

Velma's Diaries - 1940

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Monday	January 1	Laddie, Mother and I played Chinese Checkers in morning. Came up to Uncle Will's at noon – had a grand turkey dinner, played cards. Laddie came down after supper, talked. We came home about 11.
Tuesday	January 2	Laddie, Ruby and Cy went back to-day. Real frosty. Quite busy. Cleaned up my room and clothes at night.
Wednesday	January 3	A grand winter day. Closed hydro books. Went to Bridge Club at Anna's, 1 st one of 2nd round robin, had chicken salad and hot tea biscuits, pickles, coffee.
Thursday	January 4	Nice day. We took Inventory, made out hydro report. I went skating at night with Freda and Barbara – really enjoyed it. Ate downtown after.
Friday	January 5	Balanced Waterworks books. Had letter from Laddie. Dental At Home is on 8 th of February. Aunt Eva & I went down to Mrs. Schenk's at night, talked, had lunch.
Saturday	January 6	Real busy – straightened out Lamps & Supplies in morning. Closed Waterworks books in aft.
Sunday	January 7	Real cold -20° below zero last night. Went to church at night. Installation of Officers for Young People's. Douglas Cameron is at Aunt Eva's – 85, talks about old times.
Monday	January 8	Still frosty. Wrote to Laddie. Marg. Evans won \$4,200 in accident case. Filled out reports. Read the "Hound of the Baskervilles" by A. Conan Doyle at night, knit and listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	January 9	Frosty. Looked over arrears. Commission meeting at night. I told them that I might send my application to Fergus for Secy-Treas. They said they couldn't blame me as any step up was worth taking.
Wednesday	January 10	Wrote out an application to send to Fergus. Larry Miller was held up in the bank in Baden to-day. – robbers escaped with \$900. Went to Bridge Club at Berniece's. Won booby prize – a handkerchief holder.
Thursday	January 11	Real mild. Made out power bills. Art Hardy was in. Was going to go to Mission Circle Skating Party but didn't feel like it. Aunt Eva and I went up & watched for awhile.
Friday	January 12	Mild. Finished power bills. Had letter from Laddie. He is still bound I will go to the At Home. Aunt Eva and I went down to Whitmore's to play bridge.
Saturday	January 13	Real mild. Walter Baines went back home to-day. Jim Sullivan was here auditing books. Went home at five, did fancywork & listened to radio.

Sunday	January 14	<p>A terrible day, raining and windy. Walter's girlfriend sent him back the ring, thus the reason for his leaving so suddenly. I went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on 10 results of the Fast Pace:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. lose self-respect 2. lose Divine approval 3. health hindered 4. lose will power 5. lose your birthright 6. dulls conscience 7. find gates of heaven closed 8. lose happiness 9. hardens heart 10. drunkenness, gambling, sensuality
Monday	January 15	<p>Bonds can be bought for new War Loan. Interest $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ = 12 years. Wrote Laddie. Terribly stormy. I got a letter from the Reeve of Fergus saying they had appointed someone the day before my letter came. Went to Young People's at night.</p>

Tuesday	January 16	Still stormy. Elgin was in. I went to Auxiliary at Elsie McGirr's - joined for first. Started to knit a mat for my room.
Wednesday	January 17	Below zero. Typed names on bills & made new name sheets. Bridge Club at Ethel's I won prize, a cake late in Royal Albert "Greenwood Tree".
Thursday	January 18	Still real cold. Quite busy, had letter from Laddie telling me all about his new dress suit (tails), overcoat shoes, gloves, hat, tie, socks, handkerchief, etc. that his aunts bought him. Went to executive meeting & skating after.
Friday	January 19	Very cold & windy. Wrote Laddie, told him I would be down 8 of Feb. if weather permitted. Stayed in at night, read & played cards. The girl in Fergus was arrested - 7 charges against her for stealing money from Public Utilities.
Saturday	January 20	Quite stormy and cold did odd jobs. Couldn't get home as we can't get car out. Went down to Berniece's at night & played bridge.
Sunday	January 21	A terrible storm. We didn't go to church in morning as snow was up to your knees. All roads blocked. Went over to Sally's for dinner. We went to church at night. New organist, Mr. Newton played FOR FIRST. Real good.
Monday	January 22	Still snowing but not cold. Wrote for samples for an evening wrap. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Young People's at night, listened to Lux after, "Bachelor Mother", real good.
Tuesday	January 23	Nice day. Larry Miller & Elizabeth were held up last night again but fire siren frightened robber. Went to Junior Red Cross supper. Berniece & Hilda came up after. Knit.
Wednesday	January 24	Colder again. Typing names on water bills. I had Bridge Club at night. Served hot dogs. Rita got prize - a picture.
Thursday	January 25	Frosty. Wrote to Laddie. Started water bills. Finished sweater for Red Cross. Listened to radio & read.
Friday	January 26	A grand day but cold. Got the samples for an evening wrap. Went to the Junior Red Cross Box Social - took a box. Bowman Jamieson bought it for 50¢ and took it with him. The Hill Billies Wingham played for the dance. A large crowd. Highest box \$1.25, bought 3, gave it to Reg Gilmour so I had lunch.
Saturday	January 27	Nice day. We had a letter from Walter - he is back home now. Engagement broken. Girl wanted more riches than he could give her. Dad, Moher & I went over to Mrs. Levine's in aft. I got a new mauve evening dress. 15.95.
Sunday	January 28	Mother was sick to-day. Elgin & Bob came up for supper. I went to church at night & up to Berniece's after.
Monday	January 29	Milder to-day. Typed arrears on bills. Wrote to Ruby. Got my dress. Went to Young People's skating party at nite. Lunch at church - pork & beans.
Tuesday	January 30	Colder again. Wrote Laddie. Mother is still in bed. Mary Seymour here for supper - had pancakes. Went to Red Cross at night. Knit & listened to Radio Reads - a book on etiquette. Jean home from school.
Wednesday	January 31	Grand day. Started hydro bills. Bertha was at Aunt Eva's for supper. She is going to London on Sat. to work. Had

		Bridge Club at Barbara's – pancakes.
Thursday	February 1	Milder – snowing. Mother had doctor yesterday – anemia again. Oscar? bought Royal Hotel in Mt. Forest. Stayed in at night - fixed clothes & listened to radio.
Friday	February 2	Frosty. Real busy. Mrs. Art MacDonald died to-day, suddenly in Acton – heart trouble. Had letter from Laddie. Aunt Eva & I went to hockey game at night. Owen Sound won 7-3.
Saturday	February 3	A grand day. Wen home at five. Mother is still sick. I baked a cake & little cookie at night. Both real good.
Sunday	February 4	Real mild. Real busy. Lorne helped me with work. Rev. Mercer? Jack & Winnie were here for supper. Went to church at night. Texas & Trail Rangers were at service. Maris Chow, Rev. Smith spoke on "Being a Good Sport".
Monday	February 5	Still real mild. Wrote to Laddie. Terribly busy. They had Com. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Mr. & Mrs. Hardy were in. I got evening wrap in mail, \$25 – a grand one. Fits perfectly but I can't decide whether to keep it. Went to Young People's.
Tuesday	February 6	Ab and Bob Campbell went to Convention. Mr. Innes on spare. Some time real buy. Took my wrap over to Sally's to show her, decided to keep it. Went to Auxiliary Skating Party.
Wednesday	February 7	Still mild. I have a cold & feel tired – decided not to go to Bridge Club. Got my hair done at night. Went to bed at nine.
Thursday	February 8	My cold is still with me. Real busy. Ab not back yet. Elgin, Bob Gardiner and I left for Toronto about 5:30. Laddie and I got ready to go to Dental-At-Home at Roof Gardens, Royal York. Some time getting dressed. Laddie wore new dress suit, I wore new orchid dress & new wrap, corsage of 2 orchids. 11 o'clock before we were ready to go. We had a grand time at dance. I was thrilled with it all. Ate at Murray's after.



Laddie at Dental College, Toronto, 1940

Friday	February 9	We left for home about 8:30 - hated to come home. Worked in afternoon, put away clothes at night & went to bed early.
Saturday	February 10	Mild. Still have a cold. Went home at five. Baked a cake, made pancakes for supper. Mother is feeling some better now.
Sunday	February 11	Real mild – busy. Aunt Eva & I went to church at night. Wrote to Laddie & Ruby after.
Monday	February 12	Made out power bills. Looked up games for Young People's. Went to Young People's. Knit afterwards.
Tuesday	February 13	Nice day – finished bills. Harry Aldred is here – called in to see me. Went to Red Cross at night – got yarn for games for Young People's knee caps Anna and I planned.
Wednesday	February 14	Wrote Florence. Wrote out recipes. Went to Valentine Tea in church - served salad, tomato jelly, and little cakes & tarts. Real nice. Wrote out games at night.
Thursday	February 15	Frosty. Got a nice valentine from Laddie. Went to A.Y.P.A. skating party – had band. Aunt Eva made lunch after.
Friday	February 16	Frosty. Did odd jobs. Went to hockey match at night with girls. Owen Sound won 6-4. Vera went to Ski Club dance. Shirley Smith stayed all night.
Saturday	February 17	A grand day. Went home at five. Mother is feeling better now. Baked salmon loaf and cookies at night. Had letter from Laddie.
Sunday	February 18	A grand day. Elgin was up. Aunt Eva and I went to church at night. Listened to radio after. Vera made candy.
Monday	February 19	Stormy. Wrote to Laddie. Turned out real mild. Holstein Young People (25) came up at night. I looked after games. Everything went off OK.
Tuesday	February 20	Grand day. Wrote out recipes, etc. Went to Red Cross supper at night. Had hot dogs. Stayed for Auxiliary after. Norma Gagnon is engaged to Kenneth Wilson again – she has a grand diamond.
Wednesday	February 21	A beautiful day. Real busy. Went to Bridge Club at Hilda's. We went over to hall after – Bingo – but they had finished playing when we got there.
Thursday	February 22	Another grand day. Nadine's birthday (6). Real busy – last day. Stayed in at night & went to bed early.



Nadine

Friday	February 23	Mrs. Hardy & Miss Muir were here. Mrs Muir put on Cooking Demonstration in High School – large crowd – real good. Opening of Home Economics & Manual Training rooms – wonderful equipment.
Saturday	February 24	Stormy. Elgin was down to Toronto yesterday – saw Laddie. Had letter from Laddie. Went home at five. Made doughnuts for first time – were very good.
Sunday	February 25	Bright but very frosty. Lorne is sick. Mother went to church to-day. Miss Heard was up for supper. Laddie & I have been going together 5 years to-day.
Monday	February 26	Not quite so cold. Did odd jobs. Went to Mt. Forest at night. Young People's were invited to a Skating Party. I went to show, Greta Garbo in "Ninotchka" – good. Played games and had lunch at church. Geo. asked Muriel Wells to go to Toronto with us on Sat.
Tuesday	February 27	Stormy. Wrote to Laddie. Mr. Ferguson called to say he wouldn't be able to be here for about 2 weeks yet, has been busy in Fergus. Had my hair done at night.
Wednesday	February 28	A grand day. Cleaned out cupboard. Aunt Eva went down to see Ross – just about the same. George, Muriel Wells & I went to hockey game. Durham beat Owen Sound 5-2 – a good game.
Thursday	February 29	Lovely day. Took off Water Controls. Went to Bridge Club at Anna's. Nice time.
Friday	March 1	Real busy. Took off Hydro Controls. Had letter from Laddie. Went to shower for Florence. MacDonald in Hahn house at 5. Took her jelly molds on rack. Got ready to go to Toronto to-morrow. Hockey game in Walkerton between Durham and Owen Sound was a tie.
Saturday	March 2	George and I left for Toronto at 1pm. Picked up Muriel Wells in Mt. Forest. Starter locked about a mile out of Mt. Forest – lost about an hr. Muriel and I shopped (window) when through Union Station & Royal York. Danced at Palais Royal and then met boys again and ate. Bert N?, Laddie came home with us. 3am.
Sunday	March 3	Laddie stayed at our place all night. We got up about noon. He went up to Durham to see family – got stuck with our car and had to get horse out? A terrible day, raining. George, Muriel, Laddie and I left for Guelph at 7 but when we arrived train had left so Laddie had to come back with us. Pavement very icy – took us 3 hrs. to come home. Had to shovel several times. Some night!
Monday	March 4	Glenna McCook has a baby girl. Still mild. Laddie went back on bus this morning. I went over to hockey game in Walkerton with McKechnie's. We went to show first. Durham won 3-2 from Owen Sound. 10 minutes overtime. Wow.
Tuesday	March 5	Mr. Ferguson came at noon to-day. Told us all about Grace Stewart in Fergus. We had our Mission meeting at night.

Wednesday	March 6	Nice day. Quite busy. Went to Florence MacDonald's trousseau tea at 5. Lots of nice things. Went to Bridge Club at Rita Willis'. Got booby prize – an Easter egg.
Thursday	March 7	Nice day but colder. Looked over arrears. Stayed in at night for a change. Listened to radio and knit.
Friday	March 8	Cold wind. Posted to Hydro General Ledger & closed accounts. Jean's birthday. Laddie wrote. Marg and Nora were in for supper. Aunt Eva and I wet to Presbyterian play, "The Million Dollar Butler".
Saturday	March 9	Jim Sullivan was here in aft. doing books. I went home at five. Baked cake for anniversary & some little cakes. Lorne made candy. Elgin came home.
Sunday	March 10	Mother & Dad's 25 th Wedding Anniversary. We gave them silver cream and sugar & salad forks & 3 tablespoons. Anna, Barb, Uncle Vic, Aunt Eva & Aunt Mary Ann were here for chicken dinner at night. Gave Mother & Dad silver salt & pepper shakers.
Monday	March 11	Real frosty, away below zero last night. Wrote to Laddie. Ordered a week-end bag for his birthday. Young People's went to Holstein at night – they had a real good program, games, lunch.
Tuesday	March 12	Cold. Finished power bills. Went to Red Cross at night. Berniece & I planned lunch for Bridge Club after. We are going to have creamed peas & asparagus in pastry shells.
Wednesday	March 13	A terrible windy day. Mr. Long's house & Varney hall were burnt down to-day. Rained all night. Berniece and I had Bridge Club at her place.
Thursday	March 14	Mild. Cleaned out safe. Nadine was at Aunt Eva's for supper – took her home after & stayed for awhile. Came home & knit. Durham beat Listowel in hockey.
Friday	March 15	Real stormy - busy filing away records. Stayed in at night. Read 'Anthony Adverse', looked over clothes, etc. Bill & Jean Renwick have a daughter.
Saturday	March 16	Real stormy – Winnie & Jack were in for dinner, had Italian spaghetti. Went home at five. Elgin was up for supper. Baked Brownies & Gingerbread.
Sunday	March 17	A grand day – like spring. Went to church in aft. & at night. Went in with Berniece after church.
Monday	March 18	Not a very nice day, cold & windy. Had letter from Laddie - coming home Thurs. night with Ruby & Cy. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	March 19	Wrote to Laddie. Finished cleaning desk. Went to Red Cross at night & Auxiliary.
Wednesday	March 20	Still snowing. Had my hair washed and waved at night. Went to Red Cross Euchre, Box Social & dance. Pat Trafford bought my box for 65¢. We made about \$25.

Thursday	March 21	Ab was away – filed away stubs. Got Laddie’s week-end bag, 6.25 – real nice. Laddie was supposed to come home with Ruby & Cy but didn’t. I got a seat at the hockey game for him thinking he would be home. We all went to hockey game. 5-5 but Seaforth won on round – put Durham out – fight.
Friday	March 22	Good Friday. Real cold & stormy. Laddie came home on bus. We went for walk in aft. Laddie came over at night & we played Bridge & Hearts.
Saturday	March 23	Still very frosty – more like Christmas than Easter, got terribly stormy in aft. Cy drove Laddie and I down to corner – it was so stormy. Dad didn’t want to come out. Played cards at night. Laddie stayed all night.
Sunday	March 24	Easter Sunday – Laddie’s birthday. Very cold & snowy – no Easter parade to-day. Laddie and I came up to Mrs. Hope’s for a chicken dinner. Vic & Sally were away. I went over to Grant’s for supper. I got 10¢ in Laddie’s birthday cake. Laddie and I went to church at night. I gave Laddie a week-end bag for his birthday.
Monday	March 25	Still stormy & cold. Laddie came up in aft. He went back on C.P.R. train. Stayed in at night. Played bridge. & listened to Lux Radio theatre.
Tuesday	March 26	Not quite as cold. Dominion Election Day. Miss MacPhail, Cons. Karl Knechtel & Lib. W.E. Harris running. Listened to election results over radio. Liberals swept back into power with largest majority ever known, 175 seats to 38 for Cons. – still to hear from Miss MacPhail – was defeated by W.E. Harris after 18 years in House of Commons.
Wednesday	March 27	Dr. Manion, head of National Conservative Party was even defeated in his own riding. Mackenzie King again Prime Minister. Went to Bridge Club at Anna’s – won prize – a sponge powder puff. Ying, the Chinaman, was locked in vault for about an hour and a half – great excitement. Florence was up to see me in aft. Hardy was in.
Thursday	March 28	Milder. Several travellers in. Had letter from Laddie. I got the supper as the rest went to Rebecca’s Mother & Daughter banquet. Anna came up at night & we played games for Young People’s.
Friday	March 29	Still mild. Wrote to Laddie. Wrote out games. Aunt Eva, Ruby & Cy went to Oddfellows dance. Jean, Vera, Reg and I played “500”.
Saturday	March 30	Still mild – snow is going fast – took off controls. Went home at five, baked at night & read.
Sunday	March 31	Colder. Ruby & Cy went back to-day. Went to church at night. Read “The Yearling” after.
Monday	April 1	Nice day – sent away for Mary Lou quilt blocks. We had Mount Forest Young People’s up at night. Good program, games went over O.K. We auctioned off lunch with beans.
Tuesday	April 2	A grand day – got ready for meeting. Went to Bridge Club at Hilda’s after meeting.
Wednesday	April 3	Windy & raining. Quite busy. Went to a social in church at night – a program and lunch afterwards. Marion House got

		a diamond for her birthday from Gordon McGirr.
Thursday	April 4	Real damp. Started to make out bills. Had letter from Laddie. Stayed in at night. Learned to hemstitch – doing breakfast set. Laddie sent in an article on “Sulphanilamide in Dentistry” to Oral Health to see if they will publish it.
Friday	April 5	Cool. Still making out bills. Read at night, fixed clothes & did fancy-work. Reg Reis left to-day to attend the Aircraft School at Galt for 6 mos.
Saturday	April 6	Bright but cool. Wrote to Laddie. Went home at five. Made candy & wrote out recipes. Mother is quilting a Rose & White quilt for me.
Sunday	April 7	A lovely day. Elgin came home. I took the car out for a drive – haven’t driven all winter. Went to church at night. Vera misses Reg.
Monday	April 8	Raining. Went to Young People’s at night, conducted a couple of games. Rev. Smith spoke on “Boy & Girl Friendships”.
Tuesday	April 9	Colder. Germany entered Norway. Mr. Flannery was in. Went to Red Cross Supper – scalloped potatoes, meat loaf & cabbage salad. Listened to radio & did fancywork after.
Wednesday	April 10	Still cool. Made out power bills. Went to Red Cross Euchre at Gagnon’s. Had a good time – swell lunch – 10 tables.
Thursday	April 11	Snowing. Laddie wrote. He is going to Blyth to-morrow to look at practice. Gemans & Br. Are fighting a naval battle along Norwegian Coast. Several German ships sunk. Went to Club at Clara’s – last for season.
Friday	April 12	Ground covered with snow & real cold. Norwegian towns & villages mercilessly bombed by Nazis last night. Ruby has moved to 184 Lee Ave. as Mrs. Cave wanted to raise her board. Cy was appointed District Manager of Peterborough-Lindsay District – vacuums. Wrote to Laddie.
Saturday	April 13	Vera, Jean & I went to Owen Sound in aft. I got dusty pink dress (7.95), hat (2.95), purse (1.95), curtains (6.00). We couldn’t get the car unlocked when we were ready to go home – we got a mechanic but he couldn’t open it either. Finally, another fellow got it open.
Sunday	April 14	Cold. Snowing. Made something to eat. Went to church at night. Read a book. Margaret Palk died to-day.
Monday	April 15	A little milder. Had a letter from Laddie – he didn’t think much of office equip. in Blyth. Went to a party at Mary Firth’s at night. Played Bridge – nice time. Got material for Mary Lou quilt.
Tuesday	April 16	Real bright. Dad, Aunt Eva & Winnie went to Toronto to Marg Palk’s funeral. Mr. Hardy was in – cleaned store-room. Went to Auxiliary. Thank Offering. Mrs. Baily of Dundalk spoke. Vera & I went to I.O.D.E. Bingo and Dance in hall after – had real good time.
Wednesday	April 17	Lovely day. Wrote to Laddie. Washed my hair at night and had it waved. Went to bed early.
Thursday	April 18	Windy & raining. Started to type names on water bills. Stayed in at night & read.
Friday	April 19	Grand Day. Ab took Joe to London to-day – started to train

		for flying, has joined Air Force. Had letter from Laddie – he wants me to go down to-morrow but I can't get away.
Saturday	April 20	Nice day. Lots of people in. Went home after work. Baked a light cake and did a quilt block.
Sunday	April 21	Nice day. Wrote to Laddie. Went to church at night and for walk with girls.
Monday	April 22	Real busy. Took in 950.00. Went to Young People's then for a walk. Mother brought up my coat – she dyed the rust one blue & put a new white collar on it. Looks nice.
Tuesday	April 23	A grand spring day but still not very warm. Went to Red Cross at night & then Berniece & I went for a walk. Finished hemming Mother's table napkins.
Wednesday	April 24	Nice Day. Quite busy. Our Bridge Club went to Owen Sound to see "Gone With the Wind" – a wonderful picture – lasted from 8 to 12. Ate after. Couldn't get car started, didn't get home until 2:30.
Thursday	April 25	Lovely spring day. Had letter from Laddie. Mrs. Greenwood is moving Sat. to 604 Huron. He is going up to Pembroke over week-end to look over a practice. Went to Tennis Club meeting at night.
Friday	April 26	Swell day. Typed arrears on water bills. Laddie called at night & wanted me to go to Toronto to-morrow. I got ready to go.
Saturday	April 27	A beautiful day. Worked in morning. Went to Toronto in aft. with Arnold Noble. Had supper at Greenwoods – at 604 Huron. St. – have moved. Laddie and I went uptown to see "Rebecca" – real good, ate after. I slept in living room.
Sunday	April 28	A perfect spring day – real warm. Laddie & I went to Avenue Road United in morning. Toronto went to Daylight Savings to-day. We went out to Sunnyside in aft. – boardwalk parade. We had supper & then I met bus, 6:15EST. I arrived home at 11pm.
Monday	April 29	A grand day. Looked up games for Young People's. Games went over O.K. but not many there. Popped corn & told ghost stories.
Tuesday	April 30	Wrote to Laddie. Went to a dinner for Dorothy MacDonald at Mrs. Chas. Moore's. She was presented with a cake plate – grand dinner.
Wednesday	May 1	Raining. Mr. Ferguson came at noon to do books. I went down to Berniece's at night for a game of bridge. Bobbie Saunders has sold his store to Stedman's.
Thursday	May 2	Cold & wet. First half holiday. Went home – baked for mother. Came up about five – fixed clothes at night.
Friday	May 3	Raining. Real busy. Laddie wrote. His article on "Sulphanilamide in Dentistry" was published in "Oral Health"
Saturday	May 4	Cold – took off controls. Went to Dorothy MacDonald's trousseau tea. Reg & Mary Fowler came up. They came up for me at night. Norma & Elgin were in.
Sunday	May 5	A beautiful day – real warm. Went to Varney Church – a minister spoke for a call. I came up to Uncle John's & Charlie's with Fowlers for a visit. We came back home for supper.

Monday	May 6	Grand day. Mr. Henry, the lawyer, died suddenly. Wrote to Laddie. Played tennis for first. Went to Young People's at night. Mother & I went shopping after work – she got a new hat. We gave her kid gloves for Mother's Day.
Tuesday	May 7	Very busy getting ready for meeting & Vic got me to do some typing for Rotary Club. Had meeting. Went to Red Cross dance after – swell time.
Wednesday	May 8	Last Discount day – quite busy. Laddie sent me a copy of "Oral Health" in which his article was printed. Aunt Eva and I went down town at night to shop – sale of dishes in Bobbies'.
Thursday	May 9	Half Holiday. Went home. Cleaned silverware & all cupboards. Mother has living room papered & is going to do dining room to-morrow.
Friday	May 10	Lovely day. High School banquet. Lorne went. Mother got a permanent. Mother & Dad waited at Aunt Eva's for Lorne – we played cards.



Lorne

Saturday	May 11	Chamberlain resigned yesterday & Winston Churchill was appointed Prime Minister, formed National Govn't. Germans entered Belgium & Holland. Dorothy MacDonald's wedding. Ruby & Mrs. Fulton came up. George, Elgin & Norma came down home after wedding. We went to show in Hanover, "Too Many Husbands" and to Rav (Rahn de Voo).
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Sunday	May 12	Raining. Went to church in aft. Rev. Clark from Eden Mills spoke for a call. Mother's Day. Elgin came up for supper. Read at night.
Monday	May 13	Real warm. Wrote to Laddie. An aeroplane landed near Durham – ran out of gas. Slightly damaged. Went up to see it. Went to Young People's. Berniece & I went for walk.
Tuesday	May 14	Raining - nice in aft. Went to Red Cross supper – looked after lunch. War news is terrible to-day. Holland has surrendered & Germans are about invade France – severe battle on Western Front. Rita & I went in to see Hilda after Red Cross.
Wednesday	May 15	Real windy. Posted to Waterworks General Ledger. Pressed clothes at night & read.
Thursday	May 16	Half holiday. Mr. Saunders is doing office floor. I went home & helped Mother iron curtains – we got new ones for front room, 50¢ a yard – look nice. I had my hair done at night & got ready to go to Toronto.
Friday	May 17	We varnished furniture. Vera, Lorne and I left for Toronto about 3:30. We had a flat tire near Kenilworth. Got garageman, cost \$1. Laddie met us in Brampton. Laddie and I went to dance in Roof Garden of Royal York. Paterson from New Zealand and his girl friend went with us.
Saturday	May 18	Lorne, Laddie & I went down town in morning – went through stores, etc. Left for home about 3 o'clock. Stopped at Sunnyside. We had a flat tire between Orangeville and Arthur. Had to buy a new one. \$13.85. We only had \$12.00 all together. We have to send Bal. Florence Anderson stayed all night.
Sunday	May 19	Florence & I had a great talk in bed. She is going to be married. Her boyfriend, Bill Walsh, & Laddie came for supper – chicken & dumplings. Laddie & I brought car up to town at night – had swell time.
Monday	May 20	War is still bad. Hitler trying to invade France putting everything he has forward. Laddie went to St. Thomas to-day to see about renting an office. We went to a Young People's Rally at Crawford at night. He thinks he will practice in St. Thomas.
Tuesday	May 21	Laddie went back this morning – has some practical work (gold) to do. Real warm. Shirley & I played tennis at night. Did Fancy work. Mother & Dad were up.
Wednesday	May 22	Got Lorne socks for his birthday. Ab went to Toronto. Rained. I got a permanent at night at Ruth's - \$3.50.
Thursday	May 23	Grand day. Quite busy. Went to a bridge at Rita Willis' for Norma Kelsey. German are getting nearer English Channel.
Friday	May 24	A terrible day for the holiday, never stopped raining all day. Went down to Anna's in aft. We played bridge & had our supper (that we were to have outside). Went to show in Mt. Forest. Deanna Durban in "First Love".

Saturday	May 25	Jim Sullivan was up to do books. Sale at Wolfe's. Went over after work. Mother bought a lawn mower, some sheets, etc. Went home with them.
Sunday	May 26	Nice in morning but rained in aft. Went to church in aft. Rev. Kippin spoke for a call. We went out to Winnie's for supper. Aunt Eva & I went to church at night. Mrs. Howard Bumstead spoke.
Monday	May 27	A very nice day after all the rain. Ab is taking out meters to be tested. I went over to see Sally & Mrs. Hope at night.
Tuesday	May 28	Belgium King has surrendered, called a traitor. Things aren't very bright. I played tennis at night & then went to Choir concert – swell – a boy violinist, 13, from Meaford played – Mrs. Wallace Adams recited.
Wednesday	May 29	As I haven't received a letter from Laddie since he went back, I wrote to see what was the matter. Aunt Eva and I went to show in hall at night.
Thursday	May 30	Still didn't get a letter to-day. Mr. Innis put in flowers. Aunt Eva, Vera & I went over to Hanover in aft. I got a figured dress, 4.95. Went down to Whitmore's at night. Jean enrolled as Girl Guide – excited over uniform.



Velma on left, Jean and Eva Lauder (Aunt Eva)

Friday	May 31	Took off controls. Laddie wrote. He had written the week before but forgot to post the letter. Mr. Tremblay is dead, so went over there at night. Laddie phoned. He passed all his exams but clinical dentistry Incomplete so he had some more practical work to do.
Saturday	June 1	A beautiful day. Real busy. A White Elephant Sale on in hall for War Work. People donated furniture, fruit, etc.
Sunday	June 2	A swell day, real warm. Stayed outside nearly all day. Vic &

		Sally, Nadine, Jeannie McLean, Winnie & Jack were down – had lunch outside – boys went fishing. Went for walk at night.
Monday	June 3	A grand day – quite hot. Have to get out summer dresses. Played tennis at night & then Berniece & I went for a walk.
Tuesday	June 4	Another swell day. I got ready for meeting but they didn't have it. Played tennis at night. Berniece & I went for walk after. Beautiful night. Elgin brought down a pr.of white shoes, \$4.
Wednesday	June 5	I have been expecting word from Laddie to hear if he was going to graduate to-morrow but Bonnie says he won't be able to until later. Wrote him a letter. Played tennis. Aunt Eva & I went to show in hall.
Thursday	June 6	Half holiday. Worked up at tennis courts. Berniece and I went for a walk at night. The news first got out that Bertha & Gib eloped & got married on the 24 th of May. Vera & Reg stood up with them. Vera told us all about it to-night (Bertha only 17 in May).
Friday	June 7	My birthday – 24. Mother gave me a plate in spode & Laddie sent a card & letter – can't afford present. Elgin & Norma called & took me down home for supper. Went shooting groundhogs after. Wrote to Laddie.
Saturday	June 8	Quite busy making out bills. Went to first Amateur Hour of season at night. Went home after.
Sunday	June 9	Raining in morning but turned out grand in aft. Mother & I went down to Arthur? place for a walk. Read. Aunt Eva & I went to church at night. Anniversary. Went for a walk with girls.
Monday	June 10	Italy declared war on Allies. Part of Germany army only 35 miles from Paris. Rained for Young People's wiener roast so we had it in church.



Laddie

Tuesday	June 11	Had Commission meeting – nearly a fight – gave Mr. Innes a \$8 raise. Laddie came home to join Masons – he came up to see me after – about 12:15 – swell time. He is going to start in St. Thomas next week – won't be home again before he goes - gave him his graduation present.
Wednesday	June 12	Made out power bills – raining. We decorated clothes basket pink & white for Bertha's shower & then went down town to buy presents.
Thursday	June 13	Cool but nice. We made sandwiches for shower in aft. Everything went off OK. Bertha was completely surprised. She got some nice gifts. Sandwiches & angel cake for lunch.
Friday	June 14	Lovely day – had letter from Laddie. Saw Florence after work – she might be married in fall. Played tennis. The Executive of the Young People's presented Mr. & Mrs. Jack Atchison? with a gift, a what not – they have a fine apartment.
Saturday	June 15	Cool. Wrote to Laddie. Paris has been abandoned & French army forced to move lines back. Germans in possession. Went to Amateur Hour at night & then went home.
Sunday	June 16	A wonderful day. Went to Decoration Service at cemetery in aft. Uncle Will came down for supper. Went to Band concert at night. Read.
Monday	June 17	Warm. Quite busy – did 1/3 topic for Auxiliary also. France has given up - things look terrible to-day. Played tennis at night & then Shirley and I went for a swim.
Tuesday	June 18	There is to be conscription of men up to 45 for home defense.
Wednesday	June 19	Aunt Eva, Sally, Winnie & Mother went to Hamilton to-day. It is real cool. Stayed in at night – read & did fancy work.
Thursday	June 20	Very cold – just like winter. Worked Half Holiday, bills are coming in. Stayed in at night & did fancy work. France is waiting Hitler's & Mussolini's peace terms.
Friday	June 21	Not quite so cold. Very busy. Had my hair done at night. Laddie called me – expects to be home Sunday. He just got to St. Thomas to-day.
Saturday	June 22	Last Discount Day – very busy. Laddie called from St. Thomas – wants me to meet train in Hanover to-night. Lorne & I went to Hanover after Amateur Hour to meet train but were 10 minutes late. Couldn't find Laddie – had to come home without him.
Sunday	June 23	Laddie got a chance home from Hanover last night – he was looking for us over town but we missed him. Laddie, Freda, Uncle Charlie & Aunt Charlotte were here for supper. Rained all day. Laddie and I went out to Florence's at night, brought car up to Durham.
Monday	June 24	Still raining – horrid weather. French have given up but colonies will fight on. I went down to Anna's at night – we planned what we would take to beach. Laddie at Masonic meeting.

Tuesday	June 25	Still raining. New budget came out – heavy income tax. Laddie came up to office in aft. Went to Red Cross at night. Met Laddie after – went for walk & then he came up to house.
Wednesday	June 26	Sun is shining to-day. Quite busy. I went to Military Tea in Hall – made \$76. Laddie came over at night. We went for a long walk. Open night. Saw Florence, Jean, ? is here
Thursday	June 27	Cool. Laddie was going back to-day but changed his mind – his Aunt Frances came up. We went for walk. In aft. Anna & Norman came down - home with us at night. We played cards – strawberries for lunch.
Friday	June 28	Laddie took a notion to go back on the train to-day. We had Commission meeting at night. A terrible heavy rain storm shortly after.
Saturday	June 29	Very busy getting everything done before going on my holidays. Worked until six. Went to Amateur Hour at night & then came home.
Sunday	June 30	Rained in morning but cleared up. Winnie & Jack were down. Went to Rev. Mercer's farewell sermon. Went up to Berniece's at night. She came down & stayed all night.
Monday	July 1	Nice but cool. Berniece, Lorne & I went to Carlsruhe in aft. – big celebration there – we saw softball game & then came home for supper – all Germans and Catholics there. I had a letter from Laddie – he got a boarding place – 46 Horton St. Berniece, Barb & I went to show in Mt. Forest, "Bachelor Mother".
Tuesday	July 2	A little warmer to-day. Wrote to Laddie, ironed & did odd jobs. Went to a Farewell Party for Rev. Mercer in Holstein Town Hall at night - good program – presented them with a cabinet of silverware "Community Plate", also 2 lifebags? for children.
Wednesday	July 3	Nice day – baked in morning. Mother went to Ladies Aid. I read & did fancy work. Took mother uptown at night, dinged fender coming through mill yard- hit log.
Thursday	July 4	Grand day. Dad took car up to get fixed. Sally came down for berries. I went over to Boyle's – Dorothy is being married on 24 th – she showed me all her things.
Friday	July 5	Nice & warm. I went to Meaford in morning with Elgin. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Winnie's in aft. Ruby is there. I took the car over to Hanover at night with Barb, Anna, Berniece to hear the "Happy Gang" – swell.
Saturday	July 6	Real warm. Baked in morning. Ruby & Winnie were down in aft. I stayed home at night & packed for beach. Two men were killed to-day at Glen – train accident.
Sunday	July 7	Swell day. Came up to Wasaga Beach with Elg & Norma, Florence & Soonie in aft. Had supper & then we went down town at night & looked around. (Anna, Barb, Freda, Mary Tobin, Ethel & Berniece here.) Wrote to Laddie.

Monday	July 8	Real warm in morning – morning dip. We walked down to Post Office, then went biking. I am learning to ride. A shower in aft. We went down town & had our palms read. I am to be married to someone with initial M or W – going to move in fall, have a happy married life. Watch cold on chest. Went swimming again. Went to show in Collingwood, “Vigil in the Night”.
Tuesday	July 9	Swell day. Mother, Ruby, Winnie & Aunt Eva came up to Sally’s cottage. We all went bicycling in morning. Swimming. Freda, Mary and I hitchhiked down town – lots of fun. Looked through gift shops. Went dancing at night at Cedar Grove Inn.



Velma in centre



Velma on right

Wednesday	July 10	Nice day. Went into Stayner to shop in morning. Went
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		riding in aft., didn't enjoy it very much as I was too frightened. Went swimming after. After supper, we went on boat trip up Nottawasaga River. Watched roller skating & then went to dance at Dardanella.
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Thursday	July 11	Rained all day so we were glad of a rest. Cleared up at night so we went bowling – indoor alley bowling – enjoyed it.
Friday	July 12	A swell day. Went biking in morning & in aft. – can ride now. I bought a sheet & pair of pillow cases, hand worked for \$6.50. Had letter from Laddie. Berniece, Ethel & I went bowling while the other kids went to dance. Walked home after – 2 miles.
Saturday	July 13	Real warm. We went biking in morning. Freda, Anna & Berniece went home in aft. We went swimming & then went down town – got a ride with a nice chap both ways, in Air Force. We had Peter Ramage over for supper. He took us bowling at night & then up town.
Sunday	July 14	Wrote to Laddie. Real warm to-day. Dad, Lorne & Uncle Will came up in time for dinner. I went bicycling & swimming. We went down in aft. Came home after supper. Berniece, Freda & Barb stayed up for another week – took a cabin. We have had a wonderful week – I enjoyed it – the best of any holiday at the beach so far.



Velma



Velma second on left

Monday	July 15	Came up to town in morning. Started to work again. Laddie opened his office for business to-day. Played tennis at night & then unpacked clothes. I cracked frame on my racket.
Tuesday	July 16	Lovely day – finished power bills. Ruby sprained her ankle playing tennis, can't walk on it. Played tennis at night. Went to library.
Wednesday	July 17	Warm – did odd jobs. Mother had a shower for Dorothy Bogle. Ruby & I went down to it – she had a table decorated with umbrella & streamers.

Thursday	July 18	Quite warm. Anna & I went to Wasaga in aft. We went by Owen Sound. Anna saw a nose specialist. We went in swimming at beach. Had grand supper, then went down town. I won a blanket at Bingo. Barb, Freda & Berniece came home with us – holidays over.
Friday	July 19	Nice in morning but rained in aft. – typed names on water bills. Washed my hair. Went to show with Barb & Berniece in Hanover – Spencer Tracy in “Edison the Man”..
Saturday	July 20	Rained. Finished typing names on bills. Jean went to Oliphant. Ruby, Aunt Eva & I went to Dorothy Bogle’s trousseau tea after five – went to Amateur at night.
Sunday	July 21	Warm. Lorna Brockelbank is staying at our place. Went to church in aft. Rev. Knox’s first Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Telford, Dorothy & her boy friend were here. We went out to McGirr’s at night. Uncle Irving was at Aunt Eva’s when I got back.
Monday	July 22	Real hot. Uncle Irving came up to see me before he went home. I had a letter from Laddie – he had a few patients last week. Wrote him. Played tennis & then Ruby, Vera & I went for a swim at the Rockée. Vera and I ? on porch for awhile.
Tuesday	July 23	Very, very hot. Aunt Eva & Ruby went to Oliphant. I made a salad after work & went to Auxiliary supper at Mrs. Harlod McKechnie’s. I slept down at Anna’s (downstairs) as it was too hot at home.
Wednesday	July 24	Hot but a little breeze - Elgin’s birthday – 23. Mr. Ferguson was here in morning. Went to Dorothy Bogle’s wedding in aft., 2:30. Served at bride’s table – got home about 8. Stayed at home all night.
Thursday	July 25	Lorne & I came up town in morning. Aunt Eva came back last night. Shirley came back with them. Went home at noon. Managed to keep nice & cool out on veranda. Rotary Carnival & Steel dance at night. I worked in Junior Red Cross booth. It rained about 11:30 so danced in hall.
Friday	July 26	Hot. Typed arrears on hills. Had letter from Laddie. We had our supper at the Rockee’s & then went to the show in Mt. Forest after – 2 features. Laddie telephoned when I got home. Wanted to know if I could come down for a weekend.
Saturday	July 27	Wrote Laddie. Finished bills. Lorne Smith was here for supper. Ruby went up to Oliphant with him. Aunt Eva & I went to Amateur Hour with us. Dale & Annie came home.
Sunday	July 28	I brought Lorne up to Sunday School. Real hot. We sat out on veranda all aft. Dale is cute. Elgin & Norma came up for supper – had it outside. I went for walk with girls at night.
Monday	July 29	Raining. Vera went down to our place for a few days. Turned out very hot. Berniece & I went for a walk at night. Thunder storm.
Tuesday	July 30	A little cooler – typed names on hydro bills. Played tennis. Aunt Eva & I took Ruby’s car & went down home for awhile – took down Vera’s mail.
Wednesday	July 31	Cooler – started to make out bills. Not feeling very well. Went down town for awhile at night. Read & knit.
Thursday	August 1	Lovely day. I heard that Jessie had the mumps so wrote to

		tell Laddie to stay at our place over weekend. Went to Ritchie Re-union in Owen Sound – about 150 there. Went swimming. Vera & I drove Jack Smith down to Mt. Forest at night.
Friday	August 2	Ruby went up north for a week. Lorna went home to-day. Had letter from Laddie – he is coming home to-morrow night. – to meet him in Hanover. Played tennis. Reg came home to-night. He has o go to England soon.
Saturday	August 3	Quite busy – took off controls. Laddie came home with George. Swell to see him again. We went to Amateur Hour & then to Ran? With Elgin & Norma. Had our car afterwards.
Sunday	August 4	Mother, Dad & Lorne went to Port Elgin for a picnic with Fowlers. Laddie came down about two. We got Anna & Norma & went to Wasaga Beach & came back by Owen Sound – had our lunch in park. Went out to “Martin’s”. Rained so came home. Swell time.
Monday	August 5	Real warm. Laddie went back on train. Fowlers were here for supper. I took car to show in Mt. Forest. A terrible storm – lights went out in Mt. Forest as we got there. No show so had to come home again.
Tuesday	August 6	Lovely day. Got ready for meeting. Aunt Eva, Vera & I went to show in Mt. Forest after. Swell picture – Bette Davis & Charles Boyer in “All this and heaven too”. Went to Carnival after. Terribly foggy coming home – I drove.
Wednesday	August 7	Quite warm. Real busy. Aunt Eva & I went down town at night. Sat in car. Saw Florence.
Thursday	August 8	Last Disc’t Day so I worked half of holiday. Went out to Rebecah picnic for supper at Schenk’s cottage. Inez Twamley?, Berniece & I went to a garden party at Reeve MacDonald’s at Crawford.
Friday	August 9	Real hot. Had letter from Laddie. I went up to Williamsford for ride with Elgin at night. Went to library & for walk after.
Saturday	August 10	Still hot. I have an ache in my side – under my right breast. Went to doctor at night – he said I had either strained it or it was neuralgia – told me to put mustard paste on it. Went to Amateur Hour. Saw Florence.
Sunday	August 11	Real warm. Pain still bothers me, rested most of day. Went to church at night. Wrote to Laddie.
Monday	August 12	Hot – typed arrears on bills. Elgin & Norma were in on their way home from Oliphant. Pain is still bothering me. Cy & Ruby came up. I went down home with Cy for awhile at night. Put a mustard plaster on & went to bed early.
Tuesday	August 13	Very hot. Laddie called up this morning to see how I was. Pain is still bothering me so I went to doctor again. He says it is neuralgia of the nerve between 2 ribs. Only thing that will help it is to strap it but too hot for that. Put mustard plaster on every night.

Wednesday	August 14	Cooler. Ruby & Jean & girls went to Wasaga yesterday for a week. Didn't do much all day. Had a long letter from Laddie. He had dinner at the Minister's on Sunday. Mr. AWH? Lauder is dead so Aunt Eva and I went over there at night.
Thursday	August 15	Lovely & cool. Wrote to Laddie. Half holiday. Didn't do much all aft. – hot in aft. Mrs. Schenk came up – we had ice cream. Went to show in Hanover at night with Aunt Eva – “New Moon”, Nelson Eddy & Jeanette MacDonald.
Friday	August 16	Very hot. Washed & had my hair waved. Over 2,500 planes over Eng. to-day. Berniece & I registered – everybody has to – carry card around with you all the time.
Saturday	August 17	Still very hot. Pain still bothers me but not as bad as it was. Laddie had his mother call Mother yesterday to see how I was. Went to Amateur Hour & home afterwards.
Sunday	August 18	Rained all aft. & evening. Elgin was up. I had a rest – read. Ruby & girls came home at night – told us all about swell time they had.
Monday	August 19	Very cool – a great change in the weather. Mon., Tues., Wed. of this week are registration days. Not very busy. I did my fancy work at night & then we played cards.
Tuesday	August 20	Still cool but bright. Vera went on boat trip from Queen? Sound. Did fancy work & read at night.
Wednesday	August 21	Cool. Ruby went down to our place for a week. Quite busy at office. Aunt Eva & I went down town at night.
Thursday	August 22	Cool & raining. Half Holiday but I had to work as last Disc't Day. Went to wiener roast at Schenks' cottage. Very good time but too wet for a bon-fire.
Friday	August 23	Still cool. I had a lovely letter from Laddie – he wants me to come down over Labour Day. Florence came up to see me in aft. Went to Library at night.
Saturday	August 24	Wrote to Laddie. Uncle Irving was in an accident yesterday near Hepworth – lady in other car was killed. Had my teeth looked over – one filed & cleaned, \$2. Went to Amateurs and then home. Ruby is still at our place.
Sunday	August 25	A little warmer. Mother is sick – flu. Ruby & I went to church in aft. Winnie, Jack & Elgin were here for supper. I brought the car up at night.
Monday	August 26	Took car down to garage to be greased. Fixed meter book. Did fancy work & read at night – real cool.
Tuesday	August 27	Still cool. Had letter from Laddie – sent a map of how to find Horton St. I went to Pike Lake with John Flynn from Toronto (Laddie's cousin), Freda, Bill & Anna & Norman – had a real good time. John is in 3 rd year university – languages.
Wednesday	August 28	Cool – filed away stubs. Went down to garage for car – charged \$3.25 for painting fender. Went down town for awhile at night.
Thursday	August 29	Half holiday. Went down home in aft. Mother had ladies quilting – for Ladies' Aid. I made a cake for lunch. Made plans to go to St. Thomas.
Friday	August 30	Raining. Aunt Eva, Ruby & Vera went to Hamilton. I wrote

		Laddie. Uncle Irving was in to see me on way home from trial. Nadine stayed with Jean & me. We went to bed before they came home.
Saturday	August 31	Quite busy taking off controls – Lovely day. Got ready go to St. Thomas to-morrow. Connie & Charles Thornell? came in aft. We went to Amateur Hour at night. They stayed at our place all night.
Sunday	September 1	Mother, Dad, Lorne & I left home about 8 o'clock – arrived at Harold's in time for dinner. After dinner I drove to St. Thomas myself & the rest went to Harold's cottage at Port Dover. People at Mrs. Ball's took pictures? My first visit to St. Thomas – arrived about 2:30. Laddie & I went over to his office. I like it very much. He had a patient. We met another couple, Alf McGaw & Jean Webster. Went to Waterworks & Pinafore Park. Went to Port Stanley at night.

City of St. Thomas Waterworks Park, 1940





Monday	September 2	Very nice day. We went down town in morning to offices-stores, met some boys. Went to Port Stanley again, saw Air School. Laddie had another patient in aft. We then picked up Alf & Jean & went to Wonderland & Springbank Park in London, lots of fun. Lots of amusements. I won \$2.35 on slot machine. Laddie then came back to Port Dover with me – decided to stay all night & leave early in morning. Saw Port Stanley – played golf, etc.
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Springbank Park, Labour Day 1940





Tuesday	September 3	We got up at five & left for home. We left Laddie at Waterford and he caught the Michigan Central back to St. Thomas. We arrived home in time for work – 9am. Got ready for meeting – had long one. Had bath when I went home – wrote to Laddie & went to bed.
Wednesday	September 4	Lovely day. Quite busy. Elgin & Norma were in to see me. Laddie sent me a ring – coral stone dinner ring.
Thursday	September 5	Beautiful day. Real warm. Half holiday. Aunt Eva & I went up to Mabel Moore's in aft. Jane is cute. Anna & I played tennis. Stayed in at night. Ironed, read, etc.
Friday	September 6	Durham Fall Fair and a beautiful day – real warm. Berniece and I went to concert at night but it wasn't up to much. I got a new bracelet on my watch & had it cleaned - \$2.25
Saturday	September 7	Nice day – did odd jobs. Germans are still continuing to bomb England but are not getting very far. I went down town at night & then went home.
Sunday	September 8	Raining off & on all day. I read old diaries, etc. Aunt Eva & I went to church at night. Read "Doctor, Here's Your Hat" after.
Monday	September 9	Quite busy. I had a letter from Laddie – he sent me the snaps we took last week-end. Some are very good. Stayed in at night. Read & did fancy work & knit.
Tuesday	September 10	Ab went to Convention at Owen Sound. A terrible day – cold, windy and raining. Everything seemed to go wrong. Power was off in aft. Peck Daniels is looking after things while Mr. Innes is sick. I stayed with Nadine for supper & all night. Sally went to Toronto for wedding. Bob Campbell & little Bobby McGillivray were up.
Wednesday	September 11	Still cold. Made out power bills. Ab not back from Convention. Stayed in at night – knit & did fancy work. Aunt Eva isn't going to sell Dairy just now but Girlie? thought she was & had Clifford taking his place.
Thursday	September 12	London is being bombed continually every night, many killed, wing of Buckingham Palace struck. Half Holiday. I went home, baked biscuits, pies, cake, jelly roll. I went down to Berniece's at night to play bridge.
Friday	September 13	A little warmer. I am trying to make a list of trousseau needs. Dr. Burnett entered army. Had my hair washed & waved. Went to library.
Saturday	September 14	Raining. I bought a file, 85¢ & am getting notes ready to file in it – my own personal one. Went down town at night & then went home.
Sunday	September 15	Varney Anniversary. Not a bad day. Church in aft at 2. Rev. Knox spoke. Winnie, Jack, Nadine, Mr. & Mrs. Sims & Mrs. Hunter were here for supper. I went to church at night with Elgin & Norma. Rev. Pratt spoke on, "Reasons for Going to Church". Real good. Durham graduation.
Monday	September 16	Nice to-day. 175 German planes were downed in raids over Eng. Yesterday. Getting material – reading for my file. Concert at Varney but I didn't go.
Tuesday	September 17	Grand day. Busy working on my file. Vera & I played tennis. Went to Red Cross & to Auxiliary at Mrs. Roy Laurence's.

		Lots of fun. We went for walk after.
Wednesday	September 18	Nice day – had letter from Laddie – he is taking 2 nd degree on Masonic work to-morrow night. Went to a shower for Marion House – took cup & saucer.
Thursday	September 19	The Grey & Simcoe Foresters marched through town this morning about 8:00 – sort of sad but thrilling. Everything closed. I went to Owen Sound with Elgin & went down to Mt. Forest with him, had supper at Mrs. Mrs. Harris'. Went over to Carrie's for awhile. First night of show – concert. We went through Show House – concert. Went back to McIntyre's, had lunch – lots of fun.
Friday	September 20	Real warm. Wrote to Laddie. Quite busy finishing material for file. Went to dentist – filing came out of a tooth. Had bath, etc. at night.
Saturday	September 21	Raining but cleared up in aft. Went down town at night – met Florence and we had a nice time together. Went home.
Sunday	September 22	A grand day. Cleared out drawers in my room, read, etc. Went to church at night and in to Berniece's after. A Br. Ship was sunk without warning – 248 drowned, including 80 children on way to Canada.
Monday	September 23	Another swell day- had letter from Laddie. He has been quite busy. Typed names on bills, had tooth filled. Fancy work & read at night.
Tuesday	September 24	Rained very heavily & turned cold at night. Went to Red Cross & up to library with Hilda – then pressed clothes. London is being bombed every night.
Wednesday	September 25	Real cold. Wrote to Laddie. Mr. Ferguson called in for a chat. I had a letter from Ruby – she is going to take a Business Course. Sally had us all for dinner. Winnie and Jack's 3 rd wedding anniversary. I went over to see Marion House's things.
Thursday	September 26	Still cold. Wrote to Ruby. We went up to Owen Sound to shop in aft. I got brown shoes, \$5, brown crepe dress, \$8 and wine goods, \$4. Jean got a new coat and Mother got a hat.
Friday	September 27	Nice day but cool. Uncle Irving got off yesterday at trial. Read at night & finished Mary Lou quilt blocks. Went to library.
Saturday	September 28	A grand fall day. Cleaned up office. George called me at night to see if I would like to go to St. Thomas to-morrow. Went down town & met Florence & we made arrangements. Florence stayed all night.
Sunday	September 29	Grand day. Mother's birthday - 55 - gave her silver candle holders & sticks & recipe book. We left for St. Thomas at 6:30. George had to be at work (Ordinance Corp.) at 9 in London. Florence and I took his car to St. Thomas. – had to get Laddie out of bed. Saw Premier Hepburn's farm., office, etc. Came back to London at noon. Met Geo., had dinner & came home. Laddie came back with us. I went up for Laddie after supper with car. Swell time.
Monday	September 30	Laddie went back with George in morning. Busy taking off controls. Went to Young People's at night – knit afterwards. I had fur collar put on my wine coat, \$2.

Tuesday	October 1	Lovely day. Went to Red Cross supper at night & then to Com. Meeting – great discussions – decided to keep Percy Daniels on for another month in Mr. Innis' place.
Wednesday	October 2	Much warmer. Very busy. Aunt Eva, girls & I went to the show in Hanover. Jeffrey Lynne & Olivia de Havilland in "My Love Came Back". Foggy coming home.
Thursday	October 3	Grand day. Very busy in morning. Anna drove me down home in aft., looked over books & magazines in my room, tried on clothes, etc.
Friday	October 4	Another swell day. Very busy – started bills. Had bath etc. at night & then went down to Whitmore's, played cards & knit – lunch. Their cousin was there from Vancouver.
Saturday	October 5	Dad's birthday -53. Another swell day. Very busy- didn't hear from Laddie since he went back. Met Florence at night & we put in evening. Went home. Mother & I finished a knitting bag for me.
Sunday	October 6	A swell day. We went up to Aunt Charlotte's in aft. & stayed for supper. It rained at night so I read Pathfinder, looked up some games for Young People's & went to bed early.
Monday	October 7	A wet day – busy at bills. Went to Young People's at night – a social – had apples & peanuts to eat.
Tuesday	October 8	Busy. Had letter from Laddie – he was up to London & put his name in for army. Went to Red Cross at night – planned booth for Carnival. Wrote to Laddie.
Wednesday	October 9	Quite busy. Washed my hair at night & had it waved. I am embroidering a pr. of cutwork pillow cases now.
Thursday	October 10	Mr. Ferguson came in morning to audit books. Half Holiday. Went out to McGirr's & stayed for supper. Jennie is nice. Went to Rotary Carnival at night in rink.
Friday	October 11	I have a terrible cold. Mr. Flannery was in about arrears. Didn't go to Carnival at night as my cold was too bad, had bath, etc., took hot lemonade & aspirin.
Saturday	October 12	The Junior Red Cross made about \$60 at booth at Carnival. Cold is still with me. Laddie missed Geo. He called me from Palmerston & I met him in Hanover. He came down home – had lunch.
Sunday	October 13	Grand day. Reg & Mary, Helen, Bud, Doris & Geraldine & her boyfriend, Lee Reise, are here. Elgin came up, took us for a drive – country is lovely now. Laddie came down in aft. for supper. We went up to Anna's at night. Had lunch. Laddie & I stayed out until 2.
Monday	October 14	Rained all day. Laddie went back with George. Fowlers went home in aft. Ruby & Cy, George, Marj. Constable here in aft. – for supper had 14. Little Ann (3) is certainly a darling & can she ever talk. I came up to town with them at night.
Tuesday	October 15	Very cold. Didn't do much. Went to Red Cross at night. Got yarn for an Aero? Cap. Did fancy work.
Wednesday	October 16	Like winter – typed names on bills. Went up to Owen Sound to Auxiliary Rally with Mrs. Sharpe – had supper (sandwiches). Ate in restaurant after meeting.
Thursday	October 17	Quite busy. Went home for Half Holiday. Mother went to

		Port Elgin with Elgin. Nadine is here. We pasted snaps in photograph album.
Friday	October 18	Very cold. Finished one pillow slip at night – had bath, etc.
Saturday	October 19	Snowed all day for first – very cold. Mrs. Hargrave died today. We went down there at night. I went home after.
Sunday	October 20	Snowing. Mother & Dad went out to Dorothy Bogle's. Laddie came up with Geo. About 2. I got him some dinner. We were alone all aft. After supper, I went up home with him – then we came back. Elg. & Norma were here.
Monday	October 21	Still cold. Very busy. Tired at night so didn't go to Young People's. Listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	October 22	Last Disc't Day – very busy. Quite a few complaining about their bills – such is life! Aunt Eva went to Hamilton. Went to Red Cross & to Berniece's after – ice cream. Laddie took his last degree in Masonry. His Dad went down.
Wednesday	October 23	A beautiful day – much warmer. Still busy. Went to Auxiliary at night. Thank offering. Mrs. Dr. Pilkie spoke.
Thursday	October 24	A grand day. Half Holiday. Went home in aft., did a little painting. Mother started to make a wine dress for me. Went to Berniece's at night to play bridge.
Friday	October 25	A nice day – busy making out water bills. Had a letter from Laddie. Did fancy work at night & read. Joe Noble graduated as an Observer to-day.
Saturday	October 26	Grand day. Very busy. Went downtown at night & then went home.
Sunday	October 27	Nice but cool. Read. Went to church in aft. – a missionary from China spoke. Atcheson's were her for supper. Went to church at night. Wrote to Laddie.
Monday	October 28	Cold. Went to Young People's at night – election of officers – Kay Renwick is President. I conducted the games.
Tuesday	October 29	Raining. Went to Red Cross at night & then to Rebeccah euchre & dance – 30 tables. Very nice time.
Wednesday	October 30	Raining – dirty day. I had Bridge Club, first for this season. Had wagon wheel salad. Everything went off OK.
Thursday	October 31	A grand day. Last Half Holiday. I went down home in aft. We went to show at night in Hanover, "Boom Town" – real good. Hallowe'en but everything very quiet.
Friday	November 1	A terrible day – windy & wet. Not very busy. Stayed in at night. Did fancy work – had bath, etc.
Saturday	November 2	A very nice day. Had letter from Laddie. Went down town for awhile at night & then went home.
Sunday	November 3	A grand day. Went to church in aft. Communion Sunday. Wrote to Laddie. Elgin & Norma came up for supper.
Monday	November 4	A swell day – real mild. Got cheques eady for meeting. Went to Young People's at night. Listened to Lux program.

Tuesday	November 5	We got word to-day that Ralph Constable had been shot accidentally by his brother Blake while hunting. Went to Red Cross supper. I was on Committee to get supper ready. Went to show afterwards, "Swannie River", life of Stephen Foster. Grand.
Wednesday	November 6	Very cold. Mother & Dad & Aunt Eva went to funeral – a very sad affair. Went to Bridge Club at Anna's – got prize – a flower. I was made Sec'y of Badminton Club at organization meeting. Joe Noble went away to-day – going overseas as an Observer.
Thursday	November 7	Still very cold. Quite busy. Val Hahn was buried to-day. Phil Morgan (Kearney? Traveller) was in - very smart. I had my hair finger-waved at night.
Friday	November 8	Last Disc't Day. Ruby came home. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Firemen's Dance - all Durham soldiers home for it – not a bad time. Berniece went with a new boy friend from Markdale.
Saturday	November 9	Nicer to-day. Ruby, Aunt Eva & I played cards at night. Went home afterwards. Mary Pickering was married at 7 o'clock.
Sunday	November 10	Rained all day. We all went out to Winnie's (14) for a chicken dinner. Came home & read afterwards.
Monday	November 11	A terrible day – raining. No holiday. Wrote to Laddie. Terrible wind & rain at night. Hydro was off all night.
Tuesday	November 12	Another terrible windy day. A lot of damage was done all over Western Ont. Last night. Went to Red Cross, did fancy work.
Wednesday	November 13	Nicer to-day. Had letter from Laddie. Had Com. Meeting – what a headache! I am getting fed up with it – they are thinking about advertising for one man for Hydro & Waterworks. Went to Bridge Club after at Traynor's.
Thursday	November 14	Nice day but cold. I told Ab they were thinking about advertising for the job. Did fancy work at night.
Friday	November 15	Wrote to Laddie. Very cold but no snow yet. I stayed in at night – finished my first pair of cutwork pillow cases.
Saturday	November 16	Cold & snowing. Went home at five. Worked on a pr. of pillow cases and read at night.
Sunday	November 17	Quite sloppy. Elgin & Norma were up for awhile in aft. Went to church at night – Ladies Choir.
Monday	November 18	Ab is in Toronto – lost key of car & had to get one made. Power off on Rural – some time. Went to Young People's Crokinole Social at night – made \$10.
Tuesday	November 19	Nice day. I am making out reports for Fin. Statement. Joe Noble is on his way to Eng. I read a letter from him. Went to Red Cross & Auxiliary.
Wednesday	November 20	I played my first game of badminton. I think I will like it – got a new racket & press, \$4 wholesale. Went to I.O.D.E. Community party – played bridge at Kearney's – lunch & dance at hall afterwards. Laddie telephoned when I was out.

Thursday	November 21	Had letter from Laddie. He is going to change his boarding place Sat. to Cook's. Alf McGirr & Jean have broken their engagement. Went to badminton meeting. We played for about two hours afterwards. Wrote to Laddie.
Friday	November 22	Elgin went to camp at Kitchener for a month's compulsory training. Went to Bridge Club at Berniece's – grand fruit salad for lunch.
Saturday	November 23	Raining. Went home after supper. Read.
Sunday	November 24	Very nice day. Elgin was up for supper from Kitchener camp -had uniform on – he was telling us all about camp life. Went o church at night.
Monday	November 25	Nice day but cold. Joe Noble landed in Eng. He spoke over the radio at night. Went to Young People's – worked on a cushion afterwards.
Tuesday	November 26	Reg Reis graduated in wireless operating, landed home from Calgary but only has until to-morrow & then has to go to Halifax & from there to England. Vera stayed home from school to be with him. Mr. Flannery was up & met the Commission about combining 2 jobs. Laddie wrote. Went to an opening social at the Badminton Court – played & had lunch.
Wednesday	November 27	Snowed last night – had to get galoshes out. Reg went away to-day. Wrote to Laddie. Went to Bridge Club at Mary Firth's – lots of fun. I got a booby – a package of Christmas seals.
Thursday	November 28	Quite a lot of snow now. Berniece, Hilda & I invited 5 tables of girls for a Red Cross Euchre on Mon. night. I went to a bridge at Shirley's at 6:30 – grand meal. We played Michigan Poker. I put in 5¢, at end had 10¢
Friday	November 29	Not feeling very well. Mother went to doctor – her blood pressure is up to 170 again – has to rest and no tea. Laddie wrote. I got a machineless permanent at Ethel's 7 was there from 6 to 121;15. A military Ball was held in the Town Hall.
Saturday	November 30	Snowing. Quite busy. Went home at five, baked a pie & a cake. It snowed all night.
Sunday	December 1	Nice day but we have plenty of snow. Laddie came up with George but roads were so heavy they didn't get up until 4:30. He came down after supper. We went up to Durham about 10 – he came up to Aunt Eva's for awhile.
Monday	December 2	All kinds of snow. All back roads are blocked. The most for this time of year for quite a number of years. Berniece, Hilda & I had a euchre at Whitmore's for the Red Cross. 5 tables of girls. 25¢ each.
Tuesday	December 3	Very frosty. Went to Red Cross super, then to Com. Meeting & then to Auxiliary at Mrs. Irvin Sharp's.
Wednesday	December 4	Very stormy. Went to Bridge Club at Hilda's. I ordered a ring for Laddie for Christmas, \$10.
Thursday	December 5	Cold. Made out bills. I bought several Christmas presents after work. Played badminton at night – swell time.
Friday	December 6	The Com. Fired Mr. Innes to-day. I had letter from Laddie.

		Finished a cushion for Mother. Played badminton.
Saturday	December 7	Raining. I have finished my Christmas shopping. I baked a dark Christmas cake at night as Mother is still not able to do anything.
Sunday	December 8	Nice day. Elgin & Norma were up for supper. Elgin was telling us all about camp. I wrote to Laddie at night.
Monday	December 9	Making out bills. Nice day. Went to Young People's at night. Started a green luncheon set.
Tuesday	December 10	Busy. Went to Red Cross at night. Reg called Ries' to say he landed in England yesterday. Played badminton after Red Cross.
Wednesday	December 11	Lovely winter day. Stayed in at night – first for ages. Did fancy work & read. The Greeks are driving the Italians back.
Thursday	December 12	Snowing. Did some shopping after work. Played badminton at night. Addressed Christmas cards afterwards.
Friday	December 13	A grand day but frosty. Finished bills. Talked to travellers. Berniece and I went to Sunday School concert in hall. Very good.
Saturday	December 14	A grand day. Mother & I did some shopping. Went home. I made a knitting bag for Vera for Christmas. Made some hand lotion – cost 50¢- made a lot.
Sunday	December 15	A lovely day. Lorne and I decorated tree, etc. Went to church at night. Read afterwards.
Monday	December 16	Raining & very slippery. Expected letter from Laddie but none. Went to Young People's at night. Mr. Glass spoke on the "Good Samaritan idea" – splendid.
Tuesday	December 17	A beautiful day. Mrs. Brad Jamieson died to-day in Toronto. I got a surprise Christmas present from Aunt Mary Ritchie in London - doilies and lace for pillow cases that she did herself. Vera went to Owen Sound & got a new powder blue evening dress. Played badminton at night.
Wednesday	December 18	Real mild. Germans came to aid of Italians as they are getting badly beaten in Egypt & Albania. I went to Public School concert in hall – it was splendid.
Thursday	December 19	Mild. Still no letter from Laddie. I washed my hair at night and had it waved. I had my green wool dress cleaned - \$1.00.
Friday	December 20	Mild -hardly any snow left now. I wrote to Laddie to see why he hasn't written. Mother got a nice scarf from Geraldine & Leo. Went to High School Commencement. It was real good. Vera had to give President's speech. Play was swell - Norah Kearney was a scream.
Saturday	December 21	Mild. Elgin came home from camp to-day. He called for me at work. He has signed up as a driver mechanic in the Air Force. Lorne & I wrapped up Christmas presents until 12:00.
Sunday	December 22	Mild. Went to church in aft. and at night. Christmas cantata, "In Quest of the King". Read afterwards.

Monday	December 23	A grand day – sun shining & mild. Mrs. Grant called to ask me if I would meet Laddie in Hanover Tues. night. Went down town at night, delivered parcels & finished shopping for Elg. Listened to Lux, “Young Tom Edison”.
Tuesday	December 24	Still mild and bright. Laddie sent me a doz. Roses. Mother, Dad, Lorne & I went over to Hanover at night to meet Laddie. Train was 1 1/2 hrs. late. Laddie is getting fatter, weighs 135 now.
Wednesday	December 25	Mild – just like spring. I got some lovely presents – cute apron, 2 plates Spode, cup & saucer, 2 pr. stockings, snuggies, 3 handkerchiefs, towel, card table cover, cutex set from Ab. Laddie gave me Tweed bath salts & toilet water, vanity set, cutex set, Forever Yours perfume & samples tooth paste. We spent Christmas at Winnie’s. Laddie and I went to Christmas dance – didn’t get in until four.
Thursday	December 26	Slept until noon. Jean is here. Laddie came down in aft. & stayed for supper. He went back with Geo. About 8. I had bath & went to bed early.
Friday	December 27	Still mild. I had office cleaned yesterday. Mr. Sarney? Gave me a box of chocolates. Had Com. Meeting at night, played badminton & went in to see Berniece’s parents, had lunch.
Saturday	December 28	Mild. I went home at five. Read and did some ironing at night.
Sunday	December 29	Rained all day. Read and lay around all aft. Went to church at night – Cantata. Went down to Anna’s afterwards, saw parents & had lunch.
Monday	December 30	Snowing and a little colder. Nomination night. Jas.? Duffield was elected Mayor by acclamation. Played badminton & then we played cards & cracked nuts.
Monday	December 31	Ground is covered with snow again but it is real nice. Quite busy taking off controls, etc. Laddie didn’t come home – was quite disappointed. Mother & Dad came up. We played cards, waited until 2 for Lorne to come home from skating, listened to radio. Ruby came home with us – when we got tired.

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