

TRANSCRIPT OF THE DIARY ENTRIES OF REGINALD  
CHAVE PARSONS OF EASTWOOD DAIRY FARM,  
BIDEFORD, RELATING TO HIS SERVICE WITH THE  
BIDEFORD (EAST THE WATER) AUXILLIARY UNIT FOR  
THE YEAR OF 1944.

SATURDAY JAN 22-Apple and potato forms sent. Saturday evening spent on instructions for patrol sleet? office. Weather very stormy.

SUNDAY JAN 30-Ted, Muriel, Americans in for evening. Good sunshine day. Afternoon on duty at Moreton Park.

SUNDAY MARCH 19-Stevenstone-72 out of 100 target, Special. Weather fine after shower in night.

MONDAY MARCH 20-Filling up lorry tracks in lower field for ploughing. Examined wheat at the Downes, fairly good. Rolling needed and sulphate. Repaired roller frame. Weather fine.

(transcribers note, I believe that the lower field was the entrance to one of the sites of the unit hence the lorry tracks, my grandfather did not own a lorry).

TUESDAY 21 MARCH- Filling up lorry tracks in first lower field complete. Alfie busy in garden. Floss and dad spreading dung in top field. 1 ton 10 cwt manure from North Devon Farmers.

Other general work. Weather fine.

SATURDAY MARCH 25-Duty meeting evening. Odd jobs. Weather fine.

SUNDAY MARCH 26- On duty afternoon. Alfie recalled. Police Sergeant Rance to tea. Sergeant Nicholls signed movement of cattle form. Weather fine.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1- Pigs houses cleaned. On duty afternoon, Geoff took journey. Weather fine.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15- Quiet day. On duty afternoon Stevenstone. Weather fine.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22- On duty at Stevenstone film. Weather very fine.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29- Sunday afternoon at Stevenstone film making. Weather fine.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18-Odd jobs etc. Evening at Braunton. Film of work done by Patrols and breaking up party. (Wheat up) Weather very wet and stormy.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3- Home Guard stand down, returned most of kit to J Woolf.\* Busy afternoon, weather showery.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10-Busy day around Home Guard etc. Weather heavy showers.

The diary finishes on 31 December with the comment "very good year".