

Velma's Diaries - 1945

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Monday	January 1	We went over to Ritchie's for New Year's – delicious turkey dinner. I wrote Laddie at night, then played badminton. Stormy.
Tuesday	January 2	Very stormy – roads blocked. I had letter from Elg. Clara had Irla, Ruth & me for duck dinner – her 28 th birthday. Played bridge after.
Wednesday	January 3	Still very stormy. Irla, Clara & I went to show in Hall – Irene Dunne in "Lady in a Jam". I had lunch at Irla's afterwards.
Thursday	January 4	Word came that Ross Keller was killed New Year's Day. I stayed in at night – very cold.
Friday	January 5	Very frosty – below zero. I went to Clara's for awhile at night (Clara & Jack not getting along very well – drink) & then to Irla's – Norma, Mary & Myrtle there.
Saturday	January 6	Still below zero. Harry Falkingham was slightly wounded in Italy. I went home after work.
Sunday	January 7	Cold. I did a lot of odd jobs. Read "Young Ames", wrote Laddie.
Monday	January 8	Very cold. Lillian, Myrtle & I went down to see Mrs. Morton as she broke her leg. Jean on holidays – went to London. I went in to Clara's afterwards. She got word when I was there that her sister-in-law & baby had arrived from Eng. All excited.
Tuesday	January 9	Very frosty. Had 5 letters from Laddie. Went to Red Cross – was put in for President again. Irla & I went to Clara's after & met Clara's sister-in-law, Kay - new Eng. war bride. She is lovely.
Wednesday	January 10	Very busy. Washed my hair. Irla & I called on Janet Rumble in aft. I stayed with Irla for supper & then evening.
Thursday	January 11	Milder. Busy. I went over to Clara's at night. Kay, Irla & Mrs. Grabill there too. Lorne got Sparks to-day.
Friday	January 12	Milder. Mr. Conn came & closed books. I invited Clara & Kay for the evening. Kay was sick and couldn't come. Aunt Eva & I went to prayer meeting & Irla came over afterwards.
Saturday	January 13	Frosty. Had letter from Laddie. Irla & I went to Clara's at night. Three of us & Kay played cards, Rummy.
Sunday	January 14	Very cold. Aunt Eva & I went to church in morning. Didn't go to farm as so cold. Read, etc.
Monday	January 15	Aunt Eva had house insulated. Jean came home from holidays. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Nursing Class at night – bandaging.
Tuesday	January 16	A grand day. Lorne has been moved to Mt. Joliet, Québec, & isn't getting home until Feb. 3 rd . Went to Red Cross & to Auxiliary afterwards at Mrs. Irwin Sharpe's, at Irla's after.

Wednesday	January 17	Warsaw fell to Russians. The Russian offensive less than week old, has gone ahead in leaps and bounds. Went over to Clara's in aft. At night went to bridge at Irla's – Elsie, Ruth, Clara & I.
Thursday	January 18	Busy. Went over to Clara's awhile at night.
Friday	January 19	A lovely day. Berniece & I went down to Barb's & had a game of bridge with Barb & Norman.
Saturday	January 20	Lorne came home to-day, only has weekend – going to Mont Joli, Québec. He came sixth in class of 150 at Calgary – looks real well! Norma came up for week-end. We had nice time together.
Sunday	January 21	Lorne home & Norma here. Aunt Eva came down for supper. Talked & listened to radio.
Monday	January 22	Lorne went away to-day. I had a letter from Laddie – he sounded very blue – back in action again. He cut his forehead on petrol can – 4 stitches. Went to Com. meeting at night & to Irla's after.
Tuesday	January 23	Busy. Wrote Laddie. Went to Red Cross – planned dance. Jean Steeds & I ate at Chinamen' afterwards.
Wednesday	January 24	Frosty. Visited Grant's in aft. Read & knit at night. 25° below at night.
Thursday	January 25	Still below zero. Our Red Cross dance – we cleared \$105 – made \$48.50 of that on quilt draw. Nice time at dance.
Friday	January 26	Somewhat milder. I had my hair shampooed & waved at Ruth's at 6. Then went to Clara's for game of bridge with Clara, Irla & Jack.
Saturday	January 27	Milder. I went home after work for week-end. The war news is very bright. The Russians are only 100 miles from Berlin now.
Sunday	January 28	Mild. Uncle Will came down in aft. I read & knit. Aunt Eva & I went to church. Jean came home on midnight bus from holidays.
Monday	January 29	Busy. I visited Eunice McGirr at night.
Tuesday	January 30	Busy. Went to Red Cross – going to pack 10 boxes a week - & to Clara's afterwards. We had game of bridge. Kay there too.
Wednesday	January 31	Very stormy. I went to a party Irla had at night for Kay – we played Rummy & Hearts.
Thursday	February 1	Russians only 39 miles from Berlin. I had 4 letters from Laddie. Had a sleep after supper & then went to dance Business Men had for hospital.
Friday	February 2	A nice day but cold. Busy – tired. Wrote Laddie 14 page letter. Irla & I went to show in Hall. Gary Cooper & Jean Arthur in "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" – real good - lunch after at Irla's.
Saturday	February 3	A grand day, bright - had letter from Lorne. I went to Mt. Forest on bus. I went to dentist at night – 8-10. Norma & I talked, had lunch, etc., after.
Sunday	February 4	Slept in until 12:30. Went to telephone office with Norma in aft. We had chicken dinner at night in Checker Inn. Went to church. Bus late – got to Durham at 12:30.

Monday	February 5	North Grey by-election. Gen. McNaughten defeated by Garfield Case. Very busy. Went to Nursing Class at night. Dr. Burnett gave lecture on Artificial Respiration.
Tuesday	February 6	Very busy. Went to Com. meeting, Red Cross & to Eunice McGirr's afterwards.
Wednesday	February 7	I visited Irla & Clara in aft. – Jack celebrating. At night visited at Marion McGirr's – Aunt Mary Ann staying there for awhile.
Thursday	February 8	Canadians in drive on West Front. Clara, Jack, Irla & Bob went to Ice Follies. I visited Grant's at night – nice time.
Friday	February 9	Mild. Ruby & Jackie came. Jackie is a darling now – can quote Nursery Rhymes, sing, etc. (2½), splendid talker. Played bridge at Rumble's – Ruth, Bill, Mrs. Rumble & I.
Saturday	February 10	Mild. Wrote Laddie & Elg. Went home after work.
Sunday	February 11	Stormy. Read & knit. Ruby & I went to Irla's at night.
Monday	February 12	Busy. Irla came over at night & Irla, Ruby, Aunt Eva & I had game of bridge.
Tuesday	February 13	Busy. Tired. Had 2 letters from Laddie – down in the dumps – same work day after day with no thanks or promotion. Red Cross supper – 45. Meeting after. Very tired so went to bed right after.
Wednesday	February 14	Ruby & I visited Eunice in aft. At night we were at Clara's playing bridge. Reg Ries came home from overseas – away over 4 yrs.
Thursday	February 15	Raining a little. Had my hair done & then went to Elsie Elvidge's – she had Irla, Clara, Kay & I.
Friday	February 16	Mild. I had Valentine from Elgin. Visited Anna at night. She is still in bed (thyroid).
Saturday	February 17	Went home after work. Ruby & Jackie at our place.
Sunday	February 18	Ruby & Jackie here so time went fast. Wrote Laddie at night. Reg Ries at Aunt Eva's for week-end.
Monday	February 19	Busy. Went to Nursing Class. Gave 2nd bed bath.
Tuesday	February 20	Busy. Went to Red Cross at Lillian's & to Auxiliary afterwards & then to Irla's
Wednesday	February 21	Worked in aft. Had 3 nice letters from Laddie – good spirits again - hopes to be sent back to 7 th . Went over to Clara's at night.
Thursday	February 22	Mild. Raining. Was invited to christening reception at Rumble's on Sun. I went to a bridge party – 3 tables at Myrtle Mortley's – wore my new green dress. Had 2 nice letters from Laddie.
Friday	February 23	Ruby & Jackie went away to-day. I went over to Clara's at night & listened to Ont. Panorama broadcast from Durham Town Hall over C.F.R.B. – Col. Hunter, Duffield, Rumble, Irwin, Yirrs(?), Mrs. Seymour spoke.
Saturday	February 24	Busy. Went home after work – did odd jobs.

Sunday	February 25	I came up in morning. Went to christening of Rumble's baby in Anglican church. At four went to reception with Irla & Bob – 48 guests. Mr. Duffield beside me – good time – fruit cocktail, sandwiches, tea & little cakes. Mr. Rumble told little incidents of home town.
Monday	February 26	Raining. Ruth called for chat & to tell me of compliments she heard about me – wore my green dress. Mrs. Glass took another heart attack. I went over to Clara's at night & we knitted – Jack in Toronto.
Tuesday	February 27	Busy. Went to Red Cross, ate in Chinamen's after.
Wednesday	February 28	A grand day. I walked down to see Anna in aft. – she is improving. Ruth, Clara & I went to Pres. supper & then to Irla's to play bridge.
Thursday	March 1	Very mild. Irla & I went to Commencement. Play real good – lasted until 11:30.
Friday	March 2	Mild. American, Can. & Br. Troops have reached the Rhine – a great victory. I went over to Clara's at night – we knitted. Mrs. House called to find out my opinion on starting a Bible Class.
Saturday	March 3	A lovely mild day. Went to a bridge party at Mary Webb's at night – a very nice home. Jellied fruit salad, rolls, angel cake & coffee for lunch.
Sunday	March 4	A grand day. Went to church in morning & night. In afternoon went down home with Winnie & Jack.
Monday	March 5	Very mild – a beautiful day. Went to Nursing Class at night – did 3 rd bed bath & got my card – all finished now, except to attend monthly classes.
Tuesday	March 6	Colder. Americans are in Cologne & Allies have reached Rhine. Went to Red Cross. Ruth & I ate in Chinamen's afterwards.
Wednesday	March 7	Did odd jobs in afternoon. Went to bridge at Norma's at night.
Thursday	March 8	Busy. I had letter from Laddie. Jean 18 to-day. Went over to Clara's at night for awhile. <u>Americans, 1st Army, seized a bridge & crossed the Rhine – a great military feat.</u>
Friday	March 9	A lovely day. We had a dinner at Clara's. Ruth, Bill, Bob, Irla, Jack, Clara, Janet & Bob played Hearts afterwards.
Saturday	March 10	Busy. Went home after work. Mother & Dad's 30 th wedding anniversary.
Sunday	March 11	A nice day. Read and knitted. War news very favourable. Americans across Rhine in strength.
Monday	March 12	A lovely day. Went to bridge at Hilda's – got prize – vase.
Tuesday	March 13	Grand day. Went to a bridge at Janet Rumble's – got prize – writing paper. Nice time.
Wednesday	March 14	A beautiful day – sunny & warm. Sidewalks all bare. Clara & I visited Jean Steeds in aft. – she scalded her leg with boiling water. Irla & I had sundae in Chinamen's at night.
Thursday	March 15	A grand day – Lorne graduated as air gunner today. Very warm. Not a speck of snow anyplace now. Com. meeting at night & I went to Grant's afterwards.

Friday	March 16	Very warm & bright – warmest March day in 100 years. Went to Auxiliary concert – old time social – old dresses, coats, hats & shawls modelled & antiques on display. Real good.
Saturday	March 17	Raining. Went home after work.
Sunday	March 18	A lovely day. Fire at Chronicle office. Read & knitted. Visited Anna & Uncle Will after church. Lorne came home at night. Sgt. now. Interviewed for Com. but told too young.
Monday	March 19	Raining. I had 2 letters from Laddie. Went to bridge at Berniece's.
Tuesday	March 20	Busy. Went to Red Cross. Ate at Chinamen's after.
Wednesday	March 21	A nice day but cool. I had girls in at night so was terribly busy all aft. – ten girls. Vera got prize. Served sandwiches (ham, tomato, egg, salmon) & fruit torte. Lorne helped me with dishes.
Thursday	March 22	A grand day. Went to Clara's for evening. Ruth & Irla there.
Friday	March 23	American Armies crossed Rhine. A lovely day. Unemp. Ins. Auditor here. Had my hair done. Went to Irla's afterwards.
Saturday	March 24	A beautiful warm spring day. Laddie 30 - Wrote him. <u>Six armies across Rhine</u> . Laddie on <u>Western Front now</u> – got word to-day, landed Mar. 5 th . Irla, Norma, Betty, Don, Lorne & I went to Owen Sound – supper, shopped, show – “Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo” – swell. Bought brown oxfords & purse.
Sunday	March 25	A perfect day. Fowler's here – 6 of them. Norma went back on six bus. Read at night.
Monday	March 26	Grand day. Allied armies making wonderful progress east of Rhine. Cleaned clothes closet, etc., at night.
Tuesday	March 27	Perfect day: very warm. Cleaned dresser drawers after work. Red Cross & Chinamen's after. Finished boxes – have sent to all Durham boys overseas.
Wednesday	March 28	A beautiful day. Did a big washing. Clara & I went over town. Clara & I went to Zilliax's at night. Afterwards Irla called & asked me over for lunch.
Thursday	March 29	A little cooler. Irla & I went up to Rumble's for game of bridge (a hot cross bun for lunch). Bob drove me home afterwards.
Friday	March 30	Good Friday. Nice day. I came up town in aft. with Lorne – visited Irla & Barb & Anna. Read, etc. at night. Marg Derby called. Vera, Jean & Reg home for awhile.
Saturday	March 31	Raining but cleared in aft. Vera & Reg home. I went home after work. Wrote Laddie.
Sunday	April 1	Easter Sunday – a very nice day. Lorne & I went to Knox in morning (church full), to Bogle's in aft. & to Varney church at night. I went to Irla's afterwards.
Monday	April 2	Raining. I had two nice letters from Laddie. Allies (9 armies) are driving into heart of Germany. Anna went to Toronto to-day for examination. Inez & I played badminton at night.
Tuesday	April 3	Lorne took me down to Doctor Gilroy in afternoon to have tooth filled. Much colder. Went to Red Cross – ate in

		Chinamen's afterwards with Inez & Jean Steeds.
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Wednesday	April 4	Windy & cold. Went to Clara's in aft. Wrote Laddie & visited Grant's at night.
Thursday	April 5	Rained & snowed all day. Very busy with rebate. Went over to Clara's at night for game of bridge. Jack & I played Bill & Clara – Ruth came later.
Friday	April 6	Cool. Had 2 grand letters from Laddie. He is in Belgium. Mrs. Grant's birthday – gave her bath powder. Aunt Eva had Lorne for dinner. We played cards & then went to dance in Mt. Forest – Madeline, Doreen Hogen(?) & Ken McCallum.
Saturday	April 7	Very busy. Went home after work. Finished white cardigan.
Sunday	April 8	A beautiful day. Went to Toronto with Barb, Lloyd & Ethel – ½ an hr. to get ready. Arrived at 2. Barb & I ate at Murray's. Went to hospital to see Anna. Ate at Chicken Palace, then I went up to Sally's – played bridge.
Monday	April 9	Sally & I went down town at nine. Shopped Bloor & Yonge, saw Vera, lunch at Georgian room. I got a coral suit, lime green blouse & hat – wine Borsalino felt, made up at Town Shop on Adelaide. Went to Shea's – Bing Crosby in "Here Come The Waves" – good. Got train to Ceylon at 6. Lorne met me at 9:25.
Tuesday	April 10	A beautiful day. 2 letters from Laddie. Straightened out finances, etc., in morning. Wrote him. Wally & Florence have son – born yesterday. Went to Red Cross. Irla came over after to see my things.
Wednesday	April 11	Busy in morning. Had my hair done & went to Auxiliary Thank-offering supper. Mission Band put on program. Went to a bridge party at Rumble's after – 2 tables.
Thursday	April 12	Nice day. Had 4 letters from Laddie – he is in Holland now. <u>President Roosevelt died suddenly</u> – a great statesman. Our Red Cross dance – cleared \$80.
Friday	April 13	Real busy – tired. Hectic week just flew. Lorne wanted me to go to show in Hanover with him & Madeline – 2 features.
Saturday	April 14	Cooler. Trout fishing season opened. Wrote Anna a long letter. Prs. Roosevelt's funeral. Went to a farewell party for Janet at Irla's – nice time.
Sunday	April 15	Cool but nice. Went to church in the morning – communion. Jean joined. Went home after. Radio programs lively last 3 days in commemoration of president Roosevelt – no advertising, all sacred music. Lorne went away on 6 o'clock bus. Wrote letters & read at night.
Monday	April 16	Raining & real windy. Busy. I stayed in at night & did odd jobs.
Tuesday	April 17	Very windy & cool. Had 4 nice letters from Laddie. Went to Auxiliary – took sandwiches. Eunice & I went in with Irla afterwards.
Wednesday	April 18	Cool. Wrote Laddie. Jack McGowan came home – lost an eye in Italy. Anna came home from hospital to-day for another month's rest before she can have operation.

Thursday	April 19	Windy. Lorne came home – was released temporarily. I had 4 letters from Laddie. Went to Clara's at night.
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April, 1945



Lorne and Sarah



Friday	April 20	Cool. Clara, Kay & I went to show in Hall, then met Irla & ate at Chinamen's.
Saturday	April 21	Snowing, 2 or 3 inches. Busy. Went home with Lorne after work. Russians are fighting in Berlin.
Sunday	April 22	Lorne & I went fishing but only got 1- too bright and cool. We went to church at night. Read after.
Monday	April 23	Russians in heart of Berlin. Busy. 8 th Victory Loan started. Had letter from Laddie. Wrote him at night. Read & listened to Lux.
Tuesday	April 24	Raining. Went to Red Cross – our last meeting as we have finished boxes & sewing.
Wednesday	April 25	Busy. In aft. walked down to see Anna – stayed for supper. Irla came over at night as I was alone.
Thursday	April 26	Snowing. The San Francisco World Security Conference opened to-day in San Francisco – delegates from all allied nations have gathered to plan how to keep the peace. Freda had a 2(?) lb. son. I went to show in Mt. Forest with Jack, Clara & Kay – saw "None But the Lonely Heart".
Friday	April 27	Busy. Wrote Laddie. The Br., American & Russian troops have met in heart of Germany. Irla & I went to show in Hall – saw Cary Grant & Irene Dunne in "Penny Serenade". Ate at Irla's.
Saturday	April 28	Cool but bright. Norma Taylor has son. 90% of Berlin captured by Russians. A false rumour that Germans had surrendered unconditionally came over air.
Sunday	April 29	Bright but cool. Came up in aft. as Lorne was going to Fry's for supper. Wrote Laddie, went to church. Visited at Grant's at night.
Monday	April 30	Cool. I got a permanent at Ethel's. Norma Taylor's baby boy died yest. – double pneumonia - buried to-day.
Tuesday	May 1	A few flurries of snow. Jimmy Wilson was killed overseas. Went to Com. meeting & to Irla's after. Myrtle Mortley was there – telling us about Norma's baby.
Wednesday	May 2	Berlin fell to Russians; Germans in Italy & Austria surrendered unconditionally – a great day. Had letters from Laddie. Went up to hospital to see Freda in aft. She thinks she will call baby "John". Went to Barb's at night. Played bridge. Norman home.
Thursday	May 3	Had letters from Laddie. Read at night.
Friday	May 4	Dull & cold. <u>Wonderful news to-day</u> – Germans in Holland, Denmark & Northwestern Germany have surrendered unconditionally – where Canadians are fighting. Irla came over at night. Jean, Nora & Stella too – had lunch & talked.
Saturday	May 5	Wrote Laddie. Wet & Dull – very backward weather – paying up for nice March. Went home after work – fixed up snaps, etc. at night.
Sunday	May 6	Cool but bright. I went to church at night & to Irla's after.

Monday	May 7	<u>The Germans announced they had surrendered to all allied armies.</u> Celebration began in aft. Factory whistle followed fire engine (siren) around streets, blowing horns, etc. Bob Campbell's truck decorated – loaded with school children. I got very excited. Stores began to decorate – houses & streets. At night I went to Hanover with Ball's. A real party.
Tuesday	May 8	<u>VE day.</u> Churchill spoke at 9 a.m., also Pres. Truman, King at 3 p.m. I went to service in Town Park at 11 a.m., very nice. Fair but cold. Visited at Grant's, Whitmore's in aft. Irla & I went to show at night.
Wednesday	May 9	Ground covered with snow. Worked in morning. Settled down – beginning to realize war is really over. Read at night – 7 to 11 (4 hours).
Thursday	May 10	Cold. Played bridge at Clara's at night with Clara, Bill Lawson, Jack & Georgie Rumble.
Friday	May 11	Cold. Lorne, Madeline & I went to show in Hanover, Roddy McDowell in "Thunderhead" – good. Post office robbed last night - safe taken.
Saturday	May 12	Raining. Point system for getting home from overseas & demobilizing army announced – 20% of total points added if married. Served at hospital tea at night.
Sunday	May 13	Mother's Day. Mother & I went to Bible class in Knox church in aft. – tea & little cakes. Wrote Laddie at night.
Monday	May 14	Raining. Went to Nursing Class at night. Word came that Joe Noble was safe in England.
Tuesday	May 15	Wet & Cold. I went to Auxiliary at night. A real good meeting.
Wednesday	May 16	Rained all day & night – terrible weather. Jean Steeds & I visited Norma Taylor in aft. Read at night.
Thursday	May 17	Still Raining. I had my hair done & visited Clara & Jack afterwards.
Friday	May 18	Raining but cleared up towards evening. Lorne took me down to Mt. Forest to dentist – Dr. Gilroy. Got my teeth fixed, \$8.50. Had supper at home. Went to Irla's at night.
Saturday	May 19	A lovely day for a change - sun shining. Went home after work. Baked a cake.
Sunday	May 20	Spent day very quietly. Read. McGowan's got word Bob safe in England.
Monday	May 21	I had a letter from Laddie, written on May 13. He expects to go to Eng. in few days, then going to try to get home soon. Physically exhausted. I was very excited & filled with emotion, could hardly eat my supper. Went to Doris Leith's at night.
Tuesday	May 22	Answered Laddie's letter. Lorne's 19th birthday – we gave him an Air Force ring. Anna had a thyroid operation in Toronto General. Over to Clara's at night – put Paul to bed as Clara getting hair done.
Wednesday	May 23	Worked all day as to-morrow holiday. Went home at night.

Thursday	May 24	May 24 th . I baked a chocolate cake in morning. Invited Barb, Berniece & Hilda & Mary down in aft. Fished – cooked our supper out – hamburgers, pork & beans, fruit salad & cake. Came up to Durham about nine, had bath, read & went to bed.
Friday	May 25	Lovely day – warm. Went over to Irla's at night. Bill Sherton (just returned from overseas) & his wife have been at Irla's all week. Left to-day. We ate in Chinamen's.
Saturday	May 26	Wrote Anna & planned clothes.
Sunday	May 27	A grand day. Read. Clara & I sat out on her veranda until eleven.
Monday	May 28	Cold & wet. Busy making plans. I went to Priceville at night to Young People's Rally with Mr. March – supper first.
Tuesday	May 29	Our Nursing Class graduated to-night, had dinner in Queen St. I had a letter from Laddie – hopes to be home in July – so happy! Irla & I went over to Chinamen's after.
Wednesday	May 30	Cold. I went down to Grant's in aft. & then to Clara's – read at night. Stanley Mountain hung himself in barn.
Thursday	May 31	Cold. Vera Anderson took Irla, Myrtle, Mary Wilson & me to show in Mt. Forest. Greer Garson & Walter Pidgeon in "Mrs. Packington". We had a lot of fun.
Friday	June 1	Cold. Irla's 30 th birthday. I had her, Ruth & Clara over at night for game of bridge. Clara & I gave her a shopping bag. I am all excited these days & so terribly happy.
Saturday	June 2	Very cold. Busy. Had letter from Laddie. 15 Lancasters on way home – Goose Squadron. We are hoping Elgin will be in one of the planes landing to-morrow.
Sunday	June 3	Cool. Read most of day. Planes not coming for a few days – delayed due to adverse weather.
Monday	June 4	Cold. I had a letter from Laddie telling me he had volunteered for Pacific – such a shock. I got a terrible sickly feeling in pit of my stomach. Couldn't sleep all night – however he says reason he did is to get home soon on account of his father. Prov. election – Prog. Conservatives (Col. Drew) elected by big majority. Over at Irla's.
Tuesday	June 5	Cold. I wrote Laddie. Busy. Went to Com. meeting at night & to Grant's afterwards. I had 4 letters from Laddie. He wants me to resign – to rent an apartment right away. Saw Mrs. Smyth(?).
Wednesday	June 6	Warmer to-day. I went down to see Anna at night & stayed for supper. Went to see Miss Gerrrie re: renting her house for July & Aug. Clara, Irla & I went over town & ate.
Thursday	June 7	29 to-day. Lovely day. I got some nice things for birthday & 11 cards. Irla had me at night & also Clara, Ruth, Mary Webb & Irene Moore – we played bridge. Had a real good time.
Friday	June 8	Lovely day. Real busy. I went home with Lorne about nine as going to Guelph to-morrow.
Saturday	June 9	Mother & I went to Guelph on bus in morning. I bought my trousseau. Spent nearly \$200. We came home loaded with parcels.

Sunday	June 10	Read. Madeline down for supper. Clara & I sat out on veranda at night.
Monday	June 11	Federal election. We all went to Clara's at night good time. Liberal Govt. re-elected. Major Harris defeated. John Grierson – 1300 majority.
Tuesday	June 12	Nicer to-day. Clara & I walked over to Irla's at night. Bill Vollett came home on bus – four years overseas. Quite a few met bus – plenty of kisses.
Wednesday	June 13	Clara, Paul & I went to Owen Sound with Jack. I got 2 hats. In aft. I went home & at night Dad, Mother & I went to show in Mt. Forest, "National Velvet" – good. Saw Norma after. She & Elg are getting married on his 30 days leave too.
Thursday	June 14	Warm. Rained at night so I read & fixed clothes.
Friday	June 15	Raining all day – warm rain. I had 3 letters from Laddie – visited at Grant's at night.
Saturday	June 16	Raining. Wrote Laddie. Went home for week-end. Mother & I made wedding cake.
Sunday	June 17	Cool. Went to Irla's at night.
Monday	June 18	Busy. Went over to Miss Gerrie's at night. We can have house for July.
Tuesday	June 19	I got word to-day that Laddie is on his way home – left Holland on the 15 th . So Happy! Went to Auxiliary at Mrs. Padfield's.
Wednesday	June 20	A lovely day. Was out in sun in aft. Looked over clothes & did washing. Irla, Clara & I went to show in Hall at night.
Thursday	June 21	Aunt Eva & Jean went to Toronto. Mr. MacKay here all day. Norma came up on bus & stayed all night. She just got word yest. that Elg isn't getting home now – got a posting to another station in Eng.
Friday	June 22	A perfect day. Had supper at Clara's. Irla came over at night.
Saturday	June 23	A beautiful day. Clara & I went over town for awhile at night. I stayed up.
Sunday	June 24	Hot. Went to church in the morning. Knox anniversary. Went home in aft. At night visited at Ritchie's & then sat on veranda with Clara.
Monday	June 25	Raining. Aunt Eva & Jean came home from Toronto last night on bus. Stayed in at night & did odd jobs.
Tuesday	June 26	Busy. Went to Com. meeting. Asked for & got 3 weeks holidays. Dorothy Cliffe came over after.
Wednesday	June 27	Grand day. Clara & I lay out in sun. I had my hair done. Got 3 letters from Laddie. He is in Eng. now & going on a 9 day leave – up on 20 th of June so won't be home for another week or so. Went to Grant's at night.
Thursday	June 28	Grand day. Busy. Sat out on veranda at night.
Friday	June 29	Very hot. I went over to Clara's at night. Jack went to Manitoulan to-day. Clara, Ruth & I decided to go to Owen Sound (Morrison Inn) for holiday week-end & take Paul too.
Saturday	June 30	Busy. Beautiful day! Ruth, Clara, Paul & I went to Owen Sound on eight o'clock bus & took taxi out to Morrison's inn for week-end. Paul (2) terribly excited over 1 st bus ride. Slept in cabin.

Sunday	July 1	A nice day. Lay out in sun & went for walk. Good meals. Played cards at night. A lot of fun with other guests.
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Morrison's Inn, July 1, 1945



Velma, Paul and Clara

Monday	July 2	Civic holiday. Lovely day for holiday. We went for boat ride in morning. Came home on six o'clock bus. Vera's birthday. I ate with Aunt Eva, girls & Reg. Stayed with Clara all night.
Tuesday	July 3	A grand day. Lorne & Norman Glass went to Muskoka. Heard that no more boats would be in until 15 th – disappointed. Over at Clara's at night.
Wednesday	July 4	I went down home in aft. Winnie & Nadine at our place. Went over to Clara's at night.
Thursday	July 5	Mr. MacKay was here doing Priceville books. Anna & Barb had a lovely dinner for me (12). They gave me a mahogany sandwich plate - our old Bridge Club girls.
Friday	July 6	Visited Betty Glass & Little Catharine after supper, then went

		to Clara's. Ruby, Cy & Jackie came up. I had a nice letter from Elgin.
Saturday	July 7	I went to Owen Sound to show with George Betty & Bertha.
Sunday	July 8	Clara & Jack went to Manitoulan this morning. Jack wouldn't take any rent for house. Winnie, Jack, Ruby, Jackie & Aunt Eva down at farm for supper.
Monday	July 9	George called after supper to say Laddie was on <i>Isle de France</i> , docking at Halifax on Sat. So happy! Went down to Grant's.
Tuesday	July 10	Busy. Spent evening at Irla's.
Wednesday	July 11	Went down home in aft. Norma & Mrs. McIntyre up – planned wedding. I went to Grant's at night.



Jackie and Norma

Thursday	July 12	Busy. Weeded Clara's flower beds. Went over town with Irla at night. Aunt Jennie Ribey here for dinner.
Friday	July 13	Busy. The boat Laddie is on – <i>Isle de France</i> – docked to-night at 10:30.
Saturday	July 14	Laddie sent a telegram to say he arrived safely at Halifax last night - to meet me in London on Monday. Joe Noble, Bob McGowan & Ronald McQueen on boat too.
Sunday	July 15	Lorne, Madeline & I went to London to meet Laddie – train comes in to-morrow morning at 7.
Monday	July 16	Met Laddie at 7 a.m. this morning.



Tuesday	July 17	☀
Wednesday	July 18	♪
Thursday	July 19	♪
Friday	July 20	♥
Saturday	July 21	Our wedding day! July 21st 1945



George Glass, Norma McIntyre, Velma, Laddie



Front row: Laddie, Velma, Norma, George
Back row: John and Violet Grant, Sarah and Wilbert Blyth



Norma McIntyre's and Elgin Blyth's wedding, November 1, 1945



Wilbert and Sarah Blyth

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