

Thursday, April 1, 1943

91st Day—274 Days to Follow

Received an invitation
from Irene — to stay there
next Sat & Sun.

Friday, April 2, 1943

92nd Day—273 Days to Follow

Flew quite a few times
this week.

Weather is warming up.
Rang Irene to-night and
told her I could not
get down for the week-end.

Saturday, April 3, 1943

93rd Day—272 Days to Follow

Sunday, April 4, 1943

94th Day—271 Days to Follow

Barbara's Birthday 11th

Monday, April 5, 1943

95th Day—270 Days to Follow .

Have been going over to see
Stuart Bryan every afternoon.
He was on 26 S.N.N course
with us & went to hospital
with ear trouble the day
before he was to leave here
for St Johns.

Tuesday, April 6, 1943

96th Day—269 Days to Follow

Wednesday, April 7, 1943

97th Day—268 Days to Follow

Received a letter from Irene to-day, renewing the invitation to go down there and stay for next week-end. It was a beautiful spring day - just like a winter day at home - sun shining, ~~was~~ about 10 am., just after the frost has melted. Everybody is happy, they have been quite cheerful lately and anyone who hears a robin singing immediately tells everyone else. I heard two or three people mention having heard a ~~S~~ robin singing yesterday - and Irene mentioned it in her

Thursday, April 8, 1943

98th Day—267 Days to Follow

letter to-day. Then this afternoon coming back from the hospital I heard a bird singing - and it is remarkable the effect it has upon you - to make you light hearted & want to sing or cry or something. It even made ^{me} homesick as I thought of the walks I used to take along the Graddle brook at Warramunga with birds everywhere - or when I used to sit in my room (a sleepout) and listen to the birds in the garden - Arthur had a really great garden - & I am sure the birds loved

Friday, April 9, 1943

99th Day—266 Days to Follow

to visit it. I suppose the song this afternoon was quite different from the songs of the birds at home - but it sounded the same & had the same effect. Still it has been beautiful weather the last couple of days - most of the snow has melted - with the result there is water everywhere, - large pools along the road and in the middle of the fields.

I went over to the Rec Hall & played a few games of Volley Ball this afternoon

Saturday, April 10, 1943

100th Day—265 Days to Follow

Caught the 1:15 bus to Brandon & the 3:10 train CP to Portage - Irene was at the station to meet me. After tea we went to the pictures & saw "Reunion in Paris", then went along to the Mayfair for a while - till the dance finished - then we went for a walk - out along the road over the lake to the park. When we got home Irene showed me some of her ~~sketches~~ sketches. We sat and talked till 11:30 am - Irene woke me up at 11:00 am, sat on the bed & talked for a while. We went for a walk around the park this afternoon. Had supper & then sat & talked & listened to Irene play the piano till train time - 10:30. Irene & her father came over to the CP station to see me off.

Sunday, April 11, 1943

101st Day—264 Days to Follow

Monday, April 12, 1943

102nd Day—263 Days to Follow

Back to work again.

Tuesday, April 13, 1943

103rd Day—262 Days to Follow

Wednesday, April 14, 1943

104th Day—261 Days to Follow

A couple of the officers - Collyer
& Sid Pallett were very excited
to ~~night~~^{day} - they heard a meadow
lark singing outside our
window.

Thursday, April 15, 1943

105th Day—260 Days to Follow

Friday, April 16, 1943

106th Day—259 Days to Follow

Course 684 wrote their final exam in magnetism and compasses this morning - marked some of the papers this afternoon and went to the show to night.

Saturday, April 17, 1943

107th Day—258 Days to Follow

Finished marking the Mag and Comp exam papers this morning - most of the boys did pretty well - top mark was 98, lowest 59, average 83.6%. Caught the 405 train from Rivers to Portage this afternoon. Irene & I went ^{to the} ~~and~~ ~~Elite~~ Playhouse & saw "Twin Beds" - funny. I stayed at the Portage Hotel.

Sunday, April 18, 1943

108th Day—257 Days to Follow

Arose at 11:0 am - had a light breakfast - a fire broke out at the oil ~~distillery~~ ^{refinery} - so we walked out to have a look at it - then took a photo of the Greek Catholic church - sat up talking till 2:0 am.

Monday, April 19, 1943

109th Day—256 Days to Follow

Arose at 8:0 am and paid a visit to No 7 A.D.S. - saw Hal Cumming, Pipe, & New Kite.

Irene & I then played 3 lines of bowls this afternoon - after which we went to the doctor for her treatment - followed by a walk in the park where we lay on the grass in the sun. It was quite warm and very little wind - in fact it was a really marvellous weekend.

Irene is ~~a~~ really a gem - I have never yet ~~quite~~ met a girl quite like her - artistic, musical, intelligent - in fact just wonderful. ~~We saw~~ ^{we saw} the "Journey for Margaret" to-night at the "Playhouse". I arrived back at camp at 2:00 am.

Tuesday, April 20, 1943

110th Day—255 Days to Follow

Wednesday, April 21, 1943

111th Day—254 Days to Follow

Thursday, April 22, 1943

112th Day—253 Days to Follow

Friday, April 23, 1943

113th Day—252 Days to Follow

To. day is good Friday - so there are no lectures. I did not wake till 10 a.m. - had a cup of coffee & toast at the snack bar - dined at 11:30 then Alex Holden, Bronson, Col Gourlay, Warren Taylor and myself went for a walk down to the Minnedosa River. then we followed it up till we came to the CN bridge over it, followed the railway to Rivers stn, then cut off through the paddocks back to No 7. It was quite a nice day - warm sun, slight breeze - crocuses blooming freely. They are a small bluish white flower 5 petals, blue underneath, yellow centre - stalks about $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 ins long. I wore shots and fur felt hat.

Saturday, April 24, 1943

114th Day—251 Days to Follow

Windy and very dusty - in fact a real dust storm - not quite as bad as some of the worst I have seen at home, but pretty bad - and lasted all day. They washed out the photography flight this afternoon. I caught the 2:35 train to Portage. Irene & I went to the Elite - George came in to-night & stayed the night. He and Madeline

Sunday, April 25, 1943

115th Day—250 Days to Follow

announced their engagement during the week. Irene & I sat in the sun at the back of the house this afternoon. Then took a walk down to see the Lake of the Woods flour mill & grain elevator that was burnt down last Thursday.

Monday, April 26, 1943

116th Day—249 Days to Follow

Caught the 7:30 CN train back to Camp last night, arrived back at 11:00 clock, and found that I should have been on a bit inspection on Sunday morning:

Tuesday, April 27, 1943

117th Day—248 Days to Follow

Wednesday, April 28, 1943

118th Day—247 Days to Follow

Thursday, April 29, 1943

119th Day—246 Days to Follow

Friday, April 30, 1943

120th Day—245 Days to Follow

Sunday, May 2, 1943

122nd Day—243 Days to Follow