

FIVE YEAR  
DIARY



Five Year Diary of

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## THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O, say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous  
fight

O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly  
streaming?

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there.

O, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:

'Tis the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation:  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a  
nation;

Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

—FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (1780-1843)

JANUARY 1

1950 Well I'd open you up with  
a thick head that I got when I  
was at Charlottown. My leave  
there was boaring as hell.

1951 The beginning of the year. On  
my way to home & I miss Corquie  
& Mom & the family so much.  
Miss the snow around now in the Pac.  
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JANUARY 2

19 I came back from Charlestown  
& I went to the Peoples place that  
invited us up for our Christmas  
dinner. They were really swell too.

19 We got our "Dog" tags today so  
maybe we will be getting some action.  
Nothing unusual except action stars  
while K was on watch, so a little lucky.

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JANUARY 3

19 I phoned home & it was  
sure good to hear Mom's voice  
speak to everybody that I  
had time to.

19 This afternoon I was spinning  
in the middle of the Pacific & in  
salt water for the first time.  
Weather hot, sticky & stuffy.

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JANUARY 4

19<sup>50</sup> I started back to school  
& it hadn't changed at all. So far  
my course is coming along  
O.K.

19 We crossed the International  
Time Zone, so I jumped ahead  
one day.

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JANUARY 5

19 The weather is really funny  
to-day. You sweat in the day  
& freeze at night. No snow  
about to seen. "Command Decision"

19 To-day we come upon an island  
very small but kept on going because  
we couldn't find bottom 500 fathoms. The  
weather is really hot 104° in the shade.

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JANUARY 6

19<sup>50</sup> Spore in duty watch. Not a thing.  
It started to snow & will probably  
snow all night - Really tired of  
doing nothing at the school.

19<sup>51</sup> Today we landed at an  
Island called Kiojalien - There got  
a lovely parcel from Connie, Bessy &  
fine letters. Feel little more.

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JANUARY 7

19 The snow really fell & the  
weather has turned cold. Went  
dancing in town at the Olympia  
but I still have to learn to jigger long.

19<sup>51</sup> Left the island & at sea  
for Suva. Lovely day & I enjoyed  
Connie's letters. Getting really hot  
again. Miss Connie very much.

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JANUARY 8

19 It really turned cold today 20%  
Went to the show & had a  
good time. Don Potts & I played  
ping pong all day. Had nothing else to do.

19 5<sup>1</sup> Still at sea & had action  
stations early this morning.  
News lasted long & we went  
on with our sea routine.

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JANUARY 9

19 We started our classes today  
& our P.O. Instructor seems pretty  
struck with awe. I have now  
started the hardest course in the navy.

19 5<sup>1</sup> Had action stations this  
morning & lasted till this afternoon.  
Missed my forenoon watch which  
was nice but awfully hot in the 2nd half.

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JANUARY 10

19 Hard duty watch 2-4 & it'll  
probably kill me. supper gally  
diet. I did a bit a mischief at school  
to day & it was really cold.

19<sup>51</sup> Arrived in Guam, W. I. but  
received no mail. Went to the show after  
writing to Connie & Phyl. Found a  
picture of her that was rather nice-

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JANUARY 11

19 Started taking notes to-day. Course  
getting difficult. Played ping pong all  
night with Dave. Beat him ten games straight.  
Weather getting warmer.

19<sup>51</sup> Dearly this afternoon so could  
not go swimming with the boys.  
Wrote Connie a letter. Cleanly  
my muck. We sailed today again for Jap.

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JANUARY 12

19 Got a letter from Mom & found  
out my sister got a little  
bony 7 lbs - 12 oz. It really  
made me happy.

19 Last night we lost a man over-  
board & was never found. We came  
upon a rather big rain storm  
& I got sick once.

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JANUARY 13

19 It was very dry to-day &  
went ashore & had a good drink.  
I had to celebrate my sister's birth.  
Phoned home to wish her luck.

19 The storm was died down  
a bit when I went on morning watch.  
Wrote Mom & Annie. Nothing doing  
much except slept as much as I could.

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JANUARY 14

19 Really have a hang over from  
that I drunk yesterday. I got  
cramps in my stomach & a terrible  
headache. Really felt terrible.

19 We met the ship & she escorted  
us into Sasebo Jap. Met Sandy  
& a lot of my friends from the ship, enjoyed  
a little. Got one letter from Bob.

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JANUARY 15

19 Went swimming at the gymnasium  
& had lots of fun. Went & sleep  
the show the night. It was really  
good.

19 Duty today so stayed aboard.  
Wrote Mom & Eugene because  
I miss them both so much.  
Got a good nights rest.

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JANUARY 17

19 Went into town & all I dare was  
walk the streets. Never had a  
drink.

19 Went ashore with Buckett & he  
got drunk. These Japs sure live  
plain. Met Tony & we went  
to a show & our leave is up 22.30

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19 We went outside for rumour  
& I nearly froze to death. I just  
about turned special operator but  
I figure I joined this outfit to see the world

19 Met a yankee ashore & we  
both bought a 26oz of denverian  
whisky. Got really drunk & sort  
of stupid. Had a hard time <sup>standing</sup> <sup>morning</sup>

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19 It was a little warmer doing wood today. Got good jim both. We had a good supper today. It was very unusual.

19 Had a lovely bed this morning. Got into my hole today & go up in front of Jimmy's tower. Bromel is all fighting among each other.

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JANUARY 19

19 Studying for my test. Its getting swollen out but it isnt an clamp. We had a bit of snow but its gone away. Cant seem to keep it.

19 Was up in front of the Jimmy today for giving the Captain's Log to the QM. Had ceased dismissed. Got five letters from Annie, 1 from Momi & 1 from Henry.

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JANUARY 20

19 Had my test & it was rather hard. I gathered a few left in a way I had to, the weather a little cold.

19 Stayed aboard today until this afternoon & then went ashore until my last dog waded. Nothing doing but it is sure cold.

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JANUARY 21

19 Worked at the hospital all morning. Went ashore to meet Potts but he never showed up so I went to the show.

19 Arrived all my fellees & did my marking & they had a good rest. We go on our first patrol tomorrow around 10 a.m.

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JANUARY 22

19 Spare hand in duty until  
The sun came out & then it  
started to snow about 2:00 it  
started to rain. (Halifax weather)

19 Officer went to blame for pay &  
we nearly got it from the chief & the  
Old Boy. I don't know but this whole  
outfit gives on the shirts.

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JANUARY 23

19 I got the results of my test (532)  
Not very good so I shall better  
settle down.

19 The bridge had the fight to-day  
& our lunch nearly come to a point.  
Everybody is demoralized. White Linnie  
& I went back on the Otthabaskan.

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JANUARY 24

19 I received a letter from  
Lanny today. Mother  
hasn't written it for a long  
time.

19 This morning we reach South Ty  
of Korea & there we met two aircraft  
carriers, five destroyers & three  
cruisers so I feel a little safer now.

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JANUARY 25

19 I received my insurance policy.  
I figured I'd better send it  
home because I might  
lose it.

19 We went to Incheon & the  
bombard a gun battery ashore. It  
was really exciting & the position  
is really good & the moral of all was high.

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JANUARY 26

19 Had a night watch in our  
block for duty watch. Worked  
at the Steam table for supper  
& now have a lovely cold.

19 Had the twelve hrs. I'm sure tired.  
Had all night in but had certain  
stations during it. Wrote to Annie  
& Mom telling them of our petal.

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JANUARY 27

19 Went to sick bay with  
my cold & they never helped  
much. It developed into  
a sore throat now. (I'm dying)

19 We were on Bird-Dog watch &  
got one plane shot down. The pilot  
just made it out because the plane  
only stayed afloat for 10 sec. Wrote Annie.

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JANUARY 28

19 Went ashore & seen "Sands of Ino  
Jena" & it was a very good show.  
Got a letter from Tony

19 Changed watch with Parent & now  
I'm with Jerry. Had another middle  
watch. Got two letters from Annie  
& she loves me very much. Rather a little tired

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19 On Bird-Dog watch again but  
no business. It's really getting a  
little warmer. Had middle  
tonight & I'm really beat. Had a nice shower

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JANUARY 30

19 Started Radio Theory & it  
look really hard. Course is  
getting hard all along. Got a  
letter from mom & the family.

19 On the turbine his to-day  
& still on Bird. Day duty for the  
aircraft carrier Thesmo (B.R.).

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JANUARY 31

19 Went ashore & got my rain coat  
out of lock. I got paid \$19.75.  
bought a camera. Seen "Johnson  
Sings Again" - very good picture.

19 Rebuilt today & the action  
stations on the street level. No  
mail because the tanker had not  
been back. These action stations

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## FEBRUARY 1

19 Got our Canada lodge for  
our uniforms. They look a little  
shabby but different. Course  
getting harder all the time.

19 Got some more quit from  
the luguga & the funny honey. One  
from Mlan, Lany & Pyle. Lanyie  
sent me a Valentines card.

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## FEBRUARY 2

19 We are having another test at  
school to-day. Snow is back again  
but it won't probably stay.  
It never does.

19 Bird dog duty again &  
nothing happened. Write  
to Lannie. Weather still  
bunchy out. Not as cold.

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FEBRUARY 3

19 The test was rather hard but I don't know how I made out. I went ashore & had a good time at the wardi gun at the Seagull Club.

19 Last day of our patrol & we were glad to be relieved after being on bird dog duty. Wrote to Mrs & Dad in Nelson today.

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FEBRUARY 4

19 Went ashore & all there was to do was go to a show. Quite a bit of snow fell & is getting cold out.

19 Arrived in Suva today & on late in the next morning. Ordered a room in town & then embarked aboard a New Zealand ship.

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FEBRUARY 5

19 Nothing happened today all day  
I done was do my dobling &  
sleep. It sure got cold out  
later after the snow fall

19 Put 1/2 day for 24 hours on. Working  
TBC I've never received many  
signals. Write to Phyl tomorrow  
the letter. Really tired by meeting.

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FEBRUARY 6

19 I only got 23 1/2% in my test. I  
figure I had better look up. All  
my other stuff is very good. My  
radio theory is hard too.

19 Jim & I went out & naturally  
Jim got drunk. We got some pictures  
taken & brought few souvenirs.  
Sorely had to charge I still a little cold.

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FEBRUARY 7

19 It's really cold out now. I nearly froze when I went to the galley for breakfast. I had to write but started out again.

19 Duty again today & wrote Connie well & much. I miss her very much. Nothing much happened except one of my signals received but that's all.

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FEBRUARY 8

19 Went ashore with Don Potts & took a few pictures of the city with my new camera. I bought off him for five dollars. I got a date for tomorrow.

19 So Jim & I went ashore & they got drunk at the anchor club. Bought Connie a lingerie set & am going to send it home tomorrow. It's beautiful.

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FEBRUARY 9

19 I got to know a girl, name Wange McNeil over the telephone. I'm taking her out on Tues. even though I don't know what she looks like.

19 twenty four hrs. off. but never went ashore because I was too tired. Slept most of the time & at night seen a picture on the Linnel ship's business.

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FEBRUARY 10

19 We had an S.B.X today at the speed of 15 words per min. I think I got 100%. I can now type about 53 words per min.

19 Duty today - all day. I did all my washing, plus bought milk to go to sea with. Wrote Connie & Mom. Sent Connie a telegram.

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FEBRUARY 11

19 I really got a tough duty-watch.  
24 hours but the men hated this on  
a four off. I first gave one on  
over now & I nearly froze.

19 Today we left late for our second  
patrol off the west coast of Kasa. There  
was no line in fact. Our duty is  
to screen the carrier teams. No mail.

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19 Did a bit of washing & then  
slept all day after getting off  
that watch at noon today.  
I nearly froze last night.

19 In now on watch with Mahow.  
Met the Angya, Athabasca, Comas  
(English) & the English carrier Thomas  
which our patrol is mainly screening it.

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FEBRUARY 13

19 Did our usual routine at school today. I got 98% in my S.B. + which isn't too bad. It's closed as "A" now.

19 The weather is a little rough but I seen them flying & landing places off the coast. All we are doing is going up & down the yellow

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FEBRUARY 14

19 Got paid twenty dollars today. also got cheesed off on a date with Marge the girl I met on the phone tonight

19 The storm is still on but I guess I have my sea legs because I don't feel a thing. Dick & all are smashing in the mess.

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FEBRUARY 15

19 Was a spare in my duty watch but got run in for five sentry of our block. Got run today with 3 days of #16 for sleeping division.

19 The Athabaskan sighted a mine & destroyed it. We fueled again today but no mail. Weather still a little rough.

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FEBRUARY 16

19 This was the day for blood donations. I never give any blood because of my #16 I wouldn't get the rest of the day off.

19 We stopped a jump & investigated it. South Korean so we let her go. What a tub. Wrote Lorraine a letter & told her I miss her so much.

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FEBRUARY 17

19 I worked at the gym at my  
#16 but only put a nap to the  
deck & then sculled the rest of  
the time.

19 The sea is really rough with a  
big swell. While on certain station  
I wrote Annie a letter. Love her  
very much. Took the strain today

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FEBRUARY 18

19 Well I finished my #16 & went  
up to Mary's place. He turned  
out to be alright.

19 Today we have it easy. Spent  
a good hour this afternoon. Slept  
a bit & after my last day I played  
a few cards & then hit the sack.

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FEBRUARY 19

19 Had a night watch today from 0200 to 0400. I never got much sleep then.

19 Failed today but no suit. After finding we closed up on action station & wrote to Mom & Dad. The weather is sure a lot better yesterday.

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FEBRUARY 20

19 I found that I stored 5th in my class now. my SSX, SFX & SBX were all in the 90's. I only got 37 in my test. Typing 48.

19 Like the lecture heard today. Last night received a letter from Connie & Mom. Answered them before going on my First Watch.

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FEBRUARY 21

- 19 Nothing much to do, except that it is really cold out. I was 4<sup>2</sup> above zero & that's really cold here. Got a letter from Lymy.
- 19 Normal sea duties.

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FEBRUARY 22

- 19 Studied for my exam of 24th for radio theory. I got 87% in my SBX for the day. Marcy was supposed to go out with me but didn't.
- 19 Normal sea duties. No excitement at all. A little rough.

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FEBRUARY 23

19 Duty at "13" block from 2100 to 2400 o'clock. I was talking to Anne who Bob Legue introduced to me over the phone. Very nice voice.

19 A little storm. Ordering sea clothes.

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FEBRUARY 24

19 Finally finished our Radio Theory & wrote out to-day. It was a rather hard day. If the guy behind me passed; I did!

19 We hit a big storm & all the dishes in the mess were broken. Never got sick but ate everything they threw at us.

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FEBRUARY 25

19 Worked at the school & never did much but scull. Went ashore & only went to a show. Had three dates & not one showed up.

19 On our way back to Kuniyap. wrote of Lashoe & wrote Lennie a letter so it will get posted when we arrive.

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FEBRUARY 26

19 Met Anne & took her to the Pinner Thika. She is a little small about 5 ft. but very cute.

19 Arrived in Kure for repairs. Went ashore & it was raining, so we never had much fun. Most of the guys got really drunk.

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FEBRUARY 27

19 I got 99% in my SBX which is alright. I still haven't got my radio theory notes. Battery sent in on duty watch. Stand 3 rd in class.

19 Duty today but we had to read "E.D.". Received three letters from Annie & three other ones. Met some of Princess Pats (A) on the ship. High time.

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FEBRUARY 28

19 Got paid today - day 18% I stood Anne up last night but we made up & went to the show & I'm getting really serious about her.

19 Met two Princess Pats & Jim & I went to Krossing with them. Had a good time drinking etc. but Jim went a little crazy on the way back.

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FEBRUARY 29

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19 Duty today & so answered the rest of my letters. Had the middle watch & nothing doing. Rather a good day and but rained in the evening.

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MARCH 1

19 Make amends to day & slept all after noon. The weather is really rotten. Snow & then rain. Wrote a letter home to mom.

19 Received two letters from Annie & father. Went ashore with Joe & ate heartily for expense & had a real Jap. steam bath & sleep good at night.

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MARCH 2

19 Took Anne to the show "Tompson & Delibault". It cost \$2 & that really set me on my ass. Very good show & I think Anne liked it.

19 Slipped at tummy room for sea. Rather cold but we are reading F-E (Singapore). Lot easier than Guam.

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MARCH 3

19 Wrote some tests but had no result. Tried to phone Anne but she wasn't in. It was really cold all day. About zero.

19 Met the Theseus Pyruge & Athabasca. Dull patrol guarding the Theseus. Wrote Mom.

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MARCH 4

19 Couldn't get intouch with Anne again to-day. I really got cheered off but I guess she was busy. Dan & I only walked the streets.

19 Normal sea routine nothing happened. Dariusson but was on watch so couldn't go to prayers.

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MARCH 5

19 Well I phoned Anne up & we started to argue. She said I never tried to get intouch with her so I guess were through.

19 Wrote to Annie on watch & Phyllis. Just normal sea routine. On watch while ~~Sam~~ Dariusson's so couldn't go to prayers.

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MARCH 6

19 Never got very good in my tests. I don't seem to get that procedure. It really turned cold out.

19 Normal sea routine. Rather a nice cool day out.

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19 I tried to get Lenny's coat but they were closed for stock. I still haven't heard from Anne. I really liked her.

19 Today we fueled & received letters from Annie & Lena. Len sent some pictures of Al & the baby & they were good.

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MARCH 8

19 Bill M. Ketruck & I went ashore  
& did a bit of window shopping.  
We went to a show & then  
played pool. I beat him three straight  
19 Normal sea routine

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MARCH 9

19 I got a lovely letter from  
Dad. Don Potts & I went ashore  
but never did nothing. We  
were rather tired so came back early.  
19 We fueled again but no  
mail. Taking the twelve hr.  
strain today.

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MARCH 10

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Normal sea routine.

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Duty watch at the Reg. Office which was pretty soft. Patsy & I jumped the fence & went ashore. We never got caught.

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Sea routine nothing happening. Fuelled but no mail & rough weather today.

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MARCH 13

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19 Normal sea routine. Still working for the inspection. A beautiful stay out.

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MARCH 14

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19 Arrived in Alameda & went ashore  
with Jo. Received three letters  
from Connie & one from Mom when  
returned & looked still the same.

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MARCH 15

19 Had an easy watch. Cowley  
party. Did a bit of washing &  
naps all afternoon. The  
weather is really mild now.

19 Wake up with big head from  
drinking last night. Admiral's  
inspection. Duty. Hurry arrived &  
I met Mike. Really good to see him.

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MARCH 16

19 Did two S.B.I. in the morning which was really hard on me & I nearly passed out. We jumped from 16 to 19 words per min & I have 869.

19 Went ashore & Mike was on duty. Had a good Jop steam bath again. Three letters from Annie <sup>Good stay at</sup> me when I come back. PX stores.

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MARCH 17

19 Worked hard at school in the morning & had P.T. in the afternoon. Went ashore with Patts & I showed Annie up & we got a date for tomorrow.

19 Duty today. Received four letters from Annie & answered two. I love her so much & she loves me.

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MARCH 18

19 Anne had to take care of her girl friend who had the mumps. I got a date with another girl called Evelyn. She can really kiss.

19 Went ashore today & just seen a show & walked around. Wrote Connie two letters today while off duty.

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MARCH 19

19 Had a spare in duty watch but swept & shoveled snow all morning after the big storm last night. Did a lot of work at a test at school.

19 Duty today with the strain of twelve hrs. Received three more letters from Connie, answered one.

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MARCH 20

19 Well Dan & I got a date but I  
took so long to get dressed that  
when we went to call on them  
they were gone. It really didn't matter.

19 Stayed aboard & seen a picture  
on the Huron & then wrote  
Tomie a big letter. Beautiful  
day today.

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MARCH 21

19 Some routine at school  
It was so lonely out there  
Dan & I just had to go ashore.  
The only thing we did was get the shoes.

19 Did a gun shoot today  
& then re-ammunitioned. Duty  
today so couldn't go ashore.

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MARCH 22

19 Day 6 I went to shore & it was so lovely but we rode out to the arm & walked all the way in. It was really lovely out.

19 Left for sea early this morning for our fourth patrol. Seemingly the same there's again. Another two dull weeks ahead.

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MARCH 23

19 Had a 2-4 watch in our black plus supper galley. Went to bed early & tried to get some extra sleep. It rained all night.

19 Got moccasins packed with the moccasins in it. Wrote Tomie & Mom.

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MARCH 24

19 In having a long week-  
end & I stayed at the Sea Gull  
club with a few guys. Didn't  
have to go to dinner on Sat.

19 Normal sea routine.

Shot at a buoy & they took 16 clips  
to do so. Poor shooting.

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MARCH 25

19 Got a date with Jerry  
to morrow. He is a blond  
& has a real feminine figure.  
It is sure a lovely day.

19 Normal sea routine.

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MARCH 26

19 Anne postponed me up & so I took her to the Sea Bull club & she was rather board & so was I so it seemed.

19 Normal sea routine. Oiled today but no mail. Nearly broke the furling record but the hoag got loose & shot it all over the ship.

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MARCH 27

19 Had a long watch at the gymnasium from 6 till 9.30 just sitting & watching the phone in the office.

19 Today I had an attack of appendicitis & was in bed at sick bay all day. Had a good night's rest & felt better in the morning. Really was in pain <sup>night fall</sup> around.

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MARCH 30

19 Didn't do much at school today. Went swimming at the pool & then to the show. We got out early so we played cards.

19 Wrote Louie  
Normal Sea Routine

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MARCH 31

19 Got paid with \$19.00. Had a spare with duty watch. I sold my uniform for \$10.00. It was the small former.

19 Normal Sea Routine

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APRIL 1

19 Went to a party at Margie's Place. It was her birthday & I went with Jerry. Had lots of drinks & lots of fun.

19 Normal sea routine.

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APRIL 2

19 Slept most of the day & did all my washing. Then going to go to the shop. I tried to get my table Anne out. No go.

19 Normal sea routine. Was relieved of patrol & gave us left the Horn & the other ships & heading it to the Japan.

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APRIL 3

19 No rather a dirty day with a slight fall of rain. I was taking an S.O. 24 words per minute I seen Dan with his girl in the store.

19 Arrived in here this morning & received two letters from Linnie & one from Phyll. Went ashore. Went to Hiroshira & something happened.

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APRIL 4

19 Have a watch from 2400 to 0200. Its still a dirty day with lots of fog. I saw a persons life from turning to death in his bed.

19 On duty today & we had the P.E.D. to read. wrote Linnie & told her how her very much. Brant in Hiroshira yesterday, our fellows in trouble.

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APRIL 5

19 We had to make amends  
~~to~~ because of our  
Friday off. I sure missed it  
though because it makes so long.

19 Off duty & went ashore & spent  
3 hrs on gifts. Had a couple of  
steaks plus a steam bath. Went  
to the casino & had more laughs with P.P.C.S.

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APRIL 6

19 We finished our school  
& the boys started to  
snow & blow. They all knew  
they were going out holidays.

19 Off duty but it was raining  
like cats & dogs so never went  
ashore. Wrote Connie a couple of  
letters. Sent Mom a birthday telegram.

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APRIL 7

19 Our Easter Holidays started today & I slept most of it.

19 Duty today but no bedest to read so not very busy. Wrote Mon. Had an argument with Burgess & now I have his number. Beautiful day.

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APRIL 8

19 Sunset & camp party for duty which is really soft. If I was a spender I should have snowed all day. Dump the force & went ashore.

19 Duty today but went ashore at noon for a couple of hrs. & had a steak & another steam bath. Wrote Barb & Annie. Read "F&D". Beautiful day.

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APRIL 9

19 Slept most of the day. Went to church at night & then went to the Seagull Club with Dan. We then went to the mid night show.

19 Sailed today at 1700 for our fifth patrol.

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APRIL 10

19 Went to the show a night with Larken & then went down to the Seagull Club. It's still dirty weather. I slept all afternoon.

19 Met the Kenya, an Australian ship & a New Zealand ship. Had a gun's sight & the "Kipper" ship shot the target from the plane.

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APRIL 11

19 It snowed & what rotten weather.  
I phoned home & it really was  
good to hear the folks again. I  
not receiving any letters lately.

19 Left the Keys & are now  
by ourselves - Beautiful day

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APRIL 12

19 We had our make amends the day  
& I really missed it. We are still  
tuning receivers at our Radio  
tent. I slept for 12 hrs last night.

19 Sailing north to the John  
river at the border of  
Memphis & Korea. You can tell  
the eddies as you go north. <sup>seen a</sup> whale.

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APRIL 13

19 We took 6.58 AM of 20. wind speed  
min, & it nearly killed me. I  
figure up about 60 to 75% per cent.  
My typing test was 52 words per min.

19 Went up to the Yalu river  
to find a Kowang pit - washed a lot  
It was beat by another ship -  
Little rough at the boarder of March

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APRIL 14

19 Got paid today (20). I seen  
Bob Howard off the Mag., at the  
Singer Club. There was sure a  
lot of champagne here. I only had one glass.

19 Bird dog duty. Found  
a dead Korean pilot. Two planes  
went down to a bomber but  
led to leave the two dead pilots left. Det.

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APRIL 15

19 For not paying attention at work they made me carry a 6 in. shell weighing 110 lbs. from the gunnery lab. to the comm. shed. I nearly passed out.

19 Blind day duty for the fifty Air Force no business. Bombed a fishing village today & did a very good job. Wrote Connie about it.

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APRIL 16

19 My arms are really sore from carrying that shell. The dentist visited from 2400 ~ 0200 (nothing happened) I lost my shell with \*18.00 in it.

19 Sailed south all day & met the Belfast (engineer) got a letter from Connie from her. Fighting north again. Finished at Duxton today.

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APRIL 17

19 I still haven't heard of my pass. All my pictures at D. kind. What to see, Barb, Anne spot ice show at Helena. Very good show. took 6 SB X.5 again

19 Take the strain today.  
Beautiful day, Bellport  
we are anchored in the harbor  
some where in Kona. Reading again

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APRIL 18

19 It was sure a lovely day, like  
but our P. T. instead of making  
I went to ~~be~~ fishing. Only hauled 123.  
I guess I won't set my wallet again

19 - Normal sea routine.

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APRIL 19

19 Bob Leque & I went to a show  
- then went to the Seagull Club.  
After taking 850x this morning  
I was really tired & so came back.

19 Started heading south &  
we are to meet a troopship  
& escort it to Suva from  
way south of Japan.

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APRIL 20

19 Got a watch from 2400 to 0200  
again in my own block for study  
ing for my Radio Test exam  
which I'm writing out tomorrow.

19 Received mail today & got  
the from Connie, one from Lenny  
& Mandy. Took the steamer today  
& really tired. Missed about 50 signals.

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APRIL 21

19 We wrote our exams & it was a  
bugger. Did fairly good on my  
transmitters but poor on receivers.  
Went ashore to the Sea Bull Club.

19 Type Connie a letter. Seen  
"They Were Not Divorced" film  
good picture. Read "From Paradise"  
but switched to Singapore. Missed <sup>to miss</sup> G. N. B.

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APRIL 22

19 I was broke so I figure I'd get a  
few dollars on my watch. Went to  
an old time dance & met Anne  
Oliver. Very nice girl & can really kick.

19 We are still awaiting the  
troop ship to Incheon. Wrote  
Connie a letter. Beautiful cool  
day but slept wet this afternoon.

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APRIL 23

19 Looked down to the Sea Level Club & seen a show. After that the dance floor was so crowded we went home.

19 On our way back to Susebo & left the Inuon & Athahashon who went to Inuon. Wrote Cornie.

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APRIL 24

19 Woke up with big snow flakes falling. Put a battery sentry & cleaner early party for duty watch. I don't think I can get out.

19 Today we had show lamp but never left until about four. Had a high rent & a sheepskin. Had a good steak supper & carload.

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APRIL 25

19 Anne & Dave's girl & Dave & I went for a nice long walk about 6 miles all told. Am Dave tried. I'm sure getting to like or even love Anne.

19 Duty today & took the stream while the fellows went to the tent at 11 in the morning we started meeting F.E.

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APRIL 26

19 Went & drew  $10^{\circ}$  out of my bank & got my watch out of lock. Paid Dan \$3.00 I called him. Took Anne to the shore. The weather was all right.

19 Slept early this morning & we sailed for the west coast of Kora with the *Thorn*, *Attabachan*, *Waranunga* <sup>(Aust.)</sup> & the carrier *Royal* (R.)

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APRIL 27

- 19 Did an hour & half extra stoppage.  
I don't think it done me any good.  
Went & seen the haying tomorrow.  
I'm ever glad I'm not back in the rig.
- 19 We are now screening the  
carrier

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APRIL 28

- 19 Got pd #17<sup>00</sup>. We had purses  
division. They are a lot faster they  
at Maden. Got a spain in water.
- 19 Long hours off today  
I've slept most of the night  
The Atholken was released  
& sailed back to Sucho & the home.
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APRIL 29

19 I stood Anne up on a date which was the rottenest thing I ever done. I don't know why neither. Look & I stayed out till three by the morning & I nearly died.

19 Fueled today & there was mail but none for me. Beautiful day out. Normal sea routine. Wrote Connie.

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APRIL 30

19 Dave got a phone call from Anne's girl friend & she doesn't believe my story I told her. I don't blame her. In a sort of scared to phone her back.

19 Took the strain today. Slept most of my time off. Finished my letter to Conie. Beautiful day.

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MAY 1

19 I got a letter from Mom & Dad. We had an 30x of 25. I got most of it but it is sure fast. Anne phoned me up but I'm scared to answer it.

19 Off all afternoon & had some work up on the flag deck. See the show after. Just normal sea routine. Write Mom & Dad.

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MAY 2

19 Had drying room set up for watch with Dineser gally party. Anne phoned me up again but never answered. Got a letter from Mom.

19 Had go sun because of rain & fog. Normal sea routine.

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MAY 3

19 ~~Ed~~ Slept most of the day  
& went to bed early. We  
have a washing machine  
now & it sure is fast, a better

19 Its quite a picture seeing all the  
planes fly off the carrier. Br. - Royal  
& Hanky - Pataon. Both good  
ships but Br. are better.

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MAY 4

19 We saw Flag Hoisting out  
was rather fine. We are now  
starting into several eggs. The  
days are sure getting longer.

19 Left the screen for Jasebo, but  
paid \$10.00 today. Seen a goud  
shou in the afternoon. Had a good  
time sleep, but a bit of lammie too much.

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MAY 5

19 We done work around the base all day. Dave & I went ashore. I seen Anne at the Mardi Gras & I nearly died. However said nothing.

19 Arrived in Sassebo today. I had attached a sub just outside the harbor. Don't think we got it. Got letter from Laurie. Won 12.00 in poker.

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MAY 6

19 Dave & Iusk & I went around the shores. We never got any leads to date. We then went to the bank. I got \$10.00 from the bank.

19 Went ashore & Jim & I had some fun for 1000 yen, feel guilty that couldn't help it. We got some good pictures taken during the day.

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MAY 7

19 It was sure a beautiful day  
out. All night we walked. Did  
the house work at the school. We  
9 looked around the Meridi Grass.

19 Wrote Sophie while on watch &  
sent her the picture. Australian  
ship Warramunga stood by for  
us today. Help on the flyback.

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MAY 8

19 Got a letter from Radio & Lays  
I sailed on Radio first by  
2 hours. That really pleased  
me. Cost 10.39.

19 Stayed aboard & won  
\$40 in craps & poker. Really up  
in the game now. Defintible  
with the Cox'n for sleeping in.

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MAY 9

19 I don't know what to get. Man on Mother's Day so I've decided to bring home on pay day. Done had <sup>2</sup> so we went into town.

19 Duty today & the ship. ship stood by again. Nothing happening. Write Fannie. Beautiful day out.

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MAY 10

19 I'm tired but I was really on to day. I stand first in the adms. 9759 x 205 w. 1002055 x 9 9353 in SFX, I hold 283 first game + 284. open in watch. Reminded

19 Went ashore today to see a show. Met a friend & we refused around for an idea. Beautiful day but it was really hot.

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MAY 11

19 At 2200pm & got 91%: Cooky  
& I went ashore again but nothing  
really happened. It is sure  
to be weather out.

19 Slept early this morning  
for our seventh patrol. Met  
the comies but never seen them  
when we transferred mail to them.

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MAY 12

19 Donky got 86% this morning.  
Must be getting off. Some of the  
foreign sailors hit town & they  
wanted to get shipped. Had had their  
under.

19 Started reading FED today.  
Captured a Junk at mid night  
of Chinese Com. Set the govt  
in a good search. They looked really scared.

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MAY 13

19 On all week end, gata fire  
sentry from 0000 to 0200. & supper  
galley parties. I slept all afternoon  
& most of the night.

19 Today I take the strain &  
we are reading FE again. We are  
anchored off the sea Pitaguir & left  
at supper time.

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MAY 14

19 I was really tired all day. I went  
ashore & came back & did fire  
sentry watch from 2:00 & did supper  
galley. I'm really beat.

19 We came upon a fleet of  
Communist fishing junks. We  
captured the men & held them  
prisoners & then destroyed the junks.

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MAY 15

19 Got paid \$20 & Dave needed  
it. I never sent neither nothing  
for Mother's Day but I expect to  
phone a home. <sup>Notes told me Bob's project.</sup>

19 The pigeons are still with us.  
They were all sprayed with DDT  
or something for lice.

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MAY 16

19 I phoned home & it was sure  
lovely to hear Mom's voice. The  
more I can't wait to go on leave.  
I went to the Mardi Gras with Dave.

19 Take the aptain today. Left  
Inchon for Seoul. Before leaving  
we escorted the Dutch (D.D.) Van  
Halen to Inchon. We got rid of our <sup>rumors.</sup>

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MAY 17

19 I done three hours home-work at the school for our test. Having to get ready because I really slept after an duty on Sat & Sun.

19 On our way back to Sasebo. Beautiful day out. Got paid \$3. Home & see you now. Beautiful day. Played poker but never won anything.

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MAY 18

19 I done another long study for the test. I come back about 9 o'clock & got a shower & got the hair.

19 Arrived Sasebo this evening. Got some letters & a beautiful parcel from Connie. Wrote her & Mom. Started reading Gum in the <sup>morning</sup>.

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MAY 19

19 Did my cryptotest in the morning & my Gm ag in the afternoon. Then took a shower & got a whiskey of rum.

19 Went ashore with Pat & Kirk - nearly bought a camera, seen a show & then came back early. Had my first feed of stam berries.

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MAY 20

19 Took that frames home but this is really wet. It rained a little today. Connie is one of the girls going but she is really nice.

19 We started at 0700 for an eight patrol. are now on our way up the East Coast of Korea for two weeks of bombardment. We are reading "The Front"

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MAY 21

19 I slept most of the day & later  
done all my washing - Took to  
went ashore at night & after we  
took Annie to a phone & talked her over.

19 We arrived at Songjin (41st parallel)  
& bombarded all day. Got a bridge  
& a train plus some pits on the city.  
The city is surrounded by mines.

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MAY 22

19 I didn't do so hot in my Com. exp.  
49% but I got 71% in Capt. I  
I just don't seem to catch on  
to it. Anti-house gate sentry for watch.

19 Got a couple of mines & shelled  
the bridge again because it was  
built again over night. Shelled  
a couple of buildings. Beautiful day.

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MAY 23

19 Went ashore with Lusk & Dale. Connie  
was there with her girls  
but they are all out here collected.  
The weather is awfully hot.

19 What's Connie on water. Shelled  
Sungjin again - she hits where fairly  
good. Sent a landing party ashore for  
the fog & they were fired upon.

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MAY 24

19 We had all day off & we  
went quite low in fuel without  
a cent. No supper & we  
were hungry. We ate a dinner at the club.

19 We bombarded Sungjin again  
and this evening we bombed Chingjin.  
There is a Lusk's Rock & Destroyer  
with us on this bombardment.

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MAY 25

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We walked about ten miles yesterday & my feet are really tired to blame. It is sure to be a lovely weather out.

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Amunitioned today from the German ship Titania but she had no mail for us. Writing Connie. Another beautiful day. A little shelling.

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MAY 26

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Did a little flag-busting & I get to know more flags all the time.

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We fired our second round today & had a message for Joe upon it. Another lovely day but with a little fog at times. No mail as yet.

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MAY 27

19 Sat out in the sun & boy did I ever get a burn on my back. Woke all morning & kept rubbing & had my supper & then to show

19 Ordinary routine of a few shells just once in a while. Another lovely day.

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MAY 28

19 We are taking 25 W.P.M. in our SRX & it is the best. Went ashore with Lusk & down we went to the same old place at the R.R.

19 Didn't do anything much today except fire a few shells. A beautiful day. Wrote Bessie & then played a little cards. We mentioned.

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MAY 29

19 Got paid \$18.00 & I bought  
a uniform & took it to the  
tailor to tiddle up. It will  
cost me \$14.00. What spend now.

19 We got ourselves another tank  
& the engine really blew up high  
- so Dennis told. I wrote Lennie  
but have not received any rail yet.

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MAY 30

19 Had a match at the Reg.  
Office for 6 hrs. I got only  
three red cards fixed up.  
We are taking 30 W.P.M. in S.O.K.

19 Normal routine.

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MAY 31

19 We jumped back to 22 w. p. in 50 ft & only got 823. Really slow. Played ball & float. Luck & I are going ashore.

19 Had to work today all afternoon for squilling. Boy I was tired by tonight. Got a little tan at the hot sun.

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JUNE 1

19 We played ball in the afternoon. Lost. Had a shyness & Turk & I went ashore & took Connie home again.

19 Take the stypin today. Received two letters from Connie & a card from Mom. Photo Connie while on watch. Beautiful day.

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JUNE 2

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It rained a bit so I ~~stayed~~  
went & slept early. We  
did some work all day &  
I did a little work for a change.

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Had the South Range two star  
General onboard for supper &  
he sure looked young.

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JUNE 3

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I got up this morning  
with my cold in my throat  
nearly nothing was. Worked all  
afternoon at the school. Went to bed.

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Just went up & down the coast  
& fired a few rounds. Had some York  
Officers onboard for awhile. Went  
to church.

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JUNE 4

19 Went to a party with Connie & had a little fun. I got bored from it. Never got back till four or five in the morning.

19 This morning we were released by the Sioux Army patrol & are now heading back to Kure. She had no mail for us. Taking the train.

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JUNE 5

19 Slept most of the day. Fine is lovely weather out. Went ashore again & saw Connie & she sure looked tired.

19 Arrived in Kure this morning & am now in drydock. Got lots of mail & this afternoon we went ashore & got a few pictures (Patterson)

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JUNE 6

19 I was a physical neck this morning. Went to get teeth a tooth filled & then had a medical check up with two needles. Went to sleep.

19 Left for a 12 hr. train & arrived at Goyo, Japan rather late. Slept nearly good till 11 & this evening the look of the scenery.

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JUNE 7

19 Spare in duty match. Played ball to play & lost 36-9. Played a game. It was really very out & it was more of a struggle.

19 Lots happened but cannot be mentioned. Drank Gin Tonic all afternoon. Wrote comic. Got to bed early so had a good sleep.

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JUNE 8

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Hard & I money went to the shore. Had a few games of pool & went to bed early. Still lovely and

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Arrived afternoon of Mrs. Lane & was duty today. Wrote from a letter. A beautiful day & rather hot. Slept upon the floe deck.

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JUNE 9

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Gate couldn't stay in the night so went ashore & seen some of the shagulls after money went to the fair. Conhil looks lovely to us.

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Duty but went ashore at 4:00 & bought my emergency 10,000 yen. Very good one too, I think. Wrote from a letter. Went swimming - beautiful day.

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JUNE 10

19 Drying room ce. try to-day.  
Stonnie invited us to get  
yepmas roast & so got Bert  
Schmer to stand by for smothering.

19 Duty again today as nothing  
much happened. Beautiful  
day. Jays painted the sky side  
& did a beautiful job.

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JUNE 11

19 Duty to-day but had a  
stand by & went ashore with  
intention of going to a mess  
with Lohme. It rained though.

19 Went ashore alone but  
all I did was see a show.  
Was swimming this afternoon  
& duty was good. Had shower too.

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JUNE 12

19 Went ashore with Gudge & went to the shore. Pumped into engine after & took her home. Nothing happened.

19 Duty today Another beautiful day.

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JUNE 13

19 Got another tooth filled this morning. Stayed aboard & went to the pump, fish, very good picture "Ark of Noah".

19 Went ashore with Boy in & after a couple of beers. We saw a spew & had a couple of steak dinners. Beautiful day

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JUNE 14

19 We lost another game of  
ball 22-21. I was really  
dirty so I got a shower & changed  
clothes with Gord. Walker was doing

19 Filled the dock up with  
water. Duty again today.  
Received mail from Corie.  
Answered them.

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JUNE 15

19 Had a spang in watch.  
In our doing so put in classes  
more no D figure. I'd better get  
down & study. Pay sleep to morrow

19 Left here today for my  
ninth patrol up the West coast  
to Lombard. Had the first strain  
water.

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JUNE 16

19 Got paid \$30 & bought  
myself a second hand lamp  
& got my watch out of back.  
Got my lighter & camera fixed.

19 Just some sea routine

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JUNE 17

19 Took Connie to the Dance  
at the Club (25). We danced  
most of the night & Gord had no  
girl so he got pissed & had fun.

19 Got myself quite a bit  
of sun & Ray was it ever  
hot. Wrote Connie. Really  
beautiful day.

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JUNE 18

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Trying to get boat out of  
bay & again to myson. Boat  
and went & seen Connie & Agnes  
at the club. Connie was feeling <sup>rather</sup> well.

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Took the stargis today.  
Nothing much happening.  
Rained.

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JUNE 19

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Had a watch from 9:30 to  
10:00 & supper early. I didn't  
feel good about to bed  
before midnight & crashed dead.

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Received two letters today  
from Connie & one from Tom.  
Nothing much happening. <sup>Met</sup>  
up with ship this morning but alone now.

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JUNE 20

19 Gough & I went ashore at night to a show. Met Larry & Agnes after a long ground deposit. The club. It started to fog up again.

19 Wrote Connie. Captured a few junks but let them go because they were OK. Really foggy out. Seen a lovely musical picture "Mr. Music".

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JUNE 21

19 Did about two hours studying & then fogged around the block. I passed out in my S.B. but it wasn't a final. Phoned home up.

19 Take the steam today.

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JUNE 22

19 I see Connie ashore & I don't know what was the matter really, but I was right near with her. I took her home & then left.

19 Are now screening the carrier along so not much will be done from now on.

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JUNE 23

19 We had another heat today. I think I done fine without another 2-4 match. I really taking the stress.

19 Beautiful day but got really burnt out in the sun. Love as the devil. Photo Connie.

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JUNE 24

19 Worked this morning & slept during the afternoon. At night Larry & I met Connie & Agnes & took them to the Marden Soc.

19 Take the strain again. Another beautiful day & justly hot & stuffy in the office.

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JUNE 25

19 Took Connie down to the Club & really had fun. We went home & I started on talking of marriage. I think I'm in love.

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Normal routine

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JUNE 26

- 19 I did a lot better in my test  
7149. 75 is a pass but I barely  
did it. We scrub the mess  
out & I'm tired so I figure on bed early
- 19 Got awakened by a Kipper dat  
Consort & have now finished our  
ninth & second last patrol. Got  
letters from Anne & the family.
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JUNE 27

- 19 Look the strain again 2-4  
fire watch & supper galley.  
I was really tired by this  
time I hit the bed again
- 19 On our way back to base we  
stayed as usual it is raining.  
White Cloud.
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JUNE 28

19 Took Connie out. but it rained  
all day, & I nearly got soaked.  
I got 9:10<sup>00</sup> at 22 in P.M. in 5:15. In  
Roll <sup>ly</sup> in the class

19 Arrived this morning & spent  
afternoon with party. Never brought  
nothing but had lots of fun at  
a new club dancing & a few drinks.

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JUNE 29

19 Well I turned sweet 19 today  
& still a virgin. I took Connie  
out & I sure love her. In a  
way I nearly proposed to her <sup>but I'm</sup> <sup>cheerless</sup>.

19 Today June 20. Duty of the office  
but nothing during. Got another  
letter from Connie. Write her &  
Mom & Dad. Love them all very much.

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JUNE 30

19 I did my out routine for some  
a went to Bismarck. Got four  
rides last night & slept at  
Petitcodiac N.B. 250 miles.

19 Patry & I went as far. Couldn't  
buy nothing because of no money.  
Came back early. Got ready for  
a patrol tomorrow. Got duty.

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JULY 1

19 Got a mighty sursey after  
a ride to the Boarder. We were  
turned back & got a train  
to Montreal. We lost 400 miles.

19 Left the morning for our  
tent & lost patrol. Steaming  
carrier U.S.S. Steady. Water landie.  
Little rough & a little dull out.

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JULY 2

19 It only took us three rides from Montreal to Toronto. Got stuck at Cornwall by a rain storm. I reach home at 12<sup>00</sup> o'clock & greeted the family.

19 Arrived a man & took away the screening. Nothing much happening.

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JULY 3

19 Got up at 12 noon & did a bit of work for Dad. Wrote Connie letter #1. Took Bob to the show which was very good.

19 Take the train to Ken. Wrote Connie & Nancy. Beautiful day. Really busy at the breakfast.

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JULY 4

19 I met Jim Stuck & shot pool most of the afternoon. Vera Howard came up to the house & Jim & Vera & I went over to the carnival.

19 Left the screening & are going after a couple of fellows. Slept all afternoon. Went out. Wrote Phyl & Barb.

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JULY 5

19 Nothing happened to-day. But the front lawn & when Lanny came home we went over to the place. No change at all.

19 Picked up two army officers. Returning to the screen. Slept most of the afternoon. Could not sleep at night. Rather dull day.

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JULY 6

19 Was 9 Larry and just  
regamed around town. This  
place is really booming &  
I have never been so hot off

19 Take the strain. Had a little synth  
at four - wrote Mom & Dad. Returned  
to the screen this evening.

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JULY 7

19 We just fueled around town  
& so decided to wear our uniforms  
up to the beach. We went for  
a swim & danced at the Dardanelle.

19 Slept all afternoon & really  
felt good for the morning. But  
the sun wasn't out or I'd get some  
sunning.

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JULY 8

19 We came back from the beach & then got Wes's bike & went to Delahoua Beach. It was so lovely all day.

19 Received a letter from Annie & one from Nancy. What a come. Slept during the afternoon again. Still no sun!

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JULY 9

19 Got a beautiful letter from Connie. During the afternoon I worked. Went to the shop with Wes after cleaning his bike.

19 What a Bessie - took the straw.

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JULY 10

19 Was 1. I went over town during the evening & I met a bunch of mine workers now in the office. We all just roamed around town.

19 This is our final night patrol & now we are going home. Sun a show this afternoon & the P2's mess. Nata had day riddle. Met the 14 men.

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JULY 11

19 Stayed around the house most of the day after getting out of bed about 2<sup>00</sup> sharp. Couldn't find Was so went to a ball game.

19 We were on our way to beach. Still another day, wrote some.

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JULY 12

19 Stayed around the house  
all day & then went to  
a ball game in the evening.  
It is sure hot out but might rain.

19 Arrived beach at 9<sup>00</sup> o'clock  
& raining like hell. On duty today.  
Received two letters & finished  
and from Connie. What he or what.

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JULY 13

19 Got another letter from Connie  
& I answered it right away. I  
told her I love her so much. Dad  
so much today. Was & I went to a show.

19 Still raining but Patry &  
I went ashore. Nothing much  
happened so we went to the show.

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JULY 14

19 Went out to see Shute & he  
bought a car. He came in &  
called on me & we went to  
Wasaga Beach. Got a letter from Lamer.

19 Out today & reviewed three  
more letters from Lamer. Answered  
them. Still raining.

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JULY 15

19 Went out to Gordon with  
Charlie & then came in & we  
looked his younger sister & her  
girl friend to the Prison in Shute.

19 Sailed for Sasebo for Yokohama  
A big storm & rough sea. Took  
the train. Weather clearing  
during mid night.

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JULY 16

19 Connie phoned to-day from Halifax. I love her so much. Lucy phoned after & we made plans. Getting ready to go tomorrow back to school.

19 Still storming out - which makes things very miserable. Nothing much doing. Really soft on the breakfast. Reading only a bit whenever.

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JULY 17

19 I kissed mother & Dad bye & met Lucy in Toronto. We crossed into U.S.A. over Stone and Doc. Bridge & into New York State. Stayed at Frenchman's place.

19 Arrived in Yonkers & two hours later the Lajuga arrived & we were released of duty. Went ashore & had a wonderful time at a smart club.

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JULY 18

19 Travelled through Maine to Vermont  
& then we stayed in a hay mow  
in a barn. Got out after the  
middle of the morn. Really tired.

19 On duty today w/ wife, Mom  
& Dad. Nothing much doing.  
Went to a show on a 15 T. in  
the evening. Very hot out.

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JULY 19

19 Got back into Canada & from  
St. John we got a ride with a  
Yonkers woman & had an accident.  
Really shaken & slept at <sup>my home</sup> ~~the hotel~~.

19 Went ashore again with Max, Harry  
& Jerry & I thought I lost my  
compass at the naval club. Belt  
Jerry had after we looking for him along.

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JULY 20

19 On boat Lucky at Marston  
& then I travelled 200 miles  
alone. Came in 10 hrs aduff  
day sent telegram so might get off.

19 Left Hakasuka this morning  
for Adfanks - Aleutians & home.  
Are now on six watches & are reading  
only what concerns us. Ready soft.

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JULY 21

19 Got Lamm report on Mon. Day  
over collar party for a number  
two. Jump ship & met Lamm  
at the Club. This really cute & slow down.

19 Beginning to feel the chill  
as we head north. Had the  
afternoon off & slept. Write  
Annal.

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JULY 22

19 Worked at the school all morning &  
Took another barrow at the Green  
Lantern. Met Constance & took to dining.  
We went to a lovely dance at the Club.

19 The fog has been heavy all  
the year & its still rather rough  
& chilly out. Nothing much happening.

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JULY 23

19 McKinnie & after supper  
& we went to the park for a walk.  
She told me that she loves me &  
I'm crazy about her. Rocky is mad though.

19 Still fog & at sea.

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JULY 24

19 Had case dismissed. Went ashore & met Connie at the club. I am really tired so I took her home early but I saw her later.

19 Fog still thick.

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JULY 25

19 Went up in front of the Commodore & had case dismissed. Stayed in duty watch. Did a bit of shoveling & pulled the flag down. Picked up Connie.

19 Arrived at Adak. Fuelled & had a letter from Connie. Feel very good. Write her one. Still fog & we sailed again about four hours after arrival.

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JULY 26

19 We are now doing questionnaires  
school and answering them out all  
day for a few weeks. Took Lennie to see  
the father of the Bridge. Lovely picture.

19 Egg still thick.

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JULY 27

19 Met Lennie & went for walk down at  
the park. It was a full moon  
& everything was so romantic. We were  
luthers in but that's all.

19 Normal sea water, egg  
is gradually lifting; after  
all these days.

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JULY 28

19 Got payed \$28 dollars today. The last few days have really been low in. Took Campy out hit got home early. we were really tired.

19 Annual sea boutique

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JULY 29

19 Went ashore & got a \$70 suit & a \$5 sport shirt. The 5 copy Yanks come in. Connie & I went down town & never seen so many Yanks.

19 Sid said today. Whole Mom.

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JULY 30

19 They had a dance in the auditorium for the Yankees at the club. It was fairly good. We were both beat by the time we got home.

19 Seen the shores of Canada. Normal sea route.

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JULY 31

19 Did drill with rifles all afternoon for guard of honor of the U. S. V. Admiral. Phoned Council up after doing about an hr. & a half of homework at the school.

19 Arrived at Esquimaux after hitting the lines of a tug pulling logs in the strait. Note very big crowd. Went ashore & shook by the same back.

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AUGUST 1

19 It rained most of the day. We had our guard of honor & the Yankee Admiral inspected us. Did my studies until 8 o'clock & then took Annie out. Lays the pig "Mo".

19 Seen Symington at the school & I noticed a lot more than I knew. Went ashore again & drunk about. Walked all over town. Seen show

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AUGUST 2

19 Was duty today & so went to bed early. In the Yankee pulled out with the frig "Mo" & 8 destroyers. They really made a noise.

19 Answered Annie's letters & went ashore again & all my day was seen two shows & after walking about - returned onboard.

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AUGUST 3

19 Never did my studies to night  
but took Connie out. She's so  
sweet & I love her so much. The  
chick is getting a little dead now.

19 Duty today. Wrote Mung &  
Connie. Nothing much happening  
so hit the sack in the office, early.  
In drydock getting new propeller.

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AUGUST 4

19 Worked all morning & went  
to show in the afternoon. Took  
Connie to the dance at the club which  
stunk. We bathed and it how much was

19 Sailed from Esp. at 1800  
into a rather chilly wind.  
Slept most of the afternoon.

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AUGUST 7

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This week we are finishing our  
revisions. Went up to the gymna  
for a few work outs & some  
back & had a good sleep.

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AUGUST 8

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Did a bit of study & took  
Lennie out & had a chat to the  
club. It was a little dead  
as usual & it rained on the way home.

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AUGUST 9

19 Did a bit of studying for big day tomorrow. Phoned Annie off & I was going ashore but changed my mind. Have to get some sleep.

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AUGUST 10

19 I've had a cold now for a few days. Wrote out on Comm. Org. & first grade memo. Duty to-day & so I'm not going ashore. Phoned Annie & she still has some.

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## AUGUST 11

19 Wrote out an Operating list. It was really easy. Practiced all afternoon with a rifle for guard.

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## AUGUST 12

19 Met Connie & we went to the Commons. Just packed around 9 in the evening we went to the club & think we were having her.

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AUGUST 13

19 Slept till noon & took a long  
swimming at Dartmouth. In the  
evening we went to the park &  
there we just about met. I don't know.

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AUGUST 14

19 Think I passed my exams.  
Had my guard & presented the mail  
to Halifax. Duty so I'm going  
to get some sleep. In really tired.

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AUGUST 15

19 Yesterday we started on our  
annual & it seems rather ahead of  
me. My SBK's are down again, & I  
went for a walk & had a bit of fun

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AUGUST 16

19 Connie's mother was in home  
& so she invited me for some  
home cooking. We did a little house  
& then went for a walk. I got "Luis Muts,"

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## AUGUST 17

19 Lonnie & I went to the Boat Show  
 after I slept through supper till  
 26.00. The dance is rather good there.  
 I was just about a duff coming back.

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## AUGUST 18

19 Back on my old seaman watches.  
 Had fire sentry from 2400-2400.  
 Did a little washing & got ready  
 to work tomorrow morning.

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AUGUST 19

19 We went to the gym & saw  
the float on water. Then to  
the club & home. At home  
we had a little fight but still <sup>happy</sup>

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AUGUST 20

19 Slept most of the day & then  
in the evening Bernie & I went  
for a walk in the park. We loved  
& met but I didn't go all the way <sup>I love her</sup> cause <sup>was</sup>

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AUGUST 21

19 All week at school news is  
nothing but visual. I took home  
to a farewell dance to the boys  
& it really stunk. We had a little fun though.

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AUGUST 22

19 Duty today with another watch  
from 9 to 12. I supper galley  
party. I just put the gas out of  
my uniform. Beautiful day out.

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AUGUST 23

19 We never did much all day.  
Connie & I went for a walk  
& then down to the club &  
home early.

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AUGUST 24

19 Went up to Connie's house  
early & we stayed at home for  
a while because her mother was  
playing bingo. Then to the club.

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AUGUST 25

19 School is really getting boring.  
Cunnie & Diverse going to the photos  
but just went for a walk & down  
to the club. Went over to the Dungs.

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AUGUST 26

19 Slept most of the day & did a  
bit of washing. Went up to Annie's  
place early & we met but not all  
the way again. Went to the club after.

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AUGUST 27

19 Went to church & Communion this morning. Connie, Agie, Lord & I went to the Dings on a picnic. Had marvelous time & Connie & I did not want all the way so much.

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AUGUST 28

19 I really travelled around to day & never sat down except in class. Connie's Birthday & <sup>her</sup> mother invited me up for supper. I took her to the show.

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AUGUST 29

19 Went up to Connie's place nearby  
movement to the show. I got a great  
kick out of them. It was "how  
long" "Determination Tokyo" etc.

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AUGUST 30

19 Duty today with the same  
updated 9-12 & supper galley party.  
It rained today also. Planned to  
Connie up & then meet for watch.

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AUGUST 31

19 Getting paid <sup>19</sup> this morning  
Got 100% per cent in my SBX yesterday  
Connie was feeling terrible she said to  
just opposite by. We went to a dance at Boat House

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SEPTEMBER 1

19 Went up to Louise's place &  
we started to work & my net again.  
After that we went to the shop  
& when we came home it rained <sup>just a</sup> little.

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SEPTEMBER 2

19 Duty today with spare. Jumped the fence about 11:30 at night & took Annie out. She should see her new suit & it looks really smart.

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SEPTEMBER 3

19 I prepare on duty again & jumped the fence & took Annie to the midnight show. Slept most of the day & felt rather good.

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SEPTEMBER 4

19 Connie & I went to a  
wedding reception but it  
never turned out so hot. We  
left to the club & some home early.

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SEPTEMBER 5

19 Went up to the house & home  
& stayed in your mesh. It was  
so bright then we went for  
a walk. I don't know though.

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SEPTEMBER 6

19 Played ball to-day & lost again. Went up to Ronnie's & we stayed in. Again we met & this time it was beer.

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SEPTEMBER 7

19 Some lunch & breakfast gully party of water. Slept most of the night & went to bed early. I miss Ronnie so much.

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SEPTEMBER 8

19 Called on Connie & we went  
to the store. It was hard &  
we had something to eat & then  
went home early. A lovely day.

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SEPTEMBER 9

19 My suit never came again  
Connie & I bought my sister a  
bed cover for her wedding gift. I  
went to a show & then home early.

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SEPTEMBER 10

19 Connie & I went to the park for  
a walk & then I went to her place for  
supper. We then went to the school at  
the club & then to our favorite lunch.

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SEPTEMBER 11

19 It started to rain. I'm duty at  
the Rec. space. I'm really getting  
tired off with my work. I don't  
know why. Connie phoned me from

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SEPTEMBER 12

19 Rained most of the day. One class  
went over to Albee Lake. Took bus station for  
instructions. Not saying I'd like to  
be drafted this. Lennie & I never did see this  
last night

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SEPTEMBER 13

19 Went & called on Lennie at work  
at 8:30 & went to work in the second  
show. We got some thing to eat  
after & then went home early.

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SEPTEMBER 14

19 Beautiful day & all Idone was  
 out in the clog room & took signals  
 & lectures. Got my suit & leg  
 likes it very much. I like <sup>the</sup> island.

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SEPTEMBER 15

19 Got paid yesterday. Duty at the  
 counter with dinner galley  
 party. Phoned Lornil because  
 I had & miss her so much.

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SEPTEMBER 16

19 Worked all morning & took time  
to the rugby game. Sted won 18-15. After  
we were by met I took to the clips  
& got a ride home with Agie's husband.

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SEPTEMBER 17

19 Connie & I went for a walk, lovely  
day. Late supper at the house  
& then we went down to the club.  
It was packed so we came home early.

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SEPTEMBER 18

19 I got on average of 9.5-6 in 38x  
 last week. Took lounge to the  
 shore? His tomorrow locally. It was  
 chilly out so we went straight home.

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SEPTEMBER 19

19 Duty today at the canteen with  
 dinner getting party. Studied a bit  
 for my signals & tactics evening  
 tomorrow. Paused course up <sup>held back</sup> I believe.

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SEPTEMBER 20

19 We wrote our report & I think  
it was the easiest we ever had.  
Went up to Connie's place & again  
we met & then went to the club.

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SEPTEMBER 21

19 Well I passed that some &  
now we only have one now left.  
Connie & I went to show which  
was rather good. He getting well now.

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SEPTEMBER 22

19 It rained most of the day & night  
I went up Lannie's at night  
& I got caught in it with my suit.  
Again we met & stayed in all night

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SEPTEMBER 23

19 Went to the rugby game that was held  
22-10. Met Lannie & went to the  
club & from there to the Olympics I got  
a little jealous of her but I still love her.

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SEPTEMBER 24

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Sleep most of the day & Connie & I took Bill & Lorraine to the show at the club & then dressing & etc. came home early. It is getting colder.

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SEPTEMBER 25

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Finished my classes with signals & lectures. Got news of drafted to the North. Told Connie & she knew what that meant. It was really cold.

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SEPTEMBER 26

19 Connie & I went up with Agie  
to Grand house, then stopped  
long & Connie & I had a little  
fight on the way. It was my fault. 01

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SEPTEMBER 27

19 Duty at the lantern again, left  
90. Phoned Connie after sleeping  
awhile, went & mustered & then  
went to bed early. Won \$25 on the fight. 01

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SEPTEMBER 28

19 Big little study for my exp.  
 tomorrow. Got down at market 2:100  
 & then went to the club. We stayed  
 awhile & then went home. Beautiful night

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SEPTEMBER 29

19 Got paid \$8 & got \$50 from the bank.  
 We done our last exam in English &  
 Tutor. Connie & I went to night tonight  
 & then went down & had some to eat.

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SEPTEMBER 30

19 Spent in watch & worked at the Bosins store all morning. Slept in the afternoon & took Connie out in the evening. A lovely night it was

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OCTOBER 1

19 Had the flu all day & felt right sick. Never ate since dinner yesterday & got excused duty & slept all afternoon & night.

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OCTOBER 2

19 Feeling better today. But still  
have a little stomach pain. - They  
gave me some medicine & beginning  
to feel alot better. Went up to Lannie's.  
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OCTOBER 3

19 Ate my first dinner & beginning  
to feel a lot better. Bought another  
herbary for £1.3.00 Took Lannie  
to the show. I love her so much.  
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OCTOBER 4

19 Wrote out on, can SBX, SFX, & SSX  
\* got my marks today 98, 96 & 98.2.  
So I guess I get my draft to sea  
& become a real sailor.

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OCTOBER 5

19 Well we got our marks. Out of 10 I  
stood sixth with 84.8%. Passed right  
out. On duty with fire watch from 2-4.  
Really tired & its a little cold out.

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OCTOBER 6

19 To-day I got drafted to Martha. Not a bad  
ship but our crew is a little crowded. Went  
up to Annie's & I love her so much & again  
met. They only gave me till 1 o'clock.

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OCTOBER 7

19 Duty to stay at the w/T shack  
but not any traffic. Phoned  
Bonnie & then went to bed  
early in my lovely hammock.

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OCTOBER 8

19 Went ashore & took my civies  
up to Lonnie's & stayed for supper.  
Went over to Whyte's place at Dartmouth.  
His wife is nice & he has a lovely place.

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OCTOBER 9

19 Went up to Lonnie's place & again  
I stayed for home cooking. We were  
going to make love & meet if his mother  
wasn't out but went to the show. I love her <sup>much</sup>.

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OCTOBER 10

19 Went to sea & returned twice for rough weather & an accident. Second time out I got sick twice. Believe me you think you're in hell.

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OCTOBER 11

19 The sea was a little calmer to-day. Did anti submarine routing with the English sub. Andrew. Duty in ship at 20-24 & nothing doing so wrote to Connie.

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OCTOBER 12

19 We anchored out on the harbor of  
Grand Manan. Very small place  
& there was no shore leave. Lonely  
day but I'm not getting much sleep.

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OCTOBER 13

19 Got a letter from Connie last night,  
she said she loves me & I love her so  
much. Met St. John & went as usual  
& phoned her. She sure sounds lovely.

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OCTOBER 14

19 Went ashore again at St John  
c nothing doing so I saw two  
monies. Come back early &  
got a good sleep. Wrote Connie again.

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OCTOBER 15

19 Stayed aboard but didn't do nothing  
except play poker. Won \$10 which  
wasnt bad. Wrote Connie another  
letter. I love her very much.

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OCTOBER 16

19 Left St. John early this  
morning & at 1600 we anchored at  
St. Andrews N.B. Got another  
letter from Louis so answered it.

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OCTOBER 17

19 Went out of the harbor at St.  
Andrews & done <sup>some</sup> firing at  
an aircraft. We never hit it  
once. Anchored at St. Andrews again.

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OCTOBER 18

19 Did some more fire drill  
& anti-sub. attack. Really got  
seen off on my watch. Lost 70  
in poker so I'm just about even.

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OCTOBER 19

19 We left St. Andrews for Hfp & on  
the way we met onto an unknown sub.  
Closed it all night & then continued onto  
Hfp. Was it rough? & I got sick again.

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OCTOBER 20

19 All day at sea & did a bit of  
fire drill. We docked a 2 1/2 hrs about  
2 in the morning so couldn't call  
or see Louie. Got two letters from her.

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OCTOBER 21

19 Saw Louie after she came  
from work & was I ever glad to  
see her. She looked so much  
& fresh. I took her to supper & then a show

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OCTOBER 22

19 Duty today but nothing doing  
After school I was the pilot  
with Hull & then went ashore.  
Almedone was sent for a walk

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OCTOBER 23

19 Did my out routine for leave. Took  
Lennie to the shore & when I kissed  
her goodnight & goodbye, I never  
felt my love for her so much. She cried

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OCTOBER 24

19 Left Pky about eight in the morning  
& was on the train all day & night.  
Thought of Louis all the time & if it  
wasn't for Mom & Dad I wouldn't have left.

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OCTOBER 25

19 Finally reached Montreal & started  
throwing. Took me about ten or  
eleven weeks to get home. It  
was cold but made at about 0130.

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OCTOBER 26

19 Took Dad's lunch to him after  
writing to Connie. After supper  
went over & seen Bob & Lucy's  
apartment. Spent good with them.

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OCTOBER 27

19 Slept in till 4 in the noon.  
Wrote Connie a letter & then  
took Mom to the hockey game, Brie  
& Toronto Marlboros. Very good game.

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OCTOBER 28

19 Write Louie again & told her  
I miss her very much. Got a telegram  
from her. Tony & I went to the show  
& then went & met Dad at midnight.

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OCTOBER 29

19 Dad was home all day & we had  
Burl & Tony over for supper. Dad  
went to work again in the evening  
& we all played cards till it was late.

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OCTOBER 30

19 Got my first letter from Connie  
& I miss her so much. Did do much  
today except seen the football game  
& went to the show. Answered the letter.

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OCTOBER 31

19 Halloween tonight but never  
did nothing. Saw the parade  
over town & then Sonny & I went  
to the show. A beautiful warm day.

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## NOVEMBER 1

19 Took Dad's lunch down & they  
 in the evening Sonny & I went to  
 the show. Got a lovely letter  
 from Connie today. Love her very  
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## NOVEMBER 2

19 Answered Connie's letter. The  
 family went over to Paul's place.  
 Dad, Sonny, Terry & I stayed all  
 evening. Sonny & I won five out of six.

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NOVEMBER 3

19 Went to the hockey game with Dad. The  
Leiners came in the evening & it was  
good to see them again. It started  
to snow around midnight. Getting cold.

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NOVEMBER 4

19 Tony & his friends & Lenny & I went  
to the rugby game in Toronto. (T vs. M - 18-17)  
Snow & rain this & nearly fog. Jack's family  
came & we played poker in the evening.

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NOVEMBER 5

19 About 6 am of snow. Jack & the Terriers  
left after a lovely turkey dinner. Guess  
I won't be seeing them for awhile, started  
packing to go back to the ship. What to do.  
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NOVEMBER 6

19 Kissed Mom, Dad & the rest goodbye &  
left for N.Y. Dad loaned me \$5.00. Phoned  
Louise when I hit Montreal. During  
night time I was beginning to get tired.  
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## NOVEMBER 7

19 On the train all night & Day. Really  
 tired when I met Linnie at Hfy at  
 10.20. I kissed her all night & took her  
 home. slept at the Club all night.

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## NOVEMBER 8

19 Got up at 12.00 in the afternoon & went  
 & got \$20.00 from the Bank. Went to the show  
 in the afternoon. Took Linnie to the show  
 at night & then to the Club. Slept on the ship.

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NOVEMBER 9

19 Did my errand. - Got my teeth  
checked. Went up to Coines Place

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NOVEMBER 10

19 We went to the Club after  
seeing a show but came  
back early.

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NOVEMBER 11

19 Duty today & only got one message  
I first sat in the shack & read  
& listened to the receivers. It's  
bad when you alone & no traffic

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NOVEMBER 12

19 Louie & I went for a walk  
in the afternoon & I stayed for  
supper. In the evening we went  
to the club & they had fixed it nice.

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NOVEMBER 13

19 Bonnie & I went to the gym &  
later on the snow fell after a  
little snow. It fell all night  
& really looked lovely & not cold.

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NOVEMBER 14

19 Got paid \$45 dollars & Bonnie  
& I went to the show again with  
Jenny & Helen in their cars. It  
was a little colder today.

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NOVEMBER 15

19 Connie & I both had the afternoon off. We met with blizz in the air in the afternoon & evening. Day so busy. Paid my bill & bought her <sup>the</sup> flowers.

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NOVEMBER 16

19 Connie & I had a rather hard time getting ready for the dance tomorrow. I think every thing will turn out O. K.

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NOVEMBER 17

19 Connie, Helen, Jerald & I went  
to Jimmie's Ball & we all had  
a terrific time. We got our picture  
taken & Connie looked lovely in her dress.

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NOVEMBER 18

19 I had my civies still on  
& I met Connie at work. We  
then went home & I looked her  
hair for her. I was covered in the

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NOVEMBER 19

19 Pretty today for the last  
time before we go to Korea.  
I shaved Lennie & had a Stanley  
& we both went to my church together.

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NOVEMBER 20

19 We got our pictures from  
the hall & they are really good.  
Lennie looks lovely in her  
dress & I love her very much.

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NOVEMBER 21

19 We met again & they went  
to the show. Connie & I have so  
much fun together & when I come  
home I don't know what to do.

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NOVEMBER 22

19 Wednesday I told Connie I was  
going to give her the ring when  
I get back. I hope she is still mine  
we are never going to part again.

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NOVEMBER 23

19 Connie & I had nothing to  
do so we went to a school. It  
is really a city and quite  
Connie very much.

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NOVEMBER 24

19 Connie & I spent the last few  
hrs. together at home. She never  
cried when I said goodbye. She is  
such a good sport. I phoned home.

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NOVEMBER 25

19 Phoned Annie for the last time & we  
left Halifax for Nova at 11:00 right  
into the middle of Hurricane. Been  
sick on watch & off all day. Hunt eaten

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NOVEMBER 26

19 The storm is still on & I  
haven't eaten yet. I feel so  
dirty & weak. I prayed a lot  
yesterday & today for strength.

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NOVEMBER 27

19 The storm is still on & we  
are now 24 hrs adrift from Bermuda.  
Don't feel so sick today & wrote  
Lennie & Mom a letter. Still no eat.

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NOVEMBER 28

19 We arrived in Bermuda at  
10<sup>00</sup> after this morning. At my first  
meal left in the evening & the ocean  
was calm. Received no mail.

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NOVEMBER 29

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At sea with hardly a roll. Not  
had but still a little seasick. We  
had a movie onboard & I slept on  
the upper deck. It was really nice.

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Passed the west Indies around  
noon but never stopped. Slept on  
the upper deck again but in the  
late evening it rained & got all wet.

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DECEMBER 1

19 The seas are really calm  
now & I'm eating regular today.  
Wrote mom & Connie a letter  
& hit the sack as soon as I could

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DECEMBER 2

19 Hit the Panama Canal & went through  
it. Very beautiful & magnificent. Pulled  
up at Balboa or Panama City & went  
ashore. Really disgusted by the sinps.

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## DECEMBER 3

19 Went ashore again & was again  
 bothered by the pimples. Home  
 back early & went to a shop. It was  
 rather good & then I went back to the ship

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## DECEMBER 4

19 ~~Went~~ to the bare tent & got  
 my hair shined to a real crew cut.  
 It's a lot cooler & then I went to a  
 show. Received two lovely letters from Connie.

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DECEMBER 5

19 Left Panama city & the Pacific  
Ocean was like a sheet of glass. Rudy  
tuned on watch & had all night.  
Played at bit of songs but never won.

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DECEMBER 6

19 The ocean is still calm. We had  
a pipe down this afternoon & we  
played cards.

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DECEMBER 7

19 The ocean is still calm & a beautiful day. Seen land but didn't know where we were. Seen some mts, which must be part of our Rockies.

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DECEMBER 8

19 It was a beautiful day today. Had action stations & fired liquid at a school of porpoises. Kill about 300 of them. Write to Lennie about it.

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DECEMBER 9

19 The sea is still calm. What a beautiful  
letter telling her of the mountains we see  
at the west coast of Mexico. Slept on the  
upper deck & nearly froze. Guess we are leaving Tropic.

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DECEMBER 10

19 We arrived at Manzanilla this morning  
& I received a letter from Annie. After  
knowing I just fooled around, couldn't  
go swimming at the beach because of hot dog water.

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DECEMBER 11

19 We left Monzanello in the evening  
 last night with a great departure. Fire  
 crackers & rockets. There was really  
 calm again. Getting chilly again.

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DECEMBER 12

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DECEMBER 13

19 Arrived this afternoon at San Pedro  
 or Los Angeles. On duty & stood  
 less hrs in the night. San Pedro is a  
 rather big naval base. Really tired.

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DECEMBER 14

19 Went ashore with Hackett & did  
 everywhere, Long Beach, Los Angeles,  
 Hollywood & met up with this  
 gang who had a car. Walked my brother

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DECEMBER 15

19 Went & seen 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox studios  
& was really disappointed in motion  
pictures. We done the lounge  
again & went to the carnival in Long Beach.

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DECEMBER 16

19 Duty today & received a message  
& all my F.A.'s up to date. Write home  
& Mom a letter & got a good night's  
rest. Felt better in the morning.

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## DECEMBER 17

19 Went ashore again & Bob Home &  
I went to Hollywood & seen Tony  
Martin & Jo Stafford on CBS radio  
studio. Tried to get some pictures but none.

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## DECEMBER 18

19 Sailed to day for Peru Hancham  
& I was cable party again. The  
sea was calm again. We are rationed  
our water (drinking & washing) also oil.

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DECEMBER 19

19 This ship is just about crawling  
along about 8 to 10 knots. Really  
feel tired & dirty & I miss Connie  
so much. Having Christmas cards.

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DECEMBER 20

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DECEMBER 21

19 Started to visit Connie but never finished. Had action stations & was really annoyed by the biggers coming off at once. Miss everybody <sup>see</sup> much

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DECEMBER 22

19 Wrote Connie a letter. Had action stations but it was spoiled by rain. The sea is getting a little rough & we are light men & being pushed around

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DECEMBER 23

19 Got paid \$0 for Pearl Harbor. With  
pay we got a ditty bag & a bottle of  
beer. Wrote to mom & Lennie. Sleeping  
on the plug deck & really was lonely out.

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DECEMBER 24

19 Had 4 more sea which was very  
good. Arrived in Pearl Harbor &  
Jim & I went ashore & met the Yankee  
Coast Guard man. Got really drunk celebrating.

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DECEMBER 25

19 Received two letters from Lonnie & four from  
 cards & answered the letters. Went  
 ashore with Jim & got really drunk.  
 Had a good time & switched hats with  
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DECEMBER 26

19 Realy had a big head this  
 morning. Had make amends  
 today so went ashore with  
 Jim again. Nothing happened though  
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DECEMBER 27

19 Went to sea early to-day to do  
bombardments. Staid out all day &  
night. Nothing much happened  
except poor shooting from the guns crew.

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DECEMBER 28

19 Come back today doing 28 knots  
& this thing flew. There was no  
mail waiting for us. all was sent  
to Suva. Went to a show & bed early.

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DECEMBER 29

19 Jim & I went to the store & had a few  
runs & cokes. Sent Bonnie a sweater  
& miss her now so much. Got  
in late, feeling good but tired.

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DECEMBER 30

19 This morning we had AA shoot &  
afternoon I spent swimming at the Peard  
Harbour Pool. Wrote a letter to Mom  
& Connie, seen a show & got to bed early.

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DECEMBER 31

19 This morning we left Pearl Harbor with  
a Hawaiian Boy & Women doing  
hula dances bidding us good bye. The  
weather was beginning bad over night

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Subject

Date

Oct 5/54 passed out of my Council  
Oct 6/50 got a draft to the North  
Oct. 25 set out for Hoodon Waters