

**Extracts from
The 1915 diary of Grace Mackarness**
(unfortunately only up to August)



All Grace and Charlie's sons saw active service during World War I. Guy and Roger are pictured in their uniforms.

Grace's diary from 1914 is not available. However, less than a month before she began this one, there was a memorable incident, recorded on the website <http://www.st-martin-on-the-hill.org.uk/history.htm>

The second vicar of St Martin's, Charles Coleridge Mackarness (died 1917) was beginning the celebration of morning communion in the Lady Chapel at 8.05am, 16 December 1914, when the bombardment of Scarborough by a German battle squadron began. One of the first shells damaged the east gable of the church. Archdeacon Mackarness carried on regardless throughout the bombardment, which lasted twenty minutes. On returning to the vicarage, he found that shrapnel had entered through the window of his study and penetrated the bookshelf behind his desk.

Monday 4 January 1915

A good deal of rain. Fanny was unwell with a chill & I had Dr Salter to see her. We had the whole Irwin family and Mr Watts to luncheon. Charlie had a touch of lumbago. Very few callers at my at Home. Evensong.

Wednesday 13 January

I went to the Children's Conv. Home Committee. I paid Miss Thompson a visit. Sunday School tea and a magic lantern.

Thursday 14 January

Dull but no rain most of the day. I went in to the Godfreys' & saw a few of Eileen's presents: she & Mrs G & Violet came over after luncheon & chose our present to her & C, a dinner service. Calls. Mr & Mrs & Gladys Milvain to tea. CMWP.

Friday 15 January

Eileen came over & read us part of her letter from Cuthbert: Charlie heard from him. Litany &c. I went over & saw a number of Eileen's presents. Charlie & I went to the Victoria Hall & heard an interesting address from the Bp. of Nelson, New Zealand. Tea with Mrs Struthers Stewart at Harland's. Evensong. C and I drove to the Sea Bathing in rain & helped in an Entertainment for the wounded soldiers.

Tuesday 19 January

Actually no rain. I paid the books & went to a sale of Indian work at the Victoria Hall. The clergy came to luncheon. Calls. Miss Wright to tea. Evensong. C and I went over to the Gs' in the evening & saw presents & some of Eileen's dresses which she put on.

Wednesday 20 January

Charlie went to Bishopthorpe. The good news arrived from Nelson "Son all well. Hughes." Litany. In the afternoon was the Godfreys' wedding At Home. I went & Charlie came later, & we lent Fanny & Catherine to help: Eileen looked sweet in a white trousseau dress. Late Evensong.

On this day Grace wrote 9 letters and 19 postcards, presumably announcing the new grandson.

Friday 22 January

I went to the Rescue Comm., held at Miss Guen's as the Coopers were away. Litany. I went in to the Gs': Eileen had been inoculated last night. Charlie went to York at 1.17. Visits. Evensong, before which I had a visit from Mr Merryweather. Charlie had a Ch. House meeting.

Sunday 24 January

Dr G & Eileen were at Church together early for the last time before she goes. I went to the usual services. We had Sydney Ritson, Mrs Wormald & Mr Watts to luncheon, & the Austens & their aunt to tea. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing, Eileen came in to supper & Vera Dawson came over afterwards to fetch her.

Tuesday 26 January

I paid the books &c. Preparations for the Choirmen & Servers' Supper. Evensong. Very successful supper, we sat down 24 including Stephenson whom we asked for the

first time. Eileen was dining at Ravensdene with her Father & Mother but Violet came & helped entertain the company.

Thursday 28 January

I went to Church early. Eileen came over. I went down the town about blinds & hall curtains. Calls in the afternoon & I took out a few monthly papers. CMWP. Charlie & I went to the Sea Bathing & helped in another Entertainment for the soldiers, then we drove back & after a quick change went over for a farewell dinner at the Gs'.

Saturday 30 January 1915

Eileen sailed in the Khyber for India. I took round my monthly papers. Miss Waddington came to tea. Emmie arrived for the weekend from Miss Thompson's. Evensong.

Sunday 31 January

A little snow. Usual services. Emmie, Violet & I went for a lovely walk on Oliver's Mt after Matins & had to take a taxi home from by Dr Cuff's as we were late. Mr Watts & Mr Fletcher to luncheon & the Fords to tea. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing. The Khyber cd. not sail on Saturday because of fog but I hope she got off the next day: Eileen & Co had to go back to London for the night.

Monday 1 February

I went down the town. The clergy came to luncheon. I had a dozen callers at my At Home. Mother wrote to ask Charlie to dedicate dear Father's Memorial but we reluctantly refused, feeling we couldn't be away at night just now.

Thursday 4 February

Charlie went to Bishopthorpe at 8.55, coming back for a late luncheon. We settled to give the maids 2 nights' holiday & go South after all so I wired. I paid calls. CMWP.

Thursday 11 February

Charlie went to York again at 8.55. Packing, writing &c. Finally off at 1.17 for Oxford joining Charlie at York. Catherine had already left for 2 days' holiday & the other 3 were going at 2.40, the Ordes being in charge of the Vicarage. Arrived safely – but late – in time for a late dinner with Daisy, & Th. & Elsie came in afterwards which was very nice.

Friday 12 February

A lovely day. By the 9.12 we started for Knoyle & after some delay & fears caught all our trains, joining forces at Salisbury with Ella & then Violet. C & I went up in the Nevilles' motor & had luncheon at the Rectory, the others went to Enterprise when Mother & sisters arrived by motor. A very nice service at 3 o'clock with an address by Charlie after dedicating the beautiful memorial tablet to Father.

Afterwards we saw numbers of friendly village people both in Church & out & in the new Hall. Ella & Violet had to catch the 4.11. The rest of us had tea at Enterprise before leaving for B'mouth with Mother & sisters in the motor. Humphrey was to have come but had a chill.

[Newspaper cutting: 'At East Knoyle, near Salisbury, on Friday, the Archdeacon of the East Riding (Dr Mackarness) dedicated a handsome memorial to the memory of his father-in-law, the late Canon Milford, who was Rector of the parish for nearly forty-seven years (1865 to 1912). The memorial took the form of a medallion in white marble in a setting of grey, and was executed by Mr Bruce Joy. It has been erected on the east wall of the nave, immediately outside the south side of the chancel arch. Evensong was conducted by the present Rector, the Rev. William Neville, assisted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. W.H. Lewis, Rector of Fonthill Gifford. In his address to the congregation after the dedication the Archdeacon said that this memorial was remarkable, as commemorating a pastorate not only of a long term of years but of singular faithfulness, devotion, patience, perseverance, and humility. Canon Milford's widow and many members of his family were present at the service.']

[Text left on blotting paper, so probably part of a letter or note: '...sweep the kitchen chimney. He must not rattle or call. , as both the Archdeacon and Dr Godfrey are ill, but the maid will come to the gate.']

Monday 22 February

Bright but cold. Dr Thornley came to see me (Dr G. being away) & prescribed an inhalation. Charlie went to York at 10.33. I had a visit from Miss Thompson. It is an attack on the laryngx [sic] which is bothering me & Margot also wrote in bed from the same cause but evidently worse than mine.

Tuesday 23 February

Charlie heard from Hugh. C had to go again to York – for a Woodard Chapter meeting. Dr Thornley came to see me. A fine day. A wire from Roger saying he was coming home on sick leave tomorrow till Monday & wanting to bring Betty Pughe.

Wednesday 24 February

Charlie went over to Sealby to celebrate for Mrs Keble, Dr G lending his motor. Dr Thornley found me better but would not let me come down. I had visits from Miss Thompson & Mrs Godfrey. Charlie had the clergy to luncheon. Mrs Clough & Mrs C Smith came & did the cutting out. Mr Wade Grey [Gay?] from York – St Olave's – preached at 8 & went back the same night. Roger & Betty Pughe arrived by the 7.53 – R had had 'flu.

Thursday 25 February

Dr Thornley came & said I might be up in my room but not go down till next day. Roger & Betty went down the town. I got up in the afternoon. Roger & Betty had tea with me & the latter taught me a new Patience. Charlie went to the Annual Hospital Meeting. Roger & Betty went to the Palladium.

Friday 26 February

Charlie came and gave me Unction before breakfast. Mr England came & preached & left at 1.45. I came down before 2 o'clock & Betty & Roger helped me get the

room ready for the Working Party. Miss Thompson read & Charlie came in to close. Later I played songs for Rog. & afterwards we 3 played Poker Patience. Roger & Betty went over to the Gs' for a bit in the evening.

Sunday 28 February

Lovely but cold. I came down once more to prayers & breakfast, but C wouldn't let me go to Church. Roger & Betty went to Matins. Major & Lady Dorothy Wood & Capt Gutch came to luncheon. Roger & Betty had a walk after Matins & in the afternoon. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing. Violet came in to supper & Dr G afterwards.

Thursday 4 March

X Guy 22
[ie Guy's 22nd birthday]

I went to Church at 7.45: my 1st early Celebration since Ash Wednesday. I went down the town before luncheon & shopped & saw the results of the fire at the Remnant Warehouse last week. I went to see Mrs Shaw in Carlton Terrace. We had Charlie Armstrong to tea. Evensong (most of it) & then the CMWP. Mild & damp.

Friday 5 March

X Hugh 30

*** Cuthbert's & Eileen's wedding day**

Mild again. Charlie celebrated & I was present. Mr England came & gave his address at 12.15, leaving at 1.45. A good Working Party. Miss Thompson came after a meeting & finished the reading. I went to the 8 o'clock service. The Godfreys had a cable to say that Cuthbert & Eileen were married this day.

Saturday 6 March

I sent off wires & cables & letters & p.c.'s. Calls in the afternoon. By 3rd post Charlie heard at last from Elfie. Evensong.

Sunday 7 March

I went to all the usual services. The Irwins, Mr Hemsley, & Mr Musgrove came to luncheon. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing ... Good old Mrs Smith died, only a very short time after her husband ... Mr Raine preached at night, the 1st sermon I had heard of his & I liked it very much.

Thursday 11 March

Charlie went to the Ruridecanal Conference in the afternoon & then had his Commts' Class. Ada is very ill – she was poisoned by tinned soup the other day & is laid up in London. C sent a wire & the answer was “Has rallied wonderfully am now quite hopeful”. Calls. Evensong. CMWP.

Saturday 13 March

A lovely Spring day. I went down the town. In the afternoon I paid a visit to old Miss Spedding. Charlie had Confirmation candidates. We had Fred Horton to tea & he stayed on till people came out of Church!

Sunday 14 March

Another glorious day & I sat out in the garden after Matins. The Raines, & Elma, & Dr Thornley came to luncheon. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing after the Children's Service. Elma came over with a big chunk of wedding cake.

Monday 15 March

Glorious again. I ordered some things to be sent from Rowntree's to Harry Price at the Front. The clergy came to luncheon. I went to a CMS Medical Mission Meeting & tea at the Victoria Hall. Evensong.

Thursday 18 March

Charlie's cold was rather heavy but he went to York at 1.17 to a meeting & when he came back after 6 went to see Mrs Sample whose husband was killed on the line last night ... I paid calls & had tea with Mrs Cuff. I went to most of Evensong and then to the CMWP. Snow & a regular blizzard.

Saturday 27 March

Some snow showers. I took out my monthly papers in the afternoon. Reception into the Church of Confirmation candidates at 4. Evensong. More visits with my papers. Then to Mrs G's to hear Eileen's letters.

Friday 2 April (Good Friday)

I went to Church for the 7.15, 7.45 & 10 services (& played at Matins & 7.15). Mr Drake's addresses at the Three Hours were very good. We went to the Station Yard about 4.30 but the Good Friday procession did not come off because of rain: then it cleared up! Evensong & Reproaches at 8 – too long a service.

Sunday 4 April (Easter Day)

A lovely morning. I went to the 7 o'clock Celebration & had a walk before prayers, picking up Mrs Raine on the Esplanade. Only Charlie & Mr Raine at 8! Violet came in to see us after the 9.15, before going to bed – having been on night duty. We had Mr Hemsley & Mr Fletcher to luncheon & Margaret Badeock (?) and Amy Challis to tea: Charlie had not to go to the Sea Bathing: he preached again at night.

Wednesday 14 April

A beautiful day. Charlie went by the 8.55 to Market Weighton for his Visitation. I went in the town & then to the Children's Home Committee. Litany. Visits in the

afternoon & tea at the Hebblethwaites'. (Roger telephoned about money from Hythe.)
Gardening.

Thursday 15 April

X Cuthbert

Charlie heard from Roger. C went to Hull at 8.22 & I went to Church for part of the service. Mrs Ely & I went to a lecture at the Grand by Col. Tilney on finding your way by the stars but I wasn't much the wiser. NUWW Committee at Mrs Handcock's at 7.30 followed by a Gen. Meeting. CHS was here when I got back.

Friday 16 April

X John

A fine day. Air raids in different parts. Litany. SPG Stall shopping, then a call on Miss Atty & tea at Mrs Boyce's with her & Joan, Mrs G & Elma & Mrs Gawler Murray. I came back in the Gs' car. Evensong. (x Mr Meade came in for a few moments in the afternoon: he is much better & going home tomorrow.) Charlie heard from Hugh,

Saturday 24 April

I stayed in bed on account of my cold which was on my chest as well as in my head. Mrs G came in for a few minutes before going away to Ganton. Charlie went to Thornton Dale in the afternoon.

Thursday 29 April

*** Margot's baby boy**

Glorious. I had breakfast in bed. Charlie went to York again for Convocation. SPG Sale, opening with a short service in Church. Miss Thompson & Mrs Raine & I looked after our stall. Charlie came & had tea & stayed some time. I walked home with the Raines.

Saturday 1 May

I went to Matins. Mild & rainy. I was kept in for the rest of the day after luncheon. We had Maggie Brown (Rotherford) & her husband to tea. D Thornley came to see me & prescribed a tonic &c.

Tuesday 11 May

[**Crossed out:** A busy day] Litany at 12. I paid the books. Mr Merryweather came to uncheon. I went down the town to see about a drawingroom carpet &c. Back again for a Meeting at the Town Hall about house to house canvassing. Charlie gave the address at night. Wet. Dr Thornley came in late to say Goodbye looking very nice in khaki.

Friday 14 May

A fine day but cold wind. Litany. In the afternoon I went in my district with canvassing papers. Later I had to go down the town to see Mrs Futtly about some

information for an illeg. birth report so only got into the end of Evensong & the Intercession.

Saturday 15 May

A fine day. While I was gardening Harry Simpson turned up & we had him to luncheon: he was in the Lusitania when it was torpedoed. Charlie rode over to Sealby. I went on with my canvassing. Evensong.

Friday 21 May

A fine day.. Rescue Committee. Litany. In the afternoon I went to the Sea Bathing to pay my 1st visit as Canadian visitor. 3 were in & 3 out. Evensong. Roger wired his new address at Bordon. Charlie heard from Elf.

Saturday 22 May

I finished my canvassing book at last & Mrs Raine took it in for me. X Decorations. I went to Cloughton in the afternoon & was met by Alice McNab & Miss Woodhouse who took me to Cober Hill where I had tea, went over the Hospital & visited nearly all the Canadians – 12 – but 1 was out. Then to the Donners' & got Mrs D to be Visitor for the Canadians at Cober Hill: left laden with flowers. Met at Scarborough by Guy! Who had motorcycled from Clipstone. Dr G drove us up in the car. Violet came in later. I didn't go to Church.

Sunday 23 May

A lovely day. Guy & I went to Church together at 8 & at Matins. We 2 & Violet & Amy Dodson had a walk. We had Capt & Mrs Brooke, Gilbert Meade, & Mr Musgrove to luncheon. No Sunday School: after the Children's Service – taken by Mr Raine – Guy & I went on the shore. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing. C preached again at night.

Monday 24 May

A lovely day. Celebration at 8. Guy left after luncheon on his motor bicycle. I packed. After tea I went down to the Sea Bathing & saw some of the Canadians. Evensong. I went in to Mrs Stewart's with the Canadian papers. Charlie heard from Cuthbert.

Tuesday 25 May

Charlie & I left by the 10.33 for Sandhurst, via Kings X & Charing X & had a hot journey. The train was very late at Sandhurst Halt, not getting in till well past 8 instead of 7.37. Audrey was staying at the Rectory, arrived that day. A glorious day – real summer.

Wednesday 26 May

A lovely warm day. I had a game of croquet with Randal in the afternoon. Hugh arrived from Blackdown and later Freddie. I left before dinner, but Hugh stayed till after prayers. (Matins at 11).

Friday 28 May

Dull early but later it came out nice. Matins and Litany at 11. We all motored to Henly in the afternoon and Charlie and R and Nell went to see Canon Maud who was very ill. We went to see the Church: coming back we went to the Mackeys'. Hugh came to tea and later he and I were just beaten at croquet by R and N. Miss Boyle to tea. Mr Kann, a young officer came for the night. Hugh left late.

Saturday 29 May

Charlie saw me off from Wellington College by the 9.45 and was going later himself to York, and tomorrow to Scarborough to Col. Randall's. I found all well at Eton. Beatrice came to luncheon before leaving the Johnsons' for Hampstead. Various callers. We went to see the final bumping race taking Mary and John.

Sunday 30 May

X Eileen

Rather a chilly day and we had a fire in the afternoon. I went to Church at 8 and Upper Chapel at 10.40: Bob went to the late celebration in Church with Margot – her first time since Baby came. When I came back from Matins I found Roger arrived from Bordon which was delightful: he left between 6.30 and 7. He, Bob, May, John and I went to see an aeroplane on Agar's Plough before tea.

Monday 31 May

X Elsie

The children had their breakfast in the garden, and Mary and John had their governess out there at 10. Margot and I went down the town shopping in the afternoon and also called on Mrs. Shannon. Charlie arrived in time for dinner.

Tuesday 1 June

I sat out in the garden. Mildred Hayes came in time for luncheon and about 2.15 also we went to Church at Eton and Charlie churched Margot and christened 'Michael Lee' who was as good as gold: Mr Blakiston and Mildred were Godparents and Bob stood proxy for Arthur. We sat out in the garden. Charlie and Bob had a ride after tea.

Thursday 3 June

Heard from Eileen. In the afternoon Charlie, Bob, Margot and I motored to Aylesbury. Bob went off by himself there, and the rest of us went to the church – where we found Jenns who was overjoyed to see us – and to the Vicarage, where we found Mrs. Whitechurch: then to the Friarage where we had tea with Mrs. Cooper. Charlie and I looked in on the Hedges' and went to St. John's and finally had a few minutes at the Horwoods', though Mrs. H was out: and so back.

Friday 4 June

The day turned out lovely. It was a holiday, but there was no regular fourth of June celebration, though Hugh and I went down the town to the Bank and then Mary came on with me to shop. Later I went to the War Intercession at 12.30 – Mrs Cazalet and two boys came to luncheon. Margot and I drove to Eton Wick, to the Baby's Welcome, and walked back. Tea in the garden and we had the children out afterwards. Charlie and Bob had a ride.

Friday 11 June

Celebration at 7.15. Guy has been offered his Captaincy but refused as it would mean his being moved into a depot CoF and he hopes to go to the Front soon as it is. Charlie heard from Mr England about the Zepellin [sic] raid on Hull last Sunday night. Margot, Mary, John and I drove to Eton Wick where Margot went to the Baby's Welcome and the children and I drove to Dorney where we went over the dear little old Church: coming back I let the children get out and pick flowers, to their delight.

Saturday 12 June

By the 9.40 we left for Bournemouth, taking Bordon on the way. Roger met us and we drove to the Guadaloupe Barracks and had luncheon in Col. St. John's bedroom which he kindly lent. R. introduced us to Col. Manley and later we were introduced to other officers in the mess tent. Strolled about and saw the place before and after luncheon. Col. Manley gave R. unexpected leave for the weekend so he followed us to Bournemouth but he didn't come with us. We arrived safely – but late – and found Anne here from Rugby. Mother seems very flourishing. 'Patience' before prayers. R. didn't turn up till between 12 and 1 having come a wrong way: only C. and I sat up for him.

Saturday 19 June

Beatrice went to the station to see off Anne and her nurse at 11.20 for Rugby. Mai and I went to the War Intercession. Mother and I drove out calling: I called on the Lees and found Mr Lee and Annie (leaving on Monday), and then we paid a fruitless call on Miss Crewe. Dick arrived, very tall, and khaki clad. The Dunns, Porters, and Sheardowns came to tea, and the Lynch Blosses came afterwards. We all played Spooof in the evening, except Charlie. Dick played the piano very well.

Sunday 27 June

We went to St. Philip's at 8 and 10.30 and I stayed for part of the Choral Celebration – and the others for all. I got back to find Th. and Elsie waiting for me. In the afternoon Th. and I went to the Schools – now a hospital and paid a nice visit to William Allen (Grenadier Guards) who was back wounded from the Front: we sat out in New College garden and talked to him. Some heavy showers during the afternoon. Charlie and Daisy joined me at Carfax and we went to tea with Miss. Houblons and then to Cathedral.

Monday 28 June

Some showers. Doctor and Mrs Kidd came to luncheon. Charlie, Daisy and I went by motor bus to Abingdon. And after, going to see St. Helen's Church, we went to the Abbey House and had tea with the Bishop of Reading and his three daughters. In the evening, we dined with Th. and Elsie and two of their student boarders, and also Walter Gibson. Theodore sung delightfully – I accompanied him.

Thursday 1 July

I went to York at 8.55 for a Dioc. Council meeting and met various friends, Alice Hogarth, Miss Sadgrove etc. Charlie and the Bp. Of Hull came back by the same train – 2.42 – after a meeting. Even song. A new carpet in the drawing room, and the old one looking quite smart in the nursery.

Monday 5 July

Charlie went to Northallerton at 10.25. I went down the town. A wire from Guy to say he was coming at 6.1. My At Home day: I had 18 callers and had nearly all in the garden, but finally it began to rain. I went to the station and found Charlie and Guy just arrived so we drove up together. G. had had a chill so got a week's leave. Charlie went to a CMS meeting in Chch Rooms and 3 of the maids.

Tuesday 6 July

Charlie went to Northallerton. Lovely. Guy and I went out before luncheon and I paid the books. We sat out after luncheon and later went on the sands to the Italian gardens. After tea we gardened. Even song. A sea fog came on.

Wednesday 7 July

Celebration. Charlie went to Thring to a clerical meeting. Dr. Godfrey came in and saw to Guy's feet and then I dressed them for him before we went out. Freddie Richardson paid us a call, and then Capt. and Mrs. Gutch. We went down to Rowntree's. After tea I went to the Sea Bathing: all the seven Canadians were out, but I found two and had talks with them. Connie, Violet, Guy and I went to see 'Raffles' at the Opera House and much enjoyed it, though the heroine was an impossible female. Raining.

Friday 9 July

I went to Church. I went to the Rescue Committee at Chch Room, the first with Miss Crossthwaite. Dr. G gave me a lift down. Roger suddenly turned up by the 11.14 having come for short leave. A little rain. The boys played LT at the Club with the Howards' etc. and had tea. I went to see Miss Spedding. Connie came to tea – to see Charlie. I went to the Sea Bathing to see the Canadians. Even Song. The boys played billiards at St. Almer's.

Saturday 10 July

Rog. had breakfast in bed. He and Guy and I went down the town, the boys for shopping but I had to go to a meeting at the GFS lodge at which we settled not to reopen at present. Charlie went to Brompton at 1.40 to see Harry Simpson. The boys had a ride. Later they played squash and I sat out in the back with them. I played for Roger to sing.

Sunday 11 July

The two boys came to the Celebration and to Matins. We and Violet and her aunt had a short walk. The Dicks failed to come to luncheon. Roger left by motor to catch the 5.15 at York and Guy went with him in the car: this probably is R's last leave. I went late to school. Flower service. Showery so we packed in the vestry. Charlie preached at Chch. Mr Raine – and Mr Fletcher – took the St. Martin's service.

Monday 12 July

Charlie and I saw Guy off at 9.17 for Clipstone. The clergy came to luncheon and also Dr. Lock – medical missionary (Parson) – who gave a most interesting address in Chch Room in the afternoon, as the weather was too wet for the grounds of Londesborough Lodge. Mr Batty also spoke and Dr. Giles took the chair. There was a thunderstorm before the meeting. The Millvain girls came to tea. Even Song. We put up Dr. Lock. He taught me Russian and American Patience.

Friday 16 July

After the Litany etc. I went down the town to order things to send to Hugh. In the afternoon I went to see Bernie Stephenson and then called on old Mrs Leigh. After tea I went to the Sea Bathing and saw three of my Canadians. Even Song. Charlie came home.

Wednesday 21 July

Celebration. Charlie went to York to a Woodard Chapter meeting. I went to the childrens' Conv. Home. Mrs Reine and I went to the opening of the new Bathing Pool at 3 o'clock and Miss Thompson sat with us: Charlie turned up later. There were swimming races, water polo etc: we brought our friends back to tea.

Thursday 22 July

X Charlie

I went to Church. Charlie had a lot of letters and presents. Letters from India after ours had gone, so I wrote a second letter to C. as he sent some delightful photographs. Some rain. A good War Working Party. Even Song.

Sunday 25 July

Celebration at 8. Charlie went to the Sea Bathing for a service at 9, which he found better attended than when he went at 4.30. Elmer came for a walk after Matins and

then I went in for part of the Celebration. Our luncheon was alone for a wonder, but we had the Reines and Bob Russell to tea. Fine nearly all day.

Monday 26 July

By the 11.17, Charlie and I went to Bridlington for the St. Anne's Founder's Day: the Hutchinsons were there and looked after me while Charlie went to the business meeting. Then came luncheon with Miss Palmer, Mr Lea (Chaplin), Sir Alex McDonald, Sir W. Worsley, Mr Lloyd Greave and the Hutchinsons: then at 2.30 the Chapel service at which Charlie preached. Tea and off by the 4.13. In for the Intercession. Roger suddenly turned up by the last train, on sick leave after tonsillitis.

Tuesday 27th July

Rog. had breakfast in bed. Charlie went to the Gr. School. Roger and I went down the town before luncheon, to which Mr Reine came. Elmer, Roger and Brian went for a ride but were driven back by a thunderstorm: Elmer came to tea. I chose the hymns. I played the piano while R. played the banjo. Roger, Violet and Elmer went to the Opera House.

Wednesday 28 July

I had a delightful letter from Hugh from the Trenches, Gallipoli. Roger had breakfast in bed. I went about shopping for Hugh, both morning and afternoon and got off one parcel. Mr Savery came to luncheon. Roger and Elmer went to Wrea Head and R. shot two brace of rabbits (I went to church at 12).

Thursday 29 July

A fine day. Roger and Elmer had a ride. I went down the town about the School Treat prizes etc. I did up parcels for Hugh. Roger went to see Dorothy Wadsworth, and later her husband. We had Mr Reeton, Mr Turnbull, Arthur Wilson and Mr Bown to dinner before the Gr. School Prize (certificates this time) given by Mr Cooper which went off very well as also the Entertainment. Roger and Elmer went to the Pictures, and Mrs Godfrey.

Saturday 31 July

A fine day. I went down the town. I packed for Roger: he went to Ganton with Mrs Godfrey and was coming back to go off at 5.55 but had an extension of leave. I went on my district with m.ps. Even Song. Roger and Elmer played ping pong.

Tuesday 3 August

Charlie and I saw Roger off at 10.33 for Bordon and then I helped Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Reine and N. McNab cut up for the School Treat which went off successfully at Orleton in the afternoon. We had 3 cabs for the infants each way, and I was in one going up. The weather turned out fine. Kitty Clarke came to us for a few days (while Rose was in the Nursing Home) as she had to leave 6 Espl. for the Bickersteths. A wire from Guy saying he was moving to Salisbury Plain.

Saturday 7 August

I arranged the flowers and did some gardening. Visits in the afternoon. Some rain. Even Song. A wire from Margery Brereton asking for prayers for her husband who is seriously wounded.

Wednesday 11 August

Celebration. Children's Home Committee from which Mr Shuttleworth took me home in his cab, picked up Charlie and took us to the station where we caught the 12.00 train for Ravenscar. Freddie Barker met us and took us to her room, where we had luncheon with her, Mrs Barker, the Johnson Barkers and a friend. Sat on the cliff afterwards. Then to the room adjoining the Ch. where Charlie opened to Sale. A little rain. At the station when we got back, we found the Canadians all leaving, so I was able to say Goodbye: walked up with Mrs S. Stewart.