

1924. Lou Keyte the Chicago swindler. (Feb.1924)(Sep. '24)
 1925. The great election. Barnjum promises paper mill. Site cleared near Hills Grove.
 1926. J.R.G. left Milton. I bought his house & kept bachelor's hall from July 14th.
 1927. Jan. Pulp mill closed. June 9, my wedding day. Oct., hunting at Yeaton Lake.
 1928. Jan 23, I.W.Freeman drowned at Rapid Falls. Sold my first story to Maclean's.
 Wrangle over Milton Hydro-Electric Co.
 Feb.8, death of John "Goldmine" Greenough. Feb.14, checking lumber at Potanoc.
 Mar.3, burying the first-born. Mar.7, contract for Killam paper mill announced.
 Mar.17, Robie Lohnes the bootlegger. Mar.21, surveying the lower river.
 Apl.3, body of I.W.Freeman found. Apl.16, testing cows for T.B. in Nova Scotia.
 Apl.16, schooner Integral loads pine at McClearns wharf. May 7, work on the new road commenced. May 10, pulp ~~#####~~ mills started. (Shut down since Jan,1927)
 July 28, N.S.P.C acquires Guzzle light plant for \$65,000. Aug.1, I start work with Foundation Co. Sep 10, new river road about completed --\$12000 a mile.
 Oct.1, Western N.S. Co. takes over Milton Light Co. Nov.5, I return to Macleod Co.
 Nov.9 (also Dec.7, Dec.13, 22, 27 and Feb 1/29) Captain Trainor and his schooner "Dorothy". Nov.20 Fred Inness and the Gotfredson truck graft; also the graft of Henderson & Inness, the graft of Doc. Ford. Dec.6, objections to new light company's pole line in Milton. Old Katie Francis died. Dec.13, eels shipped to Boston.
 Dec.20, Robe Lohnes the bootlegger again. Liverpool rum-runners.
 1929. Jan.12, loading a steamer with pulp for France. Jan.22, anchor-ice floods mill.
 Feb.1, the beginning of King Fissure Mine Co.(and Feb.2) Feb9, sale of Phil Moore's camp to gov't. for \$45,000. Feb.13, loading Schooner Frances Taussig.
 Feb.15, I start work with Mersy Co. Mar 22, Tom Millard's box factory burned.
 Mar.23, incident at Ralph Freeman's Milton movie show. Mar.25, rum-runner I'm Alone sunk. Mar.30, Mersey buys Clyde & Sissiboo mills. Apl.2, Bertling bucket # factory burned. Apl.10, \$17,000 graft to R.P.Bell. Apl.26, Jones' yacht Awenishe. May 8, amateur theatricals at Caledonia. June 25, graft to Wm. Duff ^(see also Dec 2/29, Med. 1/30)
 July 7, searching for the lost Martin and Hall children. July 14, destructive fire at Milton corner. Aug.26, forming the Queens Co. Historical Society.
 Sep.1, Tom Millard's timber graft at Indian Gardens. Sep.28, my job as assessor of the Milton district. Oct 10, I sell my Milton house to Baptist Church.
 Oct.17, Bienvenue Freres come to South Brookfield. Liquor plebiscite.
 Nov.7, terrific drop on New York stock market. Nov.18, earthquake felt here. ^(see also Jan 7, 1930)
 Nov.20, T.M.Ratchford becomes treasurer Mersey Co. Dec14, grand opening of Mersey mill.
 1930 Jan.6, first shipment of paper of Mersey mill. Jan.9 a January thaw plays havoc with road traffic. Jan.10, special train to Mersey. Apl.3, Israel Cole's hard luck Apl.4, sale of Mersey Hydraulic (by expropriation) to N.S.P.C. Apl.16, I move to the Patch house in L'pool. Apl.17, cost of power developments on Mersey.
 May 2, I see a forest fire started on the railway. May 7, fighting the big Milton-Brooklyn bush fire which destroyed most of Sandy Cove. May 10, troops from Hfx arrive to fight Port Medway fire. July 6, rum runners at L'pool. July 17, a queer deal in timberland. July 28, King gov't defeated. Aug.16, Jones sells his yacht to Mersey. Aug.27, Gov't liquor store opened in L'pool. Sep.3, French airmen pass over L'pool on first unbroken east-west crossing from Paris to N.Y. Remains of explorer Andree found near Spitzbergen. Sep.23, Al.McCoy died.
 Sep.24, Mersey finances. Oct.5, British airship R-10B destroyed over France.
 Oct.10, new section Brooklyn breakwater destroyed. Oct.15, I meet Bill Rouse.
 Nov.1, hunting at 7 Mile Lake. Nov.4, I move to company bungalow in Bristol.
 Dec.6, White Pt. Beach Co. goes bust. Dec.7, strange adventure of Geo. Strachan.
 Dec.29 adventures of L'pool rum-runners. Jan.16, my first radio.
 1931 → Jan.22 Jim Gardner arrested for arson. Jan.26, Astor theatre opens as a "talkie".
 Jan.27, sensation re Byrne and others, rum smuggling (also Mar.18, June 8)
 Mar.26 Killiam goes salmon fishing at Milton. Apl.12, N.S.P.C develops power at the old Rapid Falls mill site. Apl.26 Brent & I explore Kempton brook.
 May 24, fishing at Timber Island brook. June 28, Legion branch formed in L'pool.

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July 18, holiday at Summerville. Aug. 3, Cap. Mitchell fired from "Markland".
Aug. 9, my first airplane ride. Aug. 16, Ford presents flags of his old hospital
 unit to Trinity Church. Aug. 21, buying soft coal for \$9.00 at vessel's side.
 Sep. 11, the daily H.&S.W. passenger train becomes a mixed train. Some stock
 market quotations that look good. Sep. 17, mutiny in the British fleet.
 Sep. 19, calling moose at 7 Mile Lake; suspicious game wardens. Sep. 23, Jones
 throws a costume ball at White Point. Sep. 26, We discover Eagle Lake.
 Oct. 4, Eagle Lake, and a nightmare in the flowage. Oct. 10, canoe trip to Rush
 Lake. Oct. 19, International schooner races, Bluenose wins. Nov. 8, fire at
 Milton, destroys Walker's mill, Masonic hall, Morton's store, etc.
 Nov. 22, Parker finds a bit of strange sculpture in Mersey river bed. Nov. 29,
 Brent & I discover trail from Kempton Brook to No. 1. Dec. 19, paying off lumber-
 jacks at Caledonia. Dec. 20, Jones presents flags and tablet to Trinity Church,
 and I meet Dr. Moore, of King's. Dec. 23, witchcraft trial at Bridgewater.
 Feb. 20, Jones has an oyster party. March 5, hike to Burnaby Lake, & two lost
 women. March 10, I resign as secretary-treas. of the Historical Society.
 March 13, hike to Solnoe's Pond and Bon Mature. March 14, Pop Kempton and the
 lands of Oliver Goldsmith. Mar. 16, traces of old settlement at Wainwright Lake.
 Mar. 21, Brent "I start for Long Lake, hike to Little Bon Mature instead.
 Apr. 3, Brent & I hike to Long Lake - Big Falls- Milton. Apr. 12, a Kiwanis luncheon.
Apr. 17, the Liverpool shunter removed from local service for ever. Apr. 29, starting
 a Liverpool golf club. May 3, starting a Liverpool yacht club. May 8, Brent & I
 hike to Long Lake and fish the brook at its \$\$\$\$ head, return to camp by way of
 Kempton Brook, thus circling Eagle Lake. May 12, bush fire at head of Eagle Lake
 started by young Indians. May 18, Will Bird lectures on Flanders battlefields.
 May 29, fishing at Broad River. June 15, suit of Capt. Myhre against Seven Seas
 Fisheries Co. June 16, I meet Jack Lynch again. July 1, prize fight on ball
 grounds, T. Warrington vs Jack McKenna. July 17, the Norse long-ship "Roald
 Amundsen". July 30, Smith & Parker building camp at Eagle Lake. Aug. 2, Legion
 convention banquet at White Point. Aug. 18, scandal re King Fissure Mine.
 Aug. 19, doldrums in the rum-running trade; the "Eleutherian". Aug. 24, Legion
 picnic at Greenfield. Aug. 31, eclipse of the sun. Sep. 4, Jim Ottley builds a
 plane at home, and it flies. Sep. 7, Ross Byrne's wedding. Sep. 13, Edith & I
 sail for Bermuda. Oct. 20, results of Jones' "business" trip to London & Paris.
 Oct. 25, King Fissure mine, and Frank Kempton's mine. Nov. 20, hunting arrowheads
 at Indian Gardens. Dec. 1, amateur theatricals, "Three Live Ghosts", at Mill
 Village on Dec. 8, and Eagle Head Dec. 9. Dec. 18, we hear the "Marklands" siren
 at Eagle Lake. Dec. 21, the madman at Eight Mile House.

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Jan. 7, Jones gives a big party at Masonic Hall. Jan. 26, Leander D'Entremont.
 Jan. 26, I buy a piano. Jan. 27, big storm, "Markland" caught at Brooklyn wharf.
 Feb. 13, President Hoover's valedictory address. Feb. 15, Bank crisis in Michigan.
 Feb. 17, Rawding says only 100 geese at Port Joli, due to eel grass failure.
 Feb. 18, the contract bridge craze. Feb. 20, Barnjum died in Paris. Feb. 21, the
 Port Medway bandits. March 1, bank panic spreads over U.S. Mar. 4, Roosevelt
 inaugurated, while banks close everywhere. Mar. 7, dealing in U.S. exchange futures.
 Mar. 18, the affair of "Lieut-Col" Girard, also Apr. 8, 10. Apr. 10, I weigh 175.
 Apr. 11, Geo. Bernard Shaw speaks in New York. Apr. 21, the old barking plant at
 Rapid Falls burned tonight. Apr. 27, I meet old Geo. Mullan, "Occasional", a
 contemporary of Joe Howe. May 13, Cobb memorial, and 15th, 23rd, and June 30th,
 July 1st. July 4, burying a war veteran at Charleston. July 8 & 9, visiting
 Frances Henshaw at Deep Brook. July 15, Dalhousie tennis team visits L'Pool;
set between Peter Aitken and Hugh McClellan. July 28, provincial election campaign,
 dirty work of the Tories. Aug. 8, Dr. Henniger committed suicide. Aug. 12, a
 week-end cruise in "Awenishe". Aug. 22, election day & its results. Aug. 31,
 I meet Mike Mokone and Chief Paul. Sep. 4 I see Colleen Moore. Sep. 17, we cross
 No. 3 pond in a punt in a hurricane. Sep. 20, Jones gives war veterans a barbecue
 at White Point Beach.

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Frank Hobb
 who was with Henniger
 died in Vancouver
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Sep. 25, paying off the European crew of "Rover". Oct. 10, I buy my first car, a Ford. Oct. 23, Shirley Eisner drowned while duck hunting. Oct 24, Jones' corset. Oct. 29, Smith and Douglas lost at Eagle Lake. Nov. 5, a meal at Hilltop Inn. Nov. 9, Peter Aitken's farewell party. Nov. 11, W.G. Ernst makes a poor speech at Legion dinner. Nov. 17, I lend money to Dan McKey of the King Fissure mine. Dec. 1, financial conditions in N.S. Dec. 13, I direct a play, in Brooklyn. Dec. 15, Tom Hayhurst killed in Philadelphia. Dec. 20, a lively pay-off of lumberjacks at Caledonia. Christmas Day, at Hfx I see the Wolverines play Abeigweits. Dec. 26, a lively train trip to L'pool with Mac Hall and Nicky Nichols etc.

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Jan. 3, Doc Ford misinforms Miss Mullins that she is dying, & she bids me farewell. Jan. 9, shipping a cargo to Australia; how capt^{ains} make money. Jan. 15, McWilliam, J.A., died in a Hfx. hotel. Jan. 19 We bury McWilliam in a snowstorm. Jan. 25, I meet Grace McLeod Rogers. Feb. 10, wild duck in L'Pool harbor. Feb. 12, King Fissure Mine. Feb. 24; Jones throws a party. Mar. 23, King Fissure Mine. Apr. 2, I hear Dr. Moore of King's speak to Kiwanis. Apr. 2, I begin inoculations against hay fever. Apr. 9, a Mersey camp cook drowned while trapping beaver. May 2, Mersey finances. May 6, Indian petroglyphs at Molega Lake. May 19, an Indian shoots minnows for fish bait. May 20, visit to the treasure-seekers on Oak Island. June 2, Jones drunk and amusing; Edith & I go to Kentville for the apple carnival. June 17, I re-visit Camperdown. June 29, I move into Corkum's house on Park Street. July 11, the old pulp mill at Rapid Falls burned. July 15, we dig a well at Eagle Lake, and (July 29) build a privy. Aug. 1, T. Morris Longstreth. Aug. 7, Ramsay McDonald left Sydney after a holiday in Nova Scotia. Aug. 8, tuna fishing progresses at L'pool. Aug. 15, Legion picnic at the Gates farm, Lake Harlow. Sep. 10, Mersey pumping water from 7 Mile Lake into Herring Cove brook. *9 Sep 25* Sep. 20, International yacht races at Newport, Sopwith's "Endeavour" vs "Rainbow." Sep. 21, Linbergh kidnapping case solved with arrest of Hauptmann. Sep. 22, camping at Mullins Meadow with Ike Smart et al. Sep. 29, camping at Coade's Brook. Oct. 7, mushrooms at Western Head. Oct. 8, Gordon et al^h have success in calling and photographing moose, and Smith and Smart see bears. Oct. 13, I drive to Hfx with Terence, and pay a call on Morris Longstreth; also 14th. Nov. 22, Tommy born. Dec. 14, big rum-smuggling case involves Herb Tarr amongst others. Dec. 4 (recorded following Dec. 15th) Wackay repays my loan. Dec. 20, construction of yeast factory commenced at Brooklyn. Dec. 23, distribution of toys to poor children at L'pool. Dec. 25, description of the B.B.C. world-wide broadcast. Feb. 13, the inside story of the "Baralong Case". Apr. 22, Yeast factory commences operations. May 4, 6, 7, & 8, celebrating King George's Jubilee. May 6, Jones wangles a medal. May 11, fishing at Shelburne River. May 16, L'balaster fired. May 18, fishing at Broad River. May 28, bush fire burns west side of river incl. little C. of E. chapel above Cowies. June 1, a night at Lowe's Landing, and fishing at Pescawess~~##~~ Brook. June 8, Geo. Beck shows me a "heap of clam shells" which proves to be an Indian kitchen-midden -- at Port Joli. June 9, a visit to the Kejumkujik Rod and Gun Club, and the Indian picture rock. June 16, old Frank Gerard at "Poolachree", Mill Village, and a fine dinner at Blue Ledge Inn, Petite Riviere. July 14, a day on the kitchen-middens at Port Joli. July 18, the "Mary Kemp", Mfld, schooner, in L'pool. July 28, another day at Port Joli middens. Aug. 3, middens at Port L'Hebert. Aug. 12, I speak to the Kiwanis Club, Hfx, Premier MacDonald has a talk with me. Aug. 17, middens at Port L'Hebert. Aug. 18, I rescue Marie from Port L'Hebert harbor. Aug. 25, midden at Port L'Hebert. Oct. 3, Italians invade Ethiopia, Tom Hatchford's comment. Oct. 14, Dominion election Liberals returned. (Opposite Oct. 14 entry, a clipping re Killam's electrical investments in N.S.) Nov. 23, I offer to buy the Corkum house. Dec. 4, the King gov't, through LePointe, repudiates Dr. Riddell's motion at Geneva for sanctions against Italy. Dec. 11, I buy the Corkum house. Dec. 13, I buy an electric stove. Dec. 21, Henry White and the Martin menage. Dec. 25, cocktail party at Jones house.

Dec. 29 - Tommy walked for the first time.

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1936 Jan. 11, the old shooting range at Wildcat. Jan. 20, King George died. Jan. 22, copy of War Risks Clause in Mersey bills of lading. Jan. 28, King George's funeral. Feb. 2, skis vs. snowshoes at Eagle Lake, and a hard trip home in a blizzard. Feb. 22, visitation of saw-whet owls due to hard weather. Hitler demands that Germany's former colonies be returned. Admiralty admits British fleet forced to move from Malta to Alexandria for fear of Italian air attack. March 1, moose ticks. March 9, Germans march into Rhineland "de-militarized zone". Rumor of a secret alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan. March 15, I climb a tree after a wildcat. March 28, I think I must give up writing or leave Mersey Paper Co. I now weigh 183 lbs in my clothes. April 5, our first exploration of the "blue hill" at Long Lake. April 9, L'pool taxpayers vote down proposal for new high school. Apr. 18, I began to break up the rough land back of my house. Apr. 19, fishing at Broad River, I meet Hugh Bell, and hear a radio account of the Moose River mine disaster. Apr. 22, 3 men trapped in Moose River mine rescued. Apr. 23, I make a profit on Mersey bonds. May 2, fishing at Shelburne River. May 5, Italians enter Addis Adaba. May 24, progress on my house grounds. June 7, Dennis Westhaver's house "burns". June 15, a close shave on the Brooklyn road. June 21, Britain backs down on sanctions against Italy. June 27, my grounds completed. July 5, the new asphalt highway is complete to County Line. July 30, I instal a sun-dial. Aug. 6, Frances born. July 30, I write the Herald on the matter of patriotism, in reply to certain "Letters to the Editor". Aug. 14, Reginald Rupert, alias Cephas. Aug. 23, tuna fishing with S. Kip Farrington. Sep. 21, camping at Coad's Brook, Sixth Lake, etc. Oct. 9, Canadian destroyers Saguenay and Champlain call at Liverpool. Oct. 23, 24, 29, Cephas again. Oct. 31, a Hallow'en party at Greenfield. Nov. 28, I buy a Chevrolet car. Dec. 2 civil war in Spain raging merrily; King Edward's relations with Mrs. Simpson a public scandal. Dec. 7, Edward asks parliament to permit a morganatic marriage with Mrs. Simpson. Dec. 10 Edward abdicates. Dec. 11 Edward broadcasts his farewell message. Dec. 12 Edward leaves Britain. Dec. 18, quips about Edward and Simpson. Dec. 31, nottted starlings wintering hereabouts for the first time.

1937 Jan. 9, Italian and German troops fighting in Spain. Jan 28, Mersy arranges to cruise Macleod lands; comment on cruisers' figures re Clyde-Sissiboo. Jan. 31, at Eagle Lake, ice noisy with frost pressure, we discover the much-sought "Lost Rock." Feb. 14, Parker & I walk from Milton to Eagle Lake through woods. Feb. 21, Charlotte Lake. Mar. 7 We explore up the east branch Broad River as far as Moose Meadow. Apr. 25, we hike from Long Lake to Broad River and fish there. Apr 27 & 28, wonderful northern lights, and severe "magnetic storm", damage to telegraphs. Mr. Frank Gerrard, Mill Village, died at Hfx. May 5, the old pulp mill at Cowies Falls burned. Mersey has bought Macleod properties. High prices for junk ~~##~~ due to world armament. May 6, I receive and plant 52 shrubs. May 7, German dirigible "Hindenburg" destroyed by fire at Lakehurst, N.J. May 22, A fishing trip up the lakes, tent nearly destroyed by bush fire. May 29, to Hfx in 3 hours; parts of ~~the~~ road still under construction. June 3, Killam acquires Price Bros, and Jones becomes President. Jones and wife are in England to see Coronation. June 10, Angus MacDonald speaks at L'pool. June 13, fishing at Cook's Meadow; cattle scratch my car. July 1, provincial election held June 29th, Byrne defeated in Queens, but elsewhere Liberals win. July 3, gold mine shares. July 4, I explore Massacre Island. July 11, Catharine's River and Kenney's lodge. July 21, Halifax looks prosperous. Contrast between repairs to Martello Tower and neglect of Hfx forts. Aug. 12, I meet Kenneth Leslie. Aug. 24, I meet W. J. ~~Wintemberg~~ Wintemberg. Aug. 29, we explore the Indian fish-weir sites at Big Falls. Aug. 30, I inform Mersey that I intend to leave their employ in the spring. Sep. 9, war rages in Spain, Japan has seized Peiping and attacking Shanghai. Sep. 11, amateur boxes training in an old fish shed. Sep. 14, the Big Storm. Sep. 19, Jean Dunlap

1937 married today. Sep 19 & 20, 21, 22 to 25th, camping at Coade's Lake. Sep.23, new extension to Brooklyn breakwater again swept away, also breakwater at Western Head. Oct.3, hauling out Hector's boat, I get a ducking. Oct.6 "Jean de Vaudreuil" the fake Belgian war veteran; I hear Dr. Coady speak at Saelburne on the Antigonish Movement. Oct.7, Barney Mosher's yarn of the dynamite exploded by lightning on his road job. Oct.29 M. Jones gets caught in a bit of smart dealing. Nov.2, Babe Ruth in L'pool. Nov.10, Armistice dinner at the Maple Leaf Hotel. Nov.12, George Blackwood quotes John Buchan's enquiry about me. Dec.4, a visit to Broad Cove, old Dutch churn, spinning wheels, loom etc.

1938 Charlie Woelfel & Janie Kennedy badly injured in car wreck(Jan.12)
Jan.13, searching for lost boy at Broad River. Jan.16, George's Lake.
Jan.18, auditing the books of Trinity Church. Jan.30, Dickie's survey crew at Kempton Lake. Feb.2, I undertake weekly talks to Boy Scouts. Feb.4, queer deals in newspaper, and Feb.15. Feb.17, I address the Milton Parent-Teacher Association on "The Significance of History Today". Feb.21, Chamberlain makes new concessions to Italy, Eden calls it "blackmail" and resigns. Mar.11, Hitler seizes Austria. Mar.12, letter from Tweedsmuir; Smith & I ~~with~~ Parker walk from Milton to Eagle Lake. Mar.14, I speak to United Church Brotherhood. Mar.16, Mussolini talks of the "Rome-Berlin axis" and "twenty million bayonets". Mar.21, I address the Kiwanis Club. Mar.21, purge in progress in Russia. Apl.1 I introduce Sam Campbell to my job at Mersey. Apl.2, Haley commences work on my den. Apl.20, paper mill finances: I hear John Blackmore speak on Social Credit. Apl.30, I leave Mersey employ. June2, Mersey gives me a testimonial dinner at the Lodge. June9, a drive to Bridgetown, Annapolis, a picnic with the Carl Freemans. June 14, I am foreman of a jury on a manslaughter case. June 18, the merry lawyers. June 20, I commence a novel, "The Unfailing Seed". July 14, Howard Hughes & 3 companions land in New York after a flight round the northern hemisphere in less than 4 days. July 15, Frances scalds herself badly. Aug.20, Japs driving on Hankow; clash with Russians on Manchurian border; tuna tournament at L'pool. Aug.24, tuna fishing with Ross Byrne & Bill O'Riley. Aug.25, tuna fishing with B. Smith & Geo.Walker. Aug.26, Acadia University Centennial, & Edith's class re-union; I view Grand Pre. Aug.28, midden-digging at Port Joli, with Geo.Walker & Gail Darling; anecdote of Manuel Quezon, Philippine president. Sep.2, I attend provincial exhibition at Halifax. Sep.8, I see L'pool ball team win provincial championship for the first time. Sep. ~~14~~ 14, Legion banquet at Lunenburg, the Germans in Hotel Ich Dien, incident of the German cruiser "Schliesen"s visit; Hon.C.D.Howe there. Sep.16, Jones throws a masquerade party at White Point. Sep.17, a stormy camping trip at Coade's Lake. Sep.26, Hitler demands Sudeten part of Czecho-Slovakia; turmoil in Europe. Sep.28 Chamberlain et al go to Munich; anecdote of the old lumber camp (Hunt's) on Silver Lake. Sep.29, Chamberlain & Daladier sign the infamous Munich agreement. Oct.15, closed season on moose for first time in many years. Oct.17, beavers have built a dam between Eagle & Long lakes. Oct.18, Gordon sees courtship dance of porcupine. Nov.3, visit to Katrinka at Eagle Head. October (entered after Nov.3), last schooner races, "Bluenose" vs "Thebaud", wrangles, the cup disappears, and re-appears. Nov.1 (entered after the above), Orson Welles scares the U.S. with his Martian broadcast. Nov.10, Legion banquet at Greenfield, mock trial of Hugh Dunlap. Nov.11, I address congregation at Port Mouton. Nov.17, highway between Gold River & Hubbards still unpaved. Nov.18, I am offered a gov't job. Dec.23, I drive to Hfx; for the first time the Highway Board has arranged to keep main roads open all winter, snow fences erected, snow ploughs & tractors, etc. Dec.26, winter relief gangs repairing Citadel; "Poor Pat's" grave, the potter's field on Bayer's Road. Feb.12, finished "Unfailing Seed", sent it to Blackwood. March 2, more turmoil in Europe, and China; Roosevelt speaks a warning, Mackenzie King is grave; prophecies of German plans.(and Mar.19) Mar.26, Hitler takes Memel; more turmoil; Can. Legion asks members to volunteer for service in emergency. Mar.27, Blackwood returns "Unfailing Seed".
Apl.5, Queens Co. veterans meet & register for national service.

1939 Apl.16, ⁴wilcat eat a deer near Eagle Lake. Apl.21, fishing at Tom Ratchford's camp, Haley Lake. May 10, description of a sword-cane bought by Cecil Day. May 15, King & Queen arrive in Quebec for their tour of Canada. May 20, fishing trip to West Brook, Bill Dauphinee nearly drowns us. June 13, cruisers "Glasgow" & "Southampton" at Hfx, my cousin aboard "Southampton". June 14, we visit the "Southampton". June 15, we see the King & Queen; anecdote of Robert Irwin, the lieut-governor, visiting "Southampton". June 22, a visit to the White home in Shelburne; copy of a pass signed by Nelson; broom growing along the road from Shelburne to Jordan Falls. July 5, the Early poisoning trial. July 6, Imperial Airways commence a trans-Atlantic service via Shediac. Aug.20, picnic at Carters Beach; Col. F.S.L.Ford there, his reminiscences; and Aug.21st. Aug.25, Russia & Germany announced non-aggression pact; European crisis over Hitler's demands on Poland. Aug.28, Admiralty takes over British merchant marine. Canadian army planes fly from Ontario to Hfx via Maine; picnic at Summerville; Charlie Williams says his ship to be armed; triumphant return of L'pool ball team from Yarmouth. Sep.1, Germans invade Poland; we hear the voice of Warsaw. Sep.3, Britain at war with Germany; "Athenia" torpedoed. Sep.4, Mersey paints plant windows black, guards stationed at power developments and at Herring Cove Brook. Sep.5, recruiting for West N.S. Reg't. Sep.6, Terence Freeman & Bill Braine leave for Hfx to enlist. Sep.8, more Mersey "sabotage" jitters. Sep.9, we have a "last" week-end together at Eagle Lake; description of guards at power plants and gate. Sep.10, Canada declares war on Germany. Sep.15 rush to buy sugar etc, prices rise. Sep.16, Marion Tupper's wedding; Eugene Ford a soldier; local boys drill at Bridgewater. Sep.17, a queer thunder and hailstorm at Carters Beach. Sep.19, we hear the voice of Hitler. Sep.20, the episode of Finch-Noyes, the "spy" found near L'pool. Sep.24 Gordon shoots a turtle at Kempton Lake; we find a deer carcass, betrayed by ravens, and notify game warden; "Markland's" adventures; has no guns yet. Sep.25, I address a mass meeting of women in the new high school, organizing for war work. Sep.27, appearance of local army recruits. Sep.28, Hfx big shots buy yachts and sell them to gov't. Oct.1, we hear the voice of Churchill. Oct.5, crop of noisy weddings. Oct.7, more about guards on the river road. Oct.8, we carry a canoe from Long Lake to Kempton Lake and explore. Oct.9, deer hunting; Hector & I refused to shoot a spike-horn deer -- Gordon shoots it. Oct.11 local Red Cross organised, I am treasurer. Oct.21 et seq., a rainy week hunting at Eagle Lake; Hector's mishap with the horseshoe. Nov.2, West N.S. Reg't. ~~###~~ short of equipment of all kinds, quartered in B'water Exhibition buildings; Col.Bullock buys civilian boots and shoes for his men. Nov.6, letter from Goch announces sale of stories to Maclean's without my consent. Nov.11, I exchange letters with Napier Moore. Nov.14, first Red Cross drive raises \$2700; Terence leaves Hfx for Valcartier with R.C.R. Nov.19, Tommy and Frances, their vocabularies. Nov.25, Bridgewater, christmas trees and soldiers in the exhibition grounds. Nov.30, Russians invade Finland. Dec.1 West N.S. Reg't leaves B'water for Aldershot. Dec.3, hunting arrowheads at Indian Gardens, I find a jack-knife. Dec.13 "Von Spee" driven into Montevideo by "Ajax" at al. Dec.17, end of "Spee". Dec.18, at Hfx we see Terence off for England; some troops wearing civilian shoes. Dec.25, Hfx at Christmas, home guards.

1940 Jan.20, Eagle Lake, guard on power dam; Parker plays a ghost on the ice. Jan.27, Legion meeting at Lunenburg to raise funds for overseas services. Feb.5, coasting with the kids on Graveyard Hill; Mersey buys a steamer and registers her in Panama; ~~###~~ McK.King dismisses parliament and calls an election. Feb.11, Tweedsmuir die. Feb. 12, radio mystery--"A for apples"; Mersey mill still blacked-out, also house and street lights at Fort Point; smaller guard on power developments. Feb.13, cars are driving in to Little Tobecait over Mersey log roads. Feb.24, a wonderful "silver thaw"; the Polish contractor, Curewicz, logging at Broad River; night sky, rare combination of Venus, ~~Jupiter~~, Mars, Saturn & Jupiter. Feb.28, "Town Crier" appears for first time; has a story of *mine*.

Mar.13, Finland surrenders to Russia; Canadian election campaign; Mersey's "new" steamer Vineland & her Panamanian registry. Mar.17, R.C.M.P. seize smuggled alcohol near Lunenburg. Mar.23, wartime morals in Hfx, the whores in white goloshes. Mar.25, the candidate in Queens-Lunenburg; northern lights, magnetic storms; the stature of Tommy & Frances. Mar.26, the election results; C.C.F. man in Q-L got 458 votes. Apl.3, Lascars on Main Street. Apl.8 & 9, Germans invade Denmark & Norway. Apl.15, I am busy as Red Cross treasurer, & directing publicity re Y.M.C.A. campaign. Apl.21, Bob Gascogne tells me how Hfx anti-submarine net was installed. Apl.27 my mother sells her Hfx house for \$3000; Norwegian ships in Bedford Basin. Apl.29, Lawyer Tom Coffin and the German Lashkow. Apl.30, I help mother move to apt. on Pepperell St. May 1, mother gives me framed pen-and-wash drawings and cloisonne ware, books, and Dad's field glasses. Zwicker offers \$25 or \$30 for one of the drawings. May 10, Germans attack Belgium, Holland and France; Chamberlain resigns, Churchill succeeds him. May 11, reduced guard on power developments. May 12, Indians fishing at Eagle Brook. May 14, movie "Gone With The Wind" at L'pool, great crowds. May 18, fishing at Shelburne River; description of Camp One & its inhabitants, and May 19. May 20, loggers spoil our fishing at Tow Bridge with their boat; loggers flocking in to camps. May 24, Germans reach Boulogne. May 28, Belgians surrender; British trapped near Dunkirk; Ironside replaces Dill; Dill's famous comment on German army. May 30, shipyard at Dayspring, repairing the "Maid of France"; I read a paper on Tarleton's Legion to Q.C. Historical Society June3, the gov't fisheries experimental boat "Zoarces, Capt. Calder. June 4, Churchill announces army's escape from Dunkirk. June 10, we drive along the Valley; black news; we inspect the "Champlain habitation" at Granville; Norman Rogers killed in plane crash. June 14, Paris lost, French cling to Maginot Line; my applications for war service. June 16, drive to Bear River and along the French Shore. June 17, French ask for armistice, Churchill says Britain will fight on; I visit Richard Patterson's farm; his old German machine guns. June 18, we hear Churchill make a great speech over the radio-- "This was their finest hour". June 21, Athlone arrives in Canada as new governor-general; recruiting at L'pool, officer chooses 6 out of 200. June 23, we hike from Long Lake to Broad River and fish on Branch Brook; bird nests in Long Lake. July 4, a Hfx artilleryman says French warships fired on when they attempt to leave harbor; French ships seized at Alexandria, sunk at Oran. July 7, American planes being flown to Hfx & shipped to Britain aboard aircraft carriers. July 27 et seq. motor trip to Cape Breton. July 31, Legion asked to organise a coastal watch; comment on air and naval patrols. Ralph Freeman enlists. Recruiting for Reserve units; queer appointments; Gavin Creed. Allie Wright painted my house. Aug.19, British abandon Somaliland; German aircraft strike hard at Britain; registration day in L'pool. Sep.1, Japan says she must have French Indo-China; air patrols on South Shore; registering firearms in N.S.; I address a Red Cross meeting at Hunts Point. Sep.3, tuna season a failure at L'pool. Sep.12, Reserve recruits drill at L'pool; I visit Shelburne. Sep.15, a drive along the Valley; Aldershot; new race track at Bridgewater. Sep.16, terrific storm, dredge wrecked in harbor, damage to park, and Sep.17 and 18 and # 20. Sep. 20, I have a physical check-up. Sep.23, a Red Cross minstrel show in L'pool. Sep.24, Red Cross drive -- \$5000 this time. ~~#####~~ Sep.27, DeGaulle repulsed at Dakar. Sep.28, I speak at a Red Cross concert in Greenfield, supper at Link Hunt's. Oct.4, visit to Burke's grave and the site of his house at South Brookfield; the B'water Exhibition; dinner at Petite Riviere. Oct.8, crow-shooting on Coffin's Island. Oct.13, visit to Sable River and Little Port L'Hebert. Oct.16, I see a convoy sail from Hfx; old Point Pleasant Battery, et Oct.27, I shoot a buck at Eagle Lake. Oct.28, a visit from Alice Lamont Smith; Mussolini invades Greece; M. Jones calls A.R.P. organisation meeting. Nov.5, Pres. Roosevelt re-elected for a third term. Nov.7, at Hfx, gossip of a young airman; I address an Armistice Day service at Mahone Bay. Nov.21, Norwegian whalers arrive at L'pool for refitting as warcraft. Nov.23, R. Freeman disappeared. Nov.24, notified RCMP re Ralph. Nov.25, found Ralph's body in river.

1940 Nov. 27, Ralph's funeral. Dec. 7, highway bridge at Gold River destroyed. Dec. 8, Norwegians at L'pool, fatal boat accident; Tommy has chicken pox. Dec. 10, 13, British defeat Italians in Libya. Dec. 18, More about Curewicz, the pole logging at Broad River; his comments on the German-Russian relations. Dec. 24, outside Christmas lights; Norwegian navy men at L'pool. Dec. 25, I visit the guard at Herring Cove dam.

1941 Jan. 5, I resign as treasurer of the Red Cross. Jan. 8, Norwegian ships refitting at Thompson's, Mersey begins refitting Canadian naval craft. Jan. 10, I broadcast over the national network from Hfx; and I meet Commander Gow & wife, Gow wants me on his staff. Jan. 23, having obtained the form, I apply to Ottawa for naval service. Feb. 2, an evening with Trosby, Norwegian whaler; a letter from Naval Secretary, Ottawa, states my name is on Naval Volunteers List. Feb. 9, in Quebec, Cardinal Villeneuve calls on French-Canadians to "unite and sacrifice for victory!" Feb. 11 children parade in L'pool re War Savings Stamps, Tommy wins a prize. Feb. 12, Crown Prince and Princess of Norway visit L'pool. Feb. 13, a lunar rainbow. Feb. 15 I get Courtney Allen's painting of "Sarker" after paying \$4.53 duty etc. Feb. 19 Japs begin "peaceful penetration" of Thailand; British begin to reinforce Singapore. Mar. 2, Germans march into Bulgaria. Mar. 3, Bert Kenney retires as L'pool postmaster, many seek the job. Mar. 6, Edith's uncle ~~####~~ Ralph Parker Freeman died in Toronto. Mar. 16, a visit to the Clem Crowells at Lockeport. Mar. 17, I send money for Uncle Ralph's funeral; Marshall Saunders provides the burial lot. Mar. 20, British ~~#####~~ retake Somaliland; Wavell sends part of desert army to Greece. Mar. 24, I spend a week in Hfx, find it busy with war. Apl. 5, ice rotten on Eagle Lake, saw a duck dive, come up under ice, & break through. Apl. 6, German troops attack Jugoslavia and Greece; Germans appear in force in Libya and drive British back, capturing 3 generals. Apl. 15, National War Service campaign for funds, I was on publicity committee; A.R.P. organised in L'pool, I become Sup't of Operations; Tommy & Frances in junior theatricals. Apl. 24, in Hfx I see a fire at Melville Island prison, learn that my old ship Mackay-Bennett has been sunk. Apl. 22, Jugoslavia over-run by Germans; U.S. establishes air stations in Greenland; "Markland" taken over by Admiralty; Kenneth Roberts urges me to write a book, also Tom Costain. Apl. 25, 26, in Hfx I help Mother move to a new flat on Chebucto Road. Apl. 28, Germans enter Athens, British army retiring from Greece under terrific pressure. Apl. 30, Churchill announces British troops evacuated from Greece, after rearguard overwhelmed at Thermopylae. May 1, notice in L'pool police station re Werner Horn, spy. May 3, fishing at Kejumkujik River, and May 4. May 8, I receive more local jobs. May 12, news of Rudolph Hess landing in Britain from the air; terrific air attacks on London & other British ports; Canada begins its first real recruiting campaign; the last of the Norwegian ships are now completing refit at L'pool. May 13, Victory Loan campaign in Queens. May 20, Germans attack British forces in Crete; I am appointed a School Commissioner for Queens. May 21, Romkey asks me to help recruit troops in Queens. May 24, British warship "Hood" sunk by "Bismarck". May 27, "Bismarck" sunk in Atlantic. May 29, I spend a day at Shelburne; recruiting in Queens. June 1, news of British evacuation of Crete; My activities re Victory Loan. June 4, Victory loan affairs in Queens; High school cadet corps begun in L'pool. June 7, in connection with recruiting, the band of the Canadian Grenadier Guards gives a concert in L'pool; Charlie Holden. June 8, Victory Loan parade in L'pool, followed by large public meeting in Town Hall; Mayor More speaks to mayor of L'pool, England, by trans-Atlantic radio. June 9, I see the big Victory Loan parade at Hfx. June 10, school visiting in Shelburne County with Clem Crowell. June 11, Legion affairs, and the present recruiting campaign. June 12, high school cadets parade for first time. Victory Loan figures for Queens. June 13, first U.S. merchantman sunk by German submarine. June 16, I go to Hfx for research re novel. June 20, the N.S. Archives; opinion of Harvey; I call on W.R. MacAskill at York Redoubt; French-Canadian soldiers in garrison. June 21, I get a ~~#####~~ photo taken by Meyers for the Toronto Star.

1941 June 22, we learn that German & Rumanian troops invaded Russia on a wide front yesterday. Hitler makes a bombastic broadcast. Churchill says he repeatedly warned Russia of her danger. Queens County Victory Loan figures, June 24th.
June 25, rumors of gasoline rationing. State of grocery supplies, cars etc.
June 28, detachment of St. John Fusiliers in L'pool re recruiting campaign; armed with Ross rifles. July 2, Churchill sends Wavell to India. Storm in a tea-cup at Trinity Church; Bishop Hackenley. July 5, Double-day Doran approve my outline for novel, offer contract and advance. July 7 et seq, in Hfx re novel. War tales by young seamen. July 8, U.S. troops arrive in Iceland, take over from British. July 12-24, I journey to P.E.I. July 30, Foundation Co. building scows at Shipyard Point. Thompsons have finished Norwegian ships, now await Canadian naval craft. Reserve battalion W.N.S.R. has a recruiting station in the old Congregational church. A cage on the Town Hall lawn for collecting aluminium. The "V for Victory" craze spreading -- a big V to be set up on Town Hall. Restrictions on sale of gasoline. Telfer Crowe plant burned at Bridgewater on July 29th. July 30 (cont'd) Smoke pall over town from forest fires in Gaspe. Schooner "Marjorie Parker" cast away at White Point Beach.
Aug. 1, Vichy-French surrender Indo-China to Japs, and Jap troops move in. In reprisal, U.S., Britain and Netherlands cease all trade with Japan. Russians, driven back on Leningrad, Moscow, Kieff, are fighting bitter defensive battles. 3rd. Canadian Div'n. arrived in England. Reserve recruits drill in Congregational church. Aug. 4, trade ban with Japan causes rush of women to buy silk stockings. Aug. 5, Fins join Germans in drive against Leningrad. Ethiopia, Eritrea, entirely in British hands. So is Syria, after sharp fighting with Vichy-French.
Aug. 11, I broadcast over national network from Hfx. Aug. 12, Tommy's grand ten days in Hfx. Belief that Russia will be conquered before next winter.
Aug. 13, quaint interview with Elizabeth Long of C.B.G., at Petite Riviere; also Roy Smith. Aug. 14, Churchill, Roosevelt meet at sea off Newfoundland and frame Atlantic Charter; extensive works at Shelburne, now underway, believed to be for U.S. Navy. Aug. 15, ~~rumor~~ rumor of new marine slip for L'pool; scows building at Shipyard Point; work slow-down in Cape Breton mines. Aug. 17, no tuna fishing at L'pool this year; no word from Ottawa re my application for naval service.
Aug. 20, McK. King flew to Britain yesterday. Record tourist business in Nova Scotia. Aug. 23, McGorry becomes L'pool postmaster. McK. King addressed Canadian troops in Britain and was boo'd. Aug. 24, size of booms towed over Rossignol; Churchill says Britain will join in war with U.S. against Japan if war comes; "A for apples".
and Sep 1 -> Aug. 25, plane crash on first Beech Hill, fliers killed. Aug. 28, end of a loan-shark business in L'pool. and Aug. 29. Aug. 29, "Windflower" arrives for refit.
Sep. 4, McK. King speaks; my opinion of him as a speaker; downsing rod used at Greenfield. Sep. 5, ~~arrangements~~ A.R.P. arrangements inspected at L'pool. Sep. 8, Canadian troops at Spitzbergen. Sep. 9, first complete scow launched at Shipyard Point. Sep. 17, description of scow-building at L'pool. Sep. 19, I buy a Fox shotgun from Aulenbach; estimated wartime population of Hfx; L'pool ball team wins N.S. league for another year. Sep. 26, gasoline shortage in N.S.; rubble from bombed Bristol carried as ballast to New York. Sep. 28, I inspect "Windflower". Sep. 30, airmen at Hfx refuse to sail in unsuitable transport. Oct. 4, I call up a moose. Oct. 9, trial of Colp for murder at Western Head; Cameron vs Madden in Queens election; taking the census. Oct. 12, Tommy's first hike in the woods. Oct. 16, I meet Jack Frost, artist. Oct. 17, U.S. tax on authors' royalties is 27%; U.S. destroyer torpedoed off Iceland. Oct. 18, Ottawa decides to halt rising inflation and fixes all prices of commodities as of Oct. 11th. Oct. 28, Election day in N.S., MacMillan gov't returned. Oct. 30, U.S. destroyer torpedoed & sunk off Iceland; the Pentecostals at L'pool. Oct. 31, gasoline difficulties. Nov. 5, Copelin tells of "The Three Musketeers". Nov. 7, I talk to the Home & School Association at Dayspring. Nov. 10, talk of a Legion canteen, a parson disagrees; I.O.D.E. set up a clubroom for service men. Nov. 12 & 13, We take Frances to Hfx hospital for operation on her scarred chest.

1941 Nov.14, I motor to Sackville & pass 4th Division at manoeuvres; an educational conference; the Marshlands Inn. Nov.15, Sackville. Nov.16, Linteau gives the French-Canadian viewpoint; I visit Jock & Lily Wiggins at Frosty Hollow. Nov.17, I drive home via Springhill & Parrsboro; Japs have sent a special envoy, Kurusu, to Washington. Nov.18, H.M.C.S."Kings". Nov.19, Hfx in wartime; Canadian troops arrive at Hongkong. Nov.20, hospital bill for Francie's operation. Nov.21, our housekeeper Dorothy; dress rehearsal of A.R.P. in L'pool under eye of J.B.Hayes. Nov.24, 5th Can.(armored) Div. arrives in England, also the C.B. Highlanders under my old acquaintance Col.Ted Small; gasolene restrictions lifted in Canada pending a more satisfactory & equitable arrangement; clamor for conscription rising. Nov.26, LaPointe died. Nov.28, scow building at L'pool halted for winter; Thompson's begin to enlarge their plant; first black-out in L'pool. Dec.2, Australian cruiser "Sydney" vanished mysteriously in Indian Ocean; battleship "Prince of Wales" arrives at Singapore. Dec.5, scow-building resumed at L'pool; Russians attack Germans successfully for the first time since war began -- at Rostov; British defeat in Libya; Churchill asks conscription of British women between ages 18 and 30. Sunday, Dec.7, Japs attack Pearl Harbor. Dec.8, Japs invade Thailand & land on the Malay peninsula; Britain declares war on Japan. Dec.9, searching for lost Laing children at Big Falls; war panic in Boston & New York. Dec.11 Japs land in Philippines; "Repulse" & "Prince of Wales" sunk off Malaya; "WindfTower" lost. Dec.12, Japs attacking Hongkong; broadcasts by Churchill, Roosevelt, Hitler, Mussolini -- the latter declaring war on the U.S. Hungary declares war on U.S; Mexico & Cuba declare war on Germany & Italy. Dec.13, Japs have Guam; Germans withdraw in Russia "to winter quarters"; refitting naval craft at L'pool; also building scows & small naval coastal boats. Dec.17, sharp Australian comment on defeats in Malaya. Dec.21, at a Legion meeting, Major Mathieson talks about 2nd Bn. W.N.S.R, proposes to recruit a full company at L'pool. Dec.22, Hitler dismisses Von Brauchitsch; Italo-German forces retreat in Libya; Rajah of Sarawak's comment on the "old school tie fellows" in charge of Intelligence at Singapore; Churchill is in Washington. Dec.23, I meet the Rev. J.W.A.Nicholson; Japs have Wake Island. Dec.24, "bell-snickers" few; Churchill & Roosevelt broadcast from White House; Japs have HongKong; Free French naval force seizes St. Pierre et Miquelon; Washington protests. Dec.26, Churchill addresses U.S.Senate & Representatives; Japs have British North Borneo. Dec.27, grocery prices; quality of gasolene. Dec.28, I meet Rev.George Macleod & wife, he talks of RCAF embarkation camp at Hfx. Dec.29, Australia bitter over mismanagement in Malaya. Dec.30, Churchill addresses parliament at Ottawa --"Some neck ! "; appearance of town hall, L'pool; old German gun taken from Fort Point for scrap.

1942 Jan.3, "Markland" returns home after 7 months in convoys; sand provided house-holders in L'pool by A.R.P. Jan.6, I visit Geo.Brand's camp at Beech Hill; it is announced that manufacture of automobiles in Canada will cease on March 31st. Jan.7, comment on victory announcements by Chinese & Russians. Jan.12, Japs invade Dutch Borneo & Celebes. Jan.15, aboard "Markland"; U-boats appear off Canadian coast & U.S.coast. Jan.16, Duke of Connaught dead; second black-out at L'pool. Jan.9, "Cobalt", refitted, sails from L'pool. Jan.20, U-boats active off North American coast. Jan.21 comment on British military policy. Jan.24, Rev. J.W.A Nicholson et al at Eagle Lake; bald eagles killed. Jan.25, molasses for a mouse-trap; the armed yacht "Beaver". Jan.26, sugar rationing announced; McK.King announces a plebiscite on conscription; I address L'pool Kiwanis re home defence. Jan.27, Japs invading Burma, have New Britian & the Solomons. Jan.28, Churchill pays a tribute to Rommel, gives figures on Libyan campaign, on troops sent to Singapore; Australia angry; U.S.troops arrive in Ulster; De Valera protests; failure of voluntary sugar rationing; daylight saving to go into effect all over Canada as from Feb.9th. Jan.29, Cobb house burned yesterday; "Lady Hawkins" sunk; torpedoed crews on N.S.coast. Feb.1, rumor of fight with sub. off L'pool.

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Feb. 3 & 4, I inspect H.M.C. Dockyard, Hfx, & write article for Macleans.
Feb. 6, L'pool emergency hospital set up for torpedoed crew, false alarm.
Feb. 7, torpedoed crew brought into L'pool hospital; the bosun stays at my house.
Feb. 10, McK. King advocates a "No" vote in the forthcoming plebiscite by stating flatly that the voluntary system is good enough; Meigen defeated by a C.C.F. candidate in Ontario; comment on C.C.F. Feb. 13, German cruisers escape from Brest to Germany via the Channel. Feb. 14, Greek ship sunk off N.S. coast by sub. shelling.
Feb. 15 Churchill announces fall of Singapore. Feb. 17, Japs invade Sumatra; I interview School Board re fitting up semi-permanent hospital ward in high school.
Feb. 19, Clem Crowl talks of school consolidation at Caledonia; "Spikenard" sunk; trial of Blum & Daladier at Vichy; a mysterious hint re sub. activity off L'pool.
Feb. 20, "Renard" goes out and comes in, "Awenishe" goes out & picks up men in boats; I address the high school and get emergency ward set up. Feb. 21, lack of coordination between navy and civilian emergency organisation re picking up survivors of torpedoed ships; I go to Shelburne & interview S.N.O. there, with others. Feb. 24, conference with local RCMP re intelligence. Feb. 25 rumor re Norwegians at Lunenburg supplying German subs; similar idiocy about ~~French~~ French submarine "Sarcouf"; another black-out at L'pool.
Feb. 28, Eagle Lake; little black "snow-fleas". March 1, Hfx. agog over the Ajax Club affair; "Beaver" sailed at last; other corvettes in port. March 3, eclipse of moon last night; submarines active all along coast; IODE club; scow-building; dearth of house-maids in L'pool, our negress; "soap operas, a radio phenomenon; Bergen and "Charlie McCarthy". Mar. 5, Col. Good offers me a commission in his battalion. Mar. 10, car license for '42, 1 plate instead of 2. Mar. 11, lunch on board "Markland"; I meet Jeffries of "Renard"; he & Hubert MacD. comment on naval staff work; Japs have Rangoon, and Java; British prisoners murdered at Hongkong. Mar. 13, gasolene ration; Canadian casualties so far. Mar. 14, every Saturday is Salvage Day. Mar. 15, Wickwire gives me a flintlock pistol. Mar. 16, Victory Loan, Queens County figures. Mar. 16, MacArthur arrives in Australia from Manila to take over command of allied forces at Australia's request. Mar. 18, ~~U.S.~~ U.S. claim great air victory over ~~Jap~~ Jap convoy, bells rung in Boston; scow-building at L'pool; gasolene ration books. Mar. 22 tart relations between Churchill and Australia's Curtin. Mar. 25 stature of my kids; crime wave in Hfx. Mar. 29, Canada to mobilise 3 more divisions (6th 7th 8th) for "home defence". Apl. 1, air station being constructed at Happy Landing; steel helmets arrive for A.R.P.; gas ration tickets go into effect today. Apl. 3, survivors of torpedoed ship brought into L'pool. Apl. 4, at emergency hospital; I yarn with Jeffries of "Renard", also "Windy" Windeyer, & they comment on naval staff work. Apl. 5, emergency hospital. Apl. 6, shipping our patients to Hfx. Apl. 6, Canada's forces in Britain to be an army, & MacNaughton sets up army H.Q. Apl. 8, lunch aboard "Renard"; Jeffries has tea with us. Apl. 9, U.S. troops on Bataan overwhelmed at last. Apl. 10, naval craft at Thompson's; scow-building finished at L'pool; E.C. Mills house burned at Milton (the old Snow Parker Freeman house); new receptacle on post office lawn for salvage; Dr. "Port" Freeman died. Apl. 12, ~~see~~ aboard "Renard". Jeffries has tea with us, history of "Renard". Apl. 17, Can. Navy now under direction of OPNAV, U.S.N.; scow yard dismantled. Apl. 20, I talk to Kiwanis Club, Hfx; Connolly offers me a gov't job; naval proving ground in St. Margaret's Bay; munition ship sunk in Hfx harbor. Apl. 22, farewell party on "Renard"; we get an air raid alert; M. Jones hoaxed in emergency order to navy. Apl. 23, tombstone for Ralph Freeman's grave. Apl. 25, Tokio bombed for first time; Jerrald Wright wins D.F.C.; Mersey steamer "Vineland" torpedoed in West Indies. Apl. 27, finished the first writing of "His Majesty's Yankées"; I put some flooring in the attic; plebiscite on conscription; RAF station established at Yarmouth.
May 4, Japs have Mandalay. May 5, oil shortage; British land in Madagascar. May 8-10, fishing at Shelburne River. May 12, Red Cross campaign; ship torpedoed in the St. Lawrence, May 16, gasolene ration cut 60%; more ships torpedoed in

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St. Lawrence & in mouth of Mississippi; British abandon Burma; first anti-war riot in Quebec. May 19, ship torpedoed off L'pool; new marine slip under construction; demand for bicycles. May 20, Howe says no fuel oil for household heating next winter; construction of destroyers begun at Hfx. May 21, I address Home-& School Association at Milton; laboring on final copy of H.M.Y.; argument over title. May 26, I meet Col. Simpson & accept a commission in the 2nd Bn. W.N.S.R. May 27 physical exam. by Wickwire. May 30, finish H.M.Y. at last; I draw my uniform; terrific British air raid on Cologne. June 1, I get a new lawnmower; I begin to drill with W.N.S.R.; Japs subs raid Sydney, Australia; "Liverpool Packet" torpedoed off Cape Sable -- formerly named "Sonia"; the "honor system" of rationing on sugar, tea, coffee. June 3, Acadia Sugar Refinery closed down at Dartmouth; John Barrymore dead & buried. June 5, shopping for military kit at Hfx. June 6, progress on new marine slip, & on Happy Landing. June 7, Johnnie Lawson, RCAF, reported missing. June 8, learning the military trade, & 11th. June 12, massacre of Lidice. June 13, I learn of death of Geo. Blackwood. June 16, M. Jones recruiting for Engineer unit in L'pool; Japs have some of the Aleutian Islands. June 17, Col. Good in Secret letter informs us all co'ys of 2nd Bn. to be recruited up to strength at once. June 19, Queen Wilhelmina arrived in Canada, Churchill in Washington; Sid Ford wins DFC. June 21, Rommel storms Tobruk, heavy British loss; Jap sub shells B.C. coast. June 23, Clem Crowell commands Lockport unit W.N.S.R.; squabbles over rival reserve units in L'pool; effect of war on L'pool morals. June 24, compulsory saving for Canada, & more income tax. June 26, a last walk with Rev. J.W.A. Nicholson, who leaves Monday; rumors of big war establishments at Yarmouth, Shelburne; Rommel in Egypt. June 27, Tommy wins a school prize. June 29, sugar ration cards; corvettes in port; devices painted on their gun-shields; I go for a sail in Doug. Inness' yacht "Cygnets"; U.S. police capture 8 saboteurs landed from Subs on U.S. coast. Jul. 1, Dominion Day parade in L'pool; Germans have Sebastopol; British prepare to block Suez Canal and blow up naval base at Alexandria. July 2, Churchill makes statement on Libyan defeats, suggests incompetent generalship. July 3, cost of my uniform, etc. July 4, cloudburst at L'pool; Happy Landing; Col. Good surveys curling rink as possible barracks. July 6-8, I take a holiday at Annapolis. July 8, conference of WNSR officers at L'pool, evidence of muddled minds on staff. July 9, M. Jones takes over curling rink for his Engineer Co'y; other Engineer units for Bridgewater & Lunenburg. July 13, subs off our coast; Mersey shipping much paper by rail; meat shortage -- & fish. July 18, bad forest fires at Toboatic, etc. July 19, Happy Landing & the new marine slip. July 21, marine slip; drilling in the Reserve; forest fires. July 25, I go on a defence scheme to Shelburne, & 26th. July 27, Brigadier inspects Reserve units at L'pool; Lockport swordfisherman sunk by sub; Ottawa passes Bill 80, the Conscription Bill; criticisms re Canadians sent to Hongkong. Aug. 1, first RCAF men arrive at Happy Landing, which proves to be a radar station. Aug. 3, rationing by ticket of tea & coffee begins tomorrow; rumor of German sub. captured off Shelburne. Aug. 8-29, at Aldershot Camp. Sep. 1, Charlie Smith starts to build on Park Street; Roger Tupper, RCAF, back in Canada as instructor; U.S. troops land in Solomons. Sep. 6, Reconsecration Day, big parade in L'pool, religious service on school ground; B Co'y changed to G Co'y. Sep. 7, G Co'y holds an outing at Broad River. Sep. 13, cranberries scarce at Kempton Lake; Capt. C.F. Williams tells of sub activities in West Indies and off Chesapeake. Sep. 14, Germans drive on Stalingrad; Australians & Japs fighting for New Guinea; prices & supplies in L'pool. Sep. 16, motoring along the Valley; "marinated herring"; "Raccoon" sunk in St. Lawrence; Canadian casualties at ~~####~~ Dieppe. Sep. 18, sub attack on Canadian convoy; I go recruiting to Port Mouton; Howe says gas ration to be cut in half this winter. Sep. ~~##~~, 22, 25, heavy rains wash out roads, railways, on South Shore. Sep. 26, week-end manoeuvres with G Co'y at Beach Meadows; our kids commence going to United Church; dissatisfaction with C of E. Sep. 29, more details of the flood damage in N.S. Oct 3 & 4, hunting at First Lake.

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Oct. 3 & 4, hunting on Saunders' Meadows, description; Gordon loses \$140: I meet Charles Philips, sailor. Oct. 6, reserve army affairs, equipment. Oct. 7, my new gasoline ration book. Oct. 9, Germans put all our prisoners taken at ~~Dieppe~~ Dieppe in chains, reprisals in Canada: "St. Roch" arrives Hfx after traversing the North West Passage. Oct. 12, Roosevelt quotes Robert E. Lee on newspaper correspondents; scarcity of beef in Hfx, pork in L'pool. Oct. 14, we use saccharine. Oct. 17, demand for Second Front rising. Oct. 27, Edith started giving our kids piano lessons. Nov. 1, I march to Gull Islands with my company. Nov. 4, 8th Army defeated Rommel at El Alamein. Nov. 7, a rough trip to Aldershot, an alarm & a muster in the night: allied troops land in Morocco & Algiers. Nov. 15, a coastal patrol by G Co'y: Captain Wallace Ogilvie. Nov. 17, recruiting at Port Mouton with Major Corkum: restriction on bus travel. Nov. 18, local ARP has a work-out: new alarm siren. Nov. 20, I meet Hilda's intended, Kibble, & run into Hubert MacD. & Commander King at Admiralty House. Nov. 21, Opinions of "H.M.Y." in the Archives: Edith gets a fur coat. Nov. 25, I present the old ensign of the Shelburne Volunteers to Archives: an autograph party at the Book Room: I broadcast from CHNS. Nov. 26, U.S. & Canadian amphibious forces practise landing at Port Mouton: Russians win a victory at Stalingrad; "Windy" Windeyer gets a medal: Churchill's predictions in Europe. Dec. 3, prices of tea etc. reduced in Canada: town hall fence goes to war. Dec. 7, I am given a complimentary dinner by townsmen. Dec. 10, reserve army affairs. Dec. 12, Reserve army officer examinations, and Dec. 13. Dec. 14, store goods scarce for Xmas trade: Conservatives appoint Bracken party leader & change name. Dec. 16, Canadian army pay increased. Dec. 19, N.S. exports Xmas trees. Dec. 20, butter rationing announced. Dec. 22, Reserve army pay & affairs. Dec. 24 "Dreaming of a white Christmas"; Darlan assassinated. Dec. 28, scarcity of woollens: the delusion of mail-order catalogues in wartime. Dec. 29, lobster party at Port Medway. Dec. 30, a wartime train journey to Hfx. Dec. 31, a party at Jim Martell's.

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Jan. 2, Russian submarines at Hfx. Jan. 3, I broadcast from Hfx: Kibbie throws a party. Jan. 5, predictions on length of war. Jan. 12, G Co'y WISR becomes a machine-gun co'y of the PLF: Submarine seen off Little Hope: army repairing telephone line to Western Head & other coastal points. Jan. 14, Freeman Tupper sells Mersey Hotel to Alton Snow: in Milton, Walker Bros, sell out to Fraser Cole & al; Thompson's busy. Jan. 15, I speak to Kivanis, Bridgewater: Geo. Clements in charge of food rationing etc. Jan. 16, snowshoe trip to Eagle Lake. Jan. 19, Russians break siege of Leningrad: I sign contract for another historical novel. Jan. 20, butter ration cut: milk difficulties: Frances & Tommy have mumps. Jan. 22, fuel shortage in L'pool: milk shortage. Jan. 23, hardest winter in many years: local merchants embarrassed by limited supplies of stockings & molasses: liquor rationing. Jan. 24, Alexander Woolcott dead, also Eric Knight. Jan. 26, news released on Casablanca meeting of Churchill, Roosevelt & French leaders: contract for new novel: I resign from the Reserve Army. Jan. 27, lobster party at Long Cove: dim-out in Port Medway lighthouse. Jan. 30, letter from Theodore Roosevelt: RAF bombs Berlin just as Goering about to speak: meat, butter, sugar allowance in armed forces cut 25%: sailors brawl in L'pool streets: scarcity of labor in L'pool. Jan. 31, German army at Stalingrad surrenders. Feb. 2, I leave G Co'y: Canadian army begins enlisting boys of 17 & 18. Feb. 5, a CCF candidate for councillor in L'pool. Feb. 6, I begin to write Roger Sudden. Feb. 7, U.S. starts rationing shoes. Feb. 8, Japs withdraw from Guadalcanal after long & costly campaign: Ottawa says 100,000 men discharged from Canadian forces, physically unfit, since war began: Canadian version of Lend-lease. Feb. 11, officially announced that Jan. was the 2nd coldest on record in N.S.. Feb. 14, Russians take Rostov: Rommel defeats U.S. army in Tunisia: ~~Feb. 15, French warships arrive in U.S.: Russians take Kharkov. Feb. 15, I hear Madame Chiang Kai Chek: fuel shortage. Feb. 19, train journey to Hfx. Feb. 20, Hilda's wedding. Feb. 22, I meet Helen Champion & Mrs. Mayo. Feb. 26, relative enlistment records in Maritimes & Quebec. March 2, sailors riot in L'pool: bootleggers.~~ Feb. 16, gas ration for 1943: French warships arrive in U.S.: Russians take Kharkov. Feb. 15, I hear Madame Chiang Kai Chek: fuel shortage. Feb. 19, train journey to Hfx. Feb. 20, Hilda's wedding. Feb. 22, I meet Helen Champion & Mrs. Mayo. Feb. 26, relative enlistment records in Maritimes & Quebec. March 2, sailors riot in L'pool: bootleggers.

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March 3, better train service for L'pool: agitation for service hostel here: Illsley announces further taxation: L'pool population 4000: bonus of \$1 per cord for firewood. March 7, difficulties of a novelist in wartime: cut in liquor ration. Mar. 8, Clem Crowell & his Reserve unit at Lockeport. March 12, N.S. gov't finances flush: Ottawa warns firewood shortage next winter. March 13, naval shorestaff at L'pool: tax-dodging by M.P.Co. Mar.15, Stephen Vincent Benet dead: Crowell offers ~~me~~ commission in his artillery unit. Mar.19, My low state of health: poor showing of large army in India. Mar.21, the Beveridge Plan in Britain: Churchill speaks: so does Hitler. Mar.21, I buy my car license. Mar.25, Queens County raises \$9768 in Red Cross drive: town tax rate sharply increased; town assessments: Tommy Falls wins heavyweight championship British Army: Tiger Warrington in Hfx. Mar.26, I weigh 180: garrison of Happy Landing: equipment of local Reserve units: beer shortage. Mar.27, figures on Canadian armed forces home & abroad -- 686,000 now serving. Mar.29, I buy a powder horn; Doug Dovey hurt in air crash: Horace Clements missing. Mar.30, I weigh 188: meat rationing predicted. Apl.1, Harvey Dexter, first Milton boy to die in war: Thompson's plant enlarging; talk of a housing development. Apl.3, 630 Canadian merchant seamen dead since war began. Apl.4, our kids going to United Church: funeral of Harvey Dexter. Apl.5, British army to wear khaki beret instead of wedge cap: liquor ration: Sid Ford distinguishes himself: Tommy begins to shoot .22. His weight & height; air activity over L'pool. Apl.7, extra sugar for preserving -- a racket: ~~#####~~ Apl.8, I autograph my M/S of "Silk for Lennie" for the war bond exhibit of Saturday Evening Post. Apl.10, trying to buy a rifle in North Queens: reserve army platoon there: Caledonia stores well stocked. Apl.12, Germans defeated in Tunisia: Hitler & Mussol confer; a projected plant near B'water to make "invasion barges": gasoline racket in Montserrat general indifference to war there, opposition to conscription. Apl.14, Red Cross here working on rush order for field dressings: naval officer Byers assaults clerk in Mersey Hotel, and Apl.16, I cable Blackwood for release of North American rights in "Pied Piper". Apl.17, I visit the old Pyke house. Apl.19, gunfire off Western Head. Apl.21, Young Carm. Dixon drowned: Japs execute U.S.fliers who bombed Tokio. Cable from Blackwoods: Lunenburg schooner ramm'd & sunk by merchant steamer, 21 men lost. Apl.25, Tommy caught & lost his first trout: search for lost kids -- false alarm, at Guzzle: bodies of 20,000 ~~#####~~ Polish officers found buried in Smolensk forest. Apl.26, Prince Arthur of Connaught died suddenly in Ottawa. Apl.29, fishing at Cameron's Lake and Martin's Lake with Irv.Bain. May 1, Waac has recruiting office in L'pool: infants' gas masks at Hfx: various gov't offices at L'pool, Reserve Army, IODE, Red Cross etc; proposed Sea cadet corps fallen through: organising Air Cadet corps. May 7, Provincial Archives: I meet 3 Dal professors: Germans brushed in Tunis. May 10, English- French riot at Sussex Camp, 1 killed, many wounded; My low state of health. May 12, Von Arnim surrenders in Tunisia with entire army: Churchill in Washington. May ~~13~~ 14, U.S troops land on Attu, Aleutians: I begin to dig a garden; low physical state. May 21, I have pneumonia. May 22, Tommy has measles: Smith's house built by gov't on Park St. May 23, Premier Abernethy of Alberta (Social Credit) died: his estate: Moscow announces dissolution of Comintern. May 28, my Nat. Light & Power bond (Moosejaw) redeemed @ 102: Sussex camp riot investigated: WTPBoard office removed from L'pool to B'water. May 30, L'pool fireman resign, a new fire dep't organised: ~~###~~ ARP fire equip't in County: U.S. building 4 merchant ships a day; beginning of meat rationing described. June 1/43 last square-rigger out of N.S. sunk by U-boat near Bermuda. June 3, George Barratt, Andrew Cobb, killed in bus accident at Prince's Lodge; Actor Leslie Howard killed in plane shot down by Germans; the film "Bambi". June 5, collecting salvaged fat in L'pool; ship sunk by acoustic mine off NS coast: death of Edsel Ford; falling production due to absenteeism in NS coal mines. June 7, Sid Ford missing. June 9, 10, cruising timber at Caledonia, Brougham Road: old Geo.Parker: New electric plant at Harmony: cost of Deep Brook naval station:originally planned for Shelburne.

1943 June 12, more rumors of housing development: Gov't slip finished. June 13, I buy a rifle (Krag); Carl Conrad thinks of going to Labrador to work on Goose airport. June 16, Madame Chiang speaks in Canadian parliament: relative patriotism of Canadian provinces as shown by enlistment figures; In Algeria DeGaulle squabbles with Giraud. June 17, Kiacks, prices at Port Medway; good trout fishing; Wavell becomes Viceroy of India, Auchinleck succeeds him as C in C India. June 21, Bracken in L'pool: race riots in Detroit; Newfies work at Nickerson's. June 23, comment on behaviour of naval men in L'pool, result on morals of town. June 24, rumor of mines laid off Halifax; local Reserve company has its own band. June # 26, "Gorsebrook", Hfx home of Enos Collins, Uniacke, McCurdy, sold to Roman Catholic Corporation of Hfx. June 27, salmon fishing at Greenfield: lawyers in L'pool. June 29, In Hfx with Bain, I meet the Fowlers. June 30, Churchill reports severe losses ~~\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$~~ inflicted on U-boats in May, predicts heavy fighting in Mediterranean "before the leaves fall": the barge-building plant at Hebb's Cross under erection; "Camp Norway" closed at Lunenburg: best salmon fishing on Medway in memory. July 1, boarding houses close in L'pool due to ration troubles and shortage of help. July 3, the swimming hole at the railway bridge popular with sailors. July 5, navy P.O. drowned at White Point Beach: U.S. troops stationed at Hfx: Hon. Robert Manion, Hon. Gordon Harrington dead; glider towed across Atlantic: Madame Chiang returned to Chungking: Queen Wilhelmina returned to England. July 7, sailing the yacht Ripple from Chester to L'pool. July 9, C.B. miners strike in sympathy with waitress in Chinese cafe: Harry Oakes murdered at Nassau. July 10, Allied troops land in Sicily: scandal over wild party at White Point: sale of gov't supplies by naval men. July 12 I go to Louisbourg: Reserve unit at Antigonish: Harry Oakes known in Nova Scotia. July 21, I return from Louisburg, lunch with Matharine MacLennan & meet Pat McCall; a noisy night in Antigonish. July 23, I buy a colotype of Montague Dawson's painting. July 24, I take my family to Summerville for a holiday; farmer Huphman's barn, an old house, cattle in the parlor. July 25, I prepare a brief for the town on post-war rehabilitation: Fascist cabinet compels Mussolini to resign. July 27, I present the town brief before royal commissioner Bob Dawson: TCA plane flew from Canada to Britain in 12 hrs. 26 mins. July 28, Roger Innes bankrupt. July 30, U.S. abolishes coffee ration: election in South Africa. Aug. 2, USAF bombs Floesti: WNSR in Sicilian fighting. Aug. 3, Ottawa says 750,000 Canadians now in services. Aug. 4, provincial election in Ontario, gains by CCF. Aug. # 5, Russians carry on successful summer offensive for first time. Aug. 7, "flap" at Hfx when 50,000 gals gasoline dumped on harbor. Aug. 8, Navy Week in L'pool. Aug. 9, first made-in-Canada Lancaster bomber; first Canadian Mosquito bombers; high price of fish at L'pool: Churchill arrived at Hfx. Aug. 10, Swiss reports on German morale. Aug. 11, aircraft regularly over L'pool; 3 boys grease my car; shortages and difficulties on the home front; \$\$\$ Miners strike because local doctors going to Reserve Army camp for fortnight: Churchill & staff at Quebec for conference: street dance & fair in L'pool. Aug. 12, building a preserve closet in the cellar: rainy summer good for crops: torchlight parade a fizzle; Germans evacuating Sicily. Aug. 13, Randolph Day slightly wounded: navy dance. Aug. 14 reserve co'y L'pool leaves for Aldershot. Aug. 15, Ogilvie advertises his L'pool properties for sale. Aug. 16, free entry for NS apples to US: thieving by Hfx stevedores, a narcotic ring: liquor ration increased slightly. Aug. 17, Roosevelt arrived at Quebec. Aug. 18, polluted water supply at Hfx: peace demonstrations in Italy; Canadian freight-ship building: destroyer "Huron" launched: Mike Smith marries Eleanor Rudderham: Francis Tupper Jr. missing in Sicily. Aug. Aug. 19, casualties on both sides in Sicily: conquest now complete. Aug. 21, blueberry picking at Port Medway: Jap quit# Aleutians; tea & coffee ration increased one-third. Aug. 22, Russians take Kharkov for second time this year: Russian# figures on German casualties to date: Australian election, landslide for Curtin's Labor Party; jam & honey to be rationed; I hear Mary Churchill on radio. Aug. 24, Gordon Hirtle killed in action: Quebec conference ends: 10,000 Canadians have married British girls.

Aug.25, Roosevelt at Ottawa, speaks on radio. Aug.26, Hfx boiling its drinking water for lack of chlorinating equipt.: Lord Mountbatten made C-in-C SEAC. Aug.27, Mrs. Pentz died. Aug.28, King ~~####~~ Boris of Bulgaria died. Aug.29, Germans proclaim martial law in Denmark, several small Danish warships escape to Sweden, the rest are scuttled at Copenhagen: funeral of Mrs. Pentz. Aug.30, Russians take Taganrog: "precision squad" of CWAC at L'pool: remarks on this & various other service sideshows. Aug.31, fuel scarce, price of firewood: new ration books describe Sep.1. The ~~the~~ Pope protests bombing of cities: remarks: construction begun on gov't housing project in L'pool: burning munition ship towed into Hfx harbor. Sep.3, I am offered a ride in the hearse: Allies land in Italy: no more old rubber to be salvaged. Sep.5, We invite sailors to Sunday dinner, they fail to show up. Sep.6, Churchill speaks at Harvard. Sep.7, naval say U-boats quiet in Atlantic; potato crop in NS blighted: Hfx stevedores guaranteed \$45 a week whether they work or not. Sep.8, Italy surrenders: Germans abandon Donetz Basin in Russia; celebration of Italy's surrender in L'pool & Hfx. Sep.9, Allies land near Naples: strong German forces in Italy. Sep.10 Allied fleets demonstrate in English Channel: Hitler explains Italian debacle to his people. Sep.11, Angus MacD. talks of adding cruisers to Canadian navy: Italian fleet surrenders: German naval craft raid Spitzbergen: Kibbie & Hilda spend a week-end at L'pool, Kibbie says 100 U-boats sunk in 3 months. Sep.12, Mussolini rescued by German paratroops: British occupy Brindisi. hard fighting at Salerno. Sep.13 & 14, Churchill sail~~ed~~ from Hfx. Sep.15, part of Canada's home defence army to be broken up; guesses on war's end. Sep.16, CCF adopted by Can. Congress of Labor: I donate blood for the first time at Red Cross clinic, description: Russians take Novo Rossisk: Mussolini sets up new gov't in Rome. Sep.17, progress on housing dev. at L'pool: my guess on present German air weakness. Sep.18, newspaper controversy, "Who's got the highest hollyhock ?" Sep.20, at Hfx I sail out with the minesweepers: idiocies of naval censorship. Sep.21, Driving to L'pool I pick up a young paratrooper, Hall, & take him home to Petite Riviere; he gives me a souvenir; newsmen tell me Churchill was drunk when he sailed from Hfx. Sep. 24, Hilda & Kibbie at L'pool: the barge plant at Hebb's Cross. Sep.25, Russians take Smolensk. Sep.27, airplanes over L'pool: housing development. Sep.28, British take Foggia : McK.King says no election until 1945: molasses ration increased; ban of trouser cuffs rescinded. Sep.29, soldiers & sailors pick Valley apple crop: naval dances in school, drawbacks. Sep.30, quality of wartime shoes; Roger Inness doing business again: rationing molasses; trailers etc. for temporary workers in town: "Snug Harbor". Oct 1, allies take Naples: new German torpedo: three Canadian services pool their recruiting: Mersey Co. employs women in machine room. Oct.3, old Nfld. whaler "Terra Nova" wrecked in Atlantic: Reserve Co'y has tactical exercises at White Point: reserve army affairs. Oct.4, Capt. Tuttle asks me to take command of local reserve company: fighting in the Dodecanese: Corsica freed from Germans; Hfx dock workers strike, troops take their places, and Oct.5. Oct.5, Francis Tupper Jr a prisoner in Germany: My car is overhauled, cost. Oct.6, Lynch's show in town; Hfx dock strike broken. Oct.7, comment on Russian army & their censorship. Oct.8, I buy a pair of \$12 shoes: much trouble with my nose & throat. Oct.11, Parker gets an easy deer. Oct.12, crops suffer from wet summer: British midget subs hit battleship "Tirpitz": Portugues lease ports in Azores to allies. Oct.13, trouble in writing Roger Sudden: Free Italian gov't declares war on Germany; Thompson's tear down old Penny bldg. to make way for new garage: naval men do odd jobs about L'pool. Oct.17, caught in a hurricane, in a punt, on Big Falls pond: I miss a fine shot, & see 3 bull moose: a trick on Dunlap: an English sparrow at Eagle Lake#. Oct.25, Hfx now has 106,000 people, Dartmouth 17,000: housing dev. at L'pool: Queens' quota, victory loan. Oct.27, Lloyd George married his secretary: U.S. abolishes dim-out regulations on both coasts: Reserve army fiasco at Lockport. Oct.29, C.W.Bishop died: returned British prisoners report low German morale; Capt. Chas. Williams discusses, wartime crews, ships: T. Ratchford & B.J.Waters are made directors of MPC.

The pond to be an elaborate motor, cable & service building for Clark O. Smith, incorporated as "Risinghol Lake Co. Inc."

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Hallowe'en, nothing to give maskers at door: Thompson's new garage begun; new German torpedo: Capt. Ogilvie departs for Bahamas, buys Edsel Ford's yacht. Oct. 31, Hallowe'en pranks at Milton school; I give a pep talk re Victory Loan. Nov. 1, Aunt Marie, Janet Mullins. Nov. 2, Chas. G. D. Roberts marries \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ a young telegraph operator: Capt. Ogilvie. Nov. 3, free Italian gov't has trouble with Sforza. Nov. 4, coal miners in U.S. get \$8.50 a day. Nov. 6, prices of apples, eggs: Russians take Kieff: absurd Russian figures on German losses -- Nov. 7, Vatican bombed. Nov. 8, Hfx visited by eccentric millionaire Harry Maclean, who throws money away: Hitler speaks. Nov. 9, Hugh Dunlap died: Harry Maclean: Churchill warns 1944 will be bloody year for Britain & America, says Germany still has 400 divisions says U-boats have been defeated. Nov. 10, in Hfx, I address a ladies' club. Nov. 12, Queens raises \$1,068,600 for Victory Loan: soldiers to work on Canadian railway maintenance. Nov. 14, Hector gets a pair of deer: says Thompson's payroll now over \$1,000,000 a year; sabotage at Thompson's wharf. Nov. 15, famine in southern India: in Bahamas, de Marigny acquitted of Harry Oakes' murder. Nov. 18, noisy naval dance in L'pool: British garrison in Dodecanese surrenders to Germans; naval dentist in town, also a sick bay. Nov. 19, Thompson's new garage: Trenton rolling mill & bolt works closed for good, much worry over it: shipbuilding being reduced: Bishop Hackenley died, comment. Nov. 20, Seldon buys Bishop's drug store, Hector Macleod to run it. Nov. 22, I address Kiwanis Club L'pool: Can. 2nd Div. lands in Italy from England: Ickes denounces U.S. development of oil wells in Canadian north. Nov. 23, Sir Oswald Mosley released from prison: Smart commands local unit PLF: we entertain Lieut. East & wife. Nov. 25, "Old Blood & Guts" Patton slaps a soldier: Navy takes over Y Depot in Hfx: Bill Joudrey asks me to be president of local Legion branch next year. Nov. 27, ⁴ ~~large~~ ^{large} factory at Hebb's Cross, employees mostly French-Canadian; state of my tyres: "Pistol Packin' Mama". Nov. 28, open season on beaver, result at Eagle Lake. Nov. 29, 500 wild geese at Port Joli: I buy a barrel of apples for \$3.75. Nov. 30, 8,927 deer killed in NS this fall; a Liberator bomber flew from Montreal to Britain in 11 hrs 35 mins; "Pied Piper" published by M&S. Dec. 1, rumor that Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin meeting in Teheran: Chas. G. D. Roberts died: Clem Crowell brings me some cider. Dec. 2, corpse of a child found in L'pool harbor, girl arrested: revealed that Roosevelt, Chiang & Churchill met in Cairo: Bob McClearn comes home to take town clerk's job: Commander F. M. Johnson, Hfx, disappeared, leaving note to Kibbie. Dec. 3, Johnson affair: Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin meeting in Teheran: Chas. Holden died at Aldershot. Dec. 4, Johnson affair. Dec. 5, Holden's funeral: memoirs of William H. Smith, compiled by Brent: L'pool Baptists & U. Church hold joint services this winter to save fuel. Dec. 6 Teheran conference: influenza epidemic in England: RCAF casualties so far. Dec. 8, I am elected president of Legion branch. Dec. 9 I left for Montreal via Hfx: Johnson affair. Dec. 10 I fly from Hfx to Montreal. Dec. 11, 12, 13, getting Coffman story at Montreal. Dec. 14, I fly from Montreal to Hfx: Johnson affair. Dec. 15, home by train: U.S. troops land in New Britain. Dec. 18, shoddy & scarce Xmas supplies: liquor ration. Dec. 24, Eisenhower named C-in-C, Western Front: influenza raging in eastern Canada: no bell-snicklers: we meet Lieut. Ackhurst & wife, John Harding & wife. Dec. 26, "Scharnhorst" sunk: MacNaughton gives up command Canadian forces in Britain: All east coast emergency organisations alerted at Christmas. Dec. 27, Eisenhower predicts end of German war in 1944. Dec. 28, Canadians take Ortona: 100,000 workers said to be out of employment due to closing of munition plants in Canada. Dec. 29, Navy buys Elmwood Hotel: Jason Creed & his brother's "seadrome" invention.

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Jan. 3, Russians enter Poland: Arthur White home on embarkation leave: reduction of munitions plants in Canada. Jan. 7, Mack Boland's car blown up by dynamite in Milton: RAF using jet-propelled plane. Jan. 9, I visit Francis Tupper Sr. Jan. 11, former Bahamian run-runner "Eleutherian" foundered off Little Hope, crew now in school hospital, L'pool (see Aug. 19, 1932): Russia announces she intends to keep all Poland east of Curzon line. Jan. 12, Insomnia & indigestion, & Bronchitis: Ciano and

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other former Fascists who deposed Mussolini, shot at Verona by Germans: installation of Legion officers for '44. Jan.15, rabbit hunting at Port \$\$\$\$ Mouton: brush burning along shore. Jan.16, ruins of Rapid Falls mill. Jan.17, I am asked to run for mayor of L'pool. Jan.19, rumpus at Fredericton, medical court-martial: Canadian casualties to date in Italy. Jan.20, Doc.Ford and memorial to his son: Genan Scott died yesterday. Jan.21, British submarines operate in Indian Ocean. Jan.22, Argentine army officers set up fascist regime. Jan.23, planes make forced landings on Rossignol and near Greenfield. Jan.26, Thompson's new foundry operating. Jan.28, a stirring of town politics, Byrne's scheme, Wright offers for mayor: Russo-Polish fuss over bodies of Poles found in Smolensk ~~forest~~ forest: ill treatment of allied prisoners by Japs: I meet surgeon-lieut. Paddon, late of the Grenfell Mission: Hitler warns Germans that 1944 will be a hard year. Feb.1, town election: Es Horne & Margaret Seaborne married. Feb.3, Greek steamer lost in Bay of Fundy (Feb.4) daring hold-up in Hfx at Lord Nelson Hotel: MacNaughton back in Canada. Feb.5, great quantity of meat goes to rot in Quebec warehouse, dissatisfaction over unnecessary rationing. Feb.8, housing development at L'pool. Feb.9, the Legion's Bingo game: U.S.troops take Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. Feb.10, Elmwood Hotel. Feb.11 Kibbie & Hilda leave on 16th for Brunswick, Maine: I urge Mother to come & live with us; Balston admits differences between MacNaughton & himself. Feb.15, fighting for Cassino: Canadian Indians in forces. Feb.18, funeral of Ernie Sayers. Feb.19, Tommy's airplane model craze. Feb.20, Francis Tupper. Feb.21, Captain John Randall ("I'm Alone") died at Hfx. Feb.22, planes over L'pool: Capt. Randall buried at L'pool with full naval honors: Churchill gives summary of war. Feb.23 snowstorm, sailors shovel sidewalks; indigestion. Feb.26, many calls on my time: Quentin Reynolds, U.S correspondent, says invasion of French channel coast practically impossible: political campaign in the U.S. Feb.28, first disabled soldiers return to L'pool: Sam Glode. Feb.29, I speak at a Kiwanis dinner, disabled soldiers present: plans for re-establishment. March 1, meat rationing abolished: Finland asked for Russia's peace terms. March 2, Kaddy's man (see Feb.28) begins work upstairs to create a new bedroom and shift bathroom: Irwin Copeland died in Florida Feb.28th. Mar.3, liquor sales in NS in 1943 were \$15,324,000: L'pool store sold \$ 215,695.00. Mar.6, typing final copy Roger Sudden: I send part to Jim Martell for perusal; housing development at L'pool. Mar.9, M&S inform me I have won Governor-General's Award; NS had a surplus of 3 millions in 1943 (2 millions in '42). Mar.13, De Valera refuses to send away German & Jap consulates; Britain suspends passenger traffic with Ireland: poor treatment of returning wounded at Hfx. Mar.14, Empire Air Training Plan to be sharply reduced this year. Mar.15 terrific air bombardment of Cassino. Mar.16 I finished Roger Sudden: U.S. writers dead - John W. Thomason, Hendrik Van Loon, Irving Cobb, Joseph Lincoln. Mar. 20, setting up a Veterans' Rehabilitation Committee in L'pool, Col.Mackenzie speaks. Mar.22, Finland rejects Russian peace terms: I am offered the Conservative nomination for the federal seat Lunenburg-Queens in next election: soothing Charlie Smith. Mar.26, Russians push into Rumania: Mount Vesuvius in eruption. Mar.28, Capt. Tuttle asks me again to take command local reserve company. Mar.29, Stephen Leacock died last night. Mar.30 Russians take Cernowitz in Galicia. Mar. 31, Gen. Ross, head of ARP in Canada, visits L'pool: Elmwood Hotel: 25% increase in taxes in L'pool & why. Apl.1, beer ration increased, ditty about MacK.King. Apl.3 old Mrs. Jones at Milton assaulted by young sailor, nearly dead: Gen. Wingate killed in Burma. Apl.6, no new license plates this year, sticker instead; gas rations: tyres: new air raid siren used as fire alarm for first time. Apl.8, Visited Lunenburg & called on Corkums. Apl.9, Legion holds church parade: Milton assault case solved. Apl.10, Russians have Odessa. Apl. 12, I am ill, Kaddy's delays, expense. Apl.14 thoughts of "It". Apl.15, Russians take Tarnopol in Poland: in India, Japs attack and surround Inphal: Rev.Pitcairn fined for illegal use of gasoline etc. Apl.17, 900 naval men in L'pool; supplies for them; naval men sell sugar etc. to wharf employees. Apl.18, business meeting Historical Society. Apl.19, I go to "Stumble Inn."

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Apl.2, shortage of doctors in L'pool, nursing homes inadequate: progress of carpenter work in my house. Apl.22 & 23, I take Tommy to Eagle Lake, we see turtles up the brook, 12 deer. Apl.26, painters in my house. Apl.28 I speak at the unveiling of a portrait of Sid Ford in IOOE room. Apl.30, Boy scout camp at Greenfield in bad shape. May 1, at Hfx I spend an evening with J.W.A.Nicholson, Fred Hawes, Marion Gilroy. May 2, I attend a "Haliburton" at Pine Hill, & meet Andrew Merkel also Ward, of the Royal Commission investigating post-war prospects in NS. May 3, evening at Merkels. May 4, I meet Barbara Grantmyre. Evening at Margaret Ells', I meet Madge Mackie. May 6, driving home to L'pool: painters at my house. May 9, revisions in Roger Sudden: dominion premiers hold first Empire Conference of this war in London. May 10, Parker reports proposed new hall for veterans would cost at least \$30,000. Russians have Sebastopol. May 12, McK. King addressed both house of parliament in London yesterday. May 13, gardening: forest fires at White Point & Port Joli: Hubert MacDonald is at L'pool as SNO: U.S. observer says Chinese army worthless. May 14, King George reviewed home fleet & bade them Godspeed before battle (presumably invasion of France); Mosquito bombers make new record for flight from Labrador to Britain -- about 7 hours. May 16, getting angle-worms the easy way: reserve army affairs. May 17, fishing at Shelburne River, Pescawess, Tobeatic: Harold Verge; improved food in the camps, higher wages; draft dodgers; planes landed frequently on Rossignol last winter & took up lumberjacks for jaunts: Chester Grey: we got 76 trout: bush fire near L'pool railway bridge. May 22, Doubleday ask me to start another novel at once, I refuse: 47 RAF prisoners murdered at German prison camp. May 23 I put up Tommy's new swallow house at back of garage; bad manners in the local theatre; Germans say \$3 million allied troops in Britain ready to invade France. May 25, bush still burning behind Whynot Town: a Pictou County boy writes home that he found "His Majesty's Yankees" in prison camp library in Germany: Churchill describes trouble with Greek troops in Egypt. May 26, naval men putting L'pool tennis courts in shape for play: Margo Dill talks about my work on radio CBC. May 27, I get a flintlock musket, a gift from Jack Chaplin. May 28, price of kiacks at Port Medway. May 29, high school cadets drilling. May 31, hot weather and bush fires all over NS; letter from Frank Ellis, RCAF, in Cairo; another printing of "Pied Piper" at Toronto, I send a note of acknowledgement to Blackwood to be included: French suggests book of short stories for 1945; Curtin of Australia addresses parliament at Ottawa, I hear him on radio: nearly 4,000,000 U.S. troops overseas. June 2, persuading Keddy to come & lay tiles in bathroom: De Valera wins easily in Irish election. June 3, Lt. Cdr. Sharpe gives a cocktail party on corvette Orillia: the sailor who ran amok at the dry-cleaner's; false alarm of invasion of France. June 4, I go to Hfx: tyre trouble: allied troops enter Rome. June 5, I meet Herb. Mowat who tells me of the Battle of Amiens & father's death. June 6, Allies invade France near Cherbourg: tea with the Professor Bennetts; Fred Fraser of Chignohaugh says he is going to have a radio stn. in Hfx. June 8, I speak to a Service Writers' Group in Hfx. June 9, I meet J.W. "Lucky" Logan: Mrs. Tyler: I get an old tire. June 10, party at Jim Martell's: "La Weeks" & her quip about the relative brains & wealth of Canadians. June 12, assembling & editing short stories for new book: Russians push into Finland. June 13, I apply for new tires. June 14, Biennu factory at South Brookfield destroyed by fire: I buy two single garden chairs; great battle at Caen. June 15, B.J. Waters is cold towards returned soldiers. June 16, Liberal gov't of Saskatchewan utterly defeated by CCF in election: Germans showering London with new type of self-propelled bomb. June 17, WPTB rejects my application for tires: French troops land on Elba: "Watuka" sunk by sub last March. June 19, McPague, new national chairman Conservative party, demands full conscription for reinforcements; French have Elba; description of robot bombs released: U.S. troops land on Saipan. June 20, furnace going, also office stove: U.S. kicks out Finnish ambassador. June 22, I speak at high school graduation: Russians admit 5,000,000 killed and missing (no figures for wounded) since war began. June 24, French-Canadian senator Bouchard makes sensational attack on secret society of Jacques Cartier;

Aug. 10, C of E garden party took in \$2300: US troops reach Chartres: Roosevelt in Honolulu. Aug. 11, War Services Gratuities Bill: McK. King says Canada should have a flag of her own: reveals his conversation with Hitler in 1937: by radio I hear Gen. Montgomery's address to his troops. Aug. 12, US troops reach Alencon: German army pinned at Avranches: tramway strike at Montreal, shipyard strike at Hfx. Aug. 13, Ogilvie's estate "Trade Winds" at Nassau. Aug. 14, the hottest summer ever: Tommy & Frances can now swim quite well: Beaverbrook flew direct from New York to London in 18 hours. Aug. 15 bad forest fires in NB: allied forces land on the Riviera between Marseilles & Nice: Gen. Patton. Aug. 17, US troops have Orleans. Aug. 18, we are visited by Margaret Ellis & Marion Gilroy: Germans in St. Malo surrender: where are the British armies? Aug. 19, Hazel (Cushing) Winters at Parker's: Germans suffer terribly in Normandy trap. Aug. 20, Petain gov't fled from Vichy. Aug. 21, half-wit named Oickle arrested for setting fires in bush behind Whynot Town: total Canadian enlistments so far 938,000, of which 756,000 still in the forces: of these 56,000 are Nova Scotians: Canadian casualties so far: British, Russian, Chinese & U.S. representatives meet at Dumbarton Oaks: in Paris mobs of armed citizens fighting German garrison. Aug. 22, informal naval dress in L'pool: reserve unit returns from Aldershot: reserve affairs: Last Germans in Argentan pocket surrender: US troops reach Sens: Russians take Jassy. Aug. 23, I am visited by Dr. Rhodenizer of Acadia: Firemen's Fair in L'pool: Paris liberated: US troops from south reach Grenoble; Rumania surrenders: Bulgarian foreign minister declares war with Allies a "mistake". Aug. 24, Park Street kids hold a sidewalk bazaar for Red Cross, raise \$18.50: Queens Fund in Queens County has raised \$9,000 since it began in ~~the~~ 1941: US troops reach Swiss border near Geneva: British troops at Seine mouth. Aug. 25, US & Free French troops in Paris: Petain et al at Belfort: Churchill confers with Pope, in person. Aug. 26, bush fire still burning at Town Lake: Allied armies cross the Seine: Russians reach the Demube: Hfx shipyard workers return to job: Mountbatten says his Burma campaign stymied by sending landing craft to France: casualties there. Aug. 27, German aircraft bomb Paris: Canadian cross Seine above Le Havre: US troops reach the Marne: Toulon taken. Aug. 28, poor swordfish season: Liberal gov't returned in NB: U.S. troops reach Chateau Thierry. Aug. 29, striped bass: US troops take Chateau Thierry, Chalons, Vitry, Soissons: Russians in Constanza: Hungarian cabinet resigns, replaced by army die-hards: election results in NB: gas coupon racket in Montreal. Aug. 30, British in Beauvais & Rouen: US troops in Rheims & Leon: Russians in Ploesti. Aug. 31, at White Point for dinner, I meet the Stuart Perrys of Adrian, Michigan: British troops in Amiens: US troops in Sedan: German losses in France estimated at 400,000: Russians in Bucharest. Sep. 1, I buy 3 cords firewood: Canadians in ~~the~~ Dieppe: British pass through Arras: US troops pass through Verdun, St. Mihiel: German resistance has vanished. Sep. 2, I take Mother back to Hfx after staying with us for the summer: evening with George Foster & Bendelier. Sep. 3, "Edgewood", the pre-fab town at Willow Park; Hfx shipyard affairs: Point Pleasant Park: British enter Brussels: US troops in Namur, reach Metz, have Lyons: US troops take Pisa. Sep. 4, returning to L'pool, lunch at Green Shutters: Lunenburg: Camp Norway flies the White Ensign now: horse-racing at B'water: Canadians in Abbeville: British in Antwerp, reach Breda in Holland: Germans have crushed Polish insurrection ~~in~~ Warsaw: Finland gives German troops until Sep. 15 to leave the country. Sep. 5 Parkers report a spree at Digby Neck: 9,000 Germans cut off at Mons surrender to US troops: Russia declared war on Bulgaria. Sep. 6, Canadiens surround Calais, Boulogne. Sep. 7, I am visited by F/O Bill Burke, who takes a photo of me in pajamas & dressing gown: Germans establish a line in the west. Sep. 8, with Legion officers I call on Col. Jones at Mersey Lodge & present a past-president's medal: US troops take Liege: Canadians in Ostend: total Canadian casualties in this war. Sep. 9, I meet Francis Tupper who is ill: I meet a WREN lieutenant Paget with Mrs. Jerry Mickerson: Princess Juliana of Holland returns to England after 3 years in Canada. Sep. 10, we repair the verandah at Eagle Lake camp: Churchill at Hfx, greeted by crowds: US troops enter Luxembourg.

Sep.11, no more black-outs in NS even for practice, but outdoor lighting still forbidden: our town clock still dark; Roosevelt & Churchill confer at Quebec.
 Sep.12, I put in more firewood: Peter Glode & Ethel Lebrador: British take LaHavre: US troops cross German border, find Maginot Line in good condition: butter ration reduced: Yarmouth concern begins milk deliveries in L'pool. Sep.13, Russians in Jugoslavia. Sep.14, an undertaker's total burials in Queens: Canadians fighting on Leopold Canal: Germans say Von Kluge killed 2 or 3 weeks ago. Sep.15, a hurricane forewarned: Francis Tupper very ill: French troops take Nancy & Epinal: Russians occupy Bulgaria. Sep.16, I entertain Charlie Copelin. Sep.17, at Eagle Lake, the old fish-hawk's nest blew down in the hurricane: Lieut. Jack Freeman: US troops break through Siegfried Line. Sep.18, end of rationing in Canada of tea & coffee: General Motors speculates on time required to start making civilian cars again -- six months after gov't gives permission. Sep.19, drunken sailors in School Woods: In Holland, British troops make a bold bid for Arnhem: Russians enter Hungary: Finland surrenders, harsh terms: Canadian casualties to July 31: Present strength of Canadian armed services, 769,000. Sep.20, I see a ball game at Middleton between Navy & Shipyards: North Queens Exhibition: old destroyer arrives at L'pool for depot ship: Chas. Bruce, poet, reported missing: Canadians take Boulogne: British take Nijmegen: reduction in Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Sep.22, I write an address for the mayor: US troops take Brest: Chas. Bruce safe. Sep.24, Eagle Lake camp roof tarred. Sep.25, Francis Tupper died; Plans for Victory Day in L'pool: Germans evacuate all of Estonia: Churchill back in England. Sep.26, Sid & Fred Morton: Francis Tupper's relics. Sep.27, Francis Tupper's funeral: log-marks of oldtime Milton lumbermen: British airborne division crushed at Arnhem. Sep.28, Churchill reviews the war. Sep. Earl of Athlone arrives L'pool: Ralston in Italy: MacNaughton retired from army. Sep.30 I play guide for the Governor-General & Princess Alice: Canadians take Cap Gris Nez, with the guns which bombarded Dover for so long: British troops cross the Rubicon. Oct.1, Athlone & Lady go to church, inspect scouts, guides, cubs: Canadians take Calais: Differences between London Poles & Poles in the Russian-occupied areas. Oct.2, shotgun & rimfire cartridge ammo rationed in Canada; converting .303 cartridges for sporting use: closed season on partridge this year: election campaign in US; Quip about Dewey: in Jugoslavia, Russians link up with Tito's partisan army. Oct.3, I am my own street-cleaner: anti-freeze: rum: our daily news schedule: German news broadcast described: Polish insurrection inside Warsaw completely crushed: Chinese armies scattering before Japs. Oct.4, Bill Lynch's show in L'pool: Ottawa says prices in Canada about 18% above pre-war level: fallacy of this. Oct.5, British troops land in Greece. Oct.6, L'pool council urges Gov't to build recreation center here for navy men: reasons: Sam Glode. Oct.7, I receive my medal for Governor-General's Award: I save Tommy further torture at the piano. Oct.8, I make the "fall leaf drive": Biennu affairs: Petite Rivier: I meet Frederick T. Birchall & wife: Wendell Wilkie died. Oct.9, deer hunting: men who hunt from cars: Saunders' meadows in the rain: Churchill & Eden in Moscow: Germans evacuate Greece: US troops surround Aachen: Russians sweep across Hungary. Oct.12, I visit John Francis: Indians at 2-Mile Hill. Oct.13 my story "Muster of Arms" is broadcast as a play: navy affairs in L'pool, shore staff is now 130 men: Russians in Riga: Madame Chiang in America: tart comment on her shopping: sugar racket in Montreal. Oct.15, Regent of Hungary asks for peace, is deposed by Germans. Oct.16, Aunt Marie staying the winter in L'pool at Mrs. Andrews': Tommy has the use of a bike: Russians take Petsamo in far north Finland; In Jugoslavia, Russians take Nish: British troops enter Athens: comment on US fliers' exaggeration of victories. Oct.18, Sam Glode: Legion work. Oct.19, US troops land on Leyte in Philippines: Berlin admits death of Rommel at last. Oct.20, Blackwoods' edition of H.M.Y.: to be published in December: US troops take Aachen: Russians in East Prussia: Russians take Belgrade: MacArthur in Philippines. Oct.21, I meet young Freeman Tupper: George Banks died. Oct.22, I obtain some of Francis Tupper's library: Oct.26, Russians in Arctic take Norwegian port of Kirkenes: Archbishop of Canterbury died: Princess Beatrice died, last surviving child of Queen Victoria.

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Oct. 28, hunting at Eagle Lake: poor sight on my new rifle: US naval victory in Philippines, US officers say "Jap navy has ceased to exist": Russians reach ~~#####~~ Budapest: Ralston resigns as Minister of Defence: MacNaughton takes his place.
 Nov. 8, Roosevelt re-elected for 4th term: Lord Moyne ~~#####~~ assassinated at Cairo by two Jews: McK. King says the voluntary enlistment system is satisfactory, gives figures on "zombies". Nov. 9, Tommy must have glasses: my own experiences with oculists. Nov. 10, Armistice Dinner at L'pool. Nov. 11, Armistice day service, I ask for volunteers for blood clinic. Nov. 13, "Roger Sudden" published: German battleship "Tirpitz" sunk at last: McK. King calls a meeting of parliament.
 Nov. 16, I go to Hfx with Mrs. Choyce: Hilda home, Kibbie gone to Ceylon: writing a radio script at Chynicle office. Nov. 17 new radio station CJCH: I meet the Barretts, former residents of China: also the Lieut Hohn Sturdys; I ~~#####~~ am radio-interviewed on CJCH. Nov. 18, I autograph books at Eaton's & elsewhere: I am guest at the Poetry Society meeting & meet Sir Wylie Grier, Sir Joseph Chisholm, Judith Whitaker. Nov. 19, an expedition to ~~Shad Bay~~ Shad Bay with Jim Martell, Andy Merkel & others: Peggy's Cove: I meet Laura Carten. Nov. 22, Legion branches all over Canada holding special meetings re conscription issue: we hold one in L'pool, wire Kinley M.P. feeling very high. Nov. 23, McK. King bows to public opinion: riots in Quebec. Nov. 25, barge plant at Hebb's Cross closed up: Col. F.S.L. Ford died: high school cadets raise money for more uniforms: allied troops take Strasbourg.
 Nov. 26, Judy Whitaker & Dr. Nichols visit us. Nov. 27, Zombies mutiny in B.C. Nov. 28, I sign a contract with M&S for "Tambour & other storéas": drilling for a military funeral. Nov. 30, Col. Ford's funeral described. Dec. 1, autograph party at Madden's: Madden: spy mania in L'pool. Dec. 2, Aunt Marie, her legacy from Ford etc. Dec. 3, cocktails aboard corvette "Amherst". Dec. 4, liquor ration: illegal practices: Ike Smart calls: Tommy's & Frances' savings. Dec. 5, US troops have Metz, push on into Saar: German jet-propelled fighter planes: Hitler vanished: civil war in Greece, British back the gov't: British take Ravenna in Italy.
 Dec. 7, a pheasant on the Milton road. Dec. 8, new storm windows on bathroom & Tommy's room: aircraft over L'pool: Rossignol Sales complete their new garage: vote of confidence at Ottawa: Washington rebukes British policy in Greece, Italy, Belgium: Churchill stands pat. Dec. 11, I speak at a dinner of the North Queens Board of Trade: the Bienvenus: Miss Lougere the school-ma'am: Mike Mokoney died yesterday. Dec. 12, Lawrence Cleveland, killed in torpedoed ship, buried at L'pool.
 Dec. 13, I am in a writing slump: Legion approves slate of officers for 1945; Legion finances: fighting in Athens. Dec. 15, I see Gunnie Whymot's store burn: practice of holding currency at home to avoid taxes: HMCS Elmwood, wet canteen, etc. Dec. 16 I buy a Xmas tree on the Caledonia road and send it home in the hearse:
~~#####~~ US troops land on Mindoro in Philippines: 73 Jap admirals dead since Pearl Harbor: Churchill says Poland must bow to Russian policy; first 200 veterans of 5 years service arrive at Montreal for leave. Dec. 17, petty officers from corvette "Portage", Ellsworth, McCartney, come to tea. Dec. 18, Mail rush at Xmas: Germans strike suddenly at US 1st Army. Dec. 19, US 1st Army badly defeated: ill treatment of British prisoners in Burma. Dec. 22, Germans within 25 miles of Sedan.
 Dec. 23, Doubleday Doran sell rights & plates of "His Majesty's Yankees" to M & S: naval dance at "Elmwood". Dec. 25, Jap army in Leyte destroyed. Dec. 26, Churchill & Eden in Athens. Dec. 27, the Milton forge: Russians fighting in ~~#####~~ Budapest: in Athens, a sniper shoots at Churchill. Dec. 28, Patton strikes at German flank in Ardennes.