

1943

Mum turns 21 in September 1943. This is the second year of Hong Kong's military occupation by Japan, with no relief in sight and the war in Europe dragging on. The start of the Kempeitai "Reign of Terror" arresting BAAG operatives and their associates, many of whom are Mum's friends. Food is increasingly expensive and disease more common. American air raids welcome in 1942 become more threatening and deadly in 1943. Mum loses her Uncle George to the Japanese and Cedric is shipped to Japan.

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 Mum's Diary Entries

Jan 19
Cedric shipped to Japan

Sept 14
Mum's birthday

Oct 13
Piano arrives

Oct 20
Mum visits Rosary Hill

Oct 29
George Kotwall executed, Jim tells Mum Dec. 11th

Nov 7
Mum flies home from church!

Nov 24
Bink's birthday

Dec 1
Air raid

Harry Ching

As with many of Mum's friends mentioned in her diary, a little bit of searching on the Internet reveals resistance connections. The world of Eurasians in wartime Hong Kong was a tightly knit web, and familiar names regularly come up. Harry Ching's Wartime Diary (Gwulo: *Old Hong Kong*) was a useful reference in my attempts to untangle this web, and gives a vital Eurasian perspective on the Hong Kong occupation. Harry was an editor for 33 years with the *South China Morning Post*. During the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong Harry had no regular employment. The *South China Morning Post* temporarily ceased publication, and he declined to work for the Japanese-run English language newspaper *The Hong Kong News*. To enable his family to survive he relied heavily on the charity of better off friends and (like the Lang family) on the sale of his possessions. He was arrested by the Kempeitai in 1943 and briefly incarcerated in the gendarmerie located in the Le Calvaire Convent in Happy Valley. George Kotwall (Mum's uncle) and Dorothy Lee receive mention as fellow internees. Harry's son Henry Ching has attempted to organize his father's diaries (much as I am attempting to do with Mum's) and made them available on the Internet. Being a reporter by trade, Harry's diary has wonderful detail. Unlike the Lang's, he didn't leave for Macau, but stayed in Hong Kong for the duration. Among Mum's friends, Harry's Diary's mentions the Pascos, Bishop Hall and the Landau boys (Jimmy's Kitchen) and George Giffin, newspaper editor.

“Met Mr. Pasco who inq. why I have not been round”

January 25th diary entry

Boris Pasco (see Appendix C)

Boris Pasco was Paddy Pasco's father. Paddy is Patricia Pasco nee Denholme. Boris Pasco was a Russian bookseller (many 'white Russians' fled to HK following the Bolshevik revolution). He first appears on the HK Jurors List for 1921. The name of the shop is given as Brewer and Co. On October 25, 1922 he married Kathleen Josephine Harris at St. Joseph's Church. After a reception at the Hong Kong Hotel, the couple left for a honeymoon in Canton and Macao. Boris often found books for Mum (see pg. 143) and was involved with the BAAG.

Henry Ching writes:

*“I was very interested in Brian's post on Boris Pasco. During the Japanese occupation my father and I used weekly to walk to Central to buy what little food we could afford, as it was cheaper than shopping in Happy Valley where we lived. We often dropped in at Pasco's bookshop in Ice House Street. I was not yet ten years old then, but my father tried hard to get me to read, and I remember he bought me a book from Pasco. It was Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories*. After I finished it we returned it to him, and he let us choose another book without further charge. We did this with each successive book. It really became a sort of lending library, the fee for which was the cost of the initial book.”*

“Pasco had an assistant, a Chinese lady whose name I forget. She was very loyal, and continued to operate the shop while he was a guest of the Kempeitai. Pasco, incidentally, was an Old Boy of the Diocesan Boys’ School.”

“My guess is that few readers of the Hong Kong newspapers of the 1920s and 1930s would have expected Boris Pasco to play any part in the highly dangerous job of providing relief to the Allied prisoners, let alone to have anything to do with the resistance. The news stories don’t suggest a man willing to risk everything to help others, and after the Japanese invasion, as a ‘third national’, he could have stayed away from any activity that could be labelled ‘pro-British’ and thus spared himself the risk of imprisonment, torture and death. But, although the full story of his contribution during the occupation will probably never be known, enough is visible to suggest that when called upon to show his courage and his humanitarian commitment he responded magnificently.”

“Mr. Pasco was taken by the Kempeitai in the course of their crackdown on the resistance, which reached its height in the spring of 1943. According to a report that reached the British Army Aid Group, Mr. Pasco was arrested and taken to the Kempeitai Headquarters at the Supreme Court at about the same time as the Jesuit Fathers Joy and Casey, the Canadian Thomas Monaghan, and the British banker David Edmondston. Giving evidence at a post-war collaboration trial, Mr. Pasco added ‘Kookel’ (probably the man Selwyn-Clarke calls Khorkel) and George Kotwall to the list of his fellow detainees. He was taken in because he was suspected of allowing his bookshop to be used as a meeting place for Charles Hyde, Chester Bennett, Marcus da Silva and other BAAG agents. On preliminary questioning, the Japanese could find nothing to substantiate this charge and he was released about a fortnight after being sent to Stanley Goal.”

“He died aged 65 on March, 8, 1966 and was buried in the Jewish Cemetery, Happy Valley. Perhaps this lifetime bookseller was able to hold in his hands Liam Nolan’s book on Kiyoshi Watanabe, which was published in the year he died- the only one to give a hint of his own service in the dark world’s fire of occupied Hong Kong.”

“Dorothy Lee invited me to tea.”

November 12th diary entry

Dorothy Johannah Ahlmann Lee 1915-2004

Emily Hahn (see pg. 319) claims that what she calls ‘the Reign of Terror opened with a ‘bang’ in February, 1943. The first action in the ‘reign’ to involve someone working directly for Selwyn-Clarke was the arrest of Dorothy Lee. Dorothy Lee was a Hong Kong citizen of non-British origin (Eurasian) and so not liable to internment. She lived with her family in Robinson Rd., and worked as a secretary. Because she had done voluntary social work before the war, Selwyn-Clarke asked her to help him look after about 40 Chinese wives of Allied pows – he was supporting these women with a grant from the British Consulate in Chongqing.

On 11th February 1943 Dorothy was arrested on Queen’s Road and taken to Central Police Station. The purpose of her arrest was to get her to incriminate Selwyn-Clarke, who, the Kempeitai believed, was head of a British spy ring. She was questioned about Selwyn-Clarke and

brutally beaten with a truncheon when her answers failed to satisfy the gendarme, the notorious Corporal Lishi, nicknamed ‘the killer’, and not metaphorically. She resisted her questioners for three hours, after which the beatings became more brutal. Lishi took a dinner break at 6 p.m. and returned to continue his obscene work at 7. Miss Lee had been given no food or water that day, a standard Kempeitai method to weaken the victim’s will to resist. These interrogations continued over the next week.

It could be that one of the reasons Dorothy Lee was arrested was that the Kempeitai thought it would be easy for one of their most feared interrogators to break such a young woman; if so, they couldn’t have been more wrong.

While in prison, Miss Lee found herself in a cell next to Dr. K. W. Chuan. She was suffering from severe dysentery but given no treatment, although she repeatedly asked for a doctor. Dorothy Lee, although in the middle of her own pain and fear, unselfishly smuggled bread into Dr. Chuan’s cell. She was held in appalling conditions until her release on March 13. All this time this courageous woman refused to say anything to incriminate Dr. Selwyn-Clarke.

According to the introduction to her article in *China Remembers*, she was not involved in his smuggling ring, but in her own account she says she was arrested while waiting for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to open so that she could pass on a message from Selwyn-Clarke to one of the ‘expatriate’ staff; many of these messages concerned illegal activities and, even if Miss Lee knew absolutely nothing of such matters, the Kempeitai would have been happy to listen to fabrications, as they proved after Selwyn-Clarke’s own arrest.

Lee was eventually released and arrested again on May 6 and held for questioning until May 14, but this time without mistreatment. The Medical Director had influential Japanese support at the time of Lee’s first arrest, so the Kempeitai obviously felt that they needed some ‘evidence’ before they proceeded against him. This support disappeared around the end of April, when two of his Japanese ‘protectors’ were transferred away from Hong Kong, so Dr. Selwyn-Clarke was himself arrested and Miss Lee’s treatment when she was re-arrested probably reflects the fact that the Kempeitai expected to get Selwyn-Clarke’s own ‘confession’ so her evidence would have been relatively unimportant.

In her account of these events Miss Lee does not draw attention to the fact that her month of suffering in a Kempeitai prison obviously did not deter her from continuing to help Selwyn-Clarke in his work. In fact, she did voluntary work for most of the war, so she must have found a way to continue even when he’d been arrested.

After the war, she was sent to England on an Attlee Government scholarship to study social work. She returned to Hong Kong and became one of only four workers in the Social Welfare Office, concentrating on youth work. She died on January 25, 2004.

Selwyn-Clarke makes no mention of this incident in his autobiography, but it further highlights his own bravery, as he must have known on March 13, if not before, that the Kempeitai were after him. See page 204 for a picture and more on Dorothy. Dorothy is also mentioned in KWIZ report #33 1.2.44.

“Landau boys came to fetch me over to theirs”

17th October diary entry

Adolphe ‘Aaron’ Landau, also Jimmy of Jimmy’s Kitchen

A French citizen from Shanghai and subscriber to Hong Kong’s Ohel Leah Synagogue, Landau employed seven refugees at two of his restaurants: Jimmy’s Kitchen and the Parisian Grill, both popular hangouts with Mum and her friends. Landau partnered with Shanghai-based Jimmy James to open a Hong Kong branch of ‘Jimmy’s Kitchen’ in 1928, a popular western style restaurant with branches in Shanghai. Landau employed several German and Austrian refugees as managers and cashiers of his restaurants in Hong Kong and procured professional musicians directly from Shanghai. He entered into a bond of \$7,000 at the Colonial treasury on behalf of at least three of these refugees, all of whom were musicians. Landau’s employment of husband-wife partnerships and the undertaking of government bonds on behalf of refugees indicate a clear humanitarian motive. Emile Landau was tortured by the Japanese as a result of his BAAG involvement.

“Emile Landau (son of Aaron), the owner of a popular pre-war restaurant was one of those loaning money to the British through Hyde, and suffered greatly for it”.

From Gwulo Old hongkong

“Walked out on Mum and Jo to go to Yamasaki ‘bout red cross”

25th December diary entry

Shimokawa Yamasaki

Shimokawa Yamasaki seems to have been my mother’s family dentist, as well as a spy before the war. Yamasaki and other Japanese businessmen would golf in Shatin on the weekends where they would spy on British Army movements and the like.

“Prior to the war, our grandfather JCL had a good friend in his dentist, Dr. Yamasaki (I believe his name was). They used to sit in John’s book-lined study for hours talking and smoking and, no doubt, gazing out on Hong Kong Harbor. The day of the invasion, Dr. Yamasaki dressed in military uniform – fairly high ranking in the Japanese Army, unbeknownst to anyone in Hong Kong. Like many of the other professional Japanese businessmen in HK – he had been spying and planning for the forthcoming invasion for a long time. After John’s death, the family, as you have described, were stranded and forced to survive within a black market system – using bolts of silk and other valuables as collateral. Grandma applied for permission to leave for Macau and tried to see Yamasaki to see if he would help. This was met with the cold shoulder treatment – which one would assume to be Yamasaki shaking off any hint of colluding with the locals – but the permission slip was posted eventually (in some public venue where hopefuls would visit daily in hope of being granted permission) and my father (Archie) seems to credit Yamasaki’s influence in this.”

Email Derek Lang July 8 2016

January 1943

January 1st. 1943. FRIDAY.
 up before daybreak & saw the
 sun rise to the new year.
 Over to St. Joseph's to meet Bill.
 Walked home to breakfast with
 her thro' Botanical Gardens.
 & the eternal talk of TOMORROW.
 The black days started with a
 walk there for me & the bright ones
 were starting the same thought.
 We had a drink & I met Danny the
 cripple. Bill & Mrs. Kovach walked
 me far as Bowen Rd. & Paddy's.
 We had a merry time & a real tiddly
 European wished us a happy new year!
 up the path alone - rather nervous
 when Wiff called to me from water
 works. Met Mr. Cainol & Kim on
 way. P was washing hair.
 Gave rest of Christmas Presents

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 Christmas Presents

of knicks & socks. They had to
 swap 'cos knicks did not fit P.
 Had lovely day there. Mrs. P in
 bed. Tiff. of biscuits, tomatoes, cheese
 jam, coffee. P & I had serious talks 'bout
 Bill, us. She realizes I've changed. Dis-
 tressed by strained relationship /
 Bill & her. Reminisce over hospital war
 days with P & Mrs. Had tea & cake.
 Piano & chat over ~~what~~ Russ. literature
 Paddy is reading Dinner of Chinese chow.
 I got real heady & gay on 2 glasses Sham-
 shui. To P's amusement.
 Chatted till late by fire.
 P & I spoke of old times & our chaps.
 & cleaned up our late supper.
 Didn't sleep very well.
 Up very early. Cold bath. Breakfast
 of chow fan it left B.4. Mrs. Pas
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 (stir fry rice etc.) and left
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“Reminisce over hospital war days”

Saturday January 2nd 1943

Jan. 2nd. Sat.
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Tram to Shamshuife ferry full of camp people. Sat at back with P. & could see U. Lovely crossing. could see Jubilee Bldgs but quite deserted. Heard "no parcels" when we arrived but ~~so~~ I was not v. disapp. cause did not have any anyway.

Walked part way home with Jess & Gehrings. George K. there. went home with him & 2 old ^{but} soldt & Jo. up to Ava man. Mrs. Keafia in afternoon. Mrs. Tomash there. Mrs. K. new friend v. sweet 23 only married 5 yrs. she's Czech & ~~she~~ had lovely life in K'loon Tong B.4. war. Chatted hours with her. v. skillful needle woman. Promised to teach me to sew.

Tram to Shamshuife Ferry (ferry from Main to Sham Shui Po) full of camp people. Sat at back with P. and could see it. Lovely crossing. Could see Jubilee Bldgs.

But quite deserted. Heard "no parcels" when we arrived (usually punishment for pow misdemeanor) but I was not v. disapp. 'cause did not have any anyway. (Mum must have been visiting Cedric in the pow camp?)

Walked part way home with Jess and Gehrings. George K (Kotwall). there - went home with him and 2 old but soldt*** and Jo (Hazel). Up to Ava Mansions (May Rd.). Tea party in afternoon. Mrs. Keafia and Mrs. Tomash (Czech names) there. Mrs. K. new friend v. sweet 23 only married 5 yrs. She's Czech & had lovely life in K'loon Tong B.4. war. Chatted hours with her. V. skillful needle woman. Promised to teach me to sew.



1930s Sham Shui Po Barracks and Jubilee Buildings

& Bamboo Pier

Sham Shui Po

“The camp lay between the hills and the sea, on a reclaimed harbor flat scored by deep typhoon drains. The whole area had formerly been used as a British military barracks. There was room for several thousand men: and the general design of the camp was not too bad – two large gravel parade grounds at either end, and two broad surfaced avenues shaped in cruciform. Everything reflected the sort of military mind that delights in chessboard uniformity – the barracks huts, spaced as rigidly as tent lines, were long low affairs with concrete floors. A freak amid all this severity was a fantastic four-storey block of flats (jubilee buildings) that rose like a mirage along the water front”

We Shall Suffer There pg.30, Tony Banham

Sham Shui Po camp had been the barracks of the Middlesex Regt. pre war. The large 4-story set of flats was known as Jubilee Buildings used to be married quarters. SSP was the main POW Camp in Hong Kong, operating from before the British surrendered the Colony, to the Japanese surrender. By the latter date, it was the only POW facility operating in Hong Kong, bar the hospital at the Central British School (now King George V School). Many POWs died here, especially in the diphtheria epidemic of 1942, and all shipments of POWs to Japan left from Sham Shui Po's Bamboo Pier. Modern day Sham Shui Po Park has a POW memorial.

For another account of Sham Shui Po from a Canadian perspective read *Dark Side of the Sun* by Michael Palmer pgs. 30, 54/60.



Relatives and friends with parcels for POWs in Sham Shui Po waiting to have them examined by the Japanese, from Red Cross archives.

Jan. 5th Tuesday 1943.
 Practiced & did some Russian
 in the morning. We started having
 bread for breakfast. Ki stayed
 till after & decided to teach the kids
 for us. E. Soares came & invited
 us to H.K. coffee & cakes at Blue
 Birds. Then "Men of Boys Town" -
 an unforgettable picture of advocacy
 on all my new ideas of life. We laughed
 & cried thro' it & went up to DFs with
 swollen eyes. Somehow it's an awful
 atmosphere there despite happy
 surroundings of yesteryear. The people
 are scum so that the place seems
 scum & the management is anyway.
 E left 1st. Jo & I went up for rations un-
 successfully. We came over at back of
 downstairs on ferry its fun! Up to
 Gilliards invited to party on Thurs night.
 Cocktail there. Home. Practice & short-
 hand.

Tuesday January. 5th 1943

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 Russian in the morning. We
 started having bread for
 breakfast. Vi stayed till after
 and decided to teach the
 kids for us. E. Soares came
 and invited us to H.K. coffee
 and cakes at Blue Birds then
 "Men of Boys Town" (1941
 sequel to Boys Town with
 Spencer Tracy and Mickey
 Rooney) an unforgettable
 picture of advocacy on all
 my new ideas of life. We
 laughed and cried thro' it &
 went up to DFs (Dairy Farm)
 with swollen eyes.

Somehow its an awful
 atmosphere there despite
 happy surroundings of
 yesteryear. The people are
 scum so that the place
 seems scum & the
 management is anyway.
 E left first. Jo & I went up for
 rations unsuccessfully. We
 came over at back of
 downstairs on ferry its fun!
 (downstairs on the Star
 Ferry is lower class) Up to
 Gilliards invited to party on
 Thursday night. Cocktail
 there. Home. Practice &
 short-hand.

The military occupation was a disaster for the 1.6 million people of Hong Kong, Dairy Farm and its staff were no exception, all but a handful were marched off to internment in the camps, the remainder were those who were forced by the Japanese to keep the farm going



Tuesday. 19th. Jan.

P.m. with Edith. bit o' shorthand
with Ivy. Tea at E's & finally stayed
night after she waited for bus to
come out with me in rain.

Discussed our bleak futures.
Refused to believe news from
Maple that lads were seen
leaving this morn.

Oh yes - up Leslie's in evening.
May all wrapped up in prepara-
tions for new life - wedlock.

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*"Discussed our bleak futures. Refused to
believe news from Maple that lads were
seen leaving this morn."*

Having decided that it made more sense to turn the pows into slave laborers so that more Japanese might be freed up for the armed forces, a series of transportations to the Japanese homeland began. The first, the Shi Maru, left Hong Kong in September 4th 1942 with 620 pows aboard These were the ‘hard men’, many of whom had refused to sign the ‘no escape’ chit. The majority came from the Royal Scots, the Middlesex, and the Royal Artillery, with a handful from the Royal Navy and other units. The second, the Lisbon Maru, sailed with 1,834 men on September 27th. Torpedoed by the SS214 Grouper (US submarine) on October 1st, it sunk off the Zhoushan archipelago on October 2nd with great loss of life (see below). The third (must be the one Mum is talking about given the date) the Tatsuta Maru left Shamshuipo camp January 19th bound for Nagasaki – arrived 22nd January. Records indicate Cedric was on this ship.



19th January 1943. At 1300, TATUTA (aka Tatsuta) MARU departs Hong Kong carrying 1,180 men including 663 Canadian pows from the Sham Shui Po pow Camp. The pows are packed so tightly that there is no room to lie down. 22 January 1943: At 0400, T. M. arrives at Nagasaki. The pows are disembarked and board a train for five different camps including Hiroshima #5 Branch Camp (Innoshima) where Cedric Salter was sent.

By C.L. Rozario, sketch by his daughter Anna

Shi Maru September 1942

Lisbon Maru sunk by US sub Oct.2 1942

Tatuta Maru January 1943 (Cedric)

The fourth left Hong Kong on August 18 1943 with 473 men.

The fifth was on Dec 15th 1943 and included 563 pows.

The last occurred on April 29th 1944 with just 221 men.



When she was sunk by USS Grouper (SS-214) on 1 October 1942, the Lisbon Maru was carrying, in addition to Japanese Army personnel, almost 2,000 British prisoners of war captured after the fall of Hong Kong in December 1941. Over 800 of these men died either directly as a result of the sinking, or were shot or otherwise killed by the Japanese while swimming away from the wreck. The ship should have carried appropriate markings to alert Allied forces to the nature of its cargo but did not do so. See *The Sinking of the Lisbon Maru* by Tony Banham.

Wednesday 20th Jan.
 They have done their worst -
 Our lads were all shipped away
 yesterday morning. I'm apathetic.
 Even tho' it may be Lisbon Maru
 again.
 Over to shorthand - teach, where
 Ada convinced me of the tidings.
 Finished 'Invitation to Live'.
 Read 'Sun' - Lawrence - Beautiful &
 revealing amazing facts 'bout the sun.
 Shorthand. Went with Robin (youngest
 brother) bought some cakes for tea.
 Walk with Connie in evening.
 Down to doc's after dinner.

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They have done their worst – our lads were all shipped away yesterday morning. I'm apathetic. Even tho' it may be the Lisbon Maru again.

Over to shorthand – teach, where Ada convinced me of the tidings.

Finished 'Invitation to Live' (author Lloyd C. Douglas 1940)

Read 'Sun' Lawrence (D.H. Lawrence) – Beautiful and revealing amazing facts 'bout the sun.

Shorthand. Went with Robin (youngest brother) bought some cakes for tea.

Walk with Connie in evening.
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"They have done their worst – our lads were all shipped away yesterday morning. I'm apathetic. Even tho' it may be the Lisbon Maru again."



Innoshima (Hiroshima #5B).

Cedric Salter

Cedric was shipped to Japan 19th January 1943 on the Tatsuta Maru. Norman McKenzie was a fellow Shan Shui Po internee who served on work parties to Kai Tak with Cedric, was transported on the Tatsuta Maru and ended up in Innoshima with Cedric. The following is his account of the experience:

“A big change took place in 1943 when a hundred volunteers (HKVDC’ers) were taken by ship, battened down in the hold, to Nagasaki, Japan. From there we travelled by train across the island of Kyushu, by tunnel under the narrow

channel separating it from Honshu, then through the ill-fated city of Hiroshima to a station on the beautiful Inland sea.... We eventually found ourselves on the little island of Innoshima, in a two-storey wooden barracks with rooms sleeping 32 men each, close to the Habu shipyard in which we were to work.

As I was comparatively fit, I was drafted into one of the more onerous gangs, 22 men assigned to the steelyard. Our job was to manhandle all the girders, rods and steel plates required each day for ships being built on the slipways, or damaged vessels being repaired in dry docks.

Our transference to Japan was beneficial in several ways. We had ‘luxuries’ denied us in Shan Shui Po – a small stove in our dormitories, burning from 5:00 pm till lights out...and in the bitter winter when our tubs of drinking and washing water were heavily sealed with ice we were allowed a shallow oriental-style bath every second night.....

Our gang was a motley one, including Hong Kong Volunteers (ranging from bankers and accountants to health-inspectors and restaurant staff) along with RAF ground crew.”

For a more detailed account of the Tatsuta (Tatsuta) Maru transport from a Canadian perspective read *Dark Side of the Sun* by Michael Palmer pgs. 66/69.

Thursday. 21st. Jan.

Did Russian most of morning.
 Over to Connie's for tiff with Jo.
 H.K. Saw Mr. Suiter bout
 relief fund. Asked to return
 mon.
 Up to church guest house
 with C & Jo for choir practice
 after borrowing "Disgrace
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 only place. I'll stick to my
 Russian.

Thursday 21st. January
 1943

Did Russian most of
 morning. Over to Connie's
 for tiff with Jo.
 H.K. Saw Mr. Suiter
 bout relief fund. Asked to return
 Monday

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Saturday 23rd January 1943

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Sunday 24th January 1943

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Sophie Bard, wife of Solomon (Solly) Bard, White Russian. Solly was a conductor and violinist with HK Philharmonic, medical doctor and archeologist. Solly (HKVDC) was in Shamshuipo and involved in an escape where he played his violin to warn when the coast was clear.

Monday 25th Jan. 1943
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Rudolph Zindel

During the war years The International Red Cross was active in Hong Kong. The Red Cross delegate was a Swiss National, Mr. Rudolph Zindel. He had to operate under very difficult conditions as the Japanese had not ratified the Geneva Convention of 1929, and hence he was only unofficially recognized as delegate and was subject completely to the authority of the Japanese. The British government provided £10,000 a month for internees (e.g. Stanley Camp) For the first 6 months of 1944 an additional £5,000 was provided by an unidentified donor. The Irish Red Cross also represented in HK stopped giving aid to Stanley Camp in mid-1943 in order to help HK neutrals and dependents of POWs who were not receiving aid from the Red Cross (Rosary Hill). Pre-war exchange rate was £1/¥17 but inflation during occupation was rampant. Initial Stanley Camp funding was ¥20 per adult per month and ¥5 per child. (the Japanese replaced the HK\$ with the Japanese ¥ - 2HK\$/1¥ Jan 1942, 4HK\$/1¥ July 1942. In June 1943 the Military Yen became sole legal tender.

“In this document Zindel does not mention many aspects of the work of the Red Cross Delegation: inspecting the Camps, paying small ‘pocket money allowances’ to the internees, answering requests for information from friends and relatives back home, equipping the schools in Stanley Camp, sending out messages for the prisoners, providing unofficial relief for people who fell through the gaps like Eurasians (another risky activity), receiving, storing and distributing ‘comfort parcels’ ...The list could be continued.”

Tom and Lena Edgar in War

By many (including Emily Hahn) Zindel was seen as working too closely with the Japanese, and not reporting the true conditions in the POW camps, earning himself the nickname “the Swindler”, however, like Sir Robert Kotewall, Zindel was walking a tightrope in his dealings with the Japanese, and after the war he was found to be next on the Kempeitai’s ‘most wanted’ list.

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Glenda Wong became a close friend of Mum's, and her flat a refuge when Mum moved in. Mum taught Glenda English and learned Russian from Boris Pasco

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This is the last mention of Mum's Uncle George Kotwall in her diary until she learns of his execution from her Uncle Jim (see November 10th diary entry). George was executed October 29th. He was arrested by the Kempeitai 21st April (see Appendix C), this means he would have spent over six months in prison, God knows what suffering he may have endured in this time.



10th February 1943

Dear Mr. Salter,

Your card came the other day as a wonderful surprise as I had not heard from you since-----, thank you so much. But I was so disappointed to find the sentence after "I'm in perfect condition and ---- absolutely unreadable because it was so indistinct.

I understand tat you may not be able to write me a letter due to lack of paper so I enclose some and continue to wait hopefully. It was cheering to hear that you are so well – I'm sorry if I sounded some what grim in my last letter – it was rather disheartening of me, but I'm not always that mournful really.

It was delightful news to hear of Cedric's card to you as I still have not heard from him – I can well imagine what it's like and I won't fail to thank him next month – tho' I have just learnt that you can also write him you know!

I'll say cheerio now Mr. Salter and don't forget about the Manhattans – one thing we won't be able to do tho' and that is to run down the hill during Black out – remember?

Affectionately Phyl

The above letter was found as a draft in Mum's Diary. Cedric's father Alfred was a pow in Stanley Camp, and Cedric at a slave labour camp in Japan.

March 1943

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September 1943

Tues. Sept. 14th 1943.

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14th Sept 1943.

My dear Phil,
Happy birthday,
and may God bless you my child
with many returns.
Love,
Mum.

"The moon is one of my presents."



Happy birthday capital P,
Twenty one today are we?
You and us can share this joke
The Joneses are having a hell'ova stroke.
Our bestest wishes for many a return,
Be good, dear P, you're our concern.
We wish you luck, and health, and joy,
And pray you'll get a steady boy.
Though least this be, it's far from least,
Next year we want, a damn good feast.
Our love,
Mary & Hazel

14th September 1943.

October 1943

Friday 1st October 43
 Did not teach A.M.
 David rang. 15 til with
 him @ Wuthering Heights.
 He got bread for Glen.
 whom I left cheery.
 D brought me "unoffic. H"
 waited in ship like room
 for while he told me of
 magis Chung Shan
 offer & opium. ^{to be me never to leave}
 2 mips of mein ^{to be me never to leave}
 "reds white" for coffee.
 I had to go to lav. I l
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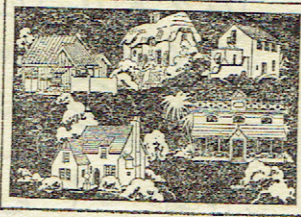
Ate 2 *** of mein (*noodles*) Told
 me never to leave it. To "red and
 white" (*cigarettes*) for coffee and
 had to go to lav. I'l m'a dit quil
 maimait aux les fragments (*he
 told me he loved me to bits?*).

Walked along waterfront. Took
 different ferries.
 Il est les joli cette jour habille en
 blanc (*it is nice that the day
 dressed in white*). Says D
 (*David?*) likes the way I "hi ~"
 Stayed home and read.



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Saturday

Tidied room & gave attentions to new amah. Mrs. Leb came up & sayed E & my plans for 791 was changed to see it at hers at 3. Left us to seula to make tea. Je tombait et nous felt the sans espoir. Left on Ben's Bike. Home to finish work. Dinner walk & ice cream with Ron & Spud. Marys Casino. fell asleep there.

Saturday October 2nd 1943

Tidied room and gave attentions to new amah. Mrs. Leb came up and sayed E and my plans for 791 was changed to see it at hers at 3.

Left us seul (*alone*) To make tea. Je tombait et nous felt the sans espoir (*I was falling and we felt without hope*). Left on Ben's bike.

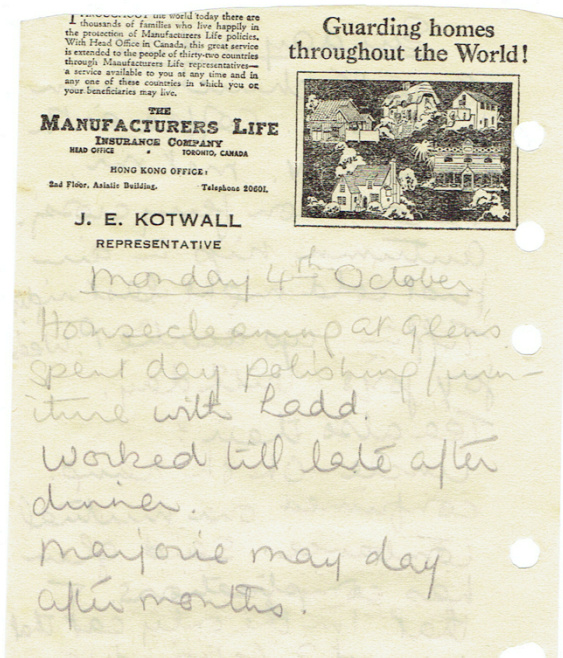
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Sunday 3rd Oct
 Over to church. Mum Jo
 Jo Robin. Coffee with
 Same & V. met Mr.
 Horonha on ferry crossing.
 Autumn nip in air
 first cold night last night
 Tiffin. up Auntie P. Wee's
 joy joys. Birth day.
 Tea also then.
 Uncle Oh Oh rang.
 confirmed our mutual
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 has complications. &
 that I'm the only cat that
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 Birthday.

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 complications. And that I'm the
 only cat that does not? G
 (Glenda Wong) bound to be in
 glooms 'cos not included
 upstairs.



George Samuel Ladd became agent 128, code name 'Fat Boy Next Door', he was a Eurasian and part of 'K' group in the HKVDC along with Jimmy Kotwall and Saleh Ebrahim. The three of them were collecting information on shipping in HK harbor. In December 1943, George Ladd was imprisoned and brutally tortured by the Kempeitai, but survived to give evidence as a witness in the War Crimes Trials held in HK in 1945. (see Appendix E)

Monday 4th October 1943

Housecleaning at Glen's. Spent day polishing furniture with Ladd.
 Worked till late after dinner.

Marjorie May day after months.

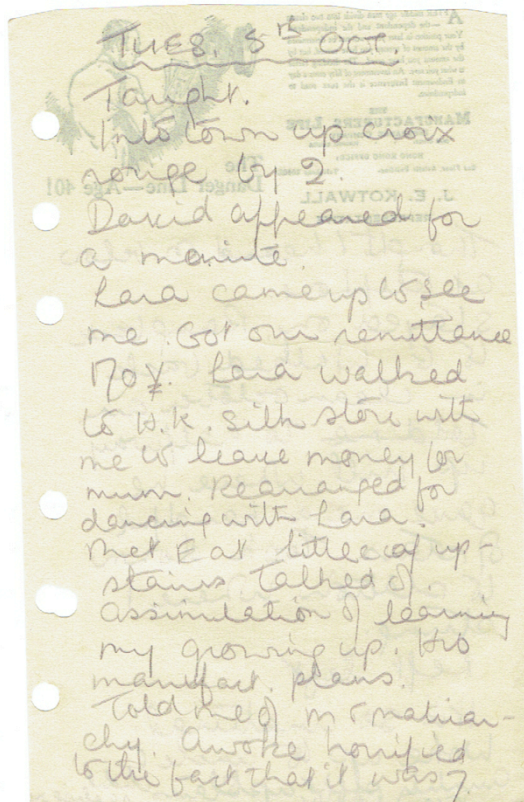
Tuesday 5th October 1943

Taught

Into town up croix rouge (Red Cross) by 2. David appeared for a minute.

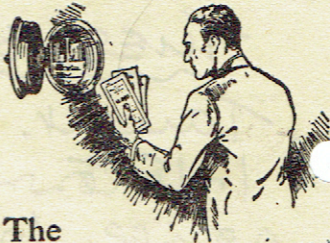
Lara came up to see me. Got our remittance 170¥. Lara walked to H.K. silk store with me to leave money for mum. Rearranged for dancing with Lara. Met E at little cafe up stairs. Talked of assimilation of learning? My growing up. His manufact. plans.

Told me of m and matriarchy. Awoke horrified to the fact it was 7.



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*Thought I heard M. below at telephone.
 Stayed on. Rang back to G.
 Walked back in clean October air. Told me to halfway up hill where he gave me a handful of stars. Took down to station where I stung.
 Left left
 (dreaming?)
 It's so unnatural.
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 Finished unofficial
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 Piano Trouble with
 E & Glen over phone.

Wednesday October 6th 1943

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 Piano Trouble with E and Glen over phone.

Friday 8th Oct.
 Went into town late.
 Chatted with Bill
 but she was glum,
 so crossed early.

Friday October 8th 1943

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BETWEEN the quiet and sweet of your home
 life to the more exciting which you should provide a
 companion for the one who travels a road well worn.
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EVERYTHING
 except
 EXPERIENCE

NOTHING
 but
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SATURDAY, 9th Oct.
 Ivy woke me up, & hur-
 ried me up to go in with
 her with message from
 D whom she met on way.
 Walked in to hers for lunch
 stayed night. May Lee &
 Dorothy there. Saw boys
 pass in trucks.
 Gave aunt Eve ¥10. for
 eats.

Saturday October 9th 1943

Ivy woke me up and hurried me up to go in with her with message from D whom she met on way.

Walked in to hers for lunch stayed night. May Lee and Dorothy there. Saw boys pass in trucks.

Gave aunt Eve ¥10 for eats.

*“Saw boys pass in
 trucks.”*

SUNDAY 10th Oct
 Walk to Mongkok
 Ferry crossed with
 Locock. Met maple
 got over emergency to
 play for us.
 Home with Jo & Robin met
 Mr. Walsh.
 Rush thro' tiff & ran away
 with Binks.
 Met my own at Piano com-
 pany.
 up to nips at Tai Kok
 Tsui. Wandered round
 there & got dirty.
 Sat @ ruins & chatted.
 I was so much.
 Wandered back thro
 Yaumati streets.
 Home. Ron took me
 to ice cream & peanuts.
 up to mumps, casino.

Sunday October 10th 1943

Walk to Mongkok (*West Kowloon*) ferry, crossed with Locock.
 Met Maple going over emergency to play for us.
 Home with Jo and Robin met Mr. Walsh.
 Rush thro' tiff and ran away with Binks..
 Met my own at Piano company.

Up to nips at Tai Kok Tsui (*is an area west of Mongkok in Kowloon – ship yards*) Wandered round there and got dirty.

Sat @ ruins and chatted. I was so much. Wandered back thro' Yaumati streets (*an area in the Yau Tsim Mong District in the south of the Kowloon Peninsula*) home. Ron took me to ice cream & peanuts. Up to Mary's casino.

*“Up to nips at Tai Kok Tsui
 Wandered round there and
 got dirty”.*

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MONDAY. 11th OCT

Crossed @ 11 : : of martial
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 way Bay. Taught. Glen then
 kids. Into town to
 meet Lara @ lobby 7.
 Back home with her for
 just lesson. Enjoyed
 the loosening up immensely.
 Prepared fish sandwich
 Burnt night.
 Could not sleep. Bright
 moonlight night.

Monday 11th October 1943

Crossed @ 11 because of martial law on. Met Nell Jaf and Bunsons on ferry. Back to Causeway Bay Taught. Glen then kids. Into town to meet Lara @ lobby 7. Back home with her for first lesson.

Enjoyed the loosening up immensely. Prepared fish sandwich. Burnt? Right?



Could not sleep. Bright moonlight night.

Kelly and Walsh had bookshops in Hong Kong

BETWEEN the sunrise and sunset of your business life the years during which you should provide a competence for the time when earned income will cease. Why not invest 50 cents a day in Endowment Insurance for a secure evening of life?

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AGE 20

AGE 60


EVERYTHING except EXPERIENCE

NOTHING but EXPERIENCE

13th Oct. Wednesday

made egg sandwiches for babies.
 up at 7.
 Taught before breakfast of tea bread red beans.
 Darned table-cloth.
 PIANO CAME! montrie with the tone of a grand. It was up of Ed to do it for me.
 Lent to ah Fun will get it back for us later says she.
 Met Jo Cham Mum in lobby yarned over getting electric units and star stor (fridge?) and not going to key man because Silea's flat tho' Ed will have nothing to do with it.
 up to V's for tea on Robi Rd. Rush back for phone but G b4 (before). Down in Dumps

Wednesday October 13th 1943

Made egg sandwiches for babies.
 Up at 7.
 Taught before breakfast of tea bread red beans.
 Darned table cloth
 PIANO CAME! Moutrie (make of Chinese upright) with the tone of a grand. It was big of Ed to do it for me.
 Lent to ah Fun (ahma?) will get it back for us later says she.

Met Jo Cham Mum in lobby yarned over getting electric units and star stor (fridge?) and not going to key man because Silea's flat tho' Ed will have nothing to do with it.

Up to V's for tea on Robi Rd. (could be Robinson Road)
 Rush back for phone but G b4 (before). Down in dumps.

14th OCT. THURSDAY
 Uncle J. breakfasted with us. I had boiled egg & rang @ 9. to my desperation.
 mixed face powder.
 Tidied rooms. sewed up my brown cardigan David rang & I felt chippy out of my last night's D in D. all until he brings up about seeing him tomorrow & then - gosh Frustration. I D in D straight away to extent of blubbing & hanging up.
 Felt better later. Went down to catch grasshoppers with uncle J & kids. To Lara's for lesson.

Thursday October 14th 1943

Uncle J (*Jim*) breakfasted with us. I had boiled egg. E rang @ 9 to my desperation.

Mixed face powder. Tidied rooms. Sewed up my brown cardigan.

David rang and I felt chippy out of my last night's D in D (*Down in dumps*) all until he brings up about seeing him tomorrow and then - gosh Frustration.

I D in D straight away to extent of blubbing and hanging up. Felt better later.

Went down to catch grasshoppers with uncle Jim and kids.

To Lara's for lesson.

"Went down to catch grasshoppers with uncle Jim and kids."

15th Oct. FRIDAY
 Taught. Late to Res.
 aurant opp. Kam Lung.
 Out for blood
 Oh was so fed up.
 made D feel so & he
 wanted to leave. But
 somehow got out of it.
 Home with Archie for
 ice cream. Up to Mary's
 for bit home.
16th Oct. Sat
 Over to D.F. to meet Eddie
 waited ages. Fein. Canally
 kindly came over &
 knowing of my plight invited
 me in to tea. E finally
 appeared. went up to Pokful-
 um. to madame.
 Tea at Landau's.
 Babe Hung's there. Mome
 came for me. Dinner Mr.
 Tai. northerner speaking
 ill French. chatted with mme
 till late. Told her about
 my pain in the neck & she says its
 my heart.

Friday October 15th 1943

Taught. Late to Restaurant opposite Kam Lung. Out for blood and in. Oh was so fed up made David feel so and he wanted to leave. But somehow got out of it. Home with Archie for ice cream. Up to Mary's for bit home.

Saturday 16th October 1943

Over to D.F. to meet Eddie (Eddie Gossano?) waited ages. Fein Ca*vathe kindly came over and knowing my plight invited me in to tea. E finally appeared. Went up to Pokfulam (a residential area on Hong Kong Island) to Madames. Tea at Landau's (now Jimmy's Kitchen, Landau's was popular with movie stars) Babe Hung's there. Mme. came for me Dinner Mr. Tai northerner speaking French. Chatted with Mme till late. Told her about my pain in the neck and she says its my heart. (David?)

Mum spent time with the Landau boys (see below). The restaurant, now Jimmy's Kitchen on Ashley Road where the Lang's lived before the war, was used by the BAAG. On the 15th April 1944 the Landaus were taken by the Kempetai. (From Harry Ching's wartime diary)

SUN. 17th OCT
~~Tea~~
 Landau boys came to
 fetch me over to theirs
 loafed at the farm.
 Did some raking of weeds.
 mended fencing. carpentry
 hammered holes in table
 up for eggs.
 Back for lunch. Read
 GBS. "Intel woman's guide to
 C.S.F." Took Grissly for walk
 Back downtown. Coke with
 Lara. Back to Causeway
 Bay. Glen not informed so
 Sulked so I went up to Auntie
 D's dinner.
Mon. 18th OCT
 Glen. lessons early out.
 I walked to my lessons
 - evening.

Sunday 17th October 1943

Landau boys came to fetch me over to theirs. Loafed at the farm. Did some raking of weeds. Mended fencing carpentry hammered holes in table up for eggs.

Back for lunch. Read GBS "Intel woman's guide to C.S.F" (George Bernard Shaw's *The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism and Capitalism* 1937) Took Grissly for walk. Back downtown. Coke with Lara.

Back to Causeway Bay. Glen not informed so I went up to Auntie D's dinner. (Aunt Doris Kotewall)

Monday 18th October 1943

Glenda lessons early and out. I walked to my lessons in evening.

TUES. 19. OCT.
 David came in p.m.
 Teased me. met Gran
 & Auntie Dor.
 Glen returned like
 had tea.
 I had to teach.

Tuesday 19th October 1943

David came in p.m. Teased me. Met Gran and Auntie Dor.
 Glen returned. We had tea.
 I had to teach.

WED. 20th OCT
 up & dressed for town.
 David rang up - delay
 arguing about our next
 "DATE".
 Town saw Miss Noom's
 Italian convent about
 commercial classes.
 Too expensive.
 Lara not in so up to
 Red Cross. Got form for
 boys to see doc.
 into salon de mode. scold-
 ed by Mrs Kov. re buying
 head for her.
 Back dead tired. Tif taught
 Archie came. Had nap
 tea. up to "Rosary Hill"
 with him what a trudge.
 only to stay for a while
 too. Nell showed me around
 saw Kay, Archie & Jim.
 surprising serious chat with
 brother Archie about mum.
 Back to dinner. Eddie Bress
 Dead Beat. ahhh rang.

Wednesday 20th October 1943

Up & dressed for town. David rang up. Delay arguing about our next "DATE".
 Town saw Miss Noom's? Italian Convent (half way up the peak of Mt Victoria, Cain Road) about commercial classes (Italians were part of axis forces thus allowed to continue to operate by the Japanese?).
 Too expensive
 Lara not in so up to Red Cross - Got form for boys to see doctor.
 Into salon de mode. Scolded by Mrs. Kovatch re buying bread for her.

Back dead tired. Tif and taught. Archie came. Had nap. Tea Up to "Rosary Hill" with him what a trudge only to stay for a while too, Nell showed me around saw Kay, Archie Zim, surprising serious chat with brother Archie about mum.

Back to dinner. Eddie Bressil
 Dead Beat. ***** rang.

Rosary Hill (also known as Rosary Hell)

The Hong Kong News, 26 August 1943 announced that : *“The Hong Kong Branch of the International Red Cross will stop cash allowances to dependents of PW and civilian internees, and establish a center for them at St. Albert’s Hall Convent, ROSARY HILL, no. 43 STUBBS ROAD”* (pg. 132 *We Shall Suffer There*).

In September 1943 Rosary Hill became a Red Cross internment camp for a large number of Filho de Macau and other Eurasian and ‘Third National’ families whose fathers, brothers and sons had been serving in the British HK Volunteer Defense Force and who had been interned either in Sham Shui Po in Kowloon or taken to Japan. With no earner in the family they had to rely on the Red Cross and were ordered into Rosary Hill. The diet was not brilliant but food throughout the colony had become more difficult with shipping being harassed by US submarines and the land connections cut intermittently by Chinese guerillas. Many moved themselves to Macau when they could find the money, where the British Consul was able to help in some cases.

Rosary Hill housed 1,100 women and children dependents of the HKVDF and Colonial Service personnel interned in other camps in Hong Kong. Make no mistake, it was an internment camp under control of the Japanese. *“It was beneath Col. Tokunaga (Japanese commander of POW camps) to deal with women and children so the ICRC (International Committee of Red Cross) delegate was ordered to find a place to house these worthless beings”*. An agreement was reached and the ICRC delegate rented the Dominican Monastery. The Japanese then decided to excuse the taxes and furnished the rations to feed these dependents. The records are available from the ICRC at the Archives in Geneva Switzerland.

“The British government may deny that this was an internment camp to avoid the "ex-gratia" payment to POWs, but even the War Crimes Tribunal saw this as a civilian internment camp.”



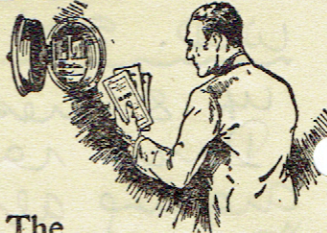
Rosary Hill Priory is the large building highest above Happy Valley Race Course (center)

“Most but not all of the people who live here will be 'dependents' of British Prisoners of War and civilian internees - the group that consistently causes the Red Cross the most difficulties. Life here will be spartan and rather regimented. It will not suit everyone - one nickname is 'Rosary Hell'”

19  43

As ~~the~~ middle age men divide into two classes
—the dependent and the independent.
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by the amount of money you have earned, but by
the amount you have saved. The deciding factor
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Thurs. 21st Oct
In bed till 9.
messed about mending
clothes. Taught.
Lara rang to cancel lesson
for tonight.
Over to visit Mrs. Fung
Miss Shui with Glen.
Drang. - boring. says
Friday O.K. now. The Heck!
He can come up.
Taught.
Dinner.
Wash Hair.

Thursday 21st October 1943

In bed till 9. Messed about
mending clothes. Taught.
Lara rang to cancel lesson for
tonight.

Over to visit Mrs. Fung
Miss Shui with Glen
David rang - boring. Says Friday
O.K. now. The Heck!
He can come up.
Taught
Dinner
Wash Hair

*“David rang - boring.
Says Friday O.K.
now.
The Heck!”*

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 except
 EXPERIENCE

NOTHING
 but
 EXPERIENCE

FRI. 22nd Oct.
 Taught.
 Practice Piano.
 E came up.
 Left at 6. I was
 furious. Taught.
 Into town to meet G.
 Late.
 Crossed, interviewed
 ahmahs. Had ice-cream.
 Back to Cham's for cup of
 tea.

Friday 22nd October 1943




Taught
Practice Piano

E came up.

Left at 6. I was furious. Taught

Into town to meet G
Late

Crossed (*ferry*) interviewed ahmahs. Had ice-cream
Back to Cham's for cup of tea

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SAT. 23rd OCT.
 Cedric's birthday. H. B. Ced!
~~Mrs. Leb.~~
 Glen stayed on to tif.
 Peter White to tif?
 He didn't show up.
 Nan's with Jo. Walked in.
 Pow-wow. Her in laws
 there. She's infanticipating
 Walked + ice-cream with
 Ron + Spud. David appeared
 offered me cone wh I dropped
 Ed. Ron sore 'cos I paid
 for our ice-creams. He
 went home us onto Spud's.

Saturday 23rd October 1943

Cedric's birthday. H. B. Ced!
~~Mrs. Leb.~~ Glen stayed on to tif.

Peter White to tif? He didn't show up.

(Peter White has an account of his time at Rosary Hill – it seems he was 11 years old? – could this be the same Peter White?)

Nan's (*Mum was close to her maternal grand mother Katherine Patterson – this could be her*) with Jo. Walked in. Pow-wow. Her in laws there. She's infanticipating Walk and ice-cream with Ron and Spud. David appeared offered me cone which I dropped. Ron sore 'cos I paid for our ice-creams. He went home, us onto Spud's.

*“Cedric's
birthday. H. B.
Ced!”*

2. Coffee Dor Ivy May
 4.80
 .90
 5.70
 14.20
 5.70
 8.50 - Travelling exps.
 7.65
 .30 - gave E.
 4.60 - 2 Rounds of ice cream.
 3. - Coffee.
 7.90

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50 Left of 100. 25.
 14 to be payed back.
 12.20 Left for this month
 next month. 30-14 = 26.

2. coffee Dor Ivy May
 4.80
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 8.50 - Travelling exps.
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 4.60 - 2 rounds of ice cream.
 3. - coffee
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 7.90
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 64 - 5
 25
 50 Left of 100
 14 to be payed back
 12.20 left for this month
 next month 30 - 14 = 26

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AGE 20
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AGE 60
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OCTOBER
 1.20 Cigarettes
 3.60 Tram
 1. Ken
 2.20 Bananas
 2.20 Ice Cream
 E
 1. Limes
 .70 Tooth Brush
 Bananas
 E - 2.40 ice cream

OCTOBER

1.20 cigarettes
 3.60 Tram
 1. Ken
 2.20 Bananas
 2.20 Ice Cream
 E
 1. Limes
 .70 Tooth Brush
 Bananas

E -2.40 ice cream

SUN. 24th Oct
 With family to church
 Home to lunch Mary with
 With Binks to piano gum
 company. boil
 Wandered.
 And into another res-
 taurant where D made
 me understand his
 position. It is not for
 us to say or want
 He is doing penance.
 I have no rights.
 Only the will to sup-
 port as a friend.
 So I left with more
 surety.
 Up to me. Leb's to
 rendez vous in vain.

Sunday 24th October 1943

With family to church. Home to lunch. Mary with gum boil. With Binks to piano company. Wandered.

And into another restaurant where David made me understand his position. It is not for us to say or want. He is doing penance.

I have no rights. Only the will to support as a friend. So I left with more surety.

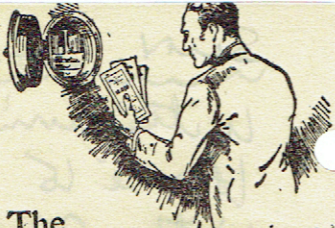
Up to me. Leb's to rendez vous in vain.

“With family to church. Home to lunch. Mary with gum boil. With Binks to piano company.”

For the longest time I thought Binks was some kind of monocled Wodehouseian' friend of Mum's until I came across mention of de-worming and de-fleeing Binkie JR

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MON. 25th OCT.
 Glen servant less.
 Took Ron to get new specs repaired.
 Back to Diag Ter.
 Housework,
 Lessons with Lara.

TUES 26th OCT.
 Ditto.

WED. 27th OCT.
 Nan up to lunch with Kotwalls.
 Bought Bananas. Up to Rosary Hill. Saw Maxwell's, Conny etc.
 Back to dinner. Mum & Jo here. Refused motta flat.

Monday 25th October 1943

Glen servant less
 Took Ron to get new specs repaired
 Back to Dragon Terrace
 Housework
 Lessons with Lara

Tuesday 26th October

Ditto

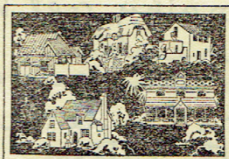
Wednesday 27th October

Nan up to lunch with Kotwalls.
 Bought Bananas. Up to Rosary Hill. Saw Maxwell's, Conny etc.
 Back to diner. Mum and Jo here.
 Refused motta flat.

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Dinner upstairs,
 Glen home afterwards.
THURS. 28th OCT.
 Fed up. Choked up. Hate everyone.
 Glen out. messed about did work. Ivy came up but no time to go for lessons.
 Upstairs to dinner. G home afterwards.
FRIDAY 29th OCT.
 Lara rang to go for walk.
 E rang, asked to see her.
 Tomorrow
 missed Lara cos late
 Rang up for tea date

Dinner upstairs
 Glen home afterwards

Thursday 28th October 1943

Fed up. Choked up. Hate everyone.
 Glen out messed about did work. Ivy came up but no time to go for lessons. Upstairs to dinner. G home afterwards.

Friday 29th October

Lara rang to go for walk. E rang. Asked to see him tomorrow. Missed Lara cos (because) late. Rang up for tea date with

Dorothy met her at Gloucester.
 Home on ferry with May La.
 Dorothy Lo, walked home with latter.
 Chatted with Spud down-stairs.
 Over to his home saw S. Tavanee there. He played records for me.

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 Home on ferry with May La.
 Dorothy Lo walked home with latter.
 Chatted with spud down-stairs.
 Over to his home saw S. Tavanee there. He played records for me.

SAT 30th OCT
 Rushed to meet E.
 cold morning.
 Felt friendly & chatted
 my head off. Till he sud-
 denly says he has to be
 back at store by 12.
 I shut up like a clam.
 My heart dropped to my
 shoes while unreasonable
 fury welled up. I feel so

Saturday 30th October 1943

Rushed to meet E.
 Cold morning.
 Felt friendly and chatted
 my head off till he suddenly
 says he has to be back at store by 12.
 I shut up like a clam.
 My heart dropped to my
 shoes while unreasonable
 fury welled up. I feel so

*"I must work things out
 I cannot shut up and run away
 like this!"*


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hateful, hated & perverse.
 I just dismissed him.
 I must work things
 out I cannot shut up
 & run away like this!
 Read K.F.
 Mr. Cham Cham & Jo came
 over.
 Back to spend night with
 them.

SUN. 31st OCT
 Up late did not go to church.
 Home to lunch.
 Round to Cham's banana
 pancakes
 Powwowed. Stayed to din-

hateful, hated & perverse.
 I just dismissed him.
 I must work things out
 I cannot shut up and run away like this!

Read K.F. (*Kitty Foyle*)

Mr. Cham Cham & Jo came over.

Back to spend night with them.

Sunday 31st October 1943

Up late did not go to church.
 Home to lunch.
 Round to Cham's banana pancakes.
 Powwowed, stayed to dinner.

Casino.
 Read some Maugham (*Somerset?*)

November 1943

nex. Casino
 Read Sam Maipham.
 MON. 1st NOV
 Over with Jo Cham
 to Dr. Tcs. Met Mrs.
 Boc while leaving.
 Back to Causeway
 Bay. Had it out with Glen
 about my unwillingness
 to work.
 Taught Glen then
 Kids.
 Washed hair self & Doreen
 Lessons Dancing.
 Also it came out that
 Aunt D. did not like
 like her to tip the other
 day.

Monday November 1 1943


Over with Jo and Cham to Dr. Tcs'
 Met Mrs. Boc while leaving.
 Back to Causeway Bay.
 Had it out with Glen about my unwillingness to work.

Taught Glen then Kids.

Washed hair self & Doreen
 Lessons Dancing (added in very light pencil later?)

Also it came out that Aunt D. did not like Nan to tip. the
 other day.
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 — the dependent and the independent.
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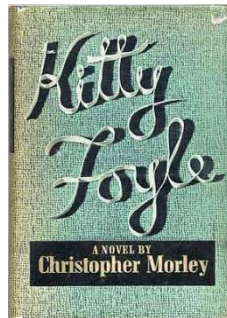
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2nd ~~MON~~ TUESDAY.
 Did not teach Glen A.M.
 messed about.
 Getting ready for Jo Cham
 when mum rang up to
 Uncle J. I asked about J
 & C & indirectly found out
 that they were just not coming.
 Damnem!
 Practiced. Read Kitty Foyle
 Its pathetically human and
 like & learn. It does not
 seem that anything means,
 anything cept love & each
 has their own kind. KF's is
 even maternal but satisfies
 her.

Tuesday 2nd November 1943

Did not teach Glen. A.M. messed about
 Getting ready for Jo and Cham when mum rang up to Uncle J. I asked
 about J and C and indirectly found out that they were just not coming.
 Damnem!

Practiced (Piano?) Read Kitty Foyle (a 1939 American novel by
 Christopher Morley) Its pathetically human live and learn – it does
 seem that nothing means anything 'cept love and each has their own
 kind. KF's is even maternal but satisfies her.



Tea with Glen Kids uncle
 J. who is worried thin
 Taught so's to take a holi-
 day another day.
 E rang A.M. said wanted
 to see me but hung up on him
 in exasperation & tho' Jo & ch
 did not appear there
 was no regret or disappoint-
 ment that I could not see
 him
 Bathed kid,
 Rang again. Swallowed
 six lumps felt bit better.
 Dinner. Made banana
 pancakes.
 Started shorthand.

Forgot next few days.
 Taught, knitted. Read "Kitty
 Foyle & her human slant
 on life bucked me up.
 Got over the grumps with E
 K.F. did it & also one evening
 when we were at the little

Tea with Glen, Kids and uncle Jim
 who is worried thin
 Taught so's to take a holiday
 another day.
 E rang A.M. said wanted to see
 me but hung up on him in
 exasperation and tho' Jo & ch
 (Cham) did not appear there was
 no regret or disappointment that I
 could not see him.

Bathed kid.

Rang again. Swallowed six lumps
 felt bit better.
 Dinner. Made banana pancakes.
 Started shorthand.

*"Tea with Glen,
 Kids and uncle
 Jim who is
 worried thin."*

Forgot next few days.
 Taught, knitted. Read "Kitty Foyle
 and her human slant on life
 bucked me up. Got over the
 grumps with E. K.F. (Kitty Foyle)
 did it and also one evening when
 we were at the little

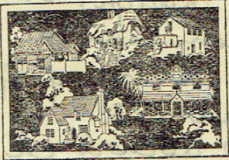
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Wanchai restaurant - I told him what preyed upon me - mentally harping, he calls it. But all said & done he is a kindred spirit of the 1st degree & a pal after my own heart. Why the ai ya's then - So it seems the madame is right - just because I wanted to be kissed of all things - what sort of a creature must I be! Well anyway we walked went to candle factory then to our moonlit common - there was nothing common about

Wanchai restaurant - I told him (E?) what preyed upon me - mentally harping, he calls it. But all said and done he is a kindred spirit of the 1st degree and a pal after my own heart. Why the ai ya's (*Chinese exclamation of frustration, annoyance, anger, etc. similar to d'oh, and a favorite exclamation of my Dad*) then - so it seems tho' madame is right - just because I wanted to be kissed of all things - what sort of a creature must I be!

Well anyway we walked. Went to candle factory. Then to our moonlit common - there was nothing common about it though. Soul satisfaction. From then on too. Wednesday Glen and I took kids out. To doctor's etc. High tea at Wiseman's

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"just because I wanted to be kissed of all things - what sort of a creature must I be!"

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Two Futile Enemy Raids Repulsed

Attempts To Attack Canton & Hongkong

The American air force in China made a futile attempt to attack Hongkong and Canton twice yesterday.

In the first raid a formation of fighters and bombers, numbering 10, appeared at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, while over 10 planes came over about 4 o'clock in a second attempt.

Immediately on receiving information of the coming of the raiders, Japanese air squadrons intercepted them in the area near Humoon as well as in the sky over the Pearl River, west of Canton, inflicting heavy blows.

All the enemy planes, in confusion, made their escape westward and northward and the two attempts by the enemy raiders were completely frustrated.

32 Chances For Prize In Big

Attractive Program Meeting Of Hongkong

Thirty-two ponies have entered for the 46th meeting of the Hongkong Race Club and there will be 32 chances for the First Special Cash Sweep which is to be drawn on Sunday.

All 250,000 tickets were completely sold out by the Club early yesterday morning, and these sweep tickets are already being "hawked" about in the streets at a slight premium.

The programme for Sunday is a most attractive one, with another handicap by weight and distance for China ponies over 1,600 metres for the first event; a 950 metres sprint for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th races; the "big" race for "B" class ponies over 1,750 metres for the fifth race; and the last race for "A" class Australian ponies over 1,200 metres.

The Programme
Handicaps are as follows:
Race 1—1,600 metres: Fei Seung 145 (scratch); Mo Se 130 (115 metres start); Chung Chuk 130 (75 metres start); Sau Sing

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SUN. 7th NOV. 1943.

Pleasant surprise
con. m. here when Doreen
& I flew home on air-
plane from church.
Stayed to lunch.
Tried to contact nan in
vain. Into town shopping
Stanley St. where I bought
pearl earrings for him for
me from him. Hot milk
& cinnamon buns.
Home early.

*“Doreen & I flew home on
air-plane
from church.”*

Sunday 7th
November 1943

Pleasant surprise con (Connie?). m.
here when Doreen and I flew home on air-plane
from church.
Stayed to lunch.
Tried to contact nan in vain.
Into town. Shopping Stanley St.
(Stanley Street is a street in Central on the Island of Hong
Kong) where I bought pearl earrings for him
for me from him. Hot milk and cinnamon buns.
Home early.

This could be Doreen Xavier of Ava Mansions one of
Dr. Selwyn-Clarke's 'network' of people he organized
to send in parcels to Shampshuipo.

MON 8th NOV. 43.
 Messed about tidying up
 at home. Felt dogged
 tired.
 Back by 5 after bor-
 rowing. Arnold Bennett
 from Pasco.
 Spoke to E. who had
 been ringing frantically
 no answer.
 New kiddy. Ahmah
 came.
 To Young Wo to see
 Doreen B4 lesson.
 Doreen's cute suite of
 rooms.
 Chat with uncle
 'bout my future & U.
 past - Dad. Etc.

Monday 8th November 1943

Messed about tidying up at home.
Felt dogged tired.

Back by 5 after borrowing Arnold
Bennet from Pasco. (*Stoke on
Trent Novelist died 1931*)
Spoke to E who had been ringing
frantically
no answer.

New kiddy ahmah came.

To Young Wo (*Happy Valley*) to
see Doreen B4 lesson. Dor. has
cute suite of rooms.

Chat with uncle Jim 'bout my
future and University past - Dad
etc.

*"Chat with uncle Jim
'bout my future and
University past -
Dad etc"*

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TUES. 9th NOV. 1943

Washed hair.
 Came on my friend Marjorie.
 Read Glamour mag.
 E rang, coming over.
 Wrote Glen & Doreen.
 Went to bed after tif.
 Played piano.
 Rushed but was ½ hr. late to hot milk with my warm one.
 Sa hor fun (eggs and noodles), hot milk
 Then to our moonlit common. Nothing common about it tho.
 Wanted to rebuild world for us.

Tuesday November 9th 1943

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 Came on my friend Marjorie.
 Read Glamour mag.
 E rang. Coming over
 Wrote Glen & Doreen.
 Went to bed after tif
 Played piano.
 Rushed but was ½ hr. late to hot milk with my warm one.
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 Then to our moonlit common. Nothing common about it tho'
 wanted to rebuild world for us.

WED. 10th NOV.

met. Connie Max. D.F. coffee then met Lilian Sum.
 Over walk to nan's.
 Spent afternoon waiting for tiffin. Gossiped 'bout dames around town.
 Sum & self walked to mongkok ferry & over.
 To hospital got Alan? there.
 Uncle Jim just broke it upon me about our beloved Black Sheep. Gone 29th Oct. (George K.)
 Felt cold did not sleep. I needed my heart to feel.
 HE RANG BUT.

Wednesday November 10th

Met Connie, Max. D.F. coffee there met Lilian Sum.
 Over walk to nan's.
 Spent afternoon waiting for tiffin. Gossiped 'bout dames around town.
 Sum and self walked to Mongkok ferry and over.
 To hospital Got Alan? there.
 Uncle Jim just broke it upon me about our own beloved Black Sheep. Gone 29th Oct. (George K.)
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 HE RANG BUT.

“Uncle Jim just broke it upon me about our own beloved Black Sheep. Gone 29th Oct. (George K.) Felt cold did not sleep.”

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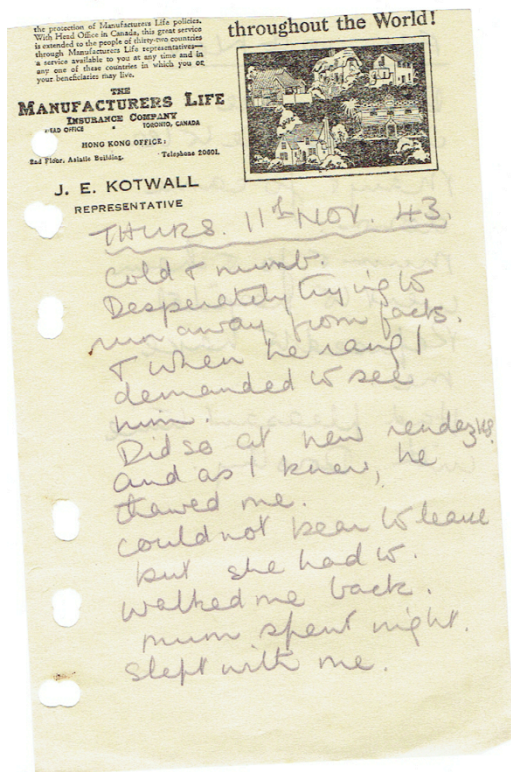
Thursday November 11th 1943

Cold and numb.

Desperately trying to run away from facts and when he rang I demanded to see him.

Did so at new rendezvous. And as I knew, he thawed me.

Could not bear to leave but she had to. Walked me back. Mum spent night. Slept with me.



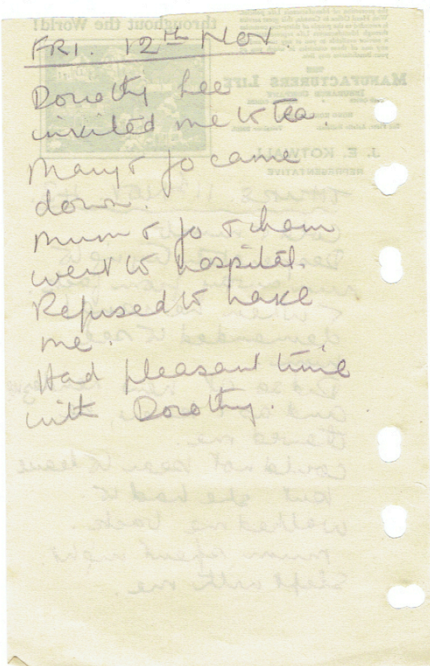
Friday November 12th 1943

Dorothy Lee invited me to tea.

Mary and Jo came down.

Mum and Jo and Cham went to hospital
Refused to have me.

Had pleasant time with Dorothy.



Dorothy Lee

“How was Dorothy Lee, still heroically emptying the ocean with a tea spoon.”

1963 letter from Dad to Mum in HK. Mum met with Dorothy during subsequent HK visits.

See page 153.



In his book “In The Web” Peter Hall says the following of Dorothy:

“Back in the late 1980’s, Dorothy had been worried for some time about the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997 and asked me if I could help her prove her surname was really ‘Ahlmann’, so she could a US passport in an emergency, I reminded her that, although her father, Simon Leslie Ahlmann was the son of Jens Anton Ahlmann, he had also used the surname ‘Lee’ all his life, and he like her, had worked for the Hong Kong Government known by the name ‘Lee’.



“Dorothy was awarded an MBE, then an OBE for her social service work in Hong Kong. She died in Hong Kong in 2004.”

See Ahlmann Genealogy in Being Eurasian. Dorothy Johannah Lee is top right. Dorothy never married.

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NOTHING *but* EXPERIENCE

SAT. 13th - NOV.

Got out winter things.
 Ivy came.
 Walked in with her
 Binks came. My boy
 friend came & said hello.
 but left.
 Bought peanuts.
 To nan's where we were
 all knitting & chatting
 in there.
 Banana pancakes.
 Albert Q walked part way
 out with us.
 Dinner - out again.
 Saturday night. Big night
 boy!
 Edwin & I - got into trouble
 too to make it more exciting
 & I didn't lose my head.
 we were at King's Park.

Saturday 13th November 1943

Got out winter things.
 Ivy (*Aunt Ivy Lang*) came.
 Walked in with her
 Binks came. My boy friend came
 (*David?*) and said hello but left.
 Bought peanuts.
 To nan's (*Katherine Patterson*)
 where we were all knitting and
 chatting Lillian there.
 Banana pancakes.
 Albert Q walked part way out with
 us.
 Dinner - out again.
 Saturday night. Big night boy!
 Edwin (*is this E?*) and I - got into
 trouble too to make it more exciting
 and I didn't lose my head. We were
 at King's Park
 (*The kempeitai routinely performed
 executions at King's Park in
 Kowloon by using Chinese for
 beheading, shooting and bayonet
 practice*)

"I got into trouble too, to make it more exciting, and I didn't lose my head. We were at King's Park"

SUN. 14th. NOV.
 Jo declined to go to church
 with me when I sent Boo-
 Boo over with note.
 Over alone - But how can
 a glowing moment, part of
 eternity be alone. <sup>Felt this B4
 letter.</sup>
 Cham came up to service
 also. Marketed. Rang mum
 to say happy birth day from
 there. Back over with
 Walsh.
 Home not enough tip for Robin
 & I & cooked with cocoanut
 oil.
 Fiddled with writer things till
 letter from my love came
 inside Edgar Wallace cover.
 It was so beautiful - I howled
 over to Cham's - they napped
 till 6.
 Knitted tea.
 Pa's guest for dinner. Beef
 chub cucumber salad
 Sausages.
 Casino.
 Stayed night.

Sunday 14th November 1943

Jo declined to go to church with me when I sent Boo Boo over with note.

Over alone (I think they used ferry to go to church in HK) - But how can a glowing moment, part of eternity be alone. (then inserted later between lines) Felt this B4 letter. Cham came up to service also. Marketed (grocery shopping) Rang mum to say happy birthday from there. Back over with Walsh.

Home not enough tip for Robin and I and cooked with cocoanut (sic) oil

Fiddled with winter things till letter from my love came inside Edgar Wallace cover. (EW was English writer who created King Kong) It was so beautiful - I howled.

Over to Cham's - they napped till 5.

Knitted tea.

Pa's guest for dinner. Beef chub (ground beef) cucumber salad

Sausages

Casino


Stayed night

"letter from my love came
 inside Edgar Wallace cover.
 It was so beautiful - I
 howled."


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AGE 60
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MONDAY. 15th NOV. 1943.

Early breakfast of bread
 sausages, peanut butter on
 Cham's verandah.
 Home to figure out winter
 clothes.
 Cham & Jo left without me -
 caught them up on rick.
 Vaccinated. Bought coffee ¥11
 for Ed & self for mum.
 Gave watch for Walsh to fix.
 Lara holiday cannot let her
 know 'bought tonight.
 Back Davy rang.
 Rested. Taught.
 Over to K'loon @ 7. Met
 David @ Lebedeffs. Walked
 round corner to Mary's.
 Mum's party. Not pleased about
 coffee how Est. Beef steak dinner. Bird Man
 FRIGHT.

Monday 15th November 1943

Early breakfast of bread
 sausages and peanut butter
 on Cham's verandah.
 Home to figure out winter
 clothes.

Cham and Jo left without me
 - Caught them up on rick
 (rickshaw)
 Vaccinated. Bought coffee
 ¥11 for Ed and self for mum.
 Gave watch for Walsh to fix.
 Lara holiday cannot let her
 know 'bought tonight.
 Back Davy rang.
 Rested. Taught.

Over to K'loon @ 7. Met
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 round corner to Mary's.
 Mum's party. Not pleased
 about coffee from E and P
 Beef Steak dinner. Bird Man
 FRIGHT

*“Cham & Jo left
 without me -
 Caught them up on
 rick (rickshaw)”*

TUESDAY.
 Stayed in, Air Raid in
 early P.M.
 Lara ill. Started Arnold
 Bennet's "Strange Van-
 quard." Wash Doreen's hair.
 Rush before Blackout in
 Evening. Played Records
 & sat around. They danced.

WED. 17th.
 Hairwash 1st. thing in Am.
 Glenda set it for me.
 Taught. E rang to cancel
 coming over. Spirits zoomed.
 Sat around in Blackout
 again. Ahmah made curry
 puffs. I mended clothes.

THURS. 18th. Cold weather set in
 Conni & Nan to tea.
 Started sleeves of cardigan.
 Cold turn weather.
 Kotwall's down.
 No Blackout. Knitted.

Tuesday 16th November 1943

Stayed in. Air Raid in early P.M.
 (The HK news, a Japanese
 controlled Newspaper reported a
 formation of over 10 enemy
 planes attempted to raid HK
 about 10:53 am)
 Lara ill. Started Arnold Bennet's
 "Strange Vanguard" Wash
 Doreen's hair.
 Rush before Blackout in
 Evening. Played records and sat
 around. They danced.

Wednesday 17th November

Hairwash first thing in AM.
 Glenda set it for me.
 Taught. E rang to cancel coming
 over. Spirits zoomed (dived?).
 Sat around in Blackout again.
 Ahmah made curry puffs. I
 mended clothes. Cold weather
 set in.

Thursday 18th November

Conni and Nan to tea.
 Started sleeves of cardigan
 Cold turn weather.
 Kotwall's down.
 No Blackout. Knitted.

JAPANESE CULTURE
to be Held In
Next Year

Japanese and Chinese cul-
 ture and Japanese cul-
 ture and Chinese call-
 ing from January
 in South China Arts,
 ly.

Promise Of
Better
Dividends
to be Announced
at Next
Year's Racing

At the programme of
 meeting of the Hongkong
 Jockey Club to be held at Aobadani
 on Friday gives promise of better
 dividends than the last meeting.
 The Jockey Club appears to be well-
 prepared for each event.
 There will be four races over

Raiders On
Hongkong
Intercepted

Two Shot Down In
Fierce Combat

Undisclosed Base (Our Own
 Correspondent A. Tozawa), Nov.
 16.—The formation of over 10
 enemy planes which attempted to
 raid Hongkong about 10.53 a.m.
 today and which were given a hot
 reception, were intercepted on their
 return flight by Japanese fighters,
 it is learned.

The enemy formation was sighted
 over an undisclosed place,
 whereupon our planes immedi-
 ately gave chase. In the ensuing
 fierce combat, the enemy planes
 were badly damaged, one of them
 being shot down, another was seen
 to emit black smoke, and it is be-
 lieved to have also been shot down.



Of late, the enemy planes, over-
 shadowed by the superiority of the
 Japanese air force in China, at-
 tempted to regain their lost
 prestige by frequently endeavour-
 ing to disturb our sea route along
 the South China coast. The at-
 tempted raid on Hongkong was for
 the purpose of attacking our ship-
 ping.

*"Walk with Binks and Robin.
 Bought peanuts and lost
 pass"*

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FRIDAY 19th
 Dissatisfied by David
 but got over it.
 Met Glen in town shopping
 Hot milk & cinnamon
 Guts at Wiseman's.

SATURDAY 20th
 Note from E. - "Some other
 time."
 Jo home pancake tea.
 Walk with Binks &
 Robin. Bought peanuts &
 lost pass.
 To Cham's - casino after
 dinner.

Friday 19th November 1943

Disappointed by David but got over it.
 Met Glen in town shopping
 Hot milk and cinnamon
 Guts at Wiseman's (Mrs. Guts American friend of
 Mum's)

Saturday 20th November 1943

Note from E. - "some other time."
 Jo home pancake tea.
 Walk with Binks and Robin. Bought peanuts and lost
 pass (Mum as a Eurasian required a 3rd National pass to
 show to Japanese if demanded).
 To Cham's - casino after dinner.

Sunday 21st November 1943

SUNDAY 21st NOV.
 Boo Boo
 Could not make church.
 Everything late. ~~up to~~
 Bills with Lara. But
 Bill was out.
 Rushed down glen
 furious 'cos I was late.
 Dragged her up Rosary
 Hill. Pleasant time there
 softball. Tea in her
 room.
 arranged to gang up
 with us to go shopping
 & peanut butter. She
 wants me to teach her
 English.
 In kitchen was given
 pancakes by chef Logan.
 Over K'loon. Dinner &
 night with Cham.

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 Could not make church.
 Everything late.
 Up to Bill's with Lara.
 But Bill was out.
 Rushed down glen furious 'cos I was late.
 Dragged her up Rosary Hill.
 Pleasant time there softball.
 Tea in her room.
 Arranged to gang up with us to go shopping
 and peanut butter. She
 wants me to teach her English.
 Into kitchen was given pancakes by chef. Logan. Over
 K'loon. Dinner and night with Cham.

*"Cham spectated me
 cold showering and I
 was glorious
 Breakfast on veranda."*

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 But
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MONDAY 22nd NOV.
 Dinner Cham spectated
 me cold showering &
 I was glorious
 Breakfast on veranda
 Ivy came to cross with
 me working with D Lee
 now.
 To foreign affairs.
 Chased around about
 pass photo. Dot bought
 me matsubara lunch.
 Did not go dancing 'cause
 Glen home late.
 new amahs Ying, Leen,
 Yuk.

Monday 22nd November 1943

Dinner Cham spectated me cold showering and I was
 glorious
 Breakfast on veranda.
 Ivy came to cross (ferry) with me. Working with D. (Dorothy)
 Lee now.
 To foreign affairs. Chased about passport photo (for
 replacement pass?). Dot bought me matsubara lunch (the
 Gloucester Hotel became the Matsubara). Did not go
 dancing 'cause Glen home late. New amahs Ying, Leen,
 Yuk.

TUES. 23rd NOV
 Public holiday. Taught
 all in AM.
 Met David at theatre.
 Went up Broadwood Rd
 & enjoyed each other.
 Till suddenly, he was
 leaving & so what —

WED. 24th NOV.
 Taught early. Into Dairy
 Farm with Glen to wait
 for Connie who did not show
 up 'cos ill.
 Wandered round.
 Back early. Glen back
 U. J. down for tea.
 Taught. Davy rang. What
 did I do & deserve if he
 could come over. met him
 @ Bottom of the hill Walked.

Tuesday November 23rd 1943

Public holiday. (November 23
 was celebrated by the Japanese
 as an imperial harvest festival
 called Niiname-sai) Taught all in
 AM. Met David at theatre.
 Went up Broadwood Rd. (Happy
 Valley HK) and enjoyed each
 other.
 Till suddenly, he was leaving &
 so what -----

Wednesday November 24th

Taught early. Into Dairy Farm
 with Glen to wait for Connie who
 did not show up 'cos ill.
 Wandered round.
 Back early. Glen back
 U. J. (Uncle Jimmy) down for
 tea.
 Taught. Davy rang. What did I do
 to deserve it he could come over.
 Met him @ Bottom of the hill.
 Walked.

throughout the World!

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THURS 25th NOV

Taught early. Spent AM having breakfast up down for it. Poached egg & the most delicious cupacoffee. Rang & informed me he was not coming over (David) and in the same breath asked why I sounded dejected. But I took it like a man & maybe the Gods had pity or something. Rang again after tif & was coming over. Broadwood Rd. again. We had an amusing pow wow on facts of life. He talked & I assimilated. Back for dinner. Blind Man's Buff with kids (Monica and Lawrence) up at Uncle Jim's.

Thursday November 25th 1943

Taught early. Spent AM having breakfast Uncle Jim. Down for it. Poached egg & the most delicious cupacoffee. Rang and informed me he was not coming over (David) and in the same breath asked why I sounded dejected. But I took it like a man and maybe the Gods had pity or something. Rang again after tif and was coming over. Broadwood Rd. again. We had an amusing pow wow on facts of life. He talked and I assimilated. Back for dinner. Blind Man's Buff with kids (Monica and Lawrence) up at Uncle Jim's.

"Blind Man's Buff with kids up at Uncle Jim's."

FRIDAY 26th NOV

Glen in sour mood. Did not teach. Hem grey frock. Bath. Ivy rang. Met her in town. Left her for French but postponed till Dec. Caught her @ ferry. With Lara to get race ticket. Tea at Wiseman's. I (Ivy) and self and I lectured me on Dwin (Darwin?). Back to Glens. Teach. Dinner. Home to K'loon. Singing Carols homeward 'long Nathan Road (Nathan Road is the main thoroughfare in Kowloon) and bumped into Darcy. So we continued along Cox's path. Gascoigne Rd. (a main road in Kowloon, Hong Kong, going west-east from Nathan Road) where I barbed wired my stockings but what matters. Still insists that I shall drop him when our fellows return.

Friday November 26th

Glen in sour mood. Did not teach. Hem grey frock. Bath. Ivy rang. Met her in town. Left her for French but postponed till Dec. Caught her @ ferry. With Lara to get race ticket. Tea at Wiseman's. I (Ivy) and self and I lectured me on Dwin (Darwin?). Back to Glens. Teach. Dinner. Home to K'loon. Singing Carols homeward 'long Nathan Road (Nathan Road is the main thoroughfare in Kowloon) and bumped into Darcy. So we continued along Cox's path. Gascoigne Rd. (a main road in Kowloon, Hong Kong, going west-east from Nathan Road) where I barbed wired my stockings but what matters. Still insists that I shall drop him when our fellows return.

"Still insists that I shall drop him when our fellows return."

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 "BINKIES"
 SAT. 27th NOV BIRTHDAY!

BINKS. grubby & wormy poor sweetheart. Gave him such a scrubbing & defleed him for rest of morning.
 Spent P.M. cataloguing Dad's books.
 Cham & Jo came home worried me practicing carols.
 Nan dropped in B. 4 show. Walked her to theatre. 2 Chickens. Binks birthday dinner. But Papa Caminiade could not come with 'flu.
 Liquor & pow wow with him. Home & tucked in.

Saturday 27th November 1943 "BINKIES" BIRTHDAY!

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"Binks. Grubby and wormy poor sweetheart. Gave him such a scrubbing and defleed him"

SUN. 28th NOV.

Church with Jo.
 To Vi for lunch met Cham.
 To see mouse as novice. So depressing & she was so affectedly nunnish.
 To wiseman's for tea. Where waitress had to apologise to Cham.
 Dinner @ Caminiades. Stayed night.
 Planned for Xmas.

Sunday 28th November 1943

Church with Jo
 To Vi for lunch met Cham
 To see mouse as novice. So depressing and she was affectedly nunnish.
 To Wiseman's for tea where waitress had to apologise to Cham.
 Dinner @ Caminades. Stayed night.
 Planned for Xmas.

TUES. ^{MON.} TUES. 29th NOV 43
Delayed crossing with
mum.
Met Miss Panu on ferry.
Ditched by mum & Jo.
Back to Wongs. Glen out
back early I went into town
for bread for her. Borrowed
Philip Gibbs. Wouldn't
phone. Tea with Glen, taught
dinner. Lesson with Lara.
Shorthand.
TUES. 30th NOV.
Peter ill with 2 kinds of
malaria. Did not go out.
Practice shorthand. Rang.
WED.

Monday November 29th 1943

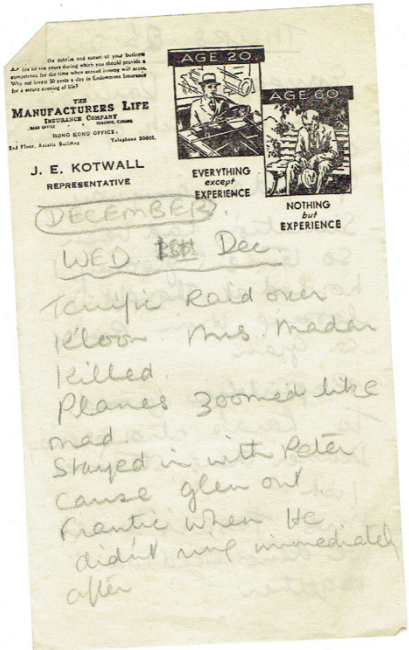
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Met Miss Panu? on ferry. Ditched
by mum and Jo. Back to Wongs.
Glen out back early I went into
town for bread for her. Borrowed
Philip Gibbs (English journalist
and prolific author of books).
Wouldn't phone. Tea with Glen,
taught. Dinner. Lesson with Lara.
Shorthand.

Tuesday 30th November 1943

Peter ill with 2 kinds of malaria.
Did not go out. Practice
shorthand. Rang.

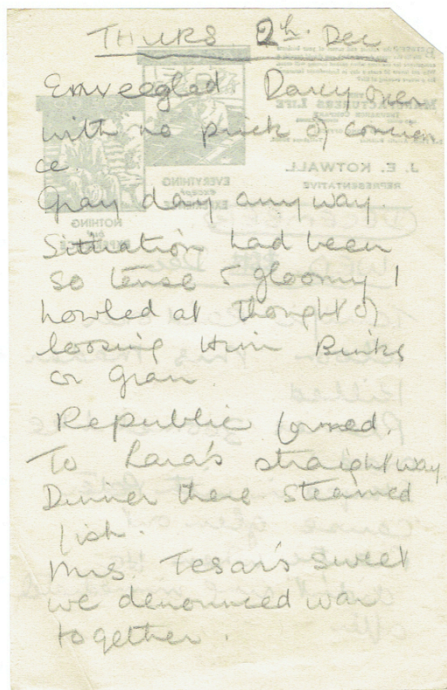
December 1943



Wednesday December 1st 1943

Terrific raid over K'loon. Mrs. Madar killed.
Planes zoomed like mad.
Stayed in with Peter cause Glen out (*Peter is a child?*)

“Big air raid while I with Kotewall in China Building Full of glass. Felt very nervous. Big explosions. Home to find family very scared. Paper says ten planes. Alleged twenty P40s protecting bombers and seven shot down. Mrs. Amy Madar killed, George Manley's sister from Shanghai. Connie Lum's sister nurse in Matilda also killed. Taikoo 200 casualties. Kowloon a mess. Hillwood, Kimberley, Cameron, Granville, Canton Roads. Two dud 200 lb bombs in Hillwood Road in Kowloon. Dud 500 lb bomb in Chunking Arcade” from Harry Chings Wartime Diary



Thursday 2nd December 1943

Inveigled Davy over with no prick of conscience.
Gray day anyway. Situation had been so tense and gloomy I howled at thought of losing Him Binks or Gran.
Republic formed. To Lara's straight way. Dinner there steamed fish.
Mrs. Tesar's sweet, we denounced war together.

“I howled at thought of losing Him Binks or Gran.”

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AGE 20
EVERYTHING except EXPERIENCE

AGE 60
NOTHING but EXPERIENCE

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 My mechanisms humming strong.
 Pay raised 40 ¥

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The Broadbridges were a Eurasian family – the name is on the DBS memorial. Norman was Hazel's boyfriend and there is also mention of a Reggie and Janet Broadbridge.

Eurasian Sir Robert Kotewall's children receive several mentions in Mum's diary including Bobbie, Zimmern and Choa (see genealogy in Appendix).

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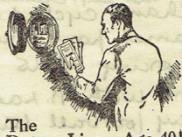
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The Danger Line—Age 40!

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REPRESENTATIVE

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 Phone & rushed off to what
 mattered - tho' it will not
 be agreed that I rushed.
 'cos was naturally late.
 Never remember what we
 talk about.
 Says I'm just a younger
 version of him & will grow
 to disclaim that people
 should be respectable.
 crossed home late with
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 Says I'd been snubbing him
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 Dinner at Cham's.

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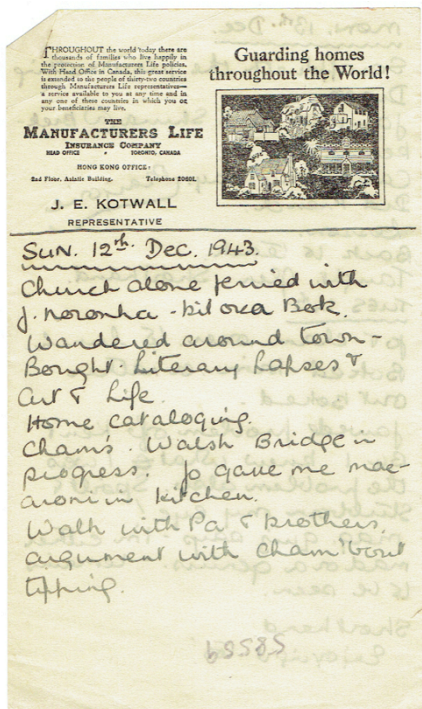
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 in passing - it punished
 the devil in me.
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 Walk with Pa. classics.
 Dinner Cham's. Pow-wowed
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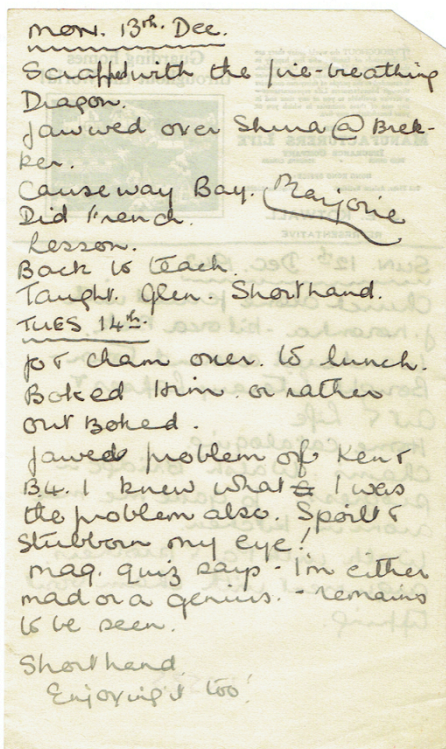
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 brought up the spook
 pictures then hid
 from me in the
 kitchen.”*



Sunday 12th December 1943

Church alone ferried with J. Noromha-bitova Bok.
 Wandered around town – Bought Literary Lapses (*Stephen Leacock pub. 1910*) and Art & Life (*Samuel Halpert*)
 Home cataloging.
 Cham's Walsh Bridge in progress.
 Jo gave me macaroni in kitchen.
 Walk with Pa and brothers.
 Argument with Cham 'bout tipping.

“Scrapped with the fire-breathing Dragon”



Monday 13th December

Scrapped with the fire-breathing Dragon.
 Jawwed over Shuna? @ breakfast
 Causeway Bay. Marjorie
 Did French
 Lesson
 Back to teach
 Taught. Glen. Shorthand.

*“Spoilt and stubborn my eye!
 Magazine quiz says – I’m either mad or a genius – remains to be seen.”*

Tuesday 14th December

Jo and Cham over to lunch.
 Boked Him or rather out
 Boked.
 Jawwed problem of Ken (*brother Kenneth?*) and B4 I knew what, I was the problem also. Spoilt and stubborn my eye!
 Magazine quiz says – I’m either mad or a genius – remains to be seen.
 Shorthand
 Enjoying it too!

WED. 15th DEC. 1943.
 Telephone day.
 A hundred voices in me
 says a hundred things but
 not one is heard so we listen
 to each other listening.
 Slight sulk session cause
 nightmare but didn't cross.
 Shock of J. Ke*'s death.
 & 2 wks holiday but nearer
 than my head is to my pillow.
 Whined - neither slept cord-
 ing to satisfactory reports
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Wednesday 15th December 1943

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THURSDAY.
 Since I can be late for this
 I do believe I ~~am~~ am naturally
 irrevocably (stress on vo) &
 irtrievably late.
 The whatchemacallums
 came over me - truly thought
 it was malaria or something
 for a minute. To my great
 consternation it was some-
 thing - Its not an urge, its
 an itch. But you can scratch
 inside. So WHAT?
 I shocked 'im - my tongue
 is quite independant of
 me these days & is evident-
 ly happier on its own.
 "Don't mind me?"
 Enjoyed company of Mr.
 Pandah Singh & his goats -
 He Mr. Singh & I the goats
 16 yrs old indeed!
 He reminisced hmmm.
 A fellow needs to sow his
 wild oats. Seem that I'm
 helping him reap. tho. &
 GOLLY if Broadwood Rd. doesn't lead
 to Rosary Hill ask us!

Thursday 16th December

Since I can be late for this I do believe I ~~am~~ am naturally irrevocably and irtrievably late.
 The whatchemacallums came over me - truly thought it was malaria or something for a minute.
 To my great consternation it was something - tho? not an urge, its an itch. But what can you scratch inside. So WHAT?

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Enjoyed company of Mr. Pandah Singh and his goats? - He, Mr. Singh and I the goats. 16 years old indeed!

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"my tongue is quite independent of me these days and is evidently happier on its own. Don't mind me?"

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FRID. 17th Dec.
Into French.
Tea with Dot & Ike at Wisemans.
SAT. 18th Dec.
Lunch @ Ivys Dot & Charlie.
Stanley parcels for her.
SUN. 19th.
Did not church.
MON.
HK Red Piano co. was liverish.
TUES.
Saw one of these days.
In a world of our own
on neck.

Friday 17th December
1943

Into French.
Tea with Dot and Vi at
Wisemans.

Saturday 18th
December

Lunch @ Ivy's Dot
and Charlie.
Stanley parcels for
her.

Sunday 19th
December

Did not church.

Monday 20th
December

HK Red Piano co.
Was liverish

Tuesday 21st
December

E
Saw one of these
days
In a world of our own
On *reck

The above dates are assumed to be 1943.

*"Charlie, Stanley parcels for
her."*

SAT. 25th DEC.
~~Did not church.~~
 Rushed to St. Joseph's then
 to ours. with Cham & Jo.
 Stared at Norah Kew.
 Mum waited lunch with
 me. Last night's stew. & an
 egg ea. cup o' tea.
 Walked to ice cream shop.
 Hoping & also ring nan. News
 she's had a little girl.
 Cammie's almost driven
 home with boredom. Henry
 came yarned up a bit.
 Wrote Auntie Ruby.
 Bed early.

Saturday 25th December

Did not church

Rushed to St. Joseph's
 then to ours (St.
 Andrews?) With Cham
 and Jo.

Stared at Norah Kew
 (The Kews were a very
 prominent Eurasian
 family from Australia –
 H.K. family with BAAG
 involvement and some
 interned at Stanley –
 Norah's real name was
 Marion Honoria)

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Mary Smith (Camiard).
 Mum's friend and neighbor



MON. 27th DEC

To see c/o at Ros. church
with Cham & Pa.
Binks wormifuge. To
H.K. Red Cross. Nips
inquiring into remittance
to apply or not with poss.
of Stanley. Slumped me
did not go to French. Went
& bought Xmas pres for E.
Read it at D.F.
Tea at H.K. H. with Lara.
who gave me ^{my} solitary pres
cuff links.
Home. I & all depressed.
Cham Jo made me play
mah jong to make it worse.
SUN. 26th DEC

Walk alone - p.m. Mary Jo
over stayed to dinner.
Roast beef, curried chicken.
Joined Ron's party.

Sunday 26th December 1943

Walk alone - p.m. Mary Jo
over stayed to dinner. Roast
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Ron's party.

Monday 27th December

To see crib at Rosary church
with Cham & Pa.
Gave Binks wormifuge.
To H.K. Red Cross. Nips
inquiring into remittance. To
apply or not with poss. of
Stanley. (if Mum qualified for
remittance, did this then mean
she should be in Stanley
Camp as a pow Brit?)
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AGE 20



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except
 EXPERIENCE

AGE 60



NOTHING
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FRID. 28th DEC

Walked out on mum's job
 go to Yamasaki's 'bout. red
 cross.
 To Broadwood Rd. & intimacy
 chewing gum & tongues,
 gave mod. Amer poetry.
 gave me ¥2.
 naturally had to leave
 "Business you see".
 Flirted tea in green red
 & white cake shop from
 him.
 To see him off ferry with
 Delcie guilt a pill to
 swallow. Ice creaming with brother.

Tuesday 28th December 1943

Walked out on mum and Jo to go to Yamasaki 'bout red cross. (Shimokawa Yamasaki - see pg. 155)

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“Christmas 1943 was not so good {as 1942}. Residential Kowloon had just undergone its worst air raid of the war and planes were overhead nearly every day. Every other house in Tsimshatsui was housing a bomb that had failed to explode. The Gendarmerie reign of terror was touching the Christmas celebrating communities. Christmas at Stanley Goal was far worse than at the internment camps. There was little food and no medicinal alcohol. The news was much better. Nerves were very much on edge and the great majority had discovered that familiarity breeds contempt. The best way to express the latter feeling was by snubbing all invitations for Christmas Eve.”

From Gwulo Old Hong Kong – events pertaining to Stanley Camp

“Hunger is like a ghost that can find no peace...It is always there, a perpetual groaning in one's stomach...It pervades every thought; it sets you dreaming of steaks...you must fight with your all your will power against these dreams....or they will become your master. It is a hard fight that only those who have been really hungry can understand.”

George Wright-Nooth, *Prisoner Of The Turnip Heads*

