

THE
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This is My Personal
DIARY

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Five Years

from

1943 to 1945

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Memory Is Elusive—Capture It

**FIVE YEAR
DIARY**



THE MIND IS A WONDERFUL MACHINE. IT NEED BUT BE JUST REFRESHED AND INCIDENTS CAN AGAIN BE REVIVED IN THEIR FORMER CLARITY.

A LINE EACH DAY, WHETHER IT BE OF THE WEATHER OR OF MORE IMPORTANT SUBSTANCES, WILL IN TIME TO COME BRING BACK THOSE VAGUE MEMORIES, WORTH REMEMBERING, TO ALMOST ACTUAL REALITY.

INTRODUCTION

Five years of your life, in written form, will be your reward for keeping this book faithfully and accurately. You will record your daily habits, your thoughts, and events of importance. As you round out this chronicle of your doings, you will be able to check back a year from the time you are writing, and see at a glance your activities of a year ago. As you go along, you will be able to turn aside the veil of forgetfulness, and see the events of two, three and even of four years ago.

You will find amusing recollections that will bring chuckles—possibly business affairs whose record will prove valuable, and certainly little precious memories that you will want to keep in the permanent form which this book provides.

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*1943 Received card to get the
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1943 Left the mill 8:30 and
got my blood test up the Boys' Club
& got paid for that time off.
Took sun tan from lamp in Club

1943 WAR NEWS

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19 43 Sun burn burns like —

Discussed a blind date with
"Babe" the oil boy up the mill. I hope
she is as good as he says.

19 43 Americans bring Axis Port
under fire of big guns. U.S. forces 10
miles from Bizerte. Allied fleet re-
ported sailing for Sicily.

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19 43 Got my classification card,
am 1-A. Received letter from
Ernie. He is drafted & will go to
Ft. Stevens May 7. He says to stay out of the army.

19 43 - Bizerte defenses crack under
American attack. Allies will launch
Offensive + Second Front soon. Potato prices
are \$7.3 to \$1.00 a peck. There is much Black Market

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1943 Nothing much to say except
I expect my induction papers in
a month or so.

war news 1943 Americans and British cut Germans
to Bits. Axis in suburbs of
Tunis + Bizerte. Tunis is almost
taken, and Bizerte is within a mi. grasp.

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1943 Fascists chased to sea. Axis
poise for invasion in Bizerte &
Tunis. Invasion of Europe is expected
from a dozen points after the seizure of Africa.

1943. Tony woke me up and told
me I got my induction papers.
I'm awfully surprised, and Mom
is upset. I hope I pass.

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19 43 - Am a little nervous - don't know what to tell my Boss, or how. For I might get rejected & be in a fix. me, Andy, & Frank to a dur-tan on their ^{roof}.

19 43 - Many Axis soldiers trapped
allies back to sea; sink ships; captives
paraded. This populace weep with joy
Hiska bases being bombed in twelve raids

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19 43 - I told my boss, he doesn't know
what to do. I can see he really needs me.
What to do. tonight, he said it was a slight
improvement ^{best} a lot better now

1943 - Yanks capture 25,000. 6 Gen-
erals & their men surrender. U.S. raid
shatters Italian ports of Palermo & Messina
Allied submarines shell coast of Jap. Is.

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19 43 Had a bad day at work. Tried breaking in Tony Quicold's brother, but he's certainly dumb. Am in bad mood all day, with pain in side & difficulty in breathing.

19 43 Japanese point ideal at India. Martyr Afuka Hoops Germans by thousands gives selves up, an attempt on Gestapo agents life made (Himmel). Netherlands placed under strict law.

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1943 Still trying to put some sense into the new waste boy. Many of the people in the mill hope I get rejected, because they hate to see ^{the young} boys go

19 43 Revolt flares throughout Nazi Europe. 175,000 prisoners captured. African continent completely ours, with all fighting stopped.

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1943 Bill trying to drive some sense into the new boy. Boy he's driving me nuts. A girl in the afternoon shift got a rumor that I joined ^{the} Marines.

1943 War's Biggest Raid Blasts Nazi Duesbury center. Germans slay 40,000 Jews in Warsaw ghetto. Pay as you go win first senate round

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MAY 14

19 43 Received a collection from the spiders + a small private collection from Frank Ward, before I go to Springfield. Had a lump in my throat. I got to pass now.

19 43 Greatest air assault prelude to Invasion. Americans Invade Attu + flank Kiska. Severe fighting raging for Jap base as crack U.S. Troops land.

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MAY 15

1943 Nothing new today. Many boys I know passed. Some rejected from the army passed into the navy. Tony Salentino wished me luck. He passed already.

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1943 Am getting nervous, can hardly eat or breath. Mom is vey nervous too. My aunt + uncle thinks I'm too small + sick + I won't pass.

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19 43 Passed induction examination
in Springfield. I took the navy,
and am now an U. S. sailor. From
Springfield I went to Boston to visit Uncle Bill.

19 43 B. A. F. Bombs naze dams.
Valleys flooded by huge waves, thousands
drown. Bombed blast base 15 miles
from Rome. 4000 Netherland students shipped to Germany

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19⁴³ ^{smoke} Bill and I stood up all morning, from 1:30 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. Talking in argumentation & enjoying ourselves. I went to a stage show & visited a few places.

19⁴³ Americans Capture Uta Ridge dominating Attu. Broken dams in the Ruhu valley put under water. Jap Torpedo Hospital ship; 299 are killed.

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1943 Had to wait 4 hours before
I could get a train from Boston to Pittsfield
I boy, was it lousy. Mom says pop is
sore that I took the navy. I lost all betson ^{that.}

1943 Churchill pledges unrelenting war
on Japan. Allied Forces closing on Japs
54 German cities engulfed by flood.
Talk of the King of Rome abdicating his throne

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MAY 20

1943 I phoned Joan & asked her for a date, but she gave an excuse & said she had to help her mother. No doubt she really doesn't want a date.

1943 Attu's fall expected momentarily. Another war plant joins in strike. State police to enforce ban on pleasure driving. 113 German planes destroyed ⁱⁿ day.

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19 43 Took it easy all day today. went to the mill & said good-bye to the gang. Received \$15 from the gang upstairs

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the gang upstairs.

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Americans plastered the
scaffolds. U.S. forces mapping
up Attu japa. Talked man began
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