

30 Dec. 1942. Wed. Whitakers called yesterday; glad to hear that Wallis Heath is alive; a prisoner..went to Mrs. Cairns' funeral at Stirling, with M. Shearer. Icy cold. Train went via Coatbridge owing to block on line, making us very late. Jas. Marr drove us back as far as Linlithgow; surprised to find David McLeod, whom I knew in army days, was there; he was the Cairns' chauffeur..At Summerside at night; Fred Robertson and sisters and Miss Leask there...Poodle Shearer is in North Africa; Towe's sons are in Libya and Faroe Islands respectively. Grant Fleming is in India.

31 Dec. 1942. Thu. Nice letter from Clair..Good school report of Ian..Went to night to watchnight service at St. Juthberts; White Anderson conducted it, and spoke quite nicely..So ends 1942; it held many reverses and setbacks, but a few brighter gleams towards the end...The usual list of legal men who have died - Sheriff-Principal C.H. Brown; Sheriffs Dallas and J.A.T. Robertson; G.S. Donaldson, Lord Dunedin, Oswald Dykes K.C., Colin Moffat, M. Peden, Lord Salvesen, Henny's cousin Fullo, Sharpe of Dunbar, and last but not least, Shand!

1 Jan. 1943. Fri. At Conference; speakers - Dr. Duncan, A. Campbell, E. Stephen. Both meetings very good. Sharp and Greenlaw chairmen. Lunch at Darling's Hotel with Sharp, Ironside, R.H. Alexander, Campbell and Stephen.

2 Jan. 1943. Sat. Snow arrived. On Jaerketton in afternoon; very deep up there, and heavy going, but enjoyed it.

3 Jan. 1943. Sun. Fine meeting with Gilfillan at night. 2 A.T.S. girls decided Very interesting Indian fellow came; a sailor; an ex-Mohammedan.

5 Jan. 1943. Tue. Xmas parcel from my dear loves came today; with hot chocolate peanut-butter, toffee, cheese, bovril, mints, and Jaeger underwear; all most welcome..Bitterly cold here now..Russians making great progress in Caucasus. Our 17½ year-olds have to register now..Dr. Bobby Walker, on way to Capetown, has cabled from Philadelphia; he must have been torpedoed and taken there.

9 Jan. 1943. Sat. At War-Room last night; quiet spell. Garrett was taken very ill on Thurs. night there, with gall-stone..Chrissie was at Alastair Forrest's wedding yesterday at North Morningside church..walked to Duddingston this afternoon; then spoke at 3rd Rally, on 'The Worldly Man.' Robin Inglis said he was reporting at Fort George next week for the army..Charlie Sims had to join the R.A.M.C. today. His wife is to carry on the practice. .. Got such a nice

photo from Tookie of the family leaving for Joan's wedding, attached hereto. Ian is getting very tall. .. Tookie has finished her spell of fruit-canning for the time being. .. The Allam case has been appealed by the S.M.T. to the Ho. of Lords, so I shall just have to keep praying.. Prayer won Park and Haggerty, and will win Allam

12 Jan. 1943. Tue. Lunched with Cecil Howley at the Club today, & had an interesting talk. He spoke tonight on Philipians, very well.

13 Jan. 1943. Wed. At Bathgate tonight, seeing Isla and John, there on holiday. Isla is as tall as Libby, except perhaps for an inch. They

were both quiet and well-mannered..Chrissie had a party on - Mansons, Lena Bachop, Miss Knowles &c. The latter is very exciting at getting engaged to Frank McLaine of India.. The Govt. has banned the printing of visiting-cards; so the 'leaving of cards' will finally disappear, if it has not already done so. .. Addison Graham paid me his account for the Reconveyance of the house, and for his Will. He thought it extremely moderate. It was Young Addison is at Blackpool convalescing after his operation for hernia. A couple in the meeting there have as many as 35 R.A.F. men to meals on Sundays regularly. They thought David Aird the best of all the men who had been.

16 Jan. 1943. Sat. Got my love's letter 125, and the School Magazine. Each of the boys had an article in it; Ian's account of their voyage to Janada was extremely well done..I was up Arthur Seat this afternoon; and met Jn. McAlpine later, & had him for supper. He stayed at the Cockburn Hotel.

17 Jan. 1943. Sun. Good and busy day..McAlpine took Class and night meeting.. Mrs. Kirkby pressed me to get Isabel to return to take over the women's work! She seems to think that Aunty Nan is ruining it with her cross tongue; though I always get on extremely well with her, and she has more zeal than them all.

21 Jan. 1943. Thur. Defended the Broadhursts' Alsatian dog for the second time today, again with success. It had better not happen again, though! .. At Carrubbers at night - Advent Meeting; W.W. Campbell and Rev. White of Leith the speakers; both extremely good....Met Robert Chapman Philips in Crawfords; his son is to be married, tho' not to the nurse with whom he went on holidays.



23 Jan. 1943. Sat. Spoke at Bellevue S.S. soiree this afternoon, on The Man who would not put on the Wedding Garment..At Lena Bachop's for tea, with Elwyn and the Moffats..Later at the Inksters, Glenisla Gdns., about their troubles. Got such a charming picture of the family in their cottage.

25 Jan. 1943. Mon. Lovely letter 127 from Tookie, and the boys' school reports, which are splendid. Ian has plus-two for nearly everything, and they both get an excellent character..Letter from Sandy that John isn't well; being X-rayed today for stone in the bladder.... Great Russian successes in the war; Nazis on the retreat on several sectors, with heavy losses.....Buckhurst Pinch is leaving Carrubbers Close at Easter.

27 Jan. 1943. Wed. At Corstorphine yesterday at funeral of old Mrs. Topp..Bill here today for lunch. He has got a rupture and is wearing a truss.

29 Jan. 1943. Fri. My darling's 46th birthday...David Scott K.C., Sheriff at Ayr, has died, of cancer in the throat. He was only 55. .. Polly's father also is dead.

30 Jan. 1943. Sat. Walked via Bonaly over Harbour Hill & by Malleny to Currie. Cold but exhilarating tramp.

31 Jan. 1943. Sun. Snow today. Fine address in morning from W.W. Campbell, on 'one flock and one shepherd.' Mr. Graham related encouraging incident told by H. German, of an A.T.S. in Manchester, at his meeting, converted 6 weeks ago after being invited off the street to a meeting - apparently Bellevue.....At Major Spark's for lunch, with Capt. Gregory and Mr. & Mrs. Craig Mitchell.... Had nearly 70 service personnell at night meeting; R. Gray of Eskbank spoke.

2 Feb. 1943. Tue. Spoke tonight at St. Andrews House Christian Asscn. meeting in Darlings Hotel on Prayer; with 2 others. Discussion later; which I left, to go to Bellevue P/M. W.W. Campbell on Hebrews 1. Trevor Louttitt asked one or two rather odd questions..Had long talk with Peter about his attitude to Bellevue; he is firmly convinced that he was jockeyed out of position on Mr. Bachop's resignation. He is utterly mistaken about this, but will not alter. ..Big salvage drive for old books this week; we turned out some old law books.

5 Feb. 1943. Fri. Sent Clair a nice book, 'The Face of Edinburgh.' .. Spoke at Pollock Hall tonight to the E.A. on 'Will Christ come again?' Large audience; seemed appreciative. .. Settled Mrs. Bradshaw's action (Chas. Skinner's daughter) for £35; she was knocked over by a sweep's van in Union Street. .. At War Room all night; last night I shall have with an Intelligence Officer; they are going to be put to some useful work upstairs. Laing goes to Paul's help; Chalmers to McCallum's.. Macnair only remains, as day-time duty I.O.

6 Feb. 1943. Sat. Breakfast at Macvitties with Norman Campbell, who had been on fire-watching..Grand walk in afternoon; from Fishers' Tryst, via Glencorse old church, to Flotterston, Glencorse Reservoir, to Bonaly, and Colinton.

8 Feb. 1943. Mon. We have been appointed solicitors to The Painters' Society, through the kind offices of Jas. McMillan, Glasgow..Went to Crematorium today to funeral of Chas. Nightingale's wife. Sat with Alfred Smith.

12 Feb. 1943. Fri. Two nice letters from dear Ian this week; he is becoming a great poet..He had also read 'Two years before the Mast.' .. I went to War Room at 5, to help Dodds Watson with an exercise; then stayed for night....

13 Feb. 1943. Sat. King Murray has been elected M.P. for North Midlothian, but by a very narrow majority - just over 300. .. At wedding reception this afternoon at Charlotte Rooms, of Frank McLaine and Miss Knowles. All very pleasant. Peter, Norman Campbell, Jn. Fraser and others took part. Sat at tea with the Campbells, Ironsides, Moffats, and Prides. Mrs. & Miss Taylor there from Largs...Spoke at 4th Fellowship later on 'Homo Spiritualis.' .. Sorry to hear that Ralph Scott has been very ill in India for some months. W.W. Campbell slipped on front steps, and hurt his knee. He was the Bellevue speaker for tomorrow night.

14 Feb. 1943. Sun. Nice morning meeting. Six there from Stockton. Read & spoke a little on the high priest being alone in the Tabernacle on the Day of Atonement.. Took class; called on Norman Campbell after soldiers' tea, he not being out; then spoke at Morningside Baptist Bible Class on Christ as our Great High Priest; Alex. McKinlay in the chair. His son, a resident at the R.I.E., was there; Chrissie Rattray; & others. ...War news favourable; Russians making great strides. They have captured Rostov today.



Sir David King Murray

15 Feb. 1943. Mon. Orkney paper today states under Westray news that at the U.F. church women's meeting, the minister 'continued his reading of Ben Hur.' What would Mrs Rice Alexander say to that? .. walked thro' the Park tonight to see W.W. Campbell... Chas. Steele is stationed at Finstown.. We have successfully opposed a Petition by Hope Todd & Kirk for a Judicial Factor; Graham Marr instructed us. .. At tea tonight at Alex. MacLennan's; left early for a committee meeting at 95 Princes St. re General Dobbie's coming visit. Buckhurst Pinch spoke about his leaving Carrubbers soon; suggested I might take over the Sunday afternoon addresses; but I told him I wasn't up to such a task. .. Robin Inglis is at Fort George, in training; finding the spiritual atmosphere pretty low..

18 Feb. 1943. Thur. Went up Arthur Seat tonight in the moonlight.

19 Feb. 1943. Fri. Ramsay is to be discharged from the army.

20 Feb. 1943. Sat. Wakened up at 3 a.m., bombing at Fraserburgh & Peterhead. Busy with messages. Some casualties, and a lot of people evacuated for UXBs. .. Met Jn. Black in Crawfords. He was just leaving for Strathyre to buy a caravan from Macgregor Craig.. Went to Penicuik in afternoon; overcast day. Walked round by Silverburn and thro' woods... Called on Aunt Minnie tonight; Douglas & Muriel had been there earlier; he is just home on leave.

21 Feb. 1943. Sun. John McAlpine through; at Fingal Pl. for lunch. He took Bible Class.. To Dalkeith later. At Robertsons, Bank House, for tea & supper. Spoke at Wesley Hall, on The Natural & The New Man. Small meeting. McAlpine had good meeting at Bellevue; Alex. MacLennan opened. One man professed. The Robertsons had had 2 burglars at the Bank; he attacked them and laid one out; police arrested both. Sheriff Jamieson fined them each £1. !! It's a wonder he didn't charge Robertson with assault... Have had two fine letters this past week from Tookie, and 1 from Ian; also 1 from Alice, as follows:-
(There is not room for the first page of the letter, but it is not important)...

23 Feb. 1943. Tue. Was most upset this morning to learn that J.R. Philip's son Gordon had died thro' the night after getting concussion at football. He was 15, and a very nice boy indeed. The Philips are dreadfully down about it, needless to say. I offered to re-arrange his War Room duties meantime... Had a call from Sheena Govan, back from New York after 5½ years. They had a very tempestuous crossing.. She is going to work with ENSA. Doesn't sound like the Faith Mission somehow! .. Also had a visit from P. A. Kirkby, who seems to be doing very well in his new business. He certainly doesn't seem to have too much time for Bellevue nowadays.. Harvieston is sold at last; to a Major Higginbotham, for £7000. He says he is going to make it into a Country Club, with a 9-hole golfcourse & squash racket courts, etc.. Began a new series of missionary P/Ms. at Bellevue tonight; Moffatt read a series of extracts from Echoes. It was a good meeting.. I wrote Tom Wilson, and am cabling him £40... Mr. Warnock has been made Chief Constable of Glasgow, in succession to Sillitoe.. Have got a lovely parcel from Tookie; Beemax, braces, toothbrush, sweets, hot choc., cheese. A great treat. .. Have got new clients; the Edinburgh Association of Spiritualists! Grocers, Painters, now Spiritualists. .. Alex. Sharp was in his daughter Chrissie was knocked over by a motor van and has a broken arm...

It will be hard for you to picture them 2½ years older than when you parted. - Let me assure you they are still the finest little boys in the world. Well-behaved, obedient, industrious, interesting & interested - most intelligent and above all lovable. And Isabelle is, of course, the perfect mother. - She has endeared herself to us all - we love her - she has made many friends. I am sure knows more people than I do and is constantly sought after. - And our household is a serene & happy one - So dear Frank - don't thank us - I'm thanking you - Alice. - My best wishes to you & Chrissie for 1943. - And the war over!

25 Feb. 1943. Thur. At Gordon Philip's funeral at the Grange; large attendance of legal men and others; Dr. Black took the service. Spoke to Geoff. Shaw. who had been in Gordon's class. Black read from the Pilgrim's Progress.....

27 Feb. 1943. Sat. Quiet night at War Room. Muriel & Douglas called at office this morning. . . Fine afternoon, strong wind; walked round back of Caerketton by Boghall and up to top of valley; back to War Room again all night..

28 Feb. 1943. Sun. Stood at door at Bellevue for Addison, who has sore foot. What with W.W. Campbell off, Norman Campbell to lie up with a tired heart, etc. our forces are being reduced.. Gilfillan thro' for weekend.. Good meeting...



OFFICER'S BRIDE.—Miss Patricia Wylie, of Edinburgh, and Lieutenant W. E. Philips, Leicestershire Regiment, of Blackhall, after their wedding in St Vincent's Church, Edinburgh, on Saturday.

Robt. J. Philips' son was married yesterday at St. Vincent's Church; see photo...

2 March 1943. Tue. Appeared today for T.G. Marr, driving thro' a one-way street; he was fined 2/6d. Trevor Louttit was fined 5/- for leaving an unlit motor byke outside the Grand Restaurant.. Last night our first happy home, 20 Henderson Row, went up in flames. It was the chimney again.. Paige's flat was also gutted.. Mrs. Mackay was in, very upset; the new owners of Harvieston arrived drunk! Eric had even to feed the hens for them.. The Bellevue railings have been removed.. I have begun the I.V.F. 3 years course of Bible Study; doing $\frac{1}{2}$ hour each morning... Our desired house, Deanbank, (the house of character) is up for sale again..

4 March 1943. Thur. The R.A.F. have made a tremendous raid on Berlin. The Nazis came back to London last night, in small force, but there was a horrible accident in a tube shelter, when nearly 200 people were suffocated thro' overcrowding.. The Allies have completely wiped out a strong Japanese fleet of warships and transports, 22 vessels in all, destroyed by our Air Force; Japanese losses in men are estimated at 15,000... Strange accident at our Zoo yesterday; the she-elephant was to be

shot, being incurably ill; but a Vet. student who got on the roof to get a view was killed by the rifle going off prematurely.

5 March 1943. Fri. Debated a case for Graham Marr today before Sheriff Gilchrist - whether 2 sisters were equally entitled to be executrices to their late brother.. He made avizandum, but was plainly against me.. The R.A.F. are keeping up tremendous raids on German towns - Nuremberg, Munich, Cologne. It is round-the-clock bombing now; some place gets it every night, & day too...

6 March 1943. Sat. A most lovely summery day. Walked from Flotterstone via Glencorse and Loganlee reservoirs, thence back by Black Hill and Threipmuir to Currie. Saw strange sight at Loganlee - a pond of excited frogs, evidently overcome by the spawning season, behaving like acrobats, churning the pool. Saw quite a few birds; mallards on the wing, chaffinches, dippers, etc. Did night-duty again at War Room tonight for Philip. Called first at Norman

Campbell's for some platform tickets; but didn't see him, as he wasn't up to seeing anyone yet.



FROM MALTA — Lieut-General Sir William Dobbie, former Governor of Malta, and Lady Dobbie, who arrived in Edinburgh last night.

7 March 1943. Sun. Lovely day again. Glad to see and hear W.W. Campbell again... Ironside had the night meeting, with two sergeant-pilots who gave testimonies, and Malcolm, R.A.F., opened.. Russell Elliott's mother has died, in her 105th year.. Also John Cameron S.S.C., father of Jock the K.C. .. Andrew Gray has been torpedoed, but is safe; in U.S.A.

9 March 1943. Tue. Frank Ramsay called; looking thin, but improving. He doesn't seem to want to come back to Edinburgh, for domestic reasons.. Dinner party tonight at N.B. hotel with General and Lady Dobbie of Malta; extremely pleasant evening. The guests were Lottie Campbell, Mansons, McLaines, Donalds, Chrissie. Peter made a very nice speech of welcome, and we had some prayer afterwards. The Evening News man took a photo of them - see opposite.

10 March 1943. Wed. Defended Connor, the wild pig-feeder, on charge of defective brakes; McLarty's sister, a speed-cop, was a witness..Collected General & Lady Dobbie at hotel & took them to Usher Hall. A packed meeting; he spoke very simply & straight. Glad to see Major Spark there. Dr. Black presided. ..Eric Mackay in the top gallery never heard a word! .. Letter from Sandy; evidently Johnis still unwell, & is to be X-rayed again.. Maxwell, of Maxwell, Gill & pringle, has died..He and I were at Carnoustie together about a case..

13 March 1943. Sat. Having a spell of most lovely weather, sunny & warm.. Met Jimmy & Molly Duncan today; he has been appointed to Kalimpong, to succeed Dr. Graham..Nice walk along Canal to near Gogar..Spoke at 5th Rally, on Homo Ornatatus..Met some of the Gershons, the Harvieston Jews; they are sorry about the sale..Went to War Room again tonight, instead of Keith. Hume is engaged to Sheriff Garret's daughter; a War Room romance..

14 March 1943. Sun. Nice morning meeting, many visitors. Gen. & Lady Dobbie.. Malcolm, R.A.F., spoke at night. We had a good crowd down.

15 March 1943. Mon. Began hearing, at Land Court, before Special Commissioners, of income tax appeals, against assessment of £320,000 for a deal in whiskey shares; acting for a London solicitor, Morgan..Had Strachan and Philip for my counsel..5 or 6 English counsel there. Mackintosh & Duffes also appearing...

Got my darling's nice parcel today; 2nd set of underwear..Very sorry to hear of death of Jim Croy, after a stroke. His sisters think he was saved. We had some happy days before the last war, in Westray..Lady Dobbie addressed a large meeting of women in Bellevue today; Mrs. Roberts presiding.

16 March 1943. Tue. Aunty Clark is laid up with shingles, sorry to hear..Elwyn also off with bad cold..Norman Campbell making very slow progress..Bellevue annual meeting tonight; very happy occasion. Peter in chair. Mr. McLaine spoke a little. All the reports were very good.

17 March 1943. Wed. Our income tax appeal ended today; Morgan's appeal allowed ..Met J.F.B.Wallace; his uncle John Baird left his estate to Salvation Army by a holograph will, which was invalid. It has been divided by way of compromise. ..I have bought a pretty picture of Capri, for Howard Place.

19 March 1943. Fri. Saw Gen. & Lady Dobbie off to London; the barristers in the income tax appeals were in the next compartment.

▲Towe, Pearl

20 March 1943. Sat. Baptismal service at night; Frances, Mowat, and others....

22 March 1943. Mon. At W.G.Mitchell's at night, re his son commencing law...

Proof in Glasgow today in a Grocers' Fedn. case about 3 missing bottles, which Jas. A. McMillan conducted, and gained..Rice Alexander has bought a house at 8 Barnton Terrace West, next door to Peter's old house..British started a tremendous battle in Tunisia, which met with some success; Mareth line pierced..

24 March 1943. Wed. Have had nasty cold for several days, but not kept in... Bad set-back in Tunisia; the Mareth line has been lost as quickly as gained.. Sirens at midnight tonight, and widespread raiding till 2 a.m. .. St. George's Church, Langside Rd., Glasgow, burned out, by incendiary bombs; also dropped

at Broughton, Dunfermline, Ed-
dleston, Kirtlebridge, Craw-
fordjohn, Drem, Haddington, &
Balerno, where Cockburn Farm
was set alight..Out of the 25
bombers over, 8 were shot
down, some by Home Guard
A.A. fire..Dalmeny House wind-
ows were broken again, by a
P.M. .. One plane was shot down
into the Forth, just opposite
Dalmeny House. Another one,
shown in picture here, crashed
on the side of Hare Hill, just
at Bavelaw Castle, Balerno....



25 March 1943. Thur. Council Meeting of Socy. of Prors. to-
day; agreed to form a panel to
adjudicate upon Poor Roll app-
lications, to prevent abuses..
We (the Council) will all go
on for the first year... John
Drever of Brough has died. He was a very decent old man..The Orcadian has a
long para. about Jim Croy's sporting proclivities..

27 March 1943. Sat. Cold better again..Lovely day..Took Eileen & Ronald Camp-
bell to the Zoo; had tea with Norman..He seems a little better..Aunty Shaw at
supper with us last night.

28 March 1943. Sun. H. Wildish at Bellevue; having a week at Carrubbers..New arrivals, Mr. & Mrs. Brown, taking over the Rest Room from the Donalds. Chas. Steel also there; he is very happy in the Kirkwall meeting; had been with Jas. Marcus at the Harray meeting...Have got an attack of lumbago today..

29 March 1943. Mon. War news better; Allies have turned the Mareth line flank..Spent afternoon at Shf. Court, examining Mrs. Harman on commission, re her wedding presents case. Cohen against me...Shf. J.A.T.Robertson's widow died..

31 March 1943. Wed. Appeared for girl C.O. before Shf. Fenton..Daughter of Mr. Gillies, in the meeting there. She got continued exemption..Mrs. Mackay was in; talks of buying Dr. Easterbrook's house at Gorebridge.

2 April 1943. Fri. Got letter 135 today, first for over a month. Very glad to see it. Bill is starting boxing! .. Appeared at Appellate Tribunal for girl C.O. from Kilbirnie; she got off, on cond. of doing gardening or nursing at home, to be near her grandparents...was very sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Alan Bodman, of Portugal. He and his wife stayed with us for a time; at Lomond House; they were there when Geo.V died... Also, Kenneth Morrison and wife and boy are interned in Chefoo by the Japanese.



DR. ALAN G. BODMAN

3 April 1943. Sat. Good walk with H. Tulloch; Hillend, Boghall Valley, Allermuir, Capelaw, Bonaly, and all the way home. Had first picnic tea of the season. Saw our first wheatears, in Boghall Valley.

6 Apl.1943. Tue. At office tonight, meeting 2 painters. Had supper at Crawfords; like old courting days with Ish.

7 Apl.1943. Wed. At Sheriff Court, man charged with deserting his wife, gave as excuse that he ran away because they had a row. Shf. Jameson said, O you can't do that; if every man who had a row with his wife ran away, the place would be like Powderhall! .. Sold Rice Alexander's house for £1000. He is quite unhappy; thinks it is far too much to accept..War news is better, from Africa. Roemmel again in full retreat northwards. British and U.S.A. Forces have joined hands now.. 5 Denham Green Avenue sold for £1200. If Norman would leave

our old house no.18, we would get rid of it easily...

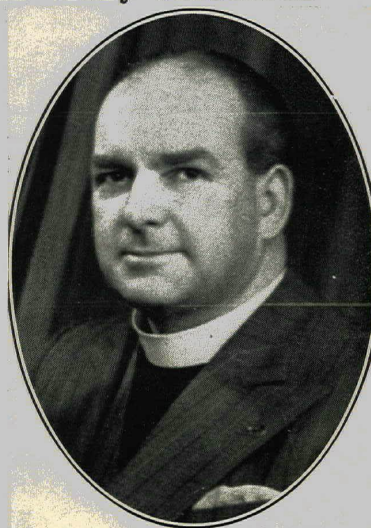
10 Apl. 1943. Sat. Elwyn is rather cross with Peter for not letting her go off a cycling trip in the Highlands with 2 other girls. He thinks her health isn't good enough, and her work has to be done at the office..Fine afternoon; walked to bird sanctuary at Duddingston; then up Arthur Seat..Last rally at Lymedoch Pl. tonight - Homo Crescens, the Growing Man..It is impossible to realise that the series is over; it seems no time since I began. Dorothy Graham & Bob Tattersall were there; they have not missed a night. He is going to Lairg and then to Glasgow. He has shown great interest in the whole series...Leslie MacLaine has been wounded in North Africa, but apparently not severely.

12 Apl.1943. Mon. Got Letter 139 from my dearest, and Ian's no. 4. Billy asks for a Believers' Hymnal, so I am sending him father's nice thin one, with W.B. on it..Miss MacLaren is to have a nasal operation. We had a long talk about her affairs and her Will; she would let us have 62 Frederick St. for whatever price 58 would realise.Had a funny letter from a chemist in Elgin, Thomson by name; most appreciative of Gazette articles, and talking about his Highland travels. He had stayed a week on Tanera with Dr. Fraser Darling, whose interesting book 'Island Years' I have just finished reading..Have made up the books for 1942-3. The profit is again about £1100 each, almost as much as last year, which contained the Gilmour case. It is truly wonderful how blessed we have been, in spite of bad times.

15 Apl.1943. Wed. Bought Crosbie's house in Westgarth Avenue Colinton for Geo. Anderson and wife, for £1775. Perfectly monstrous price; but they will get a good price in return for their own. They will not be on Kirkby's doorstep any longer..Have bought flat at 9 Hope Park Terrace for £500 as an investment for father's trust..At Aunty's for dinner; Bert on leave; Millers came later. Had some interesting talk, but Bert is a hardened old pagan.

16 Apl.1943. Fri. Chrissie went to Rothesay with Mrs. Lyle for a week..

17 Apl.1943. Sat. Grand walk with Malcolm, R.A.F., Flott-erston to Currie, via reservoirs and Black Hill...Great gale blowing..Night, at Carrubbers Close, farewell meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Buckhurst Pinch, who go to London next week. He will be greatly missed; has done good service there for 2 years. Peter, Hart-Davies, and others took part.



Rev. E. BUCKHURST PINCH

19 Apl. 1943. Mon. Spring Holiday. Elwyn & I took bykes on train to Stirling, & cycled via Alva, Tillycoultry, & Dollar - went up glen to Castle Campbell - and so to Dunfermline (in Pittencrieff Glen) and over Ferry, home. Lovely day with strong following wind... Got my dear one's letter and Ian's school report; very good indeed. Sent them on to Chrissie in Rothesay... Peter was at the cremation of Mrs. Finch at Warriston.. Frank Ramsay is starting in Aberdeen..

22 Apl. 1943. Thu. Mrs. Crawford, Newhaven, called. Says the church there is in a poor way. Mr. Neilson was fast asleep in the manse the other evening, & they had to phone for him to come and conduct evening service.. Sandy Noble, the stuttering fellow, is on a cruiser... At War Room; Home-Guard conference with Major Spark; decided to take it more seriously in future.. Heavy raid on Aberdeen through the night; many casualties and homeless.

23 Apl. 1943. Fri. Went to Stow with H. Tulloch; had fine walk up Lugate Water, ending at Fountainhall. Climbed Gately Rig. Heard the church bells ring at Stow for Good Friday service; it is now permitted to ring the bells again.

24 Apl. 1943. Sat. Got my love's 140 letter and Ian's 5.. Took bus to Flotterston and walked to Loganlee and back to Fishers' Tryst. Blowy, but fine. At night, to Faith Mission Conference; heard a man Else, from Galashiels. To War Room again tonight, relieving Keith... Very heavy fighting in Tunisia, the Allies endeavouring to storm the difficult country now left to the enemy.

25 Apl. 1943. Sun. Very blustery day, with heavy rainstorms. Princes St. fishing almost a wash-out, but about 25 down. I took evening meeting - spoke on Rom. 6.23. .. To Peter's later; Whitaker and Eileen there.. Ross Durie, brother of Mrs. Walter Pryde, arrives here tonight, repatriated from Italy. .. Andrew Gray is to be married on Weds., to a tobacco Sinclair; also, on Weds., Marshall Lamont, to a St. John's Episcopal Church girl; he is on embark. leave.. Doreen Aitken has now a son - Ian..

26 Apl. 1943. Mon. Gave Whitakers tea at Crawfords.. At closing meeting of the Faith Mission convention; heard Mr. Eardley of Southampton - an old man, extremely good. Saw Henny's old housemaid, Chrissie.. Very furious battles raging in Tunisia; allies making but slow progress.

27 Apl. 1943. Tue. Sold Geo. Anderson's house in Thorburn Grove today for £1420. .. Long talk in office with Ellis Govan, about his work, and on spiritual matters generally. Finished up with prayer. He suggests I go to Glenurquhart for a week's holiday in June... John Fraser gave last address on James' Epistle tonight at Bellevue... Called along Waverley Hotel & had cup-tea with Whitakers. .. J.R. Grant (of Grant & Gibb) has died. His son will make more trouble now... Met Norman Fentiman; Lena & the boy are back to Denham Green Terrace. There will be 'a little dusting' needed there after 3½ years absence.

29 Apl. 1943. Thu. Whitakers at supper, and Cissie Spence. Lot of rather futile talk about the Cupples family, etc. Most uninteresting.

30 Apl. 1943. Fri. Took my Home Guard kit to War Room in taxi, for future use.

1 May 1943. Sat. Had grand breakfast at British Restaurant in St. Thomas' today. I know where to go in future... Fine walk with Dr. W.B. Inglis, of Moray House; Flotterston, over Turnhouse & Carnethy, Loganlee, and Currie.

2 May 1943. Sun. Lovely day. W.S. Kerr at Bellevue at night; long and helpful talk with some men afterwards. Captain Sinclair is splendid at personal work.

3 May 1943. Mon. Mrs. Mackay paid her account for sale of Harvieston - £75. .. At War Room at 5.30 for Home Guard exercise - attacking the building. Some of us stalked it along Eglinton Crescent, and were credited with having got in unspotted... Walked round Blackford Hill at night.

4 May 1943. Tue. Blades is very poorly - passing blood in his water. It does not look well... Spoke at Heriot-watt this afternoon, to the Christian Union, on the Lord's life, death, and resurrection. Very small union... Glad to see in Scotsman that David Angus of Kuala Lumpur is alive, tho' interned.

5 May 1943. Wed. W.H. Vernon called. He wants his wife & children to return to Edinburgh.. Had Capt. & Mrs. McCandlish for supper (Sylvia Bell's sister).. Meant to go walk, but it rained; had pleasant talk instead, and coffee with them at hotel afterwards. He is an army dentist.

6 May 1943. Thu. J.W. Carmichael in. Govt. is closing down his lemonade works. Took byke on train to Balerno tonight, & came thro' Highland Glen to Flotterston. A most lovely night, and very enjoyable run; birds plentiful... This is Grace's 22nd birthday.. I sent Ian a book today for his birthday - Schoolboy Refugee; a Chinese story; most interesting.

7 May 1943. Fri. Consultation with Hunter, Paisley, and Duffes K.C. about an attempted murder trial - a police sergeant who shot a nurse in Paisley Sanatorium. Surprised to see that Harold Grgeory is the principak Crown witness.

8 May 1943. Sat. Storm of wind & rain & very cold..Back to War Room, 12.30 to 4 shift. .. At S.U. annual mtg. in Freemasons' Hall. Mr. White, Master of the Merchant Coy., in the chair. Rather a wooden mtg. altogether. Merriweather speaking. I haven't sat on that platform since Bryan Green's days...Great war news of capture of Tunis & Bizerta by 1st Army and Americans; looks like the end of resistance in Africa at last.

10 May 1943. Mon. Home Guard exercise again at War Room. Defended roof, along with Dr. Clark & G.R.Thomson..

12 May 1943. Wed. At Turnhouse seeing a flying-officer, N.A.Lawrence, under arrest on many charges of fraud; wants me to defend him...Got very wet there..At Usher Hall at night; Bible Testimony meeting; Lloyd Jones spoke; Jacques Hopkins sang. All extremely good.. The police sergeant in the murder trial was found not proven; great surprise to everyone..Greatest news is of the end of the African campaign; complete debacle of Axis forces; 174000 prisoners taken. It was most refreshing to see the banner headlines in the Scotsman about it:-

HOSTILITIES END IN

TUNISIA

13 May 1943. Thur. At Augustine Ch. at night, at Centenary of Evangelical Union..Dr. Safely and Moffat Gillon spoke..I didn't know before that it was launched the same day as the Disruption..

Jacques Hopkins was singing at Palmerston Pl. church, and the C.I.M. meetings in Charlotte Chapel; too many good things all at once.

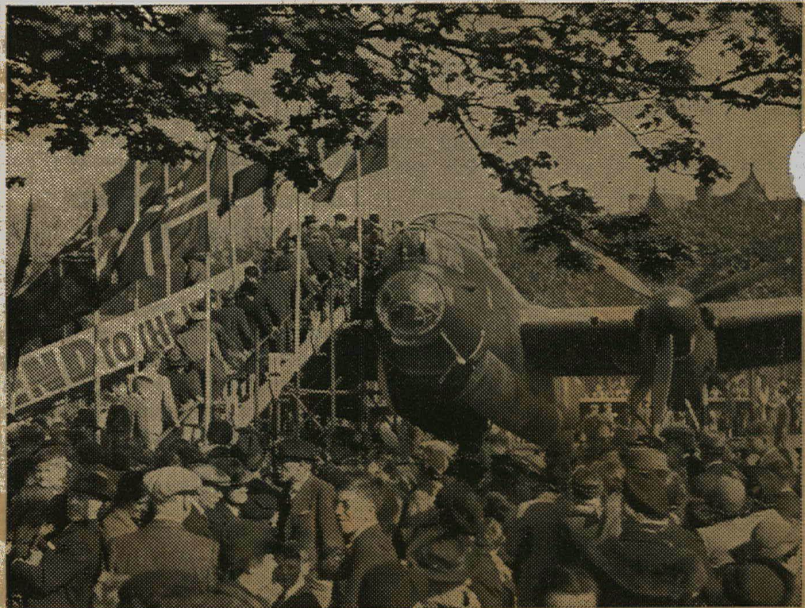
14 May 1943. Fri. Got my darling's letters 141 & 142; and extra ones about wee Bill's day in hospital. .. Heard from Aunty; she is able to be up again..Got Lucas off another charge of excessive price - a folding go-car! .. Libby called in this morning; gave her lunch at Club. Douglas & Muriel in Liverpool.. Wee Bill had splendid school report; 1st in Class, and highest commendation..

15 May 1943. Sat. In morning, at Tribunal re Telescoping of Carmichael's Soda water factory; chairman, Mr. R. O'Sullivan K.C., a most delightful man....In afternoon, had grand walk; Colinton, Clubbidean, Harbour Hill, Bell's Hill, round Black Hill, tea beside Logan Lee water, up Scald Law, So. Black Hill, walked by Silverburn to Penicuik. Much of it new ground. Lovely day...Met Miss MacLaren first time today after her operation. She looks very ill.

16 May 1943. Sun. Woke with rough throat, & feverish. Stayed in bed all day.

17 May 1943. Mon. At office all day with staff, tho' Empire Day..Mrs. George Anderson in from Colinton; very satisfied with settlement for her two houses.. ..Wings for Victory week has begun in Edinburgh, to raise 10 millions. There is a huge Lancaster bomber stationed in Bruntsfield Links - see illustration:-

WINGS FOR VICTORY INAUGURATION IN EDINBURGH



Crowds inspecting the Lancaster bomber at Bruntsfield Links, Edinburgh, on Saturday afternoon. On left: Lord Provost Darling releasing a pigeon carrying a message to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in London.

19 May 1943. Wed. At Turnhouse, for the court-martial. Lovely day; but feeling miserable, feverish, sore throat. Court conducted with great formality. Had lunch in officers' mess with prosecutor, a Liverpool barrister, and with the judge-advocate, a very able barrister from Oxford..Case finished at 4. Came

CLEARED OF AXIS OCCUPANTS

into town with Sqdrn. Leader Macaulay, the prosecutor, in an R.A.F. car with about the world's worst driver, a WAAF who must have been a domestic servant up till a few weeks ago. I entertained Macaulay at the Club till 7, though I wd. much rather have been in my bed...The R.A.F. have blown up 2 great dams in the Ruhr, devastating the country, and causing the deaths of over 4000 and making 120000 homeless..It is nice to think of the war being over in Africa; the illustration is a very effective one.

23 May 1943. Sun. Have been in bed till tonight, very feverish and unwell. Peter paid me a pastoral call & had tea; we had a nice general talk...Read some interesting books in bed; Two Marshalls,

by Guedella; about Bazaine, who surrendered Metz in 1870, after a fight, and was sentenced to death; and Petaine, who surrendered France in 1940 without a struggle, and was sentenced to command the Empire..also Smythe's Mountain Vision, all about climbing; and Rosie Govan's account of the Faith Mission in S.A.

24 May 1943. Mon. B. McCall Barbour died in a home on Saturday. He was a fine old man and did a wonderful work. Chas. Steel and W.S.Kerr were two of his old boys..Back to office today; at War Room at 5.30 for strenuous exercise, defending the building against the Bomb Disposal Coy., who attacked with smoke bombs and grenades..The umpires adjudged that they had got in..Chrissie went to Arran this morning for a week, to stay with Minnie Brown at Shannochie.

27 May 1943. Thu. Got a case from Barlas, Dunbar, thro' my N.P. connection... Met Lena Fentiman today, back to Denham Green Terrace from Callendar...Had a fine walk tonight along the Canal to Hermiston; first walk for some days....

29 May 1943. Sat. Lovely day. Grand walk; Midcalder, Cauldstaneslap, top of East Cairn Hill, Listonshiels, Balerno. Tea on top of East Cairn. I don't think I've walked up the road from Midcalder since we had an ill-fated picnic with the Mansons many years ago, when it came on a thunderstorm...Thomson, the old printer, of Chapman Watson & Co. has died..Also Mr. Warnock, chief constable of Glasgow, John Cowan's father-in-law, after a few days' illness...Also noticed death of Arthur Mee, of The Children's Newspaper...Have sold Miss Inkster's house, 14 Westhall Gardens, for £1000. Very good sale. Also fixed the sale of Lady Gibson's house at Balerno, for £2100; an excellent price.

30 May 1943. Sun. Shot at 30 yds. range at Redford this morning, with Keith, Marshall and Duke..Made good scores, both at Group and Application...Got a very nice Canadian, called Reg. Collar, from Ontario, to Bellevue this afternoon. He seemed very impressed; may have made a profession at some time....

31 May 1943. Mon. Spoke at Rest-Room, 94 Princes St., at night.

1 June 1943. Tue. John Rollo began series of talks at P/M tonight on Hebrews. ...Sent Ian a book from Aunty Clark for his birthday - Travels with a Donkey.. There has been a Revolution in the Argentine; President has fled..

5 June 1943. Sat. Rained all day..Rice Alexander removed to his new house today...An unfortunate day to move...This Saturday last year I went to Borrowdale in scorching heat...Called to see Aunt Minnie at night. She is 82 now.

7 June 1943. Mon. Did War Room tonight for Dr. Inglis, who has got a cold...Peter also in bed with the same.

8 June 1943. Tue. Letter 147 today from my darling; she has been ill with an abscessed ear, and had a bad time. What a calamity it is to be so far away at these times..However, she was on the mend when writing..The boys had been extremely good, and Alice very kind. I sent Alice a letter of appreciation, and Guedella's book, 'The Two Marshalls.' ..Tookie enclosed a nice snap taken at Lake Ontario in April with the Philips children - herewith..At Rollo's meeting at night with Chrissie... Craig the station-master at the Waverley has been awarded the M.B.E. So has Rowland Wilson.



Two infantrymen standing on the cliffs overlooking the tip of Cap Bon, Tunisia, where the North African campaign against the Axis ended.



10 June 1943. Thur. Sent Alice Balfour 'The Two Marshalls' by Guedella, for her kindness to Isabel..Settled first big case for the Painters' Society - a man at Lothianburn, knocked down by a car; got £300 & £30 costs..At Gorebridge making new will notarially for Miss Clark, who has had another shock..At W.S. Kerr's for supper; he has a lot of troubles of various sorts; business & family. His sister has not been behaving.

11 June 1943. Fri. Glad to hear that D.P.Blades is much better..Italians have surrendered islands of Pantellaria and Lampedusa after terrific bombing. I sailed past the former in 1918.

12 June 1943. Sat. Grand walk; a marathon over the Pentland Range from West to East, along the tops. Did West and East Kips, South Black Hill, Scald Law, Carnethy, Furnhouse, Castlelaw, Allermuir, Jaerketton, and down to Hillend. A very windy day, but most enjoyable. Had tea on the top of Carnethy.

13 June 1943. Sun. Chas. Allan, Irish evangelist, at Bellevue; spoke rather ramblingly, annoying W.W.Campbell greatly..Norman Bachop there, on leave from Gibraltar; also Norman Campbell out for the first time. John Black off, having been stung on the heel by one of his bees. Douglas Spence, now in the Tank Corps, dangerously ill with appendicitis; but has got the turn.

15 June 1943. Tue. At Warriston Cemetery, at funeral of Dr. McLarty. He was an extremely nice man..John Rollo was unwell, and didn't come to the meeting tonight; W.W.Campbell deputised.

16 June 1943. Wed. Dear Ian's 11th birthday. I hope he will be back for his next one..At Carricknowe tonight with Arthur Clark, throwing grenades.

17 June 1943. Thur. Meeting with Donald Orr and E.J.Keith at Parliament House in afternoon, re curious case of proposed nullity..At night, cycled with Elwyn from Balerno thro' the Green Cleuch past Loganlee and Glencorse; most perfect night....Mrs. Burnett Smith ('Annie S. Swan') has died, aged 84. She had a great vogue as a writer of sentimental stories...Got a nice photo of Tookie and the boys today, taken at Tod's house..Also a parcel with corn & a pair of socks, soup, choc., etc..At City Chambers in afternoon, at a meeting about the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, of which D.S. & M. are hon. agents. I had to give a word; other speakers were Commodore Earl Howe, Admiral Sarel, Lady Findlay, etc. Will Y. Darling presided. Saw some Newhaven fishwives, who remembered Isabel well...At War Room at night; showed a party of visitors round from Midlothian County Control...Dr. Inglis off with dysentery.



19 June 1943. Sat. Fine walk with Herman Tulloch, though some drizzle of rain. Went from Jurrie, round Black Hill, by Green Cleuch, over Kirk Road to Penicuik. It was mostly new to him. Saw some fine birds; especially 2 bullfinches near Currie; and whinchats on Black Hill. Tea below waterfall at Loganlee. At Matthew Shearer's for supper; good spread...Mrs Gardner-Hunter (Miss Gray) has died...

'Annie S. Swan.'

20 June 1943. Sun. Excellent morning meeting. Connolly from Carrubbers Close and an evangelist, Patterson, were there..Got a lot of men down. Spoke to an R.A.F. man from Hamilton, a radio-salesman, who had delivered a radio-set himself to Chedoke...J. Ferguson, Pay Corps, speaking. Peter at Kilmacolm.

21 June 1943. Mon. At Art Gallery tonight; lovely picture of an Orkney island by Cursiter, price 150 gns. I would fain have had it..Emmie took very ill tonight with a severe heart attack. They thought she was gone.

23 June 1943. Wed. Four French Canadian soldiers examined today before Lord Patrick in case against McBrayne's Bus. Co., re an accident near Inveraray. I had a busy day yesterday precognoscing them, partly with an interpreter...Got my dear love's letter 149; she is greatly better, for which I was so thankful. ..Took Peter's car to Waverley tonight to meet Marie Nau, who has come to help. ..Later, cycled from Balerno by the Kips to Habbie's Howe; a rough road, but most enjoyable. Took exactly an hour back, from Habbie's Howe.

24 June 1943. Thur. Fine walk tonight, from Balerno to Boll of Bere, up Dalmahoy Hills, and down thro' woods to Hags Road and back to Balerno....Letter from W.G.Mitchell, doing canteen work at Stromness; he enjoys the place very much; & had preached in St. Magnus Cathedral. His son has got into Shepherd & Wedderburn's. I'm quite glad, as I really didn't need him in the office...

26 June 1943. Sat. Train to Midcalder, cycled to Crosswood, walked to Black Law, etc. Had tea beside West Water. Lovely scenery. Day hot and muggy.

27 June 1943. Sun. Motored Peter and Marie Nau to Bellevue. Lunch at Peter's; saw Emmie for a little. At Elwyn's Crusaders birthday at Wardie Road hall... Ludovic spoke at night at Bellevue; very large meeting. Jessie Fairley sang..

28 June 1943. Mon. Busy day with a Sergeant Cretney, from Cockburnspath, who seems to have been victimised by his C.O. He has been ordered to a mental hospital for observation, which seems an easy way of getting rid of him..P.A. Gentles K.C. has died..I had a grand walk tonight, Currie to Flotterston and Fishers' Tryst; lovely night, Glencorse reservoir as blue as sapphire.

29 June 1943. Tue. Another glorious day..Glad to see Blades in Court again.. At John Rollo's last meeting at Bellevue tonight.

30 June 1943. Wed. Fine walk with Malcolm, R.A.F., tonight; Currie, over the hills to Allermuir & down by Swanston..Jecil Walls has been appointed Burgh Prosecutor at Kirkwall, in place of old Mr. T.P.Low..

1 July 1943. Thu. Grand letter from my darling, no. 150. She is quite better. She & Bill are going to Lake Huron for July, and Ian to camp..Circular letter from R. & Cynthia Stokes, that they have thrown in their lot with the Assemblies in India. I don't know what all their folk here will say to that..Went to see Wm. Shearer tonight; he looks much older; has a beard of sorts.

2 July 1943. Fri. Met crowd of Flockharts today; Alex.'s son Ronnie graduated at B.Sc. in engineering. It seems no time since they asked my advice as to what school to send him to..Miss Nau and the Misses Baxter at supper...Elwyn was at wedding of Robin Inglis & Vera Johnston today; he is on embarkation leave..Met Leith Sangster, who is not at all well; heart trouble..Letter from Sandy today; wanted his Will sent to Nellie for perusal; but it was to be addressed to Evans...McBlain back to Court after his 18 months; he looks as if nothing had happened...Call from Galloway, of the Spiritists Association; I have some strange clients...Edinburgh Trades holidays begin tonight.

3 July 1943. Sat. Quiet night at War Room..Another hot day. It has been an extraordinary week of sunshine..Mrs. Louttit's two visitors from Windermere have been most fortunate..Wm. Shearer had been to 27 Howard Place recently, and thought it a grand house! .. Left War Room at 8 a.m., when the Cathedral bells were ringing; they reminded me strongly of the Lugano bells that used to wake my darling and myself in the mornings, and the hot sun streaming in.... Train to Midcalder at 1.45; walked up Cauldstaneslap and west Cairn. Very hot & muggy, and haze spread over everything. Met two people pushing bykes to W. Linton..Came back to Midcalder and got 8.4 train home.

6 July 1943. Tue. Polly went off on holiday today, so I fetch the milk and the newspaper..Weather has broken down, as it usually does during Trades week... Got Boyd Scott & Co. off another furniture charge - a gate-leg table this time ...W. Fraser Naismith at Bellevue tonight, on Hebrews. Very good matter... Kirkby has got into the shorthand-writing circle in Parliament House again, as a result of approaching John Mitchell amicably. He wanted to write a flaming protest, but I dissuaded him, and it was all for the best. I told him I was glad that I had given him the advice of Reheboam's old men, and not his young men..Johnnie Donaldson opened the meeting tonight; I hadn't seen him since Tillycoultry days..Robin Inglis and wife called in; they had their honeymoon at Crianlarich. The mama went with them!

9 July 1943. Fri. Got my love's letter 151. She is quite better, and was busy sawing logs and painting garden furniture..Got an invitation to Vaughan Shaw's wedding at Tranent on 24th inst. .. Funny letter from Ian, with some of his writings; he has been in touch with a School of Journalism, and writes very learnedly to them...He is a great lad..Quiet night at War Room.

10 July 1943. Sat. Allies invaded Sicily this morning, and seem to be making good progress, with American, Canadian, & British troops, including parachute landings and glider troops..It looks like the beginning of the invasion of Europe at last. Germans are attacking strongly in Russia again... Back at office this afternoon, meeting Hogg from Borthwickhall, then to War Room, 4 till 7. .. Walked to Duddingston at night and back via Golf Course...

11 July 1943. Sun. Helped A. Graham at door these 2 Sunday mornings, while R. H. Alexander on holiday..Ronald Alexander has crashed, and is burnt about the face and hands..Russell Elliott has married for the 3rd time, at age of 36... Wrote Billy for his birthday..H. Brown, of Rest Room, spoke tonight.

13 July 1943. Tue. Busy day in Parl. House; a nullity, a divorce, and Finn's Petition for Directions in First Division..Wm. Ingram K.C. has died...Mr. W.F. Naismith again at Bellevue tonight. Business meeting later with D. Love, who has had trouble in Greenock meeting over some charge..

14 July 1943. wed. Met Douglas Miller in court. He thought Tookie and the Weavers were in Hamilton, Lanarkshire! .. R. Leith paid long visit about the Tollcross matters; wants to know if I can do anything..Miss Fraser from Barnard Castle came for 2 nights..went at night to see house 110 Greenbank Rd. as a possible investment; then to Palmerston Pl. church, summer convention - a Mr. Mills, London, on The Unsearchable Riches of Christ.

15 July 1943. Thur. St. Swithin's Day, so it rained..At Bathgate in afternoon in W.D.Anderson's car; supper with girls; Mrs. Stewart came later; and W.D.A. arrived for a cup-tea..Muriel expects an event in November.

16 July 1943. Fri. Busy in Parl. House. Another insanity divorce; and conclusion of nullity one; found a Dr. Morison who gave necessary evidence; he seems to be an astrologer, and said it was important that defender born on 12 Decr!

17 July 1943. Sat. Peter went to Craigellachie for a fortnight..Took byke on train to Balerno, cycled to Mabel Strachan's, and walked to Henshaw Hill. Very hot and flies most troublesome. Dr. Shankie walked the Cauldstaneslap today and had the same complaint..At Addison Graham's for supper, with Skeds. Bob and Dorothy had been at Glencorse with the little Graham girl. .. I had a race to get the Balerno train, against an East wind; only 24 minutes from Little Vantage to the station..Sorry to hear that Robert McGregor's girl is in the Victoria Hospital...War news better. In one week, the Allies have captured one-third of Sicily, and the Russians are shoving the Germans back..

18 July 1943. Sun. Charlie Steele on leave; still enjoying Orkney. He goes mostly to the Harray meeting, with James Marcus..Connolly of Carrubbers spoke well this morning..At Botanics in afternoon; met McLarty and Arthur Clark. ..On Princes St. later. J. Chisholm at night; very indistinct speaker; has a cleft palate. Came up with Norman Campbell...Will Y. Darling has been knighted...Chas. Nightingale is Vice-President of the Methodist Conference this year, and was addressing it at Birmingham.

19 July 1943. Mon. Wound up John Shearer's trust to date; charged fee of £100. .. Sent present of 3 gns. to Vaughan Shaw and fiancée in view of their wedding on Saturday...Home Guard drill in St. Mary's Cathedral grounds.

20 July 1943. Tue. Debate before Shf. Macdonald about the Harmans' wedding-present case; against Cohen. Sheriff in our favour..Tea with Addison Graham at Liberal Club. Ronald Alexander at meeting; he seems all right again.

21 July 1943. Wed. J.T.Mawson, Exclusive writer & speaker, has died at Pitlochry...Prof. Annan is retiring..Cycled to Dalkeith tonight; called in at Robertsons for a minute, and at Fentimans' also...Peter isn't enjoying the Highland Hotel at Craiggellachie very much; food is very poor; after waiting 45 minutes for breakfast, the only thing that appeared was some watery porridge.

22 July 1943. Thu. Mrs. Govan's former house in Craiggrook Rd. has sold for £1650; double its former price... Walked with Malcolm tonight, Balerno to Dalmahoy, & back by the old quarry on the Lanark Rd., where a small community now exists..Malcolm is now Flying-Officer. He is just back from Penruddock on leave; everywhere very crowded; Keswick quite hopeless.

24 July 1943. Sat. At Vaughan Shaw's wedding to Gladys Wiseman at Gladsmuir, in car with Mrs. Wood, Aunty, Libby and Miss Drysdale. Lovely day. Reception in Manse; very pleasantly situated. Climbed Allermuir & Caerketton at nt. ...Got some nice photographs from Hamilton; Elizabeth, who has won the Governor-General's medal for mathematics; and a snap of Tookie and the boys, taken at the Lakeside.

25 July 1943. Sun. Had 16 visitors at Bellevue this morning..Addison Graham reports that Ronald Alexander

has engaged himself to a girl in the WAAF; probably one picked up by the Alexanders themselves on Princes Street! I don't think they are very pleased about it all, as he is so young, tho' the girl is a professing Christian...Good meeting at night; Kirkby spoke on the Philippian jailer...Norman Bachpp there today, on leave.



MR. C. T. NIGHTINGALE, S.S.C.
Vice-President of Conference



Lieutenant V. M. Shaw, K.O.S.B., Edinburgh, with his bride, Miss Gladys Wiseman, leaving Gladsmuir Church, Gladsmuir, near Haddington, after their wedding on Saturday. The bride's father, the Rev. W. R. Wiseman, has been minister of the church for over 30 years.



Elizabeth Balfour,



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HILLFIELD SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH - Summer, 1943.



Pictures at Vaughan Shaw's wedding to Miss Gladys Wiseman, taken at the door of the Parish Church, and at the Reception at the Manse, afterwards.



The bride, the bridegroom and David and Geoffrey; the wedding group, the parents, and guests. A most lovely day of warm sunshine.

ROYAL LEAD IN FOOD PRODUCTION



This year, under God's providence, Britain is having probably the finest harvest that the country has ever known. The King and Queen have been running a special farm in grounds of Sandringham their home. The lawn is growing rye. Beetroot, parsnip are growing in ornamental flower-beds. The King's private golf course is producing oats and rye. Flax, potato, wheat and barley are also being grown. This is a picture of the Royal Family inspecting a field of barley at Sandringham. A new venture also is a dairy farm. Many of the ditches at Sandringham, and the marshes, have been drained and rendered capable of production. Most of the work is done by tractors, driven by Land Army girls.



By Courtesy of The National Bible Society of Scotland

General Montgomery addressing the Eighth Army

Above. General Montgomery addressing the Eighth Army prior to the Sicilian operations. The General is a devout and regular reader of the Bible, and recommends it to his officers and men. He carries his Bible and a copy of the Pilgrim's Progress with him, wherever he goes.

Right. The late Mr. Warnock, Chief Constable of Glasgow, who survived his appointment by only three months. His passing was much regretted by all. His funeral service in Elim Hall, conducted by John Rollo, was attended by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, and many others.



Cleaning the byke.
Ian, Bill, & Rusty..



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DAVID WARNOCK, O.B.E.,
Late Chief Constable of Glasgow

RESIGNATION OF ITALIAN DICTATOR

Marshal Badoglio Takes Over as Head of Government

Probably one of the direct results of the recent bombing of Rome; in which, incidentally, many Roman Catholic pilots took part...So Mussolini was only a pasteboard dictator.

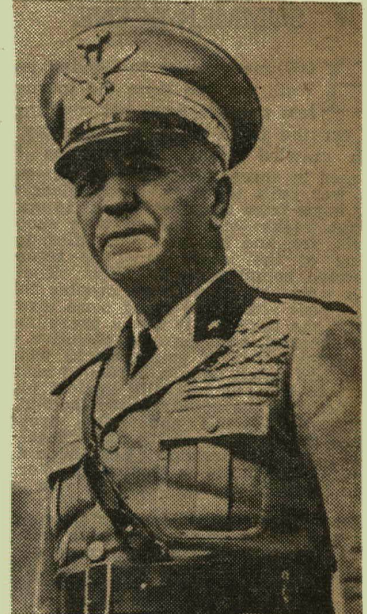
after all. Yet so many of our prophetic students insisted that he was the 'Man of Sin.' He was supposed to have made a huge image of himself, that was lit up at night, and could speak.



Mussolini



King Victor Emanuel



Marshal Badoglio

..Badoglio won't be very acceptable to the Allies either; it was he who sprayed the poor Abyssinians with mustard gas from aeroplanes, and threw their chieftains from the planes... ..Very glad to hear that John MacLaren is alive in North Borneo..Had a call from Henry Marshall, who told me he once went to Bellevue to the evening service when I was speaking; he was very taken with Rice Alexander, the Precentor, as he called him, who spoke so kindly to him..Spoke at Rest Room tonight, on 'If I had only 1 sermon to preach.' Malcolm was there & gave a testimony.

27 July 1943. Tue. Dr. W.A.Guthrie and K.W.I.Logan S.S.C. have died - the latter in the Middle East..Emmie had a very severe heart attack last night, and nearly passed away...I took charge of missionary P/M tonight.

28 July 1943. Wed. Got the boys' school photo; they both look very nice.. Conducted proof, before Shf. Macdonald, of case about 'I am Tod', the book that was burned in McDougall's fire in E. Claremont Street. I appeared for the defenders, the Dunedin Press, against R. Stewart Brown..Emmie a little better today...war news keeps good; great progress made in Sicily and Russia.. Terrible bombing by the Allies; Germany being raided nightly. Hamburg has

THE GREATEST AIR RAID IN HISTORY

2300 Tons of Bombs Dropped on Hamburg in 50 Minutes

been bombed 5 nights in succession, with fearful results. The city is reported to be almost wiped out of existence..I did the War Room all night for Duke whose wife wasn't well..

29 July 1943. Thu. Got a parcel of good things from my dear one today, and 2 letters, 152 and 153. The school reports were included; both the boys have done extremely well, and the reports could not be better...I met 2 such nice Christian Canadians crossing the Meadows tonight; both from Ontario - Baptists..They had heard Dr. Deck at the Canadian Keswick..Nice walk at night with Malcolm, thro' Harvieston and to Borthwick and Crichton Castles.

31 July 1943. Sat. Busy night at War Room, with lost planes..Did all the phoning from bed, however, & didn't have to stay up...Trevor Louttit's engagement in Scotsman today. Tollcross people all very indignant at his doing this so soon; his mother didn't even know that the engagement was announced till she saw the paper...Peter has gone to Forres for week-end. He had met Addison Graham in Elgin! .. Fine afternoon with H. Tulloch; byked out Lanark Road, and walked over Darlees Rig and Black Law, looking for Covenanter's Grave; tea at the Garval Syke. Thunder storm on hills down Peebles way; we just escaped. ...The Italians are still holding out against peace, tho' much rioting there.

2 Aug. 1943. Mon. Ian Charleson called; bank holiday. Lunched at Club with Cecil Walls, Kirkwall...Did War Room again tonight, for Dr. Inglis. Had a fine hot bath in the late Sir Wm. McEwen's marble fount there.

3 Aug. 1943. Tue. Peter back from Craigellachie, looking very well..Kirkby at P/M tonight, on 'what brethren stand for.' He was very interesting.

4 Aug. 1943. Wed. Emmie had another bad attack this morning, and upset Peter very much..Mr. Ruoff's son has been killed, piloting a bomber..At Corstorphine today with Graham Marr, getting a deed signed by Mrs. Hill..Marr had had his 2 boys with him on one of his sea-trips, and they had the thrill of firing at a Nazi plane..Had W.W.Campbell at supper tonight; his family are away..

5 Aug. 1943. Thu. Mrs. Donald Moffatt is very ill with pneumonia, and has almost passed away..Got letter 154 today; my dear one is at Lake Huron, with Billy, at the McAllisters. Ian has gone to camp. nice photo of Ian playing cricket. He is getting a big lad..I got his first 2 letters from camp, forward-me by Tookie; it had been wet and cold to begin...Got enlargement today of Vaughan's wedding to send to ish. at St.Andrews Hall tonight, with Malcolm. He spoke, on and the earthen vessels; I a little on 'whatsoever are etc. from Phil. .. We walked home via Newhaven and by House, which looked very desolate...Miss Nau has gone Belongings has arrived...Sent Auntie H.V.Morton's new 'The Middle East', for her birthday..I have bought 110 bank Rd. as a trust investment, for £750..It is a very bungalow..Capt. Carre was in today; he looks very old. War news continues encouraging; the Russians have captured, a great stronghold which the Nazis have held for years; and we have taken Catania in Sicily, leaving a tip only in the N.E. corner to be taken. The Yankees driven the Japanese out of Munda, another stronghold in the South Pacific....



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7 Aug. 1943. Sat. Had a coffee with Graham and Black; Dorothy and Pattersall are looking for furnished rooms, hoping to be married next month..Went with Tulloch in afternoon to Balerno and Listonshiels. Rather drizzly, and came home early. Met a company of Home Guard out there, with Chas. McMillan among them. He didn't seem to be enjoying himself.

8 Aug. 1943. Sun. Heard Rev. Arch. Orrock on radio, 'the faith of a sailor.' He gave an excellent witness..Kerr at Bellevue tonight. I had long talk with a Canadian, a backslider, Carl Michaelis..

10 Aug. 1943. Tue. Mrs. Moffat is slightly better, glad to hear..Three years today since my blessed darlings sailed from the Clyde; I'm sure it can't be long now till they are back..Got result of 'Tam Tod' case today; we got decree of absolutor..Had tea with Rice Alexanders in their new house; the Canadian, Michaelis, had been asked, but didn't come..Heard from my love again, no. 155. She and Bill are having a fine time at Lake Huron, and Ian at camp....

11 Aug. 1943. Wed. Defended Connor, the pig-feeder, for being drunk in charge. Fined £25, and suspended for a year. Addison Graham was a spectator..Had tea with Malcolm at the Club, and later walked along the Canal to Hermiston.

14 Aug. 1943. Sat. Went to Whitakers' for week-end. Lib & Muriel & Anne got into train, for Bathgate..Walk with W.H.W. in Rouken Glen at night. They are all well. Kathleen has had jaundice...Read Dr. Boreham's autobiography...

15 Aug. 1943. Sun. Albert Hall in morning; Capt. Hughes, Canada, spoke well. Walk with W.H.W. in afternoon; all at Mearns at night; Capt. Hughes speaking.. Dr. McAlpine came in at night. His brother, formerly of China, has died.

18 Aug. 1943. Wed. Got letter 156 today, & an extra one; very welcome..Visit from Wilson, solicitor in Girvan; Bill has treated his wife most successfully. Wilson is going to send me his work in future..I made Bill a list of Pentland walks for his secretary..Night - cycled with Grace over from Currie to Flott-erston..a lovely night..The Sicilian campaign is over; enemy cleared out....

22 Aug. 1943. Sun. Rather remarkable address at night from one of Jamieson's sons, a paratrooper. Dundas' son-in-law, Scott, also sang; he is a capital singer. There has been a tremendous R.A.F. raid on Berlin, by far the heaviest yet. The Allied raids on Germany are going on day and night, except when the weather is adverse. Italy is getting it even worse; Naples is reported to be a city of the dead. Milan has had a terrific pounding; the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, the one that has the 'Last Supper' painted on the wall, has been hit, but the painting itself is not damaged. .. I wrote a long letter to Sandy tonight, looking forward to re-union at Kincaid Manse some day...

1700 TONS OF BOMBS ON BERLIN

Devastating Attack by 700 Bombers, 5000 Airmen

CITY OF BLAZING AND WRECKED BUILDINGS

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23 Aug. 1943. Mon. Lunch at Club with W.S. Kerr, who is rather depressed at all his troubles with the family and business. Bought a hanging mirror as a wedding present for Dorothy Graham. Rae of Charlotte Chapel asked me to speak at Princes St. Gardens on Sunday morning, the young people's service; but I did not feel free to do so, though I should have liked it. Climbed up Arthur Seat at night, and round by Duddingston. Lovely night.

24 Aug. 1943. Tue. Mrs. Bradbury, Rodney St., died this morning. She is one of the earliest clients I remember. Donald Mackay at Bellevue at night.

25 Aug. 1943. Wed. Appeared again for Connor, the pig-feeder, at the Police Ct., on charge of stealing a Corporation ash-bin; verdict of Not Proven. Supper at W.W. Campbell's; up Arthur Seat afterwards. Two of her relatives staying there.

26 Aug. 1943. Thu. Got a sample of John Black's first honey; very good. Called on R. Sharp tonight; he is ill with shingles. No one had called from Tollcross.

27 Aug. 1943. Fri. At Bellevue, at Dorothy Graham's wedding to Bob Tattersall. Lovely day; Kirkby performed the ceremony. At Reception at Charlotte Rooms; all very nice. Speeches by Mr. Walton, (Mr. Graham's chief), self, Peter, Norman Campbell, and a man from Bob's department. Mr. & Mrs. Cowan there; and Ironsides, Prydes, Blacks, Alexanders (both lots), McIntoshes, Elwyn, Alex.

28 Aug. 1943. Sat. Another wet Saturday; afternoon at Reference Library.

29 Aug. 1943. Sun. Darling Bill's 9th birthday. May I see him before his next! .. Large morning mtg. Cowans from Glasgow & many others. .. Frances Towe is going harvesting to Fraserburgh. Andrew Philip speaking at night.

30 Aug. 1943. Mon. Willie Mitchell in, back from Stromness. Wants me to sell his mother's house in Joppa. Bob and Dorothy Tattersall were at Taynult for holiday, but got a rude shock on hearing that he has to report to Glasgow a week later for duty there; after all the trouble of getting their new home ready in Northumberland St.

TATTERSALL-GRAHAM. At Bellevue Chapel, EDINBURGH, on 27th August 1943, by Mr T. A. Kirkby, ROBERT LAWRENCE OLIVER, only son of Mr and Mrs TATTERSALL, Holly Lodge, Keston Mark, Kent, to DOROTHY, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs ADDISON GRAHAM, 5 Craigleith Drive, Edinburgh.

One of the stories of Ray, quite in keeping with the merry twinkle mentioned above, tells of how he and Vardon in America one day struck by road an outlandish nine holes course, and Ray after asking a golf straggler across the fence whether the ball was hard or soft was "introduced" to the game with a lesson from the local "pro." Ray missed the ball, hit the ground, and so on for a few holes, and then suddenly opened his shoulders and let loose a Ray screamer. The eyes of those locals nearly popped out of their heads.

Ted Ray, the famous golfer, winner of the Open Championship, has died. He was a native of Jersey, like Harry Vardon. I saw him once, at Gulland, with Taylor, Vardon, Braid, and others, in 1912. .. Alex. MacLennan is here just now; he & Elwyn went to the Trossachs on Saturday on bykes & got a regular soaking; result, she has a very bad cold now... Our office ceiling came down last night, owing to flooding in flat above; place in

a most terrible mess... Visit from Nicholas Meleca, wanting to be naturalised.

31 Aug. 1943. Tue. Our Lord Provost, Will Y. Darling, spoke tonight in the broadcast feature, 'Why I believe in God.' I did not hear him, but he seems to have been quite outspoken, and it read quite well in the Scotsman afterwards. .. Very exciting state of affairs on the Continent; Denmark is all boiling up, with savage Nazi repressions.

DANISH KING AND QUEEN REPORTED UNDER ARREST

1 Sept. 1943. Wed. Twenty years ago today I started on my walking holiday; went to Linlithgow, to the Star & Garter! Gave Chrissie lunch at the Club to-day, as painters in....



WILLIAM YOUNG DARLING.

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA

Death from Obstruction Near Heart

ARMY TAKES OATH TO BOY KING

to supply more troops and material for their armies. It is quite possible. ..Hedley seems to be on the move; he is at some U.S.A. port; and has heard T. Christie Innes preaching..Have made new will for J.L.Lucas, of Boyd Scott & Co.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Service of Prayer and Dedication this morning at 11.0: Roman Catholic Service at 3.30 with address by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham (right): Evening Service at 9.35 with addresses by (left to right) the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council

Forces. The Eighth Army formed the main attacking force. Things are moving! ..Large party of visitors at War Room tonight; all at Bomb Disposal Co. museum afterwards..Great demand for men to work in the mines now. I might try; how would I look with a black face; and leading out my whippet for a walk at night!

4 Sept.1943. Sat. Wet Saturday again; got as far as Balerno in the train, but just sat on and came back again.

5 Sept.1943. Sun. Good morning meeting; J.B.Watson, London, spoke about the Assembly at Corinth, & at a baptismal service in the afternoon; & at night.. Very large mtg. He spoke on the Emmaus Walk. Men very interested...Kenneth Kirkby left tonight to train with the R.A.F. .. Met Harry Shewan & wife; he is just home after $3\frac{1}{2}$ years with R.A.F. in the Middle East.

7 Sept.1943. Tue. Muriel & Libby are at the old spot, Newtonmore; I got a card



Golf Course, Newtonmore 63

from them showing the golf-course, where my dear love used to have to flog around with a heavy antiquated club to keep her father company.. Still, it was a place of happy memories...I wrote to Clair and Ethel, thanking them for another year of hospitality to my pets....I have been trying to get a place to stay for a week-end at the autumn holiday; tried the Tontine at Peebles, and 2 other places, but there is not a corner to be had anywhere...At J.B.Watson's mtg. at Bellevue tonight; good address on Gideon. Chapel crowded...

Did the War Room last night for Dr. Inglis.

8 Sept.1943. Wed. Climbed Arthur Seat tonight in 31 minutes; back in 30..Got the marvellous news, on returning, of Italy's capitulation. How remarkable that it should coincide with the national day of prayer and thanksgiving again.

UNCONDITIONAL CAPITULATION OF ITALY

2 Sept.1943. Thur. Next sensation is the sudden death of the king of Bulgaria; officially said to be heart failure, but loudly reported to be a case of assassination by the Nazis because he wouldn't fall in with their demands,

3 Sept.1943. Fri. The 4th anniversary of the outbreak of the war. The King called for a national day of prayer & thanksgiving, which was well observed. I did not manage to any service, being on duty at night. .. A.B.Hume, of the War Room, was married to Sheriff Garrret's daughter..Great news today of our troops landing in Italy, with very little opposition, except some by the Germans; the Italians showing practically none. There had been tremendous preparation by our

9 Sept. 1943. Have tried without success to get into a Peebles hotel for the holiday week-end; everywhere is crowded out. Have heard from Dolphinton, however, getting in there. Visited Redbraes and Broughton with W.W. Campbell, to get Bible Class members... At Club later; had cup-tea with W. Mill.

10 Sept. 1943. Fri. Got 3 letters from my love, and a long one from Ian. They were having a fine time in their shack at Oliphant, all by themselves. Tookie had a long & interesting journey across country to meet Ian coming from camp. Wm. Shepherd, Bellevue, sgt. pilot in R.A.F., crashed & killed.

11 Sept. 1943. Sat. Dull day & some drizzle. Train to Balerno, & walked via Listonshiels to the Bore Stane. Met W. Leslie Christie up there. Hedley has been to see his aunt in Toronto..

14 Sept. 1943. Tue. War has taken a curious turn; the Nazis have rescued Mussolini & are proclaiming a puppet Government in Italy with him at the head. Nazis are resisting the Allied invasion very strongly in the north, though the toe and heel of Italy seem to be under our control... At Bellevue tonight; W.W. Campbell spoke on Rule in the Church. I at nurses' Christian union later; May Wilson i/c. Spoke on 'My brother - my sister - my mother.'

15 Sept. 1943. Weds. At Dowells; sold Mrs. Mitchell's Joppa bungalow for £1180; bought by Mr. Arbuckle from Wales, who asked me to act, and turned out to be a Christian and a brother! He knew Mr. Breck in the old days.

17 Sept. 1943. Fri. Started my summer holidays! Byked to Dolphinton, to Mrs. Noble's, The Grange. Strong west wind against me, but fine day. Met Mrs. Noble and her mother and sister coming off bus; and had supper with them all & Mr. Noble; and sat round fire talking afterwards. Nice house & good food..

18 Sept. 1943. Sat. Lovely day; walked first along Dunsyre-Biggarr road several miles; then via Easton Farm to Black Law; lunched at Covenanter's Grave.....

19 Sept. 1943. Sun. At Dolphinton Church in morning with family; Amy Martin there with her friend Mrs. Caverhill. Walked to Dunsyre in afternoon. Had a very long interesting talk with the family (both last night and tonight) about spiritual matters; they are all church-going folk, depending on that and on the good works for salvation, but they listened very respectfully to the various scriptures I read to them, and to what I had to say.

20 Sept. 1943. Mon. Edinburgh autumn holiday. Blowy day and a heavy shower. I was not very far afield; up on the hills at the back. .. Aunt Minnie died.

21 Sept. 1943. Tue. Climbed Mendick Hill, & came down at Slipperfield. Had a long talk with Mrs. Noble's sister, Mrs. Walker, an invalid, and a keen Anglican. She seemed genuinely anxious, and after reading the scriptures, I felt that she had abandoned her own efforts, and was truly going to trust the Lord alone.... Left the Grange; cycled against a strong east wind all the way.

22 Sept. 1943. Wed. Kathleen Rimmer & husband called at office; also Robertson from Paisley; gave him tea at the Club. .. Old Mrs. Philips died tonight, at Robert Philip's house, where he removed her from Craig's Crescent, after a squabble with Marjorie about the furniture; which he also removed to his home.

PHILIPS.—At 2 Columba Avenue, Blackhall, EDINBURGH, on 22nd September 1943. ALICE TOWNSEND, dearly beloved wife of the late WILLIAM PHILIPS, of Paisley, and last surviving member of the family of the late Joseph and Ann Townsend, of Glasgow. Funeral to Warriston Cemetery on Friday, 24th September, at 2.50 p.m. (Flowers may be sent to John Croall & Sons, Greenside Place, Edinburgh.)

23 Sept. 1943. Thu. Got a cable from my dear love, for my birthday.. At Aunt Minnie's cremation service in afternoon; Alfred Smith, Auntie Shaw, Mina, & Libby were the only ones I knew. Came

WALLACE.—At 55 Merchiston Crescent, EDINBURGH, on 20th September 1943. MARION ISABELLA, wife of the late ALEXANDER D. WALLACE (formerly of Mauchline & Wallace). A service will be held at Edinburgh Crematorium, Warriston Road, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, to which all friends are invited.

up with Mina and had a cup/tea in Crawfords. Met Archie Wyse later, down to see his father, who is very ill. At 55 Merchiston Cres. tonight; Allie & Detty there. Arranged the executry matters with Marjorie; and later went to meet Elsie at London train at Princes St.

24 Sept. 1943. Fri. Mrs. Barnett, from Largs, called in. Lunch at Club with Hope Bruce, of Cornhill Insurance. Peter went to Mrs. Philips' funeral. P.A. Kirkby took the service. Rice Alexander was there, with a telegram that Ronald is missing over Germany. I met Mrs. A. and Margaret later; they are wonderfully hopeful, and going on with their activities as if nothing had happened..

25 Sept. 1943. Sat. My birthday round again; now a miner, forty-niner. Got a lovely parcel from my dear love; shirt, tie, soap, blades, socks; everything most useful. A nice hymnbook from Chrissie; letter and 10/- from Auntie Clark; soap and honey from Grace; cards from Libby and Muriel; letter from Willie, with some remedies to stave off winter colds. I also opened the birthday letters from Canada; such a nice one from my pet, and from Ian and Bill also. The boys write so nicely, and sent cards also; and Tookie enclosed an exceedingly nice snapshot of the boys; only defect that it did not contain her also... Got a great surprise in the form of £120 from Ness' brother in Inverness, towards their indebtedness. We never expected to see any of it.....



Photo of Ian and Bill, received on my birthday.

Took byke by the Reservoirs and to Balerno in afternoon; lovely day. Tea in Green Cleuch at Loganlee. Climbed up by waterfall..Kenneth Malcolm for my birthday supper.

26 Sept.1943. Sun. Rather gloomy morning meeting, with Rice Alexanders' loss, and Boswell Philips, and Mrs. Shepherd was there, sobbing and swaying about. The Alexanders were up on Princes St. fishing away, as if nothing had happened..At Wesley Hall at night; spoke on the Strait Gate. Supper with Robertsons at the bank afterwards.

27 Sept.1943. Mon. Elsie & Marjorie in with some of Aunt Minnie's papers..Met Robert Philips; he is a grandfather. He was disposing of

his mother's wigs; she had several, all most expensive. He has managed to do pretty well for himself as regards her estate, leaving the others worse off. ..Half-yearly meetings in Glasgow today. Kirkby was one of the speakers. Kerr & his sons are back from a cycling tour round the Highland Hostels...E.J.Keith at Cupar today, defending in a salmon-poaching case for us.

30 Sept.1943. Thu. Saw 2 houses today, Montgomery St. & Rosslyn Cres, for a new client, Walter Scott, Lochgelly. He is keen on the former....Jimmy Rattray is joining the Liberal Club..Hedley seems to be in Iceland now... Bain, late J. & R. Allan's is dead; the man who got most of the gold under the bed, in an executry I wound up; and later I saved him from the matrimonial net of a young woman, by rushing to Lauder one day and compelling him to come home. ..Sorry to hear that Sayer is very ill again; has been 3 mos. in plaster of paris, owing to spinal trouble...The Allies are doing well in Italy; they have now got almost to Naples, from the south, and are advancing everywhere.

2 Oct.1943. Sat. Got Fiscal at Peebles to drop a charge against young Charlie Spence for using petrol unlawfully when going to Harehope to a wedding. As he is being married next week, 2 days before the trial, he will be very glad..To hills today with Herman Tulloch, back from his fortnight's harvesting at Elgin. Went via Torduff & c to Bell's Hill and over Black Hill to Hoolets' Hoose, where we had tea in a tremendous hail and rain storm. Walked to Flotterston.

3 Oct.1943. Sun. Large morning meeting; Mudditts and Robinsons (Keswick) there. Malcolm, R.A.F. spoke at night, on the famine in Samaria...Allies in Naples....

PATERSON-SEELEY.—At the Church of St John Baptist, KINGSTON VALE, on 2nd October 1943, by the Rev. F. H. Barham, B.D., Captain W. IAN PATERSON, R.A.M.C., 16 Dick Place, Edinburgh, to YERA H. S. SEELEY, Q.A.I.M.N.S., 73 High Street, Newburgh-on-Tay.

One of Willie Paterson's sons was married yesterday.

4 Oct.1943. Mon. Noticed engagement of Graham Park, now captain R.A.M.C., who used to be at Kincaig when

we were there..Re-started Home Guard training tonight; sten gun revisal..Ethel Houston commenced her apprenticeship with us today...

SPENCE-ALLAN.—On 4th October 1943, by the Rev. W. Sim, M.B.E., T.D., M.A., Mayfield South Church, Edinburgh, CHARLES GEORGE SPENCE, son of Mr and Mrs Spence, Tynefield, East Linton, to MARGARET DYKES, daughter of Mr and Mrs JOHN ALLAN, 180 Mayfield Road, Edinburgh.

5 Oct.1943. Tue. Miss A.H.Brown came today for a stay of a week.. Got letter 163 from my dear one. They are having a lovely time at their shack on Lake Huron, by themselves, which is a great treat for once..Rutherford Fortune S.S.C. is dead.

6 Oct.1943. Wed. Hedley arrived home, on leave from Iceland..At Dowells; bought 8 Montgomery St. for Walter Scott, Lochgelly..At Auntie Shaw's for dinner; Helen Robertson there; and David Millers later. Bert home on leave again.

8 Oct.1943. Fri. Hedley called at office; looks well, but older..At A.H. Roberts' for lunch; Gordon Roberts there; Flt. Lieut. in Australian Air Force..Charlie Spence's fellow-guests were fined £10 each by A.G.Walker at Peebles yesterday, so he was well out of it.

9 Oct.1943. Sat. To Eaglesham for week-end; stayed with John Smith at his fine house. Pleasant evening talking; had a talk with the old invalid step-mother

10 Oct.1943. Sun. At Mearns for morning meeting; then at Bible Class with Mark Connell; spoke on the candle, and 'my mother, my sister.' Tea at T.J.Smith's; very pleasant talk; he has a nice house by the River Cart. Spoke at night on 'Only 1 sermon.' Some sailors in from local hospital. Supper with them later Spoke to a warrant officer, who said he had met one fine consistent Christian on his ship, a 'Plymouth Brother.' ... Phoned Whitaker.

11 Oct.1943. Mon. T.J.Smith motored me to station..At Shrubhill miniature range at night; came up with Dr. Clark, and discussed spiritism.

12 Oct.1943. Tue. Walked with Robinson, over Allermuir to Flotterston; tremendous wind..Spoke at Bellevue at night on 'The Christian as a witness.'

13 Oct.1943. Wed. Robinsons and Hedley at supper. Interesting account of Hedley's experiences in Boston, etc. He seems faithfully to seek out the meeting

14 Oct.1943. Thu. At Charlotte Ch. at Graham Brown's farewell meeting..

15 Oct. 1943. Fri. Peter off with cold. He was to have chaired at the Open-Air Mission reports mtg., but Sidlow Baxter deputised for him. Andrew Brown called at office; he doesn't seem very happy in the St. Monans meeting. Call from Dr. Reid, who has begun her adoption scheme with a baby boy from Skye. Sorry to see that the Balerno line is to close down. No more getting the byke there now...

16 Oct. 1943. Sat. Lovely walk from Habbie's Howe via Carlups and North Esk Reservoir to Bore Stane and Balerno. Fine autumnal tints.

17 Oct. 1943. Sun. Very wet afternoon on Princes St., but we got about 60 down. Shallis, R.N.V.R., sang well; John Fraser spoke. A Yorks. boy who used to come a year ago turned up; he has been converted in Inverness meantime. Another man said he 'had been converted by Jock Troup.' An R.A.M.C. man, whom I brought down, stayed behind and seemed definitely to trust the Lord.

18 Oct. 1943. Mon. Went to Bible-Reading at Old Schoolhouse; very interesting, on Luke 24. .. Tomlinson ('Timothy') my old Latin master has died.

19 Oct. 1943. Tue. House of Lords gave judgment today in Allam appeal; unanimously in our favour; just another case of Park & Haggerty. How thankful and full of praise I was. Clyde and G.S. Reid were there for us. .. Kenneth Malcolm R.A.F. came in to say goodbye; he leaves for Silloth tomorrow; he is very sorry to leave Edinburgh, where he says everyone has been most kind to him.

21 Oct. 1943. Thur. At War Room at night, helping Nairn with Exercise 'Flap.'

22 Oct. 1943. Fri. Nice letter from Clair, saying how well they all are, and how the boys have grown after their holiday. At War Room all night as usual..

23 Oct. 1943. Sat. Alan Manson graduated LLB. today. Met Jn. Gilfillan at Waverley at 6.14; and at Rally at Bellevue with him. Visit from Tommy Glass, who is being threatened with the Home Guard. Mr. Lloyd George has married again!

25 Oct. 1943. Mon. Hedley returned today to Iceland, for the winter, he thinks. .. Large consignment of exchanged prisoners landed at Leith today.

27 Oct. 1943. Wed. In First Division; appeal from Seath, Ayr, furniture case; we held the judgment (one by Duffes). Had G.R. Thomson and Cohen.

28 Oct. 1943. Thu. Defended a banker successfully in S.D. Court against a claim by Tookie's old teacher Miss McCartney, about the price of some hens! In First Division again, with McKenna, appeal about a bus accident; no good! .. I have volunteered to act as Poor Agent for a year, in response to an appeal by the S.S.C. Society. Only Addly, Duncan, and I have offered. .. Trevor Lou-ttit has broken off his engagement... Helped Nairn again at Exercise Flap.

30 Oct. 1943. Sat. Got a letter this morning from E.W. Greenlaw, to effect that the Toll-cross brethren now are willing to have happy fellowship again with Bellevue. No reasons at all are given, nor does he say what has become of the die-hard lot who vowed never to have anything to do with us. However, it is a blessing to have got at least this length. The last train ran today on the Balerno line; it is quite sad to think of the old Balerno express never running again. I don't know how I am going to get my byke out there in future. There is a nice photo in the Dispatch shown here of the old puffer.



The 'Balerno Express' near Colinton Dell. It made its last run today, 30 October, 1943.

Was at 18 Denham Green Terrace tonight, at the Fentimans. Pa Fenty and Dorothy and the Kirkwoods there. Funny to be in my old house again. It looks very nice. Norman's children are getting very big; Merrion is 17, and teaches Art in the Callander school to the small girls in the local P.N.E.U. school...

31 Oct. 1943. Sun. Busy and uplifting day. Baptisms in afternoon; Bob Pattersall and others. Lieut. Shallis, R.N.V.R. at night; crowded meeting.

1 Nov. 1943. Mon. Grace passed her S.R.N. today..Pennell, the Leith lawyer who got 5 years for embezzlement, has died..Got my love's letter 167, also Ian's.

2 Nov. 1943. Tue. In First Division, with Hammond Seath, appeal from Ayr about a pointing. Held judgment for defenders, with G.R.Thomson and Cohen..Rodgers spoke at Bellevue tonight; very rambling..Business meeting later, mainly about D. Love, from Dumbarton. Ludovic there; says his uncle getting very frail. He can only do half an hour's fishing now; and was knocked over by a bicycle..

3 Nov. 1943. Wed. Before Lord Keith, in M.P. Crawford; Hill Watson and Milligan as counsel..At Inksters, Glenisla Gardens at night, about the claim to support their father in Pilton. Had a very nice talk with them on spiritual matters.. War news keeps encouraging; the Russians are sweeping on everywhere. The USA had 2000 bombers and fighters out over Germany. Italian war going on slowly; our armies are gradually pushing the Nazis back on Rome.

4 Nov. 1943. Thur. Letter from Norman Fentiman, who offers repay back rent, as he is getting a rise..Laurie Louttit has got his dental diploma with distincn.

5 Nov. 1943. Fri. Ronald Alexander has turned up alive and unhurt, a prisoner in Germany. He and 2 others are the only survivors of the crew..I wrote my darling an airgraph today, suggesting she sees about return passages. What a thrill if it should be feasible. .. Quiet night at War Room.

6 Nov. 1943. Sat. Lovely autumn day; took bus to Carlops (met L.E.H.Power in the bus) and climbed Patie's and Spital Hills, and down by Hare Hill to Threipmuir and Balerno. Grand colouring everywhere.

7 Nov. 1943. Sun. Took offering for Indian famine area this morning - £47 odds.. Large crowd at night; I spoke on 'Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Charlie Steel opened. Enjoyed the meeting very much; good talks later. The R.A.M.C. man who was converted recently keeps coming back, and seems real.

8 Nov. 1943. Mon. J.L.Duncan and wife in, making new Wills. No prospect of getting to India till Spring, because of his illness..Called on Greenlaw tonight, to ascertain how far the Tollcross-ites are reconciled. Chalmers for one has resigned from the Oversight; Macmillan was not at the meeting which authorised the letter of reconciliation; and Jackson signed with some hesitancy, it seems...

9 Nov. 1943. Tue. At Bellevue; M.M.G. meeting; with slides; very good.. W.Melvin Ross, S.S.C., fell out of train at Corstorphine and has hurt himself badly.

10 Nov. 1943. Wed. Chrissie's 62nd birthday. Gave her a book, 'Kingfisher Abroad.' .. Bought a shop for John Dickson, near Tollcross, for £1500..Got my love's letter 163; nice photo of the boys bringing water to the shack at Oliphant in August...Sent books to Canada for Xmas;

Sacheverell Sitwell's 'Edinburgh' to Tookie, and Bryant's 'English Saga' and 'Years of Endurance' for Alice and Clair..Also got 'That Exciting Holiday' for my wee Bill-boy....Fred Bruce is the to be the next Vice-President of the IVF. Whiteford writes that he has now reached the half-century; he understands that the second 50 years are the worst...Tookie had had a call from Peter Chappell, who stayed as a boy at Lomond House when we went to Mull. He is in the R.A.F. .. Long letter from Tom Wilson, ackng. £40 I sent him. He is very keen to get married; thinks Rena could go as a nurse for a year to the copper mines, and then leave and join him.

13 Nov. 1943. Sat. Did extra shift at War Room this afternoon. Banged into an army car at the door coming away; bled my nose and skinned my shins..Greased my byke and put it away for the winter. Perhaps Ian will have it for Spring..

Mon. 15 Nov. 1943. Wakened before 5 a.m. by Peter phoning to say that his darling was now in Heaven..Poor old Peter, he seemed very broken down..Emmie took a

MANSON.—At 21 Barrton Terrace, EDINBURGH, on Monday, 15th November 1943, EMILY MAUD PALMER, beloved wife of PETER MANSON, solicitor. Fell asleep in Jesus. Funeral on Wednesday, 17th November, to Dean Cemetery. Friends desiring to attend kindly meet cortege at Queensferry Road entrance at 2.45 p.m.

sharp heart attack about 3.30 a.m., and nothing could be done. I felt so sorry for Peter; they had nearly 40 years of unbroken companionship..I phoned Bill, and told various other people. A great many called or phoned..I remember Emmie so well when she came first

to 23 Dublin St. in her engagement days. She had many trying experiences in her later days; her blindness, and trouble with Alan, which I think was the worst of all. She was wonderfully cheerful with it all, however. She will certainly be remembered for her hspitality, for she entertained more visitors than almost anyone else...Another death today was that of J. F. Hogg, aged 80, in Capetown. I have a lot of memories of him also; my earliest is of being

Missionary Dies in Capetown

CAPETOWN, Wednesday.—The death was announced here to-day at the age of 80 of Mr Charles Frederick Hogg, missionary and author, who spent 59 years propagating the Gospel in all five Continents. Mr Hogg left Britain for China as a missionary in 1884.—Reuter.

at Dumfries, at the Milroys, when he was there, and he rather objected to my forming one of a boating party on the Nith. 'Is this kid coming' he asked? It was one of the things that a child never forgets..I had to be before Sheriff Fenton today in an appeal, with Cohen. Williamson, Bathgate, was against us; I gave him lunch at the Club. He is a Kirkwall fellow..At Home Guard tonight. Laurie Louttitt has taken a locum in Redruth. 27 Howard Pl. is emptying!

16 Nov. 1943. Tue. Got my love's letters 169/170 today; fine photos of the boys. ..Consultation with P.Orr at G.R.Thomson's; dinner at Club; Bellevue at night - Ness on the Feasts of Jehovah..Sent Ian an animal book by Baden-Powell for his Xmas..Have started sending the boys foreign stamps, as they both collect now..

17 Nov. 1943. Wed. Emmie's funeral, at Dean Cemetery. Service at house, by H. St.John and And. Brown..I drove some guests in Peter's car..Large attendance - Alex.MacLennan, Sidlow Baxter, Gibsons, David Alexander, G.Finch, W.D.Anderson, Bill & Betty, and many from the meetings. Whitaker was through, not looking very well. Mr.St.John took the service. I went to the house afterwards. Pete seemed very bright. Miss Nau had come south to help...I went at night to the War Room, feeling that the big exercise might be on. It was. Anderson and H. Eaton were there; we stayed till after midnight, and got a lift home. The reporting was muddled, and showed up many weak points; it took a long time to call in the liaison officers..Got home; found the h.w.bottle burst, so I made up a bed in the small front room.

18 Nov. 1943. Thur. Old Mr. Campbell Ross, who was at Harvieston, died today.



JAMES CAMPBELL-ROSS

He was a nice old man, a real Christian. This photo was taken the year he was president of the Baptist Union..I defended Eric Mackay today before Sheriff Macdonald for allegedly allowing his message boy to drive the motor van; however, I got him off..Went at night to see W.M.Ross in nursing-home. I asked him if he never prayed about his cases; he nearly jumped out of bed at the thought..There was a record raid on Berlin last night; the R.A.F. dropped 350 block-busters (4000 lb. bombs) on the city in 20 minutes. The destruction must be frightful. One of these missiles alone is enough to wipe out the square made up by the boundaries of George St., Hanover St., Frederick St., and Princes St.

20 Nov. 1943. Sat. Walk with Addison Graham and Herman Fulloch, Cramond Brig & Cramond; then at Grahams' for tea. The Rice Alexanders there. All went to Bellevue at night; Mr. MacLaine's lantern address on India. Very old-fashioned slides.

21 Nov. 1943. Sun. W.Scott spoke at end of morning mtg. Rather out of place; people expected something in view of Emmie's passing. I said something about her at the end; Peter replied very nicely; asked for prayer for Alan especially..Good meeting at night - W.W.Campbell spoke on Resurrection.

25 Nov. 1943. Thu. At Windsor Pl., Portobello, seeing house for Miss Tully..Got another £150 from the Ness family today, which must nearly wipe out the debts.

..The Allies have now bombed Berlin 5 nights running, causing terrible damage and heavy casualties. A quarter of Berlin is said to be in ruins. There were 1000 bombers over last night. It is a shocking business, and yet they gloated over their own raids on this country..Peter, Elwyn & Mrs. Gook were at 3 Fingal Pl. for supper tonight. Elwyn says she hopes to be married to Alex. after Xmas. Peter evidently thinks there is no use in their waiting any longer...

27 Nov. 1943. Sat. W.D.Anderson paid me a visit at the War Room last night...Old Miss Irvine died this morning. Peter and I are the executors. She left us £50 each, and £30 to Elwyn. Peter and I are to

administer the residue as a fund for the Gospel in Orkney, something like the Madame Prinsep Trust for Berwickshire..Heard from Mustace Govan; his wife and child have been severely injured in an army motor accident in Dollar; he wants me to act for them...I spent the afternoon at the office, doing Aunt Minnie's estate, and other things. Tea at Club. Ernest Brown M.P. there. At night, at Muriel's for supper; Ludi and Ella there. Libby had had a most indignant letter from Mrs. Grant Fleming, for turning her out..Sandy is looking for a house to buy in London..Isla is to have an operation on her eyes...Douglas is in Karachi...Muriel expects the family event next week....

INDESCRIBABLE HAVOC

The Population "Stunned"

"Daily Telegraph" and "The Scotsman"
Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Wednesday.—Berlin is to-night a city of fire. Travellers arriving from the German capital to-day, after living through Thursday's, Monday's, and last night's R.A.F. attacks, are almost incoherent. They seem numbed. The destruction, they say, is almost impossible to describe. Whole streets are ablaze; even the asphalt pavements are burning. The heat is so fierce that people are collapsing because of it. Tens of thousands of people are leaving the city.

29 Nov. 1943. Mon. Call from J.W. Sedlo; he has offered to go as a chaplain to Italy... Old Mr. Lochhead, Currie, has died... J.E. Duncan in; still looks poorly.

1 Dec. 1943. Wed. Mrs. Mackay in, with the news that Major Higginbotham has left Harvieston, & taken a boarding-house in town.. At John Black's for supper, with Peter Wilkie. Mr. & Mrs. Moffat staying there; she much better, tho' frail. .. Norman Campbell moved to Primrosebank Road today.. Heard from Tookie that Mrs. Harris is dead, & Jim in India... Ian has a very advanced taste in reading; he took out from the library a work on Radium, and one called 'Beyond the Solar System.' .. Tookie had been speaking at a meeting, too. Good for her.. Spent today (Thurs.) in Small Debt Court; a proof for Murdoch Linens against Young's Carriers, for loss of linen; succeeded. Shf. Gilchrist sent a message by J.M. Cooper to compliment me on handling it; as a contrast to the one before, no doubt, which took 4 hours.. The Minister of Labour is to conscript 30000 young men for the mines, by ballot, from all ranks. Public-schools not exempted!

3 Dec. 1943. Fri. Mrs. John Jameron, (K.C.'s wife) died today of 'flu, leaving 3 young children. He is in the Mediterranean. She caught it nursing the children... At staff officers' conference at War Room tonight, re reporting system..

4 Dec. 1943. Sat. Divce. proof with Graham Marr. His oldest boy is now doing medicine at Edinburgh... Walked from Jolinton via Torphin Quarry to Currie. .. Spoke at Bellevue Y.P. Rally at night - 'We have an Advocate.' Went on to Rosebank after; had a cup of tea with the girls. Cold coming on.

7 Dec. 1943. Tue. Spent Sat. to Tues. in bed with 'flu.

Some historic meetings going on just now; Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill, the Chinese General Chang-ki-shek, at Cairo; and now the two former, with Stalin, dictator of Russia. It seems strange for Britain and U.S.A. to hob-nob with a Bolshevist and anti-God dictator, recently pledged to overthrow all capitalistic systems.. Photo of the second party at Teheran shown here.



A group at Teheran. Seated left to right are Marshal Stalin, President Roosevelt, and Mr Churchill. Mr Molotov is standing behind Stalin, and others seen include Mr Eden and Section Officer Mrs Vic Oliver.

8 Dec. 1943. Wed. Back to office again. Spent day in Sheriff Court defending the pig-feeder, Connor, against four charges, for unlicensed slaughtering, using cruelty, etc., before Shf. Gilchrist. Got acquittal on all four... Old Mrs. Stewart, Viewforth, (widow of minister) died on 4th inst. There will be the house to sell... Bought a house for John Flockhart, in Milton Road, for £1480.... Elwyn is now making known her intentions to be married

MACKENZIE. - At 11 Randolph Crescent, EDINBURGH, on 8th December 1943, to Captain and Mrs D. D. MACKENZIE, 8 Mill Road, Bathgate, a daughter.

daughter, Catherine Moira, was born today, and all going well. She seems to have had a very easy time, going to the Home at 7 p.m., and all over by 10.30 p.m. .. Old Miss Seatter, the late John

Shearer's sister, has died, so the house in Lomond Road will be for sale now.. Lomond House is being used by the Social Services as a boys' club. The damage done by the troops in a few weeks was over £110.

11 Dec. 1943. Sat. Met John Cameron K.C. He had come on leave, knowing nothing of his wife's death, and had walked into the house, to find her dead... Very foggy in town today; took bus to Eastside, climbed So. Black Hill & Scaldlaw; lovely out there, blue sky and bright sun, not a breath of wind. Walked in by the reservoirs to Fishers' Tryst... Duncan, of the Petition Dept., has died. He was very irritable latterly, and always looking for trouble.

12 Dec. 1943. Sun. Spoke at morning meeting, on the parable of the candle, and 'who is my brother.' .. L.W.G. Alexander from Forres there.. Called to see Muriel and Catherine Moira in afternoon... Tom Ness speaking at night.

13 Dec. 1943. Mon. Heard from my darling today, agreeing that she might book passages meantime. Sent her a night-letter, confirming that she should... I phoned W. Jackson asking him to speak at Bellevue; he said he 'would just leave things as they were meantime.' ... So all is not well yet, it seems.

15 Dec. 1943. Wed. Met Douglas Johnston today, home on leave from Sicily..It is 25 years today since we marched into Solingen on the Ruhr.

17 Dec. 1943. Fri. Mr. Churchill is ill with pneumonia, somewhere in the Middle East...At War Room in afternoon; conference with Major Spark about exercise. ..Spoke tonight at Edin. Univ. Christian Assocn. on 'The Church and her members.' ... Back to War Room for night..Gave Elwyn £20 as a wedding-present, in the shape of a deposit receipt. She seemed very gratified. Mrs. Gook and two of the girls arrived tonight to stay with Peter; the rest are to follow.

18 Dec. 1943. Sat. Lord Wark died suddenly yesterday at a meeting in the Martin Hall. He will be greatly missed.. I was once at a P.S.A. with him, where he was the speaker; tho' he really had nothing much to say. I remember him best as counsel for me in a mine accident at Hamilton - a jury trial - which we won handsomely; and as our senior in the Lord's Day Observance case when we tried to interdict the City from allowing cinemas..It is not known whether a new judge will be appointed; it cannot be done in war-time unless absolutely essential..I had a nice letter today from Charlie Osborne..Had a fine walk this afternoon, Carlops to Listonshiels & Balerno by the Boarstane; icy underfoot. Went out in bus with Mr. and Mrs. H.W.Guthrie. I never see her but I recall Jean Wilson's experiences with them as nurse when their second child arrived.



Lord Wark.

19 Dec. 1943. Sun. Bitterly cold & sleety day. Got a lot of men down to tea, however; and had good talk after supper, with W.W.Campbell and Ness..Old Mrs. Watt, wife of our former caretaker (the Powe's uncle) died this morning.

20 Dec. 1943. Mon. The 20th anniversary of my wedding to darling Tookie..Got a copy from J.R.Philip of his book on Gordon; beautifully got up.

22 Dec. 1943. Wed. Muriel returned to Bathgate from nursing-home today..Proof before Shf. Macdonald, against T.B.Simpson, i.c. Gray & Son v Mitchell, about an Esse cooker; adjourned to get an expert's examination.

23 Dec. 1943. Thur. Small Debt proof, before Shf. Gilchrist, against a man Byfield, for insce. premium;s. Elwyn and I were the witnesses..Got present of a fine blotter from Boyd Scott & Co. Ltd. .. Called to see Eastons and Misses Sinclair; took the former £1. Nellie Easton is getting very feeble. .. Jas. Hislop and Miss Churchward were married yesterday; it must have been a very quiet affair; no-one at Bellevue knew anything about it...Went to Barnton and got the projector; got a lift back with David Band. David Shaw has gone to the Navy..Whitakers called in; they are all staying at the Waverley Hotel for Christmas.. Got my darling's letter 174; Clair has written to the Shipping Co. about their passages..Glad to hear of Ian's standing out against a boy at school who had been stealing, and has been expelled.

HISLOP-CHURCHWARD.—At Charlotte Rooms, EDINBURGH, on 22nd December 1943, by Mr E. W. Greenlaw, M.A. JAMES HISLOP, M.A., B.Sc., youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Hislop, "Wheatpark," Overtown, by Wishaw, to E. MARGARET CHURCHWARD, M.B., Ch.B., younger daughter of the late Mr Ernest Churchward, Falkirk, and Mrs M. E. Churchward, 21 Howard Place, Edinburgh, 4.

25 Dec. 1943. Sat. Long talk last night at War Room with Hamilton, on spiritual matters; but didn't get very far with him..Presents after breakfast: Book and calendar from Chrissie; magnificent parcel from Tookie, with gloves, pyjamas, socks, sweets, razor blades..Book tokens from Lib. & Muriel, and Aunty Shaw; cake from Aunty Fanny; shave cream & tooth-paste from Polly; gloves from Grace (home-made)...Gave Chrissie book, Scotland thro' the lens; law-book to McLarty; books to Lib. & Muriel, (Island Farm and Fringes of Edinburgh); The Two Marshals to Aunty Shaw; new book by Fay Inchfawn to Aunty Clark; £2 to Polly; book on Lothian Walks to Grace...Collected the films from Libby's flat.. All Mansons and Gooks at tea..Had films and word-making game..Radio announced the names of all the generals appointed for the invasion of Europe.

26 Dec. 1943. Sun. Lunch at Craigallan, Norman Campbell's new house; Mr. & Mrs. Cowan there. John Cowan has a small son, born 7 weeks ago. Auldworth has been mentioned in despatches..Read a p.c. from Ronald Alexander at morning meeting; he jumped from nearly 4 miles high, unharmed, and is well and busy. No Whitakers showed up all day at Bellevue; rather disappointing of them...Nephew of R. Scammell at Bellevue; was picked up on Princes St. .. Heard a rather interesting version of Pilgrim's Progress on radio at night.

28 Dec. 1943. Tue. Whitakers called. I made codicil to Eileen's Will; charged her nothing. .. The Netherhall negotiations are fixed at last; Navy to pay a rental of £1250, so we may get our dividends at last...Had Eustace and Grace Govan to lunch at the club. She is much better, and the child progressing... Kenneth Luckhurst is in the Isle of Wight, in the Educational Corps..Letter from W.P.Toner; he had been able to make a good settlement for Aunty's Mary's sister in Glasgow..At Aunty's at night; Cherrybank Robertsons there.

30 Dec. 1943. Thu. Very cold spell. Chrissie had a WAAF, Miss Zeeland, for the evening; a friend of Miss Sutherland, who is a friend of Minnie-Ha-Ha.

31 Dec. 1943. Fri. Elwyn's wedding-day. I drove some of the Gooks to Bellevue in Peter's car, and then to the Charlotte Rooms. Nice ceremony; Alec's brother & I were ushers. Flt-Lieut. Brian Greig, R.A.F. was best man; Mabel Gook and Alec's sister bridesmaids. Sidlow Baxter performed the ceremony, very well... The whole staff were there, and a lot of Elwyn's crusaders. Good lunch after; at my table were Andrew Stewart, Rev. and Mrs. Shaw, Eileen Whitaker, youngest Gook, Betty Haldane, Mona Laird. All very quietly done, no ribald stories.. Speeches by Rev. Shaw, Whitaker, And. Stewart and self. I spoke about Christiana and her children in the house of Gaius - a "good house, where Matthew might be married to Mercy." It all passed off very well. There was a large crowd at the Chapel - even Mrs. Ireland the sweep, who is an R.C. .. I took Alec and Elwyn to Princes St. station, as their taxi didn't turn up. .. At War Room for the night, & brought in the New Year there quietly, with some reading & prayer. Major Barclay Brown was duty officer, and Major Spark turned up with a black bottle, which circulated through the building, but not to me. .. B.B. was in difficulties to get a New Year Message to Home Security and the English Regions, and appealed to me; so I produced one which seemed to delight him, & it was at once sent off:-

"To every Region south of Tweed,
We send our fastest sprinter,
To wish that each of you may read,
Before another winter,
That Peace has come to decent folk,
That 'Nicotine' shall end in smoke,
And Reds and Purples but a joke -
And Exit, Teleprinter."

W.D. Anderson called in, with a very kind gift of some fresh eggs.. So ended 1943, a year of ups and downs, but with fresh hope arising, and the indescribable prospect of my darlings perhaps getting back... I have never been at so many weddings before - the MacLaines, Dorothy Graham's, Vaughan Shaw's, and Elwyn's. Many friends and acquaintances have passed away too:- among others, Gordon Philip, B. McCall Barbour, John Cameron S.S.C., W.J. Lewis, S.S.C., Dr. McLarty, Mrs. Bradbury, old Mrs. Philips, Aunt Minnie, R. Fortune, S.S.C., C.F. Hogg, Emmie, Mr. Lochhead, Miss Irvine, Lord Wark, Duncan of the Petition Department, A.D. Crichton, S.S.C., Kenneth Logan, W. Ingram, K.C., T.A. Gentles, K.C., Thomson the printer, and Mrs. Finch. Some of these have gone to a very special reward in the Better Land, notably McCall Barbour and C.F. Hogg.

1 Jan. 1944. Sat. Mr. Halcrow, A.H. Roberts' son-in-law, knighted in Honours List. Not much gratification to anyone here. .. At N.Y. Conference. Small attce. Speakers, W.F. Naismith, W. King, John McAlpine. Ironside was chairman in the morning, F. McLaine in afternoon. Lunch at Darlings' with speakers, & R.H. Alexander, Ironside, R. Sharp. .. Very sorry to hear that one of R. Gray's sons, Dalkeith, is missing on a bombing raid. ... Spent evening at home.

2 Jan. 1944. Sun. Stayed in bed with a cold. John McAlpine at lunch. .. Elwyn and Alec are at Drumnadrochit for their holiday, getting good weather.

4 Jan. 1944. Tue. Sent my darling 'Mountain Madness' for her birthday. Also sent her £120, increased quarterly allowance under the new rules. Perhaps it will do for their passages home... Archie Wyse's father has died.. War news is full of interest these days. The Russians have broken through again in great strength, and have crossed the Polish frontier. The Allies seem all set for invasion. They have had 2 naval victories; the Duke of York and some cruisers have sunk the German battleship Scharnhorst without loss to themselves; and 2 old British cruisers have destroyed a fleet of Germany's latest destroyers in the Bay of Biscay... Germany's New Year speeches are depressing.

6 Jan. 1944. Thur. Got an airgraph from my dear love that she has applied now for passages. How grand to think that the first step at least has been taken.. Met Robt. C. Philips, whose son has had his 3rd serious operation, this time for a mastoid.. At War Room tonight as usual. I have managed to do 4 articles this week for the Gazette - quite a record since I used to do 13 at a time..

8 Jan. 1944. Sat. Wet & windy day. Spent afternoon at office; also at Art Gallery at exhibition of work of women artists.

9 Jan. 1944. Sun. Strong word from W.W.C. in morning.. Walter Pryde at night.. Went to Peter's to say good-bye to Gooks....

Hamilton
Ontario
Canada

Dearest Frank,

We had a very nice Christmas, spent the evening in sleep with Jim & Bess. Many thanks for all your Chrissie books. Have received letters up and including 175.

The application forms for our passage are away. I am afraid we will have to wait many months for our turn to come, have said we would like to go as soon as possible, and willing to go at 24 hrs. notice. Our phone number is Hamilton, Ontario, 7-2650.

We are all very well. The boys return to school on January 11th.

Warmest Love
Gooks

Elwyn & Alex. back from the north..Edward Towe told me tonight that his youngest boy is with Ritchie the watchmakers, and it is his job to raise and lower the ball on the Nelson monument daily at 1 o'clock! .. Got a copy of the MMG magazine, containing a nice photo of Pansy at a picnic at Emmaus...

10 Jan.1944. Mo6. Chrissie in bed with a cold..Settled case of Miss Cameron (old Robert's daughter) for £100; she fell over a bag of coal on stairs.. Also settled claim of the Macintyres in Bellevue, for £35, for being refused a furnished house which they had leased... Elwyn in with her wedding photos. They are dreadful of her but good of all the others.... Did evening & night at the War Room for Philip & Inglis, as



Devotional Service at Emmaus (after a picnic tea).

Exercise Flap was sprung on us suddenly; J.G.Wilson and Reid & Gwilt there in the first part..A.H.Roberts was in today; very troubled about Amy's daughter Joan, who is fooling away her school-time..Gooks got off today, standing room only..

11 Jan.1944. Tue. Had John Black at the Club for lunch..Ellis Govan in; he has been in Westray again..At P/M at night; Kerr spoke on the Day of Atonement... Elwyn went off with Alex. She is to stay with Mrs Wilson at Purley..Settled an Orkney claim for £350 with Sir Norman Macpherson; a motor cyclist who ran into the rear of an unlit army lorry, and was killed..Did War Room for W.D.A.

13 Jan.1944. Thur. Lot of bother booking rooms for English counsel (Sir Walter Monckton & ors.) for tax appeal cases; fixed them up at last at Scotia Hotel: ..Advised Lucas abt. an organ he sent to Shetland, which buyer returned; told him just to send it back once more...war news all about Second Front preparations..Nazis in Italy have executed Count Ciano and 4 others who rebelled against Mussolini...Mrs. Yule (Nellie Duncan) died at Frogston Rd. today....

15 Jan.1944. Sat. Got my darling's letter 178 today; as I got 177 on Monday & 175 on Thursday, it has been a great week..Two nice letters from Ian enclosed. ..Donald Orr is now provost of Hamilton..At Office in aftn. seeing witnesses. **Tea at Club**, then to War Room till 7.30.

16 Jan.1944. Sun. Made statement at end of morning meeting about collecting to pay off bond on Chapel; which seemed to commend itself to all...A.Long at nt

17 Jan.1944. Mon. Lunch at A.H.Roberts...Evidently J.E.Duncan has been passed medically fit for Kalimpong..At Cal. Hotel at 4 - consultation re tax cases..

18 Jan.1944. Tue. Opening of tax appeals, in SSC library..Ness spoke at P/M tonight instead of Kirkby..Ethel Houston went to York for interview for an appointment in the Foreign Office.

19 Jan.1944. Wed. At Tax appeals again, y'day and today..Army cyclist was tried and convicted today at Alloa, for knocking over Grace Govan and the child. Miss Adams went through to record evidence..At War Room at night; lecture and demonstration by Major Spark on raiding procedure.

20 Jan.1944. Thu. Got payment of Allam House of Lords expenses today.

22 Jan.1944. Sat. Consultation with W.W.Gillan and G.R.Thomson at Parliament Ho. re manner of escaping estate duties..Lunch at Club; worked at office in afternoon; & at Exhibition of water-colours in Art Gallery; 2 fine pictures, 1 of Grudie Water, other of Cairngorms from Newtonmore..Parcel from my dear one, with blades, sox, sweets, cake. The Xmas cards also arrived today.

23 Jan.1944. Sun. Good morning meeting. Fair crowd of men at night; Ironside spoke. Fine talk to men afterwards in vestry, by Walter Scott.

25 Jan.1944. Tue. Ian's & Bill's school reports arrived; both excellent..At E.P.T. appeals all yesterday and today, in S.S.C. library, before Special Commissioners..John McDonald, evangelist, Glasgow has died, aged 81. He used to stay with us at Balgreen Rd. Became very difficult and soured latterly...

26 Jan.1944. Wed. Conducted proof in case Aitken v NAAFI; a collision at Invergordon; against Turner MacFarlane, before Shf. Macdonald..Dr. Murrell and Dr. Reid in, arranging for adoption of their first protegee..Also agreed to take over legal work re late R. Fortune's estate, at request of Turner Mac-lachlan C.A. Fortune seems to have died insolvent; seems amazing, after the style in which he carried on, and being a magistrate, etc. .. Very sorry to

hear that D. Robertson, Paisley, is gravely ill with a tumour on the brain... At War Room tonight; a lecture by a Polish Jew, instead of Home Guard.

28 Jan. 1944. Fri. Got a tender of £300 in Budge v Budge, an Orkney case where 2 motor cyclists collided..At Warriston this afternoon at funeral of old Mr. Nisbet, late of Dunbar. Taylor and Galbraith conducted it..British have made a landing on the Italian coast near Rome, in hope of out-flanking Nazis; with some success....Quiet night at War Room.

29 Jan. 1944. Sat. My darling's birthday; I'm sure her next will be spent here. ..Busy morning; offers to buy John Flockhart's house in Mayville Gdns., and to settle Bissell, the motor collision case from Rest-and-Be-Thankful, for £4500.. Had my first Pentland walk of 1944; bus to Ninemileburn, walked by Habbie's Howe & Braid Law to Eastside, thence to Penicuik. Some rain and strong wind, but enjoyable.

30 Jan. 1944. Sun. Very mild. Turvey gave amazing harangue at morning meeting, about the 4 Gospels. Mrs. Rice A. warned him not to speak again! First collection today for paying off the Bond over the Chapel; total, £43 odds...Rice grumbled a bit about Ironside's address last Sunday; says that many complained. ..R. Scott at night (son of Walter Scott)..At Scotts' for supper with Mrs. Kerr and John..Scott's son-in-law Paterson there; he may come into Kerr Ltd.

31 Jan. 1944. Mon. A new executry from W.D.Anderson; a man Jas. Gray, in Nicolson St., a stone-mason; also the house to sell..Spoke at Rest Room at night; good crowd, interesting talks. Agnes Macphail there..Jall from Mr. Douglas of Jas. Gray & Son Ltd., who wants me to write his speeches for the City Chambers, after reading the Gazette articles! Grays never knew till today that I was the author.

2 Feb. 1944. Wed. All my cases are settling. Bissell for £4300; Mitchell the defender has given in, in Grays' case about the Esse cooker; Wallace the painter's case for £150; and McDonald, Cairneyhill, for whom I raised an action against a Fife farmer, has been offered settlement..I have never been so busy before; new things crowding in every day..The Mansons and Rene Gook at supper. ..Elwyn told us of her London stay. Alex. got very sick of Mrs. Wilson (Shirtcliffe) and thought another day of her would drive him off his head. Elwyn had also seen Sayer, who is to wear a spinal jacket for 5 years...Geo. Duncan is to be the new rector of St.Thomas' church, in place of Dr.Hart-Davies.

3 Feb. 1944. Thur. Wound up Aunt Minnie's estate finally today; charged them £35...Spent evening unravelling Rutherford Fortune's affairs..Robert Barnett, Largs, has died, aged 91..Sam Inkster died today in Pilton Hospital.

5 Feb. 1944. Sat. A lovely day; blue sky, warm sun, no wind. Walked from Flott-erston via Loganlee and Black Hill to Currie; just a perfect walk.

6 Feb. 1944. Sun. Spoke at Wesley Hall; supper at Robertson's later..General Montgomery was here today; he attended service at St. Giles in the morning...



General Sir Bernard Montgomery with Lord Provost Sir William X. Darling and Lady Darling at the City Chambers.

R. Morison Ireland, W.S., of Ketchen & Stevens, died very suddenly yesterday, in the Lyceum Theatre, with his son who was home on leave from the army. The other partner, Martin, also died not long ago, quite a young man, so that is the firm quite extinguished....

7 Feb. 1944. Mon. This is the 100th birthday of old Mr. Fraser, Dufftown. Some of the people have got up a testimonial and present for him, L.W.G.A. being the moving spirit.

9 Feb. 1944. Wed. Nice letter from dear Yellow-Head today, and from Ian yesterday..... Fixed up valuer in Aberdeen, thro' Ramsay, for tax cases in London..Bill through today, giving me an overhaul. Says my heart wants tuning up..He is very tired of being so busy; wants to settle in Edin., and live more quietly.

10 Feb. 1944. Thur. At Bo'ness, with Thomson, architect, investigating case of Forth Chemical Works, which collapsed..Thomson seems nice Christian fellow...

Got Sheriff Macdonald's decision in the NAAFI case; decree for £110 & costs, which was very pleasing... Sorry Sir John C. Watson K.C., Sheriff don train.. He was Solicitor-General, when Aitchison was Lord in Parliament House. I used to ior in the first case in which nness, before Lord Morison some senior.. Heard from Elsie & Marwinding up Aunt Minnie's money Ian had won a prize for sending a radio feature.. Helen is going .. Had a visit from old Miss Ferguson, Saxe-Coburg Place; I insisted on their applying for old age pensions. They have scarcely anything to live on.



to hear of the sudden death of of Orkney & Zetland, in the Lon-eral in the last Labour Govern-Advocate.. He was the worst writer employ him sometimes; he was jun-I had Uncle Mac as an expert wit-years ago, when Gentles was our-jorie; both very pleased about my matters. Got my love's 181 today. in a successful suggested name for to give Bill a byke this summer..

12 Feb. 1944. Sat. Drove Peter to Mrs. Watson's at Strathaven. A fine day. I enjoyed the run.. Glass and his wife were at the house. Mrs. W. is very ill. .. Ludi Alexander is not well; he has been ordered to Tomatin for a holiday.

13 Feb. 1944. Sun. Nice day again. Good morning meeting; Mr. McLaine spoke.. I took the Class; spoke on Barnabas.. Large crowd at night; I opened for W.W. Campbell; his subject was, 'What is your life?' Rather over their heads.. Bell, a young Irish Vet. student from Tollcross Mtg., was at Fingal Pl. for supper; a very nice fellow... War news from Italy not so good; Allies seem to get pushed off their bridge-head landing.. Russians still careering on..

14 Feb. 1944. Mon. Did gas at War Room; went to Rest Room later. Brown spoke.. Met a nice Canadian R.A.F. sergeant from Hamilton outside, who knew all the Balfours well, and had been at Hillfield - name Cameron Harder.. The picture of Grudie Water in the Exhibition has been sold, so I shan't be tempted any more.

15 Feb. 1944. Tue. Have completed a long Memorial for G.R. Thomson about the deceased Rutherford Fortune's affairs... R. Rendall, Kirkwall, spoke at the P/W tonight, from Galatians I, 1-5; most interestingly, I thought.

16 Feb. 1944. I
Hay. He was 82
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 Court, where I
 Grace is back,



noticed the sudden death today of Bailie John years old, and quite a public character. I in the Abercorn flooding case, as he was the estates. He used to sit on the Dean of Guild found his experience as a joiner useful.... after month's holiday in Rothesay..

17 Feb. 1944. I
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had a nice letter from Jol. John Shaughnessy, my Gazette articles.. Peter went to Pitlochry day.. At the Inksters tonight, Glenisla Gdns., of their father; had another nice talk about ortance.. The struggle at the Italian bridge-bitterly.. The Russians are still pressing on.

18 Feb. 1944. I
afternoon. One

for which I was not at all sorry.. A new member has been appointed to the Land

Court, Colin Macdonald, author of 'Highland Journey and other books.. At War Room tonight; we had another tactical operation lecture from 7.30 till 10 by Major S.



Mr Colin Macdonald, on the Lord Provost's right, at the Scottish Land Court, when he was to-day installed as the Gaelic-speaking member of the Court. Lord Gibson is in the chair.

19 Feb. 1944. Sat. Walked from Flotterstone, with Addison Graham, to Currie; nice day, cold, with no wind.. Tea in the small room at Flotterstone; and supper with the Grahams.. Douglas Bailey phoned for me there, about buying a new house. He seems well off since his father died recently.. London had incendiary bombing on a bigger scale than for some time past, last night, & a good deal of damage done...

20 Feb. 1944. Sun. Snow fell this morning.. Campbell Newbigging at meeting, on leave from Ceylon; also Andrew Brown's wife from Birmingham. Andrew is near Bombay.. Very sorry to hear that Robert Gray's son from Eskbank is officially reported dead, near Frankfort. The whole crew were killed. Only two could be identified, but there seems no doubt that he was among the unidentified.

..Jas. Scott, Dundas' son-in-law, spoket tonight, and sang..Had an interesting talk with a young R.A.M.C. fellow, who was $3\frac{1}{2}$ years a prisoner, who had been in the Aberdeen meeting, but is now a spiritist..Mr. Graham & W.W.Campbell had a talk this morning with the Couborne girl, about her worldliness; going to dances, theatres, & such like. She denied much of it; it is difficult to do any more. ..The R.A.F. raided Leipzig on Saturday night, & lost 79 bombers. ..Sandy Herd has died in London, aged 75. He is the last of the old generation - Ray, Vardon, Braid, etc. He was a baker's boy to begin with. He won the Open Championship only once, in 1911.



Sandy Herd.

21 Feb. 1944. Mon. Got my darling's letter 182, & a lovely parcel.

..Jackson in today, re appealing against being directed into the Home Guard..At PP later; lecture by Dr. Clark on map-reading..Had a visit from Hudson Pope's son, re taking over a prep. school in Stirling..

23 Feb. 1944. Wed. Old Mrs. Fraser, Dalkeith, died today, aged 92..At a Rally at City Chambers at night, on invitation of Bailie Douglas; re the Savings Groups. To War Room later, and came home with W.D.Anderson. Met Tommy Currie at City Chambers, where he is Depute Chamberlain..The Allies have greatly intensified the bombing of Germany; the Nazi centres of aircraft production seem to be getting steadily obliterated..Got Joe Connor's driving licence back..

26 Feb. 1944. Sat. To Whitakers' at 2 p.m. Very cold & snow. Walked there from Queen St. station..Dr. McAlpine came at night, & we had some good arguments..

27 Feb. 1944. Sun. At Albert Hall morning & night. Address from Greig in the morning. Clark from Kilmarnock at night. Saw Bill motoring to Ayr in morning. Walk with W.H.W. in afternoon. .. Returned to Edinburgh at night.

29 Feb. 1944. Tue. Heard at P/M tonight from Miss Marcus that Kathleen Walker is missing, on way from Africa to India..Our apprentice Ethel Houston left 58 Frederick St. today, to go to the Foreign Office. I engaged a new message girl, Molly Watson, from Miss Laurenson's Bible Class, to start on Monday.

1 March 1944. Wed. Tremendous snowstorm came on..At consultation at G.R.Thomsons with Turner MacLachlane, Ferguson & Ogilvie, re late Rutherford Fortune.. T.B.Simpson is the new Sheriff-Principal of Orkney & Zetland.

2 March 1944. Thu. Petrie, the old Commissary Clerk, died yesterday..At a long meeting of Kerr's shareholders tonight at Montgomery St. .. The name of Edinburgh Ladies College is to be changed to Mary Erskine School. Not very grand..

4 March 1944. Sat. Stayed in after lunch, as it was so cold & snowy..Got my dear one's letter 185 yesterday and 183 today. Christine Orr married today.

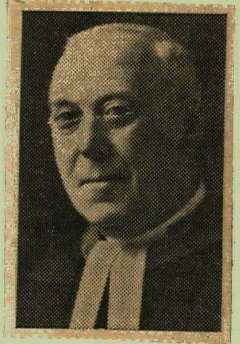
7 March 1944. Tue. W.G.Manson W.S. has died..Got payment of £50 legacy today from Miss C. Irvine's estate..Old Mr. Meneeley also has died in Ireland..James Beveridge, CSSM, has had to join the navy..The SSC Society has raised the widows fund annuity to £100..Had tea at Crawfords with Eustace & Grace Govan and the child. The latter is a good deal disfigured..Robert Gray, Dalkeith, was in. He had been much cheered by a letter from a man, to whom his R.A.F. son had said recently that he was a true believer in the Lord..Went to Portobello to make a will for old Mr. Halliday, father-in-law of Johnston who was killed in the SMT bus when the kittens jumped on the driver's neck..At annual business meeting at chapel tonight; very good & encouraging meeting. Mr. MacLaine in chair..W.W.Campbell has a new daughter, whom they have called Pauline Greta.

8 March 1944. Wed. MacLaines and Peter at supper..Fraser Darling's new book, Island Farm, has quite a lot about Alastair Cram in it; he stayed on Tanera.

9 March 1944. Thu. Very busy at office. Supposed to go to Bathgate tonight to see Douglas, but had to wire that I could not get..Sorry today to hear that Leonard Halcrow is missing in Italy..

10 March 1944. Fri. Lovely spring-like day..At Valuation Appeal Committee in morning, appearing for Scottish Special Housing Asscn. in connection with some requisitioned houses in Learmonth district..We are to get their names excised from the Roll, which is very satisfactory..Divorce case from Grimes also; it had to be continued for service on a third party..The appeal of the 4 students was heard today, re their imprisonment by Sheriff Jas. Macdonald for the theft of 4 typewriters from the University. Two were released under the First Offenders' Act. The other two were remitted to prison. Blades appeared for them...

Two deaths occurred today: Lord Robertson, after some months' illness from cancer in the throat. He had been very helpless for a time..He was a very able and pleasant man. I shall always remember him best in connection with the Will reduction case of Flockhart v Flockhart; he was counsel for Jimmy Flockhart, and cross-examined me at no inconsiderable length..I also had him in the Warnock sand-lifting cases..The other death was that of John Hall, D.D., who used to be so friendly with Isabel's father in the old Newhaven days; he was the subject of the 'weak knees' incident in Arran..He preached at Nethy Bridge when we were there early in the war; and he also married Muriel, and preached at Mr. Ingram's funeral commemoration service.. His address at Carr Bridge was very disappointing, I remember..



Dr. Hall.

Id. Robertson.

11 March 1944. Sat. Got a Netherhall dividend today, after long waiting..Another one is to follow in summer..S.T.Austin in today; here on a Home Guard course..Peter went to Whitaker's for week-end..Fine walk with Herman Tulloch; bus to Eastside, then over So.Black Hill & Scald Law, Loganlee, Fishers' Tryst..Lovely sunny day..Went out with MacDonald the City Assessor, and the Guthrie family, on the bus..Eire has been asked by U.S.A. to close the Nazi and Japanese consular offices in Dublin, but has refused..I have got a copy of the Crusader Mag. with my article 'Next-of-Kin wanted.' .. Johnston was married today at Bellevue to Miss Ferguson..Major Spark is in a nursing-home for an operation; not very serious..

14 March 1944. Tue. Very glad to hear that Leonard Halcrow is reported a prisoner in Italy..Was at the Marine Gardens today about a case for the Norwich; a man who fell off a staging. I needed a pass to get in. I hadn't shown a pass there for 29 years; it was a strange sensation to go in again.. Spoke at P/M tonight, on the longings of our Lord.

15 March 1944. Wed. Argued appeal before Shf. Fenton today in NAAFI case, against Turner MacFarlane.. Robt. Sharp, wife and Jessie at supper tonight..He has bought a business in Broxburn..Later, at Tollcross, for meeting re next N.Y. conference. Chas. Macmillan was there; first time for some years.. It is 50 years today since Lord Moncrieff was called to the bar.. Jas. Walker and T.B.Simpson have taken silk.

18 March 1944. Sat. Fred thro' for the day; I thought the poor old chap looked thin and ill.. Back at War Room 4 to 7.30. Long talk with Eaton first, and later with Garrett; he had been giving another of his lectures to the Roman Catholics; on 'Redemption' this time..

19 March 1944. Sun. Peter spoke at length at the morning meeting; the first for a long time.. Record number of troops at Bellevue; about 75; and a very large meeting altogether. I spoke on The Pentland Hills - the reservoir, &c. About 45 stayed for supper. Nice Canadian soldier, name Tansley, from Saskatoon, was there..Two sailors went on to the Rest Room, and professed there..


20 March 1944. Mon. At Bo'ness interviewing police about the collapsed mill case..Cam Dovey is leaving Cupar, for Cambridge Street Baptist Ch., Glasgow..

21 March 1944. Tue. Was chairman at Y.W.C.A. annual meeting..At P/M at night; Leith was the speaker; quite interesting. Took Tansley home for cup-tea..

22 March 1944. Wed. Got my love's letters 186 & 188..All well there..William, aged 21, has got engaged to a girl Mary Clark, aged 19.. Old Mr. Fraser of Dufftown died yesterday, in his 101st year..He has not long survived 100...

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NEXT-OF-KIN WANTED

By FRANK E. BALFOUR, S.S.C.

THE crowd was denser than ever. It was grand to listen to this Man. He said such crisp and searching things, unlike the dull recital of the scribes. And then his illustrations! A wayside flower, nests up in a tree, the chatter of, brown-skinned children trooping after a bridal party. To-day it had been about candles. How the little people would enjoy that! As if anyone in his senses would light the candle and then heave the mattress on top of it! No, light mustn't be quenched, and no more could men's inner lives be hidden. What was *in* would certainly come *out*. Well then, how important to get the right material in. "Take heed how ye hear," He said. A strong guard needed at Eargate.

There was an interruption then, Luke tells us; perhaps some nudging and pointing, and people turning their heads

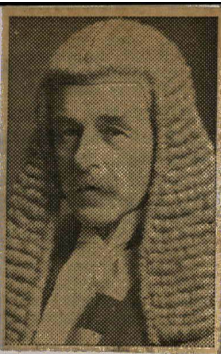
away. What was wrong? A fainting-fit? A mule breaking loose? No, some people wanting to get through. Oh, well, they'll just have to wait. Yes, but it's His mother and His brothers; it is important, and they've come a goodish long way, and they've just *got* to see Him! They meant to take Him back, away from this notoriety back home where He belonged.

One likes to think of Mary as the reluctant member of the party. Her sons did not believe in Jesus; but Mary was different. Years ago, she had heard breathless things about Him. She carried Him to the Temple, just a tiny bundle of shawls, and Simeon hailed Him as the Saviour of the world; so did Anna; and, of course, there were the angels, and the shepherds. She can't have joined inwardly in the family disapproval that day. If the crowd wondered how

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The Rt. Hon.
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL, M.P.



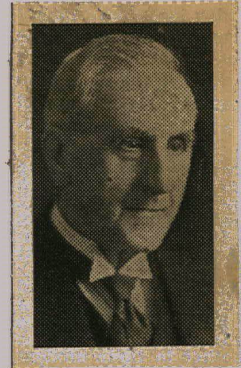
Lord Blackburn.

Lord Blackburn died today, aged 79. A very stand-offish man, not popular; uncle by marriage of our Queen.. The Nazis have occupied Hungary; they will soon do the same to Rumania and Bulgaria, unless we get them to surrender first..Russians have crossed the y Dniester and are sweeping forward..We make little progress in Ital

23 March 1944. Thu. Parcel from my dear love today; pyjamas, hot water bottle, shirt, socks..Dr. D.M.Morison sentenced to 18 mos. today by Lord Cooper for unnatural offences; he was the expert witness I had who spoke to me of the influence of the stars on the patient! I thought then that he had a slate loose..Vesuvius is in eruption; causing a lot of damage by lava..Had 3 hour consultation tonight at Fortune & Ferguson's office re late R. Fortune's judicial factory, with T. McLachlan and Ogilvie... Sheriff Orr died today, aged 90. His memory had been altogether gone recently. Though he made a Christian profession, he was a notoriously crabbed & ill-natured man, and brought his profession into disrepute. He was the first dux of Watson's College as reconstituted..

24 March 1944. Fri. I appeared at the Police Court today on behalf of Gullane, Dalkeith, for stealing from the N.B.R. Coy. mill; only 3 trivial articles. He was fined £2.

25 March 1944. Sat. At Mrs. Bachop's for tea, with Mr.& Mrs Jn. Black; a pleasant evening of talk, tho' I missed my day on the hills again.



Sheriff R.L.Orr.

THE GIRL CRUSADER

He would take it, He left them in no doubt. His mother, did they say? His brethren? He turned with love and pride to those who clustered round Him—true lineage of their father David, panting after God as the hart panted after the waterbrooks—and said "behold My mother and My brethren." Matthew, who was there to see, notes that He stretched forth His arm, claiming them as His very own. There they were, packing densely on the hillside; those bronzed fishermen, with eager up-turned faces; that old peasant woman, her palms callous from much handling of the hoe; yes, and the children, whose early loyalty He had won. They were those who heard the Word of God and did it. They were his next-of-kin. He was "not ashamed to call them brethren." He says it to us to-day. He is the "first-born among many" of such near and dear relations.

"Next-of-kin wanted." Newspapers often advertise for them.. Our risen Lord longs for them too. "My brother, My sister, My mother," Mark says. And the conditions? To hear the Word of God and do it. No wonder He charged us to take heed how we hear. We hear God's Word from others, by going where it is taught in its purity and fulness, and we read it for ourselves. After that, we are to do it. Don't say that you scarcely know where to begin! Start with the simple things; with St. John 5. 24, if you haven't yet done so, because it holds the secret of eternal life and cleansing from sin. Then go to Ephesians 4. 32; that's a grand one—a rule with no exceptions. You know Rom. 12. 1, of course, and in fact that whole chapter bristles with things to hear and do. God will show you more, as fast as you can keep up with them.

Isn't it wonderful that our Lord likes us to be near Him? How delightful for those country folk in Palestine to be called his next-of-kin. How sad for Mary, whose neglect put her outside his family circle at that moment. Fortunately, it was but a passing lapse,

and in that dread hour on the Cross, her Divine Son showed her the tenderest solicitude. As for ourselves—Crusaders—we mean, don't we, to come nearer daily to this glorious Friend, hearing His Word and doing it; and so to catch the thrill of being, not "poor relations" but the acknowledged kindred of Him Who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

COMMANDO RAID

By J. REGINALD HILL, B.A.

IT wasn't an easy decision to make by any means. True, supplies had been running short, and one never knew when the hated Germans would pounce, occupy their island home, and turn them into slaves. Still, nothing had happened so far. Nothing, that is, until to-day; and now here was this pleasant-looking stranger with his breath-taking proposal. He spoke calmly enough, but there was urgency in his voice, too. He wanted a decision.

There lay his boats in the harbour, with that same look of quiet strength about them. It wouldn't be difficult to trust one's self to them. And yet... to leave the only home they had known, and start all over again in a new land with a new language... was it really worth it? Was the danger so great?

It was. The enemy's plans were known. He would come only to kill, to steal and to destroy. To wait for that was sheer madness, in face of this offer of safety and plenty. And more, they could join in the fight against the common enemy, for here was the stranger offering to enlist them under his flag.

"I'm coming," said one. "And I," said another, and another. And so they left Spitzbergen and came to England for safety and for ultimate victory.

Just so, too, have others left Satan's kingdom and followed Christ. Have you?

26 March 1944. Sun. A real day of summer..Addison Graham had called to see Aunty Clark at Windermere, and enjoyed his visit very much.

27 March 1944. Mon. Robert Rendall, Kirkwall, in again...At Rest Room tonight; Brown spoke on Haman and Mordecai.

28 March 1944. Tue. Got Tookie's letter 137; she wonders if Ian shd. come across by himself; I replied that he was better under her care; I didn't see how I could look after him; and the 2 boys wd. be better together, & with her..At Missionary P/M at night; Mr. MacLaine led. During the meeting, a great rat fell into a pail of water at th organ.

29 March 1944. Wed. Visited an exhibition of Scottish birds at the Museum.

31 March 1944. Fri. End of our financial year.. At the McGill property in Nottingham Terrace, re complaints about coloured men..Was hailed by Mrs. Bonn in one of the houses..James E. Duncan in today; he is assisting Mr. MacDonald in Palmerston Place...

W. Jackson phd. that his appeal

against being directed into the Home Guard has been rejected; tho' he maintain that he will not go, whatever happens..Elwyn's Alex. arrived yesterday on ten days' leave; they spent today at North Berwick, with Rene and Mrs.MacLennan..

1 April 1944. Sat. Fine day. To Carlops with Herman Tulloch and Alex. MacLennan; walked over Paties' and Spital Hills; Alex. returned via Eastside for the Orpheus Choir; Herman & I had a fine tea in a hollow at Eastside; thence down to the source of the Logan Water, & round Black Hill to Currie.

2 April 1944. Sun. Rain & sleet & cold. Fine morning meeting; address from Mr. R.A.Laidlaw. W.W.Campbell's brother-in-law, Moscrop, Pay Corps, arrived here for a spell..Good meeting at night; very large. A sailor and a young woman from the Women's Meeting professed conversion..Called at Mrs. Cowie's....

3 Apl. 1944. Mon. Sorry to read of death of young Hewison at Trenabie; he had drunk some poisonous liquor, apparently in mistake..Miss Fraser from Dufftown came to stay for two nights...we are having a spell of cold raw east winds.

4 Apl. 1944. Tue. Good P/M. Mr. Greenlaw spoke, on 'our Lord's Judean friends'..Business meeting afterwards; agreed to get non-fermented wine, chiefly because of prohibitive cost of other..Sent income tax affairs. .. Marriage today in St.Giles of David Whiteford, formerly of the Trinity Cru. Class; photo herewith..

5 Apl.1944. Wed. Lunch at N.B. Hotel today with R.A.Laidlaw, Peter, and Norman Campbell..Got Sheriff Fenton's judgment in Aitken v NAAFI. He adhered to Sheriff Macdonald's decision; most satisfactory. ..Had a man Lear at supper tonight, with Elwyn & Alex. He is a London accountant here at the Castle on a course.

6 Apl.1944. Thu. Lunch at Club with Jas. Armstrong S.S.C., Alex., and H.W.Guthrie. .At Marine Gardens in afternoon, to investigate accident to S.M.T. employ- ee thro' being crushed by a truck. went to Sidlow Baxter's Bible lecture at night with Lear; on Ephesians.

7 Apl.1944. Fri. Good Friday. Marvellous walk with H. Tulloch; via Gladhouse and Moorfoot to Peebles, by South Esk River and Craighope Burn and Leithen Water. A day of perfect weather. Saw the wheatear for the first time this year; also some ring-ousels..

8 Apl.1944. Sat. Lovely day. Had a grand walk, with Dennis Lear, over Turn- house & Carnethy, to Loganlee, where we had tea at the waterfall; thence over the Black Hill to Currie. He was a most interesting companion.

9 Apl.1944. Sun. Good morning meeting; Capt. May spoke..I took Class - spoke on The Judgment Seat of Christ..Large crowd at night. I opened for Mr. Long; he spoke on 'Beginning at Jerusalem.' Good meeting. Two sailors stayed to be talked to; one of them, L.Sig. Burrows, eventually professed to be saved.

10 Apl.1944.Mon. Got my love's letter 189. The school reports were enclosed; both very good indeed. My wee Bill has now joined the Library...The Russians are driving on in the Crimea with a tremendous offensive..

12 Apl.1944.Wed. Got letter 191 today..Ian's exam. papers enclosed..Got a Golden Bells hymnal at Bristo St. shop, after much hunting, for Brian Greig at Dollar..At Dowells trying to sell John Shearer's house, but no offers.

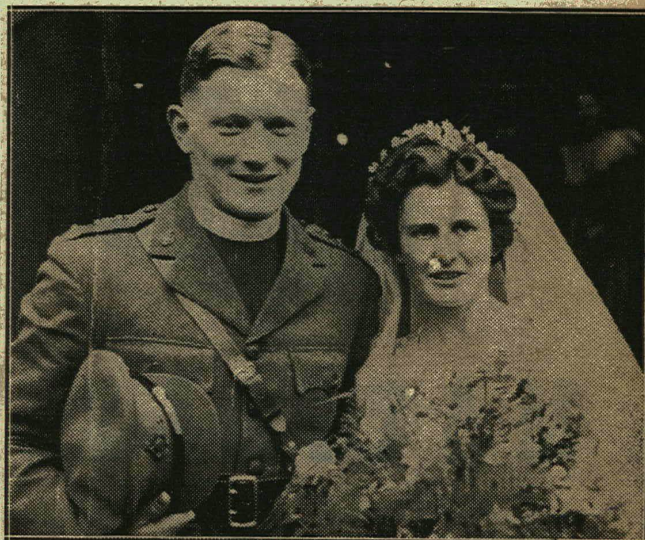
13 Apl.1944.Thur. Harvieston has been sold to the Roman Catholics for a train- ing home for priests, so the Mackays have to turn out...Went to Howe St. this afternoon to meet Mrs. Wilson and her 2 sons, about selling the property...At Kerr & Co.'s place tonight, at the annual general meeting; decided to sell it if possible; called at the Scotts next door afterwards with W.S.Kerr.

14 Apl.1944.Fri. Met G.C.D.Howley; took him to R.H.Alexander's by taxi and then to Club for lunch..At Mrs. Cowie's in afternoon re a broken shop window!

15 Apl.1944.Sat. Wet all day; spent whole day at office, mainly doing Ruther- ford Fortune's affairs..Had a long talk last night at War Room with Hamilton, about spiritual matters; he is quite responsive..Miss Adams reported today that she can only come half-days, be- cause of heart-trouble..Chas. Macmillan has been appointed a managing director of his firm; they have issued a book- let giving the firm's history.

16 Apl.1944.Sun. Drizzly morning. Was at door at morning meeting, as Graham away. Miss Sayer at meeting, staying at Peter's. She is greatly changed; stout and older...Had Howley for lunch; he took class also..Good crowd of men down; I got a strange man to come, name Hendry; he was married in Hamilton,Ont.

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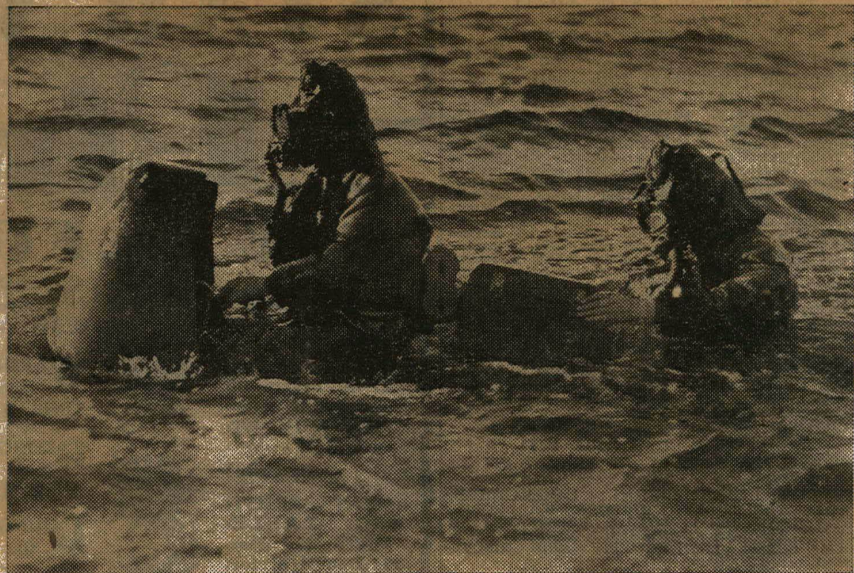


The Rev. David Hutchison Whiteford, chaplain to H.M. Forces, son of the Rev. W. D. Whiteford, St Andrew's Church, Leith, and Miss Mary Emily Simpson, Highfield Farm, North Berwick, who were married in the Moray Aisle, St Giles' Cathedral.



Alfred J. Scott (sitting) and Charles Macmillan, the present Joint Managing Directors

ASTRIDE A TRAVELLING TORPEDO



Two navymen, equipped with diving suits, seen astride a torpedo which is practically submerged. The suits completely cover the "riders" from head to foot and each has an oxygen tube attached. The men can see through a flap window which can be opened. The sea washes the knees of the front "rider" who holds on to a curved grip. In front of him is a metal shield. Behind him, separated by what looks like a suitcase, is the second "rider," awash almost to his armpits.

Britain's latest weapon is the Human Törpedó; two of these were used against the Italians at Palermo, & sank a cruiser and a transport..

17 Apl.1944. Mon. The Edinburgh Spring Holiday. A day of drizzle; I spent all day in the office..Mrs. Percy Beard died yesterday. Harold Robertson (Fred Robertson's son) has been killed on the Burma front..At Mr. Howley's first address on The Holy Spirit; large attce., and excellent address.

18 Apl.1944. Tue. Peter and Elwyn at Strathaven, at Mrs. Watson's funeral..Very busy at the office meantime; I seldom remember such an inrush of new work. The Norwich are sending a lot of cases; W.D.Anderson sends new executries and wills regularly.

19 Apl.1944. Wed. To Dollar this afternoon; met by Brian Greig, Gillian, and the Innes twins..Spoke at night to the R.A.F. who came, 'the Cab; & To as Many as Received Him..' They listened well, & we had a good talk afterwards. One sergeant and a man seemed very interested..Eustace is living at Dollar now..

20 Apl.1944. Thur. Left Dollar in rain. It was funny to steam out of Tillycoultry platform, which I did last when entraining for Galashiels, 23 years ago..Letter from Willie; he had been asked to join the Scottish Evangelistic Council. What a marvellous change for him! ..Harvieston is now definitely sold, & Mrs. Mackay has to leave..Prices are still fantastic; a lower flat in Craiglea Drive put up yesterday to auction for £1000 realised £2010. .. Had tea with Howley at Crawfords. Good meeting later.

21 Apl.1944. Fri. James Duncan was in, saying good-bye. They expect to leave for India tomorrow..Sayer at supper; I went on to Howley's meeting in advance; on being filled with the Spirit. Exceedingly good; best I have heard on that subject. All his meetings have been excellent. He asked me to have a week's walking with him on the Surrey Hills; very nice, but don't see how it can be..

22 Apl.1944. Sat. At office till 4; then on bus to Currie; walked round by the foot of the Black Hill, & had tea in a gully there; so to the Logan Valley and bus at Fishers' Tryst..Peter, Rene & Elwyn had been at Fingal for tea..Rice Alexander phd. that no one fixed for meeting tomorrow, as Hyslop is in bed with a temp. I promised to speak.

23 Apl.1944. Sun. Nice meeting in morning. Robinsons, Keswick, there. Norman Campbell spoke.. Large mtg. at night. Craig opened. I spoke on John 14. ..Interesting talk at supper. Mrs. Tom Spence, Lerwick, there. Two Yank-ees were there, who had landed by plane from U.S.A. at Turnhouse about 2 hours earlier..I finished off my letter 196 tonight with page 1000. I had always hoped that it would never get that length, but there it is. I long and pray that my darlings will be back before many more pages are filled...

24 Apl.1944. Mon. At Home Guard tonight, throwing grenades in the back garden. E.J.Keith, who always throws things at right angles to the true line of flight, hurled one against the wall, and dashed it into fragments..

25 Apl.1944. Tue. At Marine Gdns. with Baxter of Sim & Whyte, re a claim of his; inspecting the locus. He was his usual genial cursing swearing self.. Budget out today; no new taxation, fortunately.

26 Apl.1944.Wed. Home Guard drill tonight; sten-gun, in Queen St. Gardens..

27 Apl.1944.Thu. Consultation at G.S.Reid's with Miss Sale, Troon, re a motor bus accident to her old mother.: Lunch at Club with Armstrong. Mullo Weir came in, and ordered tripe; at which another man remarked that as he gave out so much tripe every day, he had to take some in sometimes; which greatly annoyed Mullo! .. Aileen Duncan called; they arrived 2 days ago. She looks very old and tired. She is desperate to get a house.

29 Apl.1944.Sat. Fine walk with Robinson of Keswick; Jarlops, Patie's and Spital Hills, tea at Loganlea waterfall, then via reservoirs to Fishers' Tryst.

1 May 1944. Mon. I meant to go to a service at 6.30 a.m. on the top of Arthur Seat, but didn't wake..Call from Mr. & Mrs. Ingles, who bought John Flockhart's house..They said that all Hawick is determined that Whiteford is to marry the widow of his friend Sinclair; all except Whiteford himself, that is..

2 May 1944. Tue. Looked at several houses for the Duncans..At John Rollo's 1st meeting at Bellevue tonight, on God and the Church; splendid address. His father-in-law, Mr. Soutter of Brechin, has died..Spoke at Infirmary at 9 p.m., on 'Our Lord's Ambitions.'

3 May 1944. Wed. Sold John Shearer's house, 10 Lomond Rd., at Dowells today, for £1200. Bought by Smith, of Stirling Road.

4 May 1944. Thu. Rene Gook fell downstairs this morning, and injured her bad knee again...At a lecture by R.T.Skinner tonight on 'Travels without a Donkey in the Jevennes.' Enjoyed it greatly, especially the illustrations, many of them showing the inns where he slept, a photo of the portrait of the 'Professor of Fencing and Champion of the Two Americas,' the woods where R.L.S. slept out, the Monastery, and people who remembered him; one of the woman who was a little girl, daughter of the old 'Plymouth Brother.'

5 May 1944. Fri. Appeared for Mrs. Graham at Pensions Appeal Tribunal, in no. 4 Court this morning..Mr. Adair, Bellevue, was the Ministry representative..Had a busy time at the War Room; reds on Berwick, Gala, Edinburgh, and all the way up the East Coast. They seemed to be reconnaissance planes; no incidents..We have not had sirens for 14 months now, till tonight.

6 May 1944. Sat. Grand walk with Herman and Addison Graham; via Colinton and Torphin, Mallyen, Black Hill valley, round to Glencorse; back over Bonaly to Colinton..Tea in a wood near Mallyen. Most enjoyable day.

7 May 1944. Sun. Spoke to Class on 139 Psalm..Big meeting at night; Gilfillan again..He and I spoke for a long time to 5 men in the vestry afterwards..

8 May 1944. Mon. At Hunters' Bog tonight, firing Sten gun. Did quite well.

9 May 1944. Tue. At John Rollo's 2nd address at Bellevue; large attce. again..Came up on tram with 2 Canadian pilots; one named Cuzner from Hamilton, Ont.

10 May 1944. Wed. At Dowells; bought 25 Morningside Grove for Aileen Duncan for £1600. The upset was £1500. Quite a bargain as prices are..At Hunters' Bog again tonight, firing rifle. Took Chalmers; Clark & Watson in Peter's car..Met an old Union Bank man there, Laidlaw, who knew all the Ingrams well..Met Jimmy Rattray and wife, when garaging the car.

11 May 1944. Thu. The allied armies in Italy opened a great offensive today against the Nazi positions, on a 30 mile front. It is said to be making some progress, but it will be a costly business..Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch ("Q") died today at his Cornish home...Spent morning at S.D. Court; gained a case for the Painters' Socy., on a test question about wages..Letter from Chrissie, who went to Rothesay on Tues. for 10 days.

13 May 1944. Sat. Lunch at N.B. grill with Robertson & his wife (Elsa Croy). He is a capt. in the R.A., and here on a course..Mainly about the Croy business, and income tax complications. Old Mrs. Croy is 88, but still vigorous..Back at War Room in aftn. At night, walked to Duddingston, then along promenade at Portobello. Lovely night. .. Got my darling's letter 196. Bill has a byke now; present from Helen. Tookie is starting hospital work part-time..

14 May 1944. Sun. Good meeting at night; Moscrop and W.W.Campbell. Two sailors were much impressed talking at supper; one, John Gill, professed to be converted; the other would not decide...wrote Ian for his birthday.

15 May 1944. Mon. Norman Fentiman paid his rent with £15 towards the rebates I gave him..Bought Eskbank house for the Pops today..Also at Corstorphine with W.D.Anderson, buying the Maybury Garage for £7000..At Dohnavur for lunch; both the Roberts' are looking poorly...J.R.Philip had a boy daughter born yesterday; he has called her Rosemary, for remembrance of Gordon..

16 May 1944. Tue. Collected rents at Port Seton..At Rollo's meeting at night; two Kerr boys, a soldier and a nurse were baptised..Called on J.R.Philip later.

17 May 1944. Wed. Miss Blair, Bathgate, died this morning..At Penicuik tonight getting the Watson rents..Having a very busy week; working till nearly 12..Sheriff Hunter has died, of gastric ulcer. He and his son appeared together in a case, which was almost unique.

18 May 1944. Thu. Settled the Bo'ness case today for Aitken & Sons, for £1250 and expenses; they are well pleased...Tea at Caledonian Hotel with the Robertsons, about the Croy business again. Their C.A. was to come, but didn't.

19 May 1944. Fri. Another full day; at Sheriff Court for Mrs. Abrams, for a breach of the clothing regulations, and for Harris, Surplus Stores, for the same, the furniture in his case..3 divorces (2 poor)..Dr. Hart-Davies in, as

new title-deeds are needed for St. Thomas' Church. He presented me with a copy of his new book, the Severity of God... Got postcards from Tookie and the boys from Detroit, where they had crossed over from Windsor.. The Italian advance seems to be going well; the Allies have taken Cassino, captured the Gustav line, and breached the Hitler line, the second line of defense of Rome.. All the world seems keyed up for our Second Front, or Invasion of Europe.

20 May 1944. Sat. Mrs. Mackay has left Harvieston; gone to rooms in Harvieston Mains.. Long meeting finally with the Robertsons again, about Croy's firm... At Bathgate with W.D. Anderson, at Miss Blair's funeral... walk at night with Grace, from Balerno over Dalmahoy hills.. Letter from Bill, asking me to take Mr. Oliver's morning & evening services at St. Simon's, Glasgow; don't think I will, however; it's not in my line, somehow. . .

21 May 1944. Sun. W.S. Kerr at night; not very clear address.. Called at Barn-ton Terrace later; Rene Gook only at home; Peter at Carrubbers.

22 May 1944. Mon. Empire Day holiday. Spent whole day in office. Got a dividend from the Eastern Motor Co. Ltd., after a long lapse.

23 May 1944. Tue. Looked at a Merchiston Aven. house with Alex. Flockhart and family; advised them that it is too large for her to work.

24 May 1944. Wed. Sold Topp's Kingsknowe house for £2040; they are very delighted.. At Warriston at old Mrs. Wilkie's funeral (the plumber's widow). Mr. Diack conducted it.. At night, at Niddrie with H.G., throwing grenades; in S.M.T. buses.

25 May 1944. Thu. Mrs. Phillips, home from Hamilton, called, and gave first-hand news of my dearest love and the wee lads. She says that Tookie is universally beloved over there.. No wonder... Got a present of £10 from Aitken & Sons for the NAAFI and Bo'ness cases; very nice of them.. At Wilkies' house at night, reading the old lady's will... Italian offensive is going well; the Allies will soon be in Rome at this rate..

27 May 1944. Sat. Aileen Duncan in ; Jimmy & Molly have reached India safely. . . With Herman Tulloch in afternoon to West Linton; walked up Cauldstaneslap & climbed East Cairn; tea on the way up; by Manson Hill to Balerno. A perfectly lovely day and delightful walk.

28 May 1944. Sun. To Glasgow by 8.15 train, & bus to Newton Mearns; very nice morning meeting. I spoke at the end, on 'Our Lord's Ambitions.' Lunch with T.J. Smiths.. In afternoon, with Smith & Mrs. Bain to see Stewart Bain in Hairmyres Sanatorium, where he is a patient. Very hot day. To Whitakers for tea - found him very depressed and poorly.. To Astoria Ballroom; Whitakers all came. Spoke to large audience of service men, on 'the Cab..' Stayed night.

29 May 1944. Mon. Got to Edinburgh at 11 a.m. Was overjoyed to get my love's cablegram, that they might be back next month: it is worth preserving..

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Walked to top, of Arthur Seat at night; a lovely night; home via Duddingston.

30 May 1944. Tue. Old Mr. McKee, Musselburgh, was in; he is going to stay in Grangemouth with a niece; he insisted on giving me £5 "for all my kindness." .. At Missionary P/M at night; Elwyn was actually there!

1 June 1944. Thur. Mr. Whitaker came last night & stayed with Peter. Took him for lunch.. Got 3 letters from Tookie - Bill had got measles.

2 June 1944. Fri. At Dirleton with a Lieut. Biggar, RNVR, trying to get evidence at the Castle Hotel there, but not successful.. Lunch at Club with Cecil Walls.. Met Muriel, in at dentist's.. Mr. Rankin has got back from U.S.A. . . Call from secy. of Bankers' Institute; they want me to write for the Bankers Magazine, on same lines as Gazette articles... Very cold wet weather for June; I have spent nearly every evening at office.

3 June 1944. Sat. Wet and cold; at office all day.

4 June 1944. Sun. Mr. Rankine at Bellevue, back from U.S.A. .. Mr. Graham had been to see Auntie again. Bob Tattersall has been posted to Southampton.

5 June 1944. Mon. The Allies captured ROME today, and are pressing on north.

6 June 1944. Tue. A memorable day. This morning the Allies attacked Europe.

SECOND FRONT HAS STARTED Allies Begin European Invasion

The first news came on the morning broadcast; by noon the newspaper sellers were besieged. The landings seem to have been a success so far..Normandy and the coast around Cherbourg were the parts invaded....Many prayer meetings have been held; at Bellevue, after John Fraser's address, there was a long season of intercession..Mary Campbell came to stay the night at Fingal...Surprise appointment of Chas. Mackintosh to be the new judge. No one expected him. Blades, Duffes, and others have been passed over, to say nothing of MacIntyre, the Dean of Faculty.



C. Mackintosh.
new judge.

7 June 1944. Wed. More prayer services being held...The news is as good as can be expected...Had a busy day buying a flat in Great Stuart Street for Alex. Flockhart, and after it was all fixed up at £2800, they phoned to the house at night to cancel it! I had to go and deliver a cancellation personally..At night, at Harp Hotel, Corstorphine, seeing Lieut. Biggar, R.N.V.R. about his divorce. ..At War Room later; walked home with W.D. Anderson.

10 June 1944. Sat. The invasion goes well; the Allies are firmly established in Normandy; although Hitler had boasted that the British 'lunatics and drunkards' would be lucky to stay 9 hours on the beaches....Had a grand solitary walk today; train to Midcalder, and over the Cauldstaneslap, to Baddingsgill; thence by high road to Carlops.

11 June 1944. Sun. At Trinity Crusaders' Birthday Class; spoke on 'The Upper Room.' .. Walter Pryde at night.

14 June 1944. Wed. Leith Sangster has left Bonar Hunter & Johnstone's, for health reasons, and is practising at his home..Letter from Tom Wilson, that he has broken off with Rena Macphail; he blames her for not coming out; he is to marry the Laird girl next August..Had fine byke run along Canal tonight, to Ratho and home by Dalmahoy.

15 June 1944. Thu. Lord Clyde died suddenly this morning. He was a great figure, lawyer and politician; rather too voluble on the Bench, and aloof as a man.

16 June 1944. Fri. Dear Ian's 12th birthday. I hope to see him soon..Heard from D. Rainy Brown that Jas. and Molly Duncan have reached Kalimpong safely..Nazis are to win the war, they say, with their new secret weapon, the pilotless plane, which they are sending over in quantities, and doing some damage. The R.A.F. say that it will soon be conquered..It is confined to the South Coast...



Lord Clyde.

18 June 1944. Sun. Mr. H. Lacey started at Bellevue; fine address in morning, and very large crowd at night..I gave him a cheque for £10 to encourage him.

20 June 1944. Tue. Chrissie has cyst on eye removed yesterday..Invasion still going strong. The Allies have isolated the whole Cherbourg peninsula....Laurie Louttit has been thrown over by Maimie Jackson, it seems. Cause unknown.

21 June 1944. Wed. Last of Mr. Lacey's meetings. Blacks at supper first..I had tea with Lacey & the Alexanders & Jn. Lamont, & saw him off to London later; Mrs. A. spread a fine table for us in the vestry..

22 June 1944. Thur. The Flying Bombs are doing some damage in the south. One fell on the Guards' Chapel at Wellington Barracks during a service, and killed a number of troops and civilians...At night, I cycled to Loganlea, then took the byke over the Kirk Road..

23 June 1944. Fri. At Dean of Guild Court, appearing for Norman Campbell's Asscn. for the Weir model steel house at Sighthill..Opposition by Lawrence Miller was unavailing.

24 June 1944. Sat. Bought a new watch from R.Leith for £7, as my present one seems to be done..J.Storer Clouston has died; I read some of his Orkney books with pleasure, e.g. the Man from the Clouds, and The Spy in Black..Fine walk with Ironside today; Colinton to Black Hill via Torphin, tea in the Green Cleuch at Loganlea, then to Glencorse, and over to Bonaly..Most enjoyable. Had supper with the Ironsides afterwards...Mended a puncture at night; only my second one since I got the byke...Lord Atkin, Lord of Appeal, has died.

25 June 1944. Sun. Closing day of Class; Tom Ness spoke..Mr. Wilding at night. Had long talk with Rena Macphail about Tom Wilson's giving her up. She seems to be partly responsible for it, because of her reluctance to go out..Young Addison Graham had another operation today for hernia.

27 June 1944. Tue. Dr. Moffatt, author of the "New Translation," died today. I once heard him preach, in Newtonmore...Cherbourg fell to the Allies today...At Missionary P/M at night; also 2 baptisms from Portobello..Large meeting.

28 June 1944. Wed. Eustace Govan called; he is now commissioned..Peter, Elwyn & Rene Gook at supper. Elwyn & I climbed Arthur Seat at night..She thinks that they shd. take a smaller house, sack the house-keeper, and she would divide her time between the office and the house..The Russians have started a great attack on the Eastern Front at several points, and seem to be sweeping the Nazis away at a great rate...Airgraph from Fookie today; no sign of their passages yet. She wonders if the boys shd. bring their bykes with them; I've replied that they should, as bykes of that size are unobtainable here now.

29 June 1944. Thur. Cycled at night, Cockpen, Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Loanhead.

30 June 1944. Fri. Three poor divorce proofs; kept me till 2.45.

1 July 1944. Sat. Start of Edin. Trades Holidays. Rained all day long. Spent the whole day at the office, getting a lot of work done.

5 July 1944. Wed. It has rained heavily every day this week..Polly on holiday, so have been lunching at the Club..we subscribed £5 at our table for a marriage present to Chas. Nightingale...Fine walk at night, Currie, Malleny, over hill and down to Bonaly & Colinton; colouring lovely and views very clear.

6 July 1944. Thurs. At Bathgate by train, seeing Muriel and ors. Rainy. She is keen to get back to Edin. to send Anne to school, as the latter has acquired a very strong Bathgate accent! .. This has been a day of sudden deaths; Charlie Dundas dropped down dead on a bowling-green; Sheriff N.A.MacLean died after an operation for a clot on the brain; John Flockhart was lost at sea. He had gone on a trip to oblige a former fellow-skipper, and the boat was shelled by a submarine and sunk. It is only a few weeks since I bought him a new house; and he has left no will, which means that all the Flockharts will share. I'm afraid that John made no Christian profession whatever.

8 July 1944. Sat. I was to have been on duty this afternoon, but Mr. Mill offered to stand by. I saw him in the Club. .. He mentioned that they were very short of Sheriffs, and that I could get a Sheriffdom for the asking. However, I don't see how I could leave 53 Frederick Street meantime..Cycled in afternoon, by Howgate, Pemple, Carrington, and back to Loganlea. It was excessively hot, and the flies were too bad to let me stop for tea, so I abandoned the thought, and carried my provisions home and had my picnic in the dining room. I also suffered from lumbago! I did from 40/50 miles.

9 July 1944. Sun. Mr. Adair told me at Bellevue that the Graham appeal for a pension (the widow from Skye) had succeeded; which was a pleasant surprise.. Elwyn brought me Fookie's letter 201; apparently there is little hope of their getting away before September. They had all been at Niagara. .. I fixed up Mr. McLaine and Mr. Rogers to take the Dundas funeral tomorrow..My earliest recollection of Charlie Dundas is his painting the stair at 23 Dublin Street before I went to school. He was a converted prize-fighter...Norman Jampbell phoned that Lottie is not well; she is constantly running a temperature..Good meeting at night, when Mr. Howell, Army Scripture Reader, spoke..One man professed to be converted..Another, a Roman Catholic, was most interested.

10 July 1944. Mon. Delighted to get a cable from my dear one this morning, to 'stop writing.' Evidently they are to get away soon.. Presentation of a picture to Chas. Nightingale at lunch in the Club, by our table, in view of his wedding..At Saughton Cemetery, at funeral of Chas. Dundas; well conducted by Mr. McLaine and Mr. Rogers..Alex. Flockhart was in for a long talk about John's affairs..David Miller S.S.C. called, about my taking his son Robin as an apprentice; he has been 9 months with Whitelaw in Leith, but has left dissatisfied, after getting too menial work to do..I didn't promise yet to take him.. At Home-Guard at P.P. later; we were issued with our service chevrons..

11 July 1944. Tue. Grace left the Royal Infirmary tonight, her training ended..
..Did the War Room tonight for Duke, who is not well.

12 July 1944. Wed. Lunch at Club with J.D.S. Miller, Crieff, who was being sworn as a notary..He says he will send any work here that he has..H. Brown and his wife were in about buying 4 Heriot Row as a Christian Guest House after the War. There is room for one; tho' the house they want is rather expensive..At night, cycled from Midcalder via Kirknewton and Cockburnhill to Bavelaw, thence home by reservoirs..A most lovely night..Lot of new German prisoners at Woodhouselee..Had a call today from Watson of the Scottish General, as to taking a directorship on their local board, when formed..I am not keen to do so.

13 July 1944. Thu. Peter & Elwyn went to Forres today on holiday. Very wet day.

15 July 1944. Sat. St. Swithin's Day; it rained early, but turned out a grand day. With Kenneth Luckhurst to Dollar, & climbed White Wisp and Craiginnan. He looks very well; now a captain in the Army Educational Corps. Mamie and the boys have had to leave Sevenoaks again because of the Flying Bombs.

16 July 1944. Sun. Large morning meeting - 17 visitors; a very good meeting. Mr. Long of the Open Air Mission at night...Heard that Wm. Reid of Biggin is dead; he had been mentally ill, & was being taken to Westray, but disappeared off the mail boat crossing the Pentland Firth.

17 July 1944. Mon. Very warm and close. Grace went to Rothesay for a month.. Miss Duffes retired from the office today with chicken-pox..Fine walk at night - Allermuir, down Boghall Valley to Hillend. Flies rather bad.

19 July 1944. Wed. Airgraph from my dear one; they expect to be home by middle of August, all being well. Ian is working on a farm..Fine cycle run tonight; Cockpen, Carrington, Outerston, Castleton, Arniston, Eskbank.

20 July 1944. Thu. Divorce, Gauld v Gauld, first before Lord Mackintosh. A witness was Fraser, who first drilled me on the Square at Easter Road in 1914! .. Instructed today to act for CSSM in purchase of new premises in Dowanhill St., Glasgow.. Walked tonight, Currie to Flotterston and Fishers' Tryst; misty on hills..News tonight of attempt on Hitler's life; a clique of his generals have revolted; one of them threw a bomb, injuring many of Hitler's staff, but he was only burned and injured, and was able to broadcast afterwards. Still, it looks like the end now..

21 July 1944. Fri. Chas. Nightingale was married today, at Carbis Bay, Cornwall.. The Nazis are making tremendous efforts to squash the revolt against them.

22 July 1944. Sat. Fine day. Walked with A. Graham, Balerno via Kips to Silverburn ..Met Dr. Shankie on bus coming back from Dunsyre..Supper with Grahams. Mr. Graham had been at Nairn; a party of 14 from North Leith church Y.P.M. had been in Nairn for 2 weeks, & had been welcomed at the meeting, & had a good time..Young Andrew Brown is now father of a son.

23 July 1944. Sun. Very nice meetings. Capt. Carre at night...John Lamont thinks that Isabel and the boys may be on a convoy arriving on 11th August.

24 July 1944. Mon. Called on Mrs. Dundas, Carricknowe, at night.

26 July 1944. Wed. Got Letter No. 205 from my dear one; she had had a pleasant farewell meeting at Bethany, & been presented with a gold watch and a card signed by all the meeting..Got my first case today from Jas. & Geo. Collie, Advocates, Aberdeen, thro' Ramsay's good offices..

FRANK BALFOUR

27 July 1944. Thu. Was overjoyed today, to get the annexed cable from Tookie, which is in the code we arranged, and means that the family has actually sailed.. Tremendous thunderstorm this afternoon; road at Marchmont was flooded to fully a foot in depth..Mrs. Walker, Westray, called and was at Fingal for supper.

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FAMILY MUCH BETTER

28 July 1944. Fri. Kenneth Mackenzie was married to Miss Torrance today at Palmerston Place..

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29 July 1944. Sat. The ban on the Forth area was lifted today..Geoffrey Shaw is dux of the Academy this year..Walked with Herman Tulloch today; from West Linton by Catstone Hill to the Polentarf Water, and so back by the river again. Misty..

30 July 1944. Sun. At Open Air in Princes St. Gardens; large crowd. Mr. Gunn of Broughton Pl. and Mr. Callum Patterson, Bristo Baptist Ch., spoke..Mr. Graham prayed very nicely at the morning meeting for Isabel and the boys on the ocean..

31 July 1944. Mon. R.P. Morison K.C. has been recalled from Army duties to the bar, to be Sheriff-Principal of Inverness in place of Chas. Mackintosh..At Rest-Room at night; spoke at the meeting, on 'There They Crucified Him.' A Welshman, Stanway, seemed concerned, and eventually professed to be saved.

1 Aug. 1944. Tue. Robert Scott, Lynedoch Place, died suddenly today..

2 Aug.1944. Wed. Made Wills for Mr. & Mrs. Rattray today; pleased to get them as new clients...Long meeting at Turner Maclachlan's with Geo. Ferguson & Ogilvie re Mr. Fortune's affairs; but not much further on yet.

3 Aug.1944. Thu. Hedley arrived home this morning, from Orkney..John Lamont told me this morning that Isabel and the boys will probably dock at Liverpool on Monday or Tuesday..Great news..Night; cycled to see a house at 35 London St., then to Howard Place, & went over the house with Mrs. Louttit, arranging where we will all sleep, etc..House looking very nice...Then to Norman Campbell's; helped him with his garden, and had a cup of dandelion coffee.

5 Aug.1944. Sat. Long walk by myself; Baddingsgill Burn, Colzium Hill, Cairns Castle, Harperrigg, Balerno; about 20 miles. Rather hot and muggy; flies bad. Lovely scenery on the Baddingsgill, however. Saw 21 kinds of birds.

6 Aug.1944. Sun. Fine day. Good meetings. Mr. McLaine at night; W.W.C. and I had a long talk with a soldier, Harry Simpson, and Rice the same with another man, John Moffat, both of whom professed to be converted eventually..The Kerrs are back from a cycling trip to Inverness and the Caledonian Canal; his face is entirely skinned. They averaged 60 miles a day..Wrote Aunty for her birthday; sent her Dr. Boreham's Autobiography.

7 Aug.1944. Mon. Sold the Kerr house at 2 Southfield Terr. for £1800 to Capt. Nelson, a shipmaster from Shetland...e was sent by J.P.Niven, my old adjutant in the Royal Scots..Peter and family at supper tonight..At Kerrs' shop having a business meeting at night...Miss MacLaren kindly brought me 2 pots of jam for the boys' tea!

8 Aug.1944. Tue. On this, one of the most wonderful days of my life, my DEAREST DARLING TOOKIE AND THE DEAR BOYS CAME HOME AGAIN. It began in the morning with a telegram from Liverpool that they would arrive at Edinburgh at 3.25. It was very difficult for me to do much work after that. I was at the station punctually, with Chrissie and Elwyn; the train was 30 minutes late, but it was worth waiting. When the train came in, there they were; my darling looking as lovely and youthful as ever; and the boys, such fine handsome tall fellows, and with such charming ways and manners; and a well-defined Canadian accent! We went to Howard Place in a big Buick car, kindly supplied by John Black; and then by tram to Fingal Place for tea. We didn't do much unpacking, but soon got off for the night, only to talk till nearly 1 a.m. How full of praise I was for their safe return; the journey had been uneventful and calm. It was difficult to believe that we were really re-united at last; four years tomorrow since we were separated.

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