

CALENDAR 1943

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Mount Royal Hotel - Banff

Marquette

DIARY

and

Daily Reminder



Jack Benham

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1943

Men look to the East for dawning
things, for the light of a rising sun.
But they look to the West, to the
crimson West for the things
that are done, are done.

Philippides covered 26 miles 385 yds
in bringing the news of victory of Greeks
over Persians - to defend
Irene's birthday

Jan 9th. 23 1943

McGrath married 12th April
1941

Deferred pay till 1st Mar 1943
28 \$ per month.

Deferred pay from 1st Mar 1943
\$34 per month.

Barb 9" stockings

Mum & Clare 9½"

Gay Roberts birthday 30th Aug.

POSTAL RATES AND INFORMATION

FIRST CLASS includes all letters and sealed parcels, except parcels sealed under special permission (with approved label). It also includes any open letter or parcel which contains writing (except that there may be included in parcels, a single invoice and still retain 4th class rates). Type written work and carbon copies are first class matter.

First class mail may be registered or sent C. O. D. but cannot be insured.

Letters and other first-class matter as described above; 3c for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Letters for **Local Delivery** 2 cents per ounce.

Drop Letters mailed for delivery at the office where deposited and where carrier delivery service has not been established, 1c for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Postal Cards, Private Mailing or Post Cards, within government size limits, written or printed, (get ruling on over and under sizes) 1c each.

SECOND CLASS (transient). Complete copies of newspapers or periodicals, entered at P. O. as second class matter. When mailed by other than publishers, 1c for each two ounces or fraction thereof, regardless of weight or distance, or parcel post rate if cheaper.

Second class matter may be registered but cannot be insured or sent C. O. D.

THIRD CLASS includes circulars, and other matter wholly in print, (except second class publications), proof sheets, corrected proof sheets and manuscript accompanying same, merchandise (including farm and factory products) and all other mailable matter not included in the first, or second classes. Weight limit of this class: 8 ounces, 1½c for each 2 oz. or fraction thereof. Over 8 ounces the fourth class rates apply.

Exception: Books, catalogues, seeds, bulbs, roots, cuttings, scions, and plants (up to 8 oz.), 1c for 2 oz. or fraction thereof. Special rates for bulk mailings. See your postmaster.

Third class matter may be registered or insured or sent C.O.D.

For registry rates apply to your postmaster.

Restricted delivery on or insured registered articles if desired, 10c additional.

Return receipt on registered or insured articles, if desired, 3c additional.

Return receipt on registered or insured articles, showing address where delivered, 23 cents additional.

FOURTH CLASS (Parcel Post) must weigh in excess of eight ounces; includes books, circulars, and other matter wholly in print, proof sheets, corrected proof sheets and manuscript copy accompanying same, merchandise (including farm and factory products), and all other mailable matter not included in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes.

Size limit: 100 inches in length and girth combined.

Note—Parcels over 84 inches in length and girth combined, and less than 10 lbs. in weight must be prepaid at 10 lbs. rate.

Weight Limit: 70 lbs.

Parcels containing fourth-class matter (parcel post) are mailable only at post offices, branch post offices and lettered, named or numbered stations.

Parcels must bear the return card of the sender otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

Fourth-class matter may be insured or sent C. O. D. up to a maximum of \$200 (per parcel).

Any fraction of a cent resulting in the total postage on a parcel must be counted as a full cent. Local delivery within the city where mailed, 7c for the first pound or fraction thereof, and 1c for each additional 2 pounds or fraction thereof. On parcels collected on rural routes, the postage is to be 2 cents less per parcel than shown above when intended for local delivery, and

LEGAL HOLIDAYS IN THE VARIOUS STATES

JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY: In all the States, Territories and Colonial Possessions.

JANUARY 19, LEE'S BIRTHDAY: In Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., Miss., N. C., S. C., Tenn. and Va.

FEBRUARY 12, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY: In Alaska, Calif., Colo., Conn., Del., Ia., Ill., Ind., Kan., Ky., Mich., Minn., Mo., Mont., Neb., Nev., N. J., N. Y., N. Dak., Ohio, Pa., S. Dak., Tenn., Utah, Wash., W. Va., Wyo., and observed by Governor's Proclamation in Mass.

FEBRUARY 22, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY: In all the States, Territories and Possessions.

GOOD FRIDAY: In Conn., Del., Fla., La., Md., Minn., N. J., Pa., Philippines, Porto Rico, Tenn.

APRIL 19, PATRIOT'S DAY. In Me. and Mass.

APRIL 26, CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY: In Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

MAY 10, CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY: In Kentucky and North Carolina.

MAY 30, DECORATION DAY: In all the States and Possessions except Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., La., Miss., N. Mex., N. C., S. C., Tenn., and Texas.

JUNE 3, JEFFERSON DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY: In Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., Tenn., Tex. and Va.

JUNE 14, FLAG DAY: Is widely observed but not a legal holiday.

JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY: In all the States, Territories and Possessions.

SEPTEMBER (First Monday), LABOR DAY. In all the States and Territories except Ala., Wyo., and the Philippines.

OCTOBER 12, COLUMBUS DAY: In Ark., Ariz., Calif., Colo., Conn., Del., Fla., Idaho, Ill., Ind., Kan., Ky., La., Me., Md., Mass., Mich., Mo., Mont., Neb., Nev., N. H., N. J., N. M., N. Y., N. Dak., Ohio, Ore., Pa., R. I., Tex., Utah, Vt., Wash., W. V., also in Porto Rico. In Arkansas and Kansas it does not affect notes or judicial proceedings.

NOVEMBER, GENERAL ELECTION DAY: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday. In every State and Territory except Alaska, Dist. of Col., Hawaii, Ill., Mass., Miss., Ohio, Philippines and Vt. In Illinois it is a legal holiday in Chicago, Springfield, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Danville, Cairo and Rockford. In Ohio it is a half holiday. In Maine it is a legal holiday only as to the courts, which also close on the State Election Day (biennially 2nd Monday in Sept.).

NOV 11, ARMISTICE DAY: In Ala., Ariz., Ark., Calif., Colo., Fla., Ill., Iowa, La., Mass., Minn., Mo., Mont., Neb., N. J., N. C., N. Dak., Pa., R. I., S. Dak., Tenn., Tex., Vt., Va., and Hawaii. In other States by Governor's Proclamation only.

NOVEMBER, THANKSGIVING DAY: Last Thursday in November. It is observed in all the States, although in some it is not a statutory holiday.

DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY: In all the States, Territories and Possessions.

Friday, January 1, 1943

1st Day—364 Days to Follow

New Year's Day

We awoke about 10 o'clock and went for a walk along the Lake Louise road to Vermillion Lake, where we took a couple of photos of Mt. Poudre looking across the lake and the town - although the town was not visible. We came back to town, had dinner and walked up to the Upper Hot Springs (sulphur springs) the boys went in for a swim, while I went on up Sulphur mountain and took a couple of photos of Bow river valley and the Banff Springs Hotel.

Then we walked down to the Banff Springs Hotel and had a look around - took a few photos. It was about 16° below zero (F) to day - the coldest it has been this winter.

We went down to Paddy Holiday's for tea to-night & then had a game of Bingo afterwards. Arrived home at 11 o'clock. The cars got a touch of frost bite coming home but not enough to do any damage.

Saturday, January 2, 1943

2nd Day—363 Days to Follow

The fire went out during the night and we all but froze - even with three blankets and great coat on. We caught the 10:30 bus to Mt Norquay this morning and went skiing all the morning - it was great fun. I caught the 2 o'clock bus back to town and went for a walk to Bow Falls and around by Tunnel Mountain. There is a grand view of the town from halfway up Tunnel mtn.

We went down to the Mount Royal Hotel & had tea - bought several dollars worth of cards, souvenirs etc - then Geoff & Ivan went skating & the rest of us went to bed.

Went to Mass this morning at St Mary's Church. - very small. almost falling down.

Sunday, January 3, 1943

3rd Day—362 Days to Follow

Had dinner at the Dominion Cafe and then hiked to the top of Tunnel Mtn. It was quite a good walk - not a breath of air in the valley & blowing a gale up top. We had a great view in all directions - of Banff township - of the Banff Springs Hotel and of the Bow River & Spray River Valleys. Returned to Salvation Army Hostel - paid our board - 50 c per person per night - caught the 5 o'clock train. It was fairly crowded, but quite a lot got off at Calgary.

Monday, January 4, 1943

4th Day—361 Days to Follow

Awoke about 9:30 am.

There was no dining car on our train so we ate the A.C.F. parcel that Ivan brought along with him.

We arrived at Portage at 4:45.

Had dinner at the Mayfair Cafe and then went out to camp - found 12 letters waiting for me.

The animals at Banff were quite tame. deer and elk roam around the streets. We took a photo of a squirrel at 3½ ft.

600 suites in Banff Springs Hotel.

173 } rooms in two bldgs for servants.
100 }

New wing at Lake Louise Hotel cost \$5 million

Tuesday, January 5, 1943

5th Day—360 Days to Follow

Lectures as usual

Wednesday, January 6, 1943

6th Day—359 Days to Follow

Lectures - very cold.

Thursday, January 7, 1943

7th Day—358 Days to Follow

We did a day flight this afternoon - to Portage Bay
Geoff had a bad eye - and did not fly - so I had a P.O. as 1st Nav.

Friday, January 8, 1943

8th Day—357 Days to Follow

We did an exam on Magnetism and Compasses this morning and D.F. and Sigs Theory this afternoon.

We were supposed to fly to-night - first of all they changed the course and then they washed it out.

Saturday, January 9, 1943

9th Day—356 Days to Follow

We did a final exam in Reconnaissance this afternoon and got back our marks for Mag & Comp. I came top with 92.

Received a letter from Clare to-day - dated 11th Nov - the first one since I left home.

Sunday, January 10, 1943

10th Day—355 Days to Follow

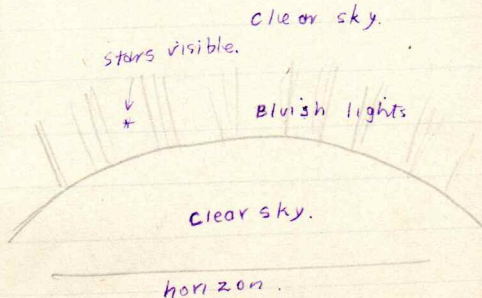
Sunrise 10.0 am. CST
Rigor Mortis, Joe Isobar or Mr Andrews
is our met lecturer.

Monday, January 11, 1943

11th Day—354 Days to Follow

We did a night flight to ~~Estorhazy~~
on DF and Astro.

After we arrived home we saw the Northern lights - quite pretty - they were a bluish colour - like lots of searchlights continually changing - they appear to start in an arc of a circle - shooting upwards



Tuesday, January 12, 1943

12th Day—353 Days to Follow

Lectures.

The Mounties do not ride horses
and are dressed in large
Buffalo skin coats.

Wednesday, January 13, 1943

13th Day—352 Days to Follow

Lectures - I helped to swing
a compass this afternoon.

Thursday, January 14, 1943

14th Day—351 Days to Follow

Have a cold - not very bad.
There are not many colds about
and those that do have them
seem to lose them again after a
few days.

Friday, January 15, 1943

15th Day—350 Days to Follow

We commenced our 48 to-
night, Bill Hardcastle
& I went to Portage to the
pictures & saw "Broadway".

Temp. this morning was
38° F below zero ie
70° F below freezing pt.

Saturday, January 16, 1943

16th Day—349 Days to Follow

Wrote letters & did up a couple of parcels this morning - posted them this afternoon - one to home, to Elaine & the doll to Ditha. Went around to Dyers after tea, and then to the Dance at the Mayfair with Thelma

Sunday, January 17, 1943

17th Day—348 Days to Follow

Monday, January 18, 1943

18th Day—347 Days to Follow

It is so cold that you develop pains in face & behind eyes - where the wind blows on your face.

Tuesday, January 19, 1943

19th Day—346 Days to Follow

Wednesday, January 20, 1943

20th Day—345 Days to Follow

Temperature this morning was
-49°F i.e. 81° below freezing pt.
All flights for the past few
days have been washed out.
After being outside for a few minutes,
eyebrows & eyelashes are white-
covered with frost from breath.

Thursday, January 21, 1943

21st Day—344 Days to Follow

Received a letter from Clare
to-night.

Friday, January 22, 1943

22nd Day—343 Days to Follow

Saturday, January 23, 1943

23rd Day—342 Days to Follow

Snowing very hard to night.

A couple of planes from Rivers
landed here to-day.

We are on duty watch - and is it
cold - we come back with greatcoats
& whiskers covered with icicles.

Sunday, January 24, 1943

24th Day—341 Days to Follow

Snow feet deep this morning -
takes some ploughing through.
Still no flying

Monday, January 25, 1943

25th Day—340 Days to Follow

No flying

Tuesday, January 26, 1943

26th Day—339 Days to Follow

Our flight for to-night was washed out.

They made us line up and file past for our meals to-day.

Wednesday, January 27, 1943

27th Day—338 Days to Follow

Thursday, January 28, 1943

28th Day—337 Days to Follow

Commenced our finals to-day
we had E & N this morning and
Armaments this afternoon. Both
of them were fairly easy.

Friday, January 29, 1943

29th Day—336 Days to Follow

Did Air Rec this afternoon -
got 100%

Saturday, January 30, 1943

30th Day—335 Days to Follow

We had Meteorology exam
this morning.

Sunday, January 31, 1943

31st Day—334 Days to Follow

We flew to Togo this afternoon.
I was first Nav.

First Nav again to night on
a flight to Portage Bay.