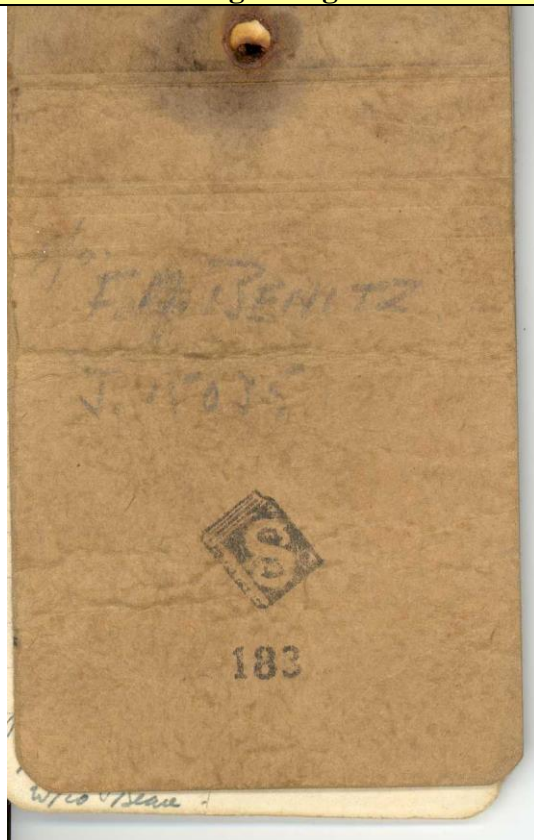


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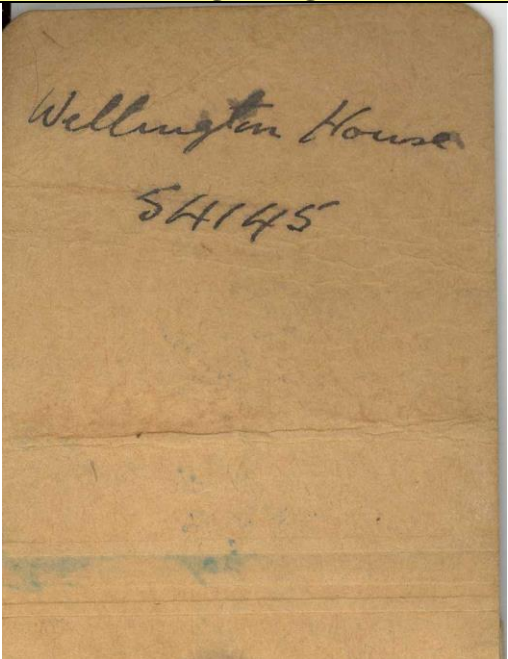
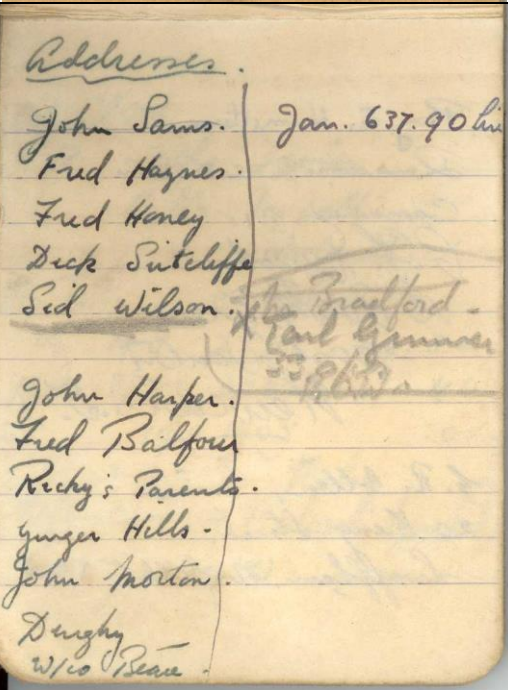


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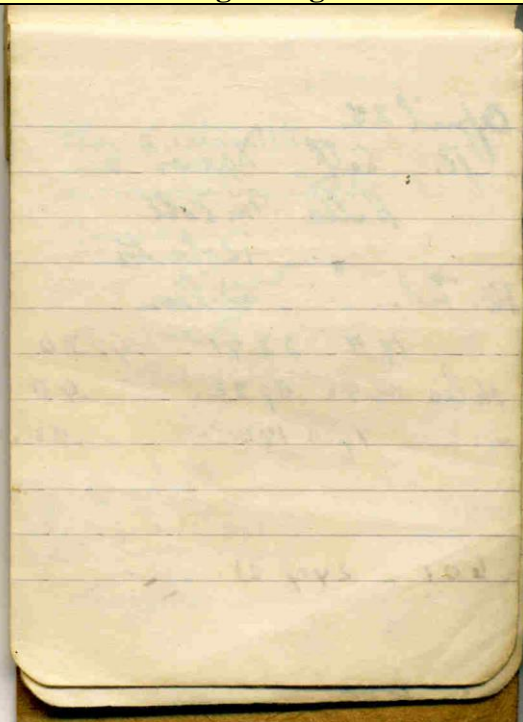
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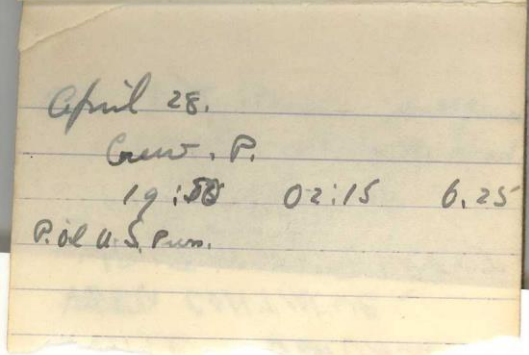
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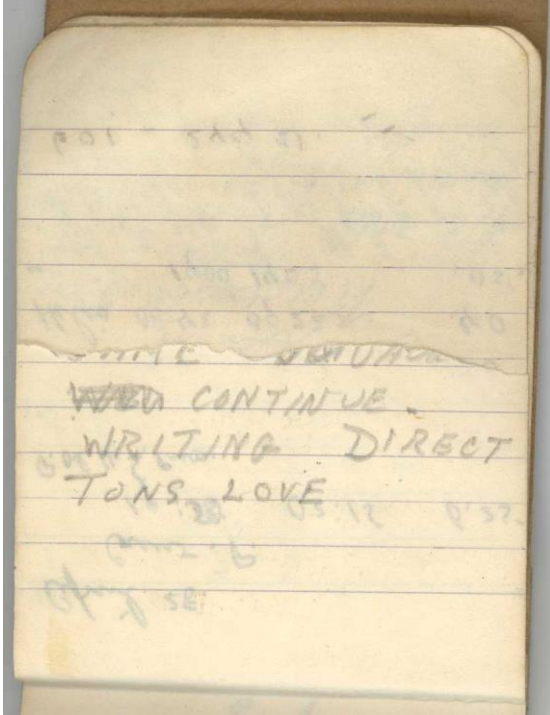
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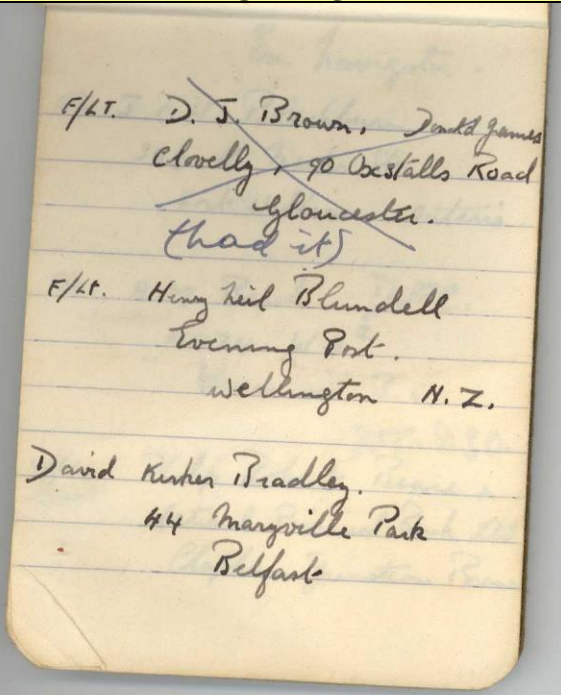


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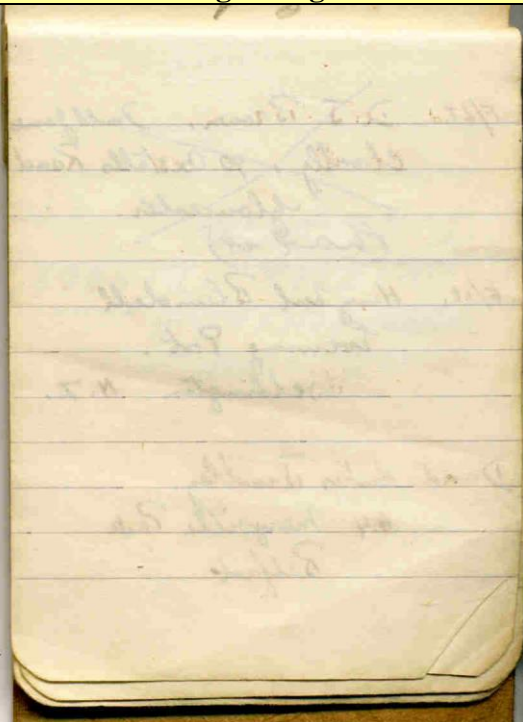
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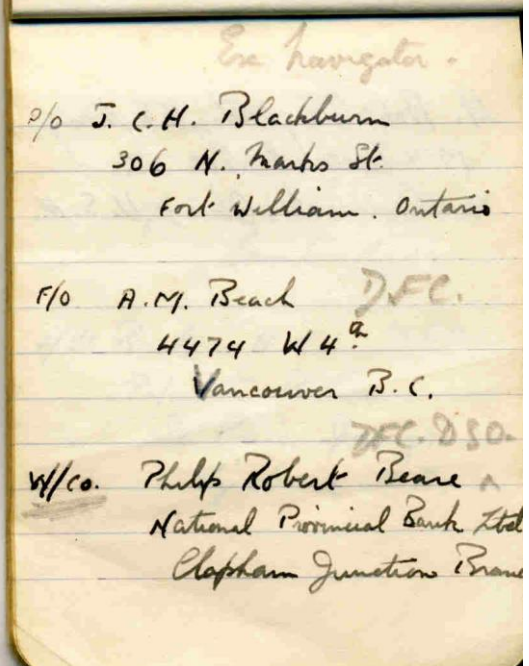
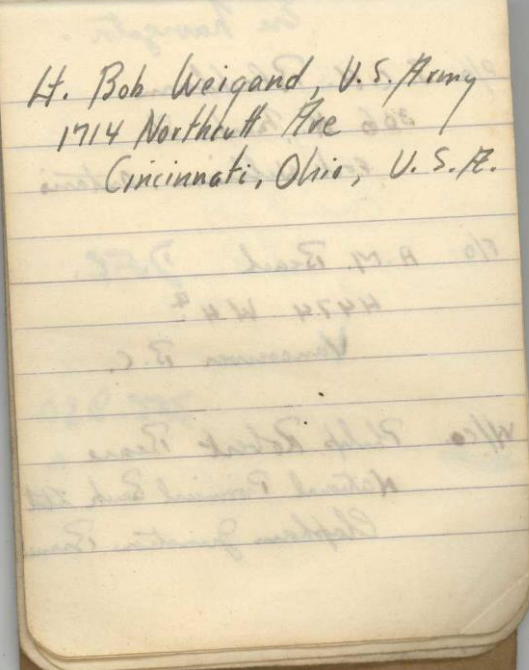
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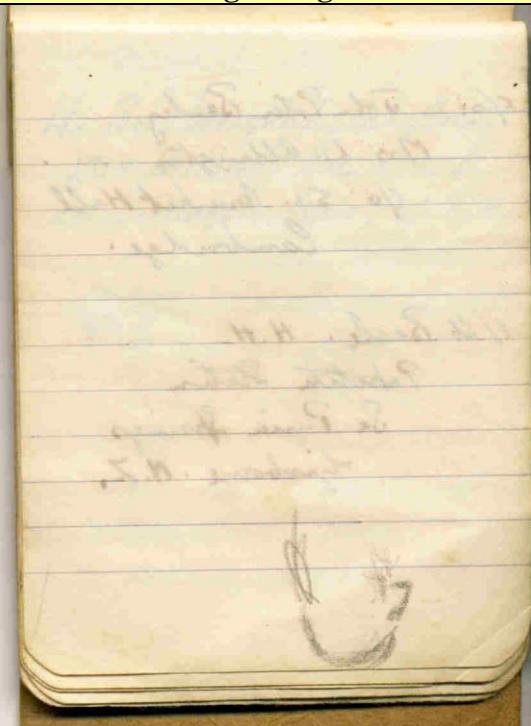
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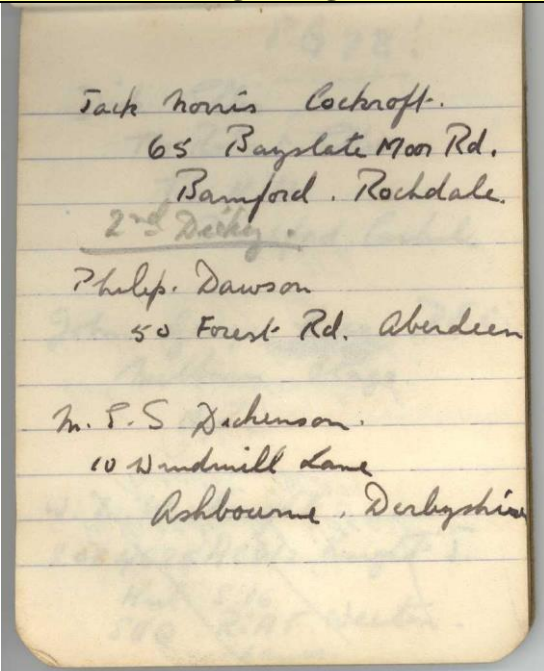
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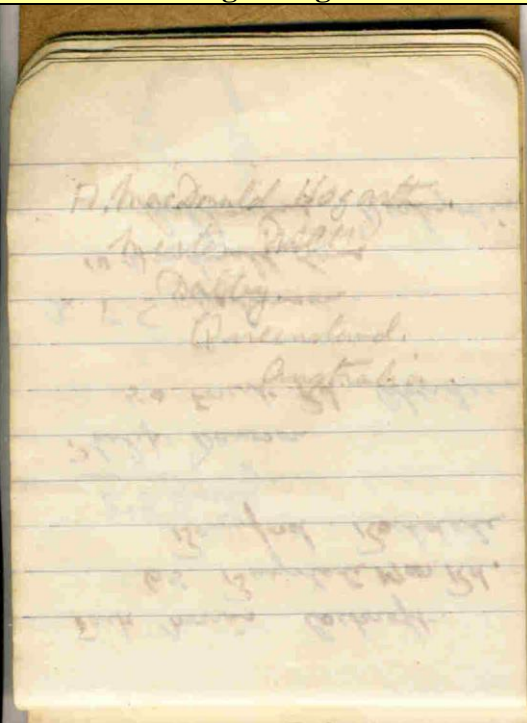
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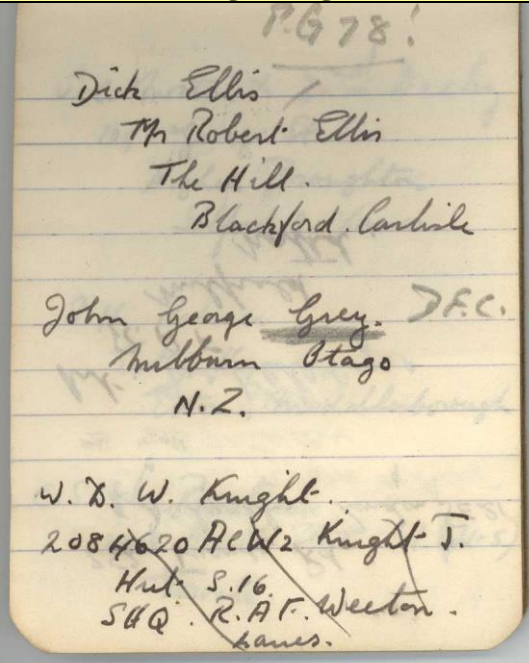
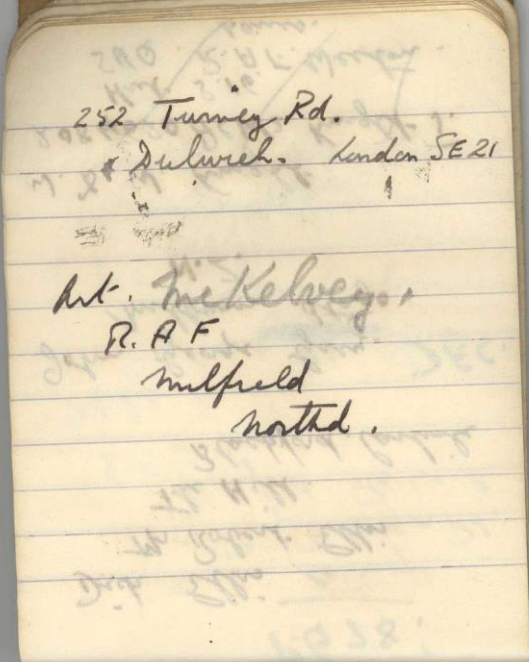
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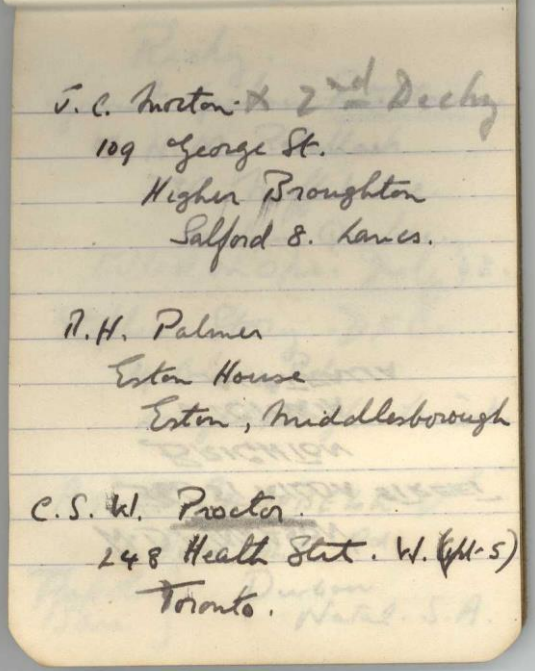
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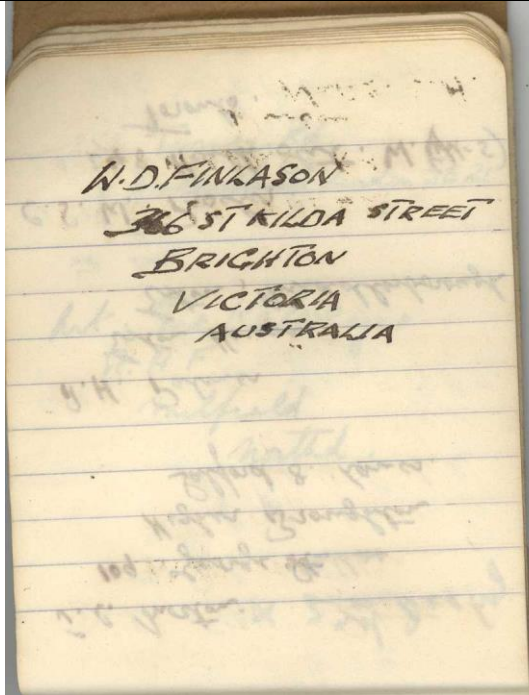
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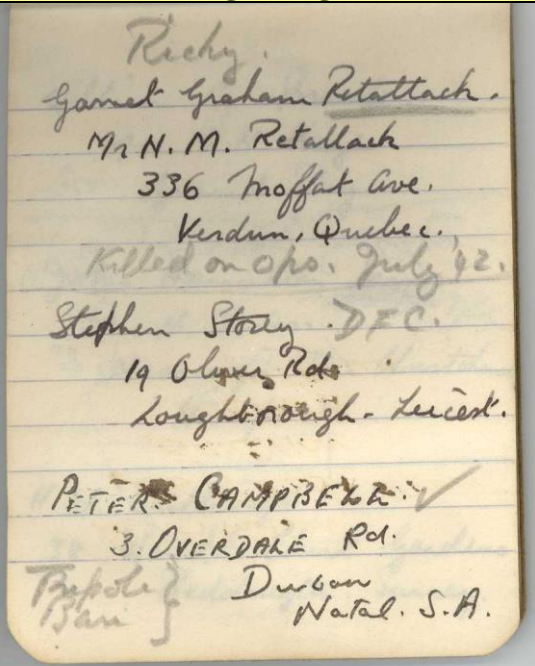
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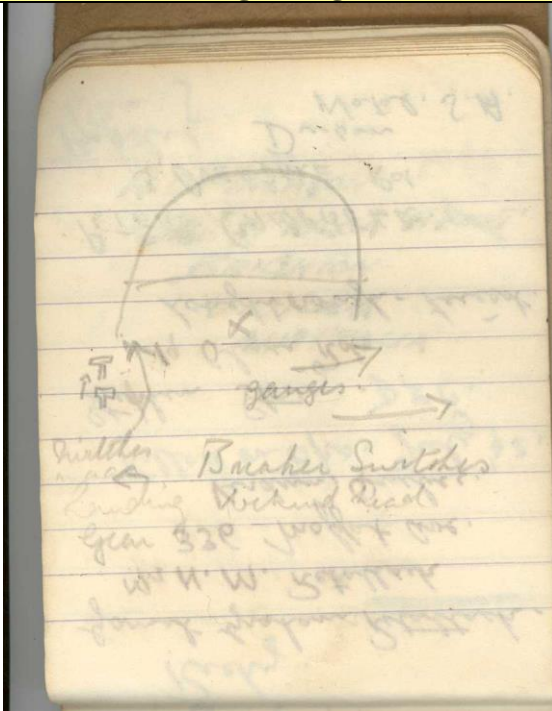
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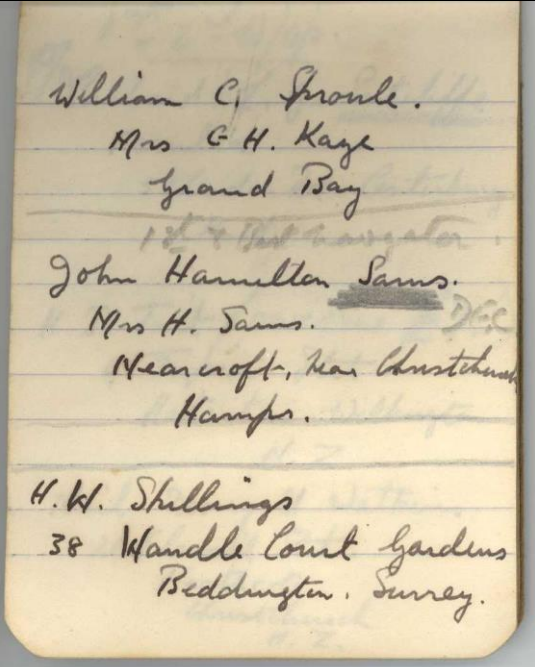
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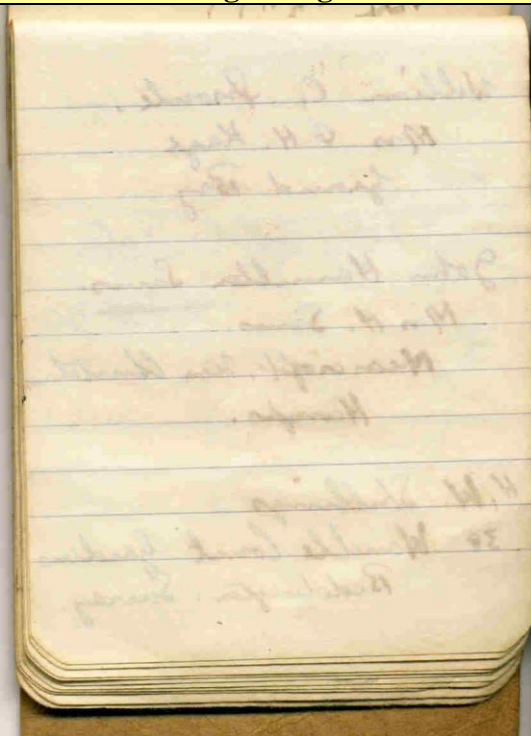
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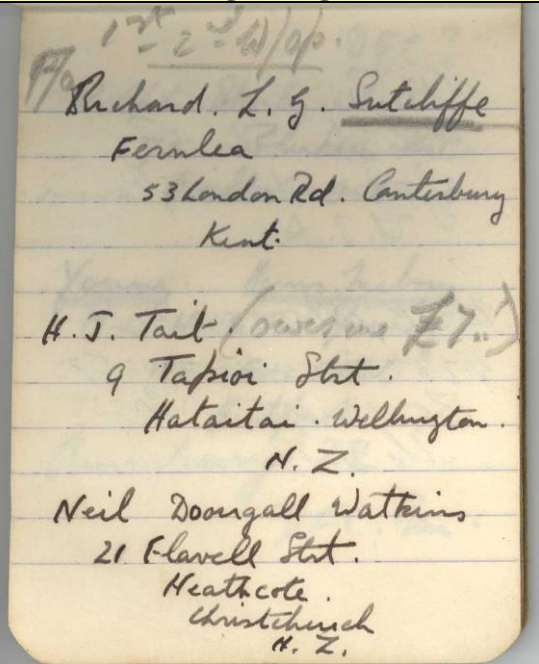
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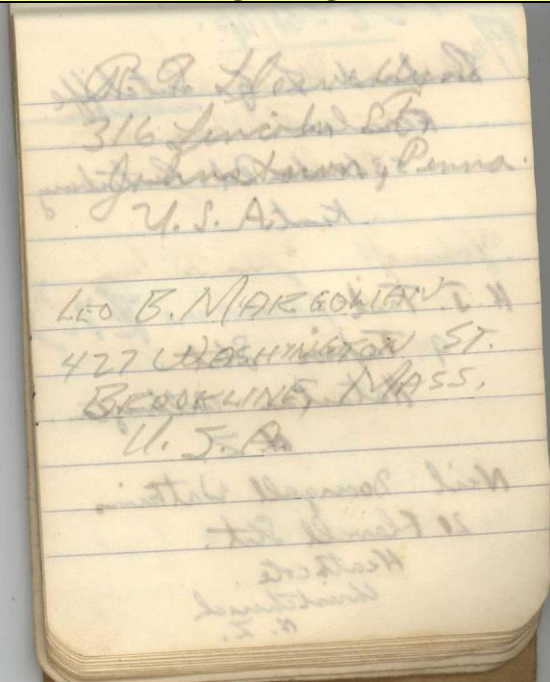
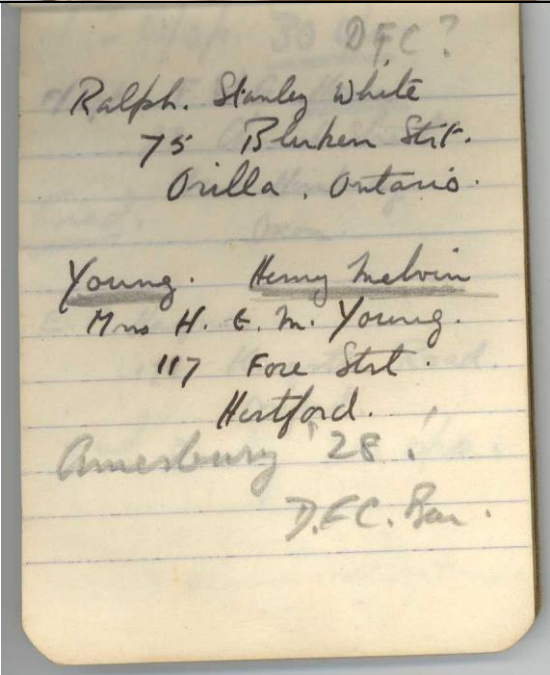
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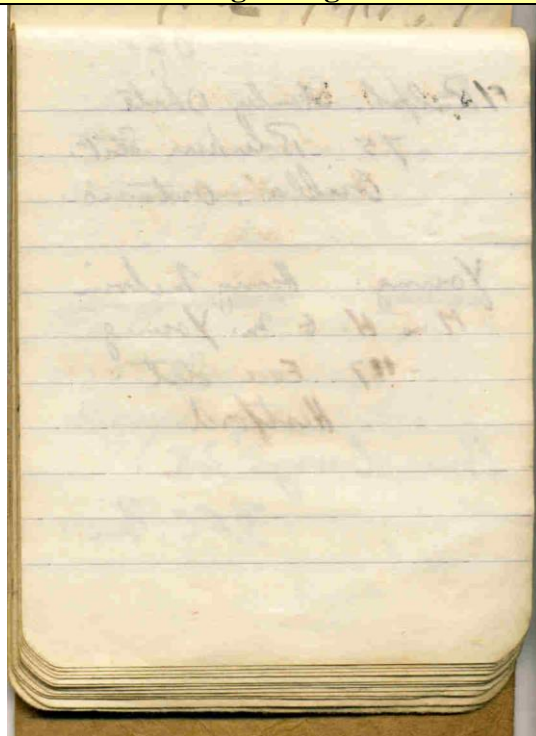
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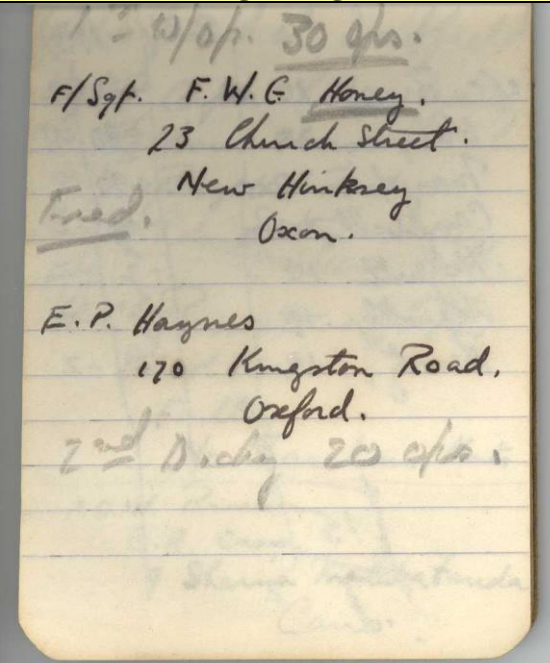
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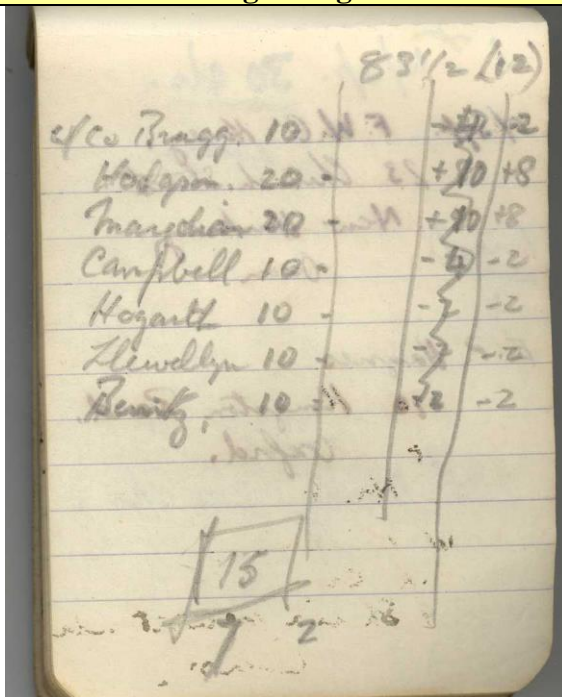
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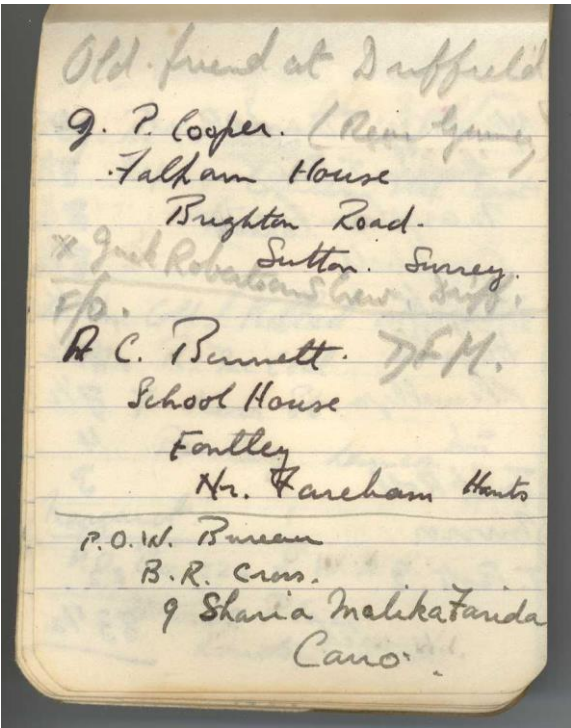
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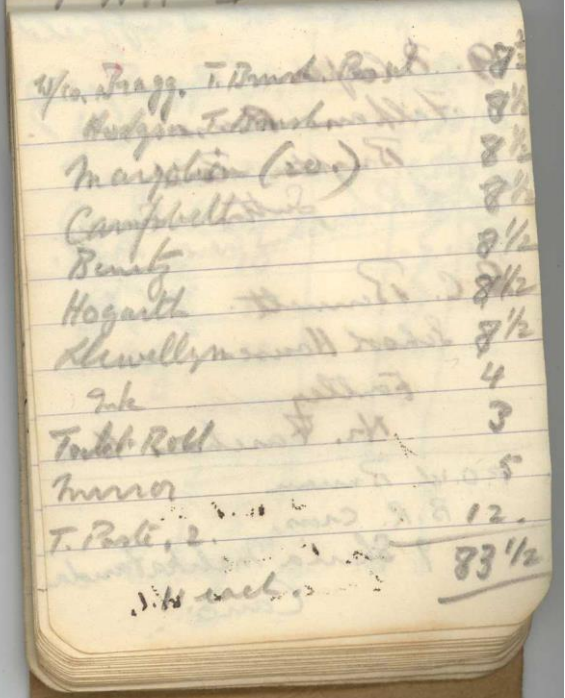
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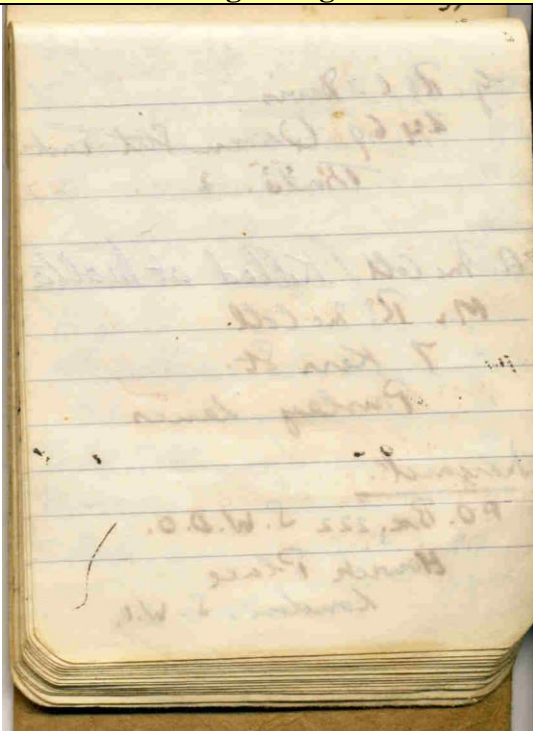
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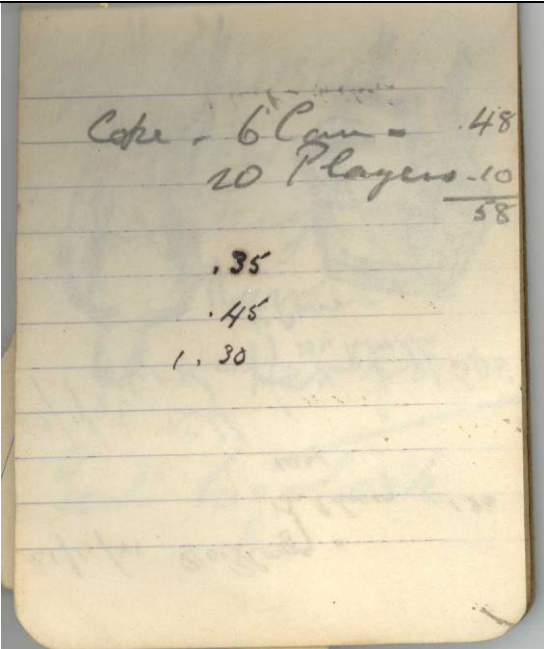
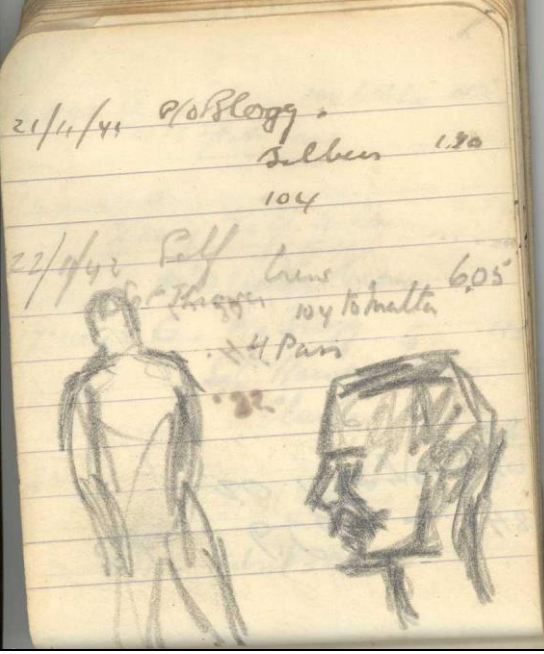
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	<p>13/11 G 104 to 2224 1.10 Scotty</p> <p>224 to 104 G 1.10 Cpl – Scotty –</p> <p>F/O K. P. W. Cope 5th New. Killed on ops. Malta Nov 26 42. Mother in London</p>	<p>Page 17, back</p> <p>“G” could be the letter ID of the plane he flew that day</p> <p>L.G.104 – (or: Qotafiyh II) near coast 13k west of “El Dabaa” L.G.224 – (or: Cairo West) 20k west of Cairo</p>

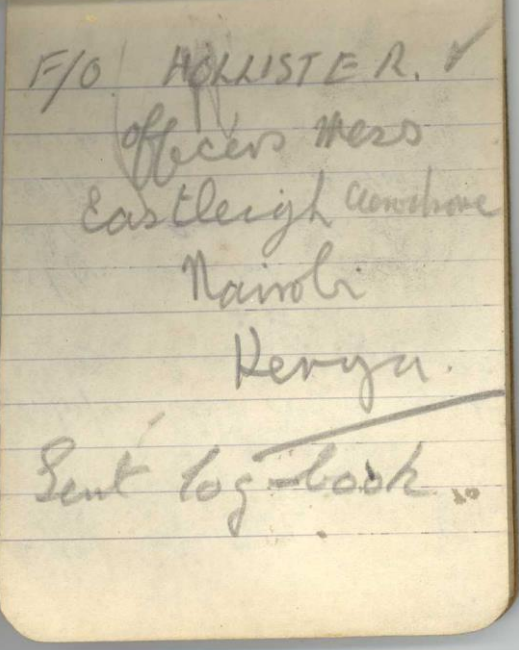
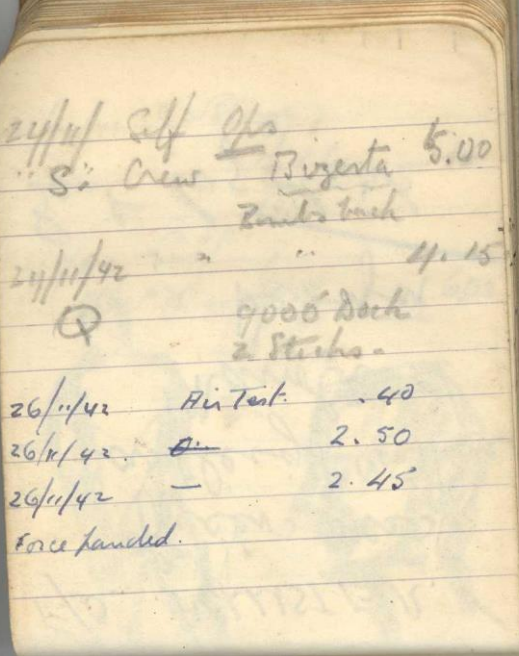
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	<p>16-11-42 G Self. 104 to Helio 1.45 Z8573 Sgt. Harborow & crew</p> <p>16-11-42 H. Z8659 Self. Helio 1.15 to 104 +30 crates beer.</p> <p>17-11-42 G. P/O Blogg 6 Sgt. Hawes Helio Clarke</p> <p>20. S. F/Sgt Wiggins 30 4 Pass. Beirut - Bilbeis</p>	<p>Page 18, back</p> <p>“G, H, & S” could be the letter IDs of the planes he flew</p> <p>Helio – (Heliopolis) L.G.218, today in north Cairo. L.G.104 – near coast 13k west of “El Dabaa”</p>

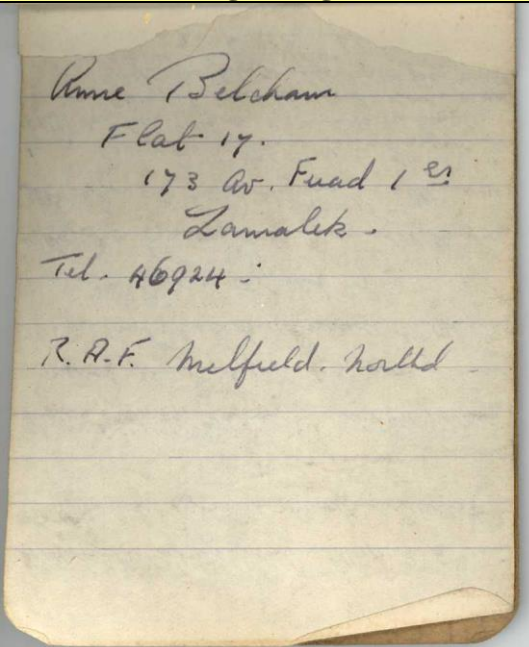
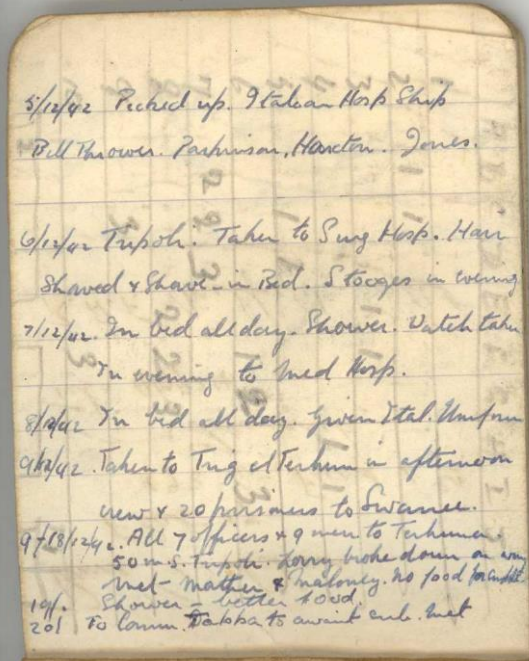
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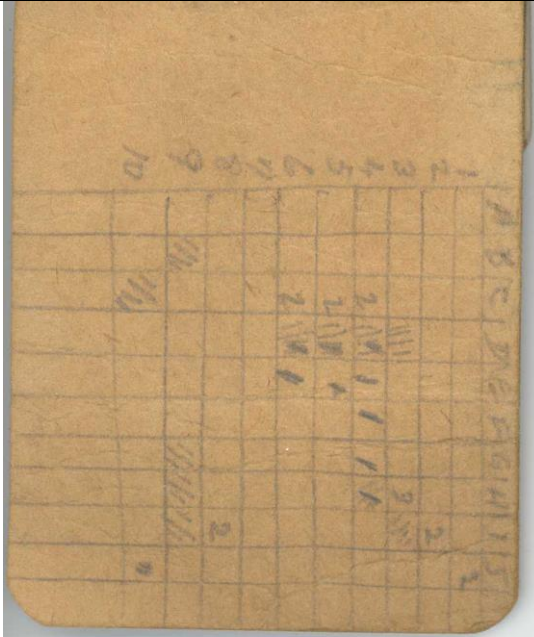
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	<p>24/11/ Self Ops "S." Crew Bizerta 5.00 Bombs back</p> <p>24/11/42 " " 4.15 Q 9006 Dock 2 Sticks.</p> <p>26/11/42 Air Test .40 26/11/42 --- 2.50 26/11/42 --- 2.45 Force Landed</p>	<p>Page 20, back</p> <p>"S & Q" could be the letter IDs of the planes he flew</p> <p>Bizerta – port north coast of Tunisia.</p> <p>The writing in blue ink was added later, after his escape from POW camp & return to England.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 21, back</p> <p>5/12/42 Picked up. Italian Hosp Ship Bill Thrower. Parkinson. Haxton. Jones.</p> <p>6/12/42 Tripoli. Taken to Surg Hosp. Hair Shaved & Shave _ in Bed. Stoozes in evening</p> <p>7/12/42 In bed all day. Shower. Watch taken In evening to Med Hosp.</p> <p>8/12/42 In bed all day. Given Italian Uniform</p> <p>9/12/42 Taken to Trig el Terhim in afternoon crew & 20 prisoners to Swanee</p> <p>9-18/12/42 All 7 officers & 9 men to Terhume 50 m.S. Tripoli. Lorry broke down on way Met Mather & Maloney. No food for supper</p> <p>19/. Shower – better food.</p> <p>20/ To Comm Talopa to await sub. Met</p>	

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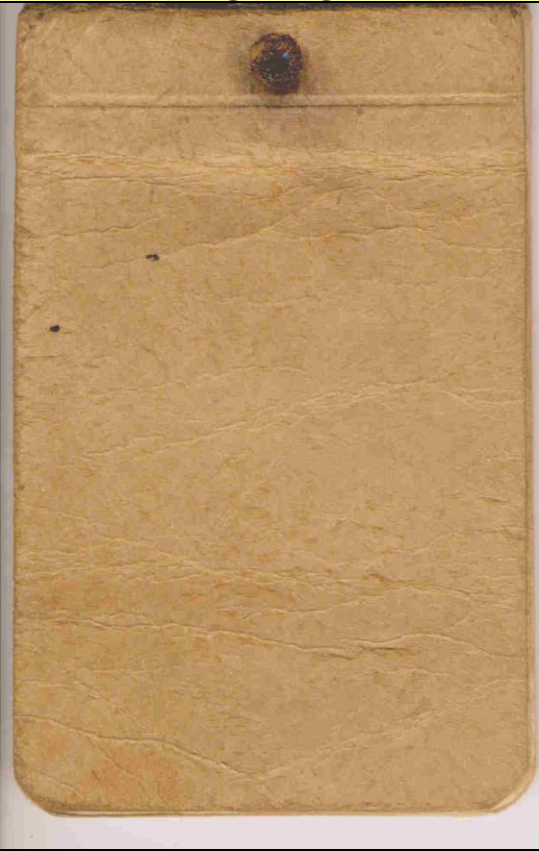
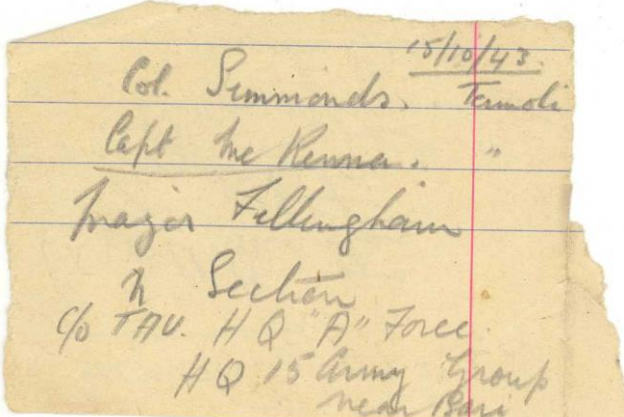
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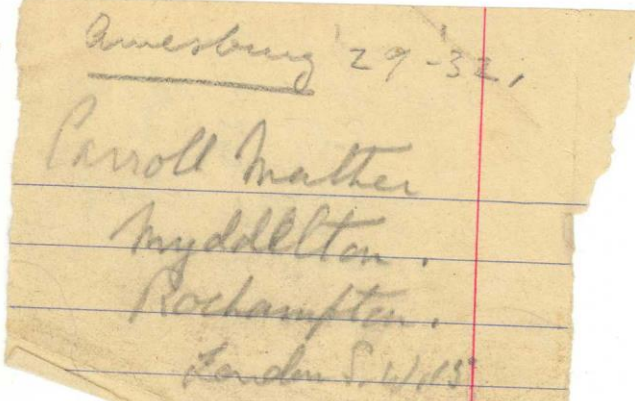
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