

11/6

Working in Toledo with Meredith at Toledo Hospital - both teaching

From was 31. She was there 2 yrs -

teaching anatomy, pathology.

Meredith was teaching Med Surg.

Morning. One day M. there was in

a district meeting at St Vincent's -

(Thurs's Assoc.) Main event - Nurses & Kers

from Ann Arbor, Mich (N. of.) There

to recruit. Meredith decided to go - got

check up right there - she was accepted.

From took a couple weeks to think

about it. It would be something

Different adventure. Nurse of

meeting turned out (Margaret Schaffer)

to be Chief Nurse of 298th Gen Hospital

Order - waited to be called. Went to Ann Arbor

of a lot - had check up - she was 121 - had to be 127

Said she could - didn't. Went home for

summer - 1945. Meredith lived in Indiana

shown in for denotation - no note - "privileged"

phoctors" Train from Ann Arbor with unit

298th to Camp Joe T. Robinson - Little Rock Ark.

at that time

20 weeks 150 in a JFA hospital.  
28th of June - Got telegram that Chris was born. It was her in LR - Spent Summer there.  
Desired to do things the "Army way" - paper work - worked in Post hospital, learned drilling - Dr's fought classes. Psychiatrist taught about Freud. Learned about <sup>Government</sup> military law - It was funny.  
P.X - cold beer was good - big pool.  
There till Sept/Oct - learned how to use Gas Mask. Unit volunteered for overseas duty. "She helped they were going to Carrachi!" knew they were going east. Got uniforms at Auk - <sup>old War</sup> <sup>new I uniforms</sup>  
Norm Auk - went to NJ to Camp Kilmer playing area - put unit together. There 1 week. Got everything ready for O.Ses. including gas mask + clothing (got in Ark.)  
Luggage ready to go - Sailed from B'klyn Navy Yard. Mariposa (Butcher) Didn't know where they were going. Things were <sup>secretly</sup> as possible. Shipping knew - <sup>2 in 2 room</sup> <sup>over 1 - 2 room</sup> <sup>triple</sup> <sup>feet</sup>

Uniforms - wore Class A on the boat.  
Dining room had waiters - like a cruise. Although they knew the subs were out there.  
Ficked up more nurses at Kilmer - groups didn't like each other as first. No escort into New England - planes escorted. Passed no fuel - through the Irish Sea - "It was green" Docked in Limerford. Fusion train through English countryside - train was blacked out. Couldn't see anything - "Looked foggy like Sherlock Holmes" had to go out of platform bet. trains. Mood of few - street. Went to Birmingham to an English Camp - Army camp w. brick houses. It was 1st of Nov - Cold - fireplace was the only heat - no one could build a fire!  
There for 4 1/2 weeks day - back on train another staging area.  
Sunday dinner - 3 picked up - a new book then to his house - AF officers there + nurses. Lost a pen - Inv of how dance floor they danced. Norm wrote to him - enjoyed being

Yours back yard - Was a back yard, it's a Garden!

Went to Bristol to the Hospital.

It had been a T.B. hospital - Separate

buildings connected by a walkway

to building. Assigned to a ward -

Nom had Medical ward with GI's

with colds, pneumonia - Army

Division stationed nearby that had

come from Ireland. Started bringing

in injured from Africa. Ship

would come into Bristol - all types of

injuries. <sup>They get sent to</sup> Officers ward. Pilots shot

alot of them - Soldiers had been at other

hospitals, Saw ~~some~~ T.B. - Chylin was

a patient. Nom showed him, "He liked her!"

Officers Club - drank what was available"

danced, talked. Shared room with Nedlich.

It was cold, AIR alert - taken seriously.

Off duty - report to unit - Walked to

unit from room. Mom was scared - last

time I was scared, never again while

I was overseas. P. Stone went over

But nothing happened.

11/7.

Overseas 3 Xmas - 'st at Bristol -

Church Service in a large decorated

room - had a blue drape w. Xmas scene.

It was Protestant

food?

<sup>strongly</sup> English Stuff - then American food

physical ones - beans in cans, Peas

w/eggs - 'st eggs - 1st for breakfast each on Xmas.

Everyone got up. Nedlich + Nom went to

Bach - "But don't say" "You want to go

to Bã th. Bought Kräpeler - everyone

had them.

In Spring - Chiffon asked Mr. Nom if

they'd be interested transferring to

The American School Center.

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER

Strawham

English built for a training post. It was

Memories fully for Dad -

1944 - lots of houses & building.  
Students lived at school - had classrooms  
1st floor, kit & rooms - 2nd.  
Cooks & bakers, military police, OCS,  
high standards ~~to~~ Military Intelligence  
Trained nurses to war fare, identify  
Aircraft, set up a field hospital, get  
supplies, Dad beaked on military law.  
Thom thought aircraft & how planes fly.  
Airfield across the way. Thom had to  
teach beaked.  
Recreation?

Old building (Castle type) Becket house,  
mess hall & bar - went for meals - had to  
exercise - nurse had to practice close  
order drill - thought it was funny -  
Volleyhaes & Sops bar - Dad played.  
They had dances. Dining rooms held 100  
12 people - nurse at each end. Dad  
one down. 'He looks like the kid of  
man who would read the newspaper and  
leave it all over the floor.'  
Dance in Agie - Saw him at a dance.

Saw him the next day - Said "I didn't  
get to dance with you." Had a party  
at house. Dad invited. He was an MP.  
One nurse (a blonde) Dad was talking to  
her - Thom thought - if he's interested  
in her, I'm not interested in him."  
They danced - for together every night  
Bike riding - 4 or 5 people - Ride - had a  
gun, play cards, read poetry, talk.  
"The White Cliffs of Dover" One nurse  
a man got egg, cooked over fire place.  
Dad made a pudding of fruit egg -  
It dripped down the front. He said "I  
look good in everything I eat." Played  
Spin the bottle - Kissing terms from  
The 1st date.

Dad had a girlfriend in B'ham.  
Dad asked for champagne <sup>for</sup> before  
Christmas. He came back + Thom went  
to London (90 miles away)  
One weekend - dense fog - Stopped to see a  
girl (means they know (as the Charge)) in the  
ballroom - fog came inside. Dad not from

during blackout - Had to know where you were.

(In Bristol visited Edinburgh)  
Mr Mom

June 44

Dad in London with Jack & Adwate doing trials

~~Then we~~ - Plane going over Monday night - knew it was D day. Night had been Monday when Mom was AWOL.

Soon after Dad called on the phone and said - Let's send her request to get married."

All teams sent out to get her - didn't know the other team was out.

File next to ~~the~~ School. - Had a Clinic - No hospital. Not far from Oxford.

In Bristol - Over in Engine - Plants larger, flowers bigger

Bought flowers - A NEW MINE  
Fushia

Shrewsbury - flowers in garden of houses  
- tall flowers in brick building - ~~Chrysanthemums~~

11-8

Mom went to London - Stayed at the Rembrandt (Staffy English) wouldn't let her carry luggage up to her room.

Dad is living with his landlady.

Other hotel - free parking Couples up & down stairs. Mom stayed with his or her

landlady. Sat at Hyde Park - watched the

buzz bombs go over - V1's "If engine

phits off - we're pun." Dad working as an MP in London. Dad was on duty a V2 landed

in Hyde Park corner. His office was near

Hyde Park. Every day a V2 would come in

They a Jubilee where it landed & how many were killed.

And sent in request to get married.

Mom got her, Dad didn't. He got on plane and went to the office.

Wedding

Invited everyone on the list - the officers.

Had a dinner the night before (at near)

White Horse Tavern - went on a bus.

Went home on bus - empty truck had come to pick

up 101st Paratroopers. They were in the van. They'd put them in the truck, they'd get out & go back in.

Had to get married 2x - once at Registrar's office then a Mass - Priest named Daniel McHugh - it was his first keynote Mass. Got married in a Chapel. It was full. Benelli played the organ. Reception at the house -

Jim & grapefruit Juice in an unmarked van - Wedding cake (Cops at Sattlers School made a cake) This came to the Wedding, Son Jan & Kenney. Got the train to London to Paddington. Mr D took car to hotel near Strandilly.

Stayed 1 night - Dead fast in their room. Went to Harold's to buy gloves - had lunch at Harold's. Took train to an Inn (Sussex) Harold's health - old fashion English Inn - took wine down the hall - had 1 week leave. Back to work. Got to London, Thom to swim team.

### France - (Paris)

Thom sent to France to set up a school Charlotte, ~~Thomas Green~~, Meredith, Benelli. Stayed in a women's hotel.

Every thing was scarce. Hotel - heat one night, hot water the next, electricity, the next. Assigned to Chief Surgeon's office. At Daniela - head nurse ETO - Thom's boss. Looking for a place to have the school -

Went on inspection trips Thom did a study on health of nurses in tents/buildings.

1st trip to Chertough - 298th was there. See if they have equipment, problems.

Surveying unit from the beaches in Class A uniform - no boots, Navy gave them boots.

Next - it was raining - walk wrap from tent to the next - they'd pick up the

med. Med arrived he half way up your legs! Very primitive living. Chertough wasn't open yet. Water from a "Lister" bag.

Nurses at a staging area - they enjoyed themselves. Found legion - some had hangover "Not to be the poet on the Popover!"

In Paris Oct - went England after Xmas

Went to London  
Back from Chesham on Red Bus  
Highway - one stream of French  
Went to front line - Saw Hedgehogs  
1st Army calls "Big Red One" 1st  
Batt to Paris - went to 1st Army at  
Ardennes saw field hospitals (not too  
many)  
evac hospitals. Nurses did a  
good job setting up hospitals - none  
had. Namandy inspected a large  
hospital in middle of Battle of Bulge.  
Had to leave nurses & hospital. Took a  
train back to Paris. Norm was in Luigi -  
298th in Luigi <sup>then</sup> stayed in Station all  
night. The train had German POW's.  
German's sent boats to knock out  
railroad.

Spent Christmas overseas. Could not  
go to Mass at ND because of market  
law. There was an Air Raid warning.  
Paris was untouched because of  
German's being there. All cigars -  
best of champagne \$3.00 a bottle.

Could not remember of what Surgeon  
was

Ate in the hotel - good French food.  
Waitress wore bed room slipper  
"Palace, Madam, good de fatigue!"

Then she had a "mess" in a hotel in Paris  
Norm had lunch there. It was across  
from headquarters.

After 4 Nov. went to London to see dead  
flew for 3 times, also took the boat train.

### Boat Train -

Took train to Chaux, got off train  
to boat, then got on a train - assigned  
to bunk to rest. Met Daisy Singer -  
(Singer Seering) married to Rymold  
Delbos. They had a Manor House -  
2013 Nurses went to her house. She had  
with her house built in a square  
around the courtyard. (This was when  
Norm was in Switzerland). She had  
several nurses French. Met her  
daughter & husband. Took them to the Car

Nurses. They loved Raean & Butler  
living in room of their farmhouse  
because of no heat.

### Brief details

Went to London - 1st part of year  
Stayed at Iris. Called back from  
a place for the school - crossed  
Channel in an Army Ship - troop  
carrier. Only fanned on board.  
Docked at Le Havre - Koda  
Brown, went to Bouille on the  
Channel, went to Paris - got at  
transportation to school - 3rd part  
of Paris. Got school ready - women  
hospitals. Nurses moved forward  
with front. Sketches of  
Delignand's summer home -  
La Nouvaise. Red offices &  
Nurses - Stables were reconstructed  
for Mrs. Nurses lived in beautiful  
rooms at Chateau - had bathroom

Nurses come from each unit to learn  
? - Got together to deal over  
problems.

War ended in May - it was  
expected. Changed from preparing  
for ETO to Pacific. No targets  
Hospital medicine and life of  
Japs. August it was over.

Did not get back before war ended.

Dad came and stayed at the  
school - went back to London.

He was transferred to Paris.

Tom was back in Paris. Stayed

in a women's home - not the same

one - Coming down stairs -

saw women - led you upstairs

Tom had to dig deeper husband was

going to stay.

1st Anniversary in Paris - worked

on Change Else - went to

Musichub - had a drink, danced,

had phoned out 1st. Dad & Tom

had = 45. Dad's group left first.

Tom went to Dr. Dix - perched out.  
Went to Brooklyn. Dad came  
to Dr. Dix - he had been out a few  
months. Fox of Beverly at Dr. Dix.  
Wanted a baby. Didn't get pregnant  
tried to get pregnant in Europe

Americans not allowed to eat in  
French restaurants because of  
food phosphate. Spencer did a  
good job cooking - could  
sense how deep 6 nights in  
a row a different way -

Everyone wanted to go home at the  
end of the war. She from  
Dad - counting their points to  
see if they could go home.  
Those who came late went  
to the Pacific. But the war  
ended in Aug. No one wanted  
to go to the Pacific.

Oct 7, 2003

Dear Jack,

After years of searching  
for this notebook, I turned  
up in a box of old  
checking account statements.

Tom found it. I knew I  
hadn't lost it and would  
find it one day!

The original is for you as  
you seem to be the keeper  
of family records. I am

sending you a copy - also  
one to Chris, Bob, Debbie, Kevin  
& Christine. I'm afraid to put  
this in the mail. Also I

will give you Dad's changes -  
next time I see you. I

haven't finished reading  
them yet. It's quite an  
weight.

These memories are a bit  
Choppy. I was writing  
as Mom asked. They were  
written over several days.  
It was hard for her to do.  
She tried easily as you know.  
I think I wrote her thoughts  
in 1999, but it could have  
been 1998.

At any rate - I'm so  
glad to have found this.  
I think you'll remember  
your 54th Birthday, I will!  
We are so blessed to have  
the family that we do.  
This past weekend at State  
College was wonderful! That's  
an understatement I don't  
have words. We leave a gift  
to our children - May they  
have what we do!

Love You -  
Mom