

Velma's Diaries - 1941

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Wednesday	January 1	New Year's Day. Ruby was at our place. Elgin came home. We had a grand chicken dinner at 2pm. Played cards afterwards. Ruby, Aunt Eva & I went over to Sally & Vic's at night. Dr. Backus' were there – we talked. I read a grand story.
Thursday	January 2	Raining & sleet. Real busy. Took off controls. No letter from Laddie yet. Mel Calder is running against Bob Campbell for Commissioner. We went to show at night in Hanover with Ruby. A grand picture – Robt. Taylor and Norma Shearer in "Escape". Played cards & had lunch afterwards.
Friday	January 3	Mild – a lovely day – finished controls, etc. Had letter from Laddie. He wasn't able to get away for New Year's. Played badminton at night, had bath, etc.
Saturday	January 4	Quite stormy. Ruby went back to-day. I played badminton at night and then went home afterwards.
Sunday	January 5	A nice day but cold. Quite a lot of snow now. Put away Xmas presents, read, etc. Elg & Norma, Florence & Soonie were up for awhile in aft. I wrote a long letter to Laddie at night.
Monday	January 6	Lovely day. Election in Durham. Bob Campbell defeated Mel Calder by majority of 115. Peck family has pneumonia. I stayed in at night – read & started a cushion.
Tuesday	January 7	Nice day. I am busy making out hydro report. Played badminton at night. Went to Red Cross first.
Wednesday	January 8	Had a letter from Laddie. He has been busy lately. We started our Bridge Club again – had it out at Freda's
Thursday	January 9	Lovely winter's day. We took inventory & I made out power bills. I cleaned out my drawers at night & got everything organized for another spell.
Friday	January 10	Wrote to Laddie. Figured out inventory. Had a letter from Ruby. She sent me cover for my badminton top racket. Barbara had a party for Ethel in honour of her marriage. We played bridge & then had a grand dinner. We gave her a glass sandwich plate & salad bowl.
Saturday	January 11	A hydro gang is here building a new substation & the foreman, Geo. Wilson spends a lot of his time in the office talking. Power is going to be off to-morrow aft. & I had to call 50 & tell them. Went home at 5 – did fancywork.
Sunday	January 12	Elgin was up. I read in aft. Went to church at night. Barb & I went up to Berniece's after – talked & listened to radio.
Monday	January 13	Nice day but real cold. Finished power bills. The foreman of the hydro gang got a call to report Thurs. for the Air Force. Went to Young People's at night – played badminton after.

Tuesday	January 14	Very frosty – below zero. I can't get much done these days as there is always someone around. Went to Red Cross supper. Read afterwards.
Wednesday	January 15	Still cold. Had letter from Laddie. Mr. Wheeler ave me a deck of cards. We had Bridge Club at Rita Willis'.
Thursday	January 16	Nice day. Made notes for my personal file. I had my hair done at night. Ethel gave me another permanent as the other one wasn't satisfactory.
Friday	January 17	Wrote to Laddie. Studied bookkeeping. We Had Com. Meeting at night – Mr. Duffield's first meeting. Finished cushion – had bath, etc.
Saturday	January 18	I called people again about power being off Sun. I went home with Elgin – did fancy work at night.
Sunday	January 19	Read. Went to church in aft. Norma, Ken McIntyre & Elgin came up for supper. We talked afterwards and Elgin brought me up to town.
Monday	January 20	Frosty but a nice day. Closed Waterworks books. Went to Young People's at night. We had a badminton meeting afterwards – then played.
Tuesday	January 21	Lovely day. Busy with Waterworks books. Went to library & then to Auxiliary at Margaret McGirr's.
Wednesday	January 22	Mr. Ferguson came on noon train & went away on aft. train – great rush. Went over to Mrs. Rev. Smith's – her mother is dead. Went to Bridge Club at Ritchie's.
Thursday	January 23	The hydro gang were celebrating last night & to-day (no work done). They made a terrible racket at hotel – up all night. Rus McGillivray came in aft. to audit books. Gang came in while he was here – all quite high.
Friday	January 24	Rus is still here auditing books. Going back to work to-day but not feeling much like it (boredom). Harry Wilson went away to-night (joining Air Force). I will miss him as he spent a lot of time in the office talking. Played badminton at night.
Saturday	January 25	Lovely day. Everything has settled back to normal again. Got brushes from Fuller Brush man. I went home at five, did fancy work & listened to radio.
Sunday	January 26	Cold wind. Elgin was up. We went for a drive. Ski Meet in Durham. Went to church at night – read afterwards.
Monday	January 27	Cold. No letter from Laddie. I haven't had one for over a week now – same old thoughts! Mother went to Owen Sound & got me some wine goods for a blouse, etc. Went to Young People's Social at night. A lot of fun.
Tuesday	January 28	Finished water bills. Went to Red Cross. Read afterwards.
Wednesday	January 29	Quite windy & cold. Went to Auxiliary Skating Party at night but didn't skate. Lunch in church – Italian spaghetti, doughnuts & coffee.
Thursday	January 30	Snowing. Quite busy. Went to a shower for Ethel (Moody) in Lodge Rooms – over 100 there. Supper at 6:30. Chicken molds, potato salad, salad plate, tea & little cakes, ice cream & angel cake. She got lovely presents.
Friday	January 31	A lovely bright day. Busy. Played badminton at night – had some good games.

Saturday	February 1	Nice day. I actually got a letter from Laddie to-day – over 2 weeks since I got one before. He has been going out with some girl, Kay Walton by name. I went home at 5. Elgin & Norma called & took me to show in Hanover – a swell picture, Robert Taylor in “Flight Command”.
Sunday	February 2	Nice but cold. Sally, Vic & Nadine were down for supper. Nadine & I stayed all night as Sally & Vic went to Mt. Forest. Wrote to Laddie.
Monday	February 3	Came up to work in morning – busy, took off controls. Went to Young People’s at night. They picked out characters for a play. I have a part.
Tuesday	February 4	Grand day. Com. meeting – a deleg. here from Council, going to make a jail, police office up here – fix up a new work shop & build a garage. Also improve street lighting. Played badminton afterwards – a lot of fun. Berniece & I ate afterwards in Hahn’s.
Wednesday	February 5	Swell day. I had a letter from Laddie. He wrote very promptly this time. – has been out with Kay some more. Might be home some weekend soon. Went to Bridge Club a Berniece’s – beginning of 2 nd round.
Thursday	February 6	Aunt Eva advertised the dairy in the Globe & Mail – got 11 replies. Went to badminton tournament at night (local one), had lunch afterwards – a lot of fun.
Friday	February 7	A grand day – just like spring. Busy. Stayed in at night – read, stamped a luncheon cloth, had bath, etc.
Saturday	February 8	Very stormy. Ab went to Toronto as Bill has pneumonia- in Christie St. Hospital. I went home at five, did fancy work. East of Toronto they had worst storm in years – all roads blocked.
Sunday	February 9	Nice day but cold. Elgin was up. Elg says Muriel Walls has a daughter. I went to church at night & then went in to Berniece’s. Wrote to Laddie.
Monday	February 10	Ab isn’t back yet. Clarence put fire on for me. I had a letter from Laddie. He got his call for the army & is taking his medical to-day in London. I was talking to Mrs. Grant after work. Played badminton, Young People’s Skating Party – ate with them.
Tuesday	February 11	A swell day. Very busy. Went to Red Cross supper & then to play practice – the first one for the play, “The Antics of Andrew”. Went to library after.
Wednesday	February 12	Laddie called to say he had been accepted. Bill Noble is very low with pneumonia & the family got a telegram to go. Phil Morgan in - we talked for ages.
Thursday	February 13	Bill is better but Ab stayed down as he isn’t out of danger yet. I wrote Laddie & sent a Valentine. Went to play practice & played badminton – lots of fun.
Friday	February 14	Raining – didn’t do much. Ab still away. Laddie sent me flowers (roses) for Valentine’s Day. I washed my hair & had it waved at night.

Saturday	February 15	Colder. Ab is back. Bill is better. I went home after work, did fancy work. Mother made candy.
Sunday	February 16	A grand day. Elgin & Bob Gardiner were up for supper. Laddie came up with Geo. About 4. I went up for him about 7 and he stayed until 11 when Geo. called to go back. First I had seen him for nearly 2 mos. He doesn't know definitely yet when he will have to go.
Monday	February 17	Stormy. I didn't do much all day – started a budget. Went to play practice, Young People's & badminton at night. Aunt Eva had man come to look at dairy.
Tuesday	February 18	Stormy. Laddie was going to a birthday party for Geo. to-night at Grant's. I went to Auxiliary at Elsie McGirr's
Wednesday	February 19	Very stormy – the worst of the winter. I went to play practice & then to Bridge Club at Anna's. Fred Jamieson was accepted into the Air Force.
Thursday	February 20	Still stormy – roads are nearly blocked – a bad fire in Markdale's business section. Went to play practice & played badminton afterwards.
Friday	February 21	Settled to-day – milder. I went to play practice & then came home and did odd jobs – finished helmet, etc.
Saturday	February 22	Nice to-day. Very busy on last day. Nadine is 7 to-day. I went home after work – finished pillow cases.
Sunday	February 23	A grand day. Elgin was up. I went to church at night. Read a story afterwards.
Monday	February 24	Nice sunny day. Sir Frederick Banting, discoverer of insulin, killed in plane crash. Our Young People's went to Skating Party in Mt. Forest. Some of us went to show – real good, Irene Dunne & Cary Grant in "My Favourite Wife".
Tuesday	February 25	Windy & cold. Laddie & I have been going together for 6 years. I went to play practice, Red Cross & played badminton afterwards.
Wednesday	February 26	Nice day but frosty. I had a letter from Laddie – he is coming up Sat. I had Bridge Club at night. Served sandwiches – tuna, egg & tomato.
Thursday	February 27	Filing stubs. Wrote Laddie. Junior Red Cross Carnival. We had skaters from Owen Sound. It was a great success. We made \$100. I helped sell hot digs & coffee.
Friday	February 28	Still very cold. Finished filing stubs. We had a long play practice at night – from seven to ten. Had bath, etc. afterwards.
Saturday	March 1	Grand day. Florence came up to see me in morning & we had a great chat as I hadn't seen her for ages. Laddie was to come home to-day with Geo. but he didn't come as he has to report to London Wed. morning & had a lot of final arrangements to make.
Sunday	March 2	I went home in the morning. Winnie & Jack were down & stayed for super. Elgin & Norma came up at night & we listened to radio.
Monday	March 3	Wrote to Laddie. Real busy. Went to play practice at night & Young People's afterwards. Listened to Lux Radio theatre.
Tuesday	March 4	Frosty. Took off controls. Commission meeting at night –

		had a good meeting – discussed arrears.
Wednesday	March 5	Laddie had to report to London to-day for Dental Corp. I went to Bridge Club at Freda's (Anna's).
Thursday	March 6	A grand day – milder. Art Hardy was here showing a film to the schools. Went to Auxiliary Crokinole at night. Played badminton & had nice lunch.
Friday	March 7	Lovely day – didn't do much. Went to play practice at night. Germans are in Bulgaria now – ready to make a move soon – probably into Greece.
Saturday	March 8	A nice day. Jean's birthday. I gave her socks. I went home at five. Norma & Elgin came up at night – we played cards.
Sunday	March 9	A swell day. Laddie came up with Geo., didn't get up until about 6. We went to church. He has his uniform now & doesn't it ever look smart on him (Laddie gave me a pip). He expects to have to go to Windsor in about 2 weeks time. He is 1 st Lieut. We stayed at Aunt Eva's until George called for him to go back to base, about 11:30. We had a swell time – talked over future plans.
Monday	March 10	A swell day. Mother & Dad's 26 th wedding anniversary. I am busy knitting socks for Laddie. I want to get one done this week so I will have them ready for his birthday. Went to play practice & Young People's.
Tuesday	March 11	Real stormy. Did some planning. Went to Red Cross supper, play practice & played badminton.
Wednesday	March 12	Nice day. Did some more figuring. Turned heel in 1 st sock – no trouble. Went to Bridge Club at Ethel's. I got prize – a cellophane card table cover.
Thursday	March 13	Cleaned out desk. Nice sunny day. I washed my hair & had it waved. Geo. Braithwaite is thinking about buying dairy.
Friday	March 14	Grand day. Cleaned table. Went to lay practice. Hilda came over afterwards. I finished sock.
Saturday	March 15	Snowing. Cleaned safe. I got a good book "Fame is the Spur" by Howard Spring. Mother isn't feeling very well again. Dr. Thinks she has thyroid trouble. Knit at night.
Sunday	March 16	Berniece's birthday. It got terribly stormy in aft. Aunt Eva & I went to church. I went to Berniece's afterwards, had nice lunch.
Monday	March 17	A terrible storm. All roads are blocked. Anybody that was away for week-end couldn't get back. I had a letter from Laddie. He has to go to Woodstock instead of Windsor now – much better. Mt. Forest & Holstein were to come to Young People's but couldn't get through. Went to play practice & played badminton.
Tuesday	March 18	The storm is still raging & roads are still blocked. Very cold too. Durham is isolated. Wrote to Laddie. Train was five hours late. I went to lay practice & Auxiliary at Marion Moore's.
Wednesday	March 19	Storm has abated. Clear but cold. I had my picture taken at Han's (Myer's Studios), \$1.99. Went to Bridge Club at Clara's.
Thursday	March 20	Nice to-day. I went to Community Party – to Kearney's for bridge, lunch & dance at hall afterwards.

Friday	March 21	Nice day. I finished socks & washed them. Went to play practice – lasted until 10:30. Scotland is being heavily bombed (Jas Duffield's home was bombed and his cousin killed).
Saturday	March 22	Very spring like. Laddie came home on bus. We went to the dance at Speer's Hall at Hanover. I got a big kick out of other soldiers saluting him.
Sunday	March 23	A swell day – real warm. Elgin took us for a drive in morning. I went uptown in aft. Laddie & I went for a walk & then Geo. took him down to Fergus to meet another dentist who is in the Army. We had supper down there.
Monday	March 24	Colder. I got proofs back. Three weren't bad and I am having a great time deciding on one. Laddie's birthday – 26. I gave him the socks & 2 books, "Fame is the Spur" and "Invitation to Life". Went to play practice until 11:30.
Tuesday	March 25	Cool. Typed names on bills & read some of "Fame is the Spur". Went to play practice. Joe Noble is in hospital in Eng. With some ribs broken from plane crash.
Wednesday	March 26	Took in my proofs – getting one of each of 2 diff. proofs. Rehearsal in hall – wore evening dress.
Thursday	March 27	Nice day. We put on our play, "The Antics of Andrew" in the Town Hall. It went over big. It certainly created plenty of laughs. We all ate in restaurant after.
Friday	March 28	The Yugoslavia people overthrew the gov't when it agreed to join with Germany. I went to Pres. Church Irish supper with Sally – went to bed early.
Saturday	March 29	Colder. I finished "Fame is the Spur"- it is a great book. I went home after work. Norma & Elgin were up for super. I expected Laddie up but he didn't come.
Sunday	March 30	Colder, but bright. Had an easy day – rested and read. Went to church at night.
Monday	March 31	Warmer. Real busy, took off controls, etc. We had Mt. Forest & Holstein at Young People's – a lot of fun.
Tuesday	April 1	Grand day. I went to Red Cross supper & to Com. Meeting, did fancy work afterwards.
Wednesday	April 2	Nice day. I haven't heard from Laddie since he went back. Went to Bridge Club at Barbara's – the last for this year.
Thursday	April 3	A grand spring day but wind is cool. Made out bills. Mother has flu again. I went to Badminton tournament. We had ice cream, cookies & pop for lunch.
Friday	April 4	The Grey & Simcoe Forresters marched through town this morning (8:00) – finished training now. Jack, Hilda, Reg & I had some good games of badminton at night.
Saturday	April 5	Raining. Vera & Jean got new reversible coats. I bought Jean's tweed one. Laddie came home. He is in Listowel now. We went to dance in Hanover with Geo.

Sunday	April 6	I went home in morning. Laddie came down for supper. We went to church & then came down to house until Geo. was ready to go back (around 11).
Monday	April 7	I went to Toronto with Ritchies. We left at 5:30 – shopped all day – didn't home until 12:00. I got navy dress, hat & blouse, red, navy shoes, etc. Anna, Barb & Freda got coats, shoes, etc.
Tuesday	April 8	A beautiful day. I bought a few more accessories and fixed my clothes at night.
Wednesday	April 9	A swell day – warm enough for spring coats. Washed my hair & had it waved at night. War situation is becoming quite critical. Germans are attacking allied Greece & Br. Forces in Greece.
Thursday	April 10	Another swell day. I had letter from Laddie – he doesn't get a holiday to-morrow. I had bath, etc. at night. Aunt Eva & I went downtown for walk, stores open.
Friday	April 11	A beautiful day for Good Friday. You can go out without coats. I played badminton in aft. with girls. Most of soldiers are home. Aunt Eva & I went to a show in hall at night.
Saturday	April 12	A grand day – actually hot in the sun. Ruby came home. She was at Raynor's yesterday – they are in their new house now at Clapison's Corners. I was expecting Laddie to come home with Geo. but he couldn't come as he had a cold. I went to show in Mt. Forest with Ruby – saw "Kitty Foyle".
Sunday	April 13	Easter Sunday and a grand day – as warm as summer. I went to Durham Church in morning & to Berniece's for a duck diner. We went to Mt. Forest for a drive in aft. Bern. stayed with me for supper. I wrote to Laddie & gave letter to Geo. to post.
Monday	April 14	Rained in morning – hot in aft. Ruby, Aunt Eva & girls & Mother went to Hamilton to-day. Jasper Traynor died in his sleep this aft. from a clot of blood caused by over excitement. He was only married on Sat. I went to Young People's & for walk with Marion & Jessie.
Tuesday	April 15	A little cooler. Typed names on water bills. I went to rehearsal for play at night. I got my pictures yesterday. I think they are very good – as good as can be expected.
Wednesday	April 16	I had a letter from Laddie – his cold is getting better. We put on our play again in the Hall for Red Cross friends. We had lunch afterwards in Queen St. church.
Thursday	April 17	Much cooler. Fighting is still going on in Balkans & Africa. I stayed in at night & knit. Ruby was making a list of the things they would need to start up house-keeping.
Friday	April 18	Nice day. The masons bricked in the back door to-day – they are making new cells – a police office. We went out to Winnie's for a spare rib diner. Played cards afterwards.
Saturday	April 19	Raining in morning but real mild in aft. We cleaned up mess after the plastering. I expected Laddie but he didn't come. I went home at five – read at night.

Sunday	April 20	Cloudy – showers. Laddie & Geo. came up about 5:30. Laddie was in battle dress. He came over to aunt Eva's around 7. We had a grand time. After church, we went for a drive with Geo. to Markdale & home by Chatsworth.
Monday	April 21	Vey cold – like winter again. I went to Young People's at night & played badminton afterwards. Vera got all her exams – has her Sr. Matric. Now. She is going out to Winnie's to work on farm.
Tuesday	April 22	A little warmer & real bright. Quite busy. Mother has Marion Kerr helping her – she passed at Easter. I went to Auxiliary – Thank Offering – a speaker from Owen Sound.
Wednesday	April 23	Raining. Greece is almost defeated. I went to show in Mt. Forest at night with McKechnie's. Saw "Virginia" with Madeline Carroll & Fred MacMurray – swell.
Thursday	April 24	Bright but cool. Busy. Went to Presbyterian play, "Nobody but Nancy" - not bad. Marg Derby stayed all night. We had lunch after play.
Friday	April 25	Nice day – a little warmer. Ab was in a car accident this week near Hanover. A boy on a bicycle was hit & survived hurt. Today is Art Innes' trial also. Firemen's' Ball – I expected Laddie up but he didn't come- had to attend some Red Cross function I had good time at dance. Jack McKechnie drove me home.
Saturday	April 26	A beautiful day. Laddie came home with Geo. We went down to a military parade for recruiting purposes in Mt. Forest at 7. Mother & Dad were away so Laddie and I went home – were alone until the came back- about 1 – we had a swell time.
Sunday	April 27	A grand day. Laddie & I called for Anna & Norman in aft & we went out to Aberdeen Falls & took pictures.
Monday	April 28	Beautiful day. I finished water bills. Greece has surrendered to the Germans. I went to Young People's Rally held in Durham this yr.
Wednesday	April 29	Swell day. Read most of day. Went down to Berniece's at night & played bridge.
Wednesday	April 30	Grand weather. New budget out. Nat. Defence & Income Tax doubled – gasoline up 3¢ a gallon, tax on shows. Berniece & I went for a walk at night.
Thursday	May 1	First half holiday. I went home in aft & cleaned drawers, etc. in my room. I took car to show in Mt. Forest at night. Jack, Hilda, Anna, Norman & Lorne went with me.
Friday	May 2	A little cooler but bright. Aunt Eva & I went over with Jack McKechnie to a concert in he Hanover Town Hall, for the Telegram Br. War Victims Fund. 3 artists from Toronto – real good.
Saturday	May 3	A beautiful day. I expected Laddie home but he didn't come. Geo. said he called for him but they told him he was out trying a car he had bought. I went down town for awhile at night & then went home.

Sunday	May 4	Nice day but windy. Didn't do much all day. Went to church at night.
Monday	May 5	Nice day. No letter from Laddie yet. I went to Young People's at night but there wasn't enough there to have a meeting. Went for a walk with girls. Marion More & I discussed our problems (boy friends).
Tuesday	May 6	Very nice. Aunt Mary Ritchie died to-day (cancer) – only came home from London where she was working, hardly two weeks ago. Had tooth filled. I went to Red Cross supper – we planned a dance. Commission meeting afterwards & Berniece & I went for a walk.
Wednesday	May 7	Raining. Mr. Ferguson was here. Last disc. Day also. I had my hair done at night.
Thursday	May 8	Half holiday. I went down to Bogles in aft. & then went home & cleaned out recipe drawer, finished pair of socks.
Friday	May 9	Raining. Percy Daniel's baby died. Stayed in at night & had a bath, etc.
Saturday	May 10	Nice day but cool. Another officer, Don Grant, brought Laddie up about 7:30. We went to a dance in Listowel. I bawled Laddie out for not writing – everything is OK again. He went to a party for dental officers at Kincardine last weekend, in honour of 97 th Battery. Dance at Armories (swell). I met Don & his girl friend, Joe White & some others. After the dance we went to Mr. Kemp's home. Laddie & I drove home stayed out until 4.
Sunday	May 11	Lovely day but cool. Mother's Day. I gave Mother a flower. Laddie came down in aft. Laddie gave me a box of chocolates. We went for a long drive with Elg & Norma. All had supper at home & then Elg and Norma drove Laddie back to Listowel.
Monday	May 12	Cool. Vera went out to farm (Winnie's) for 8 weeks. Tired. Went to Young People's at night, played badminton afterwards & then had lunch with girls over town. Jessie is home.
Tuesday	May 13	Not feeling the best. Hitler's Secy. Rudolph Hess, No. 3 man in Germany left Germany & flew to Scotland – bails out in Scot. – he is supposed to have had a fight with Hitler. Went to Red Cross & for a walk with girls. We ate.
Wednesday	May 14	Mr. McFadden died. I went to dentist & had my teeth cleaned (finished). Aunt Eva, Jean, Nora & I went to show in Mt. Forest. Saw Cayr Grant, Jas. Stewart & Katherine Hepburn in "The Philadelphia Story", good.
Thursday	May 15	Half holiday. The 97 th Battery went through town but it was raining. I went to show in Mt. Forest with McKechnies – 2 features: one was Shirley Temple in "the Bluebird", ate afterwards.
Friday	May 16	Cloudy. Laddie wrote, sent \$100 for our acc't. I stayed in at night & went to bed early.

Saturday	May 17	Cool. Laddie came home in aft., came up to office. Laddie does everything on the spur of the moment. <u>I got my engagement ring at night.</u> We picked it out at Weppler's in Hanover. Went to Ran afterwards. Was I ever excited.
Sunday	May 18	A grand day & we had a grand time. I went home in morning & showed family my ring. In aft. Laddie & I, Geo, Vera & Evelyn went for a drive over country roads & landed up I Owen Sound, had supper at a Barbeque near Owen Sound. When we got back we had company (Mr. & Mrs. Watson & Joan) from Toronto. Laddie & I went to Flesherton with Geo. & Vera at night.
Monday	May 19	Tired but happy. Laddie went to Dental Convention in Toronto to-day, took George's car from London. Went out to farm for Vera after work. I took a load of girls to Young People's. Rally at Dundalk. We didn't get home until 1:30.
Tuesday	May 20	Real warm. Phil Morgan was in – we had quite a talk – about my engagement, etc. We had a letter from Ruby – she has German measles. I went to Red Cross & Auxiliary.
Wednesday	May 21	Real hot. 80 in Toronto. Open night. I had a lot of shopping to do. Went to bed early.
Thursday	May 22	Lorne's birthday – 15. We went to Owen Sound in aft. Vera drove & we had a little accident in Owen Sound. Another car hit us & ripped a hole in our fender. Had my hair fixed up after I came home.
Friday	May 23	A little cooler. Laddie called me to say he would be up for dance to-night. We went to Junior Red Cross dance, had a good time. We stayed out for awhile after dance. I stayed in Durham.
Saturday	May 24	A nice day for the holiday but quite windy. Harold, Violet, Reg & Mary were up – also Aunt Jennie from Port Elgin. Laddie, Lorne and I went fishing in aft. – no luck – cooked our supper at Rob Roy. We went out to the Ran to dance at night – had lunch at Anna's afterward.
Sunday	May 25	Nice day. Laddie, Geo., Vera, Evelyn & I went to Belfountain & Erin – had supper in Guelph. Got home about 11. Boys went back to Listowel & London.
Monday	May 26	Windy. I went to a concert at Zion with Ritchies. Westside United Church, Owen Sound, put on their play, "Bringing Home the Bacon", real good.
Tuesday	May 27	Dr. Sneath? died suddenly from a heart attack. I went to Red Cross at night. We put flags on strings to put up on main street to advertise Victory War Loan– went for a walk afterwards.
Wednesday	May 28	Wrote to Laddie. Raining. Laddie called me in aft. – he wants me to go down to Listowel Friday night. I went to library at night & for a walk with girls.
Thursday	May 29	Cool. I had my hair done in aft. & then went home & brought up car. Went out to a Bingo & Box Social at No.9 School – Jean Scott teaches there.

Friday	May 30	Cool but bright. Mr. Flannery came in aft. & I didn't get back off work until 5:30. Shirley & I were supposed to go to Listowel at 6:30 but I couldn't find permit, didn't get away until 7. We got there safely and met Laddie – there was a big parade, speeches, fireworks, etc. to advertise Victory War Loan. We picked up another officer, Scramfield? for Shirley . We went to dance, got home at 3.
Saturday	May 31	Raining – busy, had a sleep after work. Laddie came home. We went to Ran with George. Planned trip to London on Sun.
Sunday	June 1	Geo., Evelyn, Vera, Laddie & I left for London at 7. While Geo. was working we wen to St. Thomas. Laddie got his K.O.T.C certificate, instruments, saw some friends. We had dinner in London. Saw a grand parade, 4,000 soldiers. Went to Wonderland. Had supper in Hanover. Lad and I went to Grants and then for walk.
Monday	June 2	Real warm. Busy. Our Bridge Club had chicken dinner at Union Hotel in Hanover. A factory burnt down near the hotel while we were eating our dinner. Went to show afterwards. The Br. had to evacuate from Crete.
Tuesday	June 3	Warm. A mechanized unit from Camp Borden came to town in morning – didn't go to work until 11. We had Com. Meeting at night. Berniece and I went for a walk afterwards.
Wednesday	June 4	Very busy. Laddie called me in morning. I sent down \$25. Stayed in at night for a change, ironed, did fancy work & read.
Thursday	June 5	A beautiful day. I went home in aft., looked through some recipes. Went for a walk. Read book at night. Got a congratulation card from Ruby.
Friday	June 6	Real warm. Very busy. Ruby came up at night. We talked. She has had a shower already.
Saturday	June 7	25 to-day. Busy making out bills. Laddie & I went down home for a chicken dinner. Elg. & Norma were up. Laddie gave me 2 plates in spode; I also got 2 cups and saucers & a plate. We Went to Rav (Rahn de Voo). Elg & Norma stayed all night.
Sunday	June 8	Very cool. Elg, Norma, Laddie & I went for a drive in aft., landed up in Owen Sound. We had lunch in the car as it was too cold outside. Picked up Marg Evans after lunch, took her for a drive, got back about 10.
Monday	June 9	Still cool. Busy. Went to dentist. Stayed in at night. Did fancy work & read.
Tuesday	June 10	A little warmer. I bought a Victory Bond \$100 (for Laddie). Went to Red Cross at night & for walk. Read afterwards.
Wednesday	June 11	Laddie called me & wants me to come down to a dance to-morrow night (last one). Put arrears on bills. Went over to church at night & set tables for a banquet. Went to library afterwards.

Thursday	June 12	Mother, Dad, Lorne, Shirley & I went to Hanover in aft. I got my eyes tested, also 2 dresses, hat, slacks. Shirley & I went to Listowel at night, got there at 10, met Laddie and Fergie. Went to the regimental dance in Armouries, had a grand time. We got home Fri. at 4 am.
Friday	June 13	Raining. Tired after the big night. I went to bed at 9 o'clock – it rained all night anyway.
Saturday	June 14	Raining in morning but cleared up in aft. Laddie & Geo. came home. We went to show in Hanover: Spenser Tracey in "Men of Boys' Town". Went to Ran afterwards. I am staying in Durham for week-end.
Sunday	June 15	Went to Anniversary service. Gypsy? Smith, evangelist spoke. Laddie & I went to "Torch of Freedom" service in park in aft. parade. We then went for a drive & went to Anna's for a chicken diner. Went to church & then went to Mt. Forest for drive.
Monday	June 16	Freda left for Milton where she will be Manager of Carroll's Store. A parade of floats went through town in aft. I went to hear Gypsy Smith tell of his life from a gypsy camp to the pulpit.
Tuesday	June 17	Warm. Played tennis for first at night. Went to Auxiliary afterwards.
Wednesday	June 18	Warm. Ab is sick. I got a permanent at night at Ethel's.
Thursday	June 19	Warm. Peck & I planted flowers in morning. Went home in aft., read, etc. Berniece & I went for a walk at night.
Friday	June 20	Real hot. We cleaned office & fixed lawn. Played tennis at night. Laddie called. Geo. Is working this weekend so I am going down for him to-morrow night.
Saturday	June 21	Very hot. They took Ab to Owen Sound hospital last night for observation. Real busy – list day. Mother & Dad went to Listowel for Laddie, stopped in Mt. Forest on way home. We met Earl Hunt & had lunch. Laddie stayed at our place all night. Glorious night. We sat out on verandah.
Sunday	June 22	Hot. Laddie went up home for dinner. In aft. We picked up Geo., Vera & Evelyn & went to Port Elgin, had lunch in park. Came home by Owen Sound.
Monday	June 23	Germany has declared war on Russia. Laddie was moved from Listowel to London to-day. I went down home for supper. Miss Heard was there. I went to a reception for her afterwards at Leeson's.
Tuesday	June 24	Hot. Real busy putting in meters. They are going to take Ab to Toronto for an examination. Played tennis at night.
Wednesday	June 25	Hot. Busy. I went to Presbyterian Garden Party in Show Grounds – good supper.
Thursday	June 26	Hot. We had Mt. Forest up for a Tennis tournament. I played 2 sets. I went to Tennis Club dance at Rav afterwards with Anna & Norman – a very small crowd.

Friday	June 27	Still very hot. Ab came home from Owen Sound Hospital to-day & is going to Toronto General to-morrow. I went up to see him at night. Laddie & Geo. Came home about ten. We went to Pike Lake for drive.
Saturday	June 28	A little cooler. Laddie came up to office in aft. He is in Woodstock now. We went to Rav at night.
Sunday	June 29	Very hot. I didn't go home. Went to church in morning. Laddie & I went for walk in aft. & then for drive to Hayward? Falls. We went down home for supper. We went out to Florence's at night. They left about 10.
Monday	June 30	Very hot. Real busy. I went to a Red Cross meeting at night & then went home afterwards for holiday to-morrow. Read.
Tuesday	July 1	Very, very hot. I baked a cake, went swimming. Mother made me a bed jacket. Jessie, Aunt Eva, Lorne & I went to a show in Hanover, "I Wanted Wings", real good.
Wednesday	July 2	Much cooler. Very busy. Played tennis at night. Went down town afterwards. Ab is taking drug treatments & if they work, surgery will not be necessary.
Thursday	July 3	Nice day. I went to Owen Sound with Elgin in aft., got blouse etc. Played tennis at night. I had a letter from Laddie. Berniece and I went for a walk.
Friday	July 4	Nice day – cool. I decided to work next week – only take 1 week in July & other in Sept. Ruby came home. She was showing us shower gifts, etc., wedding is to be Aug.16. Laddie wrote he is becoming lonesome in letters this week. We had Com meeting – a lot of business.
Saturday	July 5	Real warm – quite busy. I had 2 letters from Laddie. Laddie didn't get up until about 9 as Geo. Had 2 flat tires. We went to the show in Hanover with Elgin & Norma. Saw "One Night in Lisbon".
Sunday	July 6	Warm. Laddie, Elg., Norma & I went on a picnic to Owen Sound park, had nice time. Arrived back about 10 – Geo. Left about 11.
Monday	July 7	Showery. I went up to Wilma Sockett's at night & we planned lunch for beach. I wrote to Laddie afterwards. Ruby decided to have the wedding at our place.
Tuesday	July 8	Real busy, we cut off some services – quite a few travellers in. I played tennis at night – read afterwards.
Wednesday	July 9	Mr. Ferguson came to-day. Very busy, we had to bal. a control. I had a letter from Laddie. Played tennis at night. Wrote to Laddie.
Thursday	July 10	Hot. Busy. I went home in aft., got some things ready for my holidays. Laddie wrote. The Orangemen had a street dance at night. I went to it with the girls.
Friday	July 11	Hot. Very busy. Played tennis at night & then went to library & got some books to take on my holidays. Had bath, etc.

Saturday	July 12	A grand day. I only worked in morning. 12 th celebrated in Durham. Laddie came up in aft. We ate our supper over at the Red Cross, then went over to Grants. Laddie stayed at our place at night.
Sunday	July 13	Laddie & I left about 11 for Wasaga Beach. We picked up 2 girls. We are in Sally's cottage. We had our dinner here & then went swimming, had supper and went down town. Laddie left about 9.
Monday	July 14	A beautiful day. There are 8 of us here: Hilda, Barb, Anna, Wilma, Marg McAuliffe, Ruby Voisen & Dorothy Gorman ?. We went swimming, went to Stayner, hiked. At night we went down town, bowled, played bingo, etc.
Tuesday	July 15	I have a cold. Wrote to Laddie. We had a terrible thunder storm in aft. We talked & read in aft. We went bowling at night.
Wednesday	July 16	Not a bad day but sort of showery & cool. We hiked for mail & hitch-hiked up town. In aft., went through gift shops. Ruby & girls came up to Miss Pattis? cottage. We went dancing at night & had a lot of fun.
Thursday	July 17	A very nice day. We didn't get up until late. I got a letter from Laddie. We went swimming – waves were really high. We went bowling (got mad at prop?) & dancing at night – ate afterwards. Lit fireplace – my pajamas caught on fire.
Friday	July 18	Cool. Went hiking in morning. Went up town in aft. & had our fortunes told – then went swimming. It rained at night – most of us stayed home & talked. Wilma & I had a great chat.
Saturday	July 19	Real cold & windy. Laddie, Norman & little Charles came up in aft. We went bowling 7 then had swell supper. Little Charles wouldn't go to toilet. Sat around fireplace until time to go to dance.
Sunday	July 20	Nice day. We played miniature golf & went bicycling in morning. Laddie, Wilma, Charles & I took little Charles to doctor in Stayner. We then came home about 5. Mother & Dad went to Winnie's for supper. Laddie & I came up town & went for a drive, etc. until 11!
Monday	July 21	What a letdown! I am terribly lonesome for Laddie. I had my hair washed & waved at night. You can't buy gas after 9 on week nights now or all day Sunday.
Tuesday	July 22	Warm. Ruby & girls came home from beach. I went to Auxiliary at Myrtle McKechnie's – supper meeting. Wrote to Laddie afterwards.
Wednesday	July 23	Very hot – humidity high. I had letter from Laddie. Went up to see Ab at night – he is going to get up soon. Went to library.
Thursday	July 24	Elgin 24 to-day. Very hot. We went to Sunday School picnic at Holstein. Went in swimming. Ruby sent out invitations for her wedding.
Friday	July 25	Still hot. I had a letter from Laddie to say he would be home to-morrow. Vera & I went swimming at night. I went to library for walk with Jessie.
Saturday	July 26	Hot. Started water bills. Laddie came up to office when he

		got home. We talked over getting married. He asked his parents and they told him to suit himself. Aunt Eva had 2 English boys for supper. We went swimming. Laddie & I then went down town., walked & talked.
Sunday	July 27	Very, very hot. Laddie & I went swimming in aft. & then lay under our maple tree until supper time. We went up to see Wilma & Charles at night. Thunder storm at 10:30 but it didn't seem to cool the air.
Monday	July 28	Very, very hot. Made out bills. Went down town at night & went for a walk with girls. I picked out a pattern for a dress for wedding.
Tuesday	July 29	Hot. Phil Morgan was here on his last trip – going in to army, brought me ice cream. I went to the show in Hanover at night with Seymours. Saw Wm. Powell & Myra Loy in "Love Crazy".
Wednesday	July 30	Rained in morning, warm in aft. Rest went to show. I read & went down town.
Thursday	July 31	Hot. Ruby went to Toronto. I went down home. I had a letter from Laddie. – he is a Captain now but he is next one in his district to go overseas – probably Aug. or Sept. – disappointed.
Friday	August 1	A little cooler. Peck is reading meters & what a mess – some of them haven't been read for months & months. Laddie sent me \$100 back pay for our bank acc't. I took goods over to Mrs. Wright, played tennis, had bath, etc.
Saturday	August 2	Warm. Lots of work. Harold, Violet, Betty, her boy friend, Reg and Mary came up. Laddie came home. We wen to Ran – took Clem, Wilma, June MacD & Reg Gilmour. Stayed out late.
Sunday	August 3	A grand day. Laddie & I went up to see Wilma in aft. We then went on a picnic to Owen Sound – went with Bill & Freda – had corn, chicken sandwiches, etc. Laddie stayed at our place all night, I cried. Nerves bad – work, marriage, etc.
Monday	August 4	Laddie went back with Geo. at six in morning. I rested all day as I wasn't feeling very well. Fowlers left about 8. Berniece & I went for a walk at night.
Tuesday	August 5	Lovely day. Very busy. Com. Meeting. Figured out Unemployment Ins. Some time. Read after meeting. Geo. Drew called & wanted me to go up to Keraney's cottage on Thurs. But I have to work.
Wednesday	August 6	Grand day. Very busy. I played tennis at night, then went down town. Wrote to Laddie afterwards.
Thursday	August 7	I worked all day. Very busy. I got a letter from Lad: we can no be married now (secret message) – going overseas soon. Felt very sad. Had my dress fitted. Read. Men were here looking at dairy.
Friday	August 8	Grand day. Very busy – worked until 6. Ruby came home – showed us all her clothes, etc. Lad & I gave her an electric clock & boudoir lamps.

Saturday	August 9	Nice day. Busy. Laddie didn't come home. Elgin & Norma came up at night. We looked at Ruby's presents & trousseau – then went home & had lunch.
Sunday	August 10	A grand day. Lonesome without Laddie. I went to church at night & then went up to Wilma's for awhile. Wrote a long letter to Laddie.
Monday	August 11	Very busy. It is real cool out. Went over to Mrs. Wright's & tried on my dress. Read. They went to Hamilton to see Ross – he is in bed. Mother got a new dress in Guelph.
Tuesday	August 12	Cold. I had a nice letter from Laddie. He went to St. Thomas on Sunday – was lonesome. I had my hair done at night.
Wednesday	August 13	Cool. Very busy. Poor Ruby is having a terrible time – her suit came but it didn't fit, the upholster put the needlepoint upside down, etc. I went to library & did some shopping for Mother. Brought car up.
Thursday	August 14	A little warmer. Half Holiday. I went down home. Ironed. Everybody is rushed to death getting ready for wedding. Laddie came home on train. He called for me to meet him in Hanover. He had 4 days embarkation leave – going to be in London until end of month & then to Camp Borden.
Friday	August 15	Making out power bills. Laddie called for me at noon. We decided to go to Owen Sound. I got off at four. We shopped, had a chicken dinner & then went to show "Strawberry Blonde" – swell time.
Saturday	August 16	Ruby's wedding. Cool. We all went down about 2 – wedding was at 3, about 30 there. Nice ceremony. Laddie & I signed the register. We followed them to the Rocky. Laddie, Norma, Elg & I went to the show in Hanover.



Velma on right



Laddie, Velma, Norma, Elgin

Sunday	August 17	Norma & I went to church in morning. Rev. Hill spoke. Laddie, Elg, Norma & I went to Formosa in aft., took lunch. When we came back, Ruby & Cy were at house. We talked & had ice cream. Laddie went back with Geo. about 11:30.
Monday	August 18	Dull & cool. Ruby & Cy left about 10. I cleaned up room & clothes at night – getting settled after wedding. Played tennis.
Tuesday	August 19	Cool. Aunt Eva might buy Derby's house. I played tennis at night. Read afterwards.
Wednesday	August 20	A little warmer. Quite busy. Played tennis at night & then went down town.
Thursday	August 21	Wrote to Laddie. Worked on half holiday. There was to be a Rotary Carnival ay night but we had a big thunderstorm about that time. R.H. Jardine, from Stratford, was up to look at dairy – will buy it if he can get money.
Friday	August 22	Very busy – plenty of complaints. Aunt Eva sold the dairy to Melville English from Walkerton. Laddie called to say we couldn't go to Constable's as he is expected this would be his last week-end home. Aunt Eva and I went over to look at Derby's and Bennett's house.
Saturday	August 23	Busy. Laddie got home about 4:30. We went down home for supper & brought up car. Then went over to Grant's & then to Ran – nice time.
Sunday	August 24	Laddie & I went to church. I stayed at Grants for dinner. Lad & I went up to see Charles – took him some toy soldiers, took pictures. We then took Grants over to Muir's at Ceylon. Afterwards Lad & I went to Walkerton & had dinner in restaurant. Grand time.
Monday	August 25	Raining. Ab started back to work. Not very busy. I read at night.
Tuesday	August 26	Dull & cold. Elg called to tell me about their week-end at Constable's. I went down to Berniece's at night & we

		planned lunch for week-end – intend to go up north.
Wednesday	August 27	Cool. Wrote to Laddie. Read at night & then went down town – last open night.
Thursday	August 28	Cool. I had a long letter from Ruby. Went to Owen Sound with Elgin – got shoes, purse, pin. Went down home for supper. Norma was there too.
Friday	August 29	Wrote to Ruby. Her lamps came to-day. Quite busy. Berniece & I went for a walk at night. Had bath, etc.
Saturday	August 30	Got ready for Com. Meeting Tues. night. Laddie called from London to say he would be here about 7 with George. I went over to Grant's with him while he pulled a tooth for his Dad. We went to the Ran with George.
Sunday	August 31	Showery. I went up to Grant's in aft. Laddie's uncle Lynn was there. I stayed for supper. Laddie & I went for a drive, then waited for Geo. to go back to London.
Monday	September 1	Labor Day. Laddie went to Camp Borden this morning. We threshed at home. I helped mother. Pasted in snaps at night. Bob Gray of the Dental Corps called on us in aft.
Tuesday	September 2	Nice day. We had Com. Meeting at night. They made a resolution asking Ab for his resignation. I stayed with Wilma all night as her parents are away.
Wednesday	September 3	Lovely day – busy. Berniece & I went for a walk at night. Vera started to Business College in Hanover to-day. I wrote to Laddie.
Thursday	September 4	Raining. I went over to Hilda's in aft. Washed my hair & had it waved at night.
Friday	September 5	Durham Fall Fair & did it ever rain! Carrie Thornell & Howard came. Howard took me to the show at night in Hanover. He got Jessie & Hilda afterwards & went down home for lunch. Laddie called to say he got 14 days furlough.. I am going over?
Saturday	September 6	Nice day but windy. Alma Kress' wedding – big time. Drove them around afterwards in an old car. Busy before holidays. Howard & I went to Mt. Forest at night. He has a swell car – a 5 passenger Pontiac coupe. We saw Elgin & Norma. Had lunch.
Sunday	September 7	Mother, Dad & I left for Camp Borden in morning. Met Laddie at Northern Barrier at noon. Had lunch, then went to Constable's. Lad & I drove back to Borden in aft. Then had supper at Constable's. Stayed out all night.
Monday	September 8	Lad's leave came through O.K. so we left for home about noon. Had dinner & shopped in Barrie. I fixed clothes after I came home. Laddie, Elgin & I went to show at night in Mt. Forest.
Tuesday	September 9	Lovely hot day. Laddie & I left on a trip. We had dinner in St. Thomas. I shopped – got a hat – while Laddie did some business. We stopped in London & Woodstock to see some officers, ate supper in Brantford & then went to Fowler's. Visited Helen's and Harold's. Had lunch at Reg's & went to bed.

Wednesday	September 10	We left for Niagara in morning. Had dinner there. Saw all the sights – we climbed up 235 stairs in Brock’s monument at Queenston. We then went to Font Hill to see Brock. He has a swell home, lovely baby. We then went to Hamilton – ate there. I called Mother. We decided not to go home. Went to Toronto arrived about 12:30. Laddie’s aunt Frances was still up s we stayed there.
Thursday	September 11	Grand day. I slept with Jessie. In morning we went for a walk. We then went down town & shopped all aft. Laddie bought me a Dental pin. I got him a book, “Military Law”. We picked up Jean at 6 and had a lovely dinner at Murray’s. We then drove out to Mimico but Laddie’s aunts weren’t at home. Went to a show in New Toronto. Real good.
Friday	September 12	We left for home in morning. I drove into some oil at Orangeville. I made a mess of the car – foreman bawled me out. Elg and Laddie fixed the car in aft. Lad, Elg, Lorne & I went to show in Hanover. Laddie decided not to go to Peterborough to-morrow as his father is sick (sciatica). Was I ever disappointed.
Saturday	September 13	Mother, dad, Aunt Eva & I left for Peterborough at 10, had lunch at a nice place near Sutton. Arrived at 4, had a lovely dinner. Ruby has a very nice place. We went shopping at night, had lunch afterwards. Mother& Dad stayed at hotel.
Sunday	September 14	A beautiful day. Cy drove us all around city, saw lift locks – largest in world – some of Kawartha Lakes – drove over a floating bridge 1 mile long – had a grand dinner – left for home at 4. I drove most of way. Arrived home at 10. Laddie came up. We missed each other terribly.
Monday	September 15	Back to work again. Tired. Laddie came up in aft. We went to the show, “Kiss the Boys Goodbye”, in Hanover at night – took Lorne with us. Melvin English got possession of Dairy to-day but we don’t have to move to Denby’s house until end of month.
Tuesday	September 16	Aunt Eva is having a great time trying to decide whether to remove the arch in the house or not. Laddie & I went for a walk at night, talked over insurance, etc.
Wednesday	September 17	Lovely day. Laddie & I went down home for supper & then went out to see Florence at night.
Thursday	September 18	Grand day. Half Holiday. Laddie, Wilma, Charles and I went to Owen Sound in aft. Cooked our supper at Inglis Falls. Went to show in Owen Sound – had a grand day. Charles is a swell little boy.
Friday	September 19	Lovely day. Laddie called me several times & came up to see me. His equipment came up from St. Thomas to-day. We went over to the office for awhile at night & then went to a dance in Mt. Forest with Vera – their fall fair.
Saturday	September 20	Beautiful fall day – warm. Laddie & I walked up to Wilma’s at night. After we came down town. We met Elgin & Norma, sat in their car.

Sunday	September 21	A beautiful day – real warm. Laddie, Lorne, Clem, Wilma & I went to Camp Borden in aft. Had our dinner at Barrie. We left Laddie at Camp Borden on our way back from Barrie as his furlough is over now.
Monday	September 22	Another grand day. I filed away stubs. Knit at night & listened to radio.
Tuesday	September 23	Swell day, hot. Finished filing stubs. Vera likes Business College now. I went to Rotary Carnival at night, won a club bag at bingo. Worked in Junior Red Cross booth.
Wednesday	September 24	Beautiful day – real warm. Aunt Eva is busy painting new house – men are working there. Berniece and I wet for a walk at night. I finished a sock.
Thursday	September 25	Very windy. Wrote to Laddie. A terrible aft., power off most of time. Had my hair done at night – a treatment.
Friday	September 26	Much cooler. Laddie called (letter too) to say he wouldn't be home this week-end as he wanted to go to Toronto to get sleeping bag, etc. Might see Ivy. He will be home next week on embarkation leave. I was very disappointed. Went to dance in Holstein with Anna & Barb.
Saturday	September 27	Nice day but cool. Not very busy so had plenty of time to think. Had a coke with Clem at noon. We moved some of things over to house at night. I met Florence & went out home with her for week-end.
Sunday	September 28	Cold & raining. Florence & I went to church in morning. Read and slept in aft. I came in at night with Bill. We moved clothes, etc. over to house until eleven. Last night to sleep at dairy.
Monday	September 29	Mother's birthday – 56. Cold. We moved this morning. I wrote long letter to Laddie. We all had dinner at Sally's. I had a letter from Laddie – he saw Ivy over weekend. We slept down at farm at night.
Tuesday	September 30	I got ready for meeting. On my way to meeting, I met Laddie – he came on bus. Home on embarkation leave. They didn't fire Ab. I met Laddie after meeting. He didn't see Ivy over weekend – was only kidding me. We went downhome. Elgin came along so we went to Owen Sound with him. Late getting back.
Wednesday	October 1	Laddie came up in aft. We drove Lorne home after school, then went to Hanover for dinner & the show, "They Met in Bombay" – Clark Gable & Rosalind Russell. We met Egin & Norma at show, took them for a drive afterwards. I stayed at new house for first time.
Thursday	October 2	A grand day. Laddie & I went for a drive through the country – trees lovely. Had a nice time – gave Florence a ride home from school. We had supper at home – Elgin & Norma were up. The four of us went to Carnival in Hanover, good time. Won a blanket, doll, candy.

Friday	October 3	Raining. Laddie went to Toronto to-day on train. He came over at noon to say good-bye. I read and fixed clothes at night.
Saturday	October 4	Dull. Quite busy. Aunt Eva got a new chesterfield – dusty rose. I went to show in Hanover with Barb, saw “Life Begins for Andy Hardy”. Went to carnival afterwards.
Sunday	October 5	Rained in morning but cleared up in aft. I slept until noon. Elg was up all day. He has a sore leg. I took him for drive in aft. Read at night.
Monday	October 6	Dull. Real busy. I had two letters from Laddie – he didn’t see Ivy – was lonesome in Toronto – stayed a Royal York. I wrote to Laddie, knit, etc.
Tuesday	October 7	Busy. Phil Morgan was in. He gave his girlfriend the ring over the week-end so we had a great chat. Went to Red Cross supper at night & had badminton meeting afterwards, played for first.
Wednesday	October 8	Laddie called Aunt Eva to say he was leaving to-day or to-morrow. He sent me a beautiful Gruen wristwatch. I didn’t know what to do with myself at night so went down to Grants & had a long talk with Mrs. Grant.
Thursday	October 9	Cold. I went up to Owen Sound in aft. with Norma, Mrs. McIntyre & Mother. I got a new green dress, 9 ⁰⁰ – I had a letter from Laddie. Wrote one to him – my first one addressed overseas.
Friday	October 10	I got a great surprise to-day when Laddie called to say they got word not to go for a few days, so he is coming home for week-end. I got a nice letter from him too. Busy at night getting cleaned up.
Saturday	October 11	Nice day. Worked in morning. Left right after dinner for Lad, got there at 2:15. We took our time coming home as we had lots to talk about. I had supper at Grant’s. Met Laddie’s Aunt Allie & Aunt Jessie. We went over town at night. Lad stayed at our place all night.
Sunday	October 12	We didn’t get up until 11. Reg & Mary, Geraldine & Leo came up. Lad went home for dinner & came down in aft. George was down too. We went for drive & stopped in at McGirr’s. I got supper for the four of us as rest were away. We went to church in Mt. Forest with Elg – drive after – ate in restaurant.
Monday	October 13	A swell day Thanksgiving Day. Laddie, Norma, Elg & I left at 9 for Camp Borden – lovely drive – trees grand. Laddie went into camp at noon. We had lunch in Barrie – fooled around in aft., picked Lad up again at 4. Had chicken dinner in Barrie – saw swell show, George Formby in “Come on George”. Took Lad back to Borden. He isn’t going away until end of month now.
Tuesday	October 14	Raining. Quite busy finishing bills. I have a room to myself now. Went to Red Cross at night.
Wednesday	October 15	Cool. Wrote to Laddie, typed out soldiers’ addresses overseas for Rotary Club to send cigarettes. We started our Bridge Club at Hilda’s.
Thursday	October 16	Half Holiday. I stayed in town, finished socks, etc. Went to

		Badminton tournament at night – only girls there.
Friday	October 17	Nice day. Vera went to Mary Reis' wedding. I read, had bath, etc. at night.
Saturday	October 18	Raining. I had a letter from Laddie to say he won't be home as he has to work this week-end. I had a bad cold so stayed in at night.
Sunday	October 19	A nice day. Winnie, Jack and Elgin were here – stayed for supper. I went down to Mt. Forest church with Elg. We picked up Norma afterwards & came up home & listened to the radio.
Monday	October 20	Wrote to Laddie. Had a nice letter from him. Played badminton at night and knit.
Tuesday	October 21	Raining. Busy. Had a letter from Laddie. Went to Bridge Club at Anna's.
Wednesday	October 22	Wrote to Laddie. Last Disc'Day. Mr. Ferguson here so quite busy. I had a letter from Laddie – writing much oftener now. Went to Auxiliary Thank offering meeting at Winnie's. Mrs. House spoke.
Thursday	October 23	They are having the half holidays the yr. round now except Dec. I had a letter from Laddie. Washed my hair & had it waved. Knit. Went to bed early.
Friday	October 24	I had a letter from Laddie. He is writing every day now. He came home unexpectedly at night. We went down home with Elg, brought car up, had nice time.
Saturday	October 25	Quite cold – the odd flurry of snow. I had a letter from Laddie – the 7 th in a row. He came up for me at noon & at 5 we went to the show in Owen Sound with Elgin & Norma – saw Alice Faye & Don Amish in "One Night in Rio". We bought a chicken.
Sunday	October 26	Mother & Dad went to Holstein. I cooked the chicken dinner for Laddie, Elg & Norma. We lay around in aft., had supper & then we took Laddie back to Borden. Nelson & Emily Clarke went with us.
Monday	October 27	Raining. I wrote to Laddie at night as he wants me to write every night. Knit & listened to Lux.
Tuesday	October 28	Very cold. I went over to Saunders with Aunt Eva, as Thos. Saunders is dead. Went to Red Cross. The Germans are making great head way in Russia – trying to get to Caucasian? Basin & oil line.
Wednesday	October 29	Wrote to Laddie. Finished water bills. I had a letter from Laddie – will likely be home one more week-end. Went to Bridge Club at Berniece's, had nice Hallowe'en Salad, planned duck dinner for Hallowe'en.
Thursday	October 30	Raining. Wrote Laddie. Aunt Eva & I went over to Sally's in aft. English boys there – we had tea. Got letter. Finished glove. Played badminton at night. Aunt Eva entertained ladies.
Friday	October 31	Hallowe'en. Had 2 letters. Laddie called to say he had long week-end. Mother & Dad & I went over for him. Very foggy. We ate at Angus. Laddie drove back.

Saturday	November 1	Raining in morning. I got soaked at noon. Laddie came up to office in aft. We went to dance in Hanover at night – took George, Vera, Jean & 2 English boys who are staying at Aunt Eva's – Tom & Sid.
Sunday	November 2	Raining. Laddie came down in aft. We went to Varney Church Anniversary. We then went up to see Charles & Wilma – took them for a drive. Morlocks? At our place for supper. Laddie & I went to Mt. Forest after supper & got a new tire. He went back with Nelson Clarke at 10. Sid & Tom were at Aunt Eva's until 12.
Monday	November 3	Nice day. Busy. We had our Bridge Club to-night at Ethel's – lovely evening.
Tuesday	November 4	Nice day. Wrote Laddie. Got ready for meeting. Went to Red Cross supper first – I was on lunch Com. Town Council (deleg.) were at Com. Meeting re: street lights & rent for office.
Wednesday	November 5	Nice day. Real busy. Wrote Laddie – had a letter. Stayed in at night & knit on glove & read. Vera sent Christmas parcel to Reg.
Thursday	November 6	Raining. Half Holiday but I worked most of aft. Wrote Laddie. Mother made Christmas Cake. Played badminton at night.
Friday	November 7	Laddie called to say he expects to leave Sun. – wanted me to go up. I asked Shirley & Mary to go but at last minute they couldn't so I went alone. Got there at 7:15. We had dinner in Barrie, went to a show, had lovely time. I got home 3:15. Snowing most of way – wiper came off.
Saturday	November 8	Last disc't day. Snowing. Everyone thinks it is awful that I went to Borden alone on such a terrible night. I couldn't get car started after work – out of gas. Lorne, Barb & I went to show in Hanover. Saw "A Yank in the R.A.F." – good.
Sunday	November 9	Laddie left Camp Borden for Overseas. I went out to Winnie's for dinner. He called when I was away but Elg took message. Went to church at night. Wrote a long letter to Laddie.
Monday	November 10	Snowing. Went down town in morning to see Military Display of Armoured Vehicles. They gave some of the Durham boys a ride in the tanks. At night I went down to Grant's – took group picture down. Laddie's Aunt Frances was there – we had a great chat.
Tuesday	November 11	Snowing. Had tooth filled. I went to service at Monument at 7, then to Red Cross. Read & wrote out recipes for overseas. Varney Church had supper & made \$46.
Wednesday	November 12	Mr. Flannery here in morning. Made out power bills. Started gloves for Lorne. Did some fancy work, read.
Thursday	November 13	Half Holiday. I packed a Christmas box for Laddie. I had a letter from him posted in Halifax. Went to Bridge Club out at Freda's – fruit salad for lunch.
Friday	November 14	Wrote Laddie. Milder. I had another letter from Laddie from Halifax – living on boat. Don Grant & Jo are married – she went down to Nova Scotia to marry him (only had 1 week). I broke my plate on an apple. Knit at night – had bath, etc.

Saturday	November 15	Mild. I didn't work in aft. while my teeth were being fixed in Owen Sound. Ironed. Went to Owen Sound at night. Read & knit afterwards.
Sunday	November 16	Uncle Will, Barb & Anna were down for supper, stayed until 9. I read afterwards & wrote to Laddie.
Monday	November 17	Nice day but cool. Cleaned office as I had floor done on Sat. Went to Young People's at night. Knit & listened to Lux. Had my teeth cleaned.
Tuesday	November 18	A beautiful day - Indian Summer, I guess. Art Hardy was in and asked me to go to show in Hanover. Went to Red Cross & Auxiliary. Was nominated for Sec'y of Stewardship & Finance. Laddie must be on ocean now as I haven't heard from him for a week.
Wednesday	November 19	Another grand day. The Br. troops started a drive into Libya. Russians holding their own – things look much brighter. I had Bridge Club at farm – English Monkey & Christmas cake for lunch.

Velma's recipe for English Monkey

1 cup bread crumbs
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, cut in small pieces
1 egg
1 tbsp. butter
salt & pepper

Soak bread crumbs in milk for a few minutes. Melt butter in saucepan, add cheese cut in small pieces & let it melt; then add soaked crumbs, egg beaten lightly, salt & pepper to taste. Cook 3 mins. Serve on heated crackers.

Thursday	November 20	Half Holiday. Wrote Laddie. I got a permanent – think it is a good one. Went to badminton meeting at night – played afterwards.
Friday	November 21	Installed fluorescent lights in office – easy on eyes. Finished Lorne's gloves. Went to library at night – got 2 books. Had bath, read.
Saturday	November 22	Bright day. I went down to Mt. Forest with Elgin for week-end. Had supper at Fawsbury's?. Norma & I went down town, had lunch afterwards at McIntyre's. I stayed there all night.
Sunday	November 23	Dull & sloppy. Mrs. McIntyre & I went to church in morning. Elgin, Norma & I came up home for supper. Listened to radio – heard the speech of Major-General Sansom on the 5 th Division's Departure from Can., on the "Carry on Canada" program.

Monday	November 24	Can. 5 th (Armoured) Division, largest convoy of troops ever to go overseas, landed safely in Eng. – heard it over radio and in paper. I wrote to Laddie, felt relieved & thankful. Mrs. Grant got a night letter from Laddie written before he left Halifax. Stayed in at night, knit & listened to Lux.
Tuesday	November 25	Cold – read all about Armoured Division's arrival in Eng. – called Sansom's "Rough Riders". Went to Red Cross & to Badminton tournament – had lunch.
Wednesday	November 26	Busy. The Br. Expedition into Libya looks as if it might be successful. Went to Bridge Club at Rita's – got prize – a fancy tea towel
Thursday	November 27	A beautiful day, so I walked out to McGirr's in aft, stayed for supper. I was down to Grant's – we still haven't received a cable from Laddie. Emily got hers to-day.
Friday	November 28	Lovely day – beautiful sunset. I went to the show in Owen Sound with Elgin & Norma – saw Loretta Young in "The Lady from Cheyenne". I sent cigarettes to Laddie.
Saturday	November 29	Raining. No cable yet. Aunt Eva had dinner for Blythe families (12). I went over town & picked out Christmas card for Laddie. Nadine came down to farm for week-end.
Sunday	November 30	Lovely day. Elgin was home. Read. Went to church at night & went in to Berniece's afterwards.
Monday	December 1	I got a cable from Laddie – was a week coming. I wrote him 2 letters (1airgraph) also sent magazines and card. Cliff Ritchies have a daughter. Stayed in at night. Knit, read & listened to Lux. Price ceiling started to-day.
Tuesday	December 2	A grand day. Went to Red Cross supper – Italian spaghetti. Com. Meeting afterwards. We asked for cost of living allowance but didn't get it – not until Feb. To pay \$18 rent for office.
Wednesday	December 3	Another swell day. Very busy. Went to a play in Hanover, "Mama's Baby Boy" put on by Business College that Vera attends. Vera was darky maid. Real good.
Thursday	December 4	A beautiful day, just like spring. Wrote to Laddie. Worked in aft. as no half holidays for Dec. Stayed in at night, knit & read.
Friday	December 5	Making out bills. Went to Red Cross euchre in hall – had one in Oddfellows Hall too – made \$150 -dance afterwards.
Saturday	December 6	Colder & snowing. Saw Laddie's name on paper, on list of dentists overseas. Went home at five. Read, etc. at night.
Sunday	December 7	Cold but bright. Elgin & Norma were up for supper. We went for drive to Lake in aft. Went to church at night. Wrote Laddie. Japan attacked Hawaii (Am. colony).
Monday	December 8	I got a nice cable from Laddie – unexpected. Said that he was thinking of me more than ever. The Americans, Canada & England declared war on Japan. The Japanese have really stirred things up in the States & here.

Tuesday	December 9	Everyone excited about the Japanese attacks on Am. & Br. Colonies in Pacific. Blackout in Br. Columbia – all along Pacific coast. Went to Auxiliary at night. I am Secy. Did some Christmas shopping after work.
Wednesday	December 10	Lots of snow now. Two important Br. Ships sunk in Pacific, “The Prince of Wales” & “Repulse”. Went to Bridge Club at Anna’s, last for this year. I got booby – Christmas seals.
Thursday	December 11	A nice morning. Sun shining on fresh snow – trees lovely. Wrote to Laddie. Went to Crockinole Party that Mother had for red Cross – 15 tables. Real frosty.
Friday	December 12	Germany & Italy have declared war on U.S. Cold. Did some shopping. Went to Christmas Sunday School concert. Charles sang “Tommy Thumb”.
Saturday	December 13	Snowing. Santa Claus day in Durham. I went home at five. Made candy. Knit.
Sunday	December 14	Stormy. Elgin & Norma were up for awhile. I went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on the book “Britain Under Fire” by Dr. Burwell. Etta Twamley? called on us after church.
Monday	December 15	Wrote to Laddie. The Russians are driving the Germans out of Russia; however, Japanese are making great headway in Am. & Br. Colonies in Pacific. Did some shopping, stayed in at night.
Tuesday	December 16	Real mild. Fixing up meter books. Vera had a Christmas cable from Reg. Went over town after supper & did some shopping.
Wednesday	December 17	Lovely winter’s day. Elgin went down to Hamilton for medical – enlisted in Air Force yesterday. I got cable from Laddie same day as he sent it. He is getting letters & parcels.
Thursday	December 18	I sent Christmas cable to Laddie. Busy. Had my hair done at night. Heard Lloyd George speak from Eng.
Friday	December 19	Quite busy as we are having our meeting to-night. The Com. Gave us each 3 ⁰⁰ for a Christmas box. Had bath, etc. after I went home.
Saturday	December 20	Much colder. Busy. Auxiliary had bake sale. Mr. Sarney? Gave me a box of chocolates. Went home at 5. Wrapped up presents. Elgin & Norma came up. We played “500” – had lunch.
Sunday	December 21	Finished wrapping up presents. Elgin & Norma came up for a Christmas tree. We went up to Uncle John’s for supper (ran out of gas). I went over to Freda’s for a visit. Wrote to Laddie & Ruby.
Monday	December 22	A lovely day – mild. Very busy. Got a lot of cards. Listened to Lux at night, knit & wrapped up some presents.
Tuesday	December 23	Mild. Bob Ball brought me up box of chocolates. Churchill landed in U.S. to confer with Roosevelt. Things are looking much brighter. Hong Kong is still holding out. The Russians are driving the Germans back & the Br. have the German army practically defeated in Libya.
Wednesday	December 24	Very mild – raining. No snow. Ab & Peck gave me powder & perfume – got deck of cards from Peckard? Went home

		after work. Made punch. Got everything ready for tomorrow.
Thursday	December 25	A lovely day – sun shining – not a speck of snow. We were alone. Opened our presents about noon, then had dinner. I got underwear, 2pr.stockings, gloves, writing paper, Freda's picture, plate in Spode, cosmetics, dish. Played cards in aft. I wrote to Laddie at night.
Friday	December 26	Holiday. Read & knit. Had lunch at Aunt Eva's at night – then bath, etc. Listened to Churchill's wonderful speech from White House in Washington.
Saturday	December 27	Back to work again. Colder with a little snow. Exchanged some presents. Went home after work. Read a wonderful poem "The White Cliffs" by Alice Duer Miller – story of an American girl who married an Englishman.
Sunday	December 28	Read a good book, "I was Winston Churchill's Private Secretary". Went to church at night & then in to Berniece's to see her Christmas presents. Inez and Ritchies were there. Had lunch.
Monday	December 29	A lovely winter's day. Mrs. Grant got a parcel from Laddie – a silver sugar shaker and pastel? server. I went in to see them. Played badminton at night & then went to Inez's – had a grand lunch. Wrote to Laddie.
Tuesday	December 30	I got my first letter from Laddie to-day. Letter No.4 sent airmail. Was I ever glad to get it! He is lonesome as he hasn't had any letters yet. I went down to Grant's at night; played badminton & then went down to Ritchie's for lunch. Anna got ring for Christmas.
Wednesday	December 31	Grand day. Very busy. I spent New Year's Eve making candy for Laddie. Winnie & Jack were down. – had lunch.

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