

16 Jan. 1941. Thurs. All Xmas Cards down by now; here is the one sent out by Will Y. Darling, to all our Civil Defence folk; it is worth preserving..Got cheque today for the cost of my removal..At S.D.Court this morning, conducting proof for Duncans' Trs. vs. a tenant; put Yule and Phebe in the witness-box; got a decree all right. Elwyn an amused spectator.. Mrs. Wilding of C. Africa staying 2 nights here; very interesting person; Swiss; gave her £5 for her children..Discussion this afternoon in Parl. House with Lord Normand about fire-watching for the Courts...Sudden death of R.A.Simpson, the Dispatch Rents expert...

17 Jan. 1941. Fri. Duke of Leinster in today; he is beginning proceedings in England now! .. At Mr. Ewing's for supper; Alice and Cam Dovey there; they want me to be Grace's Curator Bonis.. Funny to see Henny again; & Julia! both getting grey-haired..It is a lovely house. Mr. E. insisted on a car for me to Palmerston Place, at his expense..Cam thinks Hitler is the Man of Sin..... Mansons and Sayer all coming for supper tomorrow...

19 Jan. 1941. Sun. Snowing again..At early P.M. Only 3 there to pray.. At Miss MacLaren's for lunch; Dr. A. Watt, Inverleith Row there, and Lady Mackenzie..Green ginger to drink! .. At Class; Kerr spoke. Norman's infants have whooping cough & measles..Spoke at Musselburgh at night, on 'A Spoonful of Sunshine.' ..Tea at Jas. Gibson's after..Sent Ish interesting issue of the Monthly Visitor, by Dr. Drummond; picture of himself at the 4th tee at Newtonmore, helping a small boy who fell out of the train there recently; A.H.Roberts was in the train..

20 Jan. 1941. Mon. Two letters from my love; tho' no. 20 still missing. Sent her a cable. Lots of news of their Xmas celebrations; boys' school reports; Dr. Northcote Deck's house burned in Toronto. Boys' reports are good..At A.D.Smith's for supper; showed Sandy's films..Hy. Pickering died today at Largs. Peter is going to funeral. HyP. was quite a landmark; tho' not in the first rank, somehow. I wonder who will take up his mantle..Also death of Mrs. Lloyd George...

PICKERING.—At "Innisfree," Charles Street, LARGS, on 20th January, 1941, HENRY PICKERING, aged 82 years, beloved husband of Mary Johnstone, editor of *The Witness*, and chairman of Pickering & Inglis, Ltd. Public service in Brisbane Hall, Largs, on Thursday, 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.; interment in Largs Cemetery at 3.15 p.m.

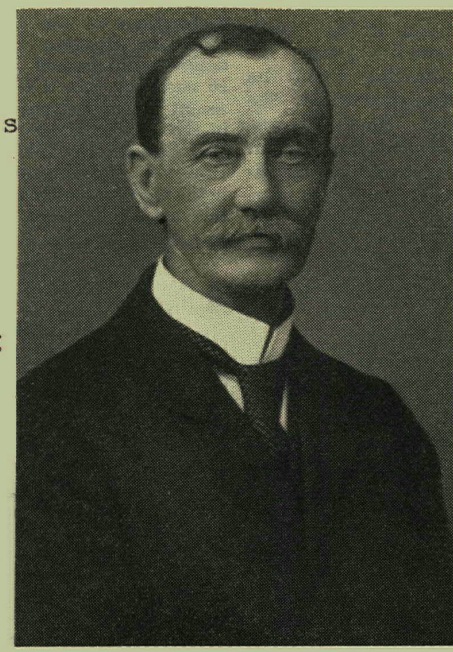
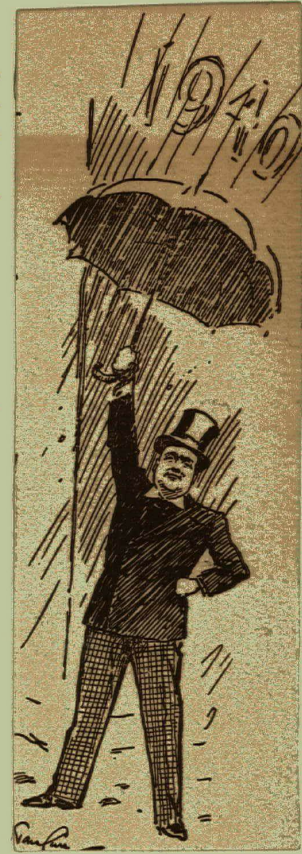
22 Jan. 1941. Wed. War making strides in Africa; Tobruk has been stormed by the Australians, just like Bardia..Great exercise started today at War Room; I did extra for Keith, off sick...J.C.Wilson at supper with me; he is here from Dundee for a little, relieving..nice talk about Jongo, and had prayer..much palaver at Palmerston Pl. over the exercise; much muddling, so far..... Death of another old friend; Mr. Thomas Yule, W.S., of J.W. & J. Mackenzie. A great antiquary; he laid out the markings in the High St. to show the extent of the Old Polbooth..

24 Jan. 1941. Fri. Peter went to Mr. Pickering's funeral. W.J. & O. doing all the business. J. B. Watson took the service, helped by Mr. St. John..Met Muriel; Douglas is in the district..

25 Jan. 1941. Sat. Had a divorce yesterday before Lord Patrick, from Ferrier Robb; he was through himself. Philip as counsel. Went thro' quite simply..All night at War Room, at the big exercise. No sleep for anyone. It went all right. Two divorces this morning; F.C.Watt in one and G.S.Reid in the other..Dozed in the afternoon, till wakened by the sirens; lasted an hour..

26 Jan. 1941. Sun. Jas. Milne, a Glasgow architect, was our speaker..He took the Y.P.H. Jn. Black had us to tea..Sirens went just before the Class; went off near the end..went from the night meeting to War Room, for Eaton, who will take Norman Campbell's shift tomorrow; he being off ill..

27 Jan. 1941. Mon. Got my dear one's no. 20 today; after many days..At W. & J. Cook's today, re Grace Dovey's affairs. Mr. Cook thought Mrs. Dovey's Will didn't contain an appointment of the Campbell Trust; I thought it did; later he agreed with me..It makes a considerable difference to Grace....



THE LATE THOMAS YULE, W.S.

Oversight meeting at night; re fire-watching chiefly, & district prayer-meetings..Have got 2 more Harvieston flats let, to Jews..Was at Saughton to see Mrs.Theurer. ..Party tonight in the Walpole Hall, for the Regional Commissioner's staff; I kept clear! .. This is Edinburgh Fire Week; demonstrations in the street of putting out bombs, etc..

29 Jan.1941. Wed. My darling's birthday.....

30 Jan.1941. Thur. Letter from Churchwards; they seem well..Met Neil Maclean, Sheriff at Dunfermline...General Metaxas, Greek premier, died; great loss to Greece..

31 Jan.1941. Fri. At Shaw's Hall, Newhaven, last night, with Turvey and Johnnie Dickson; spoke on 'The Spoonfull of Sunshine.' Then to War Room; Jas. Walker off ill. Stayed till 11. Played Chalmers at chess; he lost thro' being too careless!

1 Feb.1941. Sat. War Room last night..Norman Campbell been to nursing home for observation; home again,

but not well..Fine day; took bus to Birkenhead; walked to Middleton, then Curriehill, Borthwick, along the valley, thro' Harvieston grounds, and to Miss Clark's at Gorebridge. She had a slight shock; is better, I think... Got a cup of tea from her; and bus home. Country looking fine; grand walk.... Wendell Willkie, late aspirant for U.S.A. president, in England, seeing conditions. His description of his reactions reads well.....Mrs. Russell died this morning; elder of old Mrs. Taylor's daughters, (of Portugal connection).... Mrs. Taylor was over 90, and nearly blind; I often got her to sign documents, and she invariably asked, 'Is there unk on me pen?' .. Also noticed death of Thos. Cowan, whom Hedley succeeded. Cowan was formerly a journalist, and went round the country with Moody & Sankey, reporting their meetings... Mr. Wildish begins tonight at Carrubbers Close....

2 Feb.1941. Sun. Snow again. Walked to P.M. .. Mr. Balloch, Glasgow, for day; staying with Stewart Marcus.. Norman Bachpp at the meeting. I asked him where was his uniform. 'Getting pressed for Tuesday' he said. "Why?" "Being married." .. Very short notice to everybody..Spoke at Y.P.H. on 'Spoonfull of Sunshine.' ... Sent Elizabeth Towe cheque for £2.2.0 as wedding present....

4 Feb.1941. Tue. Meeting in Stuart & Stuart's re fire-watchers for Frederick St.. Norman Bachop married in Bellevue today; Mr. Rt. Sharp (Was-ye) officiated...Peter McCulloch best man... Did Jas. Walker's tour at War Room for him..

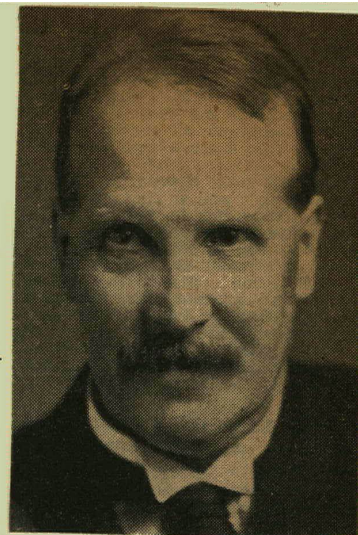
6 Feb.1941. Thur. Very busy at War Room last evening, with road blocks..Proof today in Flett v Linklater, on damages only; Stromness lorry accident; McLarty my counsel; did all right; Keith gave £600 damages, in one sentence..Spoke at Tollcross Women's Mtg. on 'Let not your heart be troubled.' .. At War Room again tonight, for Jas. Walker..He has had 'flu. .. Macnair is ill, also...

7 Feb.1941. Fri. Cheers: got my pet's 23 letter today, and 24 yesterday..Got account of their New Year visit to Cissie Thomson's at Windsor..Saw the 'Oradian' in library..List of gifts for the soldiers - 'Mrs. Stevenson, of Allangarth, 2/6d.' Well! .. Actually got a pound pot of marmalade today from Wm. Shearer. A treat, after long absence.. Not lemon, of course..

8 Feb.1941. Sat. At War Room all night. Great news, capture of Benghazi. Chalmers was so elated that he composed this masterpiece of a limerick:-
'Said a Wop to his pal in Benghazi Do you t'ink we get help from de Nazi?
Said his pal, Wot a hope; don't count on that dope,
For Wavell 'asn't taken long, 'as 'e?' ...

Ian Charleson has been made an honorary sheriff-sub. at Dunblane...Got blessed letter 25 today..Went to see Macnair in Kilmaurs Road in afternoon; he in bed. then to Kerr's for the slides for lecture on the Pilgrim's Progress; then to War Room, 4 to 7.30... Spent rest of night studying the slides for tomorrow...

9 Feb.1941. Sun. Nice meeting; Boswell Philips and Wildish took part..Gave the lecture to the Class; lot of Sunday School children; listened very well; want to come back for the remainder. It left me very hoarse; shouting for over an hour..Took John Harland up for tea; stayed in at night..Churchill broadcast at length at 9 p.m. .. Mrs. Holliday has died; also H.G.Hall of Llanfairfechan; also John Hewison, in a Kirkwall Hotel. He was a decent soul, tho he didn't make the most of life. I best remember grand sails in his boat in Pierowall Bay....Wm. Shearer has taken a shock, poor man, tho' not too badly..



Mr. Robertson, the retiring Town Clerk.

MR WENDELL WILLKIE

Spirits of People Praised in Tour of London Shelters

MR WENDELL WILLKIE visited typical shelters in various parts of London during the Alert last night.

Standing in the midst of a crowd in one deep shelter, Mr Willkie was moved almost to tears. "I am a tough egg, I think," he told a reporter, "but this moves me very deeply. I am almost spilling over."

11 Feb. 1941. Tue. Campbelltown raided; the Fiscal killed..Jam and Alice Dovey in; long talk about the mother's will, and Grace...At P/M tonight; nice mtg. Spoke for 5 mins. on the prayers of Martha & Mary. Martha's didn't move Him.



Lord Pitman has died at his Gullane house, aged 76. Here is his photo. He wasn't a great judge, and in fact was a real surprise appointment, as he was thought to be a back number. However, he turned out quite well. He displayed sound common sense, and if his decisions were not profound, they very often hit the mark. He was a very pleasant man on the bench, and had a sense of humour.....

The Greater Test

A South African newspaper (noted by a London contemporary) has been comparing the war with the first innings of a cricket Test match—a comparison which we might have expected Australia to make first. Scores of the various countries are indicated by the number of days they officially held out against the enemy attack.

The following is the score to date:—

P. O. Land, c Stalin, b Hitler	10
C. Slovakia, c and b Hitler	0
A. U. Stria, run out	0
D. Enmark, run out	0
N. Orway c Quisling, b Hitler	62
H. Olland, retired hurt	3
B. Elgium, st Leopold, b Hitler	17
F. Rance, c Musso, b Hitler	294
G. Britain and D. O. Minions are not out; America has still to bat.	

'The Greater Test.' Here is a rather clever imaginary cricket-score, of the nations at war, in the Scotsman. May Great Britain and the Dominions have a long spell of batting, and never get out at all!

15 Feb. 1941. Sat. Spent afternoon in Glasgow..Met Aunt Ethel, & discussed her affairs..Lent her another £25, which I hope I may see again..Had tea with the Haldanes in Newlands..Plenteous meal, nice talk. Broke off sugar in tea there, & will give it a month's free trial.. Old Mrs. Urquhart, late C.I.M., was killed by a van in Blackhall..The Norwich Union have asked me to defend the driver! ..

16 Feb. 1941. Sun. Gave part II of Pilgrim's Progress to the Class..Mr. Gray, Spain, at Bellevue. At Summerside for supper, with Douglas. Muriel went to the Home on Friday. Douglas very nervous about it all, being the first.

17 Feb. 1941. Mon. Norman Campbell has taken over my Monday morning shift, as from 10 a.m. .. Miss A.H. Brown, Greenock, arrived at Fingal today for a week. She has still her ringing laugh 'Ha! Ha! Ha!'. ..So I call her Minnie Ha-Ha... Muriel's daughter arrived today; Elizabeth Anne. I cabled Pookie.. Went to Aunt Minnie's at night; just a friendly call. She isn't very well..Charles J. Munro C.A., of Romanes & Munro, is dead..He was very frail latterly.

18 Feb. 1941. Tue. Muriel's notice in today's Scotsman..She is getting on well..Deep snow again. Had a p.c. from Cecil Duncan. He has been interviewed for the I.M.S. Looks like the end of the R.M.M., I'm afraid..Sorry to see the old macer in the First Division died suddenly in Court. He was the little man with the white beard, and an English accent. He was there for 46 years..Sirens busy these last few days..Went off in Parliament House..... Funny to see learned seniors rushing about with their tin bowlers on, as wardens and fire-fighters...Miss Brown called on her aunt, John Brown's widow; found her very absent minded and suffering from illusions..

MACKENZIE.—At 11 Randolph Crescent, EDINBURGH, on the 17th February 1941, to Capt. and Mrs D. D. MACKENZIE (Muriel Ingram), a daughter.

20th Feb. 1941. Thur. Sorry to see death of Sir J. G. Thom, Indian judge..He and I were at the law classes together, and I employed him sometimes. He was on the Orkney steamer when Ish and I went north in 1925...Got 2 copies of John Ritchie's book today, 'Impending Great Events.' One for Douglas, who is very interested, and for some of Aunty's friends...Saw the Fingal Pl. warden tonight; she insists on my being a fire-watcher.. Seems I have to be in 5 places at once..Did my hand-grenade practice at Palmerston Place tonight. Found my old practice at quoits stood me in good stead..Was doing Jas. Walker's shift....



Sir J. G. Thom.

21 Feb. 1941. Fri. Decree today in divorce case Anderson v Anderson, from Shetland; the man we went to see at Hillswick from Spiggie in 1938...Letter from Mrs. Sands. Norrish is in charge of a Gurkha regiment. .. To War Room at 10. Played Drummond at chess; mated him for the loss of 2 pawns: he much disgusted! ..

22 Feb. 1941. Sat. At Shf. Macintosh's this afternoon..And War Room 4-7.30 for Norman, who has cold..

I have now sent out the last Quarterly Letter for the Raxaul Medical Mission. It brings to an end a long and enjoyable service. The preparation of the Magazine and the illustrations gave me much pleasure. I have added here a specimen of the Magazine cover, and a few illustrations, just as a memento.

New Series, No. 14 April 1938



"Sunny"—a little Nepali girl patient.



Some of the Female Staff.
Sister Sands.
Sundri. Asha.* Nurani.
Millicent. Salomi. Nolini.
* (a visitor).



The Hospital and Out-patient Buildings.

THE R. M. M.
QUARTERLY
LETTER

AND REPORT FOR 1937



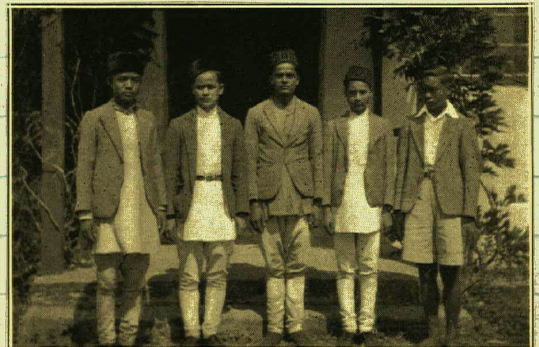
The Male Staff.

Left to Right.

Front row: YONATAN, JOHN.
Middle Row: BASIL, YAQUB, STANIS.
Back row: PREM, PUSHPA, Dr DUNCAN, DAVID.

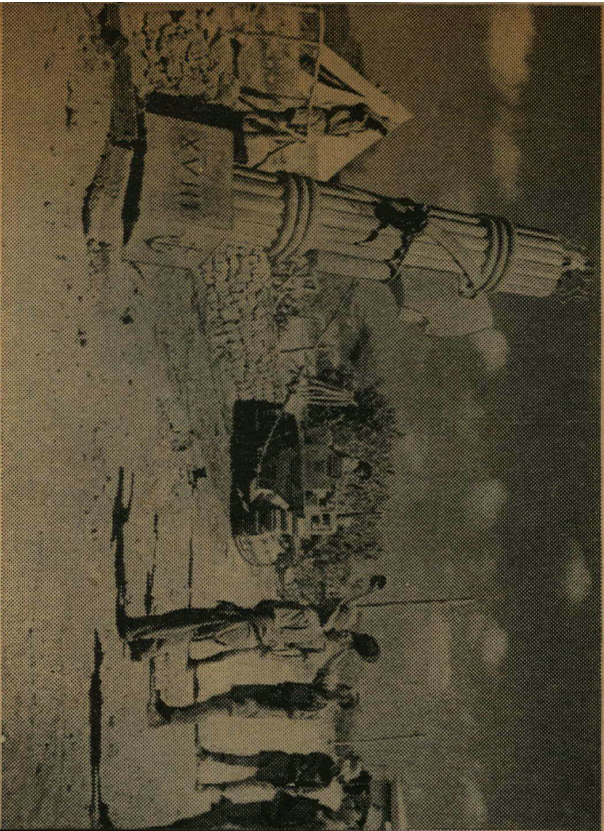
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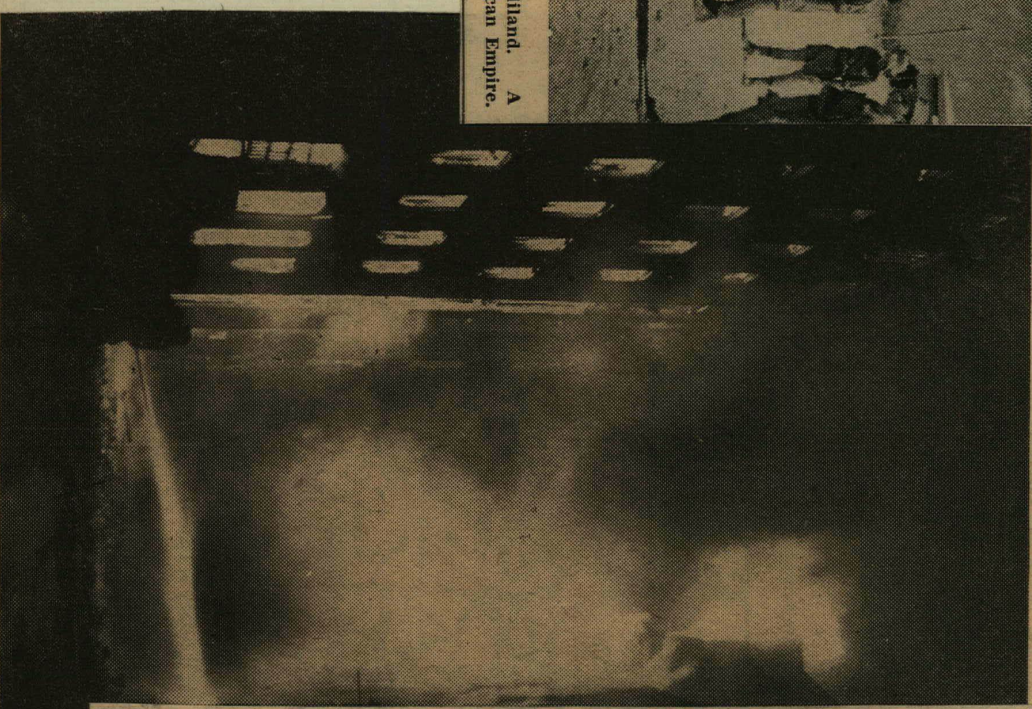
Young Nepal.

"DECLINE AND FALL" IN SOMALILAND



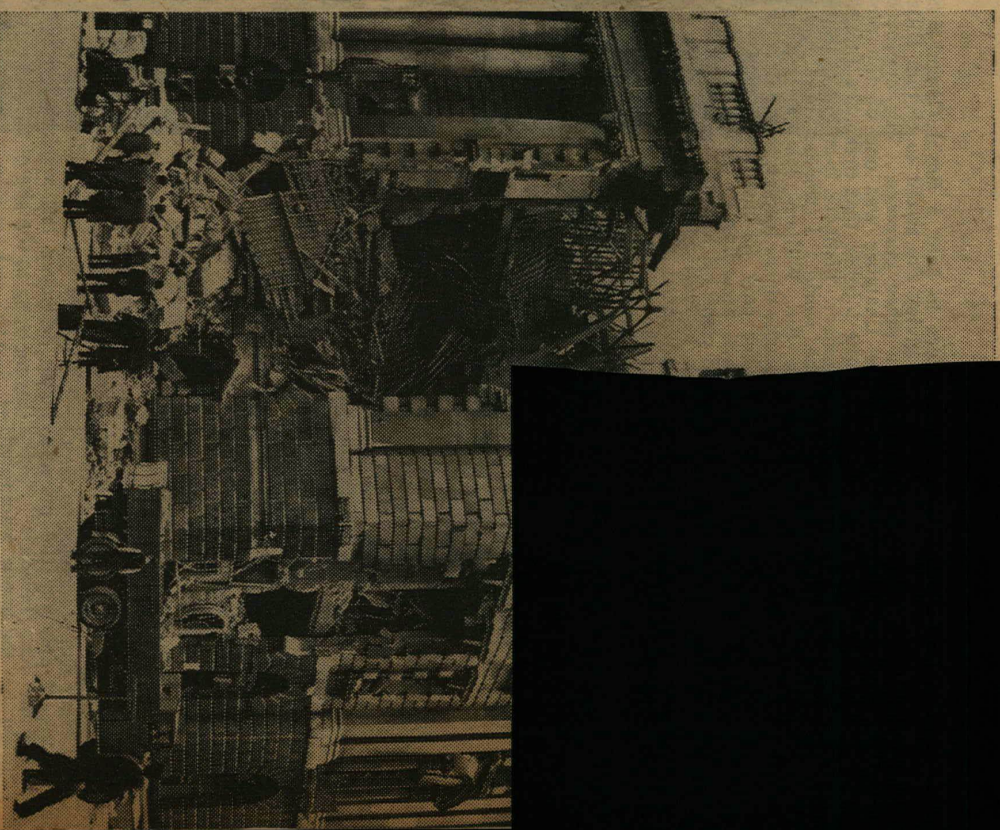
British troops pulling down Fascist signs at Kismayu, Italian Somaliland. A picture which seems to symbolise the crumbling of Mussolini's East African Empire.

LONDON'S WORST RAID



Flames leaping out of the shattered windows of bombed buildings in London. A picture taken at the height of the raid on Wednesday night.

BOMB DAMAGE AT THE OLD BAILEY



Bomb wreckage at the Old Bailey, one of the famous buildings to be damaged in the recent raid on London.

23 Feb. 1941. Sun. Lunch with Douglas at Auntie Shaw's. Wildish spoke this morning. Kerr gave lantern address to the Class, on 'Grace Abounding.' At night Grace & I went to Methodist Church, to a military service; a major gave the address; quite good. Nightingale and Birnie there.. Read of a notice outside a London church - 'If your knees knock together, kneel on them.'

27 Feb. 1941. Thurs. Keeping up my walking; on Tues. walked 4 times to office & back, to Court and back, and to Bellevue and back; about 12 miles in all. Nearly as much yesterday. .. Snow slowly clearing away. It has been the worst fall in Edinburgh for 100 years. .. Got my pet's 27 letter and an extra. 27 took 5 weeks to come. I sent Ian an illustrated Bible today; he hasn't got a good Bible.. Got a shock today on seeing a note of the death of Sheriff Wardlaw-Burnet K.C. He was defending in a murder trial in Glasgow, and dropped dead with a heart attack in his hotel, after rising for the day. I employed him occasionally - a very nice man.. I appeared today for a Cons. Objector from Elim Hall; successfully. .. Things are moving in the Balkans: Nazis penetrating Bulgaria very fast. Russia may move soon.... Alastair Rennie called; wants me to be I.V.F. treasr.. Old Chinnery has died: no more will he preach at the Mound as of yore.. Went to War Room for nt.

23 Feb. 1941. Sat. Quiet night.. Saw Muriel and the baby this afternoon, at the Home: Douglas & Libby there too.. Had some tea at War Room first....

4 March 1941. Tues. Bombing last night at Haddington & East Linton - also Selkirk. Some casualties in Haddington. We had sirens for over an hour.. Had a visit from Mrs. Mackenzie, mother of Mrs. Phillips who is beside Tookie in Hamilton.. Read a most interesting article in Blackwood on Sick Bees. Gave it to Chrissie; and then to Elwyn to read. She had never heard of Blackwoods before! Will send it to Tookie; got a special copy for her.. At Bellevue tonight; nice meeting. At Canonmills School later; first night of fire-scutching there. Dundas & Ness were the first pair. We all trooped round to see them.. I have got a roster arranged; once a fortnight.. Visit from Ian Wallace, on leave. Also Doctor Murrell and her friend Dr. Reid: they want to buy a house.. Britain now at war with Bulgaria; Russia threatening latter and demanding Black Sea ports. The mess gets worse every day... R.A.F. have bombed Cologne heavily twice running. Invitation to a sherry party on Friday, from Lord Rosebery, our new Commissioner. Sent a polite declination.. Kathleen Rimmer (late Whitaker) in. Made her Will for her.. Letter from Auntie Clark; she complains of her eyes hurting.

8 March 1941. Sat. Got my darling's letter 29 yesterday, and 28 today. Also one each from Ian & Bill. All goes well at Hamilton; Tookie is more universally beloved than ever. No wonder... She sent me the Monthly Visitor tract, the illustration being shown here. (I had also sent it to her!). It is our old friend Newtonmore Golf Course; the boy had fallen out of the North train recently, but was not much hurt, and had gone to old Dr. Drummond, of Lothian Road church, for help. Dr. Drummond is the bearded figure, and is the author of the tract... I had a quiet night at the War Room. Played Callan Wilson at chess... To Glasgow at 3.45., to stay with Whitakers. Nice walk after supper. Kathleen there; not much cordiality between her and her papa.. I had the usual spare room..



9 March 1941. Sun. At morning meeting at Albert Hall. No chance to speak, as usual, even if I had wanted.. News at 1 p.m. Lease & Lend Bill passed the Senate.. Nice walk with Mr. W. after lunch, in hilly country above Whitecraigs. He gave me a most romantic history of his forebears, & how they went to Ireland from Yorkshire... we had a long talk on prayer; like myself, he feels the need of more... All the Gordon Davidsons at tea.. I spoke at night, on 'Biscuits from the Queen.' .. Enjoyed the meeting, tho' doubt if any unsaved in. I felt the benefit of extra prayer all last week for it; had no stiffness or anything like that... Came home on the 8.25 train; very crowded. .. Elim & Albert Halls are to have H. Wildish back in October for joint meetings. He is a great speaker; one of our most outstanding today. His photo is attached here... Bombing in Orkney and at Fayport. Remarkable raid by our navy on Lofoten Island, Norway....



J.R. Wardlaw-Burnet.



Tue. 11 March 1941. Dinner at Shaws tonight; Bert. there, on leave. He has been in charge of a Bomb Disposal Coy. . . He paid me £30, towards balance due by George's wife.. At annual business meeting at Bellevue; address by Norman Campbell, on giving.. Talk about New Year Conf. later, with Pollock reps.. Got my love's no. 30 letter today; she had had a day in Toronto, with Clair; lunched with Chrisma Govan.. Letter from Ramsay; he is being married in a fortnight. Sent him 2 gns. for a present; also 3 gns. to Muriel.. Had a long circular from Dr. Lehmann; seems to be doing good work in India.

14 March 1941. Fri.

Sirens at 9 last night, and raid continued till 6 a.m. today. Worst yet. Much shelling. It was mainly on Clydeside. Casualties heavy. I watched for fire bombs till about 2 a.m., then retired. Waves of planes over unceasingly. Went to War Room at 9 tonight, when sirens went again; relieved Macintosh...

15 March 1941. Sat. Very busy night. Enemy at Clydeside again all night. Also bombed Arran, Rothesay, and many others; 70 incendiaries on Edinburgh. Drummond was Intelligence Officer with me; Capt. Sanderson Duty Officer. The work went very smoothly and well. I was glad of my exercises and practice, to be ready for the real thing.. Glasgow caught it badly. 3000 evacuated from Clydeside. Casualties about 3000. *Aikman

16 March 1941. Sun. Slept yesterday till 5 p.m. Sirens in afternoon. Grace went to Rothesay yesterday morning for holiday. Went to Bellevue at 8 for fire-watching in the School, with Addison Graham. Comfortable night; no alarms. At morning meeting today; at Class; gave lantern lecture on the Holy War; Chrissie came: back at night - Stuart Marcus spoke, on 'Peace.'Roosevelt has made a great speech. U.S.A. will give every help to us.... We were all warned on the radio today what to do if Invasion comes. 14 commandments issued.. Bristol was badly bombed again tonight.. Mussolini has made a strenuous effort in person to lead his troops to victory in Greece, but they were hurled back with heavy losses, and he seems to have returned to Rome in disgrace..Yugo-Slavia meantime refuses to sign the Axis pact...

17 March 1941. Mon. This would have been father's birthday - he would have been 86.. The casualties at Glasgow are now officially given as 500 dead & 800 seriously injured. There are many less severely injured of course. Here are 2 pictures of the Clydebank damage. Bill writes that his door and windows were blown in.. Women of 20/21 and men of 45 are now to register for State duties..

18 March 1941. Tue. Got the 'phone in at Fingal Pl. today; same old number - 41388... Was at Parl. House today when old Alston Cameron appealed against his sentence of 15 months for fraud and perverting the course of justice..Blades did his best for him, but to no avail.. Papers today contain a series of instructions what to do if Invasion comes..Was at Prayer Meeting tonight: Rogers spoke a little. Mrs. Collin's married son has been lost in the Glasgow raids: he went to Arran to see his evacuated family, and has not been heard of again..

19 March 1941. Wed. At Sheriff Court for Blanche & Co., grocers, re selling walnuts above maximum price..At War Room at 4.30 - 7. Got first part of my uniform! Greatcoat, boots and gloves. Carried them home, the boots slung round my neck.

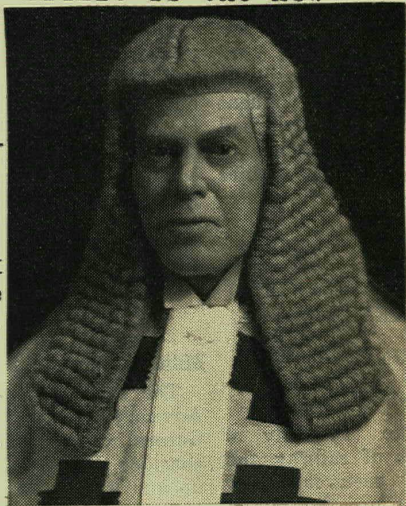


Tenement houses suffered most in last week's two-night bombing attack on Clydeside. The top picture shows a block of tenements, homes of working people, with the fronts completely blown out. In the lower picture the wrecked houses recall a scene in Ypres in the last war.

20 March 1941. Thurs. Took a S.D. case for Danson Smith, against W.M. Ross, about damage to Edwards the latter, through a frozen pipe. Decided in our favour..At Rosebank for supper; Libby, Douglas, Muriel there. Betty yapping a bit. Our babies never yapped! .. Jas. Reid, Glasgow (of Bigging) was killed in the Clydebankraid...The old houses at Stobhill, Drysdale's property, have been burned out, and an old woman lost her life... Lillie is the new Sheriff of Fife; not a very thrilling choice; the man who never smiled. .. The petition for a curator to G. Dovey has been brought; nominating me to act.

23 March 1941. Sun. On duty Fri. night with Drummond.. Quiet night..Back yesterday afternoon.. This is the day of prayer called by the King. Walked to Bellevue for the 10.15 mtg. A good turn-out; tho' rather a stiff meeting, I felt. Not so good as the Dalkeith one...T. Richardson from Grangemouth was the visitor. Kerr took the Class. I was at N. Campbell's for tea; Ritchie the R.A.F. man there, and 2 Mathiesons from Ireland..All at Bellevue; Richardson speaking..

25 March 1941. Tue. Meeting with Dr. Hay and Sidlow Baxter about the I.S.A.M.U. .. Later with the N.P.M.U. man, McDowell. Very unfortunate state of affairs between them.. Dr. Hart-Davies in; new trustee wanted for his church.. Heavy fall of snow again.. At the Y.W.C.A. in afternoon, moving adoption of Report..



The late Ld. Ormidale.

Spoke a little, on 'He girded Himself.' Dr. Lechler in chair...At P.M. to-night. Campbell from London there; brother of Tayport Campbell. He has come to stay.. Old Mr. Kennedy, evangelist, spoke..

26 March 1941. Wed. At Rutland Hotel, precognoscing very cross maid for evidence.. War Room, 4 - 7.30. Shf. Macintosh leaving for other work..Aikman came for supper; his wife at Llandudno..Had nice meal and talk, till he went for all night duty...Had a look at 62 Frederick St., with view to removing there. Peter against idea, however. It would be rather cramped for us all.. W.D.Anderson would have bought 58...Radio news of fall of Keren, Eritrea; and Yugo-Slavia has revolted against Government which signed Axis pact..... Got some more photos from Ish; and one of Christie Innes, whom she had heard at a church centenary in Hamilton..



CENTENNIAL PREACHER
—Rev. T. Christie Innes, M.A.



28 Mar. 1941. Fri. At D.S. & M., long mtg. re proposed nullity case..At A.H. Roberts' at tea, mtg. staff workers, S.W. Phil Petty, Roy Miller. Graham Brown & ors. there...To War Room for night.

30 Mar. 1941. Sun. Quiet nt. on Friday. Back on Saturday aftn. for Norman Campbell. At night to Bellevue for fire-watching, with A. Graham. Quiet night. Beds arrived. Woke up this morning to heavy snow. Took class alone; spoke on 'A Christian's Day.' Sirens went during class; bombing was at Bell Rock Light House, Sumburgh Aerodrome, Fife, and Coldingham...Took Richards, R.A.F., for tea. At Bellevue at night ; Norman speaking, on 'Will millions now living ever die?' .. The Evening News has cut down all church notices to 3 lines now..

31 March 1941. Mon. Great naval battle in Mediterranean; took place at night; 5 Italian units sunk without loss to us... At Summerside at night for dinner; Cathie Muller there. Showed Muriel's films..

1 Apr. 1941. Tues. Mr. Stanley, Stubbs director, here in morning, with Hunter from Glasgow; re Miss Crichton's defalcations. The old lady has disappeared. She owes us some money....Shand has taken a shock...

3 Apr. 1941. W.D. Anderson, C.A., began at War Room last night as a learner ..Card from Cecil Duncan today; R.M.M. definitely taken over by R.B.M.U... End of a long association..Got my 33 letter today from Ish. .. Nurse Gleed in today; very stout and gray..Same old sixpence..

5 Apr. 1941. Quiet night at War Room...To Glasgow this afternoon. At Jimmy Duncan's for tea, at Steps.. Gordon there.. Spoke at Rally in Christian Institute, on 'D.V.' Small attce. Very dull atmosphere... Read the 'Battle of Britain' in the train; very remarkable booklet. Sent it on to Ish.

6 Apr. 1941. Sun. Robert Flockhart turned up at morning meeting, very drunk, and made a commotion..Collection for Clydeside distress - £28.0/-.. W.W.Campbell took class and came up for tea..Kirkby was at Albert Hall and at Whitakers; as I warned him, a local speaker stepped in before him in the morning..

7 Apr. 1941. Mon. Budget out; income tax 10/- per £. Not worth working now... At Lindsay Glegg's meeting at night in Palmerston Pl. Warren, the organist, died suddenly yesterday..Went to War Room at 9. Raiding followed; I stayed till midnight with Macnair, and we then walked home..Very bright flares all the way.. Raiders past went at 5.30 a.m. Leith got it mostly; Town Hall, J.R.S.Wilson's church, Junction Bridge, David Kilpatrick's School. Here is a picture of the Annexe to the School. Glasgow had another attack; near Bill again..Heard that Jacob Vagar is now in prison in Latvia and Jack Duncan is a chaplain in Kenya..



10 Apr. 1941. Thur. At Dean Cemetery with Peter Wilkie & P.M. choosing a grave for Mrs Wilkie..Had a visit from Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Minister for Home Security, at the War Room..J.R.Philip going to Auchraw, Lochearnhead, for a week, and has left me as his deputy..Made up the office books for the year. Net profit about £1600. Used to be over £3000! Never mind; we have much to be thankful for.

11 Apr. 1941. Fri. Good Friday. And men are busy all over the world killing each other..I took the bus to Gifford; walked by Longyester to Lammerlaw and Bleaklaw; too misty and wet to continue to Carfraemill. ..War not going too well. We are now being chased out of Libya in turn, and the Greeks are yielding a lot of ground. Yugoslavia seems out of it for all time..

12 Apr. 1941. Sat. Mrs. Marks died; she, Dr. Marks, and 2 daughters came for supper one night with Chilcott...I walked round Arthur Seat this afternoon. To School at night, fire-watching with A. Graham again...

14 Apl.1941. Mon. Called on Mrs. Hunnam tonight; no word from Jack yet..Then went to Douglas & Muriel's for a little..Got a slice of Ramsay's wedding-cake.. Dr. Bathgate's daughter, Irene, has been killed in an air-raid at Ipswich, on a visit to friends there..Met Sheriff Duffes, who has broken his arm by a fall..

17 Apl.1941. Thur. Sirens & much firing thro' the night..Mrs. Harris for supper..At Wm. Shearer's later, with his brother, making his Will and a Power of Attorney to the girls. Very sorry to see the old man so helpless; but he could sign with his left hand..Heard that Dr. Graham Scroggie is marrying his secretary; she is 28; he 62. These old preachers are all tarred with the same brush..Sidlow Baxter wants me to give him a Memo. on the law regarding Sunday Observance, for a meeting during Assembly Week.

20 Apl.1941. Sun. Mrs. Gook at Bellevue. Nice meeting; Mr. McGhee, evangelist spoke. I said a little, earlier, about 'How camest thou in hither without a garment' - being a 'garment of praise.' .. The Free New North kirk is closed down, for lack of members. It used to be so popular., especially in J.R.P.Sclater's day. Lord Wark and T.M.Cooper were members. .. Mr. and Mrs. Potts (the naval man) were at tea. All at Bellevue; Mr. Burchill spoke; very dry; he read it all. .. Wrote wee notes to Ian and Bill tonight.

21 Apl.1941. Mon. A Grand Day. Spring Holiday. At P.P. till 12.30. Then took bus to Carfraemill and walked over Lammermoors to Gifford, going over some of the hills. A fine warm clear day. Had a fine supper at the Goblin Ha' Hotel in Gifford. The fat wee bus conductor on the Birkenyside bus was on the bus coming back; the one who used to munch tarts in the mornings..

24 Apl.1941. Thurs. Jakie Towe is off to join the K.O.S.B. ! .. Hedley is to go to Harwick on Sunday. Miss Matthews announced she was leaving us, to take on his job. A great deliverance. .. Got marmalade and cheese from darling Ish. Must scold her for spending her money on us. She is a pet! I posted her a book, 'Children in Flight' - about evacuation; most interesting...Had a letter from Auntie; some bombing near; 11 killed in Kendal...Betty Wilson married yesterday to McPhie..Peter very worried again about Alan..

26 Apl.1941. Sat. Did the War Room from 7 last night till this morning. Last night was the last War Room dinner; so I was Cinderella again..Quite busy, with red warnings all round..Peter off to Largs for a week..At Walpole Hall this afternoon, taking the chair at the S.U. annual meeting. Tom Crawford speaking..Then to Bellevue, fire-watching again..Sirens went; no attacks.

27 Apl.1941. Sun. Quiet night. Graham very stiff from digging. He was very confidential last night; told me all about his old sweethearts in Cumberland. ..Norman Campbell's mother died this morning...This was Hedley's last Sunday. He wouldn't let me say anything about it.. W.W.Campbell spoke at the Class & came for tea. I had the evening meeting; good number; spoke on 'Biscuits from the Queen.' Stayed to talk to the soldiers afterwards.

29 Apl.1941. Tue. War news pretty bad..Greece over-run; British evacuating once more. Germans penetrating Egypt from West. .. At J.R.Philip's house tonight, at mtg. of staff officers; dissatisfaction about interference by Spark chiefly; Philip had resigned, but agreed to withdraw it, and insist on change

30 Apl.1941. Wed. Bought a byke today; from Alexanders, Lothian Rd: A Royal Enfield, 3-speed gear. .. At War Room, with Anderson. Sirens from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. .. Busy all day explaining War Damage Act to clients.

1 May 1941. Thur. Had first run tonight; by Cockpen, Shank Bridge, etc.. Found that saddles were hard, and roads hilly, since I last cycled! ..Was very sorry to hear that Lord Aitchison, the Lord Justice Clerk, died suddenly, of heart failure, tonight. He was a most likeable man; with his failings, of course; much too fond of the bottle, and inclined to be lazy; yet a kind-hearted man, and a great lawyer, and one of the few picturesque ones left. We employed him much when he was first at the Bar; probably gave him more work to begin with than anybody. For criminal work, he was unsurpassed, and was a wonderful jury pleader. His place will be hard to fill. I remember best his great fight in Park and Haggerty v the Wilsons & Clyde Coal coy., in the Court of Session, and then in the House of Lords.

3 May 1941. Sat. At War Room all night..Back this afternoon from 4-7.30. Lovely Spring day. Walked to P.Pl. via Bruntsfield Links and Warrender..Another hour added to daylight tonight.

4 May 1941. Sun. Sirens at 2 a.m. for an hour..Cycled to Bellevue, 3 times up and down in all. Spoke at Class on Philemon. W.W.Campbell at night. John Black and his wife were the fire-watchers last night, & forgot to go!



Lord Aitchison.

5 May 1941. Mon. Sirens again thro' the night.. Defended the youth today who knocked over old Mrs. Urquhart in Queensferry Road; got him off. The relatives seemed to wonder how I was on his side! .. Instructed today by Miss Robertson, Cowdenbeath, for whom I recovered £9000 from Australia, to make her Will, including £1000 legacies to Dr. Gumley and myself, the executors.. Miss Matthews left the office today. No tears shed.. Out on byke at night; got a puncture in Queensferry, and mended it on the shore..Enjoying hot bath at 11.45 when sirens went, and continued till 4 a.m. next morning. A most extensive and noisy raid; H.E. and incendiaries and mines in Edinburgh (Milton Road and Niddrie Road, with casualties); Gullane, Dirleton, Duns, Cockburnspath, Paisley, Greenock, Gourrock, Giffnock, Bridge of Weir, Hamilton, Crinan, Polmont, Little Cumbrae, and Clydebank, etc. Damage not so severe as last Glasgow raid, and casualties less. A.A. fire very noisy all night.

6 May 1941. Tue. Before Lord Russell all day, in divorce from Robb & Crosbie. ..Whole Court met in First Division this morning; Lord Normand paid tribute to Lord Aitchison...At War Room tonight, for Jas. Walker. Very busy clearing up last night's mess...This is Grace's 21st birthday. She and Chrissie walked from Carfraemill to Gifford...Dr. Bill Gray was killed in Liverpool raid. ..Raiding began again through the night; very noisy till 4 a.m. Bombing at Leadburn, Penicuik, Linlithgow, Airdrie, Paisley, Greenock, Glasgow, Hunter's Quay, Balloch, Helensburgh, Stepps, Strathyre..Call from Dorothy Kunz, who is working in County Durham under the Petroleum Board.. Bought Grace a

King Decorates Dundee Officer At Palace



Captain W. A. Heath with his fiancée.

Captain Wallis Arnot Heath, R.E., who was decorated by the King with the Military Cross at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace, was accompanied by his sister, Dr Heath, and his fiancée. Miss Jane Gray, who is the only daughter of the late Mr John Gray and of Mrs Gray, 14 Mockrum Road, Newlands, Glasgow.

The award was gazetted in October last, when he held the rank of Second Lieutenant

in the 237th (Dundee) Co., Royal Engineers. Captain Heath is the second son of Mr and Mrs Edwin Heath, 1 Glamis Terrace, Dundee. His father is a director of Valentine & Sons, Ltd.

Captain Heath, who is about 25, was a pupil of Dundee High School, and up to the outbreak of war was in the employment of Valentine & Sons. He is a member of Panmure Rugby Club, and served in the Territorials for 18 months before the war.

leather Zipp writing case for her birthday..Picture here of Jane Gray and her fiancée, at Buckingham Palace...Needless to say, it was Addison Graham who drew my attention to it!

9 May 1941. Fri. Heavy raiding last night in England; 10,000 homeless in Hull; many casualties in Nottingham; 19,000 houses damaged or destroyed in Bootle...2 casualties in Long Bennington, on the Great North Road, where Ish and I stayed a night on the way home from Cornwall..Went to Inksters at Glenisla Gdns. at night on my byke, re War Damage Insurance..To War Room at 11 for the night. Just into bed when sirens went; busy till 5 a.m. Raiding not severe; Perthshire, East Lothian, Berwickshire, Kilmarnock..On with Hood, the new man...Got such a grand letter from my love today, from the house at the Lakeside, belonging to Tod. They were on the beach, roasting in the sun!

10 May 1941. Sat.

Busy day: office in morning; Eileen Whitaker thro' altering her Will; back to office in afternoon doing it; then to War Room again, doing Norman Campbell's shift; then to Bellevue for the night, fire-watching. ..Very severe raiding in London overnight; worst damage yet.... Westminster Cathedral, both

Houses of Parliament, British Museum, Law Courts, St. James Palace, the Mint, Pentonville and Wormwood Scrubbs prisons all damaged, and extensive fires raging. Practically no road thro' London available..

11 May 1941. Sun. Cycled to house for breakfast, and back to P.M. .. Then to Class. Tried sitting round a table; quite a success; Kerr led the discussion.. Then cycled to Rt. Sharp's for tea at Braid Farm Road; very nice house. Back to Bellevue at night; Sam. Chambers spoke. Long talk after with Sophia Wilson about her nephew Hugh, who has been dismissed from the police..

12 May 1941. Mon. Peter Macdonald started at War Room. New girl Catherine

Penman began at office, as message-girl...Cycled to call on Mrs. Louttit and Aunt Minnie at night; the 2 aunts there also..Great sensation about Rudolf Hess, Hitler's No. 2 man, who has flown in a Messerschmidt alone to Scotland. Philip was on duty when the message came through; great speculation as to the meaning - is he a fugitive, or crazy, or is it all a faked affair? .. Netherhall is partly taken for evacuees; the new wing meantime..Whitaker thro' about it. Doreen is to be married on 30th July..

15 May 1941. Thurs. Perm-Day; a shadow of its former self. I had only 1 purchase to settle; a house for Dr. Murrell and Dr. Reid in Willowbrae Road... Douglas Forsyth, the chemist, died today - an awkward thing to do on the term day! He has left over £10,000..Half to his brother Louis, altho' the latter wd. have nothing to do with him..Alex. Sharp of Dalkeith is very poorly; lost his memory..he is thro' with his married daughter in the West.

16 May 1941. Fri. Spent the afternoon at Port-Seton, in the hotel, collecting the Weir rents..Then called on Miss Laing, at the Promenade, Portobello; made her Will.. Called at Aunt Minnie's at night: then to War Room for the night.

17 May 1941. Sat. A grand day. Went with Herman Tulloch to Carfraemill, and walked to Gifford. A fine clear day; lovely views of the Eildons and Cheviots and the Firth of Forth. He is an interesting companion. Supper at F.P.

18 May 1941. Sun. At early P.M. Sorry to hear that Robt. Lawson (whom we used to call The Auxiliary) died yesterday in the Infirmary, after an operation..He was a very useful man..Took the Class myself..Then to Muriel's; Elizabeth Ann had been christened in the morning; Douglas, Libby, Aunty Shaw, Neilson, Mrs. McFarlane there..At Newtongrange tonight; spoke on I Kings 14; small meeting.. Walked over Blackford Hill at night after supper.

19 May 1941. Mon. Victoria Day holiday. At Palmerston Pl. till 12.30; had lunch there; then with Mansons in car, and Chrissie, to Carfraemill; Robin Inglis, MacLennan, etc. also. Walked to top of Lammerlaw; lovely day...Cable from Capetown that order made for payment of most of Gilmour money; great relief after all the work...Macnair back at War Room after his week at Brodick, which he enjoyed greatly; glad to know it, as I recommended him to go...Park, the Glasgow minister who used to go to Kincaig, has been bombed out of kirk. My supply of Stubbs articles has been bombed in London; fortunately I have drafts..Got a nice book from the C.P.R., called 'Canada's Guests.' Photos of British children who have gone out; none of Ian or Bill, unfortunately...Saw notice of the death of Peter Waddell, our correspondent in Troon..A great battle is raging for Crete; thousands of Nazi parachutists landed; we are resisting fiercely, but unfortunately can't use aircraft, tho' multitudes of Nazis have been sunk in attempting invasion by sea...The General Assembly has begun again; but only a shadow of its former self.

22 May 1941. Thur. Sent Ian a book called UNTAMED, about animals, for his birthday, from Aunty Clark..Oversight meeting at office tonight: appointed Kirkby our 'priest' to marry folk. Long discussion about the Skeds coming in. Rogers to be a sort of visiting pastor. I left at 8. They sat on till 10.

23 May 1941. Fri. Had a divorce before Lord Keith, Tocher v Tocher, about the Rutland Hotel. Couldn't get the staff to come, except one, who sufficed..Was at the Robertsons, Cherry Bank, at night, before going to War Room..Very wet.

24 May 1941. Sat. Quiet night. Excellent game of chess with Chalmers; lasted over an hour... Fine walk along Canal in afternoon, to Ratho..Got my darling's letter 41 today. They had a fine Easter holiday at the Lake, at Tod's house.

27 May 1941. Tue. Chrissie went to Rothesay yesterday for a week.. At Bellevue tonight. Hymus Jones turned up, complete with large red button-hole. Had a coffee with him in the Old Waverley..Main news to-day is the sinking of the German super-battleship Bismarck in the Atlantic..

29 May 1941. Thur. Called to see Mrs. Lawson..Ian Charleson came for supper.. Got 3 boxes of Canadian butter from my dearest love...Robt. Gibb W.S. is dead.

31 May 1941. Sat. Last night was a big war exercise; Anderson spent the evening at the War Room with me, & did most of the work..In afternoon, cycled along the Canal to opposite Broxburn; back by main road. Wind against me on return. Think I'm getting too old for long runs! .. Clothes are to be rationed now...

1 June 1941. Sun. On Princes St. in afternoon, getting sailors down for tea & the meeting..Tom Ness spoke...Noticed death of Mrs. W. J. Gerrie in London... News depressing; evacuation of Crete, with heavy losses. Everything seems to go wrong with Britain..The French in Syria are openly helping the Nazis now...

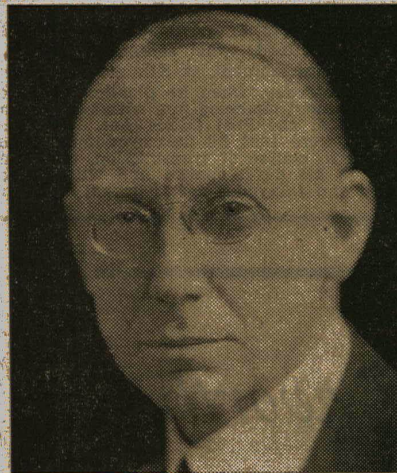
2 June 1941. Mon. At W.D.Anderson's for supper; pleasant walk on Duddingston Golf Course afterwards..Long letter from Bill; he has had a 'second blessing' tho' he calls it his true conversion; I think it is really a case of getting more assurance. He has burned all his pipes & baccy..He writes a fine letter..

What a remarkable change has come over him since old days. Dr. Gordon had evidently been a great help to him.....Chrissie back from Rothesay tonight. ..Legal changes announced; Tommy Cooper to be Lord Justice-Clerk; J.S.C.Reid Solicitor-General; King Murray leaves the Land Court to be Sol. Gen. And old Robt. Gibson to the Land Court! .. Shows what push can do....The ex-Kaiser has died; the old rascal. They nearly hanged him in 1919, but Holland would not extradite him..Just as well; it would have been a bad precedent..

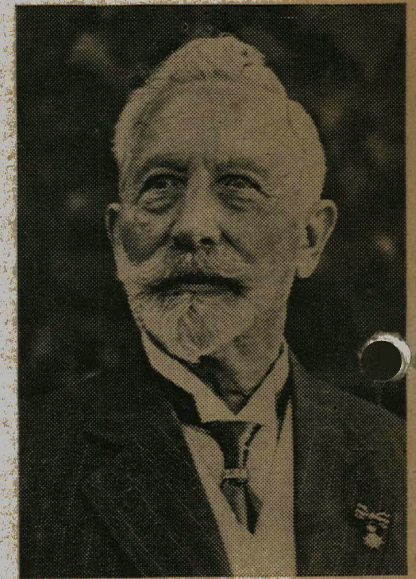
SCOTS LEGAL APPOINTMENTS



Mr T. M. Cooper, K.C.,
Lord Justice-Clerk.



Mr J. S. C. Reid, K.C., M.P.,
Lord Advocate.



A photograph of the Ex-Kaiser taken in 1934.



Lord Murray,
Solicitor-General for Scotland.



Mr Robert Gibson, K.C.,
Chairman, Scottish Land Court.

3 June 1941. Tue. Spoke tonight at the Nurses' Missionary League at R.I.E., on The Ark..Fire-watching later at Canonmills, with Jamieson Jr., in place of late Mr. Lawson..

5 June 1941. Thur. Walk on the Canal Bank to Hermiston with Norman Campbell; trial run later with him in a Wolseley car..

6 June 1941. Fri. 2 letters from my love today, & nice photos of the boys..She had been to Niagara..Called at Douglas' and Aunty Shaw's tonight with Canadian letters; cycled all around....

7 June 1941. Sat. Quiet night at War Room..Went to Polton in afternoon and walked to Roslin; in Chapel, where I hadn't been since we had a route march there in last war..Thereafter to Canonmills fire-watching again. Addison rather off-colour; full of thorns from gardening!

8 June 1941. Sun. At early P/M., & meeting..Tent at Tranent is closed owing to Hooliganism; brick-bats & clods, & youths sliding down the roof! ..Helped with soldiers' supper party after night mtg. Kerr spoke, on Festus & Agrippa..

9 June 1941. Mon. Cycled to Milton Rd. tonight to see old Miss Porter. She thought I was the doctor! Her niece called in; seems very keen on cultivating the aunt's money, I doubt....New war phase; British are attacking in Syria...

12 June 1941. Thur. Settled T. Millar's case for £250 & £80 expenses..Sangster asked me how much the expenses would be; I thought £50 was enough to ask, but in fun I said, 'What about £100?' 'Give you £80?' he replied; and did I accept?? .. Walked thro' Roslin Glen tonight with Norman Campbell. Country is lovely just now..King Murray has been knighted; what a strange record! He has been Lord, Mister, & Sir, within a week...I've been trying to send Ian a pair of school trousers, but they keep coming back from the Customs, wanting more & more forms filled in. It seems extraordinary that a man can't send his son a pair of trousers...At T.M.Cooper's investiture; big crowd. W.D.Anderson & his wife came..

14 June 1941. Sat. At War Room 4-7.30..McDougalls' Educ. Works burned out... Poor old Mr. Sewell. I wonder if Watson Brown helped to douse the flames...

15 June 1941. Sun. At Greyfriars Kirkyard this afternoon, at the Covenanters annual service; Will Darling & others spoke..Then to Bellevue helping with the soldiers; had 8 Belgian sailors at my table..

16 June 1941. Mon. Dear Ian's birthday - 9 today..Peter at Land Court seeing R. Gibson installed..Cycled at night to Balerno; called on Aikman, late I.O. at War Room..Sorry to see death of J.S.B.Wilson in London, oldest son of John Wilson of Balgreen Rd. He was a famous three-quarter in his day...

17 June 1941. Tue. At Newbattle, at funeral of one of the Drysdale's..Noticed death of old Wickham at Gorebridge...Frog Sedlo's husband figures in today's Scotsman as 'Rev. Sedlo.' Since when, I ask you?

20 June 1941. Fri. Proof before Lord Stevenson in nullity case; Ninian Bruce as a witness...Mr. Moore's house, where Elwyn was, has been burned out as a result of British 'plane crashing on it..No one hurt..Mr. Moore is 87...Lord Cullen has died, aged 83..He was a good judge...Daddy used to say he was once against him in an affiliation proof. Cullen lost, and was rather sour to Daddy about it..Also saw death of Mrs. Lochhead at Currie.. (See photo of Lord Cullen below).

21 June 1941. Sat. Long visit from Mrs. Graham, Callendar, about her children. S.M.T. went partly on strike early this morning; I had to send out the message from the War Room..It nearly stopped the Fellowship, whose picnic was this afternoon, from going, but they went by train..I cycled out, to March-bank, Balerno..lovely day and lovely place..walked to Thriepmuir Reservoir..gave a talk to the assemblage after tea, on 'The Secret of the Untroubled Heart.' .. Then on to fire-watching, with Mr. Graham..Thunderstorm later...

22 June 1941. Sun. Nazis marched into Russia this morning. So much for all their treaties and pledges! It may shorten the war.. Helped with soldiers at Bellevue again in afternoon; Dr. Shankie helped.. The night meeting took the form of a dialogue between W.W. Campbell and Kirkby; it went very well indeed. Hannah, the late caretaker, stayed behind and professed to be converted..He is going off to the R.A.F. now..

23 June 1941. Mon. Appeared today for one of Eastern Motor Coy. men, charged with stealing leeks! I managed to get it quashed..At office tonight making rather complicated Will for Dr. Reid, Dr. Murrell's partner..another new client....Sorry to think we have passed the longest day, and the nights begin to draw in again....

24 June 1941. Tue. At Hamilton Sheriff Court; went in train with Geo. Reid, advocate, and Mr. Garrett..Defended 2 grocers for breaches of Food Regulations; got both off; food inspectors were hopelessly fankled up in cross-examination..Sheriff N.M.L.Walker presiding..Saw Donald Orr..then to Glasgow; called at 30 George Square and one or two others...At P/M at night; called along office and found letters 44 & 45 from my darling..also some good photos of the boys & others....Gordon Stott, the advocate, was before the Conscientious Objectors Appeal Tribunal....He managed to get away with conditional registration, for forestry or A.R.P. work this time; his objection was refused altogether the first time..The new Lord Advocate has appointed Mr. Milne, a partner in Fait & Crichton, (where he was) to be Crown Agent. Mr. James has had a long spell, after all.... The Russian-Nazi war is now raging. Both sides make claims which must be received with caution. The Prime Minister has offered help to Russia; though I don't feel very happy at the thought of that anti-God nation as an ally..



LORD CULLEN.

25 June 1941. Wed. Call from Miss Knox, wanting me to start some Advent Testimony Meetings..Got another issue of 'Canada's Guests' today, beautifully got up. No Ian or Bill in it yet...Got new case today - 2 casualties in extraordinary accident in Portobello Rd., caused by kitten jumping on to driver's face..Clients sent by Galloway of General Acc. Co.; nice of him to recommend me, as I am so often his adversary..Fine walk thro' Roslin Glen tonight with W. W. Campbell; a most interesting companion.

26 June 1941. Thur. Mrs. Fentiman died today. Norman wants me to attend to her affairs. She was a very kind and sweet personage..A.H.Roberts in today; they want me to give the Bible Readings to the Fellowship next winter....The choice seems to alternate between him and myself..Call from Mina & Evelyn; she is desperate for a small house near town..Evidently she must live quietly. Quiet evening at War Room; Fraserburgh bombed again; Union Bank blotted out. John Black wants me to chum him to London tomorrow night to bring up a car. It means coming back on Sunday, however, so I won't go..More important to get soldiers in to Bellevue...Norman Fentiman showed me a letter his mother had

written, in view of her death; most affectionate about all her children, and the daughters-in-law..I hope Lena appreciates it.

28 June 1941. Sat. Fairly quiet night at War Room, tho' purples on Edinburgh & neighbourhood for quite a time..Long talk with Macnair and Stevenson about the future of civilisation; they think my idea of Christ coming again very odd..Got the rest of Home Guard kit - breeks, tunic, cap &c. .. Took train to Balerno this afternoon, with cycle, and went via Dalmahoy down to Canal and home. Sirens sounded just as I entered the Lanark Road..Fine picture in the Scotsman of Dalry - St. John's Clachan, which is shown here. Mr. Milroy's house is just cut off, on the right of the picture..

OLD-WORLD CHARM OF ST JOHN'S TOWN OF DALRY



A summer evening in the old-fashioned Galloway village of Dalry, also known as St John's Town of Dalry. Its picturesque houses lie clustered on a hillside above the Water of Ken.

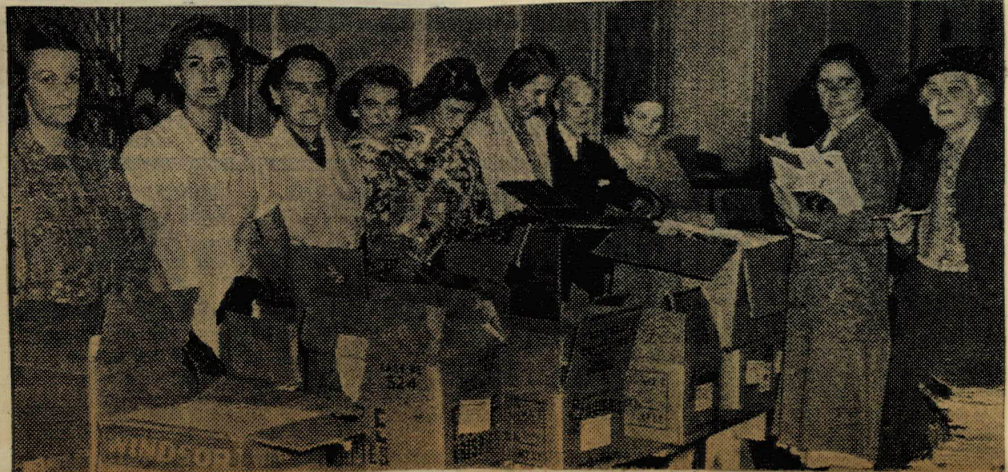
29 June 1941. Sun. Hottest day so far..Stiff morning meeting, for some reason..At Elwyn's Cru. Class birthday at Craighall Rd., with Norman & Lottie Campbell; he gave the talk. Round by Lomond House afterwards.. Entertained soldiers at Bellevue, tea & supper. Richards, R.A.F., spoke.. Mrs. Walter Pryde's brother, Ross Durie, is missing in Libya.

MORE CANADIAN PHOTOS.





Hillfield School.
1941.



War Workers
at Hamilton;
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Wedding of Jack Aitken to Doreen Whitaker, in
Glasgow University Chapel, 30 July 1941.



Ian and Billy at Lake
Ontario; summer
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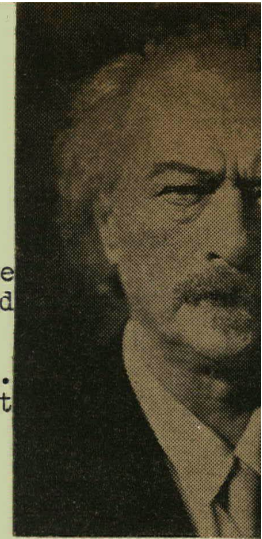
30 June 1941. Mon. At Mrs. Fentiman's funeral at Eskbank. Large attendance. At house for tea after it.. News of the death of Paderewski, the Polish pianist & politician. Ish and I once heard him play in the Usher Hall...Also death of old Mrs. Cooper at Wheelingstones, Westray. I called there in 1938 when the rest were playing at the Fluck Pow..

2 July 1941. Wed. Got my love's letter 46; such a nice one..Went to Ratho at night with W. Campbell and walked home via the Canal..

4 July 1941. Fri. Miss Nau, Miss Baxter & Emmie at tea..Visited old Mrs. Hunnam at night; very ill with heart attack; Robert flew from Cranwell to see her in just over an hour..Called next on Mrs. John Brown, who was very wandering; then to Aunt Minnie's; she not well..



Mr. Cupples and Men at the Garden Tomb



Paderewski

Good photo of Sles at Garden Tomb. The M.M.G. Magazine went on to War the night; fair except for a little Fraserburgh...

5 July 1941. Sa walk this after bus to Middleton via Borthwick J Crichton Castle Pathhead, and back...Tookie's party arrived after tea evidently after the surplus, and us on the 2 lbs

ed...Got the formal invitation to Doreen Whitaker's wedding...Jane Gr marriage is this afternoon... Here is a specimen of the warning teleprinter messages, that keep us occupied so much; no special occasion, but showing Reds on Fort William and Oban, and Yellows on Perth and Greenock, and a Purple on Stirling....Notice that Macintosh, the Depute Clerk of Court, is retiring; a very decent wee man. McWhannel is getting the promotion... I see that Lord Russell has granted a Petition to presume the death of the doctor who went missing in the Cairngorms last August. F. M. Littlejohn, who knew him, was a witness..

6 July 1941. Sun. Quiet night last night fire-watching. Addison chattered till 1 a.m... Very nice morning meeting. R. Cumming of Glasgow spoke well. Took him for lunch.. Then to hunt for soldiers in Princes St.. Cumming spoke well at night. Supper with the soldiers..Dr. Shankie helped. Not many others.

8 July 1941. Tue. Got Ian's trousers away at last, after many attempts! They'll always do for Billy at a pinch..Spent morning before Sheriff Robertson, defending 8 grocers for failing to exhibit price tickets for sardines. Put in Dryer as chief witness. They all got off, Robertson refusing to impose any penalty, as the regulations were not intelligible to anyone! Dryer very delighted...Had nice lunch at P.Ts. with John Black..Russian and Nazi battles still raging on tremendous scale..Abyssinian campaign is about over, and Vichy France in Syria seems cracking up also.

12 July 1941. Sat. At Norman Campbell's last evening; John Cowan and Miss Warnock, Lieut. Simpson, and Elwyn and Dorothy Graham

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played croquet, and talked to no great purpose..Then to War Room; had a
sy night till 3 a.m. Reds along east coast, inclg. Edinburgh. Bombing
emouth and MGg. at Elgin..On with Drummond..Got a lovely letter and a
photo from my pet..Walk this afternoon with H. Tulloch; Borthwick and
Castles, and saw over latter with the custodian; then supper at Har-
; the Lochheads and Provans (Mr. Sharp's daughter) staying there..Walk
e grounds with Rover and Flora; then home..Very hot day. The scents of
and wild flowers near Crichton were very grand; parts of the way just
Westray lane! Tulloch is a most pleasant companion..

1941. Sun. Helped with soldiers again, with Tom Ness. Some stayed a
ne after supper and talked very earnestly..W. Campbell spoke at the mtg.

1941. Tue. St. Swithin's Day, and very wet, of course..So was yester-
en Peter & Emmie went to Rannoch Hotel for a holiday..Norman Fentiman
ssary Court today, being appointed executor-dative to his mother..Miss
arrived tostay for 2 nights, on her way from Barnard Castle to Dufftown.

1941. Wed. Spent all day in Court, waiting for 2nd Div. case, with
on, Paisley, which wasn't reached..At Eskbank at night, seeing Fenties..
hear of armistice in Syria..Goering evidently in disgrace with Hitler,
out of office, if not imprisoned..Russian struggle going on with
laughter on both sides. Issue still doubtful. Quiet here, execept
on east, the Nazi bomber being shot down near Laurencekirk.

1941. Fri. Busy day; had to be in 4 Courts. Elwyn and Miss Sutherland
a divorce case, Elwyn at the ordinary Court, and I did a Grocers' Fedn.
defended 2 vagabonds from Dalkeith for assaulting a coloured soldier
He was very black, but complained of getting a black eye! The def-
s more or less successful...At Port Seton tonight, seeing widow of man
in S.M.T. bus; then straight to Palmerston Pl. On with Chalmers..

1941. Sat. Got the famous Gilmour case account off to Capetown..Sent
birthday presents off - 2 books..Mrs. John Gray died yesterday in
..To Steps in afternoon, seeing other man involved in bus accident;
grand tea....The Russian-Nazi battles are raging on a tremendous scale.
be 9 million men involved. Russians getting the worst of it, but app-
fighting hard....The R.A.F. seem to be doing frightful damage to the
cities; Aachen and Munster and others said to be one-third in ruins.
seems to have given up any attempt to confine bombing to military ob-
s; after all, it is only what Britain herself has endured for months....
mills at night, firewatching....Wakened by gun-fire at 1 a.m., but
off again...Addison and his wife had been at Meadowcroft; but not
m velly much; poor food, poor beds, poor hostess, they say.....A nice
the Scotsman of David Read, now a captive..

1941. Thurs. Sent Doreen Whitaker a wedding
of a cake-stand..At Tribunal with Walter
he got 4 months' postponement; Dryer was on
bunal.. Was at Walter's for coffee on Tuesday.

1941. Fri. At Port Seton again, settling
nston's claim for £1000..To War Room for the
heard of an officer going billeting in the
district, who asked an old wifie if she wd.
some men. 'Na, na! The last time they
d sogers here, there was a Massacre,' she
A good long memory..

1941. Sat. Chrissie & I went to Harvieston
end..Lovely day..Walked to Middleton and
Walker..In our old flat upstairs, seeing
s. Buchan there..Also long talk with some of
..Eric Mackay is not lookijg at all well..

1941. Sun. Lovely day. At morning meeting.
n - walked up Temple Rd. with Chrissie. At
took her and Mrs. M. to meeting in car;
ioch speaking. Talk with Jews again..

1941. Mon. Consultation at Philip's with
Fyfe & Co., and Mrs. Merritt-Hawkes; dis-
case..Got my pet's letter 50; & o.juice...

1941. Tues. Peter back from Rannoch, com-
of dizziness, but looking well..At P/M to-
very good meeting; later to War Room, at 9,
ed till next morning..Macnair on.. More
in the East; Japanese entering Indo-China,
ain & U.S.A. have frozen all credits. It
ry like another spreading of the war.....

PADRE PRISONER



Captain the Rev. David H. C. Read, B.D.,
minister of Greenbank Church, Edin-
burgh, who is a prisoner of war in Oflag
VII, C Camp, Germany.

30 July 1941. Wed. At Doreen Whitaker's wedding to Jack Aitken in University Memorial Chapel at Glasgow today, and afterwards at Belhaven Hotel..In Manson car with J.R.S. Wilson, who performed the ceremony. All went off well; good lunch after; at table with Jim Eaton & wife, Prof. & Mrs. Blair, and the Fischbachers. Ralph Cully was best man. Nice to be at a function without seeing any red nails, red mouths, or tobacco smoke..Saw J.A. MacMillan on way home...

31 July 1941. Thur. Got my love's letter 49 today, & the school reports. They are exceptionally good..Got a present for Bill from Aunty Clark; also a book for her own birthday - Amy Wilson Carmichael's "Windows." ...

1 Aug. 1941. Fri. Cam Dovey in; tea at Mackie's; he is settled in Cupar..At directors' mtg. of Carrubbers Close later; mostly about dismissing the janitor.. Called on old Mrs. Hunnam at night; she was just passing away..Also saw Mrs. John Brown & Mrs. Louttit, & then the doctor. Mrs. Brown is not responsible any longer, & will need a guardian, or go to a Home..

2 Aug. 1941. Sat. Very busy day, clearing up. Was at War Room all night; busy all morning; spent last coupons on a Mattamac for holidays; to office after lunch; then to War Room 4-7.30; at office again; then to fire-watching...Mrs. Hunnam died this morning..Chrissie and Mrs. Lyle got off to Borrowdale....

13 Aug. 1941. Wed. Have finished my annual holiday - at Kincaig, for nine days. Stayed at Moss Cottage (Mrs. Wilkie), where Libby, Muriel & Elizabeth Anne were; Aunt Minnie, Elsie & Marjorie at Robertson's..Weather was mixed, but enjoyed it. Good journey north; fine to see the Garry again..Golfed most days; had 2 fine days on the hills - (1) on Monadhliadhs with Libby - Carn Coire Dhugain and Cnoc Fraing, & home by Henschell's Road; (2) on Glen Feshie Hills with Muriel, via Coylum, Barry's Grave, Creag Dhubb, Argyll's Stone, etc. and home by Lagganlia..Good walks, up Feshie, where much wood-cutting; Farr; Insh, &c. .. Took evening service on Sunday at Glen Feshie Schoolhouse for Mr. Shaw; went in his car. Small congregation, but seemed interested; spoke on Ahijah..Met some old friends - Miss Macpherson at Ingle-side; Mr. Hamilton the minister; Smith the grocer. Grant Fleming called one evening...Food on the scarce side; not many luxuries, tho' enough to go all round..Left in pouring rain; went to office at night, and got my love's two letters, 51 & 53; worth all the rest of the holiday..Chrissie back from Borrowdale; had seen Aunty; holiday upset by Mr. Lyle dying at Harvieston.

14 Aug. 1941. Thurs. Sprained my ankle in the office today; same one as before..Awkward for getting about...News of Mr. Churchill meeting Mr. Roosevelt on the high seas today; a historic occasion..Norman Fentiman in; thinks he must give up 18 Denham Green Terrace; I thought he might let it furnished..

16 Aug. 1941. Sat. Miss Brack gave notice today; she is going to Davidson and Syme's, where she may get a better salary, but will have to work early and late for a change. She has been a disgruntled kind of creature for some time..At War Room in afternoon; old Roxburgh on; was glad of my help, as some raiding in Aberdeen etc.. Then to Dohnavur for supper; Capt. Kanaar, R.A.M.C. and sister, and Lt. Orr Ewing there. Kanaar very nice fellow; was means of conversion of Cereseto. We had a long talk about foreign missions etc..

22 Aug. 1941. Fri. Year today since my darling landed at Chedoke! Wrote a letter of thanks to Ethel & Clair, and another to Alice..Appeared at Sheriff Court for Polish officer and a girl, giving false name at a hotel; not at all concerned about sin - only about being found out. It wasn't in the papers, so I suppose they thought no more about it; she was married to an R.A.F. man.. Showed Raxaul films tonight; asked Capt. Kanaar, Orr Ewing, and J.C. Wilson; only Miss K. arrived! Others all busy.. Film very worn...

23 Aug. 1941. Sat. Drove Peter's car, as Elwyn at Largs: with Peter, Emmie, Belongings, Chrissie & Mrs. Lyle, to Lyne Valley; stood them all tea at the Tontine; very wet most of the time..Meeting at Hunnam's at night, re winding-up the trust. Wm. there - tried to be funny, & had to be put in his place... Got 3 lovely letters today; 52 and 54, and one from the boys: AND a large box of candies for my birthday! Nice snaps also; bathing scenes at lakeside.

25 Aug. 1941. Mon. Ross Durie, Mrs. Walter Pryde's brother, is wounded and a prisoner; he was missing at first..We paraded tonight at War Room in full kit for inspection; I took a taxi, not liking to clump thro' the streets. Got a lift back with Major Spark. I little thought 23 years ago that I would ever again don the shapeless boots and dropsical puttees of the British soldier.. Met A.C. Elliott on the tram; he has left the West Port Mission, where our grand piano went. "Jealousy, ye ken, Mr. Balfour, Jealousy; far better to withdraw; 'Withdraw thyself from among them;' that's the word that came to me." He now works at the old Hallelujah Hall in the High Street, and has wunnerful meetings..Visit from Cam Dovey; he is resigning from the Trust..

27 Aug. 1941. Wed. At funeral of Geo. I. Richardson. He was ill for some time and in anursing home..Further meeting of Hunnams at the office, inclg. Robt..

29th Aug. 1941. Fri. My Billy's birthday - 7 today... Have been very busy last few days..Also did War Room Tues. evening, all night Weds., Thurs. evening and am going all night tonight..Laval, the French Quisling, has been shot and dangerously wounded; not fatally so far, to the regret of many, no doubt....The short campaign in Iran is over; British & Russian forces are occupying the country without further opposition..At Richardsons, Granton Rd., tonight; read Will to them; not all very pleased. Mrs. Reid has got the lion's share. Poor old Mr. R. hadn't much happiness at home; they all quarelled a lot..Had tea before leaving...Roderick Manson has resigned from the Monthly Visitor; Mr. Macfadyen of Gorgie Baptist Church has taken the appointment..

31st Aug. 1941. Sun. Fire-watching last night at Janonmills. Addison complained that young Addison had been running around with the smallest Brack, and they had had to put their foot down! However, young Addison didn't seem greatly perturbed; said she was now running around with John Frame, anyway! .. Lieut. Robt. Arnott, son of F.S.Arnott, and also Dr. Anderson at morning meeting..Albert Watson is now a quarter-master sergeant, and visits Bill Shearer! Chrissie got a bad cold..Busy in afternoon with soldiers as usual..

6th Sept. 1941. Sat. Got influenza from someone; in bed Tuesday-Thursday.. at Norman Campbell's last night; with Kanaar, Anderson, Elwyn; long and interesting discussion about Christian life and witness...Back at office this afternoon, and writing articles tonight..Hedley has sailed for Canada..

7th Sept. 1941. Sun. National Day of Prayer..Large meeting at 2.45 p.m. ..

8th Sept. 1941. Mon. Have joined the Liberal Club, as a non-political member; merely for some handy quiet place to have a meal and take a stranger..Letters from the Island today; boys are great swimmers now..Sent off chorus-books and G.B. hymnals for Ish to start cru' class..Nasty plane collision over Botanic Gardens; one fell behind St. Luke's Church, other in Gardens..Russian war is raging still; Nazis pushing on mostly.. British and Russians have now occupied all Iran, more or less peacefully..

11th Sept. 1941. Thur. Poor old Fred's 50th birthday! I still trust that he will be perfectly healed, in time..Defended a Musselburgh miner successfully in the Police Court, for embezzling part of a collection; before Bailie Douglas

13th Sept. 1941. Sat. Quiet night at war Room..Left at 11 today for Fort William with Robin Inglis & his mother, by car. Lovely run via Glencoe and Ballachulish Ferry; tea at Kingshouse Inn..at Palace Hotel, Fort William..

14th Sept. 1941. Sun. Lovely day; at U.F. Church in morning; Inglis addressed Sunday School. Walked 12 miles afternoon; Glen Nevis. At Faith Mission at night; 2 B.P.I. men spoke; an Indian doctor, and Moreton, a Japanese, coming to do medicine at Edin. Most delightful men..At Cameron, the Registrar's later, singing..He and his wife are Keswick folk..

15th Sept. 1941. Mon. Climbed Ben Nevis; misty at top. Grand excursion. At Cameron's again at night, singing and talking about the Second Advent...Must get climbing boots for future! My sprained ankle was troublesome, on way down.

16th Sept. 1941. Tue. Home again; via Kinlochleven and Glencoe. Lovely day.. Met Shaw, the Kincaig minister, at Onich..at Bellevue at night - W.W.Campbell speaking again..Marmalade and sugar arrived from my dear one..Shah of Iran has abdicated...Hedley arrived at Halifax, N.S. ..

17th Sept. 1941. Wed. Elwyn's engagement to Alex. MacLennan in Scotsman.... At Lunn's today, seeing the furniture..

21st Sept. 1941. Sun. Cycled to meeting; MacLennan there; he leaves tonight for the R.A.F. ..Russell Elliott is 80 today; he sent a letter about it.. Nice meeting till near end; then spoiled by Adam Dunlop and a youth Johnstone..Lot of service men at tea; John Fraser speaking at night...The battle between the Soviet and Nazis still raging; Nazis are pushing on in the Ukraine...Rice Alexander's son Ronald has gone to the R.A.F. to train as an air-gunner..

MR A. F. MACLENNAN, B.L.—MISS F. G. E. MANSON
The engagement is announced between Alexander Fraser, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hugh MacLennan, East Claremont Street, Edinburgh, and Frances Gertrude Elwyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Manson, Barnton Terrace, Edinburgh.

22nd Sept. 1941. Mon. Went to see Wm. Shearer tonight; he is a little better.. Two very ancient landmarks have passed away; John Burns, W.S., of conveyancing fame, who would have been professor of conveyancing if he had had a less obnoxious manner; and Dr. Thin, who assisted me into the world. He was a real nice man; attended mother in her illnesses; he was vigorous to the end.. Whitaker is a grandfather, Kathleen having brought a small Papist son forth...

25th Sept. 1941. Thurs. The old man is 47 today. Still got that Kruschen feeling, all the same..Up and does his physical jerks in the morning, and walks to the office in 17 minutes..Busy day the office; Peter at Netherhall. ..Got nice long letter today from Tookie, and heard from Fred, Bill, Aunty Clark, Libby..Also such a nice Birthday Card from Canada, autographed by the

family there; card attached hereto.. Ian is evidently a great swimmer, and Bill is getting on well too..

27 Sept. 1941. Sat. Dr. Trueman came for supper last night..I at War Room from 7.30 till this morning..went up Arthur Seat via Hunters' Bog this afternoon, then to War Room till 7.30 and then to Bellevue fire-watching.. A.T.S. having great recruiting drive. They give A.A. gun-drill exhibitions at the Mound..Done very smartly..

28 Sept. 1941. Sun. Nice morning meeting. Mr. Heath, Dundee, spoke.. At baptisms at 2.45, then to Princes St. for soldiers; Sydney Munro spoke.

29 Sept. 1941. Mon. Tea at Mackie's with Lieut. Tom Skelton and his wife. He is Mrs. weaver's brother...

1 Oct. 1941. Weds. At Mackay's Gorebridge, re selling bakery.. Ex-Provost Gumley has died at Windermere while on holiday..His photo. in the paper for the last time..Called to see Mrs. Slip, who has lost part of a finger in a mincing-machine..

2 Oct. 1941. Thur. Mr. wildish' first meeting at Bellevue, at 6.30. Good audience; I went to school for night fire-watching, alone; sirens went at 8.20 p.m., for 1½ hours..Bombing at Janty Bay, Abbey St. Bathans, etc..

4 Oct. 1941. Sat. At War Room from 7 last night..Many alerts; bombing mostly at Edzell..Cycled to Eskbank in afternoon; lovely autumn day; trees turning, blue skies; called on Mr. Fentiman; went round garden with him. Poor Dorothy still slaving away, blacking the grates etc., on such a Saturday afternoon...

6 Oct. 1941. Mon. Fine mtg. last night with A.P. Campbell, Tayport..Hedley is at Halifax, N.S. He quite enjoyed his journey out, via Iceland..Started a new typist today, Miss Adams, sufferer from asthma, so she won't be called up..we have made a new arrangement with Stubbs; their Edin. office is to handle all the local S.D. decrees, which will save us much labour and correspondence..

7 Octr. 1941. Tue. Tremendous battle raging in Russia, on whole front, especially towards Moscow. The Reds are having a terrible time of it..Supper at Crawford's with H. Pulloch, and then to Mr. wildish's meeting..Fred has returned to Pirmill...Disappointing news about the exchange of wounded between us and Nazis. They were not going to play the game; quite likely they would have accepted their prisoners and not released ours. The German prisoners have been taken off the hospital ships and returned to their camps. Picture herewith...

11 Oct. 1941. Sat. Quiet night at War Room; on with Laing..flicked off Major Spark for his foolish attempts at editing my messages..In Club in aftn., seeing newspapers..Addressed first of the Fellowship rallies at 12 Lyne-doch Pl. tonight, on The Virgin Birth of Christ..Good audience; I enjoyed the meeting. Rendel Govan in chair..Miss Sutherland came; all very new to her..Then to Canonmills, fire-watching.. Mr. Graham full of Dorothy's breaking off her engagement... Archie Wyse's brother, the doctor one, has gained the George Medal for saving the lives of 7 nurses inna blitz in Manchester.

Wishing you a very happy Birthday.
FROM.

Clair
the
Alice

Happy
Wilson
Joany -

Bill
Elizabeth (with love)

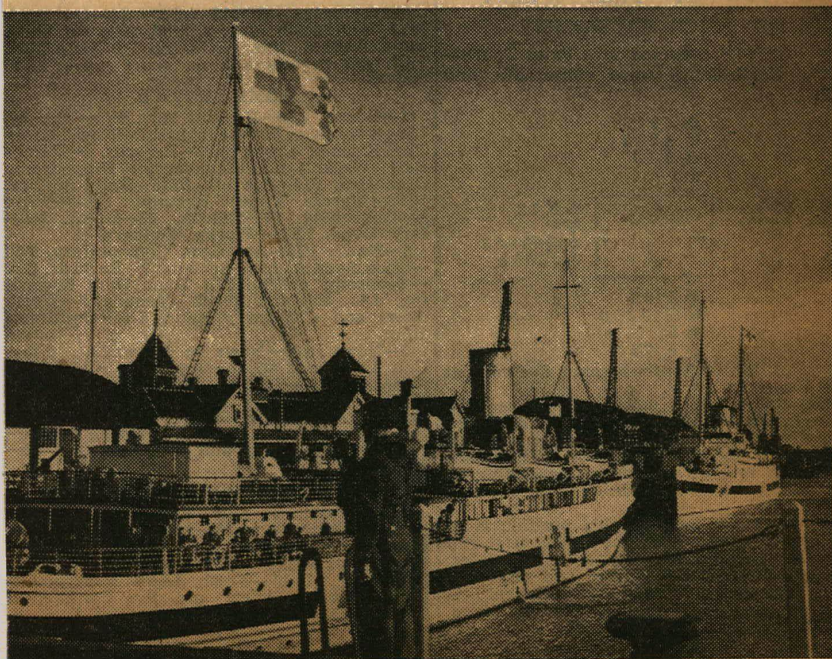
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BILLY

WEE Wilson.

Alice Mary is not here .

HELD UP BY LAST-MINUTE HITCH



The hospital ships Dinard and St Julien, which were ready last night to transport wounded German prisoners of war from Newhaven to Dieppe.

12 Oct. 1941. Sun. Quiet night. Very frosty morning. Large meeting; R.A. Laidlaw spoke. Norman Bachop on leave. Splendid night meeting; 6 service men stood to decide for Christ, on Mr. L's appeal... No Canadian letter since 25th Septr., my birthday. I miss them dreadfully when they are so delayed.....

14 Oct. 1941. Tue. R.A. Laidlaw, New Zealand, here just now: heard him at Follcross last night on his work among the troops, & tonight at Bellevue. Met Mr. Johnston, Ledaig, in Crawfords. Rex is on a destroyer..

15 Oct. 1941. Wed. Got my blessed darling's letter at last, after 3 weeks' silence.. Very sorry to read of Alex. Handasyde's death; no details. He was a tower of strength to me in the old Easter Road days, tho' he fell away sadly afterwards. He was restored latterly, however.. Ish says Alice Mary is engaged.. At War Room tonight; changed with Anderson.. Moscow battle still raging..

16 Oct. 1941. Thur. Mr. Campbell, Hamilton, & his partner, phd. today re the latter's war exemption: they wanted a meeting with Mr. R. Gibson K.C. They didn't know he had been Lord Gibson for the last few months! .. At Wildish's mtg. at night: then kept watch at Canonmills School till 10.30, when Elwyn & D. Graham arrived.. I see that a steamer, 'St. Clair' has been lost in the Atlantic.. I do hope it isn't my dear Shetland St. Clair: I can't think of her white paint never coming into Leith again..

17 Oct. 1941. Fri. At N. Campbell's tonight, seeing R.A. Laidlaw's coloured films of the Continent & N.Z. Very beautiful.. Then to War Room for night..

18 Oct. 1941. Sat. Lovely afternoon on Pentlands, by myself: climbed Caerketton & Allermuir, then on to Castlelaw, & by Woodhouselee & in to tram terminus.

21 Oct. 1941. Tue. Proof before Lord Patrick, in black-out accident; for defender. Will probably lose.. Sent travelling-rug to Miss Warnock & John Cowan for wedding-present.. Bellevue at 6, at door; then to War Room to relieve Wilson; back to Canonmills fire-watching.. Bad news about H.P. Barker's grandchildren; his daughter-in-law & 7 children were on a torpedoed ship from Portugal, along with his own daughter, and all seem to be lost..

22 Oct. 1941. Wed. Took funeral service at Mrs. Wilmot's, one of the Women's Meeting attenders, at East Claremont St., in an area.. Lunched at Liberal Club.

25 Oct. 1941. Sat. To Glasgow, for John Cowan's wedding at Elim Hall, and at Grosvenor Hotel.. Mr. Wildish conducted it. Large crowd; sat with Bertie Thomson. Auldworth best man.. Very grand lunch; at table with Eileen Whitaker, Eileen Patrick, Miss Tytler, Jn. Noble.. Not on very high level, somehow: too many silly old chestnut stories; I think Wildish wasn't altogether comfortable about it. J.W. Laing made only good speech.. Supper at Whitaker's later. Mrs. Wilson (Shirty) there.. was pressed to stay night, but offered go later.. Evidently Kathleen's boy was baptised into R.C. church; she was not consulted.

26 Oct. 1941. Sun. Usual busy day.. Fred Elliot at Bellevue; large crowd. Rice Alexander very peeved about those who won't come to help with soldiers' work..

30 Oct. 1941. Thu. Heard of sudden death of W.F. Brown, the "estray baker, of Breckaskail (Castle Lightweight). He died in the Baptist Chapel.. One of the family is already writing us, grumbling at the will.. Mr. Wildish's last meeting tonight.. At office later seeing Geo. Brack, in final attempt to reconcile him to his wife; not much hope.. The S.L. Review writes this week of Robert Gibson's first judgment; 3000 words about a £10 rent, and reviewing the law back to the days of King Alfred! I think the writer had his tongue in his cheek.. Lot of colds about; Elwyn & Emmie very bad; Chrissie too; I also! Fortunately mine isn't severe, and no temperature this time..

1 Nov. 1941. Sat. Walked with Herman Fulloch to Ratho via the Canal.. Most enjoyable. Saw a lot of birds; a heron, 2 tufted ducks, magpies, etc.. We had supper together at Fingal.. I finished preparing for Bellevue tomorrow night..

2 Nov. 1941. Sun. Boswell Philips spoke at morning meeting. Busy afternoon on Princes St. Got 4 Canadians down. Spoke at night, on 'Fully Persuaded; Almost; and would not be..' Very large meeting. Men seemed interested; one asked for a Bible to take away, to look up the passages.. Chrissie in bed....

3 Nov. 1941. Mon. Anniversary of dear Dad's passing; I went to warriston and put some flowers on the grave.. Visit from Kenneth Mackenzie and Dr. Douglas Johnson of I.V.F. .. Defended a boy from Wallyford for breaking air raid shelter ventilators! Prosecution broke down. Father in Franent meeting.... Macintosh from Froom at consultation with Blades, re Major Allam, thrown out of S.M.T. bus.. Gave Macintosh tea at Mackie's afterwards.. At War Room 7 - 11..

5 Nov. 1941. Wed. Got judgment for defender in black-out case, Lord Patrick: Cornhill Insurance Coy. case.. Manson & Co. for pursuer; so Digby elated....

7 Nov. 1941. Fri. With W. Pryde at Tribunal; 3 months' further extension... As he is over 41, he may not have to go at all; tho' I hear they are raising the age to 45, or even 50.. My turn next... Busy night at War Room; Belhaven bombed; gas-works; and hospital, where I once looked after a soldier in 1917!

Sat. 3 Nov. 1941. Walked round Salisbury Crags & Samson's Ribs in afternoon to get warm..At second rally at night at Lynedoch Pl. Subject - Christ's Days on Earth. R. Govan in chair; Phil Petty there. Very large crowd; no seats left.

Mon. 10 Nov. 1941. Chrissie's birthday - 60th. Gave her set of table mats; book from Bill..Frank McLaine, India, at supper; went with him to Tollcross, where he spoke interestingly on his tour round the Indian stations. Felt sorry for the old gentleman, a widower and no home of his own. He stays with Eleanor & Howard Mudditt, who keep hens & pigs..Letter 65 from my darling today, & a cutting of Clair's appointment, with his photo....War news still bad; Nazis pressing into the Crimea. The cold may halt their advance. Britain lost 37 bombers over Germany during the night, in intense cold. Italian convoy of 10 ships & 3 destroyers wiped out in the Meditern.



Lord Provost William Y. Darling

Tue. 11 Nov. 1941. Will Y. Darling is the new Lord Provost. We'll see him no more at the War Room. An old Stewartonian, he had many adventures all over the world. He has a flair for everything, and has now added Grants' Bookshop to his own business next door... Term Day again..At Bellevue at night; Kirkby on The Offerings. R.H. Alexander & I then called on the Bracks, who are not very happy..Sent off some books to Canada for Christmas presents..23 years today the Armistice was signed..I was at Harlebeke in Belgium, & felt that Paradise had come now..

Wed. 12 Nov. 1941. At Jockenzie for weirs' rents. Naval gun at the Harbour fired all the time, making a shocking row & bringing down the plaster..Bill thro' for lunch; coffee with him at

Crawfords after..Got my love's 64 Letter; Clair has increased her allowance by 50%.. The Free Church have appointed Calvin Mackay their new Moderator..J.C.M. Guy is at last resigning as M.P. for Cent. Edinburgh; poor chap, he has been in Crichton Royal now for some years..Did War Room tonight for McLeod..Dinner on..

Sat. 15 Nov. 1941. Spent morning looking for a cot & mattress for Muriel's Elizabeth..Very scarce; got cot in P.P.s. & mattress elsewhere..To Whitakers at 4 o'clock..Mrs. W. had sprained her ankle..Quiet evening; I did dishes, etc..

Sun. 16 Nov. 1941. Drove Mr. W. to Albert Hall..Very cold in hall; Mr. Ramsden spoke..Nice walk with Mr. W. in afternoon; & spoke at night, on The Lord's Life mostly..Bitterly cold again in hall..Got 3.25 p.m. train back...

Tue. 18 Nov. 1941. Debate before Shf. Robertson in Sleigh's case; Philip for us, Keith for H. & J. Smith..Miss MacLaren there; Shf. in our favour..Lunch at Club with Nightingale & Peter weir..At Bellevue; Kirkby again; then a business mtg. re Musselburgh & the Gibson boys; also fixed chairmen for N.Y. Confce., L.W.G.A. & Ironside. They wanted me; but I said only if I had the doors locked during ministry! I thought that would scare them off... Fire-watching all night with Graham again..Mrs. John Sommerville very ill with angina...Albert Watson is busy giving out Arabic & Hebrew tracts in the East!

Thu. 20 Nov. 1941. Conducted funeral for Mr. Wilmot, in area at E. Claremont St., & then to Piershill Cemty..Spoke at Shaws Hall, Newhaven, at night, generally about the Lord; enjoyed it greatly; very attentive listeners..Then to Aunty's for an hour; Cecil there..Bert is still at Leicester, looking for wells of water, like the Patriarchs..Had letter from Sandy; he had lunched with Grant...

Fri. 21 Nov. 1941..Great British advance begun in Libya; tremendous tank battles with Nazis; things seem to be going well for us..Now supposed that the convoy of 10 ships sunk in Mediterranean contained Nazi troops, & the 2 Italian cruisers fled, glad to think of the Nazis being sunk..Norman Fentiman in; he has to take Mrs. Gumley in; she had an allowance from John Burns W.S., which has now stopped at his death..Her son in India gives her nothing..I don't see how I can get my furniture into Denham Green too, so have reduced Norman's rent from £65 to £50 for the duration..Heavy exercise at War Room, 7 till 1 a.m. Watson with me, and very helpful..Drummond as Intelligence Officer..Fine new lighting now.. Mrs. John Brown's curatory petition served on her today by Messenger.

Sat. 22 Nov. 1941. At office in aftn. packing old papers; then at War Room at 4.



IMPORTANT OFFICE — Mr. Clair Balfour, president of Balfours, Ltd., who has been named special assistant to the master-general of the ordnance, Victor Sifton. The appointment was announced late yesterday by national defence headquarters, Ottawa. Mr. Balfour is in the capital at the present time.

Thur. 27 Nov. 1941. Have got Andrew Kerr Ltd. incorporated at last..Also busy getting Hunnam's estates wound up..Jall from Frank Govan, now a Major. His daughter is at Clarendon School, Malvern..Very sorry to hear of death today of Charlie Wallace, J.A., my first friend at school..I met him and his boys at Grantown CSSM in 1932..Jall from a Major Black from Dornoch, friend of Jim Marshall's; but the proposed business (divorce) seemed collusive, & I had to refuse it..Gondar, the last Italian stronghold in Abyssinia, has now fallen..

Fri. 28 Nov. 1941. Tremendous tank battles in Libya still raging. Things are not going so easily as people estimated; Nazis seem strongly equipped with tanks.. Miss Brown, Greenock, arrived today to stay for 2 weeks..Peter & Annie at the wedding in N.B. hotel of Prof. Wiles of Jugo-Slavia..Whitakers, Davidsons, and Lairs; latter staying week-end with Mansons..At War Room at night; exercise on

Sat. 29 Nov. 1941. Went to Bathgate to see Muriel & Betty, by train. Took them a cake, which I had adventures getting from MacVitties; long stand in queue... The cot had arrived safely..Libby came for supper..She had been at Sandy's for a week-end; thinks the conditions at his house very poor, with the evacuees.. Nice photo in the Cru. Mag. of Denis Phillips, with a photo of him, herewith:-



"READ ALL OVER THE WORLD"

A CRUSADER IN ABYSSINIA

A DELIGHTFUL letter is to hand from 2nd Lieut. Denis M. Phillips, of Edinburgh Ravelston Class, seen in the picture above. "By the brilliant light of the African sun," he writes, "I am reading the 'Mag.' while seated on my 'chop' box—a box used by every officer of the King's African Rifles in which to keep his food when he goes out with his men on patrol. It was taken at a place called Red Ridge, just on the East African side of the then Italian border, before the great victories of last February turned the Italians out of this part of the world. The somewhat airy attire is, of course, explained by the heat. Although the story goes round that one needs spine protectors and pith helmets in Kenya and Abyssinia, it was so hot that as our work was not particularly 'showy' from the military point of view, we were allowed to go about like this all day. The result of walking and standing about for hours in the blazing heat was that we were burned to a queer blue-purple-brown colour. So far from pith helmets we wore our forage caps, in my case the Glengarry, for I am a King's Own Scottish Borderer.

"The war in this part of the world has long since been brought to a 'successful conclusion.' My brigade has travelled from 9,000 to 10,000 miles over the most frightful roads you can imagine, sometimes in pouring rain, and seas of clinging mud, or in feet of powdery dust. In both conditions it takes all one's patience to keep from getting angry

Fri. 5 Dec. 1941. Toner thro' from Glasgow. He is all but blind, & staggers about, with some nervous affliction. I thought he might try Bill's treatment.. Alex. McLennan is now at Daviot Moor..Busy night at War Room; ran 2 exercises - Dundee & Inverness..Got carbon of my love's 57 letter today; original lost.. Pathetic letter from Mrs. J.R.Hewison; her effects have been sold off; she is to have a room in the old house meantime. I'm still trying to get her a military pension, in respect of Jack..Libyan battles still raging in the desert. Russians are holding their own better, & Nazis retreating in the Crimea..

and irritable, and in dealing with native troops there is even more to put up with. But I can't help thinking that had we had European troops instead of the fine, sturdy, childlike natives, the campaign would never have gone with the speed that it did, for the African troops, being accustomed to the climate, can work twice as long and do twice the manual work that our own men could. One day we were completely bogged in a shocking stretch of mud, night was coming on, and we had orders to report a long way ahead the next morning. Nevertheless, by working the company in relays all night, we literally forced the transport through, and the brigade was at its appointed place only an hour late. The Brigadier, just out from home, got the surprise of his life! 'I never thought you'd make it,' he exclaimed."

Like many other Crusaders in the Forces, and especially those far away overseas, our correspondent expresses the deepest appreciation of the Union's Services Scheme. "I first found in the Class that Christ can save sinners, through His precious blood, and have since found that His Holy Spirit is so much stronger and more able to overcome sin, no matter where I am or what I am doing, than I ever could be by myself. I realise how much harder it is to be a Christian outside the Christian circle of home and the Class, and especially in the Army, where so many temptations are specially put in one's way by Satan. Yet, whether at home or out in Abyssinia 'God is able,' and many is the time I have been guided and protected, even in the heat of battle, when a hasty and even desperate cry to God has turned dismay to hope, and fear to confidence."

sacks tonight, clearing out father's annexe. The last sack was full of old iron; pokers, clocks, name plates, &c., ending up with a green-mouldy bowler hat. I toted them to Hill Street again!..Government now calling up men to 50 years old. Looks as if it's 'Back to the Army again, Sergeant,' for F.E.B. .. J.C.M.Guy, M.P. for Central Edinburgh has at last been got to resign his seat. He has not been fit mentally for some years, and is in 3richton Royal. F.C.Watt is the official candidate, and no doubt will have a walk-over. Photo herewith.



Mr F. C. Watt, K.C.

Tue. 2 Dec. 1941. At office last night, filling more sacks with old papers from father's room. A very dusty dirty business. I took the old oil stove & an ancient bottle of cider and left them on the kerb in Hill St., the bottle balanced on the stove, & walked off, saying 'Let him take it who will,' as did Napoleon's private soldier with his musket when promoted on the field to be a captain..Spoke at Bellevue tonight on worship, 1st part..Then to school fire-watching, by myself.

Wed. 3 Dec. 1941. Got letters 67 & 68 today; 66 on Monday last; great week. Some fine snaps of the boys. They had been at Mrs. Crane's for the afternoon.. Served an action on Hope-Gill today, by Dr.Walker, Marchhall Rd., to make the former cut down his overhanging trees..Finished the

6 Dec. 1941. Sat. Had such a grand walk this afternoon; to top of Arthur Seat, then to Calton Hill, then back to top of Arthur Seat, then home! Some blatters of rain en route.. Got carbon of my darling's 57 letter today; original lost..

8 Dec. 1941. Mon. Japan has struck at U.S.A. and Britain without warning; air-bases in Pacific heavily raided and landings in Malay & Philippines.. Where is this war going to end? .. Frank Ramsay called today; on embarkation leave.. Emma Fairley married in Bellevue today; Peter at wedding..

9 Dec. 1941. Tue. Good score at Shf. Court over J. Smith, W.S., re Sleigh's Prs. He has abandoned the action; Miss MacLaren highly delighted.. Meeting of Richardsons' Prs. in afternoon.. Night; spoke at Bellevue, on reverence in worship.. Naval disaster; Battleships Prince of Wales and Repulse sunk off Malaya by Japanese bombers. Attacks on Hong-Kong, Singapore, etc.. U.S.A. blacked-out..

13 Dec. 1941. Sat. Quiet night at War Room.. 3rd of series at Fellowship tonight at Lynedoch Pl., on 'Calvary.' .. Later, at Alex. Sharp's house, holding first meeting of directors of Andrew Kerr Ltd. Sirens in afternoon at office. Edinburgh raised 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ millions for its warship week.. Sorry to hear that Mrs. Kilgour, whose boy came to our Cru. Class, is ill, evidently a mental breakdown... During the gas test in Princes St., poor old Willie Dickson was caught, without a mask, & wept copiously! .. Sent Fred Sox & a calendar for Xmas. Evidently Robert Scott, Prenable, has died. He was a fine old man..

20 Dec. 1941. Sat. Wedding anniversary again. Surely the next one will see my darling back to me... A few Xmas cards in. Cake from Aunty. Book-token from Libby. Sent her £1, and Scots Pict. Calendar to Muriel.. went to Lesmahagow today to see Braidwoods &c. about declarator case. Got sufficient evidence. Had lunch in Hamilton. Thereafter to War Room for the night..

24 Dec. 1941. Wed. Tom Hughson called today, having to interview the Navy. He seems to think they want to make him an Admiral.. He asked for a certificate that he had served me 4 years. Said he was afraid he hadn't been a good servant. I told him he had been the worst I ever had.. Mr. Churchill is in America; made a rousing speech.. Got all my presents away; Scots P. calendars to Muriel & Aunty Clark & Aunty Shaw; £1 to Libby; book on Birds to Chrissie; 5/- to Grace; socks & calendar to Fred; £5 to Louttits; £1 to Pollie.

25 Dec. 1941. Thu. Presents after breakfast. Lovely photo of Ian & Bill; book token from Aunty Shaw; blotter from Chrissie.. Walked to Summerside, & back by Lomond Ho., now abandoned.. At War Room in afternoon; at Peter's for tea, with Amy Martin & Joan, Miss MacLennan, Lena Bachop.. Present of fowl from McLarty.

26 Dec. 1941. Fri. Elwyn went to Inverness today, to see Alex. .. Wrote Ish for her birthday; sent her book, 'I bought a Mountain.' .. Nice letter from Billy with photo of him taken on a swing.. Quiet night at War Room..

27 Dec. 1941. Sat. At Bathgate; Douglas there. Nice dinner.. Very cold day...

28 Dec. 1941. Sun. Stayed in all morning, to get rid of cold. War Room 4.7-30

29 Dec. 1941. Mon. Asked today to become director of Edin. Medical Mission; but don't think I will.. Met Sheriff Dobie; he had seen my syllabus, 'Christ & I' and was very interested; he does some speaking himself..

30 Dec. 1941. Tue. At Synod Hall, lecture (talking film) on U.X.B. .. Peter at Muriel Fraser's wedding at Darlings.. Mr. Wildish at Bellevue, on Our Glorious Hope for 1942; excellent address.. Fire-watched with Addison later..

31 Dec. 1941. Wed. Albert Watson was on leave in Palestine, staying with Cupples. Jack Wilson in India; Norman Bachop at Gibraltar.. Very serious position in East, with Hong-Kong captured by Japs, and much of Malay States, Phillipines, etc. Germans almost finished in Libya, however, and Reds winning all along the line in Russia.. Lord Woolton has sanctioned extra milk for Victory cats - those hunting mice in food stores. It is damaged milk powder, but the cats are not to know that, I suppose.. Spending Hogmanay at home by the fire. The Scots Law Times has a list of those who have died in 1941 - e.g. John Baird, G.F. Bryce, John Cowie, Chas. George, Robt. Gibb, Shf. Malcolm, V.S.M. Marshall, R.A. Simpson, Peter Waddell, Thos. Yule; all elderly men except R.A. Simpson, and perhaps Marshall.... Called today to see A.H. Roberts; very poorly with rheumatism, & looking greatly failed.....

1 Jan. 1942. Thur. Brought in the New Year with a radio watch-night service. Tom Johnston, Secretary for Scotland, also gave a good talk.. Nice mild morning; went to Conference in morning; fair crowd; sat with Robert Sharp; heard Mr. Ruoff and R.D. Johnston. Ironside made a good chairman. Still many late-comers. Lunched at Club; quite busy there. Then to War Room till 4 p.m. .. Mrs. J.P. Taylor, Leith, died very suddenly this morning, of heart trouble...

3 Jan. 1942. Sat. Quiet night at War Room.. At Mrs. Taylor's funeral at 2.30; conducted by Robt. Macgregor and Goudie.. A.H. Roberts there, very poorly with rheumatism.. At War Room later, till 7.30. Relieved J.R. Philip, who had returned from burying his wife's father in the old graveyard at Kincaig. Mr.

Shaw officiated..We are taking down the Xmas cards now. I am keeping Bill's one here, as it is such a lovely one, of the Broughton country and hills:-



In the Southern Uplands—Culter Fell and the lands of Broughton, in Tweeddale

A Landscape of Scotland by Robert M. Adam

...Kenneth Jullen, Sheriff at Selkirk, is going to Dunoon instead of McInnes, who has resigned, apparently because of falling foul of local society there. He seems to have stirred up trouble for himself through some indiscreet expressions of opinion.

4 Jan. 1942. Sun. A wild day of tempest. Good meeting in the morning; save that Fred Elliott gave us the identical address on Abraham & Isaac that we got from him 3 months ago! .. Elwyn back from her week at Inverness..Stayed in rest of day, to get rid of cold hanging around yet.

5 Jan. 1942. Mon. The paper today announces

the death of W.W.Clunas, the marble merchant who was at Harvieston. He had no spiritual light at all, I'm afraid..Rowland Wilson has evacuated his family to Capetown..Got a circular from Colin Ferguson, running a service hut in Australia, & evidently doing good work...M.M.G. magazine in; Cupples' letter says they had a visit from a very bright lad, Albert Watson! .. Muriel has gone to Liverpool with Douglas, & left the infant with Ludovic & Ella Alexander. Ludi seems to enjoy the experience..Met Mr. Chalmers of Inland Revenue today..

8 Jan. 1942. Thur. British pressing on in Libya, & Russians making great progress all along their front..Japs taking all before them in Malaya and Philippines..Allan Walker is the new Sheriff at Selkirk. He'll have to give up his nice little bungalow in Middleton..All the railings in the Meadows are now removed. It is a great improvement; looks like a park now..was able to deposit £500 in bank; living in digs is a great saving..Lovely letters from Ish today; Ian sends me a hankey also, good wee lad; one of his own!

10 Jan. 1942. Sat. W.S.McBlain arrested for embezzlement. It has been coming for a while. Called round today; his daughter there, very distressed...W. D. Anderson has taken on John Robertson W.S. as a clerk, on being released from Saughton; very decent of him. .. Got such a nice funny letter from Ian today. Kellet, of Kellet's choir, has died; we are winding up the estate..Spent the afternoon in the house, & made myself a nice bachelor cup of tea; then to 12 Lynedoch Pl., & spoke at Rally on 'The Untenanted Vault.' Mr.Roberts there, tho' suffering greatly from rheumatism. .. Jacob Vaga, JSSM worker in Latvia, has been executed by the Nazis..

11 Jan. 1942. Sun. Tea at Tom Skelton's, E.Trinity Rd. Marvellous jam & cake! He was on survivors' leave after being mined off Grimsby..Walter Pryde spoke at Bellevue; nice talk with the men afterwards; young naval chap told how he won the George Cross, & gave his testimony..

14 Jan. 1942. Wed. Dorothy Weir is away to the East; she is a sergeant-major! ..Sent £10 to R.M.A.F. today..At Mr. Ruoff's mtg. at Bellevue last night, and then fire-watched with A.Graham..The meeting has been re-started at Brampton; tho' they have never got over the calamity that stopped it..Addison knew Oliver Bell quite well, who I found in the wood at Dunbar when he shot himself...

17 Jan. 1942. Sat. At marriage of Capt. McManus and Miss Maclaren at Registrar, Chambers St., after getting them special licence from Shf. Jamieson yesterday, with much excitement..In afternoon, at funeral of Walter Young, Joppa Road, formerly of Land Court, & back to the house for tea with the family..All three sons serving..Mrs. Lyle at supper..Polished my uniform buttons later; to think I should do this again, after 27 years!

18 Jan. 1942. Sun. At War Room, on roof; snow all round..with Arthur Clark and Duke..Spoke at Musselburgh at night, on the Lord's Life, Death & Resurrection.

19 Jan. 1942. Mon. Long meeting with officials of Hall Dunbar & Co. re camouflage paint case.. Meeting with Kerrs and Alex. Sharp at night; re his salary..

20 Jan. 1942. Tue. Heavy snow today.. Debated Dr. Walker's case before Sheriff Gilchrist, re cutting down Hope Gill's trees; decided relevancy in my favour.. also at Valuation Appeal from Flett & Co., Kirkwall, with J.J. Cunningham.. To Bellevue later; E.W. Greenlaw speaking; then to War Room till 11; others at the dinner. Very busy with snow-blocked roads all over Scotland.

21 Jan. 1942. Wed. To Hamilton in snowstorm; defended Strathaven grocer against breach of coffee order, before Arthur Brown; acquittal.. To War Room till 11, for W.D. Anderson, who has cold; very busy with blocks again; and Fair Isle lighthouse bombed again; keeper's wife & daughter killed. The former keeper's wife was similarly killed very recently.. Came home in snow blizzard.. George S. Donaldson S.S.C., registrar to law examiners, has died, after long service... Major Spark, from War Room, ran into road barricade & hurt himself tonight..

23 Jan. 1942. Fri. Snow has been most severe; all transport at a standstill... Appeared for W. Edgar, of Exclusive family; a final year medical, who stole a parcel at the G.P.O. at Xmas. Shf. Jamieson gave him 60 days; the parents in a terrible state... Letter from Tommy Scott, with £1.1/- for some good work.. I gave it to the Soldiers' Fund at Bellevue.. Vaughan Shaw is engaged; daughter of Franent minister. Ella Forrest's son also engaged to Franent girl; not same one, though.. Peter offered me £144 today, balance of cost of doing up 58 Frederick St., due for many years; but I wouldn't take it. He was very appreciative. I couldn't take it off the poor chap, with all his cares.. I have been elected to the board of the E.M.M.S., before I had consented! ..

24 Jan. 1942. Sat. Climbed Arthur Seat in snow, & walked right round the Drive.. Spoke at North Leith Y.P. at night, in session-house; on the Lord's life & death & resurrection.. No heating in hall; perishingly cold..

25 Jan. 1942. Sun. The King has written to Geo. Goodman, saying how he and the royal family appreciate the S.U. notes.. Lot of soldiers at meeting; Sam. Chambers spoke.. Number stayed to supper.. I came up with L.W.G.A. ..

26 Jan. 1942. Mon. Home Guard training at War Room, 5-6.30; grenades, and war-game.. At Summerside for dinner; Bert on leave.

27 Jan. 1942. Tues. Reading at Bellevue on II John.. Fire-watched alone for night, in school. Addison Graham away... Jas. Brown ("Fishy") died today.

29 Jan. 1942. Thur. Got my darling's Xmas letter today, on her birthday. They had had a very nice time at Windsor again.. Sold my radio to Jn. Black for £9..

30 Jan. 1942. Fri. Rev. A. MacRobert, late of Tillycoultry, is President of the Cong. Church Union for next year.. R.R. Lockhart, Solicitor, has died. I christened him Demosthenes, because he spoke as if he had a pebble in his mouth, and the name always stuck to him.. Busy night at the War Room with the snow-blocks, and a nasty smash on the 4 o'clock train to Glasgow..

31 Jan. 1942. Sat. Spent all morning at Webster Will & Co. with Mrs. Graham and her husband, about their separation and children. A miserable business.. On Arthur Seat this afternoon with Grace; very slippery with snow.

1 Feb. 1942. Sun. Grace & friend at Bellevue. Nice meeting; Kirkby spoke; & I finished with a few words on 'Think on these things.' Busy afternoon on Princes St. in the snow; got many men in. Sydney Munro spoke. At S.C.A. Rest Room later; spoke on 'These things have I written unto you.'

2 Feb. 1942. Mon. Cru. Magazine came today, with nice para. about Pookie's starting the Hamilton Class.. Whitaker through; took him to Liberal Club for tea. .. At War Room at 5, for H.G. training. Played Paul's war game again.. War news not cheerful; Japan pressing on everywhere; Nazis have sprung a complete reverse in Libya, chasing us out of most of what was recaptured by us..

7 Feb. 1942. Sat. Uncomfortable night at the War Room, with the painters in.. Walked to Joppa and back via Duddingston in afternoon, to make a call, though found the house empty.. Nice day; warm sun for a time, and blue sea at Joppa..

8 Feb. 1942. Sun. Record number of service men at Bellevue; about 70. Good address from W. Wingfield, R.E. .. Sub-Lieut. Mullendar, R.N.V.R. opened....

12 Feb. 1942. Thur. Looked at a flat in Thirlestane Rd. I thought might do for Mrs. Louttit.. At M.H. Shearer's for supper tonight; got Billy's Palestine Journal to read.. Oscar Busse is now minister at Stenhouse Baptist Church..

13 Feb. 1942. Fri. Lesmahagow declarator case today; went through easily. Ian Dovey called; fortunate to get away from Hong-Kong just in time. J.R.S. Wilson died yesterday; I wrote Mrs. W. a letter. Funeral at Garelochhead.. At War Room at night; called round to see Dr. Shankie on business.. Bad news of the Nazi fleet escaping from Brest and reaching Heligoland; they sustained some damage, but it cost us 43 bombers... Singapore is almost captured, too...

14 Feb. 1942. Sat. At Parl. House in morning; Major Black's divorce..Walked over Blackford Hill and thro' the Hermitage with Grace in afternoon; lovely sunny day..Spoke at 5th Rally at night, on our Lord's present ministry as High Priest & Advocate..Good audience; seemed appreciative. R.Govan chaired..

15 Feb. 1942. Sun. Called at Mrs. Easton's in afternoon; very pitiful case; her son just dying of TB. Daughter 7 years in bed..Met Addison Graham there. Then to soldiers' work..Wrote Billy Shearer at night..Singapore has fallen...

16 Feb. 1942. Mon. Mrs. Mackenzie (Eleanor Dovey) called..At War Room at night, helping Dr. Inglis with Exercise Victor 2..Funny letter from Albert Watson; addressed to the Assembly, headed 'to all whom it may interest,' and mentioning that his experiences have 'hastened the maturity of his worldly and social knowledge.' He had much enjoyed staying with the Cupples' in Jerusalem....

19 Feb. 1942. (Thur). At War Room last evening, helping Anderson with Victor.. Very busy. Got W.V.S. car home near 1 a.m. .. Emmie had eye operation today in Miss Butters' home..Called on Mrs. Louttit and Aunt Minnie tonight...Was so glad to get Hillfield School Mag. today, with several pictures of Ian & B.

21 Feb. 1942. Sat. Heavy snow again. Walked with Grace over Prestonfield G.C. to Duddingston, passing Hope Gill's celebrated pared trees..Miss Barclay of Belgian Congo arrived today for week's mtgs. with women..Radio says that boys of 16 have to register. It would have included our David! .. Lord Salvesen has died; a great public figure; fine lawyer, good judge. I remember father in his early days speaking of cases in which 'Mr. Salvesen was his counsel.' He founded the Edinburgh Zoo; but on the other side, was anti-prohibition; and a pioneer of cremation..Nurse Sayer has been at death's door with a haemorrhage of the brain; but is getting better..war news as bad as possible in the East; the Japs. just walk thro' everywhere, taking islands one after another in their stride..



Lord Salvesen.

27 Feb. 1942. Fri. The Gilmour Succession money came today from Capetown. How poor old father would have chuckled! He toiled at it for a long time, and then gave it up in disgust; and I revived it. All the clamouring claimants will be satisfied at last..

28 Feb. 1942. Sat. Very glad to have secured a life pension for John Hewison's widow, in respect of Jack after much labour..Miss Barclay left today; her meetings seem to have been appreciated. Walter Pride gave her a present of a coat and hat..

2 March 1942. Mon. Sent Ish an enlarged photo of myself in battle-dress! .. Tommy Glass in; he refuses to be transferred to munition work, and is ready to go to prison, he says.. Got my darling's letter 73, and such a funny wise one from Ian.

3 March 1942. Tue. Awarded expenses by Sheriff Gilchrist in tree-cutting case..Spoke at Atholl Cres. C.A. at 4.30; on 'A Christian's Day.'..Sharps at supper at Fingal..At Bellevue at night; John MacAlpine spoke on Barnabas...war quiet meantime on our front; some bombing at Dunbar, near the railway.

5 March 1942. Thur. Heavy snow again..Gilmour expenses arrived today; almost £600. Best a/c since Mr. Milroy's estate..Fred left Arran today and went to Glasgow; I wanted him to go elsewhere, but he is there meantime..John MacAlpine at supper; I had a long talk with him about going to some unreachd parts, and I would pay him £10 a week..He seemed very keen and spoke of Stranraer..Took him part way to Bellevue, then to War Room myself.

7 March 1942. Sat. Quiet night at War Room..To Glasgow at 4; staying with Whitakers. Mrs. W. had had nasty accident; put her foot thro' a trap-door. Doreen was staying there, to help..Everything comfortable, as usual there.

8 March 1942. Sun. At Albert Hall in morning, with Mr. W. and the girls..Spoke at the end, on the Lord our High Priest and Advocate; which they all seemed to appreciate..Not out in afternoon, owing to poor weather. At Albert at night - Mr. Garriock speaking..Left with 8.25 train, with Mr. W., who came to spend night with us, en route to funeral of old Mr. Wallace at Selkirk...

9 March 1942. Mon. Gave Mr. W. breakfast in bed..At War Room at 5.15, Tommy-Gun training..Staff Officers' meeting afterwards; then going over Exercise Messages with R.R.Thomson. I have agreed to act as training officer for this.

10 March 1942. Tue. Mr. Whitaker back from Selkirk. I got him a tin of syrup from M.Shearer; he was very grateful! .. Annual business meeting at Bellevue at night; I had the tea arranged as a running buffet. I gave report on soldiers' work; Kirkby spoke; rather tried too much of the funny business..Addison

and I tidied up, & fire-watched for the night..Poor Elsie Burns has died in the Longmore, after much suffering..Mr. Stevenson got me to sign a form for his funny son to apply for a commission. It doesn't seem long since Tookie & I saw him sidling backwards along the canal wall at Slateford!

11 March 1942. Weds. At funeral service of Willie Easton, Boroughloch Square, with Addison Graham; we took the service..Settled big case for Hall Dunbar & Co. about aerodrome paint; the defenders caved in; our clients very pleased..Govt. now stopped all private petrol; and put us all on brown bread..

14 March 1942. Sat. Walked along Canal bank; then to War Room; then to Rally at 12 Lynedoch Pl. Spoke on the Second Advent; they all seemed appreciative.

16 March 1942. Mon. Got the most marvellous photo of my darling; a large coloured one. I wanted to run round showing it to everybody..It's just super!

18 March 1942. Wed. Duke of Atholl has died. He used to be governor of the Union Bank..At Gorebridge in afternoon, transferring Mackay's bakery business to Veitch. Had a cup/tea with old Miss Clark afterwards..Aunty Clark has had to take an evacuee - a girl of 8. She means to bring her up very properly! .. I have sold Mrs. Philips' Kingsknowe house to Rendel Govan; he is the tenant..

20 March 1942. Fri. Mrs. John Brown has had to go into Craighouse; she was causing nuisances in the home..Looked at St. Thomas' Church today, with a view to some special meetings for the Forces; but it is all dismantled and quite hopeless..Elwyn, Lena Bachop, & Miss MacLennan at supper..I at War Room.

21 March 1942. Sat. Flag-day for the Salvation Army. All the blue bonnets nodding about with tin boxes..Fred thro' from Glasgow; walk with him through the Hermitage of Braid; later at War Room, preparing more exercises, as I am now appointed training-officer for this work.

22 March 1942. Sun. At Penicuik, at funeral of old James Hogg..Lovely day.... Gilfillan spoke at night at Bellevue, extremely well..

24 March 1942. Tue. Met John Sommerville; no word from John Maclaren in Borneo or Lynton MacLaine in Sarawak..At Bellevue at night; nice address from Rt. McGregor..Fire-watched afterwards with Addison Graham. His wife is ill with phlebitis, and unable to be up at all.. Henny's cousin, D.R.Tullo, has died..

27 March 1942. Fri. At War Room, 7.30 onwards. Nice talk with Dr. Inglis, of Moray House; he was in the Assembly at Paisley for many years; still very sympathetic. War Room dinner was on tonight...Mrs. W.R.Garson has died.....

28 March 1942. Sat. At War Room again, 4-7.30; went in uniform..Drummond did his last shift; goes upstairs now to another job..Nominally R.C., he had no spiritual life at all, though he would sometimes talk a little, guardedly...

29 March 1942. Sun. Good morning meeting; fine address from W.W.Campbell on Ruth..John Rollo thro' in afternoon; for tea; and at night meeting..Met Mr. Anderson, late 17 Denhamgreen Tce., on way up; his oldest girl is married and has a baby; second girl an army nurse in Iraq; Winnie just being called up!

30 March 1942. Mon. At Bathgate seeing a cottage for Muriel to buy; supper with her and Libby afterwards..Cottage rather disreputable, but worth £300.. Poor Tina Sinclair has broken her leg and is in the Royal..

31 March 1942. Tue. At nurses' meeting in Infirmary with W.Campbell; he gave a very nice talk on 'True Neighbourliness.' Sophia Wilson in the chair!

2nd April 1942. Thur. Inspected house at 1 Doune Tce. It has possibilities, and is most convenient for everything; but very dirty & basement-ey. ..Mrs. John Hewison has had a stroke & is not likely to live; poor thing, she won't enjoy the pension that I got for her with so much trouble..

3 April 1942. Fri. Good Friday; at Faith Mission confce. in morning; fine report by Ellis Govan on work in Orkney and Zetland; good singing by pilgrims. ..Visited Ella Forrest in afternoon and had a long talk. On duty at 7.30...

4 April 1942. Sat. Grand walk on Allermuir etc. in afternoon.

5 April 1942. Sun. Day of strange contrasts! Spent morning at Hunter's Bog, doing musketry; and preached the gospel of peace at Bellevue at night. Good number in. Campbell opened, and Kerr helped. I spoke on Easter's Message...

6 April 1942. Mon. Got leave to remit money to dear Tookie; sent first quarter, £48, which should be a help...Also a Bible to Billy-boy..Started a new girl at the office - Shiela Duffus, from Boroughloch Sq. The last one, Cath. Penman, has gone to J.K. & W.P. Lindsay. She wasn't up to much, anyway. Had very dirty finger-nails, but stained them red! .. This new one is in Willie Mitchell's Bible Class at Buccleuch..Went to closing meeting of Faith Mission Convention tonight: testimonies, and a remarkable address by an Irish minister from Ayrshire, Purvis by name: 'Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.' ..James Cooper phoned that Sheriff-Principal Brown has died, and arranging for a sort of memorial tribute tomorrow morning in Court, to which I shall go.

7 April 1942. Tue. Sheriff Morton said some nice things about the late Sheriff this morning in Court, and James Cooper replied.... Spoke at Bellevue women's meeting in afternoon, at very short notice; on 'A spoonfull of sunshine.' At Bellevue at night: very good talk from Jn. Fraser on Prayer: later fire-watched with Addison. Had oversight meeting up in the school-room.. Heard from Aunty Clark that Emmie in Germany has lost husband and son; probably in the War.. John McAlpine has finished 3 weeks ministry in Hawick, where I paid all his expense. He sent me such a nice letter from Mr. Landles there, which is worth attaching. I sent John £10 a week for 3 weeks, out of which he had to pay his hotel expenses, of course. It was well spent money, even if only one man was truly converted. I proposed at the oversight meeting that we as an assembly should do this kind of thing more (without revealing of course that I had done it for John), and after some discussion, they agreed to invite him to go to some such place as Stranraer for 2 or 3 weeks, and allow up to £20. So I have written him accordingly. Here is the letter from Mr. Landles:-



Chas. H. Brown, K.C.

Hawick

31/3/42

My dear though unknown brother.

As correspondent for the Assembly in Hawick I must earnestly thank you for your abounding liberality in bearing the cost of our Brother McAlpine's mission amongst us. We have enjoyed a season of fresh and purposeful ministry, at once enthusing to Saints and meeting and convicting to Sinners. We had the crowning joy of seeing a fine young soldier clearly decide to take Christ for his Saviour and perhaps you will join with us in praying the Lord to strengthen him to witness a good confession in his battalion. When a work of Grace begins in a company or a family we have seen make out a beautiful circle.

Please accept our warmest thanks in the Name of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ
Yours thro Grace
Thomas Landles

11 April 1942. Sat. Trinity Boys' Cru. Class is closed. Very sorry to hear it. Evidently for lack of leaders. .. At Dunsappie in afternoon; spoke to-night at closing rally, on 'Christ my Judge to be.' Good turn-out. Miss J. Scott was presented with a book-token, as a recognition for lending the house. I had warned them not to give me anything! ..

12 April 1942. Sun. At morning mtg. with Grace. Rather spoiled, with Rodgers giving a long address, then a stranger from somewhere, then Sunny Jim at the end. .. W.W.Campbell spoke at night. .. I called on Miss Sinclair to ask for her sister..Mrs. Rice Alexander has taken in an old aunt who has lost her memory. It will be a real burden, but she is shouldering it cheerfully..

13 April 1942. Mon. I own a house! I have bought 27 Howard Pl. for £1000. I think it quite nice; it will be a temporary home at least for the home-coming. ..Had a very grousing letter from Willie, about having Fred in Glasgow. I wish I knew what to do for the best. I would take him in myself, if possible..

15 April 1942. Wed. Good address last night at Bellevue by Jn. Fraser on Paul's prayer in Coloss. 1. .. Consultation at Sir John Watson's today with Thorburn and Dryer of Grocers' Fedn., about delivery charges for retailers.. Let Libby's flat to R.N.V.R. lieut..Had nice letter from a minister called Palmer at Longriggend, Airdrie, acknowledging one I wrote him about his protest at the Presbytery meeting about ministers saying untrue things at funerals about unsaved people. He was howled down, of course, but the protest may make some people think..

17 April 1942. Fri. Walk last night thro' Hermitage with Norman Campbell.... A.R.Calder, Trinity Rd., has died; I wonder if he will still haunt ministers in Heaven, about smoking, etc..He was a good old man, and in real earnest.. Chrissie went to Rothesay today for a holiday; Elwyn to Largs..E.J.Keith, advocate, was married today..Yankees have bombed Japan: Tokio, Yokohama, Nygoa and Kobe. Probably from an aircraft carrier. 12 British Lancaster bombers raided Augsburg diesel-engine works in daylight - 500 miles into Germany.

18 April 1942. Sat. Took a day off; train to Stow, walked over Moorfoots to Glen Tress and got bus at Innerleithen. A lovely day, warm sun, blue sky. Steered by compass all the way; grand place-names - Gately Rig, Saughly Law, Deaf Heights, Weather Law; and Calhope Burn, Lugate Water, Blackhopebyre Burn.

19 April 1942. Sun. Fished on Princes St. as usual; not so many today...At Peter's for supper with Mr. Burchill. He had met Sandy at Wimborne.

20 April 1942. Mon. Spring holiday. Wandered over Pentlands - Caerketton, Allermuir, Capelaw, Harbour Hill, back by Bonaly. Slight drizzle, but fine evening. Cycled at night to see R.H.Alexanders and Grahams.

23 April 1942. Thur. Muriel Rattray's husband has been lost on the Hermes. Mrs. Tim Hewison, Westray, has died, after long illness. She lived in Salt-hall, where Bill and I had so many happy days in Mrs. Reid's time..Had a letter from a solicitor in Milnathort, saying nice things about the Gazette articles, and wanting one written about a case he had re a cow; which I have done.

25 April 1942. Sat. Fine Pentland walk with Herman Fulloch, from Allermuir to Currie; saw all manner of birds, including the first swallows, near Currie.

29 April 1942. Wed. Having a spell of lovely Spring weather. Took Norman Campbell up Arthur Seat tonight, and had him in for some tea afterwards..The Nazis have renewed bombing, as reprisals for R.A.F. raiding. Bath, Exeter, Norwich & York have had severe raids. 10,000 houses damaged in Bath.

2 May 1942. Sat. Up Arthur Seat in my Home Guard boots, to get used to them. Another perfect day. At S.U. annual at night with Chrissie & Grace. Buckhurst Pinch spoke; Merriweather in chair..Have fixed to go to Borrowdale for a week in June, to get some climbing, and also see Aunty..

3 May 1942. Sun. Gilfillan at Bellevue for the day; had him for lunch...Glad to know he did 4 years' pioneer work in Caithness in his younger days.

4 May 1942. Mon. Have paid for 27 Howard Pl. Borrowed £300 temporarily from Peter, who was keen for me to take it..At Home Guard training at 5.15, doing Sten gun..Later, walked over Blackfords & Braids in my great boots.

5 May 1942. Tue. At Fenton's installation as Sheriff of the Lothians..Posted Ian 'Tom Brown's Schooldays' for his 10th birthday present..Kerr spoke at P/M tonight; business meeting later; mainly about Chas. Flockhart, Cockenzie; and possibility of improving Kirkby's relationships with Tollcross...Plague of rats in kitchen at Bellevue; they seem now to have been exterminated.

6 May 1942. Wed. Furniture moved in to 27 Howard Pl. They were only three hours late. Funny to see the old things again..If only my darling was there to preside over them again..Got Letter 89 from her, with boys' term reports, both of which are excellent..Went to see Aunt Minnie at night..The British have invaded Madagascar, to prevent Japs doing so. Vichy French resisting..

7 May 1942. Thur. Kirkby was in; he is leaving Lindsay & Macleod, & starting an office beside Sharp in Queen St. .. At Howard Pl. at night with Chrissie & Grace, laying carpets, &c. Things very dusty; seem to be millions of china!

8 May 1942. Fri. General Dobbie is leaving Malta, for a rest. He is to get a national welcome, which he fully deserves..A tremendous naval battle is raging in Pacific between U.S.A. & Jap. fleets. Japs seem to be getting the worst of it...Isle of Wight, especially Cowes, badly bombed.

9 May 1942. Sat. Settled Thursday's proof, Erskine v McGee, for Dallas and McMillan - case of motor cyclist & lorry at Tillycoultry..Grand walk in afternoon with Addison Graham, over Allermuir & Capelaw, to Colinton. Called in to see old Mr. Downes at Colinton.

11 May 1942. Mon. Chrissie went today to Rothesay till Friday, to help with a conference party at Argyll Lodge..At Howard Pl. tonight, shifting and sorting things. Found 'Letter-Bags' and posted it to Tookie..

13 May 1942. Weds. Sheriff J.A.T. Robertson, Edinburgh, died this morning. He was a great judge..I had him in some of my best cases - notably the Abercorn flooding case..He had been ill for some time...The Bruces have left Bellevue; he complains of Fowler's prayers, but that is probably an excuse.

14 May 1942. Thur. Attended board meeting of Medical Mission..The application of Morton, the Jap I met at Fort-William, was refused for various reasons..At Howard Pl. tonight with Grace; got the place more tidy-looking..John Black was in today; he had just been to Yeovil for 2 caravans.

15 May 1942. Fri. Term Day. At Port Seton, collecting Weir rents.

16 May 1942. Sat. Byked to Penicuik, via Auchendinny, for Watson rents..Got lovely letter from my darling at night, written from Tod's at the Lake.

17 May 1942. Sun. At Hunter's Bog in morning, rapid-fire & snap-shooting practice..Addison Graham spoke at Bellevue; good after-meeting..Turvey's sister-in-law has been widowed the second time; her husband, Leslie, is dead.

18 May 1942. Mon. Empire Day holiday; at office in morning; walked to Harvieston in my Home Guard boots later! Fixed up Fred to stay in room 1 and have the old dining-room..Mr. Peden was at Harvieston with a party of the C.E.

20 May 1942. Wed. My old friend Sinclair the fishmonger has been taken to Craighouse with a mental breakdown; very sorry to hear it..Lewin, son-in-law of Geo. Richardson, was in saying good-bye; he is off to Malta tomorrow.... Grand walk tonight, Hunter's Tryst, Allermuir, Caerketton; with big boots on!

21 May 1942. Thur. Still lovely weather. Walked tonight first on to Blackford Hill, then Braids, then Pentlands (Caerketton); nearly added Craiglockhart Hill, but it was getting late. Tram home from Fairmilehead..Am making the most of these good nights while they last...Judicial appointments today; Strachan to be Sheriff of Argyll; Mackintosh to Inverness; Maconochie to Stirling in place of Fenton..

23 May 1942. Sat. Quiet night at War Room..Drummond has got an upstairs job.. Met Fred at Waverley & got him on road to Harvieston..Had a truly magnificent walk in afternoon; from Fairmilehead to Flotterston, then Glencorse, up on Turnhouse Hill, then on to Carnethy; down to Loganlea, & via Thriepmuir to Balerno. It was all new country on top of the range, & everything looked quite different from there. Carnethy is 1890' at the cairn..I had the Home Guard boots on, & as they did quite well, they will do for Borrowdale.

24 May 1942. Sun. Spoke in morning a little, on Archippus fulfilling his ministry..At Infirmary with Kerr, seeing Chas. Kennedy in Ward 3.

25 May 1942. Mon. Busy day; got special licence for Billy Toop to marry, as he goes to China on Sat. with Red Cross..At I.V.F. mtg. at night in George IV Bge. church; Prof. Blair spoke excellently on The Names of God. Spoke to Calvin Mackay, Wee Free Moderator. His son (sometime Friend of Nepal) is now in a Ghurka Regt. with Norrish..Got 93 letter from my darling, with the programme of Ian's proposed I.V.F. camp at Clearwater Lake; sounds grand.

26 May 1942. Tue. Proof before Ld. Russell in Allam v S.M.T., with Blades & G.S.Reid. Allam was a major on leave, thrown thro' bus door at a corner.. Bible Reading at Bellevue at night, on Cleansing from Sin; good discussion.. War news more acute on all fronts; terrible Russo-German battles at Kharkov, and great tank battle developing in Libya.

27 May 1942. Wed. At Harvieston tonight to see Fred; he looks better.

28 May 1942. Thu. On Allermuir with Jn. Black, & supper at his house later.

30 May 1942. Sat. Tea at Dohnavur; back to War Room, 4 to 7.30. Called on Sommervilles at night. Mrs. S. is better after her heart attack.

31 May 1942. Sun. Splendid night mtg. with Bowen, from Canada.

1 June 1942. Mon. Lunch at Mackie's with Bowen..Met Norman Fentiman at Crawfords. He had been preaching at Dunbar; he is a lay-reader..Kirkby is leaving Lindsay & Macleod, & starting an office in Castle St. .. Willie has gone to Craill for 2 weeks. He is having father's name cut on the Westray gravestone.. News today is of a terrific air raid on Cologne; over 1000 bombers. What a harvest Germany is reaping in return for what she let loose on us. Reports are of 20,000 killed, and mass evacuations. ..I dug up an old blue suit at Howard Pl. tonight. It is quite respectable compared to my present one..

3000 Tons of Bombs on Cologne and Rhineland 1250 AIRCRAFT OUT IN NIGHT'S OPERATIONS

2 June 1942. Tue. Mr. Bowen at lunch at house; he is an extremely nice and good man, & has done great work amongst the lumbermen in Canada..Went to Glasgow at 2, to see directors of Cooper & Co. about a case they wish me to defend here; it concerns a

complaint of giving short-weight..Came back on train with Frank Govan.... At Bellevue at night, at Mr. Bowen's mtg. Lantern address on sinking of the Athenia, of which he was a survivor, & did a lot of rescue work. Very big mtg. I gave him £10 as a gift. .. Business mtg. afterwards; Peter urged that we try to get Skeds back; and I was asked to write them...Another 1000 bombers over Essen last night..The damage must be tremendous..

3 June 1942. Wed. Made Will today for Willie Mitchell, of Buccleuch Place..

4 June 1942. Thu. Chrissie went to Iona today for 2 weeks with Miss. Brown.. Mackay, the passenger agent who booked Ish to Canada, has died..Also Alexr. Sinclair the fishmonger, a decent man, with whom I enjoyed many a crack.

15 June 1942. Mon. Back from my Borrowdale holiday; had a splendid time, at Mrs. Clymo, the Rigg..Went on Sat. 6th, by train, with my byke with me; very hot; 4 hour wait at Penrith. Comfortable house, with lovely view. Weather grand till last 2 days. Did a lot of climbing; Esk Pike, Bow Fell, and the Langdale Pikes one day; also Saddleback; Grisedale Pike & Hobcarton Pike; and lastly, Great Gable, with Arthur Robinson, Keswick. Cycled to Windermere via Hawkshead & stayed night with Aunty. Went thro' most lovely country. Spoke both Sunday nights at Keswick, & at hospital in afternoon. Robinsons very kind people; he is a philatelist...Pleasant people at the Rigg; elderly, and 2 old ladies, each a Mrs. Gillies, one 84, one 88; and 2 Methodists from Cheshire, Hulbert by name. All Christians, I think. .. Byke was a great help... Mrs. Clymo used to be at the Echildren's Home at Humble, then looked after Miss Fairbairn's nursing-home for a time, and knew all the Shaws!... It was very strange to be in Keswick without my darling, seeing the old CSSM house, etc.. I was very fit all the time, & stood the long days extremely well..Cycled to see Peter & Emmie on evening of my return..Nothing very special happened over the week. Sandy has sold 13 Cranley Gdns. John has had his appendix out.. Mrs. Mackay has sent Fred off from Harvieston, pretending she needs the rooms. H.J.Dryer of the Grocers Fedn. has been given the O.B.E. .. W.S.McBlain has pled guilty to embezzlement, and got 18 months from the Lord Justice-Clerk.. There has been a great American victory over the Japanese fleet at Midway Island, all done by planes; 13 Japanese units sunk..Hume, of the War Room, was at the C.O. Tribunal, and was allowed to continue at his present post.. The killed in Cologne number nearly 15,000, apparently, as a revised figure.. Britain & Russia have signed a pact of unity for the next 20 years. I wonder who still believes in pacts! Molotov has been to U.S.A. .. Nazis are making a very dangerous thrust in Libya again, and things don't look too well for us.

16 June 1942. Tue. Emmie went to Forres today, with the Roberts' who are going to Boat of Garten..Norman Bachop had seen Andrew Gray, whose Destroyer had been at Gibraltar..Eustace Govan has had to join the R.A.F. .. Dorothy Weir is in Palestine; still a sergeant-major..Kirkby has broken off with Lindsay & Macleod, & started an office in Castle Street..At Bellevue tonight; Jn.Rollo gave a splendid address on Judah, Zebulon & Issachar; he brought out some wonderful things from Genesis 49..Fire-watched with Graham later; called with him to see Miss Smith & her cousin, E. Claremont Street..This is dear Ian's tenth birthday; he now wears long trousers (white) for cricket! Sandy wrote me about a matter in Chile, but no personal news.

18 June 1942. Thu. Letter from A. H. Roberts, asking me to take Fellowship rallies next session again..I wish they would have a change, but if it is a unanimous "call" it may be the right thing to accept..Chrissie back from Iona tonight, having enjoyed her stay..Went up Arthur Seat tonight.

22 June 1942. Mon. At Police Court, defending Cooper & Co. against a charge of selling short weight to a lady in Morningside; Wiltshire through; got an acquittal. Lunched with Wiltshire at Caledonian Hotel. Coopers are very pleased. Very severe set-back in Libya; British chased right out, and into Egypt; Tobruk surrendered with 30,000 prisoners & much booty. Russians being severely pressed at Sevastopol also. Things not looking well, humanly...

24 June 1942. Wed. At Lomond House, seeing if any fittings still there. Everything has been cleaned out; house & garden in a dreadful mess. Nothing in the house except mother's old piano, nearly bashed to bits.

25 June 1942. Thur. Long mtg. at office with Tollcross about Kirkby's matters. Nothing will come of it; they are adamant. Chalmers especially was insolent and made it plain that he wants nothing to do with us.

27 June 1942. Sat. Got my love's letter 97; she has got Letter-Bags safely! Spent all day painting stair & balustrade at Howard Place. Nice letter from Robinson, Keswick, sending 2 snaps of our day on the Borrowdale Hills:-



On Brandreth, near Great Gable.



Stockley Bridge, Sty Head Pass.

28 June 1942. Sun. Mr. Wildish at Bellevue; he starts tonight at Palmerston Place Church, for summer convention. Had young airman, Trigg, from Vancouver, for lunch, introduced by Mr. St. John. Fox, of Pay Corps, speaking at night... Eustace Govan is called up, and in the R.A.F. at Blackpool.

4 July 1942. Sat. At Convention in Palmerston Pl. last night; Mr. Wildish on The Second Coming. He has been very acceptable generally. Sent off another quarter's money (£48) to my love. At John Shearer, the tailor's, funeral this afternoon; Ferguson Reekie and Stark there. At house later, reading Will... At Howard Pl. afterwards; almost finished painting, and did the back garden grass; a dreadful job; had to go over it all first with hand-clippers.

5 July 1942. Sun. Ironside spoke at night; lot of Canadians in. Mrs. Bruce at supper... Very critical fighting in Egypt; our backs to the wall, properly..

6 July 1942. Mon. Nice letter from Bill-Boy, acknowledging the Bible I sent, and saying how he enjoys the choruses. Mrs. Harris & daughter Mrs. Jones for supper. Jim was bombed out, but the house is habitable and he practices there.

7 July 1942. Tue. 2 grand letters from Tookie; 98 & 100. Account of little Ian's birthday; he had got a byke from young Clair, which greatly delighted him. Kirkby began series of addresses tonight, on Neglected Books of the Bible. He was on Nehemiah; quite clever, tho' not much food in it.

8 July 1942. Wed. Judgment for £2100 in the Allam case. The S.M.T. are appealing at once; I shall keep praying on! .. At Military Claims Dept. in Rothesay Ice. re an Orkney claim; settled it with Major Macpherson (Sir Norman's son) and Capt. Marshall (of W.J. & O). Odd that these 2 strong young men should be sitting in an office, when men of my age could do the work. Had a strenuous afternoon selling John Shearer's goodwill to a deaf-mute tailor. Mrs. Alex. Sharp died today, after 9 weeks' illness... The Egypt war front is a little better; we are holding Rommel at least. Terrible battles in Russia.

9 July 1942. Thur. Kerr & I took service at Mr. Sharp's - the 'kisting' one.

11 July 1942. Sat. Aikman called at War Room last night for a visit. War Room very quiet these days; there is almost nothing to do. Betty Wilson, wife of McPhie, had a daughter y'day; Robin Inglis has announced engagement to Vera Johnston; I don't know what his Ma will say! She keeps a tight grip! Had strenuous afternoon and evening at Howard Place. Finished banisters at last; removed paint marks, did stair carpet, cut and weeded garden, etc... Sir Henry Keith has married again, at the age of 90.

13 July 1942. Mon. Grant Fleming is going overseas; his wife is taking Libby's flat. War news about the same; Nazis still being held in Egypt.

14 July 1942. Tue. Did War Room last night for Dr. Inglis. Proof began today

in Austin's case, Anderson v St. Andrews Ambulance Assocn. and the S.M.T. Our counsel Blades and Watt. We have agreed the damages at £350, so our task is an easy one. Gave Austin lunch at the Club. Back at office till late.

17 July 1942. Fri. End of quite a busy session; finished the Anderson case on Weds., and had divorces Thurs. and today. Mrs. John Brown died today.

18 July 1942. Sat. Busy morning arranging Mrs. Brown's funeral, etc. ..Byked to Currie in afternoon & went up the hills a bit; plagued with flies..At Howard Pl. at night, staining landing & weeding garden, which is very neglected.

19 July 1942. Sun. 23 visitors at morning meeting; not one took any part! The locals were too much for them. .. Made intimation appealing for food for soldiers' work, as permit now cancelled..Called on Miss Sinclair in afternoon. Had good number of men in at night. W.W.Campbell spoke, on The Good Shepherd. A man Ronald Barton from Tonbridge stayed behind after supper & professed.....

23 July 1942. Thu. Got the boys' school reports, which are excellent; also the school photo..Finished off the stair-carpet at Howard Pl., the laying of which was a difficult affair..Winnie Watson is said to be marrying an Indian professor, a coloured widower with 2 children..

26 July 1942. Sun. At old Mr. Downes' at night; had the Lord's Supper there; with Dr. Shankie, Kirkbys, & Mrs. Towe..Shankie gave me a most interesting account of his conversion and coming into the meetings.

29 July 1942. Wed. Kirkby gave last of his addresses on 'Neglected Books of the Bible' last night; he was on Nahum. Fire-watched with Graham after. Bill was thro' today; full of zeal. Saw Miss Gardiner next door later, making her Will. Walked over Capelaw, Allermuir & Jaerketton afterwards; a lovely night. I have let Howard Place furnished to Mrs. Louttit, @ £4 per month; a small rent, but it is a case of the widow and the fatherless, and she will take good care of it. Had an interesting case from Kirkwall, about the aerodrome, from T.P. & J.L. Low; the farmer has been refused his landing fees by the Company..

1 Aug. 1942. Sat. Might have been setting off for Kincaig, in normal times.. Very sultry day; byked to Bavelaw Avenue, hid the byke, and climbed Scald Law and South Black Hill. Had a picnic on way down, but flies were pestiferous. The Evening News tonight printed a reply to an inquirer asking where the Plymouth Brethren church was; the reply said that the church was in Bellevue Crescent, but there were also meeting places in Lauriston Place and Gorgie!

2 Aug. 1942. Sun. Capt. Jarre at Bellevue; fine meeting at night. Fox at the morning meeting; he and Capt. Carre spoke..Old Mrs. Boswall has died; also Sheriff Dallas at Aberdeen.

3 Aug. 1942. Mon. In charge of War Room for 3 weeks, Philip having gone to the Black Barony Hotel at Eddleston..Peter had a letter from Russell Elliott, in which he said that his mother is 104, but still attends and enjoys the morning meeting..We did squad drill tonight in Belgrave Crescent Gardens; very lovely.

4 Aug. 1942. Tue. 28 years today since Our War began..Capt. Jarre spoke at the P/M. Business meeting later; W.W.Campbell is to take the Bible Class..Have been busy these nights at Howard Pl., staining, laying carpets, etc. Glad to think it is nearly at an end. The garden weeds grow so quickly.

7 Aug. 1942. Fri. Sent Aunty Misses French & Cable's book 'Topsy' for her birthday tomorrow..Letter from John McAlpine, acknowledging £10 I sent him; he has been working at Stranraer. His daughter is sailing for Africa to be married..Called at W.D.Anderson's tonight; they loaded me with lettuces, radishes, peas, & a pot of jam; they are most kind..

8 Aug. 1942. Sat. Got my love's 103rd letter, and one from Ian from Camp, where he seems to be enjoying himself, winning 6 feathers for swimming and camp-craft generally. He swam $\frac{1}{4}$ mile; very good for a wee lad. .. Spent the afternoon at Howard Pl., staining the drawing room surround, etc. Also got my 3 speed gear mended by Ferguson at Goldenacre - a great boon. Met Becky Ann and her father, going to Pitlochry on holiday..Ish and Bill have had lovely time at Lake Huron and now at Tod's lakeside house. Clair has been promoted to Lieut. Commander..Summer-time went back an hour tonight.

9 Aug. 1942. Sun. Two years today since my darlings went off. How I long to see them again..At Bellevue; good meeting. Gilfillan spoke; Boswell Philips there, Mrs. Gook, Oulton Lee and others. Lee has married the Keeling girl, but she stays on here, and he only sees her when he can get a week-end. Seems a funny business..Gilfillan spent day with us, and stayed overnight. Good meeting at night. He told us at supper about his Caithness pioneering work.

10 Aug. 1942. Mon. Boswell Philips called, with instructions to sell old Mrs. Boswell's house in Albert Terrace..Poor news from India; Gandhi has been threatening a nation-wide disobedience campaign. He and 50 others have been arrested and there will be much rioting..Russians being driven back in the Caucausus. We have been quieter here, except a raid on Craigentiny on Thursday night, with some casualties, and more at St. Andrews.



PROMOTED—Among the members of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve to receive promotions effective Dominion day, July 1, was Acting-Lieut. Commander St. Clair Balfour, of this city. Acting-Lieut. Cmdr. Balfour was promoted from the rank of lieutenant. He was Spectator accountant when he left for active service in March, 1940.

12 Aug. 1942. Wed. Spent evening at Howard Pl. hanging the pictures..Sirens went at 9; I went to P. Place; bombs near Drem..Got my love's letter 104. Ian is having a great time at his I.V.F. camp at Clearwater Lake. He swims a quarter of a mile. He writes such a nice letter himself. There was also a fine letter from his leader, which is annexed. Ian Wallace, my late apprentice, was found dead tonight at Dunbar, at his cadet unit. I was greatly shocked & upset. I'm afraid it was suicide. He seems to have felt the strain of training very heavy..He was interested in spiritual things, came to my class and the meeting, etc., but I don't know if made any real profession.

14 Aug. 1942. Fri. Showed Howard Pl. to Aunty Shaw last night..Ian Wallace's sister, Dr. Pearce, called today.

15 Aug. 1942. Sat. Saw Sandy, John, Lib., Muie, & Eliz. Anne off to Comrie at 1 p.m. Went to Addleston on train; at Black Barony for tea, with J.R. Philip and family. It is closing this month, & re-opening as a Polish school. I cycled home..Letter 105 from dear Ish; she & Bill have gone to the Island again..Andrew Wilson, C.E. is dead.

16 Aug. 1942. Sun. Called on Miss Sinclair in afternoon; lent her a book by Miss Warburton-Booth...On Princes St. later; then spoke at Musselburgh, on Proverbs 9.

17 Aug. 1942. Mon. To Comrie by bus; T.P. Christie sat beside me. Spent day with Sandy and others. Wet and cold. Sandy goes to meeting at Wimbourne, where Mr. Bell is; the family go to Sunday School, & Sandy teaches..Trained home. Churchill is in Russia; went via Egypt...W. Fowler, the wee man at Bellevue who tried us so much with his prayers, died today..

18 Aug. 1942. Tue. W. Herd, the old motor hirer, came in today & paid his bill. He is retired; doesn't stand any more at St. Andrew Sq., enticing the tourists. At Dohnavur for supper; Ian Lechler and wife there..At Bellevue later..Wrote letter of commendation for Miss George, Dalkeith, joining the Wrens..John Smart, Lord Alness' clerk, has died. He was a very decent wee man; tho' he was exceedingly angry when spoken to about spiritual things. I gave him my article in the Pathfinder, on The Unseen Force, to read; he was positively rude. Phillips, the Depute-Clerk of Session, has also died..Alan Manson has started at Shepherd & Wedderburn's, and seems to be doing better. Margaret Brack evidently took to her bed when she heard of Ian Wallace's death, and has been prostrate there ever since. Well! .. Had W.W. Campbell at supper tonight, & took him over Allermuir & Caerketton. It rather was too much for him..Allies have made a great raid by land, air & sea on Dieppe. Heavy casualties, and doubtless if much gained, tho' they claim it as a success.

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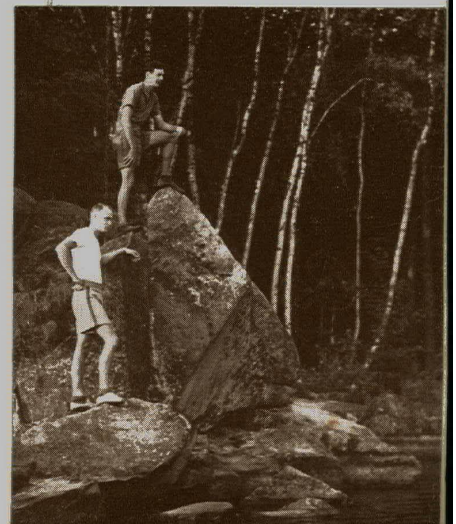
—The death has occurred at Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh, of Mr John A. Smart, who acted as Keeper of the Rolls in the Second Division of the Court of Session for a number of years. Mr Smart had a long association with Lord Alness, having acted as his clerk for nine years while his Lordship was Lord Advocate, and for the eleven years when his Lordship was on the Bench. He also acted as clerk to the late Lord Aitchison.

20 Aug. 1942. Thur. Two years today since my darlings landed at Halifax..Elwyn and the 2 Gook girls set off today for 3 days cycling at Callender..I appeared before Shf. Macdonald for an agricultural worker summoned for not attending Home Guard; he was busy at harvest, and had only joined the day before; on my making strong representations to the Sheriff, the man was let off.

21 Aug. 1942. Fri. Did War Room 4 to 7.30 for Anderson; Princess Mary was in; showed her round a bit..Miss Fraser, Dufftown, arrived to stay a day or so. Ian writes nicely again from his camp; it sounds grand, & the pictures good.



CANOING INSTRUCTION





TORONTO OFFICE: 1130 BAY ST. - TELEPHONE: KINGSDALE 7370

July 7, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Balfour:

From week to week Pioneer leaders try to keep the parents of the boys in their charge informed of the progress and welfare of their boys during their stay at camp. It has been my pleasure to be in charge of Ian since he came here just over a week ago. I have nothing but good to report of him and I wish that all of the six boys in my cabin were such pleasant companions.

Ian has not been troubled by any colds or anything like that as yet. He was weighed on entering camp and it will be interesting to see at the end of camp whether or not he has gained weight. He gets ten hours sleep at night and although he never sleeps during the rest hour after dinner he doesn't seem to be needing that extra sleep. He eats very well but he would get more milk in his diet if he would have it on his cereal.

The crafts which he seemed^{to} desire most are leatherwork, tincan craft, campcraft and junior rowing. Since he has passed his $\frac{1}{2}$ mile swim test I expect he will be taking canoeing instead of junior rowing. His general progress and attitude was such that I awarded him his camper feather last Saturday, which was the first to be awarded in the cabin.

I have noted in one of your letters that you would have liked him to be in a cabin with Pat Barrington but due to the very large registration we have not been able to arrange it as yet although by coincidence he is with another fellow from his school.

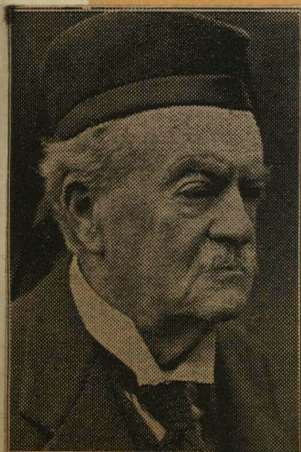
At Pioneer we believe a boy's spiritual development is every bit as important as his physical or mental development and I am glad to say that Ian's interest and understanding evidenced during Bible study and Quiet Time is considerable.

I would be very glad to hear from you at any time if you have any suggestions or questions regarding any part of Ian's activities.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Pickering
("Puck")

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The late Lord Dunedin

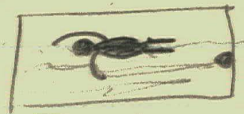
22 Aug. 1942. Sat. Walked by Bavelaw towards the Kipps with Addison Graham, & had nice picnic; supper at his house later. .. Lord Dunedin has died, aged 92. A great man; if not very lovable. He was called to the bar the same day as Robert Louis Stevenson, and was Lord President when I first went to the office in 1909..

Dear Mummy

Friday July 3 1942

I have just come out of my morning dip. It was very cold. I am in cabin 1 with 5 other boys and Puck (the leader) I hope to catch the morning mail today. I have passed my 4th swimming test (25 yards) & my 3rd swimming test (75 yards) and my 2nd swimming test (220 yards) and to-day I'm going to try my 1st test (440 yards) (quarter of a mile). I am taking leather craft, tin can craft, Junur Rowing, Camp Craft. (making fires without matches) I hope you got my Post-card. We have camp fires. We went on a picnic yesterday. I am keeping track of what we have to eat. I have taken 3 pictures so far. I am making a bible case in leather craft.

Love from



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23 Aug. 1942. Sun. Elwyn and 2 Gook girls returned last night from 3 days cycling at Callander; they had it pretty wet.. Boswell Philips at meeting this morning; his son very seriously injured in an accident at Baltimore; they thought at first that he was dead, but later news was that he was making some progress.. Spoke at Carrubbers Close in afternoon; on 'Our Lord's Present Ministry.'... Robert Milne's mother spoke to me afterwards; she was so aged, I didn't recognise her. Her son lectures at Moray House, and is now married.. Mansons and Gooks were all at the meeting, Miss Knowles, Mrs. Brewin, Galbraiths, etc.

26 Aug. 1942. Wed. Fire-watched last night at Janonmills for what may be the last time, as the teachers are compelled to put in more time, and we are only to do Thursdays now... Sold Mrs. Brown's flat at 27 Merchiston Crescent today at Dowells for the upset of £700. I expected more competition... Old Mrs. Wm. Bellany, Cockenzie, was found dead this morning. I called at Mrs. Hunnam's to-night about it; then went to see the McPhees (Betty Wilson) at E. Trinity Road for a little. He had been studying for the ministry, but had to give up. I paid a final visit to Howard Place; my last until Mrs. Louttit goes in tomorrow. I'm very glad the toiling and moiling is over... News today of an unfortunate air crash in the North of Scotland; the Duke of Kent was a victim;

the machine crashed into a hill at Dunbeath, in Caithness..Another air tragedy was the finding this week by a Cairngorm climber of an R.A.F. plane crashed right on the top of Ben Macdhui, and no trace of survivors, tho' two open parachutes were discovered..The first appeals by women conscientious objectors were before the Tribunal today; they were all 'Jehovah's Witnesses' and included a baker and a pawnbroker's assistant... One refused to join the Land Army, as it was an abomination unto the Lord to wear breeches.

29 Aug. 1942. Sat. Our Bill's birthday; 8 today. He is growing into a real big Yellow-Head..Was quite busy at War Room last night; enemy planes active off Berwick coast. Drafted new Wills for Dr. and Mrs. Hart-Davies..Rained all afternoon. Went up Arthur Seat at night.

1 Sept. 1942. Tue.

Our old maid Annie Boyle, now Mrs. McGough, called today about a house.. She is a locomotive cleaner at the railway sheds! ..The Orcadian has an account of an industrial show at Pierowall, where everyone seemed to have got a prize; even Mrs. Walker, for the best cut flowers! ..

3 Sept. 1942. Thu
Anniversary of outbreak of war and the National Day of Prayer.. Good meeting at Bellevue at night..Three sessions at the Goold Hall..... Mrs. Durie, mother of Walter Pride's wife, died suddenly this morning on holiday..John McAlpine has had good times at Stranraer & district; 150 airmen came to one meeting, & 7 professed conversion on one occasion, besides others. I feel that my experiment was fully justified. Had two

THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE ABOUT THE DUKE OF KENT.

MESSAGE FORM

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ADDRESS TO :-

EMKFCOM EDINBURGH

TEXT OF MESSAGE :-

Following message received from WICK central about 4.20 hrs yesterday A SUNBEAM FLYING BOAT bearing the markings W4026 crashed on a hill about one mile north of BRHE MORE HILLS DUNBEATH

CAITHNESS and all on board at the moment thought to be 13 in number were killed or trapped. Details of the exact location of the crash has not yet been obtained. WICK central R.A.F. informs us that this was the plane in which the DUKE of KENT had a passenger.

NAME OF ORIGIN OF MESSAGE :-

EMDISCOM INVERNES

ADDRESS FROM :-

SIGNATURE (of official authorising the despatch of an "out" message).

grand letters from Ish today, from the Island; also one from Mr. Killip.

4 Sept. 1942. Fri. Spent the morning with Baillie Keillor from Arbroath, and Mr. Ross, Dundee, re dispute about the titles to the Arbroath hall, where some wretched dispute has occurred..Had an invitation to conduct a debate at the Central Halls, on Law and Religion; Professor Candlish Henderson in the chair. I do not feel I can profitably take it on, though sorry to refuse..Mr. and Mrs. Alexander from Forres at supper..He is deaf, and much frailer.

5 Sept. 1942. Sat. Fine day. Picnic on Lugate Water, Stow, with Elwyn and Gooks. The latter missed the train, so Elwyn & I got out at Fountainhall, phoned them to follow on, and we walked to Stow; countryside very pretty.... Miss Brown, Greenock, arrived at Fingal for a week's stay.

6 Sept. 1942. Sun. Good meeting with troops. L.W.G.A. spoke on 'They shall

come from the East and the West...' I heard that address first at Brampton, in 1910, and several times since, but it was as fresh as ever tonight,

7 Sept. 1942. Mon. Have sold 3 Albert Fee., J.A. Boswell's old house, for £1180. They are all well pleased..Graham Thomson, Mrs. Walker's grandson, at supper tonight; the image of Graham Walker..He is in the RNVR; staying with Mrs. Romanes at Roslin.....Terrific struggle still going on for Stalingrad.

10 Sept. 1942. Thu. Ian & Bill start school today; they have had a grand time at the Island..Walked to see Wm. Shearer tonight; he is somewhat better. Poole is at Tillycoultry, evidently in the same old mill where I lay 26 yrs. ago!

12 Sept. 1942. Sat. Fine birthday parcel arrived from Tookie..Had grand walk with H. Tulloch over Turnhouse & Carnethy, & to Balerno, & a picnic tea.

13 Sept. 1942. Sun. Nicholas the Roumanian was at Bellevue this morning with a letter of commendation; to an assembly they don't recognise! .. Dennis Barnes an evangelist came up for lunch, & spoke at night. He was a boxer and atheist before conversion...Fox came to supper afterwards...Bible Class began today..

15 Sept. 1942. Tue. Willie Paterson's son has been commended for rescuing a child from a minefield..Had tea at 27 Howard Place with the Louttits; Mrs. L. has made a nice job of it...Meeting this morning with Best, the contractor, about a job at Oban; James Cooper sent him to me, as he also acts for the Town Council; a very nice compliment...Robt. Macgregor spoke at P/M tonight..

16 Sept. 1942. Wed. Went to see Aunt Minnie tonight; she looks so frail & ill..From there to Summerside; dinner with Bert & Aunty..The Millers came later..

17 Sept. 1942. Thu. Spoke tonight at Dr. Lechler's to a company of soldiers, arranged by Fox..Long interesting discussion afterwards with 2 communists... Kenneth Mackenzie is leaving the Wee Frees; he can't conscientiously sign their declaration, e.g. about abhorring musical instruments..

18 Sept. 1942. Fri. Bought a grand piano at Dowells for £13; a walnut one....

19 Sept. 1942. Sat. Lovely day. Had tea on top of the East Kip; then walked the Monks Road to near Nine Mile Burn and back to Bavelaw, & byked back.

21 Sept. 1942. Mon. Autumn holiday. At office in morning; then walked with H. Tulloch, from Penicuik by the South Black Hill to North Esk Reservoir; had picnic tea there; home by Bore Stane and Kitchen Moss to Balerno. Grand day.

22 Sept. 1942. Tue. Peter & Emmie at supper..I spoke at Bellevue on 'What God thinks of His Son.' ... The terrific struggle for Stalingrad still goes on..

25 Sept. 1942. Fri. My 48th birthday. Parcel from Canada, and lovely letters and cards from all three..Hankey from Ian, soap from Bill, photo of the boys. Compass & typewriter ribbon from Chrissie; 10/- from Aunty..Grace came back from Rothesay today, after 7 weeks off sick. .. Parcel contained butter, orange juice, choc., & a hot-water bottle! ..

26 Sept. 1942. Sat. Walked from Balerno to Penicuik, via Black Hill and the Hoolets' Hoose..Over the Kirk Road. Lovely day; my boots well broken in now.

27 Sept. 1942. Sun. Very nice morning meeting..Spoke at night; on 'The Voice of Wisdom & the Voice of Folly.' Large number of troops in.

28 Sept. 1942. Mon. Mr. & Mrs. Cairns' golden wedding at Stirling today; Pete & Emmie & Chrissie and others there..Mrs. Campbell Ross (Harvieston) died..

29 Sept. 1942. Tue. Spoke at Bellevue, on 'Re-tracing the Emmaus Road.'

30 Sept. 1942. Wed. At Harvieston tonight, re an offer for the place. Had supper with the Mackays..I might buy it myself; nothing to do but draw rents!

1 Oct. 1942. Thur. At Sheriff Court in morning; got dismissal of a charge against Modern Boot Regg. Co. for an overcharge..Wiltshire of Cooper & Co. was in about a complaint by customers about a foreign article in a bottle of vinegar. On analysis, it proved to be only the vegetable growth in the vinegar. ..Called at Aunt Minnie's tonight; she is somewhat better. Elsie was there.. Later, to Canonmills; fire-watched for night with Addison Graham.

2 Oct. 1942. Fri. Lunch at Crawfords with Peter, Norman Campbell, and R. A. Laidlaw, New Zealand..Usual duty at War Room at night; things very quiet.. Jack Johnston, late of Balgreen Rd., has died, and his widow and her father called about the executry..I don't think they knew he had been in prison...

4 Oct. 1942. Sun. Fine morning meeting; grand talk from Mr. Laidlaw on the Songs of Degrees..Good meeting at night also; 2 soldiers stood up to confess.

5 Oct. 1942. Mon. Tommy Scott, Westray, called in; gave him coffee at Crawfords. Letter from Sandy; he may apply for vacant secretaryship of Royal Infirmary. He mentions that Geo. Goodman has died; end of a long and useful life...Very nice letter from Pagan & Osborne, Cupar, about Gazette article..

7 Oct. 1942. Wed. Have bought Peter McCulloch's flat for him; quite a bargain.

9 Oct. 1942. Fri. Went round various stationers - Jenners, Durie Browns, Stewarts, to cite their buyers as witnesses to go to London in an infringement case about diaries; they were none too pleased at the prospect.

10 Oct. 1942. Sat. At CSSM reports meeting in Walpole Hall; Jimmy Duncan in the chair. He had just returned from a Keswick Retreat at Coldingham, where R.A. Laidlaw and H. St. John had been speakers; he was very impressed with them.. Heard from Canada; my dear love has had a sore throat and 'flu;

12 Oct. 1942. Mon. Got decision today in case Anderson v St. Andrews Ambulance Assocn. and the S.M.T. Lord Stevenson held both equally liable.. Ian Shannon's widow called; she & the children are left out of old Shannon's will; but there is nothing that can be done.. Mr. Churchill got the Freedom of Edinburgh today..

14 Oct. 1942. Wed. Settled a case from Cardiff at the last minute; boy who got his nose flattened in a collision.. The National Savings Committee want to republish the Gazette article on 'Scattered Wealth.' .. Heard from Ramsay, who is at a cadet school in Yorks.

15 Oct. 1942. Thu. At Scottish Law Agents annual meeting in N.B. Hotel, with Norman Campbell; Donald Orr did all the talking; really made himself a nuisance

17 Oct. 1942. Sat. To Whitakers for week-end; only Mr. and Mrs. W. at home. They are much concerned at the loss of the railings! He is getting very stiff, physically, that is; otherwise seems well. They have no maid!! So I helped..

18 Oct. 1942. Sun. With Mr. W. at Newton-Mearns in the morning; very good meeting; T.J. Smith goes there. I spoke a little, on 'The Emmaus Road.' Had a walk in the afternoon; at Albert Hall at night; W. McAlpine speaking; very few out. .. Had talk on train with R.C. chaplain in R.A.F., who knew Hillfield School.

19 Oct. 1942. Mon. Passed my gas tests tonight at War Room, with Major Spark..

20 Oct. 1942. Tue. Defended a pig-breeder for cruelty to pigs; had J.B. Mackie, vet. surgeon, as a witness; tho' in my class at school, he didn't recall me..

21 Oct. 1942. Wed. At Peter's for supper; then to R.H. Alexander's, for funeral service for Mrs. A's old aunt, who died yesterday.

23 Oct. 1942. Fri. Defended a motorist before Shf. Jamieson, for a collision at Jewel Cottages with a Corporation dust-waggon. My man got off; the Corporation driver was run in.. Had an interesting talk at War Room with Chalmers, on the subject of Church Union in U.S.A., and fundamental beliefs.. Mrs. Roosevelt has flown from U.S.A., and is staying with the king and queen.. I have had a very trying and anxious week in connection with the Graham case - the American person who was divorced and had to give up her two children; she has been interdicted from going near them, and has been threatening suicide and murder..

24 Oct. 1942. Sat. Ronald Bryson S.S.C. was struck off the Roll yesterday. What a miserable end - caused entirely by drink.. I had a fine walk from Birkenhead to Borthwick, Crichton, and Pathhead; colouring very beautiful.

26 Oct. 1942. Mon. R.A.F. making heavy attacks on Italy, especially Milan. I wonder if they hit the Cathedral, where my darling and I spent a hot day once. ... Defended the Broadhursts' Alsatian dog in the Police Court today, against a charge of being dangerous; put in W.D. Anderson as a witness; got the dog off.. Old Walter Youngclaus died last night; he is one of my earliest memories, taking my photo in a high chair in 23 Dublin St. .. Elwyn is 33 today..

Big Allied attack going on in Egypt; some progress, but stiff work.

28 Oct. 1942. Wed. Fire-watched with Addison last night.. He is full of Dorothy's new romance with Pattersall.. Evidently young Andrew Brown is now in the army.. Westwood, the Heriots master, has grown a great beard!

31 Oct. 1942. Sat. The case about the supposedly infringed diaries is settled.. To Bathgate seeing Muriel's house; very nice.. took the chance of getting two wills signed by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey there; he is an optician.. Libby having bother with Sadie Grant Fleming, who accuses the flat of being filthy; but she neither leaves nor pays the rent.. Douglas had been in Alexandria.. Sandy's affairs don't seem very bright; this Evans man seems to be well established..

1 Nov. 1942. Sun. Took the Bible Class today.. Splendid evening meeting; 57 of the troops in, including 11 A.T.S. .. Kerr spoke; his wife sang the Londonderry Air.. 42 men waited for supper, and sang hymns. One from Papa Westray, 2 from Shetland; I took down a very nice sergeant in the Educational Corps, a lecturer on History from Bristol University.

2 Nov. 1942. Mon. Council meeting of Prors.' Society; Jas. Cooper resigned his presidentship on account of pressure of other things.. T.O.E.T. at War Room; I passed in Shot-Gun, my last subject.. At Howard Place later, checking Libby's things. It was nice seeing the house all lit up and fires on... The British have launched a tremendous attack against Roemmel in Egypt.

3 Nov. 1942. Tue. Anniversary of dear old Father's passing..Spent all day in 2nd Division, in Special Case, McLuskie's Trs. .. Oversight meeting at Bellevue at night; read letter from Tollcross that they consider no useful purpose would be served by discussing further the cause of the breach! .. Dorothy Graham has engaged herself to her new young man, Pattersall, who professes to be a Christian now..Hedley has been promoted Assistant Clerk of Session.

4 Nov. 1942. Wed. Letter 114 from my dear one; lovely photo of boys in a canoe. ...Alan Manson has applied to McLarty to join the University Home Guard. McLarty has put him off in the meantime. He is at the Conveyancing Class.. Kenneth Borland has been made Sheriff at Campbelltown; Dobie goes to Hamilton.

7 Nov. 1942. Sat. Long meeting with John Shearer's Trustees; the estate is more or less a white elephant...On Caerketton in afternoon, in storm of hail and wind...The Egyptian campaign has been a sweeping victory; the Nazis are flying back in disorder. I hope they don't rally again like the last time.

8 Nov. 1942. Sun. Good meeting again with soldiers; W.W.Campbell speaking on the Cleansing of the Leper..Mrs. Rice Alexander had had a meeting on Wednesday with A.T.S. girls at Bellevue; hunted them off the street and gave them tea! She is a great woman! .. The Americans have landed in force on the North African coast, at Oran, Casablanca, Algiers, etc, and though meeting with some resistance, it does not seem very serious. Roemmel's troops in Egypt seem totally routed and in headlong flight. Russians still hold out.

9 Nov. 1942. Mon. Gave Norman Campbell lunch at Club..Had visit from Nicholas Melecka, who isn't happy at Tollcross, where Macmillan especially seems to be very severe on him for helping at Cowgate etc.

10 Nov. 1942. Tue. Chrissie's 61st birthday. Gave her a rubber stamp with the house address on, for writing to speakers etc. and sending addressed envelope. It is 24 years today since I heard the armistice bugles blow in Harlebeke. I have exactly doubled my age since then! I hope it doesn't occur again!

12 Nov. 1942. Thur. Collected Weir rents and inspected all houses; lovely day at Port Seton; blue sea & sky..Fire-watched alone at school till 11; then left! Had talk with new janitor, named Balfour. .. Very sorry to hear that Gillan, of G.H.Robb & Crosbie, is ill & needs operation.

14 Nov. 1942. Sat. Spent all day at office; then addressed first Fellowship rally at Lynedoch Pl., on 'The Natural Man.' Very large crowd; far beyond anything last term. Glad to see Herman Tulloch, also Pattersall (Dorothy Graham's fiancée); 3 from the office, & even old Mrs. Govan! Chrisma had had an uneventful voyage across, on a freighter..They all listened closely to the address, which I'm afraid lasted 45 minutes. Rendel Govan presided...Had a note from Bill with remedies against small-pox, which has broken out here. He mentioned that Dr. Walker, Westray, had died suddenly. Dr. W. was a decent wee man till he took to the drink; but not a vestige of any spiritual life... Tookie's friend Shand has died also; he won't shadow her any longer!

16 Nov. 1942. Mon. Peter & Emmie at Whitakers for week-end. Peter settled a transaction for me at 30 George Sq. Gillan is to have an operation, sorry to say..Emmie had seen Bill, who wrote Elwyn that he thinks her very poorly. The blindness is only a symptom of something more deep-seated and incurable.. Fleming of Anderson Fyfe & Co. is becoming a Notary; he told me that Bill had his wife a tremendous amount of good..Sent the dear ones at Hamilton a book each for Xmas; Francis Gay's year-book to Ish, Arnot's life to Ian, and Christy's Old Organ to Billy...Went to see Miss Knowles' new house later after weapon-cleaning at War Room. J.R.Philip did the dirty part!

18 Nov. 1942. Wed. Bill is 46 today. .. I spent all day in First Division, where John did his best in an affiliation appeal from Kenneth Macdonald, but to no purpose. George Veitch acted for the defender..Lovely letter from Ish; she had been to the Quintette, and met the old darkies again..So glad to hear of little Ian, taking prayer at camp..Called on Aunt Minnie; she is very ill. Both the aunts were there.....war news continues good; progress on all fronts. ..Fred writes that Mrs. Frederick is dead, in Glasgow. Also D.Bailey's father

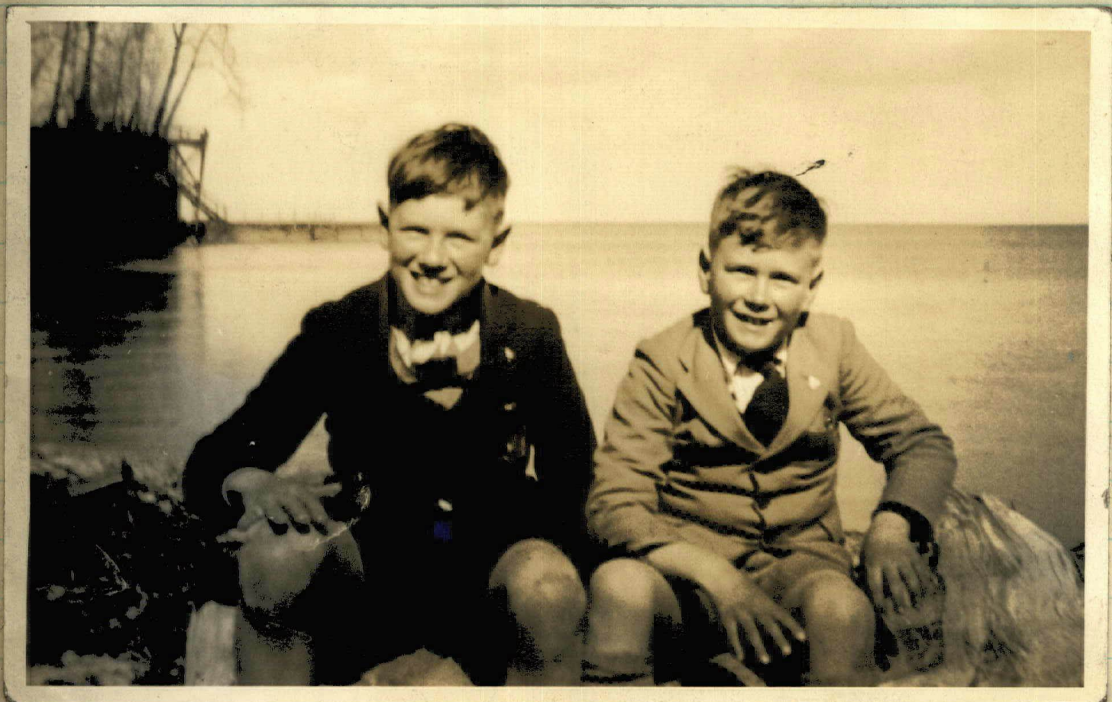
20 Nov. 1942. Fri. Busy day in Parl. House; 2 divorces, Special Case advising. One case of a soldier from Fort George; he had an A.T.S. person as a witness, and Headquarters sent a Captain to look after her!

22 Nov. 1942. Sun. Went to Glasgow yesterday, stayed with Cowans; Henry family all there for evening..At Albert Hall in morning; spoke on "Whatsoever things are true.." .. At Whitecraigs Cru. Class with John Cowan; spoke on the Ark of the Covenant; at John's for tea; and spoke at Albert at night, on The Natural Man. Small meeting; spoke mainly to the children there; 3 little girls came to me afterwards and wanted to trust the Lord; they seemed very real... Had a very pleasant week-end altogether; helped with housework etc. Heard some lovely hymn-singing on the radio this morning, by Jacques Hopkins, with clear gospel messages in between the verses. Returned home tonight.

SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF 1942.



x School Group.



x Ian and Bill, Easter-time.



Ian and his new byke.



Bill's little garden.



William, Clair, Wilson,
Bill, wee Wilson, Ish
& Ian at Star Island.



Ian and Bill, canoeing
at Star Island.



Ian and Bill, at
Star Island.



Ish on the Island.



Ian and Bill at home.

25 Nov. 1942. Wed. Admitted John Brooks as a Notary; what a long time it seems since he was a young man, and I a small boy, at Balgreen Road. Marshall of W.J. & O. seems to have gone to Morocco. At Christian Union meeting of Civil Service in St. Andrews House, with Kerr; A.H. Roberts in chair; Purvis, an Exclusive, spoke on the Bible. Graham Brown's son, the Bishop of Jerusalem, has been killed in a level-crossing smash in Palestine.

26 Nov. 1942. Thu. At exhibition of war pictures in National Gallery; then at Kerr's for supper, with Chas. Kennedy, who tried to take his own life lately.

27 Nov. 1942. Fri. Divorce before Lord Russel, of Lieut. Comber, R.A., of the Union Bank, Princes St. His wife decided just after marriage that she had chosen the wrong man, and left him; but the other man was shot down in the first raid on the Kiel Canal. Paid Mrs. Louttit for 2 fruit-trees for Howard Pl. I hope they grow. News of French Fleet scuttled this morning in Toulon harbour, on attempt by Hitler to sieze the ships. Quiet evening at war Room.

28 Nov. 1942. Sat. Had a grand tramp; Hillend, Caerketton, Allermuir, Castlelaw, and down to Carllops Road and so in to Hillend. Cold and windy on tops.

30 Nov. 1942. Mon. Did War Room tonight for Anderson, who wasn't well. Had quite an exciting time; purple on Edinburgh, red on Berwick, etc. .. McLarty told me that Alan Manson is attending the Home Guard drills at the University and doing quite well. It does look as if he was improving. .. Poodle Shearer has gone overseas now. Ella Forrest's son is very ill with a bad knee.

2 Dec. 1942. Wed. Mussolini made such a funny speech today, abusing the English in all their ways. He talked of them in their dinner-jackets at their five o'clock tea. He must have been thinking of the Albert Hall elders.

4 Dec. 1942. Fri. The Allam v S.M.T. case (the major in the bus) finished in the First Division today, when they unanimously adhered to Lord Russell's judgment. I never lost confidence in the case, having prayed about it all the time. Sorry that Blades had to drop out because of illness; I took in Clyde. Heard from Jack Gregory, who has been in a Paisley Sanatorium with both lungs affected by TB. However, he says he will soon have made a complete recovery. Miss Dallas of Deanbank House, (the 'House of Character') has died. I appeared for Lucas (of Boyd Scott & Co.) today for excessive charging for a Hoover; fortunately I got Sheriff Jamieson to let him off with an admonition, so no names were mentioned in the Press. He was overjoyed, and gave me a blank cheque, to fill in for as much as I wanted! .. Paid myself Mrs. John Brown's legacy of 10 guineas, but gave Peter half of it. Got my darling's Letter 119; she is doing a turn in a pear-canning factory, because of shortage of labour.

5 Dec. 1942. Sat. At War Room last night; great confusion at beginning of new exercise 'Kilt.' They seem to have made a mess of the opening moves upstairs. .. Had a grand walk this afternoon with Addison Graham; from Birkenysde, thro' Harvieston grounds, via Borthwick Valley, to Jrichton Castle, where we had out



afternoon tea in a shepherd's hut; then back to Borthwick Castle and the bus.

8 Dec. 1942. Tue. Turvey's younger boy, John, now a radio officer, has been torpedoed, but is safe..I opened the reading at Bellevue tonight, on I Cor. 13. ..Heard from John McAlpine; Ruth was torpedoed also, on way to Capetown, but everyone on board was saved, tho' the ship went down in 10 minutes.

12 Dec. 1942. Sat. Peter back after a week's absence with cold. He seems to be very disgruntled still with Bellevue; insists that there is a 'tight spirit creeping in again, which he has fought for 40 years, & is too old to start again now! It's all in his imagination. The meeting is most harmonious....I was up Arthur Seat and round by Duddingston this afternoon; then spoke at the second Rally, on The New Man. Enjoyed the meeting again; good attendance... Jas. Beveridge, of CSSM, is to be called up for service..Did all night at PP.

13 Dec. 1942. Sun. Good night meeting; John Fraser spoke. .. We are sending a pastoral letter to all the Bellevue personell on service... Heard from Ish that she had been to hear the old Coloured Quintette again! Here they are, the same old crowd; Lacey, Hughes, Talbot, &c. Lacey had recognised her at the meeting, and made her stand up for all to see.



CLEVELAND COLORED QUINTETTE

15 Dec. 1942. Tue. Wallis Heath, husband of Jane Gray, is missing in North Africa..Their child is only 3 months old...Went to Leith Links, for Peter, to see the dirtiest house I have been in for a long time, bought by a Mrs. Aitchison, a poor half-witted creature. ..Esmee Rice has been married; Colonel R. flew from U.S.A. and back for the ceremony...Blazing plane crashed today at Happy Valley, Craiglockhart..Bad news of Frank Ramsay, who has been severely hurt

by shrapnel during manoeuvres. One cadet was killed and 9 injured.....John Sommerville has been promoted again; he is now second in command at the Reg.Ho.

17 Dec. 1942. Thur. Appeared today for a girl conscientious objector; a pacifist, who would nothing at all. She was allowed to remain in her present employment. Halliday Veitch was also at the Tribunal; she is doing training as a nurse, and will be allowed to continue this...Spent evening visiting; Aunty Shaw, the Phimisters, and the Scotts, Denham Green. Found the Millers at the latter...The vacancy for the Infirmary secretaryship has been filled, which ends Sandy's chances of returning to Edinburgh meantime...Sent Mrs. Louttit £10 for Xmas, anonymously..Got my love's letter 120; Ian had been at Toronto, at a Camp Reunion...The captain of the Earl Thorfinn has died suddenly at his home, Gill...

20 Dec. 1942. Sun. Called on Miss Sinclairs last night, and had reading...This is my wedding anniversary - 19 years ago today. I married an angel.

21 Dec. 1942. Mon. Letter from Charlie Osborne..Defended Connor, pig-feeder, on charge of resetting linoleum; he was fined £25...Called on Aunt Minnie tonight.

22 Dec. 1942. Tue. P.C. from Kenneth Luckhurst; he has a commission in R.A.S.C.. Fire-watched with Graham tonight.

23 Dec. 1942. Wed. At miniature rifle range at Greenside tonight, with Keith. Got lovely box of candies from Tookie, out of her first factory pay-roll!

24 Dec. 1942. Thu. Carried large parcel of Xmas gifts to office, for the Mansons, and received similar parcel in exchange. Much simpler if we had both just kept our own! .. Fred arrived for a few days; he is not to sleep here ..Heard from my love; she had had a burglar in her room at 3 a.m., but shoed him out. ... George Balfour had been at Crinan on leave recently.

25 Dec. 1942. Fri. Began day with sensational news of Admiral Darlan's assassination in North Africa..Exchanged presents. Mine were - book from Sandy, book and Tookie's photo framed from Chrissie, cheque for £2.2.0 from Muriel, book tokens from Aunty Shaw, Grace, Libby, shave-cream & paste from Polly, cake from Aunty Clark, fowl from McLarty, suit-length from Mr. Edgar. My out-goings were - book to Chrissie, loose-leaf book to Libby, £1 to Muriel, £1 to Grace, £1 to Polly, pictures to W.D.Anderson & Mansons, book (one of Boreham's) to Aunty Clark, calendar to Aunty Shaw, money to Fred...Went up Allermuir with Fred in morning; at Mansons for tea (Miss Knowles etc. there); then to P.Place.

26 Dec. 1942. Sat. Walked with Elwyn - Caerketton, Allermuir, Glencorse; very windy & dense mist on tops..The nails came through my boots on the way back!

27 Dec. 1942. Sun. Listened to last of Jacques Hopkins' broadcasts at 8.45 a.m. ..Good meeting at night with Jim Malcolm..Sir Norman Birkett on radio at 9 p.m. Finished off letter 127 to my love - the last letter for 1942.