

DIARY 2
FROM JANUARY 1, 1945 TO MARCH 28, 1946

JAN. 1

Slept all morning. Went deep sea fishing with Ed, Chuck and Parker this afternoon. Tonite I saw 'Marriage is a Private Affair' at the Colony.

JAN. 3

Moved to eighth floor today. Weighted bags this afternoon.
Saw 'Contact' program tonite at the hotel.
Left 36th St. airport in Mia at midnite, bound for Bermuda.
This will be our last nite in the U.S. for a good while.

JAN. 4

Bermuda at seven A.M. Ate breakfast and took off for the Azores at eight.—
After twelve long hours over the Atlantic, we landed at eight P.M. at the Azores. Ate supper and took off for the west coast of Africa.

JAN. 5

Landed at Casablanca at 3:30 A.M. Spent a very cold nite at the A.T.C. base. Passed thru the city on the way to & from the field to the billets.

JAN. 6

Left at eight A.M. for Tripoli. Landed at Castel Benito field, which was occupied by Germany and strafed by the 9th U.S.A.A.F. Took off at six and landed in Cairo at midnite.

JAN. 7

Spent the nite at Cairo. Took off at noon – landed at Abadon Iran at 6 P.M. Mechanics worked on the plane for six hours, we took off at midnite for our destination – Karachi.

JAN. 8

Landed in Karachi at six A.M. Were quartered in Malir Cantonment – it was the home of the British 8th Army. –

JAN. 9

Slept all day. Had guard duty from 9 – 1 tonite.

JAN. 12

Guard duty again – from 5 – 9 A.M.

JAN. 13

The M/Sgt. who was in our room took our picture this morning.

JAN. 15

Left at 5:30 this afternoon for New Delhi – got there at 9:30, then Agra at 11:30, and finally Calcutta at six A.M.

JAN. 16

We will wait at Bally in Cal. until a plane comes for us from the 24th Combat Map. Sqdn.

JAN. 17

Left Cal. at noon in a B-24 for Gushkara. Got in a 1:30.
We are to be split up as a crew, each are assigned to different barracks, spent the nite getting fixed up in my new home.

JAN. 20

Had dental check this morning. Went to the U.S.O. show tonite.

JAN. 25

Been getting a lot of sack time. Saw 'Mrs. Tarkington' tonite.

JAN. 26

Flew a check ride this afternoon.
Arnold & Chuck were the pilots.
Saw 'Laura' at the movie tonite.

JAN. 27

Got per diem this afternoon. Went to colored U.S.O. show tonite.

JAN. 29

Had C.O.D. this afternoon. Saw 'Till We Meet Again' tonite.

JAN. 31

Pay day today. Modi brought a dog to the barracks today.
Saw 'Rhapsody in Blue' tonite.

FEB. 1

Rained today for a change. 'Conflict' at the movie tonite.

FEB.

Went to church this morning. The mess hall caught
on fire tonite and burned a while.

FEB. 7

'Tall In The Saddle' – John Wayne

FEB. 10

U.S.O. show – 'Happy Holiday' It was pretty good.

FEB. 11

Went to church this morning. Saw 'Irish Eyes Are Smiling.'

FEB. 12

Pay day today – sent \$50 home. Had C.O.D. this afternoon.
Saw 'Conspirators' tonite.

FEB. 19

Was on the switchboard this afternoon. 'Lassie Come Home' tonite.

FEB. 20

Scheduled to fly tomorrow. Went out to line and checked guns on the plane.

FEB. 21

The flight was cancelled. Saw 'Carolina Blues' Kay Kayers band.

FEB. 22

On switchboard from 6 P.M. til 12. Fly with Lt. Grant tomorrow.

FEB. 23

Went to the line at 12:30. Had to put a new prop gov.
on No. 3 before taking off. In the air at three,
landed at Coxs Bazar at five.
Ate supper in the English Sgts. mess hall. After supper
we all went to an English movie, "2000 Women."
It was pretty good.

FEB. 24

On English officer took us to the comissary in his jeep this A.M.
Then we walked over to the Bazar and spent a while just
looking around. All afternoon we were on the beach,
swimming in the Bay of Bengal.

FEB. 25

Briefing at four, ate breakfast, then out to the plane. Took off at six and No. 4 cut out because of an oil leak so we circled the strip and landed. Damaged the nose wheel in landing so will have to wait for repairs to come from Gushkara.
Spent the afternoon at the Bazar. Went to an English church. We all sat around the fire tonite, and made cocoa, then went to a British version of a U.S.O. show.

FEB. 26

Went to the Bazar again this morning, stopped at the commissary for a "spot" of tea on the way back to the mess hall.
On the beach again this afternoon til King came for us in another 24. Grant & Chuck stayed to fly 052 to Ondal after it is repaired. Flew four flight lines, to check out a photographer, on the way back. Got in at 7, ate and had time to go to the show "Man in Half Moon St."

FEB. 27

Had a meeting for all crew members tonite, everyone was assigned to a temporary crew. I was put on Lt. Warrens crew.

MAR. 2

Out to the line and cleaned the guns on "Nosie Rosie."
I am tail gunner & Dawkins is the nose.
Saw a G.I. camp show tonite.

MAR. 3

Had a short lecture on the new sights & turrets this morning. H. Bogart in "To Have and Have Not" at the movie tonite.

MAR. 4

Dawkins & I had to clean the guns on Rice Pattie Hattie this morning. Took off at one for the Tuliha. Ate and had briefing tonite for an early takeoff in the morning.

MAR. 5

Took off at six, crossed the Irrawaddy and headed for Thailand. Crossing the R.R. between Mandalay & Lashio, we ran into a barrage of flak, about 25 bursts in all, but none were close. Flew the two lines and headed back, refueled at Tuliha and was back at Gushkara at eight. 14½ hours of C time.

MAR. 6

Dawkins & I cleaned the guns on R.P.H. this morning.

MAR. 8

Flying "Nosie Rosie" to Tuliha this afternoon. Briefed tonite.

MAR. 9

T.O. at six, no flak today when we passed over the R.R. Flew our three lines, came back to refuel at Tuliha, got in Gushkara at nine.

MAR. 11

Went to church this morning. Saw 'None But the Lonely Heart' tonite.

MAR. 12

Cleaned guns this morning, sent \$50 home this afternoon. "Hollywood Canteen" tonite.

MAR. 16

Flew a photo mission from the base today, got nine hours.

MAR. 17

Cleaned guns again this morning.
"Sunday Dinner for a Soldier"

MAR. 18

Went to church this morning. Lt. Carlisles crew crashed
in the Bay of Bengal at Coxs Bazar this morning.
Four of nine got out – P-CP-E-P.

MAR. 22

Cleaned guns again this A.M.
Made some prints tonite.

MAR. 25

Went to church this morning. Memorial service for
the five men who were killed at Coxs.
Saw "Winged Victory" tonite. It was a pretty fair show.

MAR. 27

Cleaned guns on N.R. this A.M. "Animal Kingdom" tonite.

MAR. 28

"And Now Tomorrow" tonite.

MAR. 29

Went to Communion tonite.

MAR. 31

Had C.O.D. this morning, afterwards we got paid.
Saw "Dark Waters" again tonite. Our crew went together to see it at W.R.F.

APRIL 1

Went to Easter Sunday service this morning at the theatre.

APRIL 3

Dawkins & I cleaned guns this morning.
Saw "My Reputation" B. Stanwyck.

APRIL 6

Played ball this morning, got two shots afterwards.
Saw "Flame of Barbary Coast" J. Wayne.

APRIL 7

Review for Chinese this morning. Met Harold Hooper today.

APRIL 8

Went to church this morning. Saw 'Guest in The House' tonite.

APRIL 11

Played ball this morning. Was base C.Q. tonite, spent the
nite sleeping on a desk at base headquarters.

APRIL 13 FRIDAY

Flew a training mission with Stout, heard news of
Roosevelts death over the planes radio.

APRIL 14

Drilled this A.M. played poker tonite.

APRIL 15

Went to church this morning.
Saw 'Keys of The Kingdom' tonite.

APRIL 22

Went to church this morning. Played ball this afternoon and beat the officers 5 – 4.

APRIL 25

Fired pistol for practice. Saw 'Thin Man Goes Home.'

APRIL 29

Went to church this morning. Beat the officers in another softball game today 5 – 0.

Saw "Woman In The Window" again tonite.

MAY 2

Flew a training mission with Stout this morning.

Beat the officers again 11 – 8.

Had a G.I. Negro show tonite.

MAY 3

Cleaned guns this morning. Game with Photo Lab called because of rain.

MAY 4

Riley got orders to go home today, as we murdered the lab today 18 – 2.

Saw 'Can't Help Singing' with Deanna Durbin.

MAY 6

Went to Church this morning. Saw "Lake Placid Serenade" tonite. During the show, the news came in that Germany had surrendered to the Allies.

MAY 8

Fired I31 and qualified as marksman with the pistol.

Had a V-E day celebration in the field behind our barracks.

MAY 9

Cleaned guns this morning. Band played before the show – 'Farewell My Lovely'

MAY 10

Beat the officers 4 – 3 today.

MAY 12

Played the officers baseball today and lost 10 – 5.

Saw 'Here Come the Waves'

MAY 13

Went to Church this morning.

'Roughly Speaking' R. Russell, J. Carson

MAY 22

Got orders to go to Karachi for three weeks of gunnery training, we leave tomorrow morning.

MAY 23

Took off at 7:30 this morning, landed Karachi at 3:30.

Man was it hot! went to Dusty Den tonite,

met Riley there and we had a reunion.

MAY 24

Went in to Karachi tonite with Steve and Hickman.

MAY 25

Ground school today, tomorrow we fly the "big ones."

Riley and I went to the Red Cross tonite.

MAY 26

Flew shadow gunnery today, ground school this afternoon.

MAY 27

Was sick in bed today, the others went swimming at Hawks Bay.

MAY 28

On sick call this A.M. Doc said I have acute dysentery and gave me some medicine for it.

MAY 29

Still on sick call, stayed in bed most of the day.
Went to Dusty Den for a short while tonite.

MAY 30

Flew camera mission today.

MAY 31

Gunnery mission this A.M. Loughner & I won our first round in the pichnole tourney.

JUNE 1

Camera mission this morning, ground school this afternoon.

JUNE 2

Gunnery mission this morning.

JUNE 3

Went to Karachi today, rented a bicycle and rode out to the zoo and to the museum. Came back to the downtown area ate and saw Mark Twain at the Regal Cinema.

JUNE 4

Camera mission today, Red Cross tonite. I think Riley has left for home as we haven't seen him for several days.

JUNE 5

Gunnery mission today. Saw 'Kismet' at area H theatre.

JUNE 6

Camera gunnery mission today. Saw 'Tall in the Saddle' tonite.

JUNE 7

Gunnery for score today. Our crew's score was highest in the group of eight crews.

JUNE 8

Camera gunnery mission today. Got mail from Gushkara today.

JUNE 9

Gunnery mission today.

JUNE 10

Coffee Hour at Dusty Den. Went with Goss to the Beachhead and he played the piano. Hickman, Young & I went to Hawk's Bay this afternoon. Young got too far out and almost went under. We got him out and on the beach – that ended the swimming for today.

JUNE 11

Camera gunnery mission today. Test in A/R & mack gun today.

JUNE 12

Gunnery this morning.

JUNE 13

Camera Gunnery today. Malfunction check on the range this afternoon. Went swimming in the base pool after school. Ate at the Chinese restaurant – steak and French fries. mighty good

JUNE 14

Took final test today – swam and ate at the restaurant tonite.

JUNE 15

Left Karachi 9 A.M. landed Agra at one.
Saw the Taj-Mahal this afternoon, ate supper in town.

JUNE 16

Left Agra 8:30, Gushkara field was closed and we landed at Ondal.
Ate dinner and left for Gushkara.

JUNE 17

Went to Church this morning. Saw 'Music for Millions' tonite.

JUNE 24

Church this morning, saw J. Wayne in 'Frisco Sal' tonite.

JUNE 30

Puckett got the 'Highland Sandy' and we took it to the Club tonite.

JULY 1

Went to church tonite, saw 'Leave it to Blondie' tonite.

JULY 6

A.A.F. Band at Red Cross tonite. Printed pix at lab this morning.

JULY 8

Church this morning.

JULY 17 TUE.

Went to Teggaon on Photo Mission.
Saw 'Here come the Co-eds' at the A.T.C. theatre.

JULY 18 WED.

Stout, Wilhoit, Wright, Kaufman and I went swimming at the Dacca club this afternoon. I went into town, ate, saw a soccer game and went to a show – 'Hit the Ice' A. & C.

JULY 19 THUR.

Flew part of the mission today. Saw 'Pillow to Post' Ida Lupino.

JULY 20 FRI.

Early show at Red Cross. 'Valley of Decision' it was swell.
Went in town tonite and saw Beery in 'Barbary Coast Gent.'

JULY 21 SAT.

Finish the mission and headed for home.
Landed Gushkara at five P.M.

JULY 22

Went to Church this morning. Double feature – 'Dorian Gray' 'Patrick, the Great'

JULY 23

Review for maj. Hubers today. Sonia Henie 'It's a Pleasure' – 'Pan Americana'

AUG 4

Had our party tonite in the barracks –
toasted cheese sandwiches, potato chips, two Schenleys

AUG 5

Church this morning – Salty O'Rourke tonite

AUG 6

Flew Photo Mission over Calcutta

AUG 10

Had rumor tonite that Japan had surrendered
but as yet it's not official

AUG 11

During the show tonite, it was announced that Japan had given up.

AUG 12

Went to Church this morning.

AUG 13 MON

T.O. 8:30 for Agra, couldn't land there, went to New Delhi.
Ate, looked the town over, came back to qtrs. and ate supper.
Bronson & I met two English W.A.A.F.s and took them skating tonite.

AUG 14 TUE

Had til ten A.M. so I spent the time taking pictures and sightseeing –
Council House, Secretariat, Viceroyal Lodge, Kingsway, India Gate,
Statue of Edward V, ancient city of Puran Qila & Sher Shah's tomb,
Humayun's tomb. Left Delhi 10:30 in Agra at 11. Ate dinner
and caught a ride to town. Hired a guide & tonga for the afternoon,
went to the Taj-Mahal, burning ghats, Imitad-ud-dula's tomb
and Agra Fort. Then back to the base.

AUG 15 WED

Went to plane for 11 A.M. T.O. but pilot got in the mud and we
had to wait for tractors to pull us out. T.O. at one and landed G. at five.
The war ended today and we didn't know it til the truck driver told
us when we got out of the plane. Everyone was in high spirits
and the Club did a lot of business.

THUR. 13, SEPT.

Altitude flight in 944 today, got up to 29,200 and MP dropped.
Hooper and Rock were the pilots.

SEPT. 16 SUN.

Went to Church this morning, took pictures after dinner.
Developed them tonite.

SEPT. 17

Laird went home this morning. Printed negatives tonite.

SEPT. 27 THUR

Made Sgt. today.

SEPT. 30 SUN.

Went to church this morning.
"The Big Sleep" with Bogart & Bacall.

OCT. 8

Went to Myikyina Burma today. Seven hours over & back.

OCT. 17

"Along Came Jones," Cooper & Young.

OCT. 20

"Incendiary Blond," Hutton & deCordova.

OCT. 21

"Captain Eddie," MacMurray, Lynn Bari

OCT. 22

"Out of This World," Diana Lynn, Eddie Bracken

OCT. 23

"Johnny Angel," George Raft, Claire Trevor, Signe Hasso

OCT. 24

"Kiss and Tell," Shirley Temple

OCT. 25

"The Princess and Bellhop" June Allyson, Robert Walker, Hedy Lamarr

OCT. 27

Oiled camera cradles and cleaned camera bay of #102.

"Blood on the Sun," Cagney, Sydney

OCT. 31

Payday today – "Geo. Whites Scandals"

NOV. 3

Changed oiler on 102 today.

"Our Vines Have Tender Grapes" Edw. G. Robinson, Margret O'Brien

NOV. 5

"Over 21" Irene Dunn, A. Knox

NOV. 7

"Story of G.I. Joe"

NOV. 10

"Captain Kidd" C. Laughton, Randy Scott

NOV. 11

Went to Calcutta today in Nosie Rosie. Swam at the Victoria Memorial pool. Buzzed the field in formation with 2 P. 51s.

NOV. 14

"Three Strangers" Greenstreet & Lorre

NOV. 17

"Of Human Bondage" P. Henried, E. Parker

NOV. 18

Played golf this morning, 18 holes.

Went to church this afternoon.

NOV. 21

"Nob Hill" G. Raft, V. Blaine, J. Bennett

NOV. 22

27 Holes of golf this morning, big dinner at the mess hall, supper at the A.R.C.

NOV. 24

Flew four hours this morning. Saw "Dangerous Partners" J. Craig. S. Hasso

NOV. 25

Played golf and listened to the Ind. (26) Purdue (0) football game this A.M.

NOV. 26

Golf this A.M. Had a rough game of basketball this afternoon.

NOV. 28

“Lady on a Train,” D. Durbin, R. Bellamy

NOV. 29

Guard duty tonite 12 midnite to 6 A.M.

DEC. 1

Flew four hours today, went up to Mt. Everest. Pay day today.

DEC 3

Sqdn. meeting today – Clark Field in Manila is our destination
so says the Major – we will see?

DEC 4

Saw “Duffys Tavern” – 32 Paramount stars

DEC 8

Changed rupees for greenbacks-
“Too Young to Know” Joan Leslie, R. Hutton
“A & C in Hollywood”

DEC 25

Big dinner in the mess hall this noon, turkey and all the trimmings
“Command Performance” – Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra,
Jimmy Durante, Dinah Shore, Judy Garland, Cass Daley,
Ginny Sims, Johnny Mercer, Pied Pipers, Herbert Marshall,
Frances Langford, Archie, Kay Kayser, and Sad Sack.

DEC 26

Cleared the ball field this A.M.
Saw “Cant Take It With You” tonite

DEC 27

Saw “You Came Along” Lizabeth Scott, Bob Cummings

DEC 28

“Pardon My Past” F. MacMurray, Margarite Chapman

DEC 29

Painted floor lines on the court today – Base M(59) vs. Acpaca (40) B.B. game

DEC 31

E.M. Club opened tonite – wow!

JAN 1

Bamboo Bowl game in Manila today, Clark 14 – Leyte 12.
35,000 G.I.s in Rigal Stadium.

JAN 2

Laid concrete on basketball court. Saw U.S.O. show “Sing Out” tonite.

JAN 4

Mail today – “teke hai” Saw “Miracle of Morgans Creek”

JAN 6

Played ball on the court today. Saw “Call of the Wild” tonite.

JAN 7

Played the 414th F.G. tonite – lost 33 – 67

JAN 8

Flew with Howes this A.M., down over Manila, Correigidor,
Subic bay, up and buzzed Victoria.

JAN 9

Saw "Lost Weekend" J. Wyman, R. Milland

JAN 10

Played 45 A.S.G. tonite, won 38 – 31. Ammo dump caught on fire this afternoon and burned for hours.

JAN 11

National league all-stars beat the "Acpacs" 7 – 4 this afternoon.
I got a ball fouled off by Whitney Kurowski. Red Barrett,
Mike Sandlock, Frank McCormick and Bill Voiselle played.
Saw "Anchors Aweigh" tonite.

JAN 14

Beiser and Maxwell went home today. Played 2 ASR and lost 34 – 33

JAN 15

Saw "San Francisco" Gable, McDonald, Tracy

JAN 16

"And There Were None" in the rain.

JAN 19

"See Here Private Hargrove"

JAN 20

Had a jeep today, Smitty, Mike, Dolan and I went to Terlac this morning. Down to Manila after dinner. Took in Jimmys nite club. Jeep broke down on the trip back and we had to coax it all the way in from Angeles.

JAN 21

Took off 10 A.M. for Australia, and land Morotai 4 P.M.
Howes, Luscombe, Wright, Bently, Daub and Green
are the crew, with four Engineers and a infantry officer.

JAN 22

Took off Morotai 7:45 A.M., landed Finchhafen, New Guinea 3:45 P.M.

JAN 23

Off at 7:30, got pix of the military cemetery and headed for Australia.
Landed Townsville 3:00 P.M. Fresh milk at the field canteen.
Townsville isn't much of a town.

JAN 24

In the air 9 A.M. took seven Aussies minus "chutes" to Sydney with us.
Landed Rockford Smith field 3 P.M. Had a room in Kings Cross tonite.
Went to Rose's for dancing, was a nice place. good band.

JAN 25

Moved to Cogee Beach this P.M. I ½ blocks from the ocean.
Swam this afternoon, had supper at the NCO club and
went to a movie "Mark of Zorro" Tyrone Power.

JAN 26

This morning I rode the ferry out to Manly Beach where the swells hang out.
A big water carnival going on this afternoon.
I skated from 2 – 5, ate, and skated again tonite.

JAN 27

On the beach this morning, lots of lovely lassies out sunning themselves.
Slept this afternoon – I needed to. Tonite Bill & I went out to Merrylands on the subway, met Jacqueline and Dyan at the latters house.
Missed the last train to town and had to sleep in the station until five A.M.

JAN 28 MONDAY

Today is "Australia Day" hubba hubba!
Dyan, Bill, Jackie and I celebrated Capt Cooks discovery by seeing
"Song to Remember" at the Ritz this afternoon.
We ate at the club tonite..."steak & eggs" the Australia
equivalent of steak & French fries.
Danced til ten and then left.
This is the most enjoyable day I've spent in many a month.

JAN 29

Things were all wrong tonite, everyone was "flying high."
Later in the evening we came out of it and managed to salvage part of the evening.

JAN 30

What "Sad Sacks" we are this A.M. Tried to recuperate on the beach
this afternoon, got a sunburn instead. Had supper at the club
and danced til nine. Went home early tonite...long hop tomorrow.

JAN 31

Took off 5:30 A.M. Goodbye Sydney. Landed Darwin 3:00 P.M.

FEB 1

The prop governor on #4 went out so we had to wait till daylight to fix it.
Took off 8 A.M. Threw oil bad and we landed to work on it again.
Got off again at 9:30 and everything was O.K.
Over Manila six P.M., rainstorm at Clark so we landed Nielson
in Manila. Took off after the storm quieted, landed Clark 10:30 P.M.

FEB 5

Guard 10 – 2. "Man Alive" Pat O'Brien

FEB 6

"Fallen Angel" Alice Faye, Dana Andrews

FEB 8

"Spanish Main" Maureen O'Hara, P. Henried

FEB 12

Went down to Manila with May tonite. Stayed at 22nd Repl. Depot.

FEB 13

Foiled around town today, started home six P.M. Stopped in Fernando on the way.

FEB 14

Eleven days leave at Baguio. Go to Manila to Register. Saw three
basketball games at Rizal Coliseum tonite.

FEB 15

Went to Pacific City in Grayhound buses. Its on the ocean and swell.
Had a swim before supper. "Sailor Takes A Wife" J. Allyson, R. Walker

FEB 16

Baguio today in 6x6. Two hours up a winding mountain road.
Very cool here, about 5,500' altitude.
Skated and got souvineirs in town this afternoon.

FEB 17 – 22

Wonderful week at Baguio. Tours, bowling, golf, pool.
Visited Trinidad Valley, Benguet Mine, Kenon Road, Mines View Park,
Dog market, Observatory, Quarry. Left Baguio Sat. 23 for Pac. City.

FEB 23

Overnite at Pacific City, another swim in the blue Pacific.

FEB 24
Returned Clark Field 2 P.M.

FEB 25
"Mildred Pierce" – guard tonite.

MAR 1
Flew with Peterson this A.M. "Thrill of a Romance" – E. Williams, V. Johnson

MAR 2
"Shady Lady" G. Simms, B.Coburn

MAR 3
"Immortal Sgt" – M. O'Hara, Henry Fonda

MAR 4
"Kitty" Paulette Goddard, Ray Milland

MAR 5
"Walk in the Sun" Dana Andrews

MAR 6
"You Came Along" Lizabeth Scott

MAR 7
"Stork Club" – B. Hutton, B. Fitzgerald

MAR 13
"State Fair" Jeanne Crain, Dana Andrews, Dick Haynes, Viv Blaine

MAR 14
Moved to 301 A.S. today, processed this afternoon.

MAR 15
"Ziegfield Follies"

MAR 16
Shipped to 22 R.O. 265 R.C. today.
Went to Ellinwood and skated tonite.

MAR 17
Football today, BMC 13 – HTS 0 at Rizal. Golden Gloves tonite.

MAR 18 – 26
Spent at 22 Repl depot.

MAR 27
Loaded ship eleven A.M. under way 1:30

MAR 28 – APR
Enroute to San