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Jan. 1.

Broadlands. All felt really oldfashioned after our potent "Punch" of last night. The Phillips family left in the morning and I walked the dogs in the most glorious weather, snowy, cold, and bright sun. Mr. Langton Douglas, an Art expert, came down for the day to see the pictures, etc. Dickie came down for a bit, very groggy and weak. Spent a quiet evening with Aunt Victoria, Peter and Dickie. Patricia still in London with Flu. Belinda and Pamela having great fun here.

Jan. 2. Broadlands, London. Motored up to London with Peter in the morning and went straight to Kensington Palace. Lunched at the Apéretif with Harold Phillips and went to the Depot and interviewed Mrs. Mersbaer at 5. Dined in with Patricia and Mdlle. and we all froze. Kensington Palace like an ice box. Dickie with slight jaundice, still laid up at Broadlands.

Jan. 3. London. Bitterly cold and east wind. Patricia and Mlle. went back to Broadlands, I spent most of it at the Depot and doing various businesses. Lunched at K.P. with Miss Underhill and attended my first Selection Board Meeting of the Red X and St. John at 3 Belgrave Square, having just been appointed Lady County President of the Nursing Division of London. At 3 had our Depot Committee Meeting and then did a little shopping. Quiet evening and dinner in bed. Tried stifling a cold.

Jan. 4. Cold better. A busy day at the Depot and gave Mary and Lawrie Gardiner lunch at the Apéretif and after did a little chopping and had various appointments. Dined at Monseigneur with Gladie and Colin Buist and Tony Weldon and went to see Jimmy Cagny's Film "Each Dawn I Die". Excellent, After to the 400 for a short time.

Jan. 5. A very busy day, including a visit to Edith Kemsley with Lady Pound. Lunch at the Ritz with Colin and appointments and shopping after. Went at 6 to the Queen's Theatre with the Phillips family to see B. Little's Show "All Clear". Good. After dined at the Apéretif and went home to write countless letters. Late bed; quite exhausted. Dickie, poor fellow, still laid up at Broadlands with jaundice.

Jan. 6. London, Folkestone. Hoped to leave on the early machine for Paris with Mary and Harold Phillips, as we were going to meet Bunny there tomorrow and spend his leave with him at Megève. But heavy fog upset all plans and after hanging about till 10 from 8 !! gave it up and went and breakfasted at Mary's little hotel, 12a Curzon St., then shopped and gave the Phillips family lunch at the Apéretif. After went to "Mr. Smith goes to Washington". Dinner at 12A again and finally departed on the 9 o'clock train for Folkestone. Slept on board, very dirty boat and endless formalities.

Jan. 7. Folkestone, Paris. Crossed over, leaving about 8 and then more waits at Calais, only leaving about 12.45. Lunch on the train and read and slept till Paris, which we reached at 5.45. Bun met us at the Nord and we went straight across to the Lyons, where we dined and proceeded to Megève at 8.25. Lovely seeing Bun, who has 10 days leave.

Jan. 8. Aix les Bains, Megève. Turned out of train at 5, as the carriage did not go through to Megève. Endless journey in a local train, 3rd class, which stopped at each station, but finally reached Sallanches at 11. Drove up to Megève and arrived for lunch. Delightful little place, charming hotel and attractive altogether. Poor Mary with a cracking head, so Harold, Bun and I spent the afternoon together walking in the little town etc. Dined early, excellent food and good service. Depressed with evening, as thaw and rain set in.

Jan. 9. Megève. Woke to unexpectedly lovely snow, which fell in the night, and cheered us up enormously. Bun and I did some practice on the little slopes and some work with a pro, very nice, and he did a run in the afternoon and I messed about a bit, feeling very stiff and unsteady, and falling extremely often!! Charming spot, and we all delighted with it. Mostly French people and very few people altogether, which is pleasant. Harold, Bun and I dined together and after went to the local night Club, "Le Mauvais Pas", where is the most excellent pianist. Mary in bed with a head and cold. Got rather foggy later in the day.

Jan.10. Still dull and rather foggy unfortunately, but did quite a lot of ski-ing, going up on the ski-lift, and got on very much better today, which delighted me. Very stiff and bruised however! Poor Mary still in bed with her head and cold. Harold, Bun and I ernt to the local Cinema at 4 and saw quite a good Film including "Topper".

Jan.11. Fog lifted and had lovely patches of sun. Bun went up early "Rochebrune" and ski-ed down and we met on the ski-lift and did a little more before lunch. Mary better. Walked in the town and shopped and wandered round later. After dinner Bun and I went to "Mauvais Pas" again for a short time.

Jan.12. Megève, Rochebrune. Glorious sunny day with brilliant skies and quite clear. Went up Rochebrune and ski-ed down. Very steep and I fell a very great deal, but lovely all the same and all in the sun. Went up again with Mary and Harold to lunch at the top, and Bun ski)ed down and we met at the bottom and did some more quiet ski-ing. Had my head washed and nails done and all retired early to bed exhausted.

Jan.13. Megève. Fine again and lovely sun. Sat out on the terrace and sunned ourselves and ski-ed down a different, and even more difficult, slope, but through really lovely scenery. A little more gentle ski-ing in the afternoon and became very depressed, as could do nothing right!! To the Cinema at tea time to see "The Great Waltz", old but good with Strauss music. To the "Mauvais Pas" after dinner, which was crowded and very gay indeed, and danced wildly.

Jan.14. Megève, Mont d'Arbois. Not quite so fine, though quite a lot of sun. Went up to the other side and up to Mont d'Arbois funicular and ski)ed down from there. Absolute ice and first part pestilential!! and quite impossible. Better leter. Up again to lunch with the family on top. A little gentle ski-ing in the afternoon and had drinks with Olga Portago at the "Mauvais Pas."

Jan.15. Megève. Did no ski-ing, as was rather under the weather, but shopped in the little town and then went up and met Bunnie, who had been ski-ing and had drinks in the sun. Glorious day with brilliant skies. Spent a peaceful day, went to have oysters at the Slalom at 5, then to the and later to the Mauvais Pas. Very enjoyable, but finally got very intoxicated on "Alexanders" and the cold air was disastrous and I was more than merry and so were all the Phillips family.

Jan.16. Megève, Aix les Bains. Lovely early, but clouded over later and snow was obviously going to fall tonight. Could not resist a little ski-ing, and did much better and started really to Christi! Shopped and packed in the afternoon and were miserable, our holiday was nearly at an end. Left by car for Aix les Bains at 6. Mary and Harold go on south to Cannes tomorrow, but Bunny and I have to return to Paris. Took 2½ hours and dined at an excellent Restaurant and joined the Rome-Paris train at 11.50. Very cold and full, but slept well.

Jan.17. Paris. Arrived in Paris at 9.30. in the vilest weather I have known for years, with a biting north east wind,which went straight through one. Henri met us and we went to Yola's. Spent a busy day shopping and dealing with tickets, Bun's car problems, etc. Lunched at Neuilly and at 7 went to a delicious play called "L'Histoire de Rire" with Gravet and Alice Cocee. To dine after at the "Tout Paris" and spent a heavenly, peaceful evening. Roaring fire luckily, as the house at Neuilly absolutely frrezing and wind blowing straight through.

Jan.18. Paris, Broadlands. A little shopping early and had a drink at the Ritz Bar, then Bun drove me out to Le Bourget and we lunched early, and he then drove off north to rejoin his Division, his leave being up today. I left on the 1.15. Imperial Airways and arrived at Heston at 3.15. Straight down to Broadlands, where I found Dickie still recovering from jaundice. Aunt Victoria, Richard Johnston and Peter and nephew Philip. Very tired and rather depressed.

Jan.19. Broadlands. Icy cold and snow on the ground. Walked with Richard and the dogs and Peter left early. Did a lot of work in the house and gardens. Dickie much better, but still slightly jaundiced, and only up for half the day. Spent a quiet evening with Aunt V. and Philip.

Jan.20. Very cold again. Went out shooting with Philip and got a mixed bag and froze! Esmé Johnston arrived at 3 to stay the weekend. She, Philip and I and the children went to the Romsey Cinema at 6 and saw some good Films. Nice little modern Cinema.

Jan.21. Cold again. Walked the dogs with Esmé, Philip, Richard and Pamela and had the Jenkins to lunch and a long family after. Dickie's came for lunch to bring D. some ship's papers, etc. Spent a quiet evening talking, writing and doing all kinds of things about the house. Dickie much better and less jaundiced!

Jan.22. Broadlands, London. Esmé and Richard left early and I motored up to London at 10, arriving for lunch which I had at Kensington Palace with Miss Underhill. To the Depot after lunch and to late tea with Patricia at her Nursing Home, (she has had wisdom teeth stumps out). Hair and nails done later and dined at the Apéretif with Kay and after went to the Cronin Film "The Stars look down". Wonderful.

Jan.23. London. Depot most of the morning and a little shopping. Lunch at the Ritz with Colin Buist and back to the Depot in the afternoon. Dined with the Buists at the Apéretif and went to Micky Rooney's Film, "Babes in Arms."

Jan.24. To a rowdy Anglo-French Ambulance Meeting at 11 and then back to the Depot. Lunch at K.P. with Philip and Pamela, who had just come up from Broadlands. Peter came too. Shopped with Pamela after and she went down to school at tea time. I went to the Depot, had my teeth done and hair set and dined with the Buists. Picnic meal, about 18 people and after we all went on to the Mirabelle for a Pay Party for Naval Comforts. Dmoky and had a cold already, so was not very happy!!

Jan25. London. Indulging in a streaming cold, so very miserable. All the morning at the Depot and gave Mrs. St.John Atkinson, Lady Superintendent in Chief of St.Johns, lunch at the Aperétif. She was appointed the Lady County President of the Nursing Division of London. The Queen visited the Depot in West Halkin Street, accompanied by Patsy Ramsay and went all round and talked to everyone. I saw the dentist and Basil Dean at 6. To bed for dinner to nurse my cold.

Jan.26. London, Broadlands. An early Committee Meeting of the Anglo-French Ambulance and the rest of the morning at the Depot. Late lunch at K.P. with Miss Underhill and then motored down to Broadlands with Philip. Cold absolutely streaming, so retired to bed with aspirins etc.

Jan.27. Broadlands. Downpour of rain all day, stayed in bed till lunch and wrote letters etc. Dickie was to have shot,but the weather made it impossible. My cold streaming still, so felt pretty awful and spent amiserable afternoon. The Colonel of the local Regiment and his two Majors to dinner, also the Abel-Smiths. Puzzles after. All pipes and boiler burst with this thaw after the extreme cold and everything breaking and dripping.

Jan.28. Dull, wet day again and sunk in gloom. Cold and cough very bad too. Stayed in bed till lunch and spent a miserable day sitting araound and feeling like hell. Patricia still recoverering from her teeth and Dickie and Philip rode. Retired to bed after tea again and dined in bed. Suppressed Flu I expect.

Jan.29. Broadlands, London . Heavy frost on top of the thaw and pandemonium everywhere. Heavy falls of snow all over the county and telegraph and telephone wires and trees down everywhere and complete dislocation of traffic and rail. Motored up with chains very slowly, taking a long time. To the Depot in afternoon and to see Lady May of the Red X. To bed for dinner with my cold streaming still. Found deep snow in London, fallen last night.

Jan.30. London. Still heavy snow, and bitterly cold and my cold appalling. Had an early Committee Meeting at the New Gallery in connection with the Gaumont-British Scheme for the Naval Depot for Knitted Garments. Then to the Depot till lunch and picked Jeannie up at the Ritz to go to lunch with Emerald at Grosvenor Square. Shopping, fittings and to the Depot in the afternoon. Home early to tea and bed to try and throw off this awful cold.

Jan.31. Thaw set in and damp and cold unbelievable. Depot and lunch with Jeania, then to a Red X and St. John Selection Board in uniform, followed by our own Committee Meeting at the Depot. Retired to bed at tea time again; cold still about the same. Dickie rather seedy again at Broadlands.

Feb. 1. London . Very coldy and miserable. Work at the depot, trying chiefly to get wool by fair means or foul! Gave the Kents and Peter lunch at the Apéretif and worked again at the Depot after. Hair and shopping and then joined Colin at the Ritz and we later dined at the Apéretif and went to see "The Old Maid" at the Warner. Excellent Film; Bette Davies and Miriam Hopkins. Thawing hard and slush and dirt unbelievable.

Feb. 2. Felt about the same, cold very little better. To see Miss Thomson, whose St.John Nursing Division in Kensington I have joined, and work at the Depot. Then to the lunch at the Mansion House to celebrate the reaching of the first million of the Red Cross and St. John's Lord Mayor's Fund. Went in uniform again. Back to the Depot till tea. Early bed in another vain attempt to stew my cold out.

Feb. 3. London, Broadlands. Waited up to meet Yola, who was to have arrived over by air, but machines cancelled owing to weather conditions, and I finally came down by train,leaving the car to bring her tomorrow. Aunt Victoria, Patricia, Mdlle and Dickie there. Took a short stroll and did a lot of things in the house. Cold a bit better. Early bed to nurse it. Thaw set in and now everything flooded and débris of fallen trees and branches awful; cedars damaged, too sad! River right up over its banks, even near the house.

Feb. 4. Broadlands. Cold really better and began to feel more normal again. Yola's aeroplane again delayed, so she did not turn up. Aunt Victoria left after lunch and Patricia and Mlle. sent off to St. Giles at teatime. Mlle going to help there with the evacuated school.

Feb. 5. At last some sun and a pleasant mild day. Stayed down to try and get rid of my cold. Did a lot of house planning with Dickie, Mr. Dougger, the Architect, and the plumbers, and re-arranged a lot of things. Also interviewed Harold,the new forester, who seems a charming fellow. Rode with Dickie through Burnt Grove Wood in the afternoon, and Dick Crichton came over to tea. Dinner in bed again.

Feb. 6. Broadlands, London. Came up to London on the 10.30. train from Winchester, late as usual and only got up for lunch which I had at K.P., Aunt Victoria also there. Depot and shopping and hair in the afternoon and dinner at K.P. with Aunt V. and Dickie, who had come up at teatime. Went to see "The Wizard of Oz". Good. Very mild now and complete thaw.

Feb. 7. London. Work at the Depot and various other activities in the morning. Lunch at K.P. and heard immediately after that Yola had arrived unexpectedly in London, having been trying to come for a week and having always been delayed by weather. Met her and then did more Depot work and a little shopping. Dined at the Apéretif with Jeanie, Yola, Dickie and Peter, and we went to a Film and after to the 400 for a short time.

Feb. 8. Depot and St. John work. Lunched with Sybil Cholmondeley, Rock, George and Hannah, also there and the two latter and I shopped in the afternoon. Gave my cousin Joan Campbell tea at the Ritz and then went down to the Mansion House for a Red Cross Meeting re the Gala Show on March 12th in aid of the Lord Mayor's Fund. Dined at Quaglino's with the Buists,Nigel Deare, Yola and Dickie and went to "Funny Side Up" with Florence Desmond. After to the 400.

Feb. 9. London, Broadlands. Yola tried to leave on the morning plane, but no service, again due to cold. Decided therefore to come to Broadlands with un is the afternoon and cross tonight. Depot and Anglo-French Ambulance in the morning. Lunch at K.P. Motored down to Broadlands in the afternoon. Yola left after dinner. Colder again.

Feb.10. Broadlands. Lovely cold, sunny day, with blue skies, but an icy wind. Interviewed a local Reporter and showed him the wallabies. Then motored up to Squab Wood, part of it leased to Ansell, and rode through it. Aunt Victoria arrived for lunch and Dickie and I walked for a bit in the afternoon and worked. At 6 had a "local" cocktail party for the Locals, Doctors, Town Big-Wigs, Naval, Military and various people leasing houses on the Estate. About 60. Quiet evening.

Feb.11. Fine again and less wind. Rode with Dickie through Reservoir Town Copse, Yew Tree and Moor Court. Late Lunch. Business and letters in the afternoon. Nona and Dick to tea. The Norths came at 5.30. and at 6 had a Tenants' Sherry and Cocktail Party. About 50. Went off with a dash and all were charming. Quiet evening again with Aunt Victoria.

Feb.12. Broadlands, London. Saw Mr. Dougger, the Architect at Broadlands and then motored up to London via Molly Mount Temple at Alresford. Got up for very late lunch, which I gobbled and then went straight to the Depot. To see the Phillips at teatime and had Kathleen and Miss Wallace at 6. Gave George and Marina dinner at Jules Hotel and were shown the new Dietrich Film, "Destiny Rides again" privately after, arranged by Jarratt.

Feb.13. London. First to the Depot and then to the Mansion House to a Committee Meeting for the Gala Matinée for the Red Cross and St.John Funds, of which I am Chairman of the Ladies' Committee. Lunch at the Apérétif with Dickie and Sally Norton and back to the Depot after. Dined at Monseigneur with the Buists, Angus Graham and Jeanie and went to the "Hunchback of Notre Dame". Terrifying. To the 400 after.

Feb.14. Patricia's 16th birthday. A hectic day and felt very mouldy! Depot work and a visit to Cousin Felix at 12.30. re Molly's affairs. Lunch at K.P. and in the afternoon attended the Friends of the Red Cross and St.John First Aid Competitions, won by the St.John. The Mayor of Kensington present and all the Red Cross and St.John Big Wigs, and I had to propose a vote of thanks after the Mayor had presented the Cup. Lady Limerick seconded it. Dined at Winnie and Lionel's and after Jarratt got us the new "This Girl Friday" Film for a private showing. Win and Lionel, Marjorie and Stewart, Dickie and I. For ½ hour to the 400 after.

Feb.15. Busy day with Depot and St.John and Red X work. Lunched at K.P. with Aunt V. and all the afternoon was taken up with the Selection Board of the Red X and St.John. To the Depot again late. Dined at Buckingham Palace with the King and Queen, George and Marina, and then Dickie and I left on the 10.30. train for Newcastle, he to rejoin "Kelly".

Feb.16. Newcastle. Arrived in early and went to the Station Hotel. Spent nearly all day signing endless Red X and St.John appeal letters, until I could no longer hold a pen! Dickie worked on board all day till 5.30. Had a drink with the Larcoms, also here, and gave the Reeders, Evans Burnett, 1st lt. and Mrs Rowell dinner at the hotel before the Ship's Company Dance at Hebburn. I gave the prizes away and it was all very gay. To have eggs and bacon on board "Kelly" later.

Feb.17. Newcastle. Spent again a great part of the day signing endless charity letters. Walked the dogs on the Town Moor in the snow and Dickie got back to late lunch. Walked with him again before tea. Drank with Mrs. and Admiral Maxwell, Admiral commanding here, and gave the Dr. and his new wife "Kelly", the McCoys and Mr. Cole, the constructor just arrived from London, dinner, and took them to the Cinema early.

Feb.18. Newcastle, Train. A busy morning and took the dogs up onto the Town Moor again for exercise. Dickie back for late lunch with Mr. Cole, the Naval Constructor, and they worked after lunch while I wrote and read. Walked with D. later. The Larcoms dined with us and I left on the night train for London. D. staying up.

Feb.19. London. Arrived in early and got to K.P. for breakfast. Saw Miss Lees and Aunt Victoria and then did Red X and Depot till lunch, which I had at K.P. Again Depot all afternoon and oculist. Dined in with Aunt V. and went early to bed.

Feb20. A busy day. Attended and took the Chair at a Mansion House Ladies' Appeal Committee Meeting and had to speak, which was torture! but went off successfully. Lunched at the Apéretif with Harold Phillips and went to the Depot after. At 4 to the Carlton for the Reception given for the Matinée on March 12th. Some of the Artists appearing came. Picked up Marina at Buckingham Palace, (George had a chill) and we went to the Savoy Theatre where Tony Weldon had invited us to see Cochran's new Show. Bad. The Buists, Terry Weldon, Poppy and Frankie, More O'Farell also with us. To the Savoy after for dinner-supper.

Feb.21. Depot work most of the morning and during the lunch hour had my head done. On Depot Committee Meeting after and more Depot work. Interviewed a St.John man and then went to see Mary Phillips, and later picked up Colin Buist and we went to the new Garbo Film, "Ninotchka". Excellent. To eat at the Aperetif after.

Feb.22. Felt awful all day. Worked at the Depot and lunched at the Apéretif with Mozelle Sassoon, Hannah and George. To see a little house after, very sweet. Passed my Officers' exam at Gledhow Gardens with Miss Walker, the Lady District Officer for the St.John Ambulance Brigade. Terrifying!! To bed after, as I felt so awful.

Feb.23. London, Broadlands. Dickie arrived down from the north on the night train. I spent a busy morning doing Red Cross and Depot and lunched off sandwiches at the hairdresser. Then to K.P. where we had a long lawyer's meeting. Left for Broadlands at 4, picking up Peter on the way and having a puncture on the Great West Road. So finally did not arrive till 7. Aunt Victoria also there for the week-end.

Feb.24. Broadlands. Walked with Dickie in the morning. Place looking lovely. More trees down and cedars looking too awful after ghastly weather. Gibbie fell in stream and nearly drowned. Mary arrived for lunch and the week-end (sister) and Patricia from St.Giles and Angus Graham in Dickie's Flotilla and Mike Macmullen after. Walked in the afternoon and saw Mr. Dougger, the architect, and North later, re Estate matters. Financial situation very serious.

Feb.25. Broadlands, London. Went up to the cemetry with Mary and walked with Mike and Angus Graham. Dogs rabbited. Long talk to Smith, the gardener, and after an early tea left with Dickie and Peter for London. Aunt Victoria also left by train, others remained till later at Broadlands. Dined at Whitehall Court with the First Sea Lord, Sir Dudley Pound and Lady Pound. Interesting talks. Dickie and I left on the 10.30. train for Newcastle.

Feb.26. Newcastle. Arrived in early. Lovely day. Motored out to Hebburn for lunch on board "Kelly", which is practically ready now and sails this week. She has been in dock since hitting a mine on December 14. Had my head washed and did some shopping in the afternoon and went back at 5 to tea and help with the Cocktail Party being given on board to all the locals etc. connected in some way with the ship. About 70 people. Took the Captain of the "Kipling", Sinclair Ford, back to dinner at the hotel and the Sydney Smiths also joined us, as they are in the hotel too. To a Cary Grant, Carol Lombard Film after.

Feb.27. Newcastle, Train. Walked the dogs and went on board "Kelly" for lunch. Dickie came ashore with me and after a short walk, we went shopping and later to a very good Film in the suburbs. I left on the 10.45. train, as they sail now in a day or two and do trials tomorrow.

Feb.28. London. Arrived in early and went straight to K.P. A fiendishly busy day, Depot work forst and then the Executive Red X and St.John Meeting at the Mansion House, at which I had to speak, which was ghastly. Lunched with Mrs. Reggie McKenna at her charming flatin~~ax~~ Pall Mall; Mrs. St.John Atkinson, .ady Limerick and her (Mrs. McK's) son also there. Very hurried, as we all had to go to the Selection Board V.A.D at Belgrave Square after, which lasted till 5. Some shopping. Drinks with Basil Dean and dinner late and exhausted with Aunt Victoria.

Feb.29. Another day chiefly devoted to St.John. An early visit to the Depot and then down to the Mansion House, where I took the Chair at my own Matinée Meeting for the Red X and St.John and did well. This was followed by a Press Lunch given by the Lady Mayoress, and I then dashed up and got a gift for the Red X and St.John ~~Christmas~~ Christie's Sale, and tidied atthe Ritz, and had a sandwich at Fortnum's. Back to the Mansion House for the Red X, St.John Flag Day Committee, and then had my hair done and did a little shopping. Dined at the Café Anglais with Colin and went to Hollywood Cavalcade. After to the 400.

Mar. 1. London. Depot all the morning and gave Mrs. Atkinson and Sir John Duncan, Chief Commissioner of St.John, lunch at Claridges. Back to the Depot after and Marina visited us and looked around. Later joined Peter at the Cafe Anglais and went to see the new Cagney Film, "The Roaring Twenties". Excellent. Dined at home with Aunt Victoria.

Mar. 2. London, Broadlands. A busy morning early and at 12 motored down to Sunningdale and lunched with the Phillips at their little house there. On to Broadlands in the afternoon and got there in time to take thelittle dogs for a lovely walk before tea. Glorious bright, sunny day. All alone for the weekend.

Mar. 3. Broadlands. Another most glorious day and spent most of it taking the dogs for long walks and exploring the place; seeing North and Smith, the gardener, and going through various things in the house. So was fairly busy and spent a most enjoyable time and really being quite alone, got through a lot of things. The work on the house getting on well, though a terrible amount of mess being made. Building in or converting 7 new bathrooms, as well as putting in heating, mending roof and countless things which must be done and we definitely won't be able to do later, owing to even less cash than now and rises of prices and lack of labour.

Mar. 4. Broadlands, London. Beautiful day again, though with hard frosts the last two days. Walked the dogs down and across the river early and then saw Smith and later Jenkins (who are doing the bathrooms), and various others.
Had soup and sandwiches at 12 and left for London at 12.15, arriving about 2.30. Did a lot of letters at K.P. and then went to the Depot and later to see the little house I intend taking next week in Charles Street, 33. Had my hair done after and drank with Colin at the Ritz and later dined at home with Aunt Victoria.

Mar.5. London. Depot work in the morning and an interview with Basil Dean at the Ritz at 1. Very late lunch with Cuckoo Leith and a party, as Kay forgot to pick me up and I lost the address. Depot and shopping in the afternoon; tea with Kay and cocktails with Colin. Esme to dinner with Aunt Victoria and me and after she and I went to a Film.

Mar. 6. A lovely morning with Depot and St.John work and lunch with Dolly and Victor Warrender, to which I took Basil Dean to discuss E.N.S.A. troubles with Victor after. At 3 to the Mansion House, where a big Meeting of the Anglo-French Ambulance was held. Speakers, Lord Lloyd, Corbin, French Ambassador, etc. To the end of the Savory wedding reception after. Met Susan and Ran at the Ritz at 6 and dined at Quaglino's with George, Marina and Harold Wernher. Stayed till about 12.30.

Mar. 7. Depot and lunch at Westbourne House with Marjorie and Pam Shreiber. More Depot after and at 5 met Peter at the Piccadilly Hotel for tea!! Dined at the Mirabelle with Colin, Gladye ill with Flu, or else we were all going out and after we went to a bad Film. Later to the 400, where we joined up with the Kent party.

Mar. 8. London, Broadlands. Depot, Red X and St. John and manifold business during the day. A quick lunch with Aunt V. and Nona Crichton, who has been staying 2 nights and at 2 had a uniform photo taken. Motored down to Broadlands late, arriving about 8.15. and had an early, quiet evening.

Mar. 9. Broadlands. A lovely day after a misty morning and a heavy frost. Took the dogs for a long walk, which they adored, across the Park and back by the river. All round and gardens in the afternoon too and saw Smith, the gardener, and Harold, the forester. Sorted out a lot of records and wrote and spent a most enjoyable day, quite alone, which I adore, with the dogs as company.

Mar.10. Broadlands, Wherwell. Not quite so fine, but pleasantly warm. Walked in the morning and drove over to Wherwell for lunch with the Jenkins. Mary Pratt and David also there. Interviewed Coombe when I returned, as he is coming here as Head Gardener with Smith working under him. Walked again later and played a lot of records, wrote and read and arranged things in the house. A lot of work on hand and everything upside down!

Mar.11. Broadlands, London. A busy morning with Mr.Dougger, the Architect, and Goulding and making decisions about the house. Then at 12 drove myself up to London in the Vauxhall and went straight to 33 Charles Street, the little house I have taken by the month from Countess Hochberg. To the Depot in the afternoon and to the Red X headquarters to fix up things about tomorrow's Matinée. Dined on a tray alone, quite exhausted, and tried to arrange the house, and get things straight. Then Colin picked me up and we went for an hour to the 400.

Mar.12. London. Felt aeful and woke after a sleepless night. Depot and other work in the morning and a hurried lunch with Miss U. and Miss Lees before my Matinée in aid of the Red X and St. John. The King and Queen came and I sat in the box with them. Show really very good, crammed with stars, but too long. Exhausted. (Final profit £3,200) Peter dined and we went to see "The Light in Heart", Emlyn Williams' new play. Good and very well acted.

Mar.13. A busy day with Committee Meetings, Flag Day, etc. and a Selection Board at the Red X at 2. Then at 3.30. went to the Aeolian Hall to the Wool Gala, held in aid of the Royal Naval Comforts. To see Mary in the Middlesex Hospital at 5, as she has had an operation on her hip. Noel, Colin and Peter looked in to drink, and George picked me up at 9 and he, Colin, Noel and I dined at the Apéretif, after a mortifying exit from the Mirabelle, which was too hot and crowded!!! The Finnish War ended. They signed a Pact with Russia, giving in to all Russia's demands, which were really fairly reasonable and might have been conceded in November!

Mar.14. An exhausting day of snow, cold and sun. Depot in the morning and had Cuckoo Leith, Kay and Jeanie to lunch. Then shopped and fitted and had Lady Newall to tea, followed by Prince Charles Darenberg to cocktails. Dined at home with Colin and after went to see a Film and out for a short time.

Mar.15. Depot in the morning and lunch with Sibyl Colefax, who had a large party, including Malcolm MacDonald and a lot of Foreign Office people. All depressed at the Finnish news. We seem to have let down another country, through not making our intentions clear. Did a lot of Red X work in the afternoon and had tea with Mary at the Hospital. Dickie expected in with "Kelly", so waited up, but he only called late from Sheerness. I dined alone and went early to bed.

Mar.16. London, Broadlands. Left for Broadlands at 10.30. in the Ford Utility, arriving in time for a walk before lunch. Lovely being down there again and place looks more perfect each time and I love it more. In the afternoon another walk and work in the house and Colonel Footner came up to see me after tea, to talk over local affairs. Quite alone, so spent a peaceful, pleasant evening. Dickie called up late, having arrived in. Will be down tomorrow.

Mar.17. Broadlands. Walked the dogs and had an early lunch. Dickie arrived down at 3, having got away unexpectedly early, and we saw the Norths for tea and then had a short ride. Looked all round the place and the work being done and had an early evening.

Mar.18. Broadlands, London. Interviews with the architect Douger, the Jenkins, builder, and did a lot of house business. Then ate sandwiches in the car and drove up to London with Dickie and got up to 33 Charles Street, my little furnished house, about 3. Various businesses and had my head done. Dined in with Kay and Peter and went to the first showing of the new Disney "Pinocchio", very good. Dickie returned to "Kelly" late.

Mar.19. London. Interviews all the morning and the Phillips to sherry before lunch, which I later had with Colin at the Ritz. To the Red X Office after to do a lot of letters and to the Depot. Went to see Mary in the Middlesex Hospital and had the Buists, Jeanie and Lt.Goodenough, the "Kelly" Torpedo Officer, to dinner at home and took them to a good Film, and after to the 400. Dickie back on board again.

Mar.20. A busy morning with work of all kinds, and a hurried lunch at home. Our Depot Meeting after. Miss Protean resigned on her marriage, Mrs. Maitland Dougal appointed Hon. Sec. and me Vice Chairman to Lady Pound. Gave Lady Milne tea at home, she is to help me with St.John work,and Colin and Gladye picked us up to go to cocktails with the Yates. Pat Southby also looked in. D. and I dined alone and went to see "Ninotchka". He back to "Kelly" late.

Mar.21. London, Broadlands. A very hectic day, getting through all I had to. Sibyl Colefax and her son to lunch. Shopped, visited Mary in the Hospital and Depot and Red X; then motored down to Broadlands with Dickie, arriving after tea. Aunt Victoria, Peter and Colin Buist arrived to stay and David Cairns came to late tea only, staying now over Easter.

Mar.22. Broadlands. Not very fine, but better in the evening and afternoon. Went down to the river with Colin Buist to the Salmon Beat we let to Mr. Instone, who also allowed us to fish! I tried for the first time, but none of us had any success. Great fun all the same. Dickie had a go after lunch. The Crichtons came over to tea and brought Topsail and Brooks came to tea. Dickie, Colin and I rode after tea through Nightingale, Telegraph Hill, etc. and back by Hoe Lane.

Mar.23. Broadlands, St Giles. Rode early, not very fine,but stayed in Luzborough and round there and it was quite pleasant. Dickie and I motored over to lunch at St.Giles with the Shaftesbury's and attended Patricia's Confirmation in the little Church after. Patricia Baily, Sydney and Millie's child, and Mary Cambridge and Penelope Herbert also confirmed. Stayed to a Buffet tea after and drove back at 6. Colin had left early for London to work at the Admiralty.

Mar.24. Broadlands. Patricia arrived over from St.Giles in the morning for the night and we all went to the Abbey to a Choral Communion. The Grant Singers and Colonel Footner to lunch and Dickie and Patricia rode while I walked the dogs with Peter. Squeaker arrived at tea time and spent the night too.

Mar.25. Broadlands, London. Rode with Dickie and Patricia by Wade, Moorcourt and back by Lee Farm. Round the house and gardens after lunch and Peter and I motored up to London at 4, stopping for tea at Alresford with Molly Mount Temple on the way. Wet and crowded road, being Bank Holiday. Reached London about 8. Dined in and wrote a great many letters.

Mar.26. London, Paris. A filthy wet and windy day. Called at 7 and Peter came round to pick me up and accompanied me to Victoria, as I was flying over to Paris. A great deal of delay and argument, as to whether we could start or not, owing to the weather, but finally left and had a bumpy passage. Arrived about 1 and drove out to Neuilly. Yola away in Cannes. Lunched alone at the Progrès at Neuilly and spent the rest of the day waiting around, as Bun was supposed to be turning up, and didn't. Dined in bed.

Mar.27. Paris. Still no news of B. and so spent the day walking and shopping. Lunched at Viel and again dined in bed, and read. Got rather sunk, but felt some good reason for no news must exist. Made arrangements with the E.N.S.A. to go up to Lille and Arras and various of their sections. Also have been asked to visit the Y.M.C.A. Canteens.

Mar.28. Paris, Orchies, Lille. Not a word from B. so did a little early shopping, collected my Passport, Permit, etc. hired a car and drove up to Arras, part of the way in a blinding snowstorm. Reached Arras, the E.N.S.A. Headquarters about 3 and saw Madame Vermore, their Welfare Superintendent, then went all round their Static Cinema, cutting rooms, where Sergeant Webb showed me all round and finally visited the Y.M.C.A. Canteen there. Very good. E.N.S.A. gave me Lt. Markham and an Army car and I drove up via Orchies, where I visited the "A" Mess and saw Budget and then on to Lille. Went to an E.N.S.A. Show there in the big theatre. Very fine building. Staying at the Carlton. Met Captain Westwood and Hobson.

Mar.29. Lille. B. arrived over, sent by Budget kindly at 10 and all was explained. He'd sent me a wire to London and to Paris, neither of which I'd got, suggesting my coming later, as he could not get away till today! We spent a delicious day, lunching at the Huitrière, wonderful food; visiting a Y.M.C.A. Canteen and going out to the Golf after, where we played 9 holes and I started a roaring cold. Drove out to Armentières to see an E.N.S.A. Show, good, and back to Lille for dinner, which we had with Budget at the Huitrière again

Mar.30. Lille, Paris. Left for Paris in B's car at 10 a.m. arriving about 2.30. having stopped at Senlis for an hour to lunch at the Grand Cerf. Felt rather awful with shivers and aches and a cold. Staying at Yola's. Went to see "The Rains Came", excellent, and had tea after at a Brasserie. Dined at Schérezade, which was very nice and gay. Not a very late evening.

Mar.31. Paris, Orchies, Arras, Doublons, Hermeville. Left Paris at 9.30 to motor back to Orchies, which we reached comfortably at 12.45, and I lunched in the Mess with Budget and the whole staff!! In the afternoon visited the Y.M.C.A. Canteen there, just opened, and a Church Army one at Douai. B. drove me down to Arras, where I am spending the night. Had tea at the Univers and he then left me and I started on a terrific tour with Captain Westwood of E.N.S.A. at 5.15., only getting back at 10.45. Listened to a Lecture ~~of~~ by John Wood, the charcoal drawer, who does lightning sketches with excellent pattern. Given in a tiny schoolroom in the village for Forward Troops. On to 2 other Shows, one a concert party at Doublons, the other a Sing Song at Hermeville, in a barn.

Apr. 1. Arras, Bourget, London. Left at 9.45. in an E.N.S.A. army car with Madame Vernon, who accompanied me as far as Bourget, gave me lunch and saw me off on the 1.15 machine for London. Reached Heston at 2.45. and motored up to London. Cold streaming, so retired to bed for dinner which Dickie just up from Broadlands had with me on a tray. Colin looked in for a drink.

Apr. 2. London. Cold still bad and felt fairly lousy all day. Went to the Depot and also to the Red Cross and had Harold Phillips to lunch. Appointments and shopping in the afternoon and Mrs. Arnold at tea time, and Peter dined and took Dickie to a Cinema after. I went off to bed early.

Apr. 3. An early fitting from Kay Norton and then a long morning at the Depot, coping with all the dramas which have occurred since I left. Susan Carnegie lunched and we gossipped and then I returned to the Depot for our Meeting at 3 o'clock. An interview with Mr. Pay after tea with Dickie and Susan Marshall Warmington, Charles D'Arenberg and Burnet from "Kelly" came in to cocktails. The latter and Kaysie dined and we went to "Nap Hand". Very funny beginning. Patricia returned for the holidays and went direct to Broadlands from St.Giles.

Apr. 4. Busy morning and work at the Depot and Red X. Had Hannah, Miss Flo Du Cane and Mozelle Sassoon to lunch and had a busy afternoon doing a lot of work. Mary to tea and Peter Stewart looked in later. Colin, Gladye and David, nephew, dined and we went to "Raffles". Dickie and Pamela, just back from Buckswood for the holidays, went down to Broadlands.

Apr. 5. London, Broadlands. A very busy morning, taking a Flag Day Meeting at 14 Grosvenor Crescent. Seeing houses for the Depot, as we have to move, and doing a quantity of business. Lunch at Luigi's with Colin and Depot after, followed by the dentist and some shopping. Down to Broadlands by car at 5.30. arriving for dinner. Aunt Victoria's 77th birthday. Patricia, Pamela, Mlle all there. Very tired and spent a quiet evening.

Apr. 6. Broadlands. The most lovely day this year, brilliant sun and blue skies and warm in the sun. Rode with Dickie and the children after seeing Mr. Douger, the architect. In the afternoon, took a picnic up the Wade and Blackwater and sat in really warm sun.

Apr. 7. Woke with a bad head and spent a quiet morning. Walked the dogs till lunch and spent most of the afternoon dealing with Fire Drill questions and later called on the Hills, our tenants at Sparsholt House, and on the Roses at Abbeymead and on Colonel Walsh, who has a little cottage of ours on the river. Quiet evening. Aunt Victoria left for London for a few days.

Apr. 8. Broadlands, London. Motored up to London in time for lunch, to which I had Sir John Duncan, Mrs. Atkinson, and Mrs. McKenna. After we picked up Marina at Buckingham Palace to go to the Nursey Exhibition at the Horticultural Hall. Later I went to the Depot. Dickie and I dined with Sibyl Colefax.

Apr. 9. London. Busy morning seeing Lord Iliffe, going to the Depot and Red X headquarters. Germany invaded Denmark and Norway! Lunched with Mrs. Ronnie, the Kents, Bastianinos and others there. To the Red X and St.John after, to meet Miss Walker and discuss Flag Day questions. Then to the Depot. Basil Dean to see me at 5 and Betty Pound and Lt.Comdr.Somerville dined (Captain of "Kingston", who has just won the D.S.O. for capturing a German submarine) dined and went to "Ladies in Retirement". Big Naval battle going on off the Norwegian coast, following on the German invasion of Denmark and Norway.

Apr.10. Depot work in the morning and an early lunch at home with Colin before a 2 p.m. V.A.D. Selection Board Meeting at 3 Belgrave Square, which lasted all hours. Dentist later and had the Marlboroughs and Buists to dinner and went to see a good Film "The Earl of Chicago",after to the 400 for a short time. All very worried about the news, though the Naval action going very well.

Apr.11. Looked at a possible house for the Depot, when we have to move from West Halkin Street, and then did some work at the Depot. Had the largest lunch party possible in my tiny mansion, 8. Marina and George, Hannah and Mozelle Sassoon, Walter Moyne and Jan Masaryk and Dickie got back too. I attended a Flag Day Meeting at the Mansion House, usual long discussions. Had my head washed, drank with Colin at the Mirabelle and dined at home with Dickie before going to see a Film "Eternally Yours" at the Kingsway Theatre.

Apr.12. London, Broadlands. A busy morning depoting and St. John work. Kay to lunch and after some shopping and another visit to the Depot. Drove down to Broadlands with Dickie at tea time, arriving for dinner and walked with the children on arrival. Place beginning to look too lovely with all the Spring flowers out. Very depressed however and everything looks black. Fear Holland and Belgium will be invaded too.

Apr. 13. Broadlands. Lovely day with cold wind. Rode with Dickie and the children through Squab and Burnt Grove. Walked in the grounds and gardens with the dogs and Aunt Victoria arrived for tea to stay some time. Very tired all day after a heavy week in London and desperately worried at war situation. Looks as though Holland and Belgium would be invaded any moment.

Apr.14. A day of sport, fishing all the morning, Geary teaching me to handle a Salmon Fly, and Dickie spinning unsuccessfully, but still great fun. Icy wind blowing and dark clouds around, so not ideal conditions. After lunch drove over to Stoneham and played 10 holes with the Pro. Lovely course and enjoyed it a lot and played quite well. To see round the Home Farm after and back on foot across the Park with Patricia and the dogs. Naval operations off the Norwegian coast a great success, Germans suffering heavy losses, but poor "Wash" Warburton Lee, Captain of the Destroyer "Hardy", killed at Narvik leading his Flotilla in

Apr.15. Broadlands, London. Saw Douger, walked the dogs and did a lot of house and estate things. After lunch visited the local Hospital Supply Depot in Romsey, run by Mrs. Johnson and at 3 motored up to London with Dickie, arriving after tea. The Buists, Jeanie and Noel dined, also Burnet, who came in late and after we picked up George, Marina and Olga of Jugo Slavia, to go to the Première of "For Freedom", the new Naval Film. Too long, but good shots, after to the Mirabelle for supper.

Apr.16. London. Depot all morning and 14 Grosvenor Crescent. Had May Gilchrist and Joan Larcom to lunch, having gone previously with Joan to the City Clerk to deal withthe de-rating of our new Depot business premises. To the Mansion House at 4, where a County of London Flag Day Meeting was being held. I had to speak, together with the Lord Mayor, Lord Luke, Sir John Duncan, Lady Limerick and Lord Ebbisham. Tea after, Colin and Laura Long, Dickie and I dined at the London Casino and after for ½ hour to the 400.

Apr.17. A Gaumont British Depot Meeting at Cork Street early, followed by work at the Depot and at the Red X St.John. Lunched with Cuckoo Leith, Olivieras, Corbris, Jan Masaryk, Peggy Crewe Edwina D'Erlanger Warwick. Our Depot Meeting after and dentist at 5. Then to Sadlers Wells, where Lee Elliott was giving a Ballet Picture Exhibition, 50% of the proceeds to go to our Depot. Charming picture. Had the Yates, Peter dy Cane,Anne Southby and Colin to drink and Anne stayed for dinner, to which Peter came. To an excellent Film after, "Invisible Stripes".

Apr.18. Depot work most of the morning and lunch with Venetia James, Halifaxes,etc. then to a City Flag Day Meeting in the City in the afternoon, to which I took Miss Walker, our Lady District Superintendent for St.John. Dentist at 5 and Kay and Mr.Dunsterville, the "Kelly" Signal Officer, dined and they, Dickie and I went to the first night of "Gone with the Wind"at the Empire, 3 hours, 40 mins. with a 10 min. interval, but quite marvellous and superb acting. To eat at the 400 after.

Apr.19. London, Broadlands. Pamela's 11th birthday. A quick visit to the Depot and then an interview at home with Sir Murrough Wilson, on behalf of the E.N.S.A. He is chairman of the N.A.A.F.I. To the Mansion House at 11.30. to take a Ladies' Executive Committee Meeting for the Red X and St.John. The Hampshire Commissioner for St.John, Major Tennyson Smith, and Mrs. Atkinson lunched and discussed St.John work. I am Lady County President for Hampshire and London. Motored down to Broadlands for dinner and had Pammy's presents and cake. She dined down with us too, Aunt Victoria also there and Peter for the weekend.

Apr.20. Broadlands. Rode with the children and Dickie. Rained at first, but cleared after and was lovely and mild. Dickie and I fished in the afternoon, but had no luck and a tremendous amount of weed came down. Saw a fish killed by one of our fishing tenants, Mr. Benson. Had the Colonel and 2 Officers of the Bucks "Rifle 60th" stationed at Romsey, for dinner, also the Norths. Puzzles after.

Apr.21. Glorious day, the first really hot one and rode without coats with blazing sun. Estate looking too lovely and smalling of real summer. Drove round the Estate after with Aunt Victoria and Peter, and I had Dorothy Malmesbury and the Red X County Director, Mr. Moray Williams, and St.John County Commissioner, Major Tennyson Smith, to business talk and tea. Lady M. my opposite number for the Red X. Walked with Peter and looked at the daffodils, all bursting out.

Apr.22. Broadlands, London. Glorious hot sunny day again and basked in the sun. Dickie rode with the children while I interviewed gardener, Douger the architect, etc. and walked the dogs. An early lunch and then Dickie, Peter and I motored up to London and Dickie direct to "Kelly". Kaysie and Burnet the new Midshipman, and Peter dined and we went to see "The Jersey Lily", the play about Dickie's father abd Lily Langtry, Whish is being given at the Gate Theatre. Very good.

Apr.23. London, Blackwall. St.John, Depot and a quantity of things to do. Dickie came up for lunch, which we had at home and I had a Meeting directly after. Yola arrived over from Paris at 6 to stay a few days. I motored down to the "Kelly" at 7 with D.,and we had the King and Queen and George and Marina to dine on board and showed them "Ninotchka", the Garbo Film,in the Ward Room after. Back at 1.30 a.m. Children up from Broadlands for 3 days.

Apr.24. London. Talked to Yola and at 11.30 went to an Executive Red Cross and St.John Meeting at the Mansion House, where I had to speak and report on the Ladies' Activities. Had Sir Courtauld Thomson, Lady May, Joan Larcom and Mr. Lee Elliott to lunch, to discuss Red X activities. Took Patricia to see Gilliatt and then shopped with the children till after tea. Dickie, Yola, Squeaker, and Dunsterville dined and we went to a Film and after to the Café de Paris.

Apr.25. A hectic day with countless things to do. Motored down to "Kelly" with Yola and Peter to lunch with D. at Blackwall and Aunt Victoria and the children and Mlle. came too. Also Comdr. Sinclair Ford of the "Kipling", who is also in dock after a collision. News from Norway not too good. Back in the afternoon and took a big County of London Flag Day Organisers Meeting, at which I had to speak and take the chair. Colin, Yola, Dickie and I had sandwiches and went to see "Up and Doing", Leslie Hanson's show. Excellent. After to the 400. Dickie back on board, as he was sailing at 4 a.m.

Apr.26. Business and Depot work and at 12 motored down to Sheerness with Yola 2 hours and went off to "Kelly", who was lying in the river some way out, and lunched with D. and spent the afternoon there. He took us ashore after a funny boat break-down!! and we said a sad farewell, as they sail off tonight. Yola and I did not get back till 7.30. and rushed to see "Gone with the Wind", getting back at 11.45. Dead beat and completely paralised, from short, uncomfortable seats.

Apr.27. London, Sunningdale, Broadlands. A short visit to West Halkin Street to give presents,as the Depot has moved from there to 97 Eaton Square, our new address. Motored Yola down to Heston at 11.30 and she left on the 1 o'clock machine for Paris. I went on to Sunningdale to lunch with the Phillips, and then to Broadlands. Colin and Gladye Buist there and Peter for the weekend. Fishing! Colin and Patricia caught a trout!

Apr.28. Broadlands. Went salmon fishing on No.2 beat. Colin Buist fished too, but we were both unsuccessful. Visited the Abbey with Gladye and Peter in the afternoon and walked. North to see me, and took Gladye all round the gardens after tea. Rather a cold misty day.

Apr.29. Broadlands, London. The Buists left early and I motored over to Heron Court, the Malmesbury's place near Christchurch, where we had a Joint (Red X and St.John) County Committee Meeting. Back to Broadlands for lunch, Aunt V. arrived for it and after Rosea Vickers and Richard Howard Johnston came to stay. Nona to tea. Peter and I motored up to London arriving at 8.30.

Apr.30. London. A very busy day; Depot and St.John and an interview with Lord Cromer. Kaysie to lunch and the afternoon spent at the Mansion House doing Flag Day work. Then at 4.30. I took Betty Poundand her sister and brother-in-law to an ENSA Anglo-French concert at Drury Lane. Gracie Fields,Chevalier etc. and Basil Dean had given me a box for it. Colin and Ran Antrim,just in from his Kashmir Kipling collision, came to drink and Anne and Pat Southby to dine. Film after.

May 1. London. A busy day; Depot work in the morning and lunch at the Luigis, then a Board Selection V.A.D. at Belgrave Square and a fitting at Harrods at teatime. Went to the Ballet with Lee Elliott. They did Rake's Progress, Wise Virgins and Dante Sonata at Sadlers Wells. Excellent, and magnificent production. News from Norway very bad.

May 2. Depot and St.John and a photo taken at Bassano. Cousin Felix to lunch and a business talk after. Then to the Depot again and a photo retaken at Yevonde. Various people in after tea, including the Carnegies, Peter Stewart, Colin and Paddy Brown. I dined with the Buists and Nigel Deane and we went to a News Reel. Norwegian news awful. Withdrawing all troops south of Narvik. Too depressing.

May 3. London, Paris. Flew over to Paris in the 9.30 machine, reaching Yola's in time for lunch. Glorious weather and Paris looking too beautiful for words with all the chestnuts and laburnum and wisteria out. Shopped with Yola and at tea time Bunnie arrived from the north and for his 10 days leave. He and I dined at the Café de Paris and had a pleasant quiet evening. Staying at Yola's.

May 4. Paris. Blazing sun and most perfect day. Visited Cooks and the English Embassy and did some shopping and lunch-~~at~~ with B. at the Berkeley at the Rond Point. Then did more business and at 4 took him to see "Ninotchka". Later to see Henriette and Léon Lehmann's appartement. Dined at Maximus with B., Yola and Henri.

May.5. Paris, Broadlands. Glorious weather still, hotter and sunnier than ever. B. and I drove in the Bois and had an Apéretif at the Cascade. Then lunched at Neuilly and he and I left on the 5.30 machine for London, arriving at Heston at 7.30. Drove straight down to Sunningdale and dropped Bun there and had some dinner, then I went on to Broadlands. Found Aunt Victoria and Squeaker there and the children.

May 6. Broadlands, London. A lovely morning, seeing Douger and going round the house work. Also took the dogs out and went all round the gardens, etc. Early lunch and then motored up to London arriving at 4.15. Attended the Paddington Division (St.John) Meeting, having first had tea with Mrs.Mark Hambury who is the officer in Charge. Very interesting lecture by Dr.Gillies and presentation. Speechifying. B. came up to stay and we had sandwiches and went to see "Black Velvet". after to the 400.

May 7. London. Depot and Red X and lunch at home, to which I had the Phillips family. Did work in the afternoon and had my hair done. Ella Joshua to tea and Budget Lloyd in to see me. Both he and B. recalled from leave on the 9th. Peter looked in and B. and I dined at the Apéretif and after went to the Café de Paris.

May 8. A busy morning and Aunt Victoria, Pamela (on her way back to school), Esmé and Peter lunched. I shopped in the afternoon and did some work and various people came in to see B., Kaysie, Jeanie, Colin and Marjorie. Mary and Harold dined and they, B. and I went to see "Up and Doing", Leslie Henson's show. After B. and I to the 400.

May 9. Work in the morning and some shopping with Bunnie. Mary and Harold lunched and I did Depot work after. At 5 saw a private view of "Bachelor Mother" with David Niven and Ginger Rogers. Excellent. Dined with the Kents, Bun and I, Olga, Lollie, Ralli, David Herbert and an Air Force officer at Luigis. Then had a private view of "Pinocchio". Late bed.

May 10. London, Heston, Broadlands. Germany invaded Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg at dawn. We started to move up into Belgium with the French. I drove Bunnie down to Heston at 8.30, as he was to fly over to Bourget and get his car and motor back to the 2nd Division. Long delays, machines cancelled at first, but permission given about 11. Saw Bun into the air. On to Broadlands. Ghastly day of bad news and worries. Gather Dickie been in all kinds of horrors. Phillips family arrived to stay. Most glorious weather, but gloom appalling. Chamberlain resigned and Winston Prime Minister. New Cabinet being formed.

May 11. Broadlands. Glorious weather, hot sun and blue skies. Tragic news from the world over everything. Walked with Harold. Place looking too beautiful, azaleas, lilac and blossom all out. Walked with the Phillips family and saw Mr. Chambers, thevRomsey Mayor at tea time. Peter arrived for dinner. Quiet evening. Holland and Belgium invasion continues. Our troops in Belgium with the French and Belgians Germans dropping parachutists everywhere.

May 12. Heavenly weather. Harold and I went to Church and walked in the garden before lunch. Had the Jenkins and Mary Pratt to lunch. Aunt Victoria came back to stay in case of Air Raids, and Colin Buist came for the night. Walked down the river with him and saw him land a nice trout. Got three more after tea. Walked with the Phillips after tea and the dogs. Too glorious down here. Air Raids and fighting in Holland and Belgium and it seems scarcely credible. Worried to death. Dickie been drifting in the North Sea after being torpedoed off Oslo and cable parted while he was being towed back. Bombed ceaselessly by German planes. O.K. now.

May 13. Broadlands, London. Heavenly still. A long morning interviewing house people, War Office and local officers re Troops in the Park again as an emergency camp. Phillips left before lunch and Colin at 12.30. Aunt Victoria, Peter and I lunched early and Peter and I motored up to London after. I Looked in at the Depot and at the St.John Office. Dickie calledup in the middle of the night, having just got in from his awful experience and been 5 days without sleep and with ceaseless bombing.

May 14. London. A long day and gloom awful. Work at the Depot and St. John and Lunch at home with Stella. and Mrs. Whitaker, one of our Hampshire County Vice Presidents to tea with me. I dined in bed and wrote and listened to the wireless, which is gloomy beyond words. Dutch given up already. Absolutely glorious weather.

May 15. London, Train. Not quite so fine and news could not be worse. Holland gone and Germans advancing in Belgium and France near Sedan. I worked and had Kay and Jeanie to lunch. A Depot meeting at 3 and at 5 went round the Paddington First Aid Posts with Miss Powell and Miss Walker. Got back at 8.15. only. Dead. Wrote letters and had a quick meal and then went up to Newcastle on the 10.30 train to meet Dickie.

May 16. Train, Newcastle, Train. Breakfasted with D. at the Station Hotel and had a bath. At 9.30 went down to Hawthorn Leslie with D. and Mrs. Reeder, the Secretary's wife and went on board the poor old /Kelly". Shown all round by Mr. Cole, the Admiralty Constructor. who had designed her. Amazing sight. Torpedoed right through the boiler room. Nothing remains of boiler or engine rooms and Wireless Control room. Bits and pieces of clothes and even men still strewn about. 27 killed, 10 wounded. Amazing feat to have

May 16. (cont) got her back 300 miles. Saw Ran Antrim, as "Kashmir" is also in dock. Mrs.Reeder lunched and D. and I went to the Hospitals to see Mr. Cole, the Commissioned Engineer, who was badly burnt, and Able Seaman Lawler, who was suffering from concussion and shock. Ran dined, and D. and I left on the 10 45 train.

May 17. London. A lousy day in London , work of all kinds and George, Hannah, Nada and Peter to lunch. News very bad. French being pushed back in the Sedan region and Germans made a big bulge in their line. D. went to see various people at the Admiralty and saw the King at 6. We dined en route at Sunningdale with the Phillips and arrived down at Broadlands late, about 10.15. Aunt Victoria there.

May 18. Broadlands. Glorious weather and country looking quite beautiful. Walked with the dogs and the Crichtons and Patricia, who is staying the night, arrived for lunch. Had a St. John County gathering at 4.30, giving them tea, and sherry, about 20, including the Vice Presidents. Walked in the gardens. Quiet evening. News very bad. French advancing on St.Quentin and B.E.F. retreating west of Brussels.

May 19. Beautiful weather. Went down to watch Dickie do a little fishing, but an east wind did not help matters. Got some trout later in the day. Rode with Dickie and Patricia through Nightingale and Luzboro'. Dr.Lalonde came to tea and George (Kent) arrived to stay to do an R.A.F. course. Heard Budget Lloyd had been wounded. Worried to death.

May 20. Broadlands, London. Had a Joint County Meeting in the morning and spent a busy time. George off to work early. An early lunch and D. and I motored up to London at 1.45. Had a puncture en route. Went to the Naval Depot and St. John Offices, and had various people in for drinks, including Rosie Paget and Mary and Mike McMullen. The First Sea Lord and Lady Pound dined and Mr. Cole, the Constructor, drank with us before. Dickie went north on the 10.30 train.

May 21. Depot work and various visits at 14 Grosvenor Crescent and lunch at the Mirebelle with Kaysie. Various Meetings and Committees in the afternoon and a visit to Derry and Toms, who have lent us their Roof Gardens for the Red X and St.John Fund. Lady Halifax was Hostess. Dined early alone. News appalling: French let the Germans right through and are in Arras and Amiens. I motored down to Hendon with Joan Larcom to a dance in aid of the Naval Comforts Fund. I had to speak, as it was a Gaumont British Sub Depot. Lot of people there.

May 22. News still bad, but a little better in the afternoon. Harold Phillips lunched with me. Worried to death over Bunnie, who is in the thick of it. Work at the Depot and St.John, Mansion House and at Gledhow Gardens, my Kensington Nursing Division. Dined alone. Mary and Micky looked in.

May 23. News worse then ever and by the afternoon the Germans were in Boulogne. Quite unbelievable. Did a lot of work in the morning and had Colin to lunch. Sunk in gloom. Had to go to Derry and Toms again on behalf of the Red X and St.John and say a few words. To a St.John lecture on Types of Air Raid wounds by a Dr. Haines. Excellent and intensely interesting at 6. Colin and Gladye dined and we went to a News Reel.

May 24. London, Dover. Dickie arrived back from Newcastle on the early train. I found to my amazement a letter from Bunnie on my breakfast tray, posted at Dover! Later he called up and said he was there for a day or so, so I decided to go off after giving Peter, Mlle. Miss Lees and Pamela, who wasup for the day for shopping and oculist, lunch. Eventually did not start till 5.30 and reached St. Margaret's Bay, Kay's house, where I was to stay, at 7.45. B. got out after dinner very shattered, after 2 weeks ceaseless nightmare and no sleep. He and Budget and others just got out of Boulogne as the Germans completely occupied it. Calais nearly gone now and one can see the flares and bombs exploding from here, 22 miles away. House shaken to bits all night, and enemy aircraft over and anti-aircraft firing.

May 25. St.Margaret's Bay. An absolutely glorious day, grilling hot and lay out and sunbathed and walked on the Downs with Mizzie. Amazing sight the French coast and Calais and Boulogne covered in thick smoke; bombs dropping and terrific bombardments. Bun got out for dinner and spent the evening. An Air Raid all night, and noise appalling. Fighters up, anti-aircraft fire, and bombs falling all round, but luckily most in the sea.

May 26. St. Margaret's Bay, Broadlands. Left very early and motored across country to Broadlands, via Folkestone, Bexhill, Brighton etc. Left at 8 and arrived at 1.15. Long trip. Spent the afternoon walking and doing odds and ends. The Mayor to tea and Comdr. Sinclair of "Kimberley" to dinner. Colin came over and fished. George staying still.

May 27. Broadlands, London. Busy morning. News very bad and Germans still advancing to coast. Saw the Government Probate people for marbles, portraits and furniture and gave them lunch. Then motored up to London, stopping to see the Phillips at Sunningdale en route. Junie Heywood Lonsdale came in to see me and I dined with Colin and went to a News Reel.

May 28. London, St.Margaret's Bay. A busy morning of usual work and Kay to lunch. The whole country sunk in gloom at the news that the Belgian King had ordered his army to capitulate, thus leaving our people, B.E.F., not only cut off from the French, but from the coast. Ghastly predicament and unbelievable treachery. Went to St.James's Palace, where there was a St.John Red X gathering, semi cancelled and saw prisoners of War Parcels being packed, also the Gloucesters. Motored down to St.Margaret's Bay at 5.30 losing the way and arriving at 8.30. B. came out after dinner. Quiet night.

May 29. St. Margaret's Bay, London. An early start and reached the Depot at 10.30. Work there and at 14. Lunch with Miss Lees and dictated a lot of letters. Did some shopping in the afternoon and took some time off. Squealer and Marjorie in to see me and dined alone. News looking too awful. Starting to try and extricate our unfortunate B.E.F.

May 30. London, Broadlands. An awful head all day and everyone sunk in gloom. Felix lunched with me and we had a business talk. I then went to have a photo taken at a man called Beauchamp and finally came down to Broadlands on the 5.30 train. Aunt Victoria and Dickie there. Gloriously peaceful.

May 31. Broadlands. Better news and we seem to be getting a large number ofthe B.E.F. out, in what seema a miraculous manner. Busy in the house and went down to the river and saw Dickie fishing. Motored into Southampton to Nicholsons after and saw a lovely staysail schooner, which we contemplated chartering. George and Marina and Peter arrived for the weekend. Glorious evening.

June 1. Broadlands. Glorious day again. I rode with George through Town Copse and Yew Tree and back by Long Bridge and Lee and Dickie and Marina fished. Lazed in the afternoon and Mouffie and Mizzie fought!! Squeaker and Patricia arrived and George and I motored to Exbury to the Lionel de Rothschild's after to see the wonderful rhododendrons and azaleas and flowering shrubs. Picked up Mizzie at the vets at Southampton after. Late dinner and bed.

June 2. An absolutely glorious day, hot and grilling and could really lie and bake in the sun in the garden, and spent a lovely lazy day. Walked in the gardens later, and George and Marina left after tea, and Patricia before dinner

June 3. Broadlands, London. Did a lot of work in the morning, having come up to London on the breakfast train with Peter. Great preparations for National Flag Day on the 5th. Attended the Service of Prayer and Music at Westminster Abbey, Queen also there. Lovely music. Dined quietly alone. Amazing amount of B.E.F. got back safely, about 350,000 , evacuated through Dunkirk during last week in every type of ship. Amazing feat and weather wonderful for it like a miracle that it was achieved. Heard Daddy's nephew Dermot Pakenham died of wounds. Jim Cassel shot himself.

June 4. London. Glorious hot piping weather. Heard Bunnie was coming up from Dover, his job being finished there. Busy day preparing for Flag Day . In the morning the Queen visited the Mansion House and we took her all round. In the afternoon picked up Marina and toured all round Kensington Red Cross and St.John Depots with her. Tea at the Town Hall with the Mayor, Mr. Jenkins. Attended the Service of Prayer and Music at St. Paul's Cathedral in connection with the Red X and St.John Fund. Bun arrived about 4 and Harold and Mary dined and we all talked after.

June 5. Called at 6.30 a.m. and left for the Mansion House at 7 a.m. Joint National Flag Day for the Red X and St.John and I was responsible for the Mansion Hse and City Supply Depot. Worked there all day and breakfasted and lunched. All went off very well and tremendous response. Left at 2.30 and took a Depot Meeting for Betty Pound, who was away with Sir Dudley fishing at Broadlands!! Jeanie and Kay and Bun and Dickie (just arrived up), dined and we went to "The Shop around the Corner". Then to the 400. New attack in France started on tremendous scale.

June 6. Heavenly hot and sunny day and all these last have been perfect. Worked in the morning and had Aunt Victoria to lunch, and Dickie and Bunnie. Walked for a long time with B. in Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens with the dogs. At 6.30 went with B. and D. to the new Deanne Durbin Film, "It's a Date". Excellent. Peter dined and Bun and I visited Marjorie after. Dickie went up to Newcastle on the night train.

June 7. Piping hot and tragic that all this ghastly war should be going on. Went with B. to see him photographed at Dorothy Wilding and then he departed for Sunningdale and I to the Depot and St.John. Lunched in late and worked and shopped in the afternoon, and did some letters. Mary came to dinner and we went after to a News Reel. Grilling.

June 8. London, Buckswood, Broadlands. Very hot and beautiful blazing day. Did some shopping, had my hair done and gave Mlle. lunch at 1. Then motored down to Buckswood for the Sports and Dancing. Pammy taking an important part and Dancing beautifully. On to Broadlands after, when I had Mary and Harold and Bun for the weekend. Lovely peaceful evening.

June 9. Broadlands. Heavenly day of piping heat. Tried for a salmon in the morning, but too bright. Patricia came over before lunch and the day. I had a St.John gathering in the afternoon to found a new Nursing Division in Romsey. Rode with Bunnie and Patricia through Town Copse, Yew Tree and back by High Bridge. News baddish, though French fighting better it seems.

June 10. Odd day. Colder and looked like rain all day, dullish and dark, but came to nothing and lovely evening. Found out later this was due to enormous oil supplies being burnt by us in France to stop them falling into German hands. Mary and Harold left and I saw Mr. Douger and various 'house people'. Went into Nicholsons after in Southampton and later to show Bunnie the Abbey. Italy came into the War against us.

June 11. Broadlands, London. Motored up to London with B. at 9.30, arriving about 12. Went to the Depot and lunched with Harold and Bunny at the Mirabelle. To work in the afternoon at 14 Grosvenor Crescent and again at the Depot. Dined with Bun at home and went to a bad "Show". News very gloomy and Germans advances on Paris from all sides.

June 12. London. A busy morning with Bun, who has been sent to the Coldstream Training Battalion at Pirbright, and joins this afternoon. Lunched with Pamela McKenna at 70 Pall Mall and attended the V.A.D. Selection Board after. Then took B. to Waterloo and came back for tea and more depressing news. Kay and Colin dined and we went to a medium Film at the Regal.

June 13. A busy morning at the Depot and elsewhere. Dickie arrived up from Immingham for lunch and had Aunt Victoria, Jeanie and Peter to lunch to see him. Walked a lot in the afternoon doing business and shopping and the luxury of taking "an afternoon off" was most appreciated. Glorious weather still and very hot. Everything fried up and rain wanted badly. Rosie Paget, Arthur Paget and Squeaker looked in to see me. Peter came and dined and we talked late. News very bad and the fall of Paris imminent. Dickie and I went late to see a bit of "New Faces", an excellent little revue. Made gloomy by plans for a possible German invasion and if the worst occurred.

June 14. London, Worplesdon, Sunningdale, Broadlands. Work in the morning and had my head washed. Dickie still here, but returned to Immingham after lunch. Colin and Cmdr.Jarratt lunched. Colin and I had a political argument and D. and Jarratt talked business. I motored down to Worplesdon at 2.45 meeting Bunnie at the Golf Hotel there and looked at houses with him, as he wants to find a tiny one for while he is at Pirbright. Dined with Harold and Bunnie at Sunningdale at their little house and came on to Broadlands after. Paris fell today, having been declared an "open city" to save it from destruction. Allied armies retired behind it. Too unbelievable and makes one feel sick. German troops marched in all day.

June 15. Broadlands. Spent the morning walking the dogs and going round the place and enjoying myself thoroughly in solitary state. Opened the Waifs and Strays Fête and Sale at the Vicarage at 3, and went all round the stalls and side shows after. Walked round the place again later and had a peaceful, solitary dinned.

June 16. To early church at 9.45 and then on the river most of the day fishing. Did a lot of sorting out too and did some letters and hear the news from France is appalling; may give in any moment.

June 17. Broadlands, London. Very bad news. French Government fell, Pétain became Prime Minister and is suing for peace. Says France cannot continue. I went over to Heron Court for a Joint County Meeting of Red X and St.John. A quick lunch at Broadlands and then on up to London. To a First Aid lecture by Dr. Hammes at the Portchester Hall at 8 followed by practical work. To Sybil Colefax late, who had André Maurois and others and Harold Nicholson.

June 18. London. A busy morning at the Depot and at 14 Grosvenor Crescent. Also saw Lady Reading and searched for a house for an Intensive Training Centre for prospective C.N.R. candidates. Had Jack and Margaret Kimberley to lunch and then motored down to meet Bun at the little house he has taken near Pirbright. To Worplesdon for a drink and then on to Sunningdale to dine with Mary and Harold and Bun. Back to London after.

June 19. London, "White Gates". To have a sketch photo done of myself and then to the Depot and various other business. Peter to lunch and after did some shopping. Motored down to "White Gates" near Woking, the little house Bun has taken near Pirbright for dinner and the evening.

June 20. London. A busy morning and in the afternoon, lunched late with Colin at the Carlton and then spent the afternoon with Mary (sister). Went to a News Reel Film and shopped. Basil Dean and Kay in to see me, and at 7.45 went up to Paddington to my Nursing Lectures and practise. Back late and to bed.

June 21. Work all themorning and Miss Lees and I lunched and Bunnie came up from Pirbright in the afternoon. Shopped and I also looked at Bethurst House, with a view to training St.John C.N.R. nurses. Bun and I dined and went to see that excellent little revue "New Faces". After to the 400 for a short time.

June 22. London, Broadlands. Motored down to Broadlands for lunch, stopping at Sunningdale on the way for a short time. Found the Park, Park House, farms etc in the hands of the Military Head Quarters of the 4th Division and place teeming with Army lorries, tents, etc. Rained. Walked the dogs miles and spent a peaceful evening. Bun staying.

June 23. Broadlands. White Gates. Dull day and a lot of rain at one time, Thank God, for the garden, which is parched. Went fishing till lunch with B, but did no good. Again in the afternoon, also did a lot of work about the house. These troops making the most terrible mess of the place and I fear a perfect target of the house for Air Raids. France signed shameful armistice with Nazis. The Pétain Govt. pure 5th Column. Quiet time at Broadlands, lovely. Motored up to Whitegates after dinner.

June 24. Whitegates. London. Early start and reached London at 9.45. Worked all morning and Kaysie to lunch. Looked at houses for St.John. Went to see George and Marina at Buck. House. He just off to Portugal. Talked of plans for evacuating children. I went down to City about charts, and later shopped. Bandage practice at 5.30. and lecture later. At 9.30. Peter picked me up and we went to the Café Royal to eat.

June 25. London, Grimsby, Immingham. Dickie's 40th birthday. A busy morning with St.John and a mass of things to do. At one, took the train north to see Dickie and arrived over an hour late at Grimsby, where he met me. Then motored to Immingham to see his establishment and then had a speedboat ride up the Humber to Hull, where we dined with the Sidney Smiths - he is commanding the Balloon Barrage. Clare and I motored out to Little Wrighton after, 20 minutes away and stayed with the Wilson Filmers, she very nice and charming house. Air raid and sat up and watched a little.

June 26. Rowley, Hull, York. A baddish day at times, but brilliant sun at others. Dickie came out before lunch and Sidney too. Motored into Hull at ~~eak~~ tea-time to see the Air Raid damage. Not too bad and no casualties. Dined at Rowley again and Dickie and Sidney returned to their posts after. At 11 I motored into York accompanied by Lord Morveth Cavendish Bentinck, Sidney's A.D.C., who had been detailed to accompany me. Caught the 1 o'clock train south at York. Late on account of Air Raid again.

June 27. London. Arrived in early. Busy morning and rushed all day and felt awful. Lunched at the Ritz with Budget Loyd. Lectures all evening and had Violet Pennant to tea. Also Pamela McKenna looked in.

June 28. London, Whitegates. Busy morning and lookedin to see Mary before lunch, to which I had Betty Poole, just back from France in a Refugee Ship from Bordeaux. Had my hair done and did some shopping, and then motored down to Whitegates for dinner and the night. Lovely evening. Heard bomb dropped last night in Park, just outside kitchen gardens and anpther further towards lodge. First exploded and broke windows greenhouses around, and some (about 12) in the house. Also damaged wall and trees. Other did not explode. They think it may be a Time Bomb, but more likely a dud.

June 29. London. Motored up to London early and worked all morning and wrote letters. Aunt Victoria came in to see me before lunch. I had it with Joan Larcom and then went to Barbara Pound's wedding. After, picked up Peter and we motored down to Broadlands, passing through Pirbright, where we talked to Bunny for a bit. Reached Broadlands for dinner. Looked all round and saw bomb damage. A lot of glass broken.

June 30. Broadlands, Wherwell. Absolutely glorious day. Spent most of the morning interviewing various "bomb" experts, who all had different theories, both naval and military. Motored over to Wherwell at tea-time and had a Captain Fanshawe from the Camp up to the house, whom I'd met years ago. Air Raidwarning at 12.20. and All Clear sounded at 3.30 only. Returned to bed after a short time.

July 1. Broadlands, Whitegates. A very busy morning and saw countless people and had long telephone call waits. Also saw Douger and went round the house work. Pater and I and Mr. Gibson from the National Gallery (probate) lunched. Peter and I motored up to Woking after and I dropped him at Guildford and went on to Whitegates. Bunny heard he had been transferred to the 2nd. Batt. to the north. We motored to Sunningdale after dinner to see the family.

July 2. Whitegates, London. A very early start. A frantic day, as we have decided to send the children to the U.S.A and are getting them up from school today and start Visa permit etc. businesses. Too complicated for words, especially over Pamela being born in Spain. Dickie arrived up for lunch and to go to Broadlands with the children for the night. I worked like a black with Miss Lees for permits etc. Bunny arrived up and spent the night. We went to "His Girl Friday". Very good. Quite exhausted.

July 3. London Children returned in the morning and Dickie for lunch. Spent all morning with Patricia doing medical exam etc. and Visas. Wrote and packed all kinds of things, including jewellery and Plate. Nightmare. Marjorie sending David and her Mdlle too. Can get no permit for ours being French, and no visas obtainable with divided camps and no recognised Government. Peter to lunch and tea and I took the children, Mlle and Miss Lees to see "Up and Doing". Went to Buckingham Palace to deal with drama with Marina and George.

July 4. A hectic day of last minute Permits arrangements and money arrangements for the children, hair and dentists and shopping culminating in Patricia losing her one and only plate in a taxi!! Also a peculiar visit to Mr. Montagu Norman re export of valuables at the Bank of England. Lunched with Colin at the Mirabelle and Peter came to tea and dinner. All had early supper and the children left Euston at 8.50 en route for the U.S.A. via Ireland. David Bayham and his Swedish Mlle also going, so she will keep an eye on my two. Peter, Miss Lees, Mlle Chevrier, Marjorie and I saw them off. Too sad and all in tears. They go first to Mrs. Vanderbilt and sail in the American ship "Washington". Pray all will be well. Peter and I to the Tatler Cinema. Talked till 1 a.m.

July 5. London, Broadlands. Depot and St.John and a visit to Coutts took up the morning, and I lunched with Noel Coward at the Ritz. Then had my hair permed and returned home to do countless letters. Motored down to Broadlands, stopping at Sunningdale for a quick dinner with Mary and Harold. Reached home at 10.15. Barricades and sentries in all villages and towns and ceaseless examinations of useless identity cards, which don't identify, not even having a photo!! All very amateurish and pathetic. Talked to Dickie at Immingham. French-British naval engagement off Oran, owing to the French refusing to hand over ships to save them being used against us.

July 6. Broadlands. A lovely day though heavy rain fell in the morning, which was much needed, the garden very parched. Walked the dogs all over the place, by the river and all through the Park, Farm etc. Most of the camp moved, but a few tents and soldiers remain. Motored over to Botley to the Crichtons for tea. Aunt Victoria also there. Dickie Benson to see me before dinner. She lives in Romsey now. Quiet evening.

July 7. Broadlands. Glorious day and brilliant sun and got very sunburnt. Colin came down to fish and I walked down with the dogs to Long Bridge to meet him and we had lunch in the open by the river. Delicious and I slept and sunbathed after. Dinner in the garden. He left at 8.30. and I had an early night.

July 8. Broadlands, London. Glorious again. Interviewed Mr. Douger, the architect, and went round the house. Work getting on well. Then a long walk and lunch in the garden and lay out after. Saw Dr.Lalonde and Mr. Easton, who is giving the Home Nursing Lectures to my prospective St.John Nursing Division and spoke to the class. Left by car at 7.30. Stopping with the Phillips at Sunningdale for ½ hr. on the way up to London, which I reached about 10.15.

July 9. London. Busy day of Depot work, 14 Grosvenor Crescent. 3 Belgrave Square for St.John and had Hannah to lunch at home. Did a little shopping with her and had my hair done too. Susan Carnegie looked in to see me and I dined at the Mirabelle with Colin and went to a News Reel after, first having had a terrific Political discussion and nearly camt to blows.

July 10. London, Grimsby. Depot early and a Mansion House Flag Day Meeting at 12. Lunched with my St.John Chief Commissioner, Sir John Duncan at the Mirabelle and returned home to do a lot of correspondence. Went up to Grimsby on the 4.5. train accompanied by Peter, to see Dickie for 24 hrs. Long, tiring journey and only got in at 8.30. Met by Dickie and Bunnie, who is also stationed near by. We all dined at the Ship Hotel, where Peter and I are staying. Terrific storms and downpours. Air Raid Alarm at 5.30 a.m., all clambered down to the bar, and All Clear an hour later, but I personally had returned to bed before. Another at 7.15. so got up and breakfasted.

July 11. Grimsby, North Somercotes. Downpours of raintill after lunch, so stayed in and wrote and gossiped with Peter. Hotel very nice and clean and attractively done up. Dickie got out for lunch and after I drove out to North Somercotes, where Bunnie is staying at the little Inn "Axe and Clever" His Battalion, 2nd Coldstream, are there, 1st Div. 1st Guards Brigade. He drove me back and we drank and talked till 7, when he had to return. Dickie, Peter and I dined and went to a Cinema after. Dickie returning to Immingham at 10. A night of sirens and Alarms!!

July 12. Grimsby, London, Broadlands. Very exhausted after an entire night of Siren Alarms and "All Clears". Continuous raids in this part of the world. Peter left with me for London on the 9.5. train, which we caught by an eyelash, due to luggage falling off the barrow in which it was being conveyed to the station by a minute Hotel porter of 15!! Slept and ate and drank till Kings X and then gave Peter lunch at home. Depot, correspondence, fetched "Black Boxes" at Green St. to hide them in case of invasion!! ordered by Dickie!! and interviewed Mrs. Royle, our Training Centre Matron Tutor. Showed her over premises, 55 Eaton Place, which we open on Monday. Motored down to Broadlands in time for late dinner and bed at 9.30.

July 13. Broadlands. Heavy rain at times and then lovely sun in between. Walked the dogs and interviewed Mr. Douger and went all round the house. Work really getting on well now. In the afternoon opened the local "Dr.Barbado Homes" Sale and then paid a visit to some wounded soldiers in the Institute. Walked again later and spent a quiet evening.

July 14. Broadlands, London. Glorious day, except for a little welcome rain. Everything green again now, thank goodness. Took a long walk and lunched out and sunbathed. Heavenly. Then wrote a lot and did work in the house. Motored up to Sunningdale at 7 and dined with Harold, who was alone. Then on to London, which I reached about 10.30.

July 15. London. Called at 7.30. and went off to the new St. John Training Centre I am opening today at 55 Eaton Place at 8.30. Intensivecourses in First Aid and Home Nursing run for a fortnight, each with exams at end. Very nice Matron Tutor, Mrs. Royle and Dr.Wingfield lecturing on First Aid. 25 Students, including myself, and I am doing the course with them. We lunch at the Monkey Club in Pont Street and work from 9 till after tea, which we have and make ourselves at the Centre Had photos taken and Pamela McKenna and Molly Hudson came in to see us.

July 16. Did not start work till 10, as Matron thought the day too long. Lectures and practical work, and I slipped off for an hour at lunch time and shopped and came home to eat. Back to 55 till 6, having tea at the Centre. Teeming rain all today. Had George and Mariha, the Buists, Peter and Tony Weldon to dinner. After George got a Film "He married his Wife" Very funny.

July 17Busy morning of lectures and practical work. Lunched at home with Miss Lees and went to get some photos framed and to Phillips. At 2 went to the V.A.D. Selection Board and then took our Depot Meeting. Back to the Training Centre then till 6.15. Fruity looked in to drink and I then retired exhausted to bed.

July 18. Very busy day at the Training Centre and only shopped for an hour at lunch, to which had Aunt Victoria, Nada and Kay, then dashed back to 55 Eaton Place. First Aid and Home Nursing and visit from Air Raid Warden. Fruityto have a drink with me and I dinedin bed again. The 18th anniversary of our wedding. Dickie called me up from Immingham.

July 19. Another whole day at the Centre. Course going very well. A visit from Lorna Atkinson and Mrs. Beckwith Smith before lunch, which I had at the Canteen (Monkey Club) Excellent 1/- lunch. Work till 6, when I returned and did more letters with Miss Lees. Leicester Curzon Howe just back from the U.S.A. where he has been Naval Attaché, came to see me. Americans very jittery by reports, but no intention of coming into the War. Colin dined and we went to a News Reel. Bun called me up late.

July 20. London, Broadlands. Lecture and practical work in the morning. Stopped at 12 for the weekend. I hadlunch at 1 with Miss Lees and did some letter sfater. At 2 motored down to Broadlands. Had Mr. and Mrs. Tarbatt to cocktails. Very nice indeed. Walked the dogs and did letters and work. Very windy, but rain has improved the gardens a lot.

July 21. Broadlands. Glorious day, though rather windy. Talked to Bunnie early and then got up and at 11 Colin came over to fish. He got 2 salmon, one before lunch of 15½ lbs. I had lunch down by the river with him. Peter Du Cane came to tea. I sat and sunbathed and had an Air Raid in the middle. Another early this morning. Motored up to London at 8.30. after an early dinner.

July 22. London. Early start again for 2nd week of Intensive Course. Lectures and practical work all day. Hurried lunch at home with Miss Lees. More work in bed in the evening, chiefly First Aid. Talked to Dickie late.

July 23. London. Another tiring, but instructive day. Lectures, practical and Matron's talks. She is quite excellent and most human and a very good nurse and lecturer. Shopping (jewels) in the lunch hour and think made a good investment, or rather two, ring and earrings, Boucheron. To bed exhausted for dinner and more Home Nursing studies.

July 24. A busy day of work and visits. Sir John Duncan, the head of St.John, visited the Training Centre in the afternoon and I showed him all round. At 7.30. Miss Walked picked me up and we went down to the City to Toynbee Hall, to inspect and view a Display of an Ambulance and Nursing Division there of St.John. Also said a few words to them. Returned dead at 10.

July 25. Lectures and practical work. Lunched hurriedly with Peter Stewart at the Berkeley Grill, and then took him to see the Training Centre. To the Knitting Garment Depot to see Cousin Louie for a moment, as she was visiting it. Dinner in bed again, as quite dead at the end of the day!!

July 26. Lectures and practical work and I left a lot of work to do at the last moment. Very tired indeed and will be truly glad when this Course is over. Excellent value however and all going very well. Dinner in bed and work.

July 27. London, Broadlands. Called at 7.30. and reached the Centre at 8.40. Home Nursing Examination started at 9.15. MissPowell, St.John Staff Officer and Ministry of Health Paddington Officer, took it. I went in for mt Re-examination too, Home Nursing followed by First Aid, taken by Dr. Boucher. Both very nice and I took First Aid too. Lunched in relays at the Canteen. Exam. ended at 3.30. I motored down to Broadlands for the weekend.

July 28. Broadlands. Quite exhausted. Morning spent walking the dogs and sunning myself in perfect weather. Then lunched in Romsey with Dickie and Con Benson, who have a tiny house, while he is Balloon Baraging. More walks and apleasant afternoon. The Luces to tea and took them all round the garden. Quiet evening and dinner.

July 29. Broadlands, Christchurch. Over to Heron Court for the Joint County Meeting, Red Cross and St.John. Walked and did a lot of business in the afternoon and saw Dr. Lalonde and Mr. Douger re St.John and the house. Motored up to London at 8.30. arriving late.

July 30. London, Grimsby. A busy morning seeing people, including Pamela McKenna and visiting the Depot. Hair done during the lunch hour, after which I saw Peter and Mlle. Then caught the 4.5. train to Grimsby and was met there at 8.15. by Dickie and Bunnie, who dined with me. Staying at the Ship Hotel again.

July 31. Grimsby, Immingham. Lovely day, so walked Mizzie and wrote letters till lunch, to which Dickie came. In the afternoon drove to Immingham with him, where I saw most of the staff and waited with him till he had done some work at the Counties Hotel, their Head Quarters. Then motored back to the Grimsby Golf Course, where Bun met us, and we all three played golf. Great fun and nice little course. Dickie and I dined at the hotel and he returned to Immingham after.

Aug. 1. Grimsby, North Somercotes, London. Left at 8.45 and motored over to North Somercotes to pick up Bunnie, who had got a week's leave. Went over in Dickie's little Ford and then transferred to Bunnie's, who motored me back to London. Pretty drive and lovely country. Stopped for lunch at Huntingdon and for a short time at the Phillips' home at Royston. Reached London at 5. Shopped and later walked in the Park. Peter looked in and Bun and I dined and went to the Film "Rebecca". Not very good.

Aug. 2. London, Sunningdale, Broadlands. Depot and visit to Lorna Atkinson and a lot of business, in the morning. Motored to Sunningdale to lunch with Mary and Harold and after Mary, Bunnie and I went on in my car to Broadlands for the weekend. Glorious weather. Quiet evening.

Aug. 3. Broadlands. Heavenly day. Went salmon fishing with Bunnie down on No.3 beat, but no luck. Back home for lunch and rode in the afternoon all through Nightingale and Luzborough and Telegraph Hill. The Norths to tea and discussed business with him. Harold arrived for dinner and spent a peaceful evening, having dined late at 9, so that Bun could try for a trout before dinner.

Aug. 4. Another blazing day. Golf at Stoneham, Harold, Bunnie and I, while Mary kept the dogs!! Back to lunch to which Con and Dickie Benson and Lord Ashburton came. The Jenkins to tea and walked all round the gardens. Then Bun and I rode over by Manistone, Town Copse, Yew Tree and back by Moorcourt and Long Bridge. Late dinner again.

Aug. 5. A perfectly glorious day, grilling sun, but clear and breezes. Went over to Stoneham again and played 11 holes with Harold and Bunnie. Back for lunch, and sunbathed in the afternoon. Rode with Bun after tea through Squab and Burnt Grove and had a delicious ride. Quiet evening.

Aug. 6. Broadlands, London. Bunnie and I were dropped at Winchester at 8.30 by Harold, who proceeded on to Sunningdale and we trained to London. eating a filthy breakfast on the way, which cost an exorbitant price. To the Training Centre before lunch and saw the new students, who started yesterday. Had Kay and Sir John Duncan and Bun to lunch, and talked business with the Chief Commissioner after. Showed Miss Thomson and Mrs. Starkie round the Centre at 3.30. Dined at the Mirabelle with Colin and went to a News Reel and after to the 400.

Aug. 7. London. Training Centre and Depot and lunch at home with Miss Lees. A busy day, but joined the Phillips family at 4 to go to the Regal to see the new Fred Astaire Film. Excellent. Dined quickly at the Mirabelle with Bun and we went to "Thunder Rock". Deep but excellent.

Aug. 8. To the Centre and the Depot and then did some shopping with Bun, and I gave him lunch at Charles St. He left for the North after his week's leave being over. Too sad. Countess Hochberg, the owner of my house, came to see me at 3 and at 4 I went down to the Training Centre, where Peter Stewart interviewed us and took photographs, etc. for a woman's paper. The McEacherns (Imma) to cocktails and had Colin to dinner and we went to "Primrose Hill" with Ginger Rogers, and Joel McCrea. After to the 400.

Aug. 9. London, Broadlands. A busy morning at The Training Centre and Depot. Met Dickie at King's Cross at 1.15 and gave him and Aunt V. Lunch at Charles St. He is down for 24 hours to go to the Admiralty. Back to the Centre in the afternoon and had tea with the girls. At 5 motored down to Broadlands with Peter and Dickie for the weekend. Dickie only staying the night.

Aug.10. Broadlands. Heavy rain in the morning, but got in a lovely ride in sunshine with Dickie. He was mentioned in despatches for courage, initiative and devotion to duty. Also the other volunteers who stayed behind in "Kelly" after she had been torpedoed Dickie left at 12.30. Kay and Colin arrived at 4 for the weekend. Gale of wind blowing. Walked while Colin shot and fished. Got 3 duck and one trout.

Aug.11. Beautiful day, walked down to the river with the dogs, where Colin was fishing on No.1 Beat. Then motored back and took Kay and Peter down after lunch. Various Air Raids and Alarms during the day. Enormous German losses all these days and R.A.F. doing splendidly. Walked all round the gardens and Colin fished ceaselessly. Quiet evening. Glorious weather.

Aug.12. Broadlands, London. Colin left early. Glorious day, only spoilt by sirens and Air Alarms of all kinds. Portland, Portsmouth and all this coast being attacked, but very little real damage being done. Motored over to Heron Court for the Joint County Meeting and only got back for very late lunch. Sunbathed and walked in the afternoon and motored Kay and Peter up late after tea. Kay dined with me and we went to a good Film, "Her Two Husbands."

Aug.13. London. Usual routine and had Loulou Forbes, Sadie Rodney and Katie Crichton to lunch. Depot Meeting in the afternoon and then went to the Training Centre. Dr Lose to see me later. Peter Stewart picked me up at 7.30 and we went round to Frances Day, where we drank and later dined at the Ritz and were joined by Carol Reed, a Film Director. Later still to the Cafe de Paris, where Harry Jacobson joined us. Air attacks continuing and Southampton bombed today.

Aug.14. A visit to Sir Philip Chetwode and one to Pamela, who brought woollen garments to the Depot. Zia to lunch and most of the afternoon spent at the V.A.D. Selection Board. Also to the Training Centre. Had Marjorie and Mary, with the latter's fiance, Oswald Berry, and Pat Southby, Fruity and Leicester Curzon Howe to cocktails. Dinnerin bed, trying to learn some speeches. Air Raids rampantthis week.

Aug.15. London, Stanmore, London. To the Depot and Training Centre and Mary Phillips to see me before lunch, which I had with Miss Lees. Then to the Training Centre and motored down to Stanmore at 4, to present the prizes and speak at one of our Sub-Depots of the Depot. To the Westminster Hospital to interview the Matron at 5.30 and she took me all round. Beautifully equipped and charming people. I am going to do a month's training in September. Air Raid warning on my return - on Croydon - and Peter and I went to "Up and Doing" and after to eat.

Aug.16. London, Cock Fosters, London. More Air Raid Warnings raids over various parts of the county and Croydon quite badly bombed. Worst week we have had. County Meeting at 9 Chesham St.and Warning in the middle. I motored down to Handley Wood to lunch with Hannah, who has a tiny home there, and walked in

Aug.16. London (cont) Trent (taken over for prisoners of war) after. Place going to rack and ruin. Too sad. Guns and barbed wire and chaos. To the Centre on my return. Students starting Home Nursing exam. More Air Raid Alarms. I went to Harrods and had my hair done and had Evelyn Baillie Grohman to see me. To the Freibergs at 7 for a New Zealand Forces Supper and Dance at Porchester Hall.

Aug.17. London, Market Harboro', Coppins. A heavenly day of real blazing sunshine. Motored down to Market Harboro' to open a Fête for Zia Wernher in aid of Hospital Supply Depots in that area. Enormous affair and all kinds of stalls. Entertainments, Novelties and all beautifully arranged. Had to speak and inspect Ambulance and Nursing Units of St. John, who formed Guard of Honour. Then went round all the Fair and nearly died of heat in uniform!! Motored back at 5.30 to spend the weekend at Coppins, arriving about 8. George and Marina alone. Most glorious night, still and warm and full moon. Night scented stocks too delicious.

Aug.18. Coppins. Lovely day early though dull later. Lay in the garden. Mozelle Sassoon and Ulick Alexander lunched and Audrey Bouverie and Whitney Straight came over to tea. Prince Bernhard came to tea and for the night. Several Air Raid Warnings during the day.

Aug.19. Coppins, Sunningdale, Broadlands. I left about 12 and motored over to Sunningdale for lunch with the Phillips. On to Winnie's house Early Wood nearby, charming, then to Broadlands, where I am going to spend 10 days' leave. Found Aunt Victoria and Isa Buxhoeveden there. Messerschmitt 110 crashed after being riddled just in front of the Home Farm last Thursday. Both men killed. 8 more bombs dropped round Park during the night. Machines circling round for hours. All exploded except one. No damage.

Aug.20. Broadlands, Southampton. Walked round to see bomb damage, but none, only craters and earth torn up. Met some of the Officers. Drove to Southampton during the afternoon, where we saw last week's Air Raid damage. A lot down by the docks. Cold storage place with all our game a total loss and still burning. Quiet evening and night, and no air attacks.

Aug.21. Broadlands. Very windy and dull bad weather. Walked the dogs in the morning and again in the afternoon. George (Kent) arrived at teatime with his R.A.F. Flight Lieutenant Chadwick to stay 2 days and do inspections from here. Two Air Raid Warnings during the day and at 5 an enormous German bomber flew low right over the house, being fired at by Anti-Aircraft and pursued by Fighters.

Aug.22. A very windy and rather dull day, but some nice moments. Walked and gardened and at 6.30 had some of the sappers stationed at Lee and in the Park up to drinks. George and Chadwick came back at 7 and the Norths also came in. Quiet evening, Air Raid as usual about 11. George away inspecting all day.

Aug.23. Walked and saw George off and Aunt Victoria and Isa Buxhoeveden left, the former to go to the dentist and the latter to stay with Nona. I spent aheavenly day alone. Very restful and enjoyable and gardened and walked and wrote innumerable letters. Air activity late in the afternoon only.

Aug.24. Broadlands. Really glorious day at last with hot sun, and Peter and I sunbathed and lazed and had a really enjoyable day. Also walked the dogs and wrote letters. Mary arrived to stay at dinner time and had usual Air Raid at 11.30. Sat in the dark talking for hours, as lights are always switched off in case of carelessness. Mary to re-marry Laurie Gardner.

Aug.25. Walked and sat in the garden. Hot for a short time in the morning, sunbathed. Laurie Gardner, whom Mary is going to marry (she told me definitely last night) arrived for lunch and we took a walk in the afternoon to look all through the gardens and then through the Park. The usual Air Raids and Alarms.

Aug.26. Broadlands, Christchurch. Peter and Laurie left early and I spent the morning over at Christchurch for St. John. George Phillipi to lunch and he took Mary back to Six-Mile-Bottom after. Miss Flo Du Cane arrived down to stay, arriving late owing to an Air Raid en route. Walked all round theplace with her.

Aug.27. Broadlands. Very fine early, but colder and windier later. Did garden plans with Miss Flo and decided on the planting of some flowering trees and spring bulbs. Walked in the afternoon and had a St.John tea, consisting of Major T. Smithand Mrs. Hayes and Lady Lymington from Basingstoke, and discussed Hospital problems. After all departed, I went to drink with the Sappersat Lee House, as they leave tomorrow. Very nice. Air Raid all night from 8.45 till 5 a.m. and machines flying right over house and low. Many bombs dropped.

Aug.28. Miss Flo left early. I talked to Bunnie early, all feeling rather jaded after our sleepless night. Walked with Aunt Victoria and gardened with her in the afternoon, weeding and pulling off enormous brambles. Absolutely glorious weather. Gardens open to the public each Wednesday and many people came up today. Saw Captain Piercie, the local billeting officer, with North, re possible arrangements. Aunt V. and I to bed early, as we were dead.

Aug.29. Broadlands, London. Lovely weather and much better after a slightly more peaceful night, though more machines over and bombs dropped. Sunbather and had the Crichtons and Lady Cairns and Major Sloane Stanley to lunch. Isa Buxhoeveden returned to stay her with Aunt V. while I am away. Sad to leave, but I motored up to London after tea via Alresford, where I visited Molly and only reached London at 9.45. Had scrambled eggs in bed and dealt with letters etc.

Aug.30. London, Grimsby. A busy morning visiting the Depot and the Training Centre and addressing the new lot of Students who started on Monday. Nice lot. Looked at houses with Eily Donald in the middle of Air Raid Alarms of which there were many today. Also saw Marjorie and Mary Pratt and had my lunch at the hairdresser's. Took the 4.5 up to Grimsby. An endless journey owing to Air Raids and crawled at first. Only reached Grimsby about . Dickie met me and I established myself at the Ship Hotel again. Sirens again, they follow one everywhere.

Aug.31. Grimsby. Glorious day and walked the dogs in the sun and read the papers and attempted to write letters unsuccessfully. Bunnie should have got out to lunch, but he was so delayed, he only appeared at 3.30 and we then went off th join Dickie for some golf. The latter had to return to Immingham and go to sea, but Bunnie luckily could stay and dine.

Sept. 1. Grimsby, N. Somercotes. Not so fine. Dickie should have returned from sea, but in the end a shimozzle! occurred (we lost 3 Destroyers, mined), and he had to stand by and direct operations. I motored over to North Somercotes at 12 and lunched in the 2nd Battallion Coldstream Guards Mess. Colonel Wilbraham, Bunnie motored me back and we played a little more Golf and had dinner at the Ship again and a quiet evening.

Sept. 2. Grimsby, London. Dickie still out at sea, so never saw him again. I left on the 9.5 train, arriving in London at 1.30. Depot, Centre, visit from Mary and odds and ends and correspondence. Peter dined and we went to a News Reel.

Sept. 3. London. Mansion House Meetings and then a large lunch at Marjorie's house, before Mary's wedding to Laurie Gardiner. After I went to the Caxton Registry Office, where they were married and drove off to the country
To the Depot and Training Centre and in the evening dined with Pamela and Reggie McKenna, who had the Milnes and some New Zealand Officers.

Sept. 4. Went off at 8.45 a.m., with my knees knocking together with fright, to start my Training in the Westminster Hospital. Matron introduced me to the Sisters, to the Staff Nurses and the Probationers I chummed up with on my own. Went into the Soldiers' Surgical "Wigram" Ward 9 - 1. Scrubbed lockers, floors, washed up, laid trays and tables, carried stuff round died of heat and fatigue and Bed Pans! but enjoyed it a lot. Sir John to lunch and a Joint County Meeting and then visits to the Depot and Centre, where we had a wonderful Artificial Respiration Demonstration and Questions by Dr. Boucher. Dinner in bed.

Sept. 5. London. Hospital work again from 9 till 1. Did some dressings and took some stitches out. Had a St.John lunch, Including Lady Swaythling, Sir Joseph Byrne, Director of Ambulance, Captain Goodley and Major Tennyson Smith and Miss Walker and 2 more Hampshire Officers. After I presented 2 Ambulances to the Joint War Organisation on behalf of the No.1 Price of Wales' District and County of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. To the Depot andTraining Centre after. Dined with Sibyl Colefax and had Lionel Tertes (Viola) and a Trio playing Handel, Mozart, etc. after. Oggie Lynn Sang. Ivor Novello, Somerset Maughan, Ronnie Storrs etc. there. Big Air Raid.

Sept. 6. London, Broadlands. Usual Hospital hours. Attended an operation, which I hated and made me feel very sick, bad mastoid. Mr.Ormerod operating. Lunched in Hospital, being taken down by my "Sister". To the Training Centre and Depot and motored down to Broadlands later. Quiet night.

Sept. 7. Broadlands. Glorious day. Walked and sunned myself and busied myself about the house. Gardened and fished too and had a delicious day. Usual air activities all night. Very bad raids on London.

Sept. 8. Not quite so fine and much colder. Went to Church to the Abbey with Aunt Victoria, as it was a day of National Prayer. Walked and gardened in the afternoon. The usual Air Raids at night.

Sept. 9. Christchurch, Lymington, Sunningdale, London. A lovely day beginning with a Joint County Meeting at Heron Court. Then lunch with Mrsl Whitaker at Lymington and after inspected the First Aid Post and Hospital there, both run by St.John. Back to Broadlands at 4.30 for tea. Left by car for

Sept. 9. Sunningdale, London (cont). Sunningdale at 6, arriving on the outskirts at 7.15, to find the whole place had been air raided at 5. Impossible to continue by car, so sent Xuereb round and started to walk across Railway line to Phillips' house the other side, caught by a Time Bomb. Awful mess but I was quite unhurt. Car lost, walked miles round. Finally got lift and dined late. Three more Time Bombs went off. Motored up in middle of Air Raid. Awful night. Went down to Charles St. dining room and drawingroom.

Sept.10. London. Felt awful after no sleep, everyone ga-ga. Explosions terrific. Started at 8 to collect uniform etc., but found laundry hadn't returned dress, so only reached Hospital at 10 and stayed on till after 2. Depot etc. in the afternoon and some business. Peter, Colin and Kay dined and we tried to go to a Film, but impossible owing to Raid. Once Warning on, no one new allowed in. Returned at 10 and started to go to bed and explosions, whistling bombs etc., after that never stopped till 6 a.m. Worst night I have spent, (in basement) on Camp bed!! House shaking to pieces.

Sept.11. Bond St., Berkeley Square, Piccadilly, Marble Arch area and all round hit and raid over whole of London. Woke after 2 hours' sleep and dashed to Hospital more dead than alive till 2.30, then to Depot and tried to shop, but Air Raid Alarm stopped that, as they close. Went to see Raid damage. Colin moved here, having all his doors and windows shattered last night, after the house opposite had had a direct hit. Saw an Australian newspaper woman, and gave her an interview. Colin and I dined and retired to basement early. Johnnie (Johnston) looked in. Terrific A.A. fire. We slept better, feeling too tired to care. All Clear at 5.45 a.m.

Sept.12. Usual Hospital routine till late lunch hour. Raids during morning and day again. Visited the Depot and actually managed to do a little shopping before another Alarm caught me in Selfridges. George looked in to see me and Colin and I dined again and the usual night raid started ounctually at 9 and continued all night. Basement night again. The A.A. fire again active and Naval Mobile guns have been brought in. A lot of damage again. All Clear at 5.30 a,m,, so crawled up and had hardly got to sleep before the Alarm went again, but did not move.

Sept.13. London, Broadlands. Crawled to Hospital at 8.30 and on duty till 1.15. Bomb whistled over it at 10 and we all ducked. Long raid, in fact nearly all the morning. Returned to lunch and had Marjorie and Colin and Miss Lees. Went round to the Depot. They had 3 bombs in Eaton Square, but little damage done. Buckingham Palace hit for second time this week. Heard whistling bomb over our head in afternoon before Alarm had gone even!! Rushed to doorway! Motored down to Broadlands with Peter at tea time. Aunt Victoria and Isa Buxhoeveden there. Gloriously quiet night with only occasional German machines and odd bombs and anti-aircraft fire.

Sept.14. Broadlands. Woke after first good night for days. Walked the dogs, gardened, sat out and lazed. Not very fine and cold wind. Walked all through Nightingale Wood with North, George Phillippi and Tiller, the keeper, and Harold woodman. Decided where tree cutting to be done with a view to sale and shooting improvements.

Sept.15. Broadlands. Cold and a certain amount of rain. Walked the dogs and had the Jenkins over from Wherwell for lunch. Took Cousin Anna all round the garden. Had a lot of officers up for drinks, some of the old Sapper friends who have returned after a brief absence. They stayed on right till dinner.

Sept.16. Broadlands, London. * Walked, some of the time in downpours of rain and did some gardening. At 5 motored up to London with Peter, reaching Charles St. about 7.30. The usual Air Raid Alarm went at 8 and Colin, Peter and I dined at the Hungaria, about the only place we could find open. Terrific bombing and A.A. fire and did not dare risk leaving till 11. Bond St., Berkeley Square, Bruton St., and Park Lane all hit. Terrific noise.

* A lot of aerial activity, but personally did not notice it and slept like a log.

Sept.17. London. Woke after a nearly sleepless night and felt awful. To the Hospital at 8.45 as usual and found I was moved into a new casualty ward. Had to go the theatre with a patient with leg amputated and go into the theatre. Felt better than first time. Sat by him while he came round. To the Depot and some shopping in the afternoon and saw Raid damage. Also looked in at 15 Chester St., I am taking from October 1st. An awful night, as bombing of our district very heavy and also 5 Time Bombs fell all round and we were told to evacuate our part of Charles Street, so walked grimly around and finally parked ourselves at Lansdowne House, with underground room. Returned at 6 just in time to see 2 Time Bombs explode 100 yards away.

Sept.18. The usual morning routine and felt very ga-ga, after my night of wanderings. Bad Air Raid casualties. Lunched late and did letters and went to the Depot and to see Pamela McKenna and Lorna Atkinson came in at 6. Also Peter and George to drink. Johnnie (Howard Johnston) took me to dine at the Mirabelle and we dodged the A.A. fire there and back. Incendiary bombs close to us. ~~One~~ Our house caught fire, but was quickly extinguished.

Sept.19. Terrible Air Raid injuries in hospital and watched one ghastly case being dealt with in the theatre. Awful lacerations and fractures, due to plate glass, head and chest and arms. Late lunch with Marjorie and Pam Schreiber. To see Sir Philip Chetwode and Sir John Kennedy re Joint Work and after to Pamela McKenna. To a Tea at Claridge's for Red X and St.John Funds. The usual noisy night, but slept rather better.

Sept.20. London, Broadlands. Hospital as usual till 1.45 and then rushed back to late lunch, which I gave to Peter and Mary Phillips. Did some business in the afternoon and called in at the Depot. At 5.30 motored down to Sunningdale, droppinh Mary P. at Broome Cottage and stopping for a glass of sherry. Then on a few hundred yards ro Priory Lodge, where Mary has a tiny house for a month. Had a quick dinner with her and Laurie and then crawled down to Broadlands in the black-out and an air raid~~m~~, so no lights. Arrived 10.30 p.m.

Sept.21. Broadlands. not very warm, but a perfect, peaceful day and gardened and walked and enjoyed each second. Place looking lovely after a bit of rain and the lawns and grass quite green again. Aunt V. and Isa still at Broadlands.

Sept.22. A lovely day and had a long walk with the dogs and did some gardening too. Then drove over to Wherwell for tea with the Jenkins, at which we also saw Mary Pratt.

Sept.23. Broadlands, London. A nice morning walking and gardening and had early lunch, after which I motored up to London, just in time to pick up Pamela McKenna and Lady Limerick and go to see Malcolm Macdonald, the Minister for Health, about the London Evacuation and Housing problems due to Air Raids. Robert Neville just back from China arrived to stay and dined here with me.

Sept.24. London. To Hospital as usual in the morning till 1.30 and got some very interesting, but horrible Air Raid casualties. Worked in the Surgery and Air Raid Wards. In the afternoon went down to East Dulwich, Peckham and Camberwell to visit Rest Centres, where the unfortunate homeless Air Raid victims are being temporarily sheltered. Great chaos and inefficiency over the whole matter and far too many people dealing with the matter. Sad sight in all these districts of wrecked houses and ruins and burnt-out buildings. Colin also came to stay and he, Robert and I camped.

Sept.25. Hospital as usual and a hurried lunch at home, before doing a tour of Greenwich, Woolwich, Eltham and Charlton districts for Air Raid problems. Devastation very bad in parts. Peter and Hugh Gordon dined and we sat and talked late, during the usual punctually started 8 p.m. night Raid.

~~Sept.26. To the Hospital and to Greenwich tour and then to lunch at Pamela McKenna's~~
Sept.26. To the Hospital and then to lunch at Pamela McKenna's and another Greenwich tour in the afternoon, finishing what I couldn't get through yesterday. Back fairly late, dead tired, one's hours being now completely revolutionised. Went as usual early to bed.

Sept.27. The last day of my present Hospital Training, which is quite sad. Had a busy time admitting Air Raid casualties, including a lot of Auxiliary Firemen. To the Depot in the afternoon and to collect food stuffs at Harrods for the Rest Centres, then had my hair and nails done and dined at the Hungaria with Robert and Peter. Bed 11.30. Usual Air Raid activities.

Sept.28. Went to meet Bunnie at King's Cross at 10.45, as he is passing throughLondon for 24 hours on his way to Wales to do a course. Shopped and walked with him till lunch. The Jenkins, Pam Schreiber, Robert and Bunnie lunched, and we then all went to Mary Pratt's wedding to Oswald Berry, one of the Kemsley's sons. Took place at St.George's, Hanover Square, having been previously fixedat St. Mark's, but a Time Bomb prevented that. Wedding in Air Raid, but All Clear went as register signed. Small reception at Grosvenor House. Showed B. my new house ~~at~~ 15 Chester St. and walked in the Park and showed him London's war wounds!! Dined at the Hungaria, very gay and pleasant.

Sept.29. London, Grimsby. A lazy morning and walked the dogs before lunch, which we had at home. Peter looked in, having been bombed out of his Richmond house with the Pavetts. Sent the car to fetch them into London, where they have been lent a flat. Robert, who has been away, came back and we took Bunny to Euston to the 4.50 train. Very hilarious after warming drinks and he left for Anglesey! We, Robert and I continued to King's Cross, where we caught the 5.10 to Grimsby. Very slow, owing to Air Raids and war in genera; and only got in at 11; dead.

Sept.30. Grimsby, Immingham. Air Raid sirens all night, but nothing more and bombs are very seldom dropped evidently. Did some shopping the morning and Dickie arrived out before lunch, which he, Robert and I had together. To play some golf at Grimsby Golf Course after and then tea at Immingham, while D. did some work. On return went to see "North West Passage" with Spencer Tracey. Very good.

Oct. 1. Grimsby, Immingham. Motored to Immingham to see Dickie, who had just heard he was being moved elsewhere, in fact to Plymouth to do a job. Lunched there with him and stayed and talked and helped him pack up. Then played a little golf at Grimsby and had early dinner at the hotel before he returned to Immingham.

Oct. 2. Grimsby, London. Three peaceful nights with no A.A. fire, bombs or other alarms, only sirens, and felt like a giant refreshed!! Dickie sailed at 7 a.m. and Robert and I left on the 9.5 train for London, arriving slightly late, owing to bombs having been droppedon the line near Liverpool Street and King's Cross. Lunch at home and work in the afternoon. Also a little shopping. Esmé looked in to see me and Robert and I dined. Alarm at 7.45, but All Clear at 9.15; so full of hope retired to bed in my own room. At 10.15 however the usual clatter started and the night was bad and more noisy than ever. Both Robert and I slept in the basement after all.

Oct. 3. London. Not a very good night with a great deal of noise. To the Depot and a lot of work accomplished in the morning. Lunch with the Cholmondeleys. The afternoon spent with Mrs. St.John Atkinson down in the East End, visiting Rest Centres, distributing Centres for the Homeless etc. Mile End Road etc. very pathetic cases. George came to see me, also Mr. Vernon of E.N.S.A. and Esmé, Robert and I went to a News Reel and back to dinner here. A more peaceful night, especially late and All Clear went at 2.30 a.m. Quite worrying!!

Oct. 4. London, Broadlands. A very wet, miserable day. Work in the morning and had a lot of Depot dramas. Had Hannah, Colin and Peter to lunch and shopped with the former after. At 5 saw Susan Carnegie, who came to tea and then motored down to Broadlands via Sunningdale. where I stopped for dinner with the Phillips. Driving rain; black out diversions due to bombs, and finally only reached Broadlands after 11.

Oct. 5. Broadlands. Wet and windy day, but occasional glimpses of quite warm sun. I walked the dogs and looked all round the gardens and did a little tidying and lunched alone. Wrote and did some work moving things around in the house. Robert Neville arrived to stay the weekend at tea time, Also Esmé Howard Johnston. I had a St.John Nursing Division tea and Meeting, which lasted late. Quiet dinner and evening, usual Air Raids, but not at all bad and very littleaerial activity over here.

Oct. 6. Teeming rain all day, but decided to ignore it and went out in the morning to see all the Polo ponies turned out, and in the afternoon for a long walk with the dogs. Nona and Dick came to lunch and Dickie Benson and Alec Ashburton to dinner.

Oct. 7. Broadlands, Heron Court, London. Motoredover to Heron Court, going part of the way with Esmé and Robert, who were continuing to Bournemouth. A long Joint County Meeting and only got back home for late lunch at 2. Glorious sunny, bright day, and had it out of doors. Walked and did a lot of business and motored up at teatime. arriving just before the Air Raid Alarm at 7.45. Dined at the Hungaria with Colin. Noisy night and bombs very close. House rocked. All Clear not till 7 a.m.

Oct. 8. London. Depot and work till lunch, to which I had Gladye and Colin and Robert. To the East End and to see Angela Limerick in the afternoon and had a lot to get through. Susan Carnegie, Charles Lambe, just back from Bermuda etc., and Robert came to a News Reel and we had dinner and talked after. Robert staying. Usual night, slightly better.

Oct. 9. To see Mrs. Atkinson and to the Depot. Kay and Robert to lunch and we had a Depot Meeting after and I went to 15 Chester Street, my new house, to seehow the re-inforcing of the basement for Air Raids was getting on. Felt awful. Robert departed and I spent the evening alone, being rocked by bombs. Very bad night, also stuff whistling over all the time.

Oct.10. London, Broadlands. Bombs and houses wrecked in Hill Street, Grosvenor and Davies Streets and all round me, and lasted from 7.30 last night till 7 a.m. this morning!! Spent the morning visiting the Hospital and doing all kinds of odds and ends. Lunched with Miss Lees. At 5.30 motored down to Broadlands, as there seemed a chance of Dickie getting over there tomorrow after an "operation". Robert came over for the night from close by, where he'd been staying.

Oct.11. Broadlands. Gloriously sunny day and place looking too beautiful. Robert left early, as he had to join his Marine Brigade he is commanding at Deal. I walked the dogs and had telephone conversations with Miss Lees, who reported a Time Bomb next to Charles Street, and that the servants and some of belongings had evacuated. Also Brook House garage destroyed. Dickie arrived out from Portsmouth at 1.45 with his Gunnery Officer, Robins, as they'd fetched up there after bombarding Cherbourg last night. More Destroyer Officers, including Charles Firth, arrived for tea and a quick walk round, but all of including Robbins returned at tea time. Dickie staying a few days while ship is in.

Oct.12. Glorious again. Lt.Dunsterville, Dickie's Signal Officer, and Ran Antrim in the "Kashmir", motored over to shoot. North and Mrs. North came out too and had an amusing shoot of bad shooting and lovely weather - saw lots of birds and many partridges. Aunt Victoria arrived for tea for the weekend and Peter came late.

Oct.13. Teeming rain, which was sad, but cleared for a bit and took Aunt Victoria and Mr. Dunsterville for a long walk, all down by the river and back by the farm, etc. Ran left early and Dunsterville in the afternoon. Cousin Teddy and Venetia James to tea. Gardened and walked with Peter later.

Oct.14. Sheets of rain and continued till quite late in the day, when it turned lovely. Walked and wrote, and Jeanie and Sally Norton came to lunch and tea and in the afternoon Dickie and Sally rode. Dickie left to rejoin the ship at 5, as they sail tonight and Peter had left early in the morning. Heard Kensington Palace had been hit and that Nada had a motor accident, so depressing evening.

Oct.15. Broadlands, London. Motored up very early, leaving at 8.15. Aunt Victoria also left for Maidenhead. I went straight to Kensington Palace, where the damage in Aunt Victoria's part is chiefly due to water, the fires having been next door; then on to the little new house in Chester Street, as Charles St. Time Bomb still there. Chester St. filled with homeless, so moved to Claridges. No telephone, so spent the morning doing calls from outside and went nearly mad. Lunched at Claridges with George and Marina. Mansion House in the afternoon and I has to speak unfortunately. Dinner with the Jessels at Claridges and Colin looked in to see me.

Oct.16. London. A very noisy, bad night. Air Raids seem at their height. Did a lot of work and Committee Meetings before lunch, which I had with Miss Lees and Peter Stewart in the Causerie at Claridges. A V.A.D. Selection Board in the afternoon and various other business. Kay came to a News Reel with me and we had some dinner after in the Causerie.

Oct.17. The usual routine and got through quite alot of things. Also to the Mansion House at 12 for a Flag Day Meeting and lunch with Sir John Duncan after at the Ritz. Dined with old Lady Hudson at Claridges and looked at all the wonderful Air Raid Shelter arrangements after. Bad night.

Oct.18. London, Broadlands. A busy morning and lunch at Cleridges with George and Marina and Joe Kennedy, the American Ambassador, who wasjust returning to the U.S.A. before the Elections. Picked up Susan Carnegie and Peter Stewart after tea and we motored down to Broadlands, arriving for dinner. Mary and Harold Phillips also there.

Oct.19. Broadlands. Most glorious, sunny day, blue sky and very hot and quite delicious. Went shooting. Colin arrived and also had Colonel Lang the local Colonel, North and Comdr. Bernard and Lieut.Comdr.Liddle from Southampton. Lots of partridges and great fun and all enjoyed it and the colouring and country was heavenly.

Oct.20. Another perfect day, though clouded over late. Walked with Harold and watched Colin fish for grayling, and took the dogs walking. The Phillips and Colin left after and we spent a quiet evening.

Oct.21. Broadlands, Basingstoke, Windsor, London. Peter Stewart and Susan departed on the Lo train and I did a real St.John day. Had a St.John Representative Meeting at 10.30, followed by a Joint County one at 11 at home. Then motored up to Preston Candover to see Morendsmere, which we are taking over for a Convalescent Hospital. Went all over with Lady Lymington, who will be Commandant and Miss Vasey, the Matron. Tea with the Lymingtons. Met the owner, Mrs.Andrae, then on to Windsor to the Edward VII Hospital, to see Nada, who had a bad motor smash. Then on to London racing the blackout and raids and winning. Back in Charles St., no gas! Susan came and dined.

Oct.22. London. Dull, foggy day, but woke refreshed after a much quieter night. Went to the Depot and to do quite a lot of business before lunch, which I had with Miss Lees. Then to see Lorna Atkinson and also to do some shopping. Kay came to a News Reel and we dined at home after.

Oct.23. Fairly quiet night again. Went to lunch with the Eddie Barons at his Cigarette "Craven A" Factory in the Hampstead Road, and was taken all round after. Most interesting. Then had to go to two Rest Centres in Islington, one of which I never found, the other very satisfactory. Mary (sister) to tea and Laurie came to a News Reel with me and had some dinner after.

Oct.24. London, Plas Newydd. A busy morning at the Depot and elsewhere, and Robert Neville in to see me take me to Euston to catch the 1.10 train up to Bangor, where I am going to stay with the Anglesays at Plas Newydd and see Bunnie. Terrible journey, over 2 hrs late and 2 changes, and no porters and icy cold. Bun met me at 9.45 at Bangor and we drove out to Plas Newydd, where he is staying too for the weekend. Caroline and Kitty Paget there, eldest and youngest girls.

Oct.25. Plas Newydd. Strong gale blowing, but lovely morning; scenery and situation beautiful, right on the Menai Straits and beautiful wild grounds and gardens, with hydrangeas, fuchsias etc. growing wild. Walked and talked. Caroline and Kitty there, besides Marjorie and Charlie. Bun worked all the morning and returned to lunch. Walked after to the water garden, full of gentians and fuchsias and enormous plants and old bridges and lawns and gigantic bell-heather and pines and cypresses. Looked in at the Menai Horse and Pony Fair.

Oct.26. Lovely early, still very windy. Took a long walk along the shore and had absolutely lovely views. Bun worked all morning, but got back to lunch, and in the afternoon we went in to Bangor to the Cinema and saw "Convoy". Really very good. Perfect peaceful evening. Caroline leftfor London, where she is with the M.T.C.,Driving Stretcher Bearer Parties for the Borough Councils. Henry (Uxbridge) the Anglesey son, twin to Kitty, arrived from Vickers works at Chester.

Oct.27. Plas Newydd, Vaynol. Lovely calm day and wind quite dropped. Walked all along the shore and through the woods with Bun to the Water Garden and then to seeBunnie's lodgings in Plas Llanfair. Drove over to Michael Assheton Smith's "Vaynol" on the mainland for lunch. David Herbert also there. Joe Airlie, who is also doing the course, came for dinner and Henry left later.

Oct.28. Plas Newydd, London. I left Llanfair on the 8 o'clock train. Bun took me to the station in the local taxi and I had a change and wait at Chester, reaching London only at 5.15 in the middle of the usual Air Raids. Robert to dinner, having just come to work at the Admiralty. A quieter night. Greece and Italy at war and we are lending all the help to Greece we can.

Oct.29. London. A busy day dealing with Flaf Day matters, as it was the second one of the year for the Red Cross and St.John. Started at 8.45 and first visited the Mansion House and later did a tour of 19 Depots in Shoreditch, Finsbury and Kensington and Westminster. Lunch at the Mansion House and returned cold and dead tired about 4. Robert and Kaysie dined and I had a first Typhoid innoculation, which made me feel rotten.

Oct.30. Felt mouldy all day after the innoculation, but kept about till 6 when I retired to bed. Had Betty Pound to lunch and went to the Depot and 3 Belgrave Square and various St. Jogn work and did some shopping too.

Oct.31. Felt much better, although arm rather stiff still. Miss Lees and I went to see the Pent House at Brook House,which had had a bomb through the roof dome staircase and on to the lower floor last Friday night (25th). Only heard of it last night. A lot of damage and can get out of rent temporarily anyway, which is something. St.John and Depot work and Margaret Kimberley to lunch and more work and shopping in the afternoon. Colin looked in after tea and Robert Neville to take me to a News Reel and dine after at the Hungaria. Very early All Clear, but Alarm again at 4, when a bomb whistled over the house and crashed nearby, shaking us to bits.

Nov. 1. London, Broadlands. To the Depot and to see Lorna Atkinson and various jobs in the morning. Training Centre closed for the winter and I was asked to take on the Organisation of our St.John personnel for War Duties in Shelters,Tubes, First Aid Posts, Rest Centres, etc. Gave Joan Larcom lunch at the Mirabelle, as my pipes had burst and could have no cooking done. Sandy Carnegie came round at 3.30 and I gave him a lift down to Camberley, where he is spending the weekend. I went on to Broadlands.

Nov. 2. Broadlands. A gale blowing most of the day and a good deal of wind. Walked the dogs and went all round the gardens and interviewed various people. Had lunch alone and an altogether enjoyable day. Peter arrived to stay at 6 and we spent a peaceful evening knitting and crocheting!!

Nov. 3. Howling gale all night followed by downpours of rain all day, and a really bad day. Went out twice with the dogs and did alot of letters, work and house things. Quiet day with Peter as sole guest. Talked to Dickie at Devonport.

Nov. 4. Broadlands, Christchurch, London. Peter left early and I spent a long, tiring morning at Christchurch doing Joint County work. Mr. Douger to lunch to discuss house questions and after I motoredup to London, arriving about 5.30, stopping for ½ hr at Sunningdale en route. Dined with Robert and went to a News Reel.

Nov. 5. London. Robert arrived to stay, having been bombed out of his Club, the Naval and Military In and Out. Busy morning, including a Mansion House Committee Meeting and a Fork lunch there after. To see Mrs. Atkinson after, regarding the staffing of Air Raid Shelters and Tubes. I am to take over the Organisation for St.John. Dined at the Hungaria with Colin. Quite a noisy night.

Nov. 6. Dull wet day. Bun's birthday. A Joint County Meeting at 1 Chesham Place, our usual Nos.7 and 9 having been bombed! Captain Goodley and Robert and Rly Donald lunched. Did some shopping and business in the afternoon and dictated a lot of letters for St.John. Robert and Kay dined. Noisy night.

Nov. 7. A busy morning and lunch with Robert and David Astor and a friend of his, called Forbes, at the Berkeley. A lot of St.John work and also to the Depot. Dined at Quaglino's Grill with Peter Stewart and talked a lot of St.John publicity to him.

Nov. 8. Work as usual and Robert, Susan Carnegie and George Hyam to lunch. Then to see Mrs. Atkinson re developments of Shelter and Tube plans. Also saw Audrey Bouverie, who is running that section of work for the Red Cross. Robert and I dined at home and expected Peter, but hw never turned up. An agitated night with fire engines and dog rescues and hardly slept.

Nov. 9. London, Broadlands. Bunnie arrived down from Anglesay early and spent abusy morningdentisting, doctoring etc. We started to "move house", as we go in to 15 Chester St. on Monday, so chaos reigned. Lunched at the Mirabelle with Bun, and after wedrove down to Broadlands in sheets of rain. Mary and Harold also there for the weekend.

Nov.10. Broadlands. Fine early, but downpours of rain later and then a fine evening again. Drove the little cob horse,we have just bought, in the North's cart. Great fun. Bought it to give it a good home. Nice little trotter. Harold to church, Mary, Bun and I drove. Walked with Bun and the dogs and at tea time he and Harold shot some ducks and some pheasants.

Nov.11. Broadlands, London. I motored up to London with Bunnie arriving at 1045. House chaotic and like a rummage sale! Worked with Miss Lees and gave her lunch at the Mirabelle. Then interviewed St.John volunteers and detailed them to Posts. Picked up George, Audrey Bouverie, Angela Limerick and Mrs. Prentice at the Savoy and we toured shelters and Tubes. First a big one in Marylebone, then Selfridge's; Strand and Piccadilly Circus Tubes. St. Martin's Crypt and I went on to Oxford Circus, which we are staffing with First Aiders. Atmosphere awful, sanitation bad. Ate at the Savoy with George late.

London,
Nov.12./ Broadlands, Felt ga-ga and awful after the atmosphere and comparatively late night. Worked and went to the Depot and lunched with Winnie at the Mirabelle. Saw Mr. Williams, the architect after, who has re-inforced my basement and at 4 motored down to Broadlands. George (Kent) and his new R.A.F., A.D.C. Ferguson arraived to stay late.

Nov.13. Broadlands, Southampton, Portsmouth. George went off for the day to inspect Air Stations and I picked up Dickie Benson and went over to Southampton to see the little Balloon Barrage Hospital she is in charge of there. Recognised by the Red X. Then on to Portsmouth, where we lunched ~~with~~ in the B.B.Mess and after visited a B.B.Hospital there, which is under the wing of St.John. Very nice too. To see Mrs. Walked at Anchor Gate House, who is doing the collecting Centre for this district for the Knitting Depot. Back to Broadlands at tea time. Dickie and Con Benson dined and Bunnie arrived down. Has to have his appendix out on the 16th and will have it done here.
Nov.14.
Broadlands, London. George left early and I interviewed Fuller the Winchester Dr for Bunnie and arranged things in the house. Then motored up to London in time for lunch, which I gave to Lorna Atkinson at the Mirabelle. A lot of work in the afternoon and interviewed various people. Visited two Hackney Shelters at 8, only returning about 10. Our people working in them. Brilliant moon and noisy night.

Nov.15. London. Hectic day trying to fit everything in and had Kay, Colin and Robert for lunch. More work in the afternoon. Little house very sweet and getting much straighter now. Dined at the Hungaria with Colin and went to Paddington at 11.30 to get on the night train to Devonport, to go and see Dickie for the weekend. Raids on and an endless wait. Got off finally, but bombs on line and all kinds of dramas and at 8 next morning we were just outside Paddington again and at 10 at Maidenhead!

Nov.16. Train, Devonport. Long slow journey and reached Plymouth at 4 p.m. instead of 7 a.m. due to the Raids and damage. Dickie met me, and am staying at Admiralty House with the Dunbar Nasmiths, who are charming. Quiet evening with them and the family.

Nov.17. Devonport, Dartmouth, Train. Teeming rain most of the day. Drove over to Dartmouth with Dickie and lunched with Charles Firth in "Jackal". Some of D's ships are lying there. To the College after, where we saw the Captain and Mrs.Cunliffe and walked round. Finer on the way back and a really lovely drive. Dickie and I went to a Cinema and then back to dine at Admiralty House. Ran and Angela Antrim and some others dined. I left on the night train for London.

Nov.18. London. Arrived only 2 hours late, which was excellent. A busy morning and lunch out at Mirabelle with Miss Lees, as Mary, the kitchenmaid, was doing her Hospital hours. A hectically busy day trying to fix up all Shelter troubles. Pamela McKenna dined, or rather "high-tead" with me and we did a round of Tubes etc. Notting Hill Gate, Bond St., Moorgate, etc. Back about 9.30. Not too bad a night.

Nov.19. London, Broadlands. Work and interviews all the morning and gave Hannah lunch. George picked me up after and stayed and talked a time. I then saw Mrs.de Rothschild re St. John, and later motored down to Broadlands to see Bunnie, whose appendix had been removed there 3 days ago, poor fellow. Dined upstairs with him and found him getting on well. Bad raids there lately and a stick of bombs on drive in park and incendiaries at Farm.

Nov.20. Broadlands, London. Left at 8.15 in downpours of rain and skiddy roads, but reached London at 10.30. Joint County Meeting and lunch with Win, Robert and General Brooke. Lots of St.John work after. George to see me after tea and later Andrew Yates. I dined at the Dorchester with Colin, and later toured Thames House and Piccadilly Tube. Thames Hse the worst ventilated and laid out Shelter I have seen. Impossible to breathe and a disgrace.

Nov.21. London. To the Depot and a great deal of St.John business and worries. Lunched in with Miss Lees and went to see Mrs.Atkinson after and later saw Mrs.de Rothschild at home. Dealt with many problems and saw about equipment for Tubes and Shelters. Dined in bed and tried to write an Article for the St.John Gazette on Shelter work by the Brigade.

Nov.22. A discussion with Audrey Bouverie re Joint London Shelter work. A visit to the Depot and various other jobs. To have my hair turned up and to see Pamela McKenna before lunch. Sir John Duncan and Robert came and lunched and after I saw various St.John members, who have been doing Shelter work and are finishing their fortnight. Quantities of letters done and the article finished. Drove down to Broadlands at 5 arriving for dinner. Noisy early evening. Bun getting on well, but still in bed of course. Very nice nurse.

Nov.23. Broadlands. Not very fine, but lovely being here and quiet. Felt terribly tired. Walked and sat with Bun and had my meals upstairs with him. Played the gramophone and knitted and wroteletterstoo. Bad Air Raid on Southampton and incidentally on us!

Nov.24. A most glorious day, cold, but bright and sunny. Walked Jibbie over to the Norths to attempt a marriage, I fear extremely unsuccessfully. A lovely walk and then back to sit with Bunnie, who is getting on well. Walked a bit and wrote again and played the gramophone and read too.

Nov.25. Broadlands, London. Saw the Doctor and had my ears syringed and sat with Bun and did a lot of things in the house. Early lunch and then motored up to London, arriving at 4.Dealt with some things with Miss Lees and interviewed St.John candidates for Shelter work. Jeanie,Robert and Colin dined. No sirens or bombs. Quite odd!

Nov.26. London. A busy day as usual and problems affecting the Shelter question. Had George, Marina, Winnie, General Brooke and Robert to lunch, but he had to dash away after to attend a Conference with Lady Limerick at the Home Office on Shelter problems with Ellen Wilkinson in the Chair. Lorna Atkinson to high tea and went round all our County Volunteers in the Shelters and Tubes after 6.30 till midnight. Dead!

Nov.27. London. Quiet night again. Hectic and tiring day. St.John and Depot. Betty Pound to lunch and got through a lot of work, but feel awful. Dined with Hutchie (St.John Hutchinson) Jeanie and Diana Cooper, and Alexander, the First Lord and his Secretary, charming man.

Nov.28. Depot and other work and then a Meeting at the Home Office with Miss Horsburgh, to discuss V.A.D. plans. Mrs. Atkinson, Lady Oliver, Lady Limerick and Audry B. came too. Sibyl Colefax and Robert lunched. My 39th birthday and had many telegrams and lovely flowers from Dickie. Mrs.de Rothschild and Lorna Atkinson came and had high tea and then we started on a tour round Stepney to see Public Shelters. Quite unbelievably appalling, sanitation and filth and drainage indescribable and a scandal. Did not get back till around 1.30. Dead beat.

Nov.29. London, Broadlands. A very busy morning and dealt with many matters, feeling awful too. Had lunch at the same time as my hair and then went to Kensington to open a Knitting Depot "Do". After went round the exhibits. Saw St.John volunteers and made arrangements for them. Motored down to Broadlands, arriving late, about 8. Margaret Kimberley and Aunt Victoria there for the weekend. Bunnie still upstairs, but better. Air Raid noisy.

Nov.30. Broadlands. Glorious day, sunny, but hard frost. Walked the dogs and talked to Bun and walked again with Margaret K. Dickie Benson looked in and we had a very noisy Air Raid all the evening. Heard Dickie been torpedoed in "Javelin", but was O.K. Casualties on board, but the ship got in.

Dec. 1. Broadlands. A cold, dull day. Very bad Air Raid all day, and Southampton badly hit again. Sat with Bunnie and walked the dogs and the same in the afternoon. Also wrote countless letters and did really good work in that line.

Dec. 2. Broadlands, London. A County Meeting early and hectic morning trying to cope with endless problems. Margaret left and I motored up to London during the lunch hour, arriving at 3. Interviewed St.John girls for Shelter work and did a lot of letters. At 8 went down to Bethnal Green to see some of our personnel in the Public Shelters and spent a tiring evening.

Dec. 3. London. To the Depot and dealt with innumerable St.John problems. Lunched with Mrs. Arthur James and had an interview with Malcolm Macdonald at 4 re Shelter problems. Saw Peggy Jessel and signed letters and went to a News Reel with Kay at 7.30 and had dinner after.

Dec. 4. A County Meeting and interview with Captain Goodley after. Mary and Peter Stewart lunched also Miss Underhill and Miss Lees, and I did a lot of work after. Dined at a Kensington Restaurant with the Mayor, Councillor Jenkins, the M.O.H. Dr.Fenton and a Mrs.Wilson, A.R.P. St.John. Also Ruby Cromer, whom I took with me. After I toured various Tube Station First Aid Posts with Dr.Buck, the woman doctor appointed to deal with them and a Mr. Martin Hook, who looks after the Shelter question. Later I went on to Liverpool St. and Moorgate and then down to Stepney to a Rest Centre and later to two Hackney Shelters. Got completely lost and only returned at 5 a.m.

Dec. 5. London, Broadlands. A busy morning and George and Hannah to lunch. Interviewed a lot of St.Johnites and did a lot of business, although very ga-ga after my late night. Then at 4.30 motored down to Broadlands arriving at 7. Aunt Victoria and Bun there, and Mary and Harold, who had come for the night to see him. Dickie had arrived yesterday for a few days' leave.

Dec. 6. Broadlands. Gale of wind and a certain amount of rain. Saw Douger and McVean re water heating etc. and had the Crichtons to lunch. Then went down to see the Romsey Rest Centre, where many homeless Southamptonites are being housed. Gladye and Colin arrived to stay, also Robert and Peter (swathed in bandages after a motor accident) and Sir Dudley Pound, the First Sea Lord. Awful crash at 7 and a lot of windows, skylights etc. broken by the explosion. Bomb at Pannafoot Farm and another just across the river.

Dec. 7. A perfectly lovely day and went out shooting all day. Con Benson, Sir Dudley, Dickie, Robert and Colin the guns. Looked at Pannafoot Farm damage. Later in the morning drove home and picked up Bunnie and Gladye and drove out in the ponycart to join the guns. Bunnie shooting sitting from the trap. Quite a lot of birds and got about 150. A baby wallaby has been born and was found looking out of mama's pouch!

Dec. 8. Broadlands, Chequers. Gladye and Colin left early and Dickie, Bunnie and I walked and looked round the grounds and gardens and did some business. Robert left after lunch and Dickie and I motored up to Chequers at 3.30, arriving about 6. Found Winston and Clemmie.Diana Sandys, Pam Churchill and Mary and Professor Lindeman and some others.

Dec. 9. Chequers, Windsor, London. Dickie had long talks with Winston and we then left at 10.30 and motored to Windsor, where we saw the King and Queen and had a long talk with them. Lunched at the Apéretif in a terrible hurry with Robert and Kay and worked all afternoon, while Dickie did dentists, Admiralty, etc. Then looked in to Brook House for a moment. Dined in and Dickie left on the late train for Newcastle to recommission "Kelly". Completely quiet night.

Dec.10. London. Busy day and a lot of St.John work done. Did a tour of the First Aid Posts in Westminster in the afternoon with Miss Tuckwell and Mrs. Tapply and Dr.Shinner. Tea at the Bessborough Institute. Took Ruby Cromer. Sibyl Colefax to see me later. Dined with Colin at the Hungaria after seeing a News Reel at the Monseigneur, in which Dickie and "Kelly" feature. Another quiet night. Did a tour of Tube Shelters arriving back at 1 a.m.

Dec.11. To see the M.O.H., Dr.White in the City and visited Miss Morgan of the News Chronicle en route. Then did a lot of telephoning and St.John work and had Hannah and George to lunch. Left halfway through to go to the Pounds' Fork lunch at St. James's Court. Then some shopping and more work at home. Mr. Tennant to see me re Shelter troubles. Dinner in bed. Quiet night again.

Dec.12. A busy morning and a lot of St.John work. In the lunch hour went and had my hair done and then continued all kinds of work. Robert dined and after he'd left, I tried to start sorting out Christmas presents. Fairly quiet night again.

Dec.13. London, Broadlands. Work and an interesting long interview with Mr.Adams, the new A.R.P. Controller in Stepney, from whom we expect great things. Marjorie and Pam Schreiber lunched also Peter Stewart and Harry Jacobson. At 12 I had an interview with the Duke of Gloucester re St.John, and then at 2.15 had a big Executive Meeting at St.James's Palace. More work and left at 5.30 to motor to Sunningdale to pick up Bunnie and then continue to Broadlands. Aunt Victoria there; Dead tired.

Dec.14. Broadlands. Awful day and downpours of rain continuously. Countless evacuees arrived after the Southampton bombing. Walked in sheets of rain with Bun and the dogs and saw about the evacuees and at 5 went to the Romsey Plaza and saw quite good Films.

Dec.15. Much finer and took some nice walks with the dogs in a certain amount of sun. Also got through a lot of letters and spent a peaceful time. Coped with Refugees' problems and alsoo had difficulties with hot water, noisy radiators and all kinds of dramas.

Dec.16. Broadlands, London. An early start for London with Bunnie by car and reached it about 12. Dickie there for the day and we had the First Lord, A.O.Alexander, for lunch and a long talk after, regarding general situation and plans for Dickie's future. Then a short shopping expedition and an interview with Mr. Churcher, the lawyer, regarding Brook House. Jeanie in to tea and at 5.30 Robert took us all to see the new Chaplin Film, "The Great Dictator". Excellent. Dinner at home after. Dickie left on the late train for Newcastle.

Dec,17. London, Broadlands. A hectic morning of work and shopping and lunch at the Mirabelle with Bunnie and Robert. More shopping after and dealt with letters and parcels. Motored down to Broadlands at 5 with Bun, stopping for tea at Sunningdale en route. Only reached home at 8.30, owing to fog and traffic. Aunt Victoria and Isa Buxhoeveden there.

Dec.18. Broadlands. Cold, frosty day. Late morning and walked to Romsey before lunch to do some shopping. Walked the dogs all ro8nd the river and back by the Farm and Park before tea, and looked in at the Saw Mill, Stagg's Office an d at the Norths.

Dec.19. Lovely day and walkedin the Park with a gun, but met North early, who induced Bun to join up at 1 with a tiny neighbours' and tenants' shoot, round by Fir Copse on the borders of the property on the Southampton side. Dr.Johnson, Captain , Mr. Edwards, a tenant and . Rather fun and glorious weather, though icy cold. Did a lot of letters and cards.

Dec.20. Dull and cloudy day. Shot in the morning and I succeeded in destroying a pheasant! and Bun continued all afternoon and walked miles through the meadows, getting a very mixed bag. I walked and visited our evacuees and tried to settle problems, and later saw the wallabies in their newly re-arranged Sun House, and saw the baby for the first time. Too angelic and quite tame. Still in mama's pouch.

Dec.21. Glorious bright, sunny day, but icy cold and a bitter wind. Had General Cuthbertson, Colonel Laing, Major Metcalf, Mr. Ansell, Commander Liddle and Bun for shooting. Did Ridge, Yew Tree, Town Copse and Reservoir Stand. Cocks only. After lunch the Park. Quite an enjoyable day, though not many birds. Got 70 head.

Dec.22. Walked the dogs and did a lot of correspondence and sorted through hundreds of photos of our last trip to Burma, China, New Guinea etc. which had somehow got all muddled up from a previous doing.

Dec.23. Broadlands, Southampton. Motored into Soutnampton in the morning to see the results of the Air Raids and do some shopping. Devastation awful and centre of town absolutely wiped out. Walked right down to the docks and did a little shopping in any shops we could find on the way back. Bun shot in the afternoon and I walkedthe dogs and did some odd jobs and letters and Xmas cards. Peter arrived to stay after tea.

Dec.24. A walk with Bun and had the Canon and Nona and Dick to lunch. In the afternoon walked again and Mary and Harold Phillips arrived for tea to stay over Xmas. The rest of the party are Aunt Victoria, Isa Buxhoeveden and Bunnie.

Dec.25. To the Abbey to church in the morning, where we had very nice gay hymns, but got frozen to death. Walked in the gardens beforelunch, when we had an enormous meal! A Xmas Tree for the Evacuees, with presents etc. after and had Clare Beck and her 2 sons, Mark and Harold Tennyson, over from Mottisfont for tea. Robert arrived to stay at teatime from London.

Dec.26. A darkish day with some hail and snow, but quite mild and shot. Colonel Lang, Major Metcalf, Harold and Bunnie Phillips and Robert shot. We did Nightingale, Luzboro' and Beggars Path and got 116 head, 89 pheasants. Amusing day, though little game in the morning. Robert left after tea.

Dec.27. Broadlands, London. A glorious dry, frosty, sunny day. Mary and Harold left early and we walked the dogs and did a lot of work in the house, and finally departed with Bunnie and Peter at 11.30. Dropped the latter at Winchester to catch a train, and B. and I continued to Sunningdale, where we lunched with Mary and Harold. On to London after, where we are spending the weekend. Had my head washed and we went to an excellent News Reel at 7, followed by dinner at the Hingaria. Very gay and nice. Air Raids started again after a lull of several days over Xmas.

Dec.28. London. A busy morning shopping, though many shops shut. Lunched with Robert at the Apéretif and Peter came in for a drink at Chester St. before lunch. In the afternoon Bun and I went to see "Strike up the Band" with Micky Roong, Judy Garland. Great fun and nice music. After tea to the Metropole to see William Powell and Myrna Loy in "I love you again". Excellent. An excellent dinner at home.

Dec.29. Walked the dogs in Green Park and lunched at home. Then Bun and I went to two Films, "Northwest Mounted Police" and then "All This and Heaven Too". Both good. Very bad Air Raids and thousands of incendiaries dropped, starting enormous fires in the City and we could see the blaze for miles. Buildings shaken by bombs and Cinema rocked. Quieter later on. Beautiful buildings all over the City area burnt out.

Dec.30. Drove Bunnie to King's X from where he was leaving at 10.10 to rejoin his Battalion, after his 6 weeks sick leave. A busy day, as my leave is also up and I started my St.John work again and found a great deal to do and an accumulation of correspondence and dramas.

Dec.31. Usual work, including an interview with Lorna Atkinson and a visit to the Depot. Did a lot of correspondence, which hasmounted up in an alarming way. Robert came for me at 7 and we went to a News Reel and then back to dinner at Chester St. I saw the New Year in in bed!! What a momentous and tragic year, but how amazingly grateful we must feel for so much.