea at Art Spencer & he treated me royally also his wife. We to show & home on 10:48 To bed at 11:35. Pretty moonshine & I wish you were here.--Oh! I longed for you all day.

July 25) Doped fusilage & made six gun covers Worked on my own things & made 12 kits Eve big concert at Y, I home-making kits. "It-is-dark-I cant-see"-excuse it.

July 26) In dope shop all day & made Tessia kit in eve after French. Rain again & every day for 2 wks.

July 27) on Target all day with Mogill At home eve working.

July 28) Sunday to work as usual-made 6 bags fixed prop. & repairing C.C. Aero. Home at 4 & talked to Lillian on road. Home & working on kits. Cully & I to town in eve. Said goodbye to Mary. To "Y" & to Darley's for beer. On Westwood road 4 of us good time of flusies. Home with boys & had heartburn, to mess tent to get salt. Liet. saw me & said "What the hell, Lorang are you dong in there without any clothes on?"-At attention in drawers.--"Getting me some salt, sir. I have heartburn" "Oh, I thot you had a woman in there."

July 29) K.P. in Seargeants' mess all day. Easy time. Put clasps on kits & washed hat & leggings P.M. helped on discs, in eve resting.

July 30) Up early to airdrome to work on kit for Danridge & leggings for (Giard?)

July 31) In dope-shop A.M. P.M. half day off to Aerodrome finished Dan's kit & at noon signed pay-roll. In eve wrote home.

Aug.1) Putting fusilage on & patching & mending leggings To see about my leave after supper & got vouchers & then borrowed suitcase ex W.A.A.C. & got my things ready.

Aug. 2) Up took bath, shaved, ate & left on 8:25 for Hull, changed and went spinning for London where I arrived at 2:20. P.M. To provo marshalls to get my furlough stamped. P.M. monkeying around. In eve to Musical Comedy "Going Up" & English lad took me around Strand, Lucister Square, Piccadilly Circus & Traglagan Square. To bed at 12:30

Aug.3) Up at 9:30 at Eagle Hut, ate & to see opening of Australian House by King & Queen, King passed me by ten feet. Very rainy, Ate at "Y" & finished letter to Mar. & a word to W.A.A.C.'s. In one show & concert here in hut. Arranged for big trip tomorrow To bed at other "Y" bed 6 cents.

Aug 4) Awoke at 8 & to Eagle hut to eat & Minea & I to Paddington ex Trafalger Square to take train for Maidenhead where cabs met us & took us to his 2 steamers on up etc. Thames we went on a pleasure trip, with about 150 on each boat & 4 piece orchestra playing, all Popular music & violin, viola traps & French harp. up to Hinley Bridge & turned around. On way down we sat down to 6 course dinner & proceded down river. I am now on Thames & we just passed Charles Garvice quiet home where he writes his novels & Lord Davenports' estate (First Food Controller of Eng.) Singing & frolecking all way down river & at 4:30 we sat to tea-fine. Also passed drinks around & a pack of Gold Flake cigs to each. Back to Maidenhead at 5:30. To hut & in eve we went to grand show at Palace for the troops. Americans & French.

Aug.5) Up at 9 ate & to commissary for tobacco 3 pk cigs 3 butt's & Bx 100 cigars 16-8. To see Buckingham-The Mall-Hyde Pk. Westminster Abbey & in House of Parliament listening to debate in Commons. To see King James Palace & G. Alexandria's. In eve to Strand to see Hidden Hand.

Aug. 6) Up at 8 & to get more tobacco. Cleaned up & ate & to see grand Australian building-all marble inside. To municipal Courts & to Guild Hall & London Art Gallery. St. Paul's, Shrine Cathedral, London Bridge & The Tower of London; some place. In eve out with an Australian to visit clubs to bed at Eagle Hut & to bed.

Aug. 7) Up at 9 Ate & to get tobacco rations & back to hut. Shaved myself ate & took walk around trying to lose myself. Visit Royal United Service Institute of many Interesting things in way of weapons from stone axes to modern bombs. Wrote 10 cards & to bed at 12:30.

Aug.8) Mothers Day of England-up at 9 ate & to Westminster bridge, to obelisk-Cleopatra's needle, & bombed buildings. P.M. to Kings stables & Westminster Catholic Cathedral-grand-& old house of commons commonly know as the "Chapter" Home, ate at Australian Hut, met a fine young woman ex St. Louis there-Mrs. Wilson. Eve here at Y entertainment. Finley & Myers came in to spend a week.

Aug.9) To Commissary draw tobacco to Uncle Jack Club for dinner-fine place. To British Museum to see grand carvings & old pottery etc. Wrote to Mar. Card ex "Pat". J. Burt Meyers came in & we ate together. Eve at Y entertainment & singing in dining room. Am on the last lap of my leave.

Aug. 10) Sat about Y until 12:30 & ate breakfast & walked to Kings Cross station to leave at 4:55. One road to home till 11:55 Arrived at Beverley. To camp ate dinner & P.M. to report & sat around shop talking all P.M. Eve home shaved & to dance at gym. Had (thro-penny?) hit & no sleep at all night before but felt fine. Wahler's girl saw me coming & met me at door, I said, "Where do I pay?" & she said, "Oh, come in-he isn't looking". Ha-had-good sport. Had dance with her-fine & with Hunt & some cake & soda. Took Hunt-W.A.A.C. home & bid sister good night, feeling fine.

Sunday 11) up at six & had issue inspection. To work & in P.M. off. Took walk into country & picked wheat and oats & ate some turnips. Supper at 5:30 & at six'30 to sleep on bed till 10 then to bed. Letter ex Marg. Bert & Mrs. Hall.

Mon. 12) To work on old fusilage & worked till 6 P.M. Ate supper & started on Frenchy's kit-Bed 9:30.

Tues. 13) Old fusilages all day. Letters ex mom, dad & Lillian. (Semimons?) had fight with girls In eve to shop to finish Frenchy's kit.

Wed. 14) A.M. Finished old fusilages A.M. P.M. 1/2 day off. Four of us to (?) to have faces shot. (*injections?*) Home watching ball game till supper.

Thurs 15) To camp to pack and to clean & eat P.M. home to do my washing till 2:30 to camp to bed Goodbye. In eve to gym to reception by the Mayor ex 'ess Lillian in with me to her table we had one grand feed midst singing etc. concert.

Broke away to bid goodbye to Jimmie & family. Back to hall & had fine time beer cigs. Lillian & I carried basket home & I to camp bed

Fri. 16) Up at 4 ate etc. getting ready. After kissing everybody at station good-by we left our dear old home at 8:25 by way of Hull. (Liedy?), Crews, (Koddlray?), (Squenk?), Teddy & I missed getting off & had to jump off of the embankment throwing things before us. Ha ha almost S.O.L. Changed five times on road & then walked those miles to camp about 6 P.M. Pitched pup-tents ate & rolled in.

*(New camp)*

Sat 17) Up about 6 for reveille & a little drill instructions then ate shaved & to inspection new camp. P.M. Put up "Y" tent near new brick "W.A.A.C." huts for Yanks. Supper 5:30 then struck tents & moved to "W.A.A.C." barracks. Fine place with wash-room & toilet in each section & tub baths a little way off down hall. To concert in canvas hangar 3d till 10:15 to bed.

Aug. 18) Up at 6 exercise ate then to church in a billiard room. Picking wild blackberries along hedge & monkeying around P.M. Walking around & wrote to Marg. & dad.

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