

NOVEMBER 1942

22nd after
Trinity

Sunday 1 ☾ All
Saints

Lectures as usual.

We commenced our 48
hr leave at 4 o'clock this
afternoon. I went in to
Portage to Dyers.

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Monday 2

Awoke at 9.30 arose about 10.15. Had a shower and shave and lunch. Did a bit of work this afternoon and then about 4 o'clock went in to Portage - had a haircut & then went up to Dyers for tea - We worked on a jig-saw puzzle for a while & then played cards. I caught the $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 bus home.

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Tuesday 3

Awoke at 11.0, arose just in time for dinner. Did some work this afternoon and caught the 7.15 bus in to Portage. Went to the pictures.

Found out this afternoon that we are flying to-morrow. That was changed before we went to town. Then when we arrived home we found it had been changed again.

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Wednesday 4

Arose at 6.30 & found that it had been raining all the morning. The flight for this morning was washed out. Then it commenced to snow & continued all day - quite a bit lying about this afternoon. We received 3 needles - in the forearm. 2 in right & 1 in left.

Our photographic flight for
NOVEMBER 1942
this morning was washed out.

Thursday 5

The snow that fell last night is still here - quite deep in drifts. The boys had a bit of fun fighting. The top of the road has become covered with ice & is very slippery. We had a clothing parade this afternoon and received battle dress, over boots, gloves, 3 pr thick socks, 2 long underpants & woollen singlets. Then we received an issue of comforts from A.C.F.
6 pkts lucky strike cigarettes
4 matches
1 pkt razor blades
1 cake soap
1 tube toothpaste.

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Friday 6

Snow is lying about & packing down now - the roads & pathways are covered with ice - & very slippery. They are pouring water on the skating rink - or what will be the skating rink. Our flight was washed out again this morning. There was a wings parade on this afternoon - which we attended. Then went for a route march in the snow

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Saturday 7

Fine to-day. no clouds. sun warm - snow on roofs is melting. We did a D.F. flight this afternoon - I was first Navigator. Jack Denham, Jim Fisher, Ray Rogers & myself went in to town to-night. had a game of bowls & snooker.

Met a couple of girls from the Mess Ivy & Betty - I finished up with Betty's opal ring. Arrived back about 10.45.

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Sunday 8

Went in to a social in
the church hall to-night
Pretty dead so I left
for camp about 9.30.

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Monday 9

Lectures as usual.
A bunch of N Z boys
arrived to-day.
Our flight for this
morning was wasted
out.

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Tuesday 10

Our flight for this morning was washed out - ceiling 500ft. Did a photographic flight this afternoon. Vertical line overlap.

Geoff received the enlargements from Hudson Bay Co. I received my Air Observer's Books.

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Armistice
Day

Wednesday 11

Martinmas
(Scot. Qr. Day)

Flew this morning to ~~Del~~ Birdtail - Deloraine. Geoff was a bit long giving pilot a course from Deloraine - so we finished up in Nth Dakota. We got our ~~£~~ \$1.50 from Frisco

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Thursday 12

Did a DF flight to-day
as 1st Nav. The
wind was 70 mph at
10,000 ft. It was great
at 10,000. We set out
for Esterhazy, but
arrived at Brandon.
Arrived back at the
aerodrome early - so
we kept on going till
we arrived SW of Winnipeg.

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Friday 13

Pay day to-day -
received \$20. Did
a DF flight to Esterhazy
as 2nd Nav this afternoon.
Arrived back about
4.45 and commenced
our 48. I went in
to Portage & went
around to see Dyer.
Went to the pictures
later on.

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Saturday 14

Awoke at 11.0 am. Had
lunch & went in to
town with Col Murphy.
Went to Conf to-night.
Not at all cold to-day
or to-night - the snow
has practically all
melted.

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24th after
Trinity Sunday 15 D

Awoke at 11.0 am. Went
to Mass & to dinner
then wrote some letters
this afternoon & night.

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Monday 16

~~Le~~ We did two photographic flights to-day - one this morning & one this afternoon. We are duty flight again.

Found out to-day that the airport belongs to CPR.

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Tuesday 17

There is practically no snow about at all now. It was fine all day but with an extremely cold wind blowing. Did some squad drill in No 3 Hangar.

Received 6 letters from Elaine.

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Wednesday 18

Very heavy frost - the
weather is fine.
Lectures all day.

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Thursday 19

Very cold today. We
had a wings parade
and presentation of
a pennant for being the
best AOS in Canada for
last 3 mths. Took all
the afternoon. We held
it in No 3 Hangar - kept
us standing about from
1.30 till 4.30. Did
our first night flight
to night - pinpointing.

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Friday 20

We slept in till 11 o'clock
this morning. Arose
for lunch and did a trip
to Glenboro, White Bear Lake,
Wauchope, Glenboro, Portage.

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Saturday 21

Lectures.

A beautiful fine day
same as yesterday - even
warm (comparatively)
The skating rink has
frozen over - some of
the boys were skating
this afternoon.
They borrowed skates
from the Stn PT. Instructor

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Next before
Advent

Sunday 22 ☺

Met Sub Hines to-day.
He arrived here with
4 other chussies yesterday.
He is training for
bombaimers. Did most
of his training at
Paulson. Just the
same as ever - short &
fat.

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Monday 23

Did a square search
this morning SE of
Winnipeg. Quite
enjoyable. PO Pipe came
with us.

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Tuesday 24

Beautiful weather this morning - but a very cold wind blew up this afternoon. Our square search and compass swing was scrubbed.

We commenced our 48 hrs pass this afternoon. I went in to Portage and went to the pictures.

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Wednesday 25

~~A~~ Went into town this morning - missed the 8:45 bus & as there was none till 12:15 another chap & myself commenced to walk - moisture from our breath froze on got coal blew nose - handkerch froze in pocket. Had haircut opened bank a/c at Post office deposited \$50

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Thursday 26

Stayed at camp.

Did some skating on
the camp rink.

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Friday 27

Work as usual.

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Saturday 28

We went to 100th
Training Centre to
see Lifelway Follies.

Jim Fisher & myself
walked on in to
town. instead of
going to follies.

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1st in
Advent

Sunday 29

Lectures all day.
Two night flights
to-night. First one
at 7.30 I was first. Nas
Portage, Birdtail, Deloraine,
Portage - we had PO
Summing with us. Arrived
back about 11 pm - had a
meal. Changed to another plane
1st one no good. No oil pressure
in port engine in 2nd plane - changed
to third - radio wouldn't work -
got that fixed & took off - I just
about had wheel up when
pilot decided to return - 1st
engine quitting. So we came
back & went to bed - 3.30 am

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St. Andrew's
Day

Monday 30

Slept through till 10.30 am
had here breakfast & went
on a square search up at
Mulvihill - near NE lake
Manitoba. We had
Wing Commander Gillson
in with us. During the
compass on the returning
to Portage - clouds very low so
we climbed to 5,500. Temp
- 23°C = 45°F below freezing
pt. Hand out window for
5 sec adjusting astro & frozen