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## **Celebrating 175: Frederick Hammersley Diary, 1940-1943**

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JANUARY 2

1940- Up little after 7. dressed. breakfast. Sis made lunch. to town. rained all day. school. good to be back. Steve talked & stuff. lunch at school. went for walk, school at 1. Stoltz class. still life. did lousy. gotta draw more. met Dad at office. to market shopped walked back to Ross to get car. home. tired. Sis to class. I worked on lettering. Tracys in.

Thurs 1941 - Up 7:50. exercised. breakfast. to Beatz class. 1/2 class absent. everyone had the "let-downs"/ from Xmas. home. lunch. to Jake Ziethin galleries see Patrick's watercolors. to commercial. not ready. to town to library to get card. walked home. sup to false. see "San Francisco" B+ "C. Gable & J. Mac Donald & T Averys & T. Turner - These glamour girls" C+. bed - 11:30

Fri 1942 - Up 9, (cold. sunny) breakfast. dressed. to stores for Mom Sis & I to town. shopped around. got nice corduroy jacket at Moores 9.22. to Dad's office Dad took us to lunch. to Couvosier. bot flowers. car home 1 1/2 map. Bill Miller up to sup. nice to see him, talked. played pong. fun. tired than. bed. 11

Sat 1943 - Up 545 (cool nice day, sun) reville chow. cleaned up. to work early whata day. no work. drew with pen & ink & tryed comp. read some. home. chow. work. drew some more errands to hdqts twice. abstraction notes. home 5 nap. to chow. 6 (letter from Vandel) to day rm looked thru mags. theatre - Monty Woolley: Ida Tupino "Life begins B- at 8.30" B-home. washed some clothes. bed 10

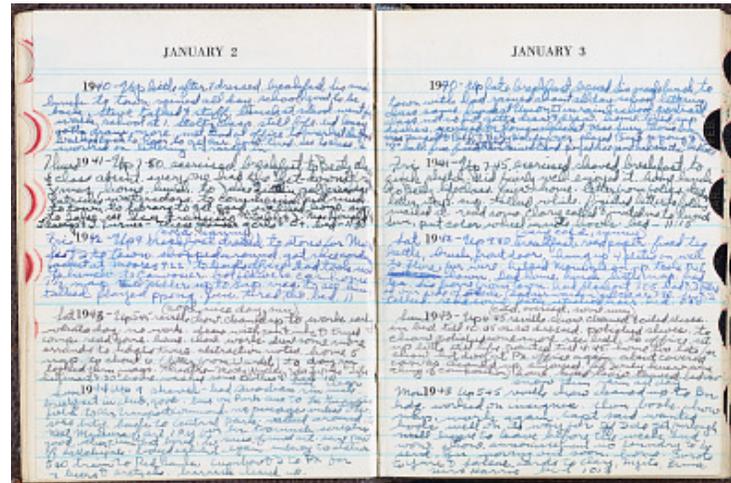
Sun 1944 Up 9 shaved - had Canadian rm mate. cool clear breakfast in club. good. bus on Park Ave to La Guardia field. to air transport command. no passage unless over seas duty. back to Central park. walked around. to Met Museum of Art 1 PM for hr too much. sculpture good, other than that bored: to mus of mod art. saw part of Hallelujah. looked exhibit again. subway to station 540 train to Red Bank. Cuanbrow & I to PX for 2 beers & pretzels. barracks cleared up.

JANUARY 3

1940 - Up late breakfast dressed. Sis made lunch to town with Dad. rained about all day. school. lettering class. same. lunch at union [[drawing of a square]] in rain. school. portrait class. not so hot. gotta draw & draw. home. tired. sup dishes. worked on Roman alphabet. Miss Sussy, Gloria Swanson Miss Vandell & Bill & Betty Holiday over. played Bingo. p. pong & "8" ball. fun. fixed clogged drain rained hard. played dice game. had cake etc. bed late

Fri 1941 - Up 7.45. exercised. shaved. breakfast. to quick sketch. did fairly well. enjoyed it. home. lunch to Beetz life class. fair. home. letter from folks. started letter. nap. sup. talked while. finished letter to folks mailed it. read some. Clary called & invited me to lunch Sun. put color wheel in side book. bed - 11:15

Sat 1942 - Up 9.30 (very cold, sunny) breakfast. read paper. fixed tea kettle, brush, front door, hung up 4 plates on wall. to store for wire. helped Mom clean up. took tree [[strikethrough]] bathroom



~~down.~~ Dad home. lunch. little nap. had tea. Sis home from town. had blackout 7.05. Dad & I patrolled our side of abods (Dad air warden) all clear 7.30. Sis & I talked. read some. bath washed hair. bed 11.30

Sun 1943 - Up 6.45 (cold, overcast, some sun) reville chow. cleaned & oiled shoes. in bed till 10.45 or so. dressed. polished shoes. to chow. polished some more. rec hall. to office. set up little still life. painted till 4.45. home to late for chow. hot dog at PX. office again. about covered canvas. cleaned up. enjoyed. (if I only knew & something of composition) home. rested radio. shaved. bed 845

Mon 1943 up 545 snow then rain all day reville chow cleaned up. to hdq. worked on insignia. then books. chow nap. work again. Capt said wanted books well on it way for if I do get furlough will have to leave before the week end. now. chow. announcement no laundry to be sent. Bn moving out soon. home. wrote to Yuri D Salsne. cards to Clary, Fujita, Erma Mrs Harris bed 1015

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