

Diary of
Lt . George William Cowgill
1944 - 1945

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1944

JANUARY 1

Started New Year hot as a mild
under reviver. Temperature 102°
Couldn't see 'Stinky' first time
in years.
75.

There was a dance. Even drunk
I didn't see any body who
looked like her. She always
said what are we do New
Year's Eve we'll do all the
year... Last one was true
but I hope she's wrong
this one.

JANUARY 2

Left P.A.A.B. today. First Ambulance
ride for me. No fun today.

JANUARY 3

Riding

FEBRUARY 1

Finally unpacked the mss.
Beautiful Country. This is not
a Country Club but much
better than expected.

FEBRUARY 2

0445 and 2130. Cold as the
devil. Beginning to feel a lot
like a gopher!

FEBRUARY 4

The herded one and a couple
of others got off the field for
a little while through the
country side.

FEBRUARY 6

School - Took my Basic Training
in Poker. 0600. First taste
of English 'Bitters'. Glad I resisted temp-
tation, so long. Stuff is Awful!
Letter from Calif. in light
days. That's moving!

FEBRUARY 7

British Technical movies better
than a Walt Disney cartoon. Inter-
viewed on my airplane by Capt. William
Cassid Public Relations - being.

FEBRUARY 8

School - Walked to nearby village. Played
a game of 'Snooker' and darts with Cecile
in cellar. Saw my first English Pub. (opposite)
goes on raid tomorrow with neighboring group.

FEBRUARY 9

School - Big Day - took bath / C.O.
Came back. Gave to French book, had to
return. Said Gunner forgot 'jump sock'.
Detail stripped 45 Cal. -

Letter from favorite girl friend. Said
she entertained doubts as to my
status as 'The Great Lover'. Can't
fool all the people, all the time.

FEBRUARY 10

Letter from E. I'm mad as hell. Tried to
burn it, tore it to pieces. Think the feds
has me. Guess I'm just G.A. Mad -
Had a pass - didn't go.

FEBRUARY 11

Missed 'Link'. Big Stink. Take a Pass
for 1224. Fine! I have Link at 2000 and
have to censor mail. Beautiful Coordination.
Link really care much.

FEBRUARY 12

Cabled a Valentine to E., 2100 to wife -
Regular Barber Shop Harmony in
the shelter.

FEBRUARY 13

'Scalded Cats' again 2100. Pretty-
'V' letter from E. Is day to arrive.
Have a date with 'Stinky' tomorrow
Sleep till noon.

M45

Gonzalez blew in today.
Think Jth be combat again
and soon.

FEBRUARY 14

Hope 'E' received Cable in time. Minnie's
'went in' today. Played a little 'Hearts'
Lost, wretchedly! Throat so sore, am
considering cutting it to let in
air. Too messy, I suppose -

45

Look High to France. He
stayed. I didn't.

FEBRUARY 15

I saw a little today. Difficult to
navigate here. Beautiful ship.

Better sharpen up! Weather not
good, but a helluva lot of it -
visibility one mile

Weather again Ho hum!

FEBRUARY 16

Finally went to neighboring town
to get watch crystal. Walked around
with my mouth open. Have
to stop that - judging by this
section, think my land is
thirty years behind U.S.

Nice letter from Kil today.
Wish I could answer as well.

'45 Packed for for shore.
Weather holds as dawn

FEBRUARY 17

Simply wanted, today. Have a
48 tomorrow. Demand. Bring ton
around, boss and I are going
to Cambridge. Hope a little
of its cultural things splash
on me. Might be nuts, I
could make London on a
48 -

FEBRUARY 18

Arrived Cambridge, early A.M. Registered
Hotel Bull (Red Cross) Went sightseeing
until dark then to Red Lion Hotel
Pub. Just sah and drank Bitters
Consulted a waiter and got
a little Scotch Whisky. Bed
at 23:00. Big Operation!

Arnold, Dowan, Arington and
DeMurel among those present

FEBRUARY 19

Slept in till 10:00. Had the damndest time finding a restaurant. No Breakfast had to settle for Coffee? and Cakes. Found one place up three flights. Stairway one-way. Guess food shortage has caused them to hide the restaurants. Cambridge a beautiful, quaint and highly interesting place. Saw one of the Round Church built in 1100. Still in Daily use. Left 1900 for Braintree.

FEBRUARY 20

Simulated. Cambah mission over
frame with Arrington. Wrote
letters in A.M. I had such nothing
more - Like Hell; lots of 2200

FEBRUARY 21

Directions in air finally O.K. Wrote letters for hours. Flew better today. Brought Log up to date. Cold work. Beautiful day, could see four miles in three directions from 2000'

Wrote my gal a mushy letter. Hope she doesn't think I've been slinking. St. Ferdinand hit the silk. Jerry invited us to a party at 3:00 AM but we just rolled over.

FEBRUARY 22

Formation one Major's wing. All over in
snow-storm. I left Spent. Walked a mile
in storm to take a bath. Often think
of the jerks in the States who are
so impatient to get over here.

They better learn how to fly
on instruments and go just about
baths. Could include a few other
things.

FEBRUARY 23

'Drome' soaked in'. Ships all over
due to storm. FRESH eggs for breakfast.
'Feather' trimmed my moustache.

FEBRUARY 25

Briefed - Scumbeek - Bad Gold

FEBRUARY 26

'Soaked in'. Went to Red Cross
for dinner. Dance - but didn't
In truck on way home
Pounded the hell out of Meredith
Thought he was Poincelster who
was giving me hell -

Told Father about Judge
being sixteen and in Waves
He would believe she's my
daughter.

FEBRUARY 27

Briefed - Scrubbed - 2½ hrs bombing
Trainer with Bosnett.

FEBRUARY 28

Formation. Milled around in Snow
storm about thirty minutes. Met
formation of manacles nearly
head on. Brake up formations.
Never a dull moment!

FEBRUARY 29

Suspensions are definitely aroused.
Fresh eggs again for breakfast
and was paid for first time in
two months.

Another Rat Race today. Temp.
at -50°F . I'm still Cold. No
mail, as usual.

Demand and Thiele made 1st today.
Alerted 2000. New Kapre sent in
and. Chambers & Jones. Up till 0130

MARCH 1

Started Engines 1200 took off 1330
and down lucky. Rough

Must weigh 300 lbs with flak
jacket, helmet and chute. Down
fine equipment.

Mr. Langhin and I got jumped
over the ditch by flak & flak.
High in Bomb Bay knocked out
the motor,

MARCH 2

Feather and I went to Red
Cross for dinner. Beef, Yorkshire
Pudding and Chocolate Mousse.
No mail. Sent a card
and picture to 'E'.

MARCH 4

Took off for London at noon.
We had rooms reserved at the
Greek Eastern Hotel near Liverpool
Street Station. Took bus to Trafalgar
Square. Couldn't get drunk. Damn!

Ostrander and Gunners failed
out. Gunners went out while
over land. English kid saw
one hanging from roof top, and
as they usually do, yelled
'Do you have any gun, Yankee?'
Ostrander picked up immediately.
Everybody OK.

MARCH 5

Wake up at 1000, down the street
for Coffee, then to 'Petticoat Lane'.
Really a show. Auctioneers probably best
in the world. Everything there from a
pin to an automobile. Bought some
orange and lime soda, chilled Scotch -
that was lunch. Roamed all over
town. Couldn't buy anything decent for E.

Saw lots of damage. It ankyl as
hell none of mine in the subway.
Whole families there. Lady told me
it's nearly as bad as in '39. Bet it
will pick up in not too distant
future.

Piccadilly is a dilly.

45- John is giving me a white
supper the next time I see
Paris. She told me what
the Nazis did to her -

MARCH 6

Returned to base 1200. Not
scheduled for mission - Arlington
and I had two hours Link
Letter and two rolls of film
from Aldeen today. ^{Jointe}
Thought about the guy who
didn't have any feet

45 Very strong around these
nights! Getting some of the boy's
some work like a Tally had
for the sec.
V. - pretty good Waldo Trinite
Twenty for - how - day some
54L and its Trinite

MARCH 7

Nothing to do today, except bomb
trainer. Group went over, no losses.
Play at poker tonight, took a couple
Pommes. * Sent first letter to Miami
Zefon still on emergency field O.K.

✓
Shouldn't stay on the ground
Broke down shooting dice.
Alerted fr. to move.

MARCH 8

Big chewing from the top for the group. Corripito took a beating today. Took Litterus skosh. Won 6 L at Poker. I'm on next one.

MARCH 9

Weather again

MARCH 10

School-Poker, weather

MARCH 11

School - Played Poker. Took shower - second one since first of year. Big Saturday nite, had a coke or reasonable facsimile.

Fitted for back-pack type parachute CO₂ bottle in seat caddy, hurts my fanny! Very ungood!

Zefon. back O.K. Engine Conking right over board. Spits took him to their throne.

Scott & I to A-46. I drove both ways. Maybe we saw one P-47 today. Cummins gave me a bunch of J. Walker. Good view of 1st war fortifications - Red!

MARCH 12

Identification pictures given to
me today. Wish I could
struggle me to 'Shirley'. Probably
have a good wife if I did.

'45 Cloudy. We did a small FO.
enough to keep us here. Don
nations, just in case. Tried to
get all my stuff in two foot-
lockers!
Very real much had quite

MARCH 13

Dental Ident. Record taken again
visited hospital to see some of the
boys. Played Poker. Six letters
today from Suzy, Fritz, Paul
Mrs Chip and Stinky.

MARCH 14

VP at 0400 for breakfast and briefing.
Mission scrubbed two minutes
before engine time. Still alerted
so may go tomorrow. Got to keep
the Candy for anyway. Bed early.

MARCH 15

Drifting at 0820 Scrapped again
ten minutes before engine time
Kept this candy for too - Alerted
all day, didn't go, maybe
tomorrow.

MARCH 16

Taken off alert this P.M. Four
flight times assigned today.
Won about 15 L today playing Poker.
By inspection tomorrow
Saw Col Greenwood, got to be pilot
his C-78 over to Shorby chrome.

MARCH 17

Nothing much today. Wrote two letters
to Chas. Didn't finish the second.

MARCH 18

Yuh off an one today. I lak
was sufficient - Amfully
sorry to be on this one.
Bombs hit wrong place,
but bad -

mlr-c-

MARCH 19

Left for London at noon.
Checked in at Regent Palace.

Tried to get drunk, no soap.
Arnold, Brown, an Ensign
and I roasted Vienna sausage
on small electric heater
in room. Porter nearly mad
trying to locate the fire.

We helped him look a bit.
My gunner rode with Dunn
today. Didn't know til later

MARCH 20

'Joined' the Pub Club with a
Frank Corp Captain. Really got
drunk. Had to fight my way
out of a hotel lobby. Lots of
fun.

Heard Siska had it in a
midair over tower. Good boy.

Saw lots of London sights
including Parliament, Tower of London
#10 Downing, Big Ben, Westminster
Abbey, St Pauls Cathedral, Cleopatra's
Needle, Old Bailey, London Bridge.

Have pictures of changing of
Guard at Buckingham House.

Went record shopping in
PM. Found a Goldkette, Original
Ray Noble May fair, Black Crow
and Neil Fawcett's 'Mad Dogs
and Englishmen'.
45/ nice lighter got very over chrome

MARCH 21

Back from London. Only to feel
Nice letter waiting. Had a 100
Pergentia while I was gone.
Alerted for next one.

Saw one of our boys in a
B-17 turn inside a Mosquito
Some flying!

Scott and I off to a late
start for south of France -
You all. The old leg still
holds me up but at a price.
Not for that '47 again!

Something tells me this is
somebody's birthday or anniver-
sary. I wonder -

I fly both ways again
I'm slipping - but fast.
Bag - of winded friends today

MARCH 22

Floek jackets twice today but
no mission. Guess tomorrow
Stayed in hut tonight to
write letters

43/ Still restricted - wish I could
talk to some Cimbrian and
find jackets in the wind
Scheduled to A-81 to pick
up a bag of bolts. We did

MARCH 23

Got off today on a beauty.
Both engines and hydraulic
system shot up. Made an
emergency landing at home
field. Gunners stayed with us
and we came out OK.

Could have done better
Perkins and Durante fuckin'
for Purple Heart.

Took my picture taken for the
Local paper hold up for material
if they print.

Flight nurse washed my
scarf. Needed it.

43/ Big Rhine do today. We can
go down.

MARCH 26

Went to Bismarck with Conner
Ate at Red Cross, Drank 1 gin
three beers or ales, what a
Saw Ceph Huff of old 46th
visited us here.

MARCH 27

Alerted again. Interviewed by
Public Relations Office. D. Huppe.
Beginning to feel like a movie star.
I am some film to Smiths
to be developed. Takes two weeks
Started a song today - Please Don't
Send My Boy Over There, Today!
They think I was fooling -

APRIL 1

Mrs. Baham's birthday. Haven't heard from him in years. Got another Candy for today. Scruffed.

45/ Carter Sunday - Legu & I went to Romford Row at Mrs Smith's. Movie 'Sheep Dog of the Hills' - an epic. a little unimpressive operation of the Bell.

Wonder what God-awful sort of a hot S. were in the Parade -

APRIL 2

Woken off alert. Damn good thing

42/ Orders to go Volo. Its time
Packed like a fool -

See now this should be April 2
April JUNE 3 ✓

Off to London. Myr Naper and I
took room at Cumberland Hotel
near Hyde Park. Nape's cousin came
in. An ex-school teacher and
very badly misplaced in Army.
Too much of that going around.

June - 3 - 44
'Socked in today. Soldered some
coins on the Gippo. Put name
on 'Stinky' II. I lattered no end,
four chunky girls wrote me.

APRIL 3

Sonchou.

45/ Moved nice way home
Stayed at Hotel De Gink
Our mail is in Belgium
a rare thing

JUNE 4

April 4

Looked for flying boats and records for about six hours. Row across Ford and Meng. at Peals Book Store. Meng trying on ladies boots. - me -

Peals in business since 1290. A Bobby two blocks down the street never heard of them.

Typical -

Wish I could relax.

Had picture taken for export purposes. Hope Stinky likes -

June 4 - 44

Went to Henry with Bearock, on a M.P. run. Back at 1300 for sandwiching in Grand house.

B. is a fellow screwball, I'm sure.

APRIL 4

London

49/ Washed on tank
/ Only to bed

JUNE 5

April 5

Returned from London. All roses
have been cancelled. Three nice
letters. I wonder.

June 5 - 44

Weather still bad, but
freshing - Wind 60 MPH. Took in
E.I. Moore 'oney Island'
200 givch -

APRIL 5

Back to Drome from London
Sadder and wiser.

45/ Scott, Bush, Macd I went
back to, England to pull a
bit of rope and escape.
We wiped bags of bits
Amulur etc. And there in
Reverse say: my experience
Tiger, Brown & Craig
very enjoyed - but good.

APRIL 6

Still alerted - by ear.

Put a cartoon of all the wheels
on the bulletin board in Club
Name is probably 'mud'; No Mail.
Spent a couple of hours inspecting
the kite today. Needs a ash-tray

4/5 Final Co pilot in C-47 - a
Carrier man - I saw him
in my company. Last man to check
was in flak.

This is one April 6th that
we didn't start a war - I was
just sitting around

APRIL 10

Cramie and Raines didn't
come back. Picked up a few
Purple Herons.

4:57 Change your course in
the next ten seconds or—

11
APRIL 12

'Peace of Coke' today. All came
back. No hits on 'Stinky' Just
up coming down the overwash.
Popcorn belly slipped today.
Alerted for tomorrow.

45/ Frenchman told Scott Jones
and me - Roosevelt died. We
were sobered - but quick.

12
APRIL 13-

More coke today. Some overcast.
I was on Dums wing. Nice
escort.

Went to Biantree saw movie
Convoy stopped three times coming
home. Jerry having his fun.

APRIL 14

Got to ship's - almost. Scheduled
for take-off at 12:30 A.M.

Big dance but couldn't dance
or drink due to late take-off.
Every body drunk.

45/ 'Big horrible secret mission'
today, six hours.

Roosevelts principle. I hope we
don't have another Wilson this
time.

More funny mistakes in the
Syndicate area. The boys are
really ripping.

APRIL 15

Grunkly and I went to gunnery
range. A few instruments, back
of 500'. Rough. Working field.

Bare ~~top~~ on instruments.

I think I'll have to fly, if
I live long enough.

APRIL 16

Major confined me indefinitely
for sleeping in. I think it
stinks. We always have
Sunday morning, if no mission.
Damn poor policy to mete
punishment in a thumper.

APRIL 17

Weather - Took 1 hr Sink.
Take lecture 1930. Sent Graham
sample to Enov. Two letters from
guess who. Still alerted.
Anniversary tomorrow. Can't get
excited and Dr - alone.

APRIL 18

We eating Amuseur - very
appropriately got a piece of cake
Deep penetration, too.

Divante gave me a new
deck of cards for a present

Jr's operations until 0200
Jenny raised hell again. He's
looking for us.

45/ Just flew all day. Machine
just broke. Hope the day
was better at home.
got a bit of arranging but
got F.A., as usual.

APRIL 19

Link - poker - letters

45/14 April. - Day off to Paris to
get China Anniversary present.
20th

45/ Burch and I took some
of Radich Nosei men to
Y-86. Eight hours.

APRIL 20

Misery today - drew a blank
Mite flying at 1230. Banglitz - 20
chew another blank. Alerked
again.

Jerry - can't find us.
Publicity released on yo
today. Big splash in London
Papers and Stars + Stripes.
Bought a \$5.00 Bill - won 2 L.

Justin and Simon pranged
one of the medium sized
birds. That's number seven
for Carl - plane luck.

APRIL 21

Got hit twice over today. Guess
the line through. Alerted for
tomorrow.

Morton missing. Think he is
in the 'ditch'. At 11:30 P.M.

'Washed out' my first ship
tonite. Rust and I are lucky
to be alive. Rest of the time
is borrowed.

45/ Another Anniversary - Clouds
we kept me on the ground.
Wrote letters and wrapped a
jug of Schapelle's 'Salut' for E.
Loaded shoes with Justice
Craig packed for Z.O.I. -

APRIL 22

Still grounded from accident.
Continued mail in ice cold
Nassau Hub. until nearly midnight.
Montom landed in England OK.
Came back tonite.

Box of air-mail stationery and
Ogden Road were from Elmer. No letter.
Got a 'crew' harrist tonite.

Local rat-rare tonite. I
was a very good boy &
dammit. Jim learned my
lesson, there anyway. I am
too short and the kids
too weary of war. It is the
life —

APRIL 23

Passed my 64 by Doc Randles. Joe Schuyten got it over top of it.

Four letters from Linn. My ship still out from battle damage.

Things very dull tonight so rode a bicycle thru a couple of huts just to wake up the boys.
48 tomorrow.

45, Birch - Feather to the Big Sausage Place. All in all, a very pleasant day - a few thunderheads which we live ungratified.

Picked up small summer and mailed to Stinky.

APRIL 24

Platte showed me letter from
E. to Joe and him. What a girl -
Platte, Benjett and I went to
St James Camp in Larches and
stayed. Took party. Took a
small one to F. Got drunk.

Burch & I started but had
to push the 180 button
generally, a wasted day
still, I asked my bedding!

APRIL 25

Jimmes got drunk as hell so I went to Strand Palace hotel at noon and took them out to lunch, took their pictures. I am sharp when I left them.

Johnson and I went to movie "A Guy Named Joe". Wonderful in places.

Sawered off tonight. Probably be on alert when we get back to field.

45 - In early - hitch hike to Paris for 48 hrs. Rented a room in Red Cross

APRIL 26

Returned from London. McDonald
spun in yesterday. on the 24th.

With the sack at 14:00

Alerted tomorrow. Wrote letters
and so to bed, 2330 this time.

45- Stayed at Nick's in Paris
Daniel sober. mostly slept.

APRIL 27

Two missions today - 2 hours. Got a couple of hits. Back at hub at 445 PM. Had mail to censor. What a life! Conant missing. I would he got across the chitch. No mail.

45/ Back from Paris via M.P.'s a rare day.

APRIL 28

Conrad OK. Left Right in M-Look
Thiele. Bought house in Ark Lintie.
Doran. May 1st, Bassett, Ray atty. Well
as hell.

Checked gear, shined shoes etc. this
P.M. altered pinks, Oh for a wife
Beginning to wonder about my
stomach

~~Mail~~ Mail, in

45 - On Ground - weather. Picked
up pig and started some home
Bought a cold

APRIL 29

Went to Braintree Red has with
Zeiger, Bailey, Meredith, Headache for
Jaw raising hell.

Meredith bought puppy, named
him Douglas (NMI) Haver.

-15/ 5 barrels for my land for
Belgians. Don't feel too sharp
Got them OK. - R.O.N.
in Julius Club - very fine
Cold

APRIL 30

Lined to tell about two direct hits from 88 mm shells today. Got it over target. Cockpit and left wing. Foster-Rush O.K. I think that stuff could kill a person.

Stinky sure catches hell. I'll be indisposed for quite a time.

vs Back to Base - Couldn't get to "Chonchoi" - ice at 800' snow deck.

MAY 1

I'm transferred - Cleared Post
Sail 'So Longo'. Rode to London
in Jeep with Garner, Arnold
and Anderson.

Overnite at Russell Hotel. B-17
pilot and I bent elbows so
home to bed.

Damned if it beats me.

MAY 2

Stayed over. Went to Park in P.M.
met a guy named Ritah. We
had it tonight.

MAY 3

Etc. I guess. Missed a day
somewhere

MAY 3⁴

Ritah pointed me on train
got a sleeper for a price.
much ado about nothing
Couldnt sleep. Showed the freight
with porter until mid-nite.
This been to two.

MAY 4/5

Cleared authorities and took
off for Ireland. Six hour train
ride after landing.

Looked over the hinterland
off. The junk was evacuated from
France before her fall. Why?
I don't want for a change.
Amplified difficult to write Stinky.

MAY 5

45/ Downwell Port - The site
of the twins -
no rather and bad cold.

MAY 6

Located B-4 boy. Met new C.O. and wife. St. Walner - married English girl. Nice guy. Looks as if I'll be an operations officer again.

Went to Killkall with some officers. I met on trip. We drank beer until 2100 Then home.

Talked to formality who wants to give me a puppy. Saw me climbing, no doubt.

St. Sabin and I flew a C-47 around. Checked things.

Bought Stinky a Shamrock. Slept in Mome House again.

45/ a kid named Wilson got Paid off today via P-38. We were laughing at his antics last night. Just before to A-83 + return

MAY 7

Assigned routes. "Mother" has in
Cof. The French Afloats which
flyable today.

Went to Red Cross Marine with
Thurman the German.

Wrapped package for "Stinky".
Miss her too much!

45/ Meathhead & J - B-26 Crews
to Belgium.

Went to Paris until 11:00
P.M. Saw the extras but the Champ
Elysees. Sights on Place de Concorde
Kites flying the Arc.

Strange lack of enthusiasm

MAY 8

Had two and a half hours as co-pilot in the 'fort' today. Think I can learn a B-17.

Checked out in a French Afton today. Five hours today.

Appointed operations officer today in addition etc.

So Kullkeel tonight to get ink. This passionate green stuff is gone, almost.

Sofin offered me his girl. Said he 'divorced' her last night.

45 / Official today. Gen. Churchill admitted it via the wireless.

Bunch & I stayed in tent all day except for sun-bath. The fuel in two years. Some old mail today.

MAY 9

Dragged to get three hrs 10 min. Went to guns in a.m. Worked on flight indicator technique while pulling sock at 800'. Improved some.

Smoothing out gradually. Finished wrapping necktie for 'Stinky'. Send tomorrow.

Form 5 came today. Two missions are missing.

Stayed in hub, wrote letter. Living like a hermit, so what?

MAY 10

Checked over a bit. I flew Harve. To
town with Engineers for a real steak
dinner. No war here. Sure miss 'S'

MAY 11

Have 1 hr - 1 hr 1 hr or less. I saw a
native am. his home. I did ride
opened his eyes. I was happy for him.
Fifteen letters from my 'Charming'
wife, as she signs her stuff. Give
some of this forwarded stuff to see her.
Stayed in and wrote letter. Took
long time. Still feeling 'beat up.'

MAY 12

Harris and Jague, new pilots
arrived. RAF boys. Beat up a
bit.

MAY 13

Took Harris and Layne to
hospital for 64's. I low-chine
his, very rough air. Had a
chance to spin in. Didn't take it.
Station Port, got chunky
but finally. Came to hub
no problem, therefore no trouble.
Didn't write Stinky; first
day in Ireland. O

MAY 14

Beautiful for Ireland - I light
party. Libby, Bob, poured beer
around. Came home, wrote letter,
chuck as a skunk. I saw a
cup, gave chut to Sgt Creed. Helped
somebody, at least.

Harris and Jague checked
out O.K. in 'Harvo'

Rumors we are to go
to 9th in light frombers.
Invasion rumors very
strong today.

MAY 15

Co-Pilot in B-17 with Krause.
to Clinton to pick up a kite. Had
small formation.

James and I piloted into
Kilkeel to see Salute to Marines.

Memorable day, shaved off
the moustache. Small riots.

We're confined to Chrome
for a couple of days.

Expecting some 'Lamey' bultee
'Vengeances'. Bitches, no doubt.

MAY 16

Lesko, Blume & scry to tailors.
going to be a hot rock pilot (E.T.O.)
Harris, Hill, Krane and I
went to C.I. movie 'Ten gentlemen
from West Point'.

Made connection with room
orderly, at last.

Boots out for half-sole. My
gear is in bad shape.

Miss Fotheraker and flying
equipment.

Letter from 'E' written on
our anniversary. Where in hell
has that been?

MAY 17

'Ike' landed here today.
Dennis and I pedaled to Millbrook
Hotel manager says he is a
couple of Drumbines.

Big argument today. The
question is "Can we fly a 'Harvoc'
thru a hangar." Highly intell-
ectual!

MAY 18

Co. Pilal 'fock' two hours. Took
a trip over Irish Ditch, Belford
Play at Pikes' till midnight.

45/ Thro a thru. duhead in
B-17. Lucky boy —

MAY 19

Walby and I took 'Johnny Reb' up
for three hours. Croyle. Cutting
800'; rain most of time.

Harris and I stayed in and
wrote letters. Big chance in town.

Chow writes 'Battle' was killed
April 17 in New Guinea. What in
hell can I write Kit? War
doesn't end ever, not really.

We remember too long, and too much.

45/ Hilder + I took Courier
in 9-47. Luxemburg etc.
I have 65 or 70 points

MAY 20

Sent Chas pamphlet of N. Ireland
Legends etc. Don't imagine still
enjoy it as much as I.
Hope I sleep tonight.

45/ B-17 to Chelmsford Belgium
and transported Belgium M.P.'s
to Y-45, my home to be.

Saw 450 body, from a
common grace. Can't tell the
American Airman - each had
a hole between the eyes.

Those M.P.'s will probably
be a bit rough on the M.P.
Chelmsford goes home.

MAY 21

Harris and I went to Red Cross
movie in afternoon. Back to Drome
for dinner. Played Poker, lost 5¢.
I saw Horor in a.m. Nice day
temp up to 51°

MAY 22

Kruse and I took 'Johnny Reb'
to Langford Lodge for parts.
Beautiful place, like Clear Lake
Shot Canthins at home
until about 2:30. Not too bad.
Packed eggs for Harris'
baby. Wish I could sleep.

MAY 23

Droque in P.M. 'Lady Josephine'
P-38 beat up range. Me too!
Indefinitely restricted. Harris
and I were going to Kilkell to see
Hylindog and J. Bing Crosby.
Jim flat broke, should be
happy!
Sent a couple of snapshots
to Chur. One for Joanne.

MAY 24

Alert at 2145, Critique of 2400.
Sleep at 0300.

MAY 25

Droque in A.M. Harris drove to
Langford Lodge. Picked up laundry
and boots. Wrote Sopsy & Aleksh.
No mail. Hope I can sleep tonight.

46/ Somewhere along here, Holden
and I cruised around on a
couple of "life-sized" motorcycles.
We found "mine" home.

Minibus is rough even
judging by the very little
pub I saw.
I took a couple of pics.

MAY 26

'Jork' 3½ hrs Duque with Krane,
Strafel and gassed Airchrome
1930 to 2100. Sculp out in rough
air. Kil writes.

MAY 27

Big Party. Harris and I had
perfectly normal time. Expected
as much. Drank two beers and
two franchises. Home at 1200 P.M.

MAY 28

Drove 2 hrs - Luf 3 hrs. - gave
Dial to Doc and Sgt Creed. Harris
and I hit snack for at 1000 then
to sack.

Dave took 'Vengeance' into the
fleeing flue.

Discussion of 'Hot Rocks' in the
club. Must have killed thirty
or forty pilots in one session.

The wrongest one was about
the guy who killed the six
Generals, 56 other people and
injured 118 more.

Of course, I'll always like the
one about the B-26 pilot who
wiped out his entire family.

MAY 29

Kruse, Horis, Sofin and I
had an enormous session.
We properly tagged the women.
If you want an education
Come to my Nissen.
Sit down and listen.

Can't put off writing - Kih-
much longer.

We've named the bullet
'Vengance', the 'Vornit'. Rather
appropriate.

MAY 30

Checked out in 'Vengeance'. Took
St. Beacock, Provo' Munchal.

In return he took me for a deep
ride along the coast to New Castle.

Harris, B. and I went to to I
movie. Joe E. Brown 'Casanova' in Brley's
Snack for. and so to feel.

The 'Vomish' is too fast. When
I consider that the Harvors have
been condemned three times.

MAY 31

Big alert again - Patrol in Club
tonite.

Dave, Horis, Zagne, Krause, Sofin
and I played Blackjack during
attack.

Col. talked to us after in the
theatre. Lasted 'till about 1300.

JUNE 1

Worked on cigarette lighter,
played Blackjack and generally
chilled a small F.O..

75/ Took a ride to Mombay
things were that dull.

Saw the 'Great Wall', or what
was left of it. There were grass
nearby - and the pagoda
It got in my head -

JUNE 2

One big alert problem for an inspecting party. Wish I had some blocks or an erector set.

Not a wink of sleep last nite. Working on a fairly good cold.

Letter from Pat Downey - all 'hot' to get overseas. Hope he stays home.

45/ Disinfectant bottle confined to the porch - ever since my arrival. Finally went to the Doc's so I go on penicillin treatment. Wrote 'E' first time in a long day - which is strange. I should be isolated until I approach a human being.

See now this should be April 2
April JUNE 3 ✓

Off to London. Myr Naper and I
took room at Cumberland Hotel
near Hyde Park. Nape's cousin came
in. An ex-school teacher and
very badly misplaced in Army.
Too much of that going around.

June - 3 - 44
'Socked in today. Soldered some
coins on the Zipso. Put name
on 'Stinky' II. I lattered no end,
four chunky girls wrote me.

JUNE 4

April 4

Looked for flying boats and records for about six hours. Row across Ford and Meng. at Peals Book Store. Meng trying on ladies boots. - me -

Peals in business since 1290. A Bobby two blocks down the street never heard of them.

Typical -

Wish I could relax.

Had picture taken for export purposes. Hope Stinky likes -

June 4 - 44

Went to Henry with Bearock, on a M.P. run. Back at 1300 for sandwiching in Grand house.

B. is a fellow screwball, I'm sure.

JUNE 5

April 5

Returned from London. All roses
have been cancelled. Three nice
letters. I wonder.

June 5 - 44

Weather still bad, but
freshing - Wind 60 MPH. Took in
E.I. Movie 'oney Island'
200 greek -

JUNE 6

Today is 'D' day. The
boy started at 0700 for
a little hiking on the
continent. Wish I were
there. I know it's the greatest
shop on earth.
Lots of excitement, even
here.

Wrote E. two letters today. That's a
bad sign—

JUNE 7

Towed with 'Stinky' this P.M. Air
very rough. Taking cross-country
transmission in 'Sail Sack' to haul
Blackrock to Phintoe.

Wished the Col. if I may
submit a letter requesting
compensation again. I hope Chon
understands. Col gave a green light.

JUNE 8

Beauchamp & I flew to Chumtre
on schedule. Forced landing
on return trip at Portadown.

Attracted only three hunched
staunch citizens. Made a good
landing no damage.

Owner of the field comes up
screaming, 'Look what you
did to my grass.'

Local Police took care of him.
Stayed overnight in Laurel Hotel.
Saw first clept looking fellow
in Ireland. Of course, his
name is Kaithep. Thought
was a bloody hero.

JUNE 9

Warmed up engine, Rushed
the Jesus Patton and managed to
get off the field O.K. and flew
home without further mishap.

Krause & I took 'Johnny Ref'
to Zoomer, picked up some real
steaks for the mess.

Application for combat went
in again, in writing this
time.

JUNE 12

B and I looked over the
castle nearby. Built in 1265.
Went ~~with~~ ^{off} hunting water
about 2300. Got one with the bell
wrote Elmer, and so to bed.
Wallace & I flew Fort in a.m.

JUNE 13

Rain & Sunshine - all day.
Prepared for the General.
Worked on a talk for the men
Emergency procedures.

Went to Killheel to see 'Great
Waltz' enjoyed it as much as
the first time. I never tire of
music.

OCTOBER 4

Does any body know what's
Cooking?

Still have all my
meat.

Over to 661 for my
convey. Ratched Enroute -

OCTOBER 5

Joe + I took off for Brentwood
Ham did the miss
the theatre? \$164 question
Had a Port Wine and
one bottle. Thousands of
pounds, too.

OCTOBER 6

Polined area - and fixed
an air raid shelter, used
a big long ditch - deep.

OCTOBER 7

Inspection - First Mail
from Chug, also Kay & Jean C
Really hit the spot.
Joe had trouble riding the
seat in the movie, I
didn't notice.

OCTOBER 8

Writing letters all P.M. May
Go to see Pletcher, Osborn
and all the boys.

OCTOBER 9

To London for E's birthday
present. Got hamper, spent
5 hours in Selfridges Dept
Store. No coupons, either

To In office club at #8
S. Audley st for dinner, Tiger
and I shall full with
Red Cross. Been here 5 weeks
Went to Locum Club on
Regent st. Drank an Champagne
Got to bed at 0530
Allocation with Taxi Driver
and I for a Buzzer
settled it, but quick.

OCTOBER 10

Up at 1300. Shopped for
cottons + foodstuffs supplies
Had waffles at Nurses
Red Cross Club.

Catched 1100 train at
Liverpool station and left
arr at Bentwood.

OCTOBER 11

Drove to Bourhane for trial
spid and bed roll. Saw
Gussich & got some paper
Brought 40 lbs of apples
from farmer.

Whe standing near
clitch in forty mile wind
Dammed nutritious —

OCTOBER 12

Sague, Joe, Cpl Savin developed
a few rolls tonight. Not too bad.

Thought Jerry would miss tonight
but the G-4 sent some over
at midnight! One pretty close.
Caught me with my pants down -
literally.

Cpl Quip asked Joe & me if we
would chime to Ireland Saturday.
Jerry got them over all right.
Left one at 0500, Right over hot

OCTOBER 13

'This is somebody's B. day'
Mr. Logie and I finished
our instant printer and ran
off a few. They stink, naturally
but we like to go to London
or Ireland tomorrow.

45. Hey, Dumfries, this is your
wife's birthday. —

OCTOBER 14

Off to Suzhou with me. Checked
in at Russell. Dined at
Pineapple. Drank for part of
Regent Palace. - Bed at midnight
Didn't see a familiar face -

OCTOBER 15

I went to sleep until 1100, then
to Hyde Park - for the speakers.

Went to the Intertwine.

From there to Leicester Square

Good show by old Intertwine.

Got a lot of U.S.O. Character

Pigeons and a better Bomb sight

Went to movie 'Gumich Village'

to train and home. - 0200

OCTOBER 16

Spinning my wheels today
Inspection tomorrow.

'Tiger' off to take in a
couple of German herbs.

OCTOBER 28

I heard Nordstrom & Demarest
got payed off -
Both Foster & Rush are gone.

OCTOBER 30

Get back to work, slave -
Its schools for me.
Very good, for a change.
All about Jerry and his
cute tricks etc.

NOVEMBER 3

This day should be sorted!
I didn't get any near us
for the first time since I've
been here. Didn't hear one.

NOVEMBER 4

Joe and I didn't make it to
the shelter. Took her in the
hut, on the floor. Damn close.
We move tomorrow to site
4, but because we must —
Personel advises me my
railroad trucks are on the way.
Also Laynes 1st —
No mail from Ann since
her birthday.

NOVEMBER 9

He + I went to Brentwood on the
Liberty run. Went to movie
Saw 'Phantom Lady'. I ranched Lorne
+ Ella Raines. Got a bit waiting
about the time Jerry's double game
spun in nearby. Well, a mess
in town.

Came home and my hair
had that 'plastered' look -
Courtesy of the Odeon Movie Palace.

NOVEMBER 10

N.D. today - Bitch, bitch!
Tiger returned today - looks
like he's been rotated, no end!

NOVEMBER 11

DD train arr at 1100. Joe
Lague & I going to Port
Wright in Officers Club I wish
three ju² of second-rate
gin. Waiting for the gate!
1st letter from Chon in
ages.

NOVEMBER 12

ROW - St James Pt. Some
Rocked Joe is finding m
range - close this mt

NOVEMBER 13

I've got 'orders' to go
home. That's rough!
I'll miss that G.I. d!
Jing's sent for me that for me.
Nov-15
I've took off for Z.O.I.

NOVEMBER 15

14

A.O.N. Burton howl as we
reel up trying to get
home. Some weird fine
moments. He says wouldn't
work so a big 180.

Took a shower, used
a pillow case for a towel.

Slept like a baby right
next to my engine testing
hanger that loaded all night
No rockets or py3 bomb
to sweat out here!

NOVEMBER 14 15

- 5' class, then off into
the blacking blue for B.AAD.
Instrument + ice part
way. Tiger + I both weak.

NOVEMBER 16

Got back to home base
via Grove & Brimington.

Sent Chun a full of a
Calendar. I still know of in
E.T.O. happy now—

Very chopped a propaganda
Buzza in our traffic pattern
Name, bustard! Send
*but it this time—

Elna writes she 'suspects'
we are being bombed or
'something'.

NOVEMBER 17

Another 'G' class this AM.
Sent Clara a book of Irish
Photography.

In damned times of this
Air Raid warning Red To
hell with it!

NOVEMBER 18

2000 off in Ireland in 1876
Landed at Buncrana and left
Tiger then into the blue
for the 'green'. Instruments -
Saw 1000 of Portadown
Eggs and every thing -
Checked out on a Porcher
bed - warmer.

NOVEMBER 19

Could-i! get back-weather
Saw E.N.S.A. Show in P.O. - "Life
Worth Living" with shows
like that - MOD!

Stayed David Hotel -
more egg & bacon - for
breakfast
Don't forget the Church.

NOVEMBER 20

Left P.D. at 0945 - arrived
Sangford Lodge 1415 - Distance
as crow flies about 20 miles.
Picked up Cream Pitcher for
Ann H.

Rotten weather but got in
to home base not much
the worse for wear.

Package from Momchip and
Dreas Cousins. No mail
except from Jk.

NOVEMBER 21

Unsorted mail, as usual.
It was better & I took Frank for
a ride - got small. Two
co-pilots but we did it.
Trusted my back unloading
bomb bay.

NOVEMBER 22

School - Tiger developed
some stiff.

Three just too far away
I'm only jumping about six feet
now, on the close ones.

NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Day. Remember
at home. Still have the living?
any way. Wanted them, didn't I?

High + I go as I.R.O. tonight
The traps fouled; let me
out of here! Somebody must
have tripped my lucky store.
Good food - Turkey & all that
goes with it.

NOVEMBER 25

A bit drunk out this mite.
Dance at O'Finn's club and
as Tiger was in Ireland I
took in the brawl. Poor
type of a red race
I'm getting tired of these
damn things, dropping in
unannounced.

One lot went in, due
to weather on way to Ireland
All the boys got payed off -

NOVEMBER 26

Day 1 I printed some pix.
Died a few for Red Cross.
Slight holdover from the
mad social which last
evening.

Day 2 couldn't make home
due to weather. Came home in
a truck and that's the hell
out of a box.

NOVEMBER 27

Went to Chelmsford - saw
'Wing and a Prayer', sort of
a mailman's holiday. Saw
peques from fettle of Michway
I think in the fix.

NOVEMBER 28

Scott - Webber and kite among
those missing today.
Chyn has his troubles
too. I'm inclined to panic

NOVEMBER 29

The boys finally got
down OK. I landed on Cherbourg
Peninsula. Weather trouble.
They got shot at by yunks
and every body that was
the continent. Got for 5 hrs
in soup. They don't look
like they had fun.

Early to bed & I raise
tomorrow - but in wee
hours. I don't stand that
taking 50 rounds of .45 Caliber.

NOVEMBER 30

Took off - eventually. Bad weather.
Got in O.K. and saw Aaron Jackson
who was stranded there. Big
bull session.

Saturday. Scott & Ted & I
took in Paris. wine plenty, good.
Walked 2 1/2 hrs to find a bed
visited the Big Tobacco. The
French is foul - the people
understand my German better.
Wonder if Paris knows about
the war. You can buy silk etc
according to some yards I saw.
Champagne 590 francs per

DECEMBER 1

Damn Cloudy days. - We fooled
them and got home anyway
Gets rough sometimes.

DECEMBER 2

Sat.

Frances's return with crew. Soup
messed us up but we got in OK.
Ate in a chateau that is being
used for Adj's etc. Two series
picked up and they had flown in
61 missions and of the chrome
still repairing bomb casters
Mud—

Three tons stated. Brown &
I only ones who got thru. Must be
luck. I've decided to let Elton
continue to think I'm in England.

DECEMBER 3

Moved to Site 5 - Weather
wouldn't let us get thru again.
Packing food boxes to send
home.

DECEMBER 4

Van Stems & I got thru today
weather good. Anna seems colder
every down time I go, there.

I took off an liberty win
went to Brentwood and indulged
in a bit of puff-blowing.
All by my own done so I
guess I've had it, too.

DECEMBER 12

Back from Island
with ship we sprang
a sleeping bag from
St Michael. A good way -
Mum gave me another
fruit cake. Stayed at Laurel
Hotel while there.

DECEMBER 15

Cromwell flew in today.
Big session, started for his
body at 1700. Arrived
about 0200. Planned to go
on one of his missions
so early to bed. 1 year
met this crew and slept
in bed of a character who
was on pass.

DECEMBER 16

Brommell & I slept late, the
mission scrubbed. Took off
for Rungford, landed in Jayden
and had to come back
on mill train. Dick left
Rungford early to go home
I stayed in

DECEMBER 17

Brownie & I just dropped
a fork - 'Michigan'. And
a chunker, she was.
Stayed at base, wrote
to Elmer.

DECEMBER 18

Faylor at Chelmsford had
it last night. Some of those
girls used to come to my
classes here at the home

DECEMBER 19

I guess I took off for Remynd
on a six hour pass. A.O.N.
Chue to soup.

DECEMBER 20

Studied T.O.'s all day of Engineering
Dante keeping up the Insurance
Policies.

Deep Sleep all day. Street Retch
in the stuff while the trumpet
and a rocket blasted thro. a
bit odd.

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day, in case I
don't remember.

I did though - Took
one of the trucks to Brentwood
and brought my kids
back to home for Christmas
party. Reminded me of little
Patsy's Christmas, so long
ago.

They had movies, turkey
dinner and Red Cross Boxes.
That Red X is O.K. -

DECEMBER 26

O.D. again today. It's Boxing
Day here. Big Day and I'm
O.D. I was late due to
fog & slow train from Ramford

DECEMBER 27

No. 100 land got a basket of
V-2. Joy Nature food.
Joy has some cloudy feet!
I wish not to Mrs Smith
for the C.I.S. Mine with
Sister in Rongel.

DECEMBER 28

For brass. We get to kite
for a min. Fog down later
but too thick - we stop.
Mumain?

It Mai went today. I took
his bed & chaise, coming up
in the world. Wish I could
sleep in it - sometime.

