

FEBRUARY 1942

Septuaginta

Sunday 1 ☉

Awoke at 7.30 am and went to 8.0 o'clock mass. Saw Mary Hanrahan - the picnic for to-day is off.

I dropped in to see Thelma at 12.30 am and had to get her out of bed.

I took her out to Dover Heights to Britz's - Des and Ditha were there. We walked down and saw Bondi Beach, - all barbed wire. We arrived home about 10-0 - I arr. home 2.0 am.

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Purification

Monday 2

Candlemas
(Scot. Qr. Day)

About 10 am when I awoke. Took a few photos of the colour charts on Kodak Panchrom XX.

Went in to town this afternoon - had a haircut, bought ticket to Narromine and booked seat, paid instalment on typewriter, book a few school books - lodged a return of steel drums on hand.

Mary Hanrahan and I went in to see Trial by Jury and Pirates of Penzance. Black out. to-night 9.30 - 10.30

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Tuesday 3

Awoke about 11.0 am
and found I was only
one at home. Margaret
commenced school, Barbara
is still at work and Mura
had gone up the street.
Sorted out some books.

On counting up the titles
of all my books as entered
in an exercise book, I find
that I have about 400 books
- of all kinds - excluding
magazines and periodicals.

Went up to Hanrahan's
to-night.

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Wednesday 4

Arose about 9.0 am.

Did a bit of reading
to-day.

Thelma and I went
in to Prince Edward
to-night and saw
"Skylark" - not bad.

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Thursday 5

Ditha rang up this morning - I am to meet her and Des about 1.30 pm at Anthony Borden's.

Did some shopping - bought "Ways of Escape, Across the Frontiers, and "The Australian Aboriginal" - total £1-15-0.

Des, Ditha and I went to St James and saw Robt Taylor in "Billy the Kid"

Thelma and I went in to Regent to-night and saw "Western Union".

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Friday 6

Arose about 8.30 am. Went up the street and did some shopping.

Packed my bags and then took one of them up to Marriehville stn and booked it through.

Thelma and I went over to Manly this to-night and wandered up the length of the beach to Nth Steyne. We arrived home about midnight. I arrived home about 2.0 am.

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Saturday 7

Arose at 7.0 am. bathed, and then Joe drove Mum Barb and me into Central where I caught the Central Western Express at 8.30 am.

The train was packed. However I had a corner seat and arrived safely in Narromine about

7.0 pm. Met Mrs McIntyre and Nettie at Dubbo - on their way to Orange.

I slept to-night at Lloyds.

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Sexa-
gesima

Sunday 8 €

Arose at 8.15 am. and after breakfast went along to 9.0 am Mass.

Met Mr Rathbone and then wandered around all day. We arrived home about 7.30 pm.

There are only three of us here. Doug Russell, Mr Rath. + myself - Eddie is in camp. Mrs R. and Billy have taken Snow to Orange.

Unpacked after tea.

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Monday 9

Crawled out about 9.0 am.
Finished unpacking
and tidied up the
room. Wrote to Thelma
this afternoon.

Did up some papers
for Noel and Ray.

Quite warm to-day
- about 102° .

Went to bed about
11.0 pm.

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Tuesday 10

Reveille 7.30 am.
Shaved, breakfasted,
cut lunch, posted letters
and arrived at school
at 8.45 am.

~~There~~ Only 10 pupils
returned this year.
Snow, Nancy, Valda,
Keith. H. and Alan. H
have left.

Very warm - about
 102° .

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Wednesday 11

Cloudy and sultry to-day - showers around Peak Hill, but no rain fell here.

Drew up a new school time table to-day.

Started kids covering exercise books.

Retired at 11.30pm.

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Thursday 12

Cloudy, hot and sultry. Stormy - reports of rain 1 inch 175 fts 50 fts having fallen around Peak Hill but none here.

Collected the mail and called in to see Hartins this afternoon - the boys were cutting chaff.

Mowed the lawn this afternoon.

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Friday 13

We had about 9 points
of rain this morning -
I rode Charles to
school - Thelma and
Keith were the only
absentees.

Preparing Lesson
Register to night.

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Saturday 14

7 points of rain fell
early this morning -
but then it fined up
and we had quite a
warm day. I gave
Mr Rathbone a hand
to feed the sheep
this morning and
then went with him
this afternoon along the
telephone line. I
took several photos of
trees carved by
aboriginals. Had tea
in Peak & then came
home.

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Quinquagesima

Sunday 15

Arose 7.0 am. did a few odd jobs - had breakfast. Went in to town for an all Day V.D.C. parade. The boys received their issues (tunic, slacks, boots, hats + gaiters). We went down to the river for Fieldcraft training.

We brought Jack Canan home this afternoon - he left his car in town for repairs.

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Monday 16

Quite warm to-day although cloudy.

Full attendance at school.

I went down to Dawes but they were up the paddock - so I didn't wait. Wrote home to-night.

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Shrove
Tuesday Tuesday 17

We had a few showers
to-day - about 20 pts.
Only the Hartmans were
at school.

Got wet coming home
from school.

Received a letter from
Thelma - to-day.

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Ash
Wednesday Wednesday 18

Few showers - about
15 points.

Full attendance
at school.

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Thursday 19

Rained all day for
50 points. Half-filled
old tank. Full
attendance

Darwin was bombed
last night

Saw a young eagle
at about 40 yds -
in a tree in the stock-
route.

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Friday 20

Warm and fine -
rain all gone - about
1" for the week.

Hilton Richardson
came over about 2.45pm
and finished off Keith's
horse yard.

I rode over to
Dawes' after school.
Leo is home again
from Orange - he went
after a job in munitions
factory - not opening
for a couple of months.

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Saturday 21

Arose about 8.30 am.
and after breakfast helped
Leo feed the horses. I
left for home about
10.30 am. Took the
centre bracket out of the
bike & fixed up ball bearings

Went in to Narronime
with Mr R. Met
Freda Hodges this
afternoon.

Went to pictures
with Dawes & Mr R. Eric
Lampe was there.
"Flight Command".

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Quadra-
gesima

Sunday 22 1st in
Lent

Breakfasted about
8.45 a.m. Helped
feed the sheep and
had a look at the back
paddock. Took some
meat down to Bert.

Read all this
afternoon.

Doug Russell went
home yesterday afternoon
and returned about
6.30 to-day.

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Monday 23 D

Mrs Rathbone and Lorna came home to - night. Mr Rath. went in to Narromine to meet them.

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Tuesday 24

School as usual - posted a letter home and one to Thelma. also papers to Noel and Ray. Received roll of blue prints to-day. Mr Rathbone received a call up for examination

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Wednesday 25

Took Hoe, and rake to school to-day. Went over to Dawes' this afternoon to see if Tom Nash would come here to sow 100 acres of oats.

However he is too busy.

Mr Rathlone left for Sydney this afternoon—
Doug Russell took him in.

Feb 26, 27 & 28

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