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January 6

1940-Up late. surely tired. about as cold we've ever seen. dressed. breakfast. dishes. read papers. chopped some wood. & xmas trees. took down Xmas tree. nap. Dad home. dinner. dishes. folks shopped at Portal & to show (Rains Came) I studied worked on layout for commercial radio. worked sprinkled little.

(16th week of school) 4th month Mon 1940- Up 6:30. exercised. worked from 6.30 to 8.15. on color wheel. breakfast. to Jepson class. did fair. home. lunch. finished pasting up color wheel. to color & design class. didnt do thing. in library etc. home. nap. sup. cleaned up palettes. looked thru mag. cant get idea for hotwell. cant concentrate. for run. tired. bed-11.30. (cloudy day)

Tues 1942-Up 8. tired. (cold, sun) end. shaved. 1st breakfast rematted Tigress prob. to Jepson life class. lousy home lunch. card to Clary. to commercial. Northridge like our "Teams" layout best, talked all time. in darkroom. home. sup. nap. took suit, sweater & brown pants to cleaners. to school again. worked on lettering. home read some. looked thru scrap. tired disgusted. Bed 11.15

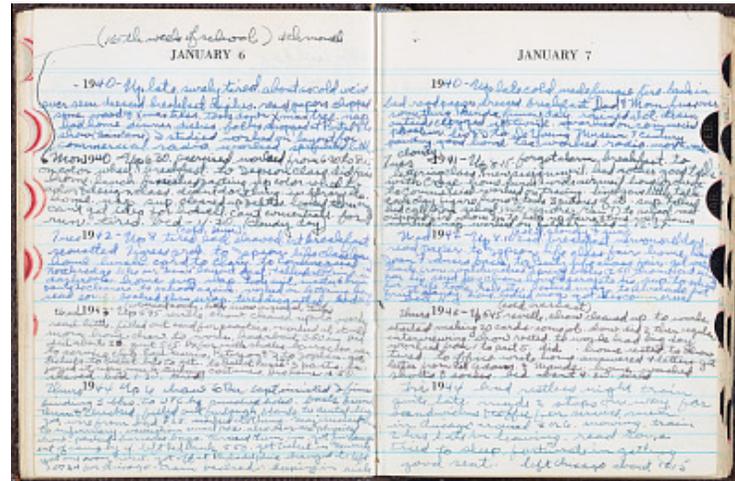
Wed 1943-Up 545 reville. (overcast cool. little snow on ground, some sun) chow. cleaned up to work read little. filled out card for practice. worked at it all morn. home chow. to work. had about 3.50 in PM did about 28. quit 5.15. Px for milkshake. barracks. ran to service club. Earl Morris, Peterson & I to Joplin. got tickets to Ballet. bite to eat. to Ballet Russe 1.68-3 parts. enjoyed it very much. striking costumes. bus home 12.50. shaved. bed 1.30. tired

Thurs 1944 up 6 have to Bu. Capt insisted I finish binding 5 bks. to UTC hq punched holes. back bound them & checked. filled out furlough blanks to dental clinic got wire from Dad & \$25. marked clothing. Maj. checked them to infirmary. vaccination smallpox. also over see physical. chow. packed barracks bags. turned them in. got furlough. out of camp by 4. left Red bank 550. got ticket in Newark got one way ticket. got off at Philadelphia changed it. left 1.08 AM for Chicago. train packed. sleeping in aisle

January 7

1940-Up late. cold. made furnace fire. back in bed. read paper. dressed. breakfast. Dad & Mom fuss over something. kinda funny day. rained alot. drain outside clogged up twice. worked on commercial problem. Sis & I to DeYoung Museum. 7 century painting. good. home. tea. worked. radio. more work.

Tues cloudy. 1941-Up 8.15. forgot alarm. breakfast. to lettering class. new assignment. had nother good talk with Craze. home lunch. wrote airmail home for check to commercial worked on tracing. final gave little talk. took clay figure home & took 3 pictures of it. sup. talked had call from school. nite registrar (Van?) to school. met crippled girl whom I'm to help upstairs 3 time week. home worked. nap. worked on folder. bed-12.37.



Wed 1942-Up 8.10 end. (cold, cloudy & sun) breakfast. nervous all day. read paper. to Jepson life class. fair. home. lunch. Joan Francis back to Beitz life class fair. got watch back from watchmaker. spring broke (2.50) home. cut scrap for Sis. send key chain home. & scrap to Sis. sup. to school for while. took role etc. looked mags. to Alvarado. bot fruit & candy. home. looked mags got idea commercial bed. 11.

Thurs 1943-Up 545 revelle. (Cold. overcast) chow. cleaned up. to work started making 20 cards. some job. slow. did 2 then regular interviewing. chow. rested. to work had big day. worked from 1 to past 5. did. home rested. to chow. tired. to office. wrote home answered 4 letters. get letter from Rob Cedaras & Maude. home. washed shorts & socks. bed about 9.30. tired

Fri 1944 had restless night train quite late. made 2 stops on way for sandwiches & coffee for service men. in Chicago, around 5 or 6. snowing. train 2 hrs late in leaving. read some tried to sleep. fortunate in getting good seat. left Chicago about 1015

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