

Diary

1045



DIARY 1945

Rewai T. Street,
5 Park Lane,
TIMARU,
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APRIL 1945

SATURDAY

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APRIL 1945

MONDAY

Big Bari explosion⁹
at 12 o'clock (A.M.) Liberty ship
with load. of bombs. Hundreds
killed. Debris soil even as
far as 3 g. H.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 10

APRIL 1945

SUNDAY

15

MONDAY

16

Not feeling too well this
week. Diarrhoea.

APRIL 1945

TUESDAY

17

Gnats still a pest on
trees. Descending on threads.

WEDNESDAY

18

APRIL 1945

MONDAY

23

St. George's Day

Open air talkies - Bette Davis

TUESDAY

24

Open air talkies. Errol Flynn

APRIL 1945

WEDNESDAY

25

ANZAC Day. Service under trees by Padre Bennett (son of Bishop Bennett) San Francisco Conference begins. Lovely day. Both 5th. & 8th. Armies over River Po now.

THURSDAY

26

Went to Bari on leave. Stayed at Imperiali. Feeling better. Visited 3 g. H. Saw Paul Hewell - Bob O'Brien, Colin Douglas.

APRIL 1945

FRIDAY

27

Bought Pamela a doll
(520 live) + Edna an alabas-
-ter bowl with 4 doves.
To talkies "Don't let it worry
you" at Ensa Theatre.
in evening with Ted Pohso.

SATURDAY

28

Continued my book.
Mussolini has been shot
up Milan way.

APRIL 1945

SUNDAY

29

Edna's birthday.
Back from leave at 11 A.M.
Kiwi Concert Party in honry
Hut at 2 P.M. Letter from
Edna. Wrote to her.
Song service in evening.
Then talkies in our Mess.
Dorothy Lamour "Rainbow Island".

MONDAY

30

Did washing. Wrote to Mum.
Kiwi's now past Adige River.
Song story - esp. 23 bn.

MAY 1945

TUESDAY

1

Bank Holiday Scotland

Letters from Mum, Dad & Edna.
Evening - talkies in mess.
"Big Crosby."
Ravin during afternoon.

WEDNESDAY

2

Hitler reported dead in Berlin. Admiral Doenitz now in command. Jerries to fight on. Kiwis reported by B.B.C. to have linked up with Yugoslavs near Trieste.

MAY 1945

THURSDAY

3

B.B.C. announced that Berlin fell yesterday. In Italy, a million men (Army, Air Force & Navy) surrendered unconditionally. Kiwis have captured Trieste.

FRIDAY

4

Played basketball in afternoon. Wrote to Mum. Dance at 600 A.O.D. I was M.C.

MAY 1945

SATURDAY

5

Dance at Bari. Good show.
I was M.C. Heard that
Jerris in Denmark & M.W.
Enope had surrendered.
Letter from Edna & Tom.
Wrote to Edna.

SUNDAY

6

Lovely day.
~~Letter from Edna & Tom.~~
~~Wrote to Edna. Go to~~
~~Senigallia~~
Left for Senigallia from
Brindisi on Margot (French
ship) with Bill Stewart & Mac, &
100 troops. Excellent trip.

MAY 1945

MONDAY

7

Arrived Ancona 10 A.M.
Reembarked 1.30. Lovely day.
War now over. To Senigallia
by truck. Met Herbert Row.
Go to Forlì tomorrow with
troops. Sent cable to Mum
& Edna. ENSA concert in
cinema at 7.30 P.M. V. Good.

TUESDAY

8

On to Forlì by truck. Arrived
lunch time. Herbert Rowe (Pedic 25th)
travelled with us. Listened to Mr.
Churchill's speech at 2 P.M. - King at
9 P.M. Played tangram - had shower.
In to Forlì with Bill for dinner at
off. club.

MAY 1945

WEDNESDAY

9

Left for 23 Bn. near Trieste.
Hot day. Crossed Po at 8:15 A.M.
Arrived 5:30, at Bu. H.Q. Met
Don Grant - Sandy Thomas etc. in
Castle (Bu. H.Q.)
Castle Duino overlooking harbor
(Trieste.) 50-60 Rooms
Belonged to Count & American wife.

THURSDAY

10

At new area on sea-
shore near naval workshops &
submarine pens. Lovely day. Had
swim. Yugoslavs came down
for swim also. Evening - with
Bill to visit 26 Bn. & Marri
Bn. Lovely road up into hills.
Slept at C. Coy. Many mosquitoes.

MAY 1945

FRIDAY

11

To Venice with C. Coy. Travelled
85 miles - camped 3 miles out-
side city. Got into Summer
attire - into the city with Bill.
Marvellous - wonderful - unique
Went by gondola from car park
along Grand Canal to N.Z. Club
(Albergo Daniele - best in Venice)
Had photos taken. Beer in lounge.

SATURDAY

12

Lovely day. Bought gifts for
Edna & Pamela. Walked around
the town. Visited 2 lovely churches
- The Misurata - "Croce del Sud".
Met Col. Thomas & Herb Statton. Also
Ted Ross - Ray Madden. Beer in lounge.
After dinner - by gondola back
to car park. By truck back to
C. Coy.

MAY 1945

SUNDAY

13

Left for Forli via Bologna.
Travelled by V.M.C.A. truck to
Bologna. Then by Polish truck
to Forli. Arrived 4 P.M. Found
Mac gone on. Very hot day.

MONDAY

14

Left for Senigallia.
To Cesina by Jeep. To
Rimini by motor truck. To
Senigallia by 15 cut.
Mac. left by boat today.
Leave for Bari with Capt
Walmesley in 15 cut. tomorrow.
Wrote to Edna + Mum.

MAY 1945

TUESDAY

15

Left Senigallia on
15 cut. with Capt.
Came down coast road to
Vasto. Stayed night at
Transit Hotel.
Thousands of swallows.

WEDNESDAY

16

On to Bari +
Base. Arrived 1 P.M.
Much mail from Edna,
Mum, Mel, Joan,
Constance Davis.
Poco dead (distemper.)

MAY 1945

THURSDAY

17

Very hot day.
Wrote to Edna + Mum.
Played basketball.

FRIDAY

18

Very hot.
Wrote 25 page letter to
Mum + Edna.

MAY 1945

SATURDAY

19

Very hot. Packed up
Edna's parcel.
Wrote to Edna.

SUNDAY

20

Whit Sunday

Went to Church service
at 7 p.m. Met Frank Lane
(Padre) there.

MAY 1945

MONDAY

Whit Monday

21

Hot day. Sports meeting.
I went in for long
jump. Fourth.
Pictures - "You can't do that
to me."

TUESDAY

22

To beach for swim.
Lovely. Letters from Mum
& Edna. Paddy O.K.
(Camp in Hamburg.)
Wrote to Mum.

MAY 1945

WEDNESDAY

23

Set up E.R.S. Study
tent in Maori lines.
Had a jab (T.A.B.)

THURSDAY

24

Empire Day

Cloudy.

MAY 1945

FRIDAY

25

~~Letters from~~

Himmler poisons
himself.

SATURDAY

26

Letter from Paddy.
Magazines + books from
Edna (Dowling).
Pictures - "Thunderhead".

MAY 1945

SUNDAY

27

Lovely day. To Bari
Stadium to see soccer
Match (British Internationals
7 v S. Italy 3). Wonderful
game. 30,000 people there
- mostly Poles.

Song service in evening.

MONDAY

28

Tabloid sports meet-
ing (B. Coy) in morning.
Wrote to Mum.

Pictures - "Prisoner of
Zenda" (Ronald Colman)

MAY 1945

TUESDAY

29

Letter from Constance
Davis + Edna. Wrote to
Constance.
Picture - Frontier Badmen.

WEDNESDAY

30

Practised Tabloid
Sports.
Evening - Concert.

MAY 1945

THURSDAY

31

Union Day

Went to Bari. Bought boots
at B.O.D. Got leather trunk at
Tommy B.O.D. To San Spirito
with Padre Bennett. Dinner at
Imperli. Back 10.30 p.m.

Memo

JUNE 1945

FRIDAY

Hot day.

1

SATURDAY

To Toronto to Sports
meeting with Alex Steakin
staff car. I represented
the Major.
Talkies - "Laura."

2

JUNE 1945

SUNDAY

Lovely day.

3

Letter from Ethel D.
- Bob Holmes Manson.
Evening - got my Yankee
bag. Painted name on
trunk. Talkies. Conjur.

MONDAY

Lovely day.

4

Talkies - For whom the
bell tolls "in technicolor."

JUNE 1945

TUESDAY

Helped put up 4
E.P.I. P.'s in B. Coy. area.
Took Pl. for Route march
(about) Letter from Mum.
My Rome parcel + sword
arrived O.K.
Pictures - evening. Eddie
Canada.

WEDNESDAY

Route march - 1 hour
To Toronto with Alex Steele.
Lunch at officer's club.
Went inside boot on Ital-
-ian submarine. Very hot.
Letter from Edna + Dad.
Wrote to Edna + Mum

JUNE 1945

THURSDAY

Hot day. letters
from Edna, Auntie Em,
Margaret Hammington.
Joan.
Evening - write out
diary.

FRIDAY

Went with Major
Pratt - Rocky + six other
officers to the toe of Italy.
Left at 1:30 P.M. Reached
Cosenza at 7:30. Stayed at
Albergo Imperati.
Very pretty town.

JUNE 1945

SATURDAY

9

On to Reggio. Marvellous scenery - hills: cherries + strawberries. Arrived 7 P.M. Stayed at Hotel on esplanade. Sicily across the way.

SUNDAY

10

Back as far as round the "Joe."

Hot day. Arrived 7 P.M. Stayed at hotel.

JUNE 1945

MONDAY

11

Back to camp. Fresh eggs - own cooking - for breakfast. Swims (2). Letter from Joan. Wrote to Mum + Edna.

TUESDAY

12

Rained: thunder & lightning. Evening - talkies "The Angels Sing". Weather cleared.

JUNE 1945

WEDNESDAY

13

Fine day. Pay parade.
Began surface letter to
Mum.
Evening - E.N.S.A. show.
Very good.

THURSDAY

14

To Bari with Rocky +
co. Bought 2 prs. blue
pyjamas: 1 pr. shoes. 1
rain coat at offrs. shop.
Will be leaving soon.

JUNE 1945

FRIDAY

15

Packed up my gear.
Wrote to Mrs. Bartholomew.
Evening - "Lost Horizon"
Picture.
Wrote to Jean, Edna
D. - Mrs. Bartholomew.

SATURDAY

16

Hot day.
Played Teneguit
with Rocky + Harry
Lambert.

JUNE 1945

SUNDAY

17

Hot day. Went to
communion 7 A.M.

MONDAY

18

Hot day.
Talkies in evening.

JUNE 1945

TUESDAY

19

Hot day.

WEDNESDAY

20

Hot day.
Played Tenegnot with
Harry Lambert & Rocky.

JUNE 1945

THURSDAY

Prepared for Court-Martial tomorrow. I am defending officer.

Accused: Pte Pearson (A Merri) 7 charges. Went to F.P.C. (Massafra twice in morning & evening to see him.

FRIDAY

22

Court Martial. $\oplus$
Very hot.
Will be leaving soon

JUNE 1945

SATURDAY

23

Shifted to Transit Officer Depot.

SUNDAY

24

At Transit Depot.

JUNE 1945

MONDAY

25

Went to Taranto with
Dick Coxhead + others.

TUESDAY

26

Still at Transit.
No sign of going yet.
Talkies - Lana Turner
"Marriage is a private
affair."

JUNE 1945

WEDNESDAY

27

Very hot. In afternoon -
went with walk with Rocky
- played Tenebris - had
cold shower.
Evening - Talkies -

THURSDAY

28

Hot - windy.

JUNE 1945

FRIDAY

29

Hot. Letters from
Mum & Dad.

To Bari. Took shoes
for half-soling.

SATURDAY

30

To the Caves at
Castellana with Rocky &
party from D. Depot.
Then on in to Bari.
Collected shoes from B.O.D.
Stayed at Club.

JULY 1945

SUNDAY

1

Dominion Day

Back to T.O.D.
Letters from Edna (17 June)
& Mum.
Song service at 7 P.M.

MONDAY

2

In Camp.
Cricket match v staff.
I made 19.

JULY 1945

TUESDAY

3

In Camp.
Talkies.

WEDNESDAY

4

In camp.
Cricket v stuff.
I made 0.

Talkies.

"National Velvet."

Very good.
Wrote to Edna,

JULY 1945

THURSDAY

5

In camp.
Rained in afternoon.
Wrote to Mum.

FRIDAY

6

Sunny but
cooler.

JULY 1945

SATURDAY

Hot - sunny. 7

SUNDAY

Hot - sunny. 8
Song - service 7 P.M.
Concert by Kini Concert
members. Very good.

JULY 1945

MONDAY

Hot - sunny. 9
Went for walk in
afternoon.
Likely to move soon.

TUESDAY

Hot day. Played 10
Tenequait.
Evening - met Father
Hubbard & Alaskan Explorer.
Went to Gloria dome to
hear lecture ~~and~~ see films.
Excellent.

JULY 1945

WEDNESDAY

11

Hot day.
Played cricket v staff.
We lost. I made 22.
Evening - to Chiatona
beach with Padre Bennett
& American Party.

THURSDAY

12

Fine day.
Talkies.
"Double Indemnity."

JULY 1945

FRIDAY

YAGP 13

To 3 G.H. in ambul-
-ance to have eye
seen to. Lunch at
Club. Back at 3 P.M.
Evening - Talkies
"Circumstantial Evidence"

SATURDAY

YAGP 14

Hot day.
"Goodbye Mr. Chips"
at night.

JULY 1945

SUNDAY

15

Prepares to move tomorrow.

Soup service in evening.

Wrote to Mum.

MONDAY

16

Left Camp - noon.
Dutch ship - "Sabijak."
from Toronto.
Japanese waiter. In
4 berth cabin, with
porthole + fan.
Orange left 4 p.m.

JULY 1945

TUESDAY

17

Excellent trip. Saw
land at 10 a.m. Africa
near Derna. Saw road
we came on down escarp-
ment.

WEDNESDAY

18

Calvin came. Read book.
Excellent meals.
Concert on deck in
evening. Had cold shower
- fresh water.

JULY 1945

THURSDAY

19

Passed Mesa Matruh at
7 A.M. Baggush at 9.30.
Saw Oasis & Ras el Kanayis.
Lovely day. Saw Alex
and Maria at 5 P.M.
Concert at night.

FRIDAY

20

Arrived Port Said 8.30.
Disembarked 5 A.M. By
train to Maadi.

JULY 1945

SATURDAY

21

Reached Maadi 7 A.M.
Bottle of beer. Slept in
afternoon.
Letter from Mum
(1 July.)

SUNDAY

22

To Cairo with Rocky.
To Metro "Dragon
Seed". Bought turban
& fly-swat. (7.30 P.M.)

JULY 1945

MONDAY

23

In camp.

Talkies at night.

TUESDAY

24

To Cairo.

Bought Pamela 4 books.

Visited Museum.

Bought Souvenir mug.
(2 N.Z. E. F.)

JULY 1945

WEDNESDAY

25

Lecture El Djem

9.30 A.M.

Letters from Mum & Dad
(8 only)

THURSDAY

26

To Cairo. Bought Edna
blue hand. bag & slippers.
Also another mug.
Vest - panties (blue)
for Edna. To Metro at
3 P.M. "The Thin man
goes home."

JULY 1945

FRIDAY

27

Hot day.
Polished brasses & trunk
etc. - Evening - talkies,
- Since you went away.

SATURDAY

28

Very hot day.
Painted tin trunk.
2 Bottles of stout + lemon
- ade. Saw Bob Manson.
Letter from Mum (15 July.)

JULY 1945

SUNDAY

29

Hot day.
Had lunch with Bob
Manson at Inf. Depot.
Went with him to Cairo.
Met "Jack" Galbraith.
Spent night at his mess
at Digla.

MONDAY

30

Had vaccination.
To Cairo to buy suit-
- case.

AUGUST 1945

FRIDAY

3

Went for walk to
model village.

Pay day.

Talkies at night.

SATURDAY

4

Trunks left this
morning.

To Cairo. Bought
tan shoes at officer's
shop.

AUGUST 1945

SUNDAY

5

Went for walk to
top of escarpment
in afternoon.

Talkies at night.

MONDAY

6

August Bank Holiday

We leave early in
the morning - by
truck - for Hafik.

At last!

Home James!

AUGUST 1945

TUESDAY

7

Left Maadi 2 A.M. by truck
for Tewfik. Boarded Strath-
-aird "at 8 A.M.

(Atomic Bomb over
Japan - B.B.C.)

WEDNESDAY

8

Left at 6 A.M. lovely
ship. Good meals.
Sea - calm.

Atomic bomb.
Equal to 2000
10 tonners.

AUGUST 1945

THURSDAY

9

Very hot.
News Played on deck
quits.

FRIDAY

10

Very hot.
News about Japan.
12 Apostles.

AUGUST 1945

SATURDAY

11

Joined by a cruiser
off Aden.

Played Teneguit +
deck quoits!

SUNDAY

12

Rough sea but sunny.
Saw land in morning
to South. Possibly
Africa. (at Sokotra)

AUGUST 1945

MONDAY

13

Sea calmer. Day
sunny - but cooler.
Played deck-tennis.

TUESDAY

14

Sea fairly calm.
Played Teneguit.
Deck quoits
Quoits.

AUGUST 1945

WEDNESDAY

15

Japan surrenders.
Played Teneguit.
Saw an atoll with
lighthouse.

THURSDAY

16

Sea calm. One day
from Colombo. No
blackout tonight. Talkies
in lounge. "Laura."
Put on ribbons.
(Italy Star: 1939-45 star)

AUGUST 1945

FRIDAY

17

~~Sea calm. Cruiser~~
~~left at this A.m.~~
~~Due Colombo tomorrow.~~
~~Cruiser about slowly~~
~~today~~
In Colombo. Ships flying
flags. Left 8 P.m.

SATURDAY

18

Bent: full day.
Flying fish - sea
blue.

AUGUST 1945

SUNDAY

19

Communion in Ets.
lounge at 7.30 A.M. Taken
by Padre Holland.

Sea calm. Overcast.

Played Tenequait &
Deck Quoit.

Crossed Equator this A.M.

MONDAY

20

Blowing fairly strongly.
Heading South.

Cooler.

Handed in blanket.

AUGUST 1945

TUESDAY

21

Lovely day. Cooler.
Played Tenequait & deck
quoits. Took English class
at 7-8 P.M.

Talkies at 8.30 in lounge.
(Above Suspicion - Joan)
Crawford)

WEDNESDAY

22

Played Tenequait.
Cooler today.

AUGUST 1945

THURSDAY

23

Cooler. Walked 2 miles
before breakfast.

FRIDAY

24

Cooler. Slacks + pull
over

English class 7-8

Walked a mile before
breakfast.

AUGUST 1945

SATURDAY

25

Should be rounding
land into sight soon.
English Class 7-8
8-10.

SUNDAY

26

Round the
Corner. Sea still
calm.

Evening - wore battle
-dress. Concert (sacred -
in lounge.)

AUGUST 1945

MONDAY

27

Sea calm.
English class as
usual each night.

TUESDAY

28

Sea calm.
Cold.
Current in lounge
8 P.M. Excellent.

AUGUST 1945

WEDNESDAY

29

Orange passed this
morning - going West.
Wind from N.W. Cold.
Arrive Melbourne tomorrow.
Leave 4 P.M. - 12 P.M.

THURSDAY

30

Arrived Melbourne. 1.30.
On leave 3 P.M. till 12
Taken to Officers Club by Pat
Hannah. Wonderful time.
Walked round city. Went to
talkies. (Went with Tom McNab,
Arthur Steele & Noel Richmond)
Back by electric train at 11.30

AUGUST 1945

FRIDAY

31

Left Melbourne 4.45 P.M.
12 Vivia left behind. Two
dark Maris climbed up rope
- fell into sea - hauled
aboard. Very cold - blowing
a rain up.

Memo

SEPTEMBER 1945

SATURDAY

1

Sea not so bad. Not so
cold. Going same direction
as wind & waves. Will
arrive at Lyttelton.

SUNDAY

2

Went to Church Service
- lounge 9 A.M. Then
Communion.
Talkies - Now, Voyager.

SEPTEMBER 1945

MONDAY

3

Played deck-tennis.
Sea calm (almost)
Arriving Lyttelton on
Wed. I am baggage
off.

TUESDAY

4

Saw land 8 A.M.
Cape Farewell.
Lovely day - sea
calm. Paid £10.

Through Cook Strait. in evening.
Berthing at Lyttelton tomorrow.

SEPTEMBER 1945

WEDNESDAY

5

Arrived Lyttelton daybreak.
Anchored inside heads. Taken
by tugs to shore. Reached
Timaru 3.30. Lovely day.
Pam, Edna + Munn to meet me
on Bay. Large crowd. Pipe band.
Had photo taken on Bay.
To sleep at 2 A.M.

THURSDAY

6

Awake at 6 A.M. Pam
singing Nursery Rhymes in her
little cot.

SEPTEMBER 1945

FRIDAY

7

In Timor
till 21 Sep.

SATURDAY

8

SEPTEMBER 1945

SUNDAY

9

MONDAY

10

SEPTEMBER 1945

WEDNESDAY

19

THURSDAY

20

Spent evening with Edna
d Mrs. Hister at the Harts.

SEPTEMBER 1945

FRIDAY

21

Left Timaru with Pam & Edna
on second honeymoon by train
for Ashburton. lovely day.
Arrived 3.30. Stayed with
Mollie & Albert.
Aunt Bess at Sultons.

SATURDAY

22

At Sultons.

SEPTEMBER 1945

SUNDAY

23

Visited Mrs. & Mr. Stewart
at Hagahor. Nere there.

Evening - rang Mansons.

MONDAY

24

Raining. Left by train for
Onch. at 8.15 A.M. Stayed
at Federal Hotel. Had afternoon
tea at Beaths with Doris &
baby. Evening - visited Isabel.
Carried Pamela home. Never
again!

SEPTEMBER 1945

TUESDAY

25

Called on Edue. Board &
Training College. Morning tea
at Balkantynes. Marjory came
to dinner.

WEDNESDAY

26

Left 8.20 A.M. by train
for Blenheim Met Marion
at Rangiora station. Good
trip. Changed to bus at
Blenheim 6 P.M. Reached
Nelson 8.30. Biddles brought
us to Seynow Ave.

SEPTEMBER 1945

THURSDAY

27

Dorothy + her 2 boys in
afternoon. Ramping on lawn.
Spencer Chatterton called.
Gran didn't know me, or that
I was married.

FRIDAY

28

To Queen's Gardens to feed
ducks + swans. Into town.
Evening - into town. Visited
Mrs. Maylor + Marjory.

SEPTEMBER 1945

SATURDAY

29

Visited Mrs. + Mr. Douglas at
Tahuna. Lovely day. Walked
along beach. Collected shells.

SUNDAY

30

Lovely day. Jack + Bina +
family came in afternoon.
Evening - Edna + I went for
a walk.

OCTOBER 1945

MONDAY

1

Overcast. Fixed my boat in morning. Afternoon - visited Queen's Gardens + Art Gallery. (Exhibition of paintings) Met Mrs. Mrs. Douglas + Max there. Evening - to pictures with Jack + Bria. "Madame Curie".
8th Reinforcements arrived back.

TUESDAY

2

In Nelson.

OCTOBER 1945

WEDNESDAY

3

In Nelson.
To matinee with Pam.
Poor film.

THURSDAY

4

In Nelson.

OCTOBER 1945

FRIDAY

5

Went to town with
Mum. Afternoon tea.

SATURDAY

6

Walked with Pamela to
Sugar loaf. Pam fell over
on road + skinned knee.
Evening - visited Myrtle
for evening. Had cider.

OCTOBER 1945

SUNDAY

7

Dorothy + Percy + boys
came to dinner.

Evening - Edna + I
went for walk.

MONDAY

8

Dad, Edna + I went
to concert (Male Voice
Choir) School of Music.
Very good. Met Ted
Ridge there.

OCTOBER 1945

TUESDAY

9

Lovely day. Edna had hair set. Met Bill Boyce + wife (on honeymoon). Invited them round in evening. Jack there too.

WEDNESDAY

10

Lovely day.
Letter from Sandy May.
Left by Matangi for Wellington. Good trip.
All in one cabin.
Bit of a squeeze!

OCTOBER 1945

THURSDAY

11

Stayed at Hotel St. George for day + night. Best hotel yet. Joan called at evening. Edna bought low heeled shoes (white) in afternoon.

FRIDAY

12

Left by express 9.40 A.M. for Napier. Had seats in first class carriage (arranged by R.T.O.) Met Mrs. Malcolm at Levin station. Sandy in bed with tonsillitis. Met Jim McIntosh at Palmerston. Davis & Lees met us at Napier. To Lees by car.

OCTOBER 1945

SATURDAY

13

Nice day. Pam thrilled with sheep + lambs, goats, geese + goslings, cat. Went for walk with Edna + Pam over swing bridge. Evening - looked at my snaps.

SUNDAY

14

Rang Leath Clarke.
Mowed lawn.
Wrote to Mum + Mrs. Drake.
Much volcanic ash falling (from Mt. Ruapehu).
Collected a bottle full.

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MONDAY

15

Drove car into Napier with Beatrice, Pam + Edna. Visited Miss Clarke in afternoon. Had lunch with Constance + Barbara Hamman. Back for tea.
Rain during night.

TUESDAY

16

Cleaned + polished the car in morning. Walked along railway line in afternoon.
Fine day.

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WEDNESDAY

17

Took Pam to see the tunnel. Walked half way through it.

Polished the car again. Like new - for the Show tomorrow. Visited the Bowkes in afternoon.

THURSDAY

18

To H.B. Show. Lovely day. Met crowds of my old friends. Harold & Mrs. Bush; the Clarks, the Davis's, Mr. & Mrs. Riddell etc. Pam had lovely time. Edna looked wonderful in navy costume & hat with 2 white feathers. I won a chair.

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FRIDAY

19

Packed chair to send home. Rained during day. Cold. Looked over wool shed. Evening - sat by fire.

SATURDAY

20

Fred took us to main road to catch service car. Snow on the ranges. Very good trip. Scones - raspberry jam & whipped cream for morning tea at Tarawera. Reached Rotarua 3.30 P.M. Taxied to Isabel's.

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SUNDAY

21

Lovely day. Went to gardens
+ Blue Baths in afternoon
with Isabel, Edna + Pam.
Afternoon tea at Blue Baths.
Evening - to St. Luke's
with Paddy + Edna.

MONDAY

22

Round trip - Okere
Falls - Lake Rotiti (Lanich)
Hong's track, Lake Okataina
(Lanich trip) Tikitere.
Lovely day.
Evening - played with John's
Hornby train. Visitors.

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TUESDAY

23

Lovely day. Letter from
Mum. To town in afternoon
with Isabel + Edna.

WEDNESDAY

24

Lovely day. To Whakar in
afternoon with Edna, Pam +
Brian. Took cakes + biscuits
- ate sitting on seat.
Rang Aed Randsom.
Visited the Randall family
in evening. Frances out.

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THURSDAY

25

Lovely day. ~~To Whetla~~
~~in afternoon with Brian,~~
~~Edna + Pam.~~

FRIDAY

26

To Town with Brian,
Edna + Pam. Walked to
lake side - childrens play
- ground.
Brought back by Ced Rand-
-eson.
Syd still called.

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SATURDAY

27

Brian's birthday.
22 kiddies present.
Rained a little.
Wrote to Mum.

SUNDAY

28

Wet day. Went to church
in morning with Isabel.
Met Dennis Maginnity
there. Dozed in afternoon.
Packed up to leave for
Devonshire House in the
morning.

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MONDAY

29

Moved to Devonshire House.
Edna's mother arrived by mid-
day train. Also Wattie. Pam
collapsed when Mama entered
dining room.

TUESDAY

30

Wet day.

Evening - visited Paddy &
Isabel. Oscar Butt - Mabel
called for an hour. Pam
put to bed. Home by taxi.

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WEDNESDAY

31

Bought chocolates at Adonis
Bruce (3 lbs.) Went for walk
in morning to Orlinmoot.
Afternoon - on trip to Paradise
Valley a round Ngongotake.
Evening - visited the Randersons.
(I did.) Raining at night.

Memo

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THURSDAY

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Went for walk around
Govt. gardens. Afternoon
tea at Blue Baths. Evening
- took Mum to Regent
"The Suspect" (Charles
Laughton)

FRIDAY

PAGE 2

Stayed about town.
In afternoon - visited
park with mud pools etc.
cleaned my buttons etc.
Wrote to Mum & Sandy.

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SATURDAY

PAGE 3

Watties Wedding.
Lovely day. I took movies
outside Church.
Dad & Charlie took us back
to Tauranga. Arrived
5.30 P.M.

SUNDAY

PAGE 4

hooked over farm.
Found bird's nests in hedge.
lovely view of sea &
coast from here.

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MONDAY

5

Edna washed. To school
- Mill in car with Charles.

Went on wood school - 200
board - 200

TUESDAY

6

Lovely day. Hot. Put on
shorts.

Letter from Mum.

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WEDNESDAY

7

Put wire on rabbit cage for
Christopher. Got rabbit from
Vern. Cut lawn. Evening - with
Charlie - 2 neighbours fishing
- drag net. Got 2 schnapper,
3 bream. Got trawlers net.

THURSDAY

8

To Tauranga with Charlie in
car. Stayed at Wharepai Hotel.

Edna's mother arrived from
Rotorua by service car.

To Talkies in afternoon.

Evening - walk to cemetery.
Rabbit eaten by cat.

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FRIDAY

9

To the Mount by launch
in afternoon. Met Ken
Takway wife in town.
On honeymoon.
Rang Ethel's mother in
evening.

SATURDAY

10

Left Tauranga by train
at 11 A.M. for Auckland.
Arrived 6.20. Taxi to
Princes Lodge opp. Albert
Park. Olive called at 7.30 PM.
Stayed till 10.30.

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SUNDAY

11

Nice day. Walked about city
in morning. (Armistice Day).
Met Jack Pearson. Visited
Zoo in afternoon. Pam had 2
rides on elephant. Had 2
photos taken.

MONDAY

12

Lovely day. Lunch at
Farmers. Pam had rides in
toy cars. Ema bought silk
stockings. Afternoon - talked
"This happy breed." Edna
rang Hamilton.

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TUESDAY

13

Good day. Lunch at
Pavers. Pam on toy car.
Afternoon - to Domain
+ War Museum.

WEDNESDAY

14

Edna's Aunt spent the day
with us. Met Rocky at Majes-
tic while booking seats. Lunch
at Milne - Chaf. In P.M.
to Devonport by ferry: then to
Milford by bus. Letter from
Mum. (sent on from Tauranga)
Evening - Edna + Olive went
to talkies. I stayed with Pam.

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THURSDAY

15

Edna's Aunt spent day
with us. In morning Edna,
Pam + I visited Rocky at New
Lynn. For drive to Titirangi.
In afternoon - to Mt. Eden. Won-
derful view. Evening - to Talkies with
Edna. "A song to Remember."

FRIDAY

16

Left Auckland by Rotoma
express 10.10 A.M. Reached Hamil-
ton 1.15. Edna's Uncle met us
in car. To town in evening.

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SATURDAY

17

To Races at Te Rapa with Edna & Uncle Jack. Had tickets to Mumber Stand. Evening - rang Des McGovern. 2 Letters from Sandy.

SUNDAY

18

Lovely day. Walked along River in morning. After-noon - to lake with the children. Lovely. Evening - in car for ride to aerodrome & around town.

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MONDAY

19

Lovely day. Des met me at 11 o'clock in town. Lunch at Commercial hotel with Edna & Des. Ride round town in afternoon.

TUESDAY

20

Lovely day. Went for drive in morning to Cambridge & beyond to Hydro works in course of construction in gorge. Left by 6 pm train.

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WEDNESDAY

21

Arrived Levin 5.15 p.m.
Sandy met us. took us
home for cup of tea & hot
Then to Grand Hotel.
Visited Sandy's in afternoon.
Stayed for tea.

THURSDAY

22

Bought Queen Anne
chairs. in town. Edna
bought pair shoes. (High
heels) to Sandy's for
afternoon & tea.
Ran in car to beach &
to Manakau School.

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FRIDAY

23

Rained during night.
More Queen Anne chairs bought!
Sandy's wife having baby.
(6-7 mths. time) Met Fred
McClure in afternoon. Had
Sandy, Doris & Mrs. Malcolm to
dinner at Hotel.

SATURDAY

24

To beach & Foxton with
Sandy & Doris. Motored along
sand. Train to Wgtn. 4 p.m.
Matangi to Nelson.
Slightly rough.

Memorandum

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Bobs People.

Mrs. Manson

Highmore,
Ashburton

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~~Miss Claire Watson
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Artarmon
Sydney.~~

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M.U. 2551 (work)

Memorandum

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Margaret.
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Notes for 1946

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Des McGovern.
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Te Awamutu

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Bills Mother

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Heme Bay
Auckland W.I.

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Mrs. Martin.

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~~Gerald~~

Gerrald St.
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train

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