

TRANSCRIPTION: Dorothy Beckton's diary

Front outside cover has a label with the following information

Dorothy Beckton
Belvedere
Frinton on Sea
Essex.

Inside front cover: printed calendar for 1914 and 1915 (note: Dorothy's entries were written in the notebook in 1918 and 1919, where she created her own written calendar months)

Inside back cover: ready reckoner, marketing table and arithmetical tables showing:

Avoirdupois weight	Table of Motion	Table of Time
Long or lineal measurements	Square measures	Days in the month
Hay and straw weight	Solid or Cubic Measure	Imperial Heaped Measure
Imperial Dry Measure		

Hand written over the tables is the following

Miss Dorothy Beckton.
Belvedere
Frinton on Sea
Essex
England
Henry Glennie Amis
My G
initialled DB

First page – loose page dated April

APRIL

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(all dates crossed through presumably as each diary entry was made)

1st Mon *(no entry)*

Tues 2nd Walk with Connie

Wed 3rd Lunch on sands with Connie

Th 4th Mother went away yesterday morning to Devonshire. I am alone here with Dad in the evenings doing housekeeping i.e. What there is to do.

Sat 6th Heard G is going out to France on Wednesday. Mrs Avis sent a note. I am very fed up. Walked to Walton in pouring rain. Went to Hive (?).

Sun 7th G came down by earlier train got hear about 12. It is v nice to see him. Early Service & we had a very good time together.

Mon 8th Again had a v good time though I felt how near Weds was getting.

Tues 9th 1.18 up to town. Mrs Amis, Phylis, Boff, Margorie, G & myself. Shopped with my G boy. Changed at Grosvenor Hotel (got G a ring couldn't get badge). Dinner at *(blank space)* on to Bing Boys in Broadway¹. G came & said good- night. (Phyllis, Marjorie & myself sleeping together).

Weds 10th G. went off by the 7.50. It was beastly saying good-bye. I have never known such a horrible , long day. I felt terrible down the whole time. I wish this war would end now. Shopped etc. in the morning. Went to a Box o' Tricks ² in the afternoon.

¹ The Bing Boys: This was a music hall revue first opened at the Alhambra Theatre London on 19th April 1916 singing songs such as "if you were the only girl in the World" & "The Lambeth Walk".

² Box o' Tricks: Musical revue London Hippodrome March 1918.

Thurs 11th I have written to G. but am not sure where he will be going so he will probably never get it. Letter from G. from Folkestone the darling. He said I was plucky saying good-bye, but I'm not really. He should see me now. Wrote to Etaples on the chance he will go there on the way up.

Fri 12th Wrote again to Etaples. Golf. Went up to Amis' after dinner.

Sat 13th Went up to Amis'. Golf. Wrote to Etaples. Dinner with Amis'

Sun 14th Church with Mrs Amis. Tea at Amis. Boff & Mar [?] came to supper.

Mon 15th Lunch at Amis'. Rest of day. Heard from my G this morning a letter & card from Etaples. Card saying he was going up the line that night i.e. Friday 12th. God bless him & take care of him. & may he come back soon, my love.

Tues 16th Harry's Birthday. No word from G. Tea at Amis'.

Wed 17th No word again, I expect letters can't get through. Connie & Phylis came to tea. Shift at 7 am. Phil came home but not Mum. Telegram from Aunt June, Minehead (?). I was disappointed not to find (missing word).

Th 18th No word again. Walk with Connie- weighed 8.10'. Hockey. Tea Amis'. Shift. Enlargements G. had done came.

Fri 19th Letter from my G. waiting to join Battn. He is alright. Bombed on way up in the train. He and Capt Mosley & another going to the 5th.

Sat 20th Lilian & Mum home.

Sun 21st Early service. I was vaccinated yesterday.

Mon 22nd Mr Amis heard from G.

Tues 23rd 2 letters from G. just behind line in case wanted, in range. Rather disturbing noise - poor old boy. He has got a Coy. until another Capt goes out, which is good & much better for the dear man. He is frightfully busy & much happier than he would be otherwise. He is the dearest boy there could ever be in all the world.

Wed 24th Shift etc. Stuarts.

Th 25th Tea with Mrs Grey. ~~Stuarts~~

Fri 26th Letter from my dear G. boy. He heard from me for the first time last Friday, when he wrote. Got 3 letters, one sent on from the Base.

Sat 27th 2 letters from my G. boy. One 20th, other 22nd. He is riding. Has 100 more men & 3 new officers. Has his acting Captaincy & is altogether doing very well. I feel very

proud of him. He doesn't get much in the way of sleep. Guns & raids at night & no time in the day as he is very tired poor old boy -

- Picnic on backwater³ with Connie & the children.

Sun 28th - 2 more letters from G. I am very lucky. He has 2 more officers. Coy now 200 strong. They are moving. He is stiff from riding. He is happy, more or less. Still very busy. & with raids & guns not much sleep, so very tired. Otherwise alright.

Mon 29th - Mum and I went up to town by the 9.30. Got coat & skirt, shoes etc. Home by 5 train. Nothing from my G.

Tues 30th Lovely letter from G. The darling I just adore him. He told me how much he loved me very beautifully, I think he loves me the most wonderful way. I am lucky. He was moving next day 26th (Last night I had a bad night again & just longed for my G.)

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³ Backwaters - Nature reserve near Walton on the Naze?

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1st Wed. Began work in Mr Amis' office. Caught 7.30 up. I enjoyed the work very much & am ever so glad to be doing it. I didn't hear from my dear old G. boy to-day. He was going to move next day when he last wrote.

Th 2nd Have caught slight chill or something in the train. Not feeling v fit therefore did not much enjoy the day. Nothing from G. I was disappointed when I got in.

Fri 3rd I felt more or less alright to-day so like it alright. I was v disappointed again to find nothing from my G. I do hope to hear tomorrow. The enlargements arrived from Kodaks they are quite good. Capt Greenwood came in

Sat 4th Field p.c ⁴ from G, written 29th April - Monday. After tea began to play golf but found I simply couldn't. Blues – which had been getting worse & worse became unendurable & I had to come home. hells [?] came in.

Sun 5th At last a letter from my G. written 30th & 31st. They had moved. It is interesting there & ~~they~~ he had never been in that part before. He is still frightfully busy & is doing a tremendous amount of excellent work I should think. I am very proud of him. Expect to go into the line in about a fortnight, it is quiet there though. He had been over ground for div -field day with Colonel. 3-15 – 8.30 in saddle he must have been tired poor old thing. He is awfully good to write as much as he does, he certainly doesn't get much time. He is such a dear. Church at Holland⁵

Mon 6th Enjoyed my work.

Tues 7th Rather had cold. Letter from my dear G boy.

Weds 8th A nice long letter from G again. I loved the nice letter; he is a dear, dear sweetheart.

Th 9th No letter so I felt in rather a bad temper. It does make a difference.

⁴ p.c = post card

⁵ Holland: Holland on Sea or Great Holland?

Fri 10th Short letter written 4th. They were moving the next day from their nice quiet billets. I have no idea where they were moving to maybe the line. I hope it will not be a bad place.

Harry came down as well as Cres so there are quite a nice party of us.

Sat 11th Nothing from G. Harry, Lillian & I went to concert by old 32nd Party with Mr Greenwood. It was v good.

Sun 12th Early Service.

Mon 13th Note from G in line

Tues 14th Letter & p.c. from G. Shellings.

Wed 15th Dinner with Amis'. Harry very tired when we got back

Th 16th Letter from my G: a real one at last. He is very tired & doesn't get much sleep. It is a large bit of line & it takes a long time to go round the posts. It is a quiet part though.

Fri 17th Lunch with Alan at Piccadilly, April fetched us. Ian & Elsie Barclay there & Ian's financee stayed with aunt Maud, Aunt Ethel, Joan & Phil came to dinner: it was v nice to see them.

Sat 18th Aunt Maud & I shopped with no success. Difficulty over ticket. Came through without one. Caught 3.22 arrived 6.45! Heilte (?) here. I am very glad to see her again. She is an awful dear. Letter from my G. I am very thankful it is such a quiet sector he is in.

Sun 19th Harry, Lillian, Phyllis and Heilte (?) & I went out in a boat, It was lovely out & I nearly went to sleep.

20th Whit Monday. Holiday.

Tues 21st Shopped. Letter from G. just out of trench 15th. Had H.Q. shelled but about 30ft below ground so alright, thank God.

Wed 22nd Once more to work. Letter from my G. Resting & seemed to be quite enjoying it.

Thurs 23rd *no entry*

Fri 24th Shopped required (?) Standard dresses. Letter from G from Paris. Very hot and expensive.

Sat 25th Two letters from Paris. He doesn't seem to be enjoying it so very much.

Sun 2 letters from my G.

Mon Gerald Best. Lunch with him & Billie.

Tues P.C. from my G. 23rd
Wed Thought G called just after 8.
Th Nice long letter from my dearest boy. In the line.
Fri Lunch with Amis' & Gerald & Billie & Mr Bullock. Shopped got standard Dress
 Pattern.
Sat Made lot of dress.
Sun June 2nd *No entry*
Mon June 3rd *No entry*

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Mon 3rd Rather worried about my G. It seems so endless & ununderstandable. I sometimes feel I can't bear it anymore. I'm afraid I'm rather a coward. Roy has died. That is Daisy's husband as well as Ethels'. It is very sad.

Tues 4th Still no news

Wed 5th Organ Recital.

Th 6th Still I haven't had a letter. The posts were sure (?) to get disorganised. I hope my own G boysie has not been having a bad time. (Send chocs to-morrow).

Miss Morton away so I rang up mill etc.

Fri 7th Mr Amis had a letter written 26th May.

Sat 8th Harry down. Letter from my G written 26th

Sun 9th Felt strangely tired.

Mon 10th Telegram saying my G is missing. I felt sort of stunned at first. Horrible journey down to Frinton, my heart getting sorer and sorer. A horrible time of despondency, but there is really no need. I think my darling boy is almost sure to be a prisoner in Germany. It is rather weary waiting but as soon as I can hear that he is safe, will be alright. And we shall be able to make up afterwards. I hope they will treat the dear old boy well. Please God let it all turn out alright.

(Tue. Wed Th): Mum is a hick ⁶ & such a dear to me. Dad too. Everyone is very kind & anxious to do all they can enquiring etc. It surely must turn out alright in the end. I wish I could hear soon that my G is alright. I am going back to the office on Monday.

Sun 16th Early Service – Kirby ⁷ Service. Horribly depressed in evening again.

Mon 17th Began at office again. After just at first glad I went back. It helped to get through the time.

⁶ Hick: American phrase meaning country bumpkin.

⁷ Kirby: Village NE of Frinton.

Tues 18th. Greta came in in the evening. It cheered me up talking to her. My G must be a prisoner.

Wed 19th (no entry)

Th 20th Went round to Greta & talked again. Letters from lots of people. They are all very kind.

Fri 21st Ciss came down.

Sat 22nd Harry “ ”

Sun 23rd Holland in evening

Mon 24th (No entry).

Tues 25th Dentist.

Wed. Th 26th 27th Letter at office from wounded Yorks. Officer. He had heard from one of their officers who had not gone up the line that time, & he had come across a man who had escaped from the Germans & said he had seen G. as a prisoner in their hands. The relief of knowing that the dearest boy in the world is safe is most tremendous. We were v. lucky to hear like that & I am very thankful. Thank God for this wonderful mercy; help me to be better.

I can wait now with happiness, now I know my G. will someday be coming back alright.

Fri 28th We are now waiting to hear officially & with his address so we can write & send the dear boy food. Poor old G he will be so worried to think we do not know.

Sat 29th Began Spanish flue – felt very ill.

Sun Still rather ill.

Mon 1st Dr Bell came.

Tues 2nd Better, rather depressed.

Wed 3rd Very ill again

Th 4th Better got up. Day spent with Mrs Amis.

Fri 5th Again spent day with Mrs Amis.

July

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Mon 1st Better today. But still temp. so not allowed to get up. Sewed etc. so quite happy.

Tues 2nd Felt rather depressed to-day. Effects of flue I suppose. I wish I could hear from my own G. himself. It would cheer me no end to hear from the dearest of all himself. Still I must be patient. It was wonderfully lucky that we should have heard as we did that he is a prisoner. I must just be thankful for that & be patient. And one day we shall be very happy for we love each other very much.

Sat 6th Heitha & her sister here, also Harry. Still very floppy.

Sun 7th Rested Dr Bell came.

Mon 8th Day on sands with Mum.

Tues 9th Back to office.

Wed 10th My Birthday. Some beautiful presents. Office. Dentist. Dinner at Gobelins. Mum, Dad, et al. Ciss aunts, Ethel & Maud. Mum & Dad gave me a pearl necklace & bar (*illegible word*) Also a dear little bottle of scent. Hal (?) a v. nice jewel case. Hal lovely tortoiseshell topped bag. Ciss & Phil are giving me brush & mirror. Aunt Ethel a brooch. Aunt Maud gave me a lovely piece of Chinese amethyst to hang on a long ribbon.

Th 11th Stayed in town.

Fri 12th Came home to find most exciting budget (*bundle?*) of telegrams, letters & parcels. Brooch from Katie, Carrie, Mar & Baa chocs. Mr Martin. (2 illegible words) Telegrams Mrs Freeman & Martin. Letters, Phil, Miss F, Baa etc. Mr & Mrs Amis gave me a ripping⁸ little watch. Bracelet from G too.

Sat 13th Mr Drury is rather nice. Bathed, but did not like it much.

⁸ Ripping means excellent or splendid.

Sun 14th Wet. Read. On Sat had a p.c from my G.

Tues 16th Telegram from Cox's. G passed a cheque at Rastratt.⁹

June 18th This gave us an address & I went down to Thurloe Place¹⁰ so that they could send off parcels at once. Also Fortnum & Mason for a parcel. Spent evening writing. It is good to be able to write again. It made me so miserable not to be able to.

Wed 17th It is lovely writing

Th 18th Dentist. Thanks goodness have finished.

Fri 19th Mr Amis had Reg (?) Field Card written 29th May PM 16th June.

Sat 20th Bathed & played golf with Gwen (?)

Sun 21st Bathed

Mon 22nd Doing mill work to get used to it before Miss Morton goes for her holiday.

Th 25th Stayed in town. Mrs Amis had a card from G. saying that they were nearly all taken on the 27th May. They were alright, had plenty of food, (I suspect he had to say that) but no variety, would she send lots, & list of what he wanted.

Fri 26th Phil & Betty Baldwin home for hols.

Sat 27th Mum's Birthday we gave her a nice bead bag

Sun 28th (*no entry*)

Mon 29th Miss Morton was away. I was frightened but as far as I know didn't do anything very wrong.

Tues 30th Stayed in town. Dinner at Rendezvous with aunt Ethel & Maud, Ciss later. Went to see The Title, which was very good. X. Very tired. Phyllis & Boff have got my badge, brooch now. It is ripping.

Wed 31st Lawrie Bell has been killed. I am so sorry for Aunt Annie. He was flying in England.

Th 1st We are having tomorrow off, cheers. It is also hot and I am tired. Letter from G early (?) yesterday.

August

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⁹ Rastratt ; North east of Strasbourg.

¹⁰ Thurloe Place. South Kensington London.

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1st

It was glorious to get a real letter at last, & a very nice one. It was written June 25th so took over a month to get here. He wrote the night before they were taken, but the transport didn't get through. The Colonel was killed too. I'm afraid they had rather a terrible time. Poor old boy. He says they are getting on quite alright accept there is nothing at all to do - sent tobacco.

Friday 2nd Holiday. Stayed in bed very late. Met Amis' after dinner.

Sat 3rd Harry & Ciss down. Lovely afternoon. Another letter from my G: also Mrs Amis I was pleased; so soon after the last. As a matter of fact it was written June 15th – 10 days before the other.

Sun 4th 4th anniversary of War. I was in a horrid mood & beastly & cross because G said in Mrs Amis' letter he would rather be back in it. I am not nice enough for the dear one to love me so much. I am horrid & jealous nowadays. I must not let myself get like it. Kirby with Mrs Amis & Phyllis.

Mon 5th Still rather fed up. But ashamed of myself with been so horrid about my G. I have been reading some of his dear letters & he loves me a wonderful lot. The darling. I am lucky.

Tues 6th Tennis. I enjoyed it. Connie, Greta & Mavis. Amis' after dinner.

Wed 7th Day off again. We are lucky. Washed my hair.

Th 8th Went up to City again. Two p.c s from my G. 5th July & 20th June.

Fri 9th Came down by late train.

Sat 10th *(no entry)*

Th 15th Lunch with Mr Amis & Gerald Best.

Fri 16th Sent cigarettes to G. Amis' have had p.c. from Thurloe Plce. G moved to Stralsund, Danholm.¹¹ I believe it is a good camp so I am glad.

Sat 17th Golf with Capt Greenwood.

Sun 18th Early service.
Greenwood & I played Mr Martin & Lillian & beat them.

Mon 19th Am beginning holiday on Wed. Very tired & bad tempered.

Wed 20th Bathed. Danced W.H. (*White House*)

Th 22nd Bathed. Golf with Greenwood, quite enjoyed it.

Fri 23rd (*no entry*).

Sat 28th Bathed. Gwen came over to lunch. But a 2.30 we had to return to Clacton went with the Amis'. Tea with Gwen & Mrs Amis. Dance at Beach House did not enjoy it it always make me G. sick (?)

Sun 25th My dear longed for letter from my G has not come yet, it is a terrible long time, & I do want it so!
Golf with Greenwood again. Lillian & Mr Martin again. Couldn't hit a ball. Fined (?)

Mon 26th Went over to see Gwen. Had a good old talk.

Tues 27th Shopped got big coat, & hat. Ethel & Dorothy to dinner.

Wed 28th Back to office.

Th 29th Stayed up again. Ethel Gower came to dinner.

Fri 30th (*No entry*)

Sat 31st Harry got consumption a bit. Gwen came over. Sports. Dancing. Hertina here for week-end.

Sun 1st September. Walk. Evening Service at Kirby. Talk with Hertina

Mon 2nd Still a bit sort of peaceful as yesterday evening. But I do want my letter from my G.

Tues 3rd Tobacco to G. St Pauls.

Wed 4th Still waiting my letter

Th 5th (*No entry*)

Fri 6th Send G. sleeping bags fr Harrods. When I got home found his letter had come at last. It was glorious to get it. It was written from Karlsruhe¹² 23rd & 24th July. The camp

¹¹ Stralsund – Danholm POW camp situated on North German Mainland and the island of Rugen

¹² Karlsruhe POW camp

there is much better & he will be much better off now. It was quite a cheerie letter & I think he will be alright. He is making the best of it as I knew he would the darling boysie. Is reading a lot of good books

Sunday 8th Saw Dr Bell because I have a cold & aren't v. well. I'm not to go up for a day or so till my cold is alright & am to feed up on milk etc. Rather a nuisance.

September

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Mon etc. Nothing much to do, but am getting on with cami¹³ for my trousseau.

Sat 14th Sports etc. Amis' in evening, half asleep, did not enjoy it. On Thursday I had a letter from my G. from Rastatt. It was lovely to get it, it made me quite cheerful for a short time.

Boff & I have quarrelled, I don't know what about.

Sun 15th I'm very fed up & bored, also Monday & Tuesday. I don't like being down here at all.

~~Mon etc.~~ Had a nice letter from G & felt much cheered. He is at Stralsund now. Says it is quite a good camp. Said some rather dear idiotic thing, which made me love him more than ever.

Sun 22nd Mrs Amis had a letter from him written before mine. Russian came before, & insecticide needed. He seems alright.

Rather depressed to-day. Everything went wrong & I felt terrible.

Wed Liver attack or something & month went out with good news. Things look more hopeful. I do so hope it will be over.

October

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¹³ Camisole. A female under bodice with shoulder straps originally designed as a cover for a corset. Also a woman's short negligee

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Tues Tea with Amis'. Played bridge for the 1st time.

Wed Amis' Babe's Birthday Party

Thursday Went up to town. Hal (legible word) to specialist. Auntie came down. Got shoes. Lost fur in train.

Fri Walked etc. Daniels.

Sat 5th Wet day.

Sun 6th Rather depressed again

~~The~~ Walking a lot with Aunt Maud. I'm feeling much fitter & go without feeling depressed longer than goodness.

Sat 19th My G's Birthday. I have & am feeling rather sick again. I hate him having a horrid birthday out there. I haven't heard from him for ages either & have fairly got the hump. Dinner with Amis'. Cheered up rather. We drank to my G's health afterwards. Why won't it hurry up & end & let my dearest come back. The news is very good though. It must end soon now.

Sun 20th Church. Wet day.

Mon 21st Town by 9.30 with Mrs Amis & Mr & Mrs Maudsley. Office. Met Dolly Clarke for lunch. Harrods.

Wed 22nd Went to Goring (?) met up with Marjorie Daniels. Ordered dress.

Th 23rd Chose stuff & was fitted. Went down to see Aunt Ethel. I haven't heard from my G yet. Oh I do want a letter so badly. I'm afraid my cheerfulness is not poss (?) for the time. But it will end soon.

Mon 28th Season up. Last day in town.

NOVEMBER

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Nov 7th Have had 2 lovely letters from my G. Rumour that armistice was signed.

Nov 8th Heard it wasn't true. I was rather disappointed.

Mon 11th Armistice signed Thank God it is over & my G will be coming back.

Wed 15th Evening at Amis'

Tues 26th I'm afraid I'm very impatient. Please God help me to be better.

DECEMBER.

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Thu 5th Boff & I cycled to Clacton to get wool. Began jumper.

Tues 3rd Mr Amis had wire from Dutchman to whom G had written ~~to~~. G expecting to sail Nov 27th arrive 1st or 2nd Dec.

Sat 7th Dance at Bangs'

Sun 8th Kirby with Marjorie. Tea with Amis!

Th 12th Mum went up to meet Phil.

Fri 13th Phil came home.

Sat Mum not well.

Sun Kirby with Phyllis. Mum got 'flu.

Wed 18th Mr Amis had wire from Copenhagen from G. arrived there Sunday. Expecting to sail within the week.

Th 19th Photo of G sent Oct 14th arrived. Phil & I took poor old Dandy¹⁴ to Colchester to vets.

Fri 20th Lovely long letter from G. Brought back by one of the men who got back sooner & posted from Edinburgh. It has made me feel much better.

~~Sat 2-~~ Poor old Dandy has had to be killed. It is rotten not having the darling old dog any more, but it was the only thing to do. Hockey, rather fun.

Sat 21st Dance. White House.

Sun 22nd Haven't heard anything further of G yet. I wish he would hurry up. There isn't long to Christmas now.

Weds 25th Christmas Day Tea with Amis. Dinner home. I was disappointed that G wasn't home.

Th 26th Wire G. at Leith.

¹⁴ Dandy = pet dog.

Fri 27th Wire G. in hospital at Ripon. Found out that he had 'flu. I was rather upset.

To-morrow Mrs Amis & I go up to see him.

Sat 28th Caught 9.30 up. Arrived Harrogate for night. Rang up & heard G all right.

Sun 29th 8. Something ~~fr~~ train to Ripon. Wet walk to Unicorn, no rooms. Got cab. Spa hotel, got rooms there. Saw G, He seems getting on all right.

Mon 30th Saw G.

Tues 31st Bad cold so couldn't go up.

New Year's Eve

1919.

January

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January

Weds 1st

Mrs Amis had cold, so went up to G alone.

For next few days Mrs Amis' cold very bad, so I was rather worried. G. getting better. After a few days G. able to come down to Hotel. We played billiards & had a v good time.

Fri 10th Came home, at least began. Spent night at Waldorf Hotel. Came down to Frinton.

Sat 11th by 5 train. G got leave from Hospital ~~for~~ till Monday. Very happy weekend.

Sun (no entry)

Mon 12th G went up.

Tues 13th G got down by 5 train with 2 months leave. I was very relieved (?).

Wed 22nd G & I went up to town. I stayed with Aunt Maud. G at the Russell. Ordered dress. Dinner at Carons - Late for. Fair & warmer.

Th 23^d G & I wandered around together. Dinner at Piccadilly.

Fri 24th As before. Dinner at flat. Yes, uncle (?) took Auntie.

Sat 25th Carons. The Bing Boys on Broadway. Enjoyed it enormously.

Sun 26th Went to the Hackney Church. Met Miss Hawe (?) for tea, it was very jolly to see her again, she is a dear.

Mon 27th Shopped with G. caught 8. train down. I did have a good time & enjoyed it very much. I'm glad did too.

Fri 31st Phyllis' dance. It went v. well & I enjoyed it. Most of the men danced well, which was nice.

Sat 1st Dance at Harvey's. My cold rather bad so didn't enjoy it much. G & I still having very good time, doing nothing special – a good rest cure.

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Mon 3rd G went to town for day.

Sat 8th such a lovely day. G & I got biscuits etc. at Kirby & pic-niced on Back Waters. It was lovely.

Mon 10th Glorious pic-nic. Bicycled towards Harwich. Turned off towards Ramsay & found a very good place. It was warm as anything with lovely sun & we just loved it.

Tues 11th Picnic to the Haze ¹⁵ Good time again. G. got his feet wet & bad cold in evening.

Wed 12th Lunch on sands. G. got bad cold. Next few days bad weather.

Mon 17th G went up to down to get demobilised. Too many applied for the time but he will be able to all right in a week or so.

Anti – freeze.

End of transcription

¹⁵ The Naze just east of Walton on the Naze.