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Common Notes for 1942.

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Julian Period (year of)	6655
New Year's Day	January 1
Epiphany	January 6
Mohammedan Year A.H. 1361 begins	January 19
Septuagesima	February 1
Quinquagesima	February 15
Ash Wednesday	February 18
St. David's Day	March 1
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Annunciation (Lady Day)	March 25
Palm Sunday	March 29
Good Friday	April 3
Easter Sunday	April 5
Low Sunday	April 12
St. George's Day	April 23
Rogation Sunday	May 10
Coronation of King George VI.	May 12
Ascension Day (Holy Thursday)	May 14
Whit Sunday—Pentecost	May 24
Trinity Sunday	May 31
Corpus Christi	June 4
St. John the Baptist	June 24
Birthday of Queen Elizabeth	August 4
Jewish Year A.M. 5703 begins	September 12
Ramadan (Moslem Fast) begins	September 12
Michaelmas Day	September 29
1st Sunday in Advent	November 29
St. Andrew's Day	November 30
Accession of King George VI. (1936)	Dec. 11
Birthday of King George VI.	December 14
Christmas Day (Friday)	December 25

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First Day of each Month

	1941	1943		1941	1943
January	W.	F.	July	Tu.	Th.
February	S.	M.	August	F.	S.
March	S.	M.	September	M.	W.
April	Tu.	Th.	October	W.	F.
May	Th.	S.	November	S.	M.
June	S.	Tu.	December	M.	W.

Holidays Specially Observed, 1942

Australia.

New Year's Day	January 1
Public Holiday (Tasmania)	January 2
Australia Day	January 26
Good Friday	April 3
Easter Saturday	April 4
Easter Monday	April 6
Easter Tuesday (Vic., W.A. and Tasmania)	April 7
Anzac Day—Public Holiday all States	April 25
Labour Day (W.A. and Queensland)	May 4
State Foundation Day (W.A.)	June 1
Royal Show Day (Melbourne)	September 24
Labour Day (N.S.W.)	October 5
Royal Show Day (Perth)	October 14
Labour Day (S.A.)	October 14
King's Birthday	As decreed
Public Holiday (Tasmania)	November 2
Melbourne Cup Day (Melbourne)	November 3
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
Public Holiday (Vic. and W.A.)	December 27
Proclamation Day (S.A.)	December 28

New Zealand.

New Year Days	January 1, 2
Anniversary Day (Wellington)	January 22
Anniversary Day (Auckland)	January 29
St. Patrick's Day (Bank Holiday)	March 17
Good Friday	April 3
Holy Saturday	April 4
Easter Monday	April 6
Saints George and David (B.H.)	April 23
Anzac Day	April 25
King's Birthday	June 1
Dominion Day (Bank Holiday)	September 28
Labour Day	October 26
St. Andrew's Day (Bank Holiday)	Nov. 30
Christmas	December 25, 26

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

MEMORANDA

NAME

Number

Jay

WB 2148

Bags Sewn.

Sun 38

Mon 62

Tue 72

Wed 24

Thur 73

Fri 53

Sat 89

Tue 28

Wed 50

489

Jean & Clive to
be married
Aug 29.

MEMORANDA

JANUARY 1942

Thursday 1

Typewriter to Basil.
Car to Joe
Innards to Mum.

Ted Evans PA Helmsburg.

Daylight saving introduced - the clocks were put on from 2.0 am to 3.0 am this morning. Makes quite a difference - it is not yet quite dark at 8.30 pm.

Fine day with a cool breeze blowing. Clare, Allan, Barbara and I went to Highland gathering at Henson Park. Mum, Dad, Margaret, Mrs Ruston and Joe went for a drive.

JANUARY 1942

Friday 2 ☺

Fine warm day. Water restrictions more severe. No water to be used other than between 6 am and 10 am and 4 pm to 8 pm.

Mum, Margaret and Barb went in to town to-day. I put up black-out paper on front door, fanlights to Mums and Clares bedrooms and back and side doors.

Wrote to Clive & Ed, Joyce Kirkness and Joyce Hennessy.

JANUARY 1942

Saturday 3

Fine and warm. Pulled down the buzzer and re-assembled it. Did a bit of practice. Joe took Clare, Mum and the two girls out to Brighton. He sands this afternoon.

Wavell is assembling force of Chinese in Burma to attack the Japs in Malaya. Did some Air Force lessons (2) to night

JANUARY 1942

2nd after
Christmas

Sunday 4

Went to 8 o'clock Mass.
Joe took Mum, Marg, Barb
Dad and Doccie Ukelands
out for a drive to-day.
Clare and I stayed home.
Alan came over this
afternoon.

Very hot to-day
Max 104°. 100° at 9 o'clock
to-night. Although it
was hot it was cloudy all
day.

Finished lesson 5
to-day.

JANUARY 1942

Monday 5

Attended Teachers' Swimming
and Life Saving classes at
Domain Baths this morning
till 12.30. Did some
Morse practice at Vents
this afternoon and again
after tea to night. I am
now doing the whole
alphabet and figures.

Collected the photos
to-day - most of them
were all-right. Two were
spoiled when back of camera
came open after I first loaded it.

JANUARY 1942

Epiphany Tuesday 6

Quite warm and cloudy. Attended the Life-saving classes at the domain baths again - commenced over-arm stroke to-day.

Went down to Vents for Morse practice this afternoon. Met Auntie Hilda and Joan in Pitt St this afternoon.

Finished R.A.A.F. lesson 6. Margaret and Barbara went to a party at Hamrahams Rang Shirley to-night.

JANUARY 1942

Wednesday 7

Overcast - fine stratus clouds - warm. Went to swimming class as usual - can do about 10 to 12 yds overarm.

Did some morse practice at Vents this afternoon. And again to-night. Doing about 7-8 words per minute.

Met Phyllis Griffith from June, to-day. She is working in a cafe in George St.

JANUARY 1942

Thursday 8

Warm this morning but cooler this afternoon.

Attended the swimming class, this morning.

Went up to Y.M.C.A. to physical training class from 12:30 to 1:45 pm.

Then went down to Bulletin House for some Morse practice. Met one of the girls there who lives near Rays at Hornsby.

JANUARY 1942

Friday 9

Went in to the swimming class. It was fairly cool to-day - and there were very few people in the baths.

Did some morse practice to-day - commenced sending. According to the girl I am reading at about 12 words per minute. Went back again to-night for more practice.

JANUARY 1942

Saturday 10 €

Took Mum and a couple of nuns up to Canley Vale this afternoon. Found out to-day that Marg has had an affair with the old chap from the shop (Waycombe). The Sgt of police from Marrickville came down this afternoon then a couple of D's came out to-night.

Went up to Conf. to-night. Clare had a row with dad over Alan - so dad has relaxed the ban.

JANUARY 1942

1st after
Epiphany

Sunday 11

Attended at 8.0a Mass. The day was fine with a cool breeze blowing. Sat and read all day. Have finished going through Wild Life and Walkabout, and am now starting on "Aust Digest of World Reading". Did some Air Force work to-night - finished Lesson 7.

Heard "Trial of Mary Dugan" from Lux show to-night.

JANUARY 1942

Monday 12

Attended Teachers' Swimming Class at Domain Baths again this morning - swam part of the way across the baths. Did an hour of P. T. up at Y. M. C. A. Gym.

Presented myself for medical examination at Addison Rd. under liability to serve - Sect IV defence act. However I do not have to do anything more about it. Attended Morse class to-night.

JANUARY 1942

Tuesday 13

Did not go in swimming to-day. Had a haircut at Marcus Clarkes. Then copied out a couple of Chateau Tanunda Scrapbook items from S. M. H.

Went down to Vents and did some Morse practice - according to the girl I am now up to 15 w. p. m.

Very warm to-day
102°.

JANUARY 1942

Wednesday 14

Fairly warm again
to-day. Doccie
Whealands came down
home about lunch time.

I went in to town for
morse practice this after-
noon. Then stayed
in for more practice after
tea.

When I arrived home
Doccie was still there -
so it fell to me to take
her home.

JANUARY 1942

Thursday 15

Arose at 4.45 and
went in to Central - met
Frank and John who
arrived on the Albury
Mail.

Attended the class
in physical training at
the Y. M. C. A. and
then down to Bulletin
House for more morse
practice.

Reworked Mechanics
and Physics for papers
4 and 5.

JANUARY 1942

Friday 16

Awoke at 10 a.m. and after some breakfast did a bit of reading.

Went in to Bulletin House this afternoon and again to-night for morse practice.

Have commenced a bit of sending during the afternoons. Reading up to 15 words per min.

JANUARY 1942

Saturday 17

Went up the street with Frank this morning and did some shopping.

Typed out some groups of letters and figures for practice with the key to-day.

Finished off some of Mechanics & Physics in less 4 and 5.

And worked through lesson 8.

JANUARY 1942

2nd after
Epiphany

Sunday 18

John slept in with Frank and me last night. I went to 8 o'clock mass this morning. Doccie came down to-day - or Joe dad and mum went over to Howards and picked her up on the way home.

Did some reading to-day, and finished off Lesson 8.

Clare and Alan went to Cronulla.

JANUARY 1942

Monday 19

Arose about 8.0 am - fairly warm. I took back a book to the public library - went down to the dept about short payment of cleaning allowance. Went to Hoffmings and bought a present for Mary Hanrahan.

Did 1½ hrs P.T. and then went down to Bulletin House for some Morse practice.

JANUARY 1942

Tuesday 20

Ray came home yesterday afternoon - stayed here last night and returned to his ship this morning. I sat around and read for most of the day - dug a bit of a trench in the garden.

Mary Hanrahan celebrated her 21st birthday in the small hall at the Town Hall to-night.

Met Marie and Joan O'Brien.

JANUARY 1942

Wednesday 21

Awoke about 9:45 and after a quick breakfast went up to the Town Hall and gave Mary a hand to clean up and take the things home.

I went in to Vento this afternoon and was receiving 20 words per min - code and 15 w. p. m plain language.

Ray came home again this afternoon.

JANUARY 1942

Thursday 22

The schools opened for one day - to-day - to check up on children to be evacuated. I went along to West M'ville to give them a hand - however there were very few children there - so I came home and took Margaret in to the dentist. Barbara went after, and got a job in a factory to-day.

I went to T. J. and then down to Vents for morse practice.

JANUARY 1942

Friday 23

Mum Frank and the kiddies went in to town to-day. I stayed at home this morning and went in to town this afternoon - I paid the fees to N. R. M. A. and then went down to Vents for Morse Practice. I met dad at the Catholic Club and brought home some prawns.

Went to King's to-night with Marie O'Brien.

JANUARY 1942

Saturday 24 D

Arose at 5.45am and drove Clare over to pick up her dress and then took her up to Ryde for Joan Allen's ~~ma~~ wedding. I arrived back home about 7.30 am. Clare returned about 6.30 pm.

I did a bit of reading this afternoon and worked out Lessons 9 and 10 in R.A.A.F. book.

Went up to Conf. to-night.

JANUARY 1942

3rd after
Epiphany

Sunday 25

Went to 7.0 mass and comm. 10. am Clare, Alare, Marie O'Brien and myself left home by car. Arrived in Campbelltown and after light refreshments continued on towards Appin - stopped for dinner at, and photographed Mt Gilead Windmill.

Continued on through Appin to Bulli Lookout and Sullime Pt, where we had tea. Marie took me to her cousin's party - to-night (he lives at top of Hawkhurst St).

JANUARY 1942

Monday 26

Awoke at 10.30 am.
Cloudy and cool this
morning - Anniversary
or - Australia Day.
Ray came home this
morning.

Marie O'B. and I went
out this afternoon and
did a tour of the Harbour
Bridge Pylon. After
tea we went to Theatre
Royal and saw
"The Mikado" - very
good.

JANUARY 1942

Tuesday 27

Ray returned to his
ship early this morning.
I did some shopping.

This afternoon I
went in to the Plaza
and saw "Dive
Bomber." Left the
film at Milsons.

Frank and John
left for home to-night
on the Albury Mail.
Joe, Clare, Barb and
Marg went in to
see him off.

JANUARY 1942

Wednesday 28

Awoke about 8.45 -
cloudy and coolish, generally
all day.

Mended a pair of shoes
for Margaret this morning.

We heard that Barbara
passed the Intermediate
Certif with 3A's and 4B's

I did a bit of cleaning
up and packed away
a few books.

Alan came over to-night.
Finished Lesson 9 in
R. A. A. F. course.

JANUARY 1942

Thursday 29

Cloudy and cool
to-day. I left home
about 9.30 am and
went in to State Theatre
to see Abbott and Costello
in "In the Navy" -
not bad.

Did a bit of shopping
- chiefly books - bought
a set of Ian Idriess's
books - £4-10-0 terms
or £4-4-0 cash.

Went over to Hamrahams
to-night.

JANUARY 1942

Friday 30

Went in to town early this morning and met Des and Ditha at 10 am outside the Municipal Library. We looked around the library for a while - had lunch - looked around the Mitchell and Public libraries for a while. Des and Ditha then went to see Mr McGrath.

I went up and saw Thelma Ash to - night.

JANUARY 1942

Saturday 31

Arose about 8.0 am. Did some reading this morning. Dad bought a new handle for the spade so I fitted it.

This afternoon I went down to the garage with Joe and showed him how to change wheels tighten up the brakes, fill knee-action reservoir etc.

Thelma and I went to the Mayfair to - night and Pina International Lady and B. a million - got home 8.30 am