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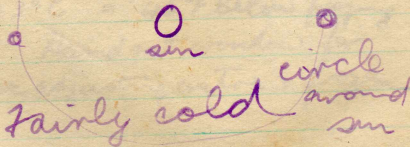
Tuesday 1 €

Pretty cold to day -
11°F below zero is
43°F below freezing pt.
We were paid to day
I received \$23.50

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Wednesday 2

Saw a peculiar sight
to-day - 3 suns
it was slightly cloudy
but not enough to
completely cut off the
sun + there was
the true sun, with
another one on either
side shining through
the clouds



fairly cold
circle
around
sun

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Thursday 3

Wings parade
this afternoon.

circum zenital arc.

parahelion

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Friday 4

Went skating after
tea - Betty and Ivy
were there - Betty
helped me around
most of the night.

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Saturday 5

Had our mid-term
E.N. exam this morning.
The Australian liaison
officer paid us a visit
to-day.

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2nd in
Advent Sunday 6

Lectures

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Monday 7

Commenced taking
shots with seatant.
We have to take 300
shots & work them out.

Commenced our 2.6 hr pass

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Tuesday 8

Priest came out to
camp at 5.15 to-night
and said mass - he
heard confes first &
then we went to C.

Went in to town to-night
& watched hockey
match - then went to
a dance at the Mayfair.

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Wednesday 9

Did a DF flight
to Portage Bay - Geoff
was 1st Nav - I
took about 70
shots on sun - extant

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Thursday 10

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Friday 11

Had our Maps, Charts
and Instruments
exams this morning.
- very easy.

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Saturday 12

Did a DF flight
to Glen Ewen as
1st nav.

Had a photography
final exam this
morning.

Dec 13-14
pages
missing

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Tuesday 15

We did a
flight to
Portage Bay

This afternoon
Duckworth & Hardcastle
landed at Winnipeg -
they are to come back
to-morrow

We ^{even} won a portable
wireless set to-night
raffled by one of the
chaps in the photog section

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Thursday 17

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Friday 18

Fairly cold today - 32°C .
that is 58°F below
freezing or 26° below zero.
We did a night flight
to-night to Portage Bay.
We were supposed to take
off at 8.30. at 10.30 they
wheeled us out of the hangar at
10.30 pm - plane wouldn't
start - we got another one.
- took off at midnight -
arrived back at 3.0 am.

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Saturday 19

Daylight about 9.30
am. - we were
shooting stars at
8.30 am.

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4th in
Advent

Sunday 20

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Monday 21

Our flight for
to-day was washed
out.

A plane crashed a few
miles W of the airport to right
- due to icing - 5 chaps
were killed. We as
duty watch were called
out to guard the plane
- all but Mick Abbot,
Bill Edginton, Bill
Harkaste & myself
went - I shot some
stars.

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Tuesday 22 ☺

10 of us are in the firing party for the funeral to-morrow - Geoff & I are to fly to-night with another course.

Christmas trees everywhere - nearly every house has one - one in 7 AOS grounds & in 100th Training Centre - all lighted up.

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Wednesday 23

All Course 61 went in to town this afternoon for the funerals. There were two funerals - 3 bodies.

10 of us formed the firing party - Fired volleys of 3 rounds blanks over each grave. It was pretty cold out at the cemetery - where we had a cup of coffee at the Mayfair between funerals.

We did an astro flight to Easterhazy to-night - Geoff was

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Thursday 24

Went to lectures at 10 an this morning. They gave us a few chocolates, an orange & a packet of cigarettes this afternoon. We went in to a party at the Manitoba Nurses Home to-night - it wasn't much good so we went up to the dance at the Mayfair where we danced till 12 o'clock, then Ed Murphy, Mick Abbott & myself went to Midnight Mass.

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Christmas
Day Friday 25

Arose about 11:00 am went up to the mess and had ~~break~~ dinner - the officers waited on us - soup, turkey, butter beans, desert, beer - ~~everyone~~ had a couple of bottles beer. We sang a few songs, then when it was all over a few of us (Russies) stayed back and cleared up the tables - then we waited on the girls & the cooks - Stan was the life of the party. Then Geoff Blackmore and myself went in to town to Mr Parry for Christmas dinner. He is the general manager of the station, there was also the chief engineer, assistant secretary & chief pilot there. & their wives - we caught the $\frac{1}{4}$ to one bus home.

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Boxing
Day

Saturday 26

We had a night flight
to-night - 2nd flight
straight line astro
only to Esterhazy
- it was quite a
good trip - though
not very successful
as a navigational
accomplishment -
was not a great
success.

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1st after
Christmas

Sunday 27

Lectures to day.
Flew to-night - to
Portage Bay - Geoff was
1st Nav - used Astro
till it clouded over -
not a bit cold - only -5°C

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Monday 28

Arose at 9am - flew to
Antler to-day as first
Nav D F & Astro -
a good trip.

Our flight for to-night
was washed out.

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Tuesday 29

We all received a parcel
and balaccla each
from the Dust Comforts

Found to-day
Hamper contained
Christmas cake

Plum pudding

Cheese - Kraft

Preserved pears

Tin cream

Tooth paste

razor blades

Tobacco & papers

Wrigleys

Nestle's Bation chocolate

+ a card
saying
whom it
was from

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Wednesday 30 €

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Thursday 31