

Chronology		Yossarian	Dunbar – Mcwatt	Clevinger – Nately	Hungry Joe – Dobbs	Orr	Milo	Aarly – Captain Black	Chaplain	Doc Daneeka – Dr. Stubbs	Other Combat Officer	Enlisted Men	Major Major – Major Danby	Colonel Cathcart – Colonel Korn	General Dreedle – General Aferem	Italians	Nurses And Other Women	Casualties	Notes	The War In Europe		
Early 1944	Civilians	Urban Assyrian		Nately rich – Clevinger an idealistic student	Hungry Joe a photographer	Poor and rustic	Married; a faithful husband	Aarly a college alumus	Married; with young children	Daneeka: profitable practice before war kickbacks			Major Major looks like Henry Fonda	Cathcart a Harvard graduate with a cigarette holder						1943 6/6 – Sicily landings		
	Enlisted man	Stationed in Colorado. Meets Wintergreen. Discovers Hospital. Episode of "Soldier Who Saw Everything Twice."										Wintergreen advises Yossarian to do his duty.	Promoted by an IBM machine.					Soldier who sees everything twice dies of some mysterious disease.	Family of the dead soldier visits Yossarian instead of their son.	9/9 – American forces land at Salerno		
	Aviation Cadet	Stationed at Santa Ana California: Bombardier meets Clevinger, Scheisskopf wins parades. Sleeps with Scheisskopf's wife.		Clevinger faces trial as a cadet and is found guilty.			Milo is a pilot.						Trained at cadet school as a pilot.					Scheisskopf's wife has an affair with Yossarian.	Scheisskopf has a mania for parades.			
25 missions required	Shipped overseas to Pianosa	Flies as lead Bombardier. Later he is demoted to Wing Bombardier, then reinstated, then demoted again.	Mcwatt is Yossarian's pilot – Dunbar a lead bombardier in another squadron.	Found guilty. Nately is a copilot – Clevinger a bombardier.	Hungry Joe and Dobbs are both pilots.	Orr is a pilot in a wing plane and is always being shutdown.	Volunteers for Mess Officer as soon as he arrives overseas.	Aarly is Yossarian's navigator – Black is the Squadron Intelligence Officer.	The Chaplain does not fit in and has no friends.					Becomes a full Colonel at age 36. Longs to be a General.	Dreedle has taken his son-in-law, Colonel Moodus into the business.				Col. Nevers – previous Group Commander is killed over Arezzo.	Cathcart's predecessor was, presumably, a satisfactory officer who did not shrink his combat duties.	1/22 – Anzio landings	
30 missions	Cathcart arrives as Group Commander – raises missions	Yossarian has 23 missions when Cathcart arrives and raises the missions to 30.			Hungry Joe has 25 missions and is waiting to go home. He is put back on combat.		He produces fresh eggs and begins organizing his buying syndicate.		He fears both Colonels and is bullied by them.				Finds true happiness as a combat pilot, where he finally fits in.	Arrives as the new Group Commander and raises missions to 30.						Cathcart arrives as the new Commander and immediately raises the missions to 30.	1944 – Jan-March: Cassino battles	
March	Ferrara	Goes over the target twice. Destroys the bridge. Is reprimanded because Kraft's plane is shot down the second time around. To avert criticism, Yossarian is given a medal and promoted to Captain.	Mcwatt is Yossarian's pilot on this mission.		Hungry Joe has wrecked a plane needlessly. He was given a medal to cover up his mistake.			Aarly misleads Yossarian making it necessary for them to go around twice.			Kraft is killed on Yossarian's second bomb run.			Reprimands Yossarian, then decides to promote him and give him a medal.					Kraft – his plane blows up right above Yossarian's the second time around.	Cathcart has volunteered his men for ferrra to make a good impression for himself. Yossarian feels responsible for Kraft's death.	5/12 – Anzio and Cassino breakthrough	
April 35 missions	Milo forms his Cartel (April)					Orr goes along on the trip to Egypt to buy cotton.	Milo flies to Egypt and buys the whole cotton crop.	Black starts his loyalty oath crusade against Major Major.	He loves his wife and misses her.				Major Major is appointed Squad Commander when predecessor is killed over Perugia.	Dissapproves of Black's loyalty oath campaign but afraid to intervene.					Major Duluth – previous Squadron Commander is killed in action over Perugia.	Major Major's predecessor, like Colonel Cathcart's, is killed in combat.		
June 4 Allies enter Rome	Rome captured (June 4)	Yossarian accompanies Nately to his girlfriend's whorehouse.	Dunbar goes to the whorehouse.				Milo arranges thémission to Orvieto as a business deal, working for both sides.	Aarly speaks of Nately's girl with smug contempt.				Mudd, the dead man in Yossarai's tent, is killed over Orvieto the day he arrives.		As Squad Commander he is ostrazized and abused and made the victim of Black's loyalty oath crusade.					Milo organizes the mission to Orvieto as a sound business venture and does not feel guilty over Mudd's death.	Milo organizes the mission to Orvieto as a sound business venture and does not feel guilty over Mudd's death.	6/4 – Rome entered 6/15 – Invasion landings	
Late June	Bologna	1. Mission is postponed and everyone is terrified. 2. Yossarian causes one delay by "poisoning" food, another by moving the bombline. Has 32 missions. 3. Has a drunken row at the Officers Club with Colonel Korn.		Clevinger argues that Yossarian has no right to save his own life.	Hungry Joe has nightmares because he is not scheduled for the mission to Bologna.		Milo has disapproved of the loyalty oath crusade because it disrupted business.	Black rejoices that men are going to Bologna and hangs the morbid sign on the closed medical tent.	Stubbs is sorry for the men and feels Yossarian might be the only sane person left.			Wintergreen refuses to help and lectures Yossarian on his duty to be killed.	After he is beaten up on the basketball court, he turns himself into a recluse and sees no one.	Korn closes the medical tents while the men are waiting to fly to Bologna.	Peckem receives a medal and begins recommending that bombing activities be placed under his own Special Services Command.	The old man in the whore house baits Nately. Girl gets bored with argument and abandons Nately.						
40 missions		4. He sabotages intercom and makes pilot turn back. Mission is a milk run. 5. Yossarian goes back as a lead bombardier the next day, takes no evasive action, runs into Flak. 6. After the mission; he goes to Rome on a rest leave and meets Luciana.	Mcwatt is Yossarian's pilot on this mission.	Nately is in Rome courting his whore and runs out of money.	Hungry Joe tries to take pictures of Yossarian in bed with Luciana.	Orr has an engine and his landing gear shot out but crash lands safely.		Aarly gets everything wrong on the Bologna mission and doesn't hear when Yossarian shouts at him to get out of the nose.				Wintergreen's own duty, as he sees it, is to make a profit on his black market operations.		Peckem is a smooth politician. Dreedle is a blunt outspoken man who drinks heavily and knows he is missing out because he does not make the right contacts.	Yossarin meets Luciana, throws away her address. Sleeps with maid in lime-colored panties when he cannot find her again.			Anonymous – planes are shot down on the mission to Bologna.	Yossarian throws away Luciana's address and spends the rest of the book looking and longing for her.			
45 missions	Between Bologna and Avignon	7. While he is away, Colonel raises missions to 40, 2nd Yossarian "runs" into the hospital when he returns. 8. Leaves hospital, flies six more missions, and goes back in when missions are raised to 45. He now has 38 missions.					Milo bombs his own squadron when paid to do so by the Germans.	Black sleeps with Nately's girl just to taunt him.	He worries constantly about the health and safety of his wife and children.	Daneeka behaves with courage when Milo bombs the squadron.										Milo justifies bombing the squadron in terms of free enterprise and the large profit he has made.		
July	Avignon	1. Yossarian moans in the briefing room. Nately tries to protect him. 2. Snowden is shot through the middle and dies. Yossarian treats him for the wrong wound.	Dunbar moans back.	Nately succumbs to Yossarian's mischief and moans in the briefing room.	Dobbs panics, seizes controls, and plunges plane down into flak.		Milo has removed the morphine from the first aid kit, and there is nothing to ease Snowden's pain.		Daneeka takes care of Yossarian when he emerges from the plane in a state of shock.			Snowden is shot through the middle and dies.	Danby moans while conducting briefing and is ordered taken outside and shot.	Korn grandstands for General Dreedle but earns his contempt.	General Dreedle brings his girlfriend to the Avignon briefing.	Nately's whore likes Captain Black and gives him some of the money Nately pays her.			Snowden – "freezes to death" while Yossarian attends him.			
	Snowden's funeral	1. Yossarian emerges from the plane naked. 2. Goes naked to cemetery and sits in a tree. 3. Stands in formation naked to receive the medal he won for Ferrara.	Mcwatt helps care for Yossarian when he emerges from the plane.				Milo seeks Yossarian out during Snowden's funeral for help in disposing of cotton.	Chaplain spies Yossarian naked in a tree and thinks it is a mystical vision.				Both majors attend Snowden's funeral.	Cathcart vows to punish Yossarian for standing naked in formation.	Dreedle awards medals and sides with Yossarian when Cathcart offers to punish him.								
50 missions August	Clevinger disappears in cloud	Shortly before Clevinger is lost, Yossarian argues with him at the Officers Club about which one is crazy.	Dunbar argues with Clevinger that life is all.	Clevinger argues that Yossarian is crazy just before he is killed.																Clevinger – plane flies into cloud and is never seen again.	8/12 – Florence captured 8/23 – Invasion of southern France	
First chapter begins here	Yossarian enters hospital	Yossarian enters the hospital in despair over Clevinger's death. Fakes a liver ailment. Censors letter with Washington Irving's name.	Dunbar is in hospital as a friend and fellow malingerer.	Clevinger's plane had disappeared in a cloud and he is given up for dead.	Hungry Joe keeps finishing missions and keeps being returned to combat duty.	Orr is Yossarian's roommate and keeps improving tent.	Milo trusts Yossarian because he will not steal from the country he loves.	Aarly is Yossarian's incompetent lead navigator.	The Chaplain meets Yossarian in the hospital	Daneeka is a self-pitying hypochondriac with whom Yossarian is friendly.	The soldier in white appears in the hospital ward and is judged dead.	Snowden has already been killed – Wintergreen as mail clerk is already influential.	Major Major is visited by CID man and begins to sign papers "Washington Irving."	Cathcart has raised missions from 25 to 50.	Dreedle and Peckem are feuding and vying for power.	Nately's whore is bored with him and pays him little attention.	Yossarian has norelationship with Nurse Duckett yet.	Soldier in white – pronounced dead in the hospital.	First chapter begins here.	8/23 – Paris liberated 8/23 – Russia occupies Rumania		
50 missions	Yossarian leaves hospital	He now has 44 missions.		Nately is away in Rome courting his whore.		Orr has started to winterize the tent while Yossarian was in the hospital.	Milo is away buying figs.							Cathcart strives to impress both Generals favorably.	Neither General takes enough notice of Cathcart to intervene either way.					Men have to fly 50 missions, although headquarters requires only 40.		
	Yossarian tries to be grounded	1. Goes to Daneeka for help and is turned down. 2. Flies three more missions and has 47. 3. Goes to Chaplain for help.							Chaplain has no authority to help; but they become friends.	Daneeka refuses to help but says headquarters wants only 40 missions.		Major Major visited by second CID man and puts him on the trail of the first.								9/11 – Allied forces move into Germany		
September 55 missions	Missions raised to 55	1. Yossarian goes to Daneeka again with the idea of being judged crazy, but is turned down. He now has 48 missions. 2. Goes to Wintergreen for help and is turned down, missions are raised to 55 while he is away.					Milos advises him to fly the 55 missions like a good soldier.		Explains Catch-22 in terms of Orr.			Wintergreen refuses to help and will turn against him if he gets into trouble.									9/21 – Allies push past Pisa	
	Yossarian keeps flying	Goes to Major Major for help but is turned down. He tackles Major Major in a ditch in order to see him. He now has 51 missions.			Dobbs is no longer fit to pilot a plane, but can't get grounded.					Daneeka shares Yossarian's fear of death and will take no chances of any kind.		Major Major is sorry for Yossarian but there is nothing he can do.	Both Colonels are involved in "Plum Tomato" deals with Milo.									
60 missions	Missions raised to 66	1. Yossarian tries Doc Daneeka again to no avail. He still has 51 missions when missions are raised to 60. 2. Yossarian protects the Chaplain when the Colonel tries to throw him out.			Dobbs comes to Yossarian with a plot to murder the Colonel. Yossarian declines.			Black taunts Nately at the Officers Club about screwing his girl.	Summoned by Colonel to say prayers in the briefing room. Complains in vain about the 60 missions.	Dr. Stubbs does ground the men in his squadron, even though Korn puts them right back on combat duty.				Colonel wants prayers in the briefing room in order to get into Saturday Evening Post.							10/2 – Sigfried line collapses, Russia occupies Bulgaria	
	Yossarian wounded	He is wounded in the leg on a milk run when Aarly gets lost and leads the planes over flak.	Mcwatt is the pilot and administers first aid.	Nately is the copilot on the mission.				Aarly is unable to hear Yossarian's screams or see his blood	Tries to see Major Major on Yossarian's behalf.	Daneeka again refuses to ground Yossarian, even though he has been judged crazy.				Colonel is terrified by the mention of Yossarian's name.								
	Yossarian in the hospital	1. Yossarian gooses Nurse Duckett and a love affair starts between them. 2. Refuses again to join Dobbs in the plot to murder the Colonel, because he's sure he will be sent home. 3. A psychiatrist finds him insane, but he is returned to combat and a different man is sent home in his place.	Dunbar goes into the hospital just to keep Yossarian company.		Dobbs still wants to kill the Colonel even though he has only two more missions to fly.	Orr has to ditch on the second mission to Avignon but everyone survives without injury.	Milo has removed the gas cylinders from the MaeWest's to make ice cream sodas for the officers.		Chaplain seeks Daneeka on Yossarian's behalf and going to try Wintergreen next.		Wintergreen sends the Chaplain away without seeing him.						Yossarian gooses Nurse Duckett.				10/26 – Americans approach Bologna	
Orr lost in combat		Yossarian continues flying missions. When Colonel volunteers for Bologna again, Yossarian goes to Dobbs and agrees to the murder plot.		Dobbs has finished 60 missions and is non repelled by the idea of murdering the Colonel.							Scheisskopf is shipped overseas to General Peckem.			Cathcart volunteers for Bologna again.	Peckem steps up campaign against Dreedle.		They become lovers.	Orr – ditches and is given up for lost.				
65 missions	Between Orr and Kid Sampson	1. Yossarian is distressed by the assignment to destroy a whole village in order to create a road block. 2. Yossarian is ready to kill Mcwatt when Mcwatt buzzes with Yossarian in the plane.	Mcwatt forgives Yossarian – Dunbar turns surly and starts to crack up.						Black's taunts cause Chaplain to doubt his wife's fidelity.					Colonels are not concerned with the road block. They want a good aerial photograph.			She tries to reform him.					
70 missions	Kid Sampson killed - Mcwatt commits suicide	Yossarian is on the beach with Nurse Duckett when Mcwatt's plane cuts Kid Sampson in half.	Mcwatt lets the others bail out, then flies into a mountain.							Daneeka is officially "Dead," when Mcwatt's plane crashes.				Uses these deaths as an excuse to raise missions to 70.			She is on the beach with him when Kid Sampson is killed.	Kid Sampson – cut in half. Mcwatt – flies into mountain.	Daneeka, by refusing to get involved in anything, has been "dead" all the time.			
Mid-October	Nately gets his girl	1. In Rome he looks for Luciana and is ready to fall in love with Nurse Duckett. He is lonely and does not know what to do with himself. 2. He helps Nately rescue his girl from the higher-ranking officers.	Dunbar goes along to help Nately.	Nately rescues his girl and guards her while she sleeps.	Dobbs and Hungry Joe go. Dobbs threatens violence.			Aarly does not go along because he does not want to get in bad with anyone.		Dr. Stubbs is defying group and Korn wants to get rid of all flight surgeons.						Nately's whore gets a good night's sleep and falls in love with him			As soon as Nately gets his girl he turns insufficiently bourgeoisie and tries to reform everybody.			
November (Thanksgiving Day)	Yossarian breaks Nately's nose	After Milo's Thanksgiving Day party, Yossarian is awakened in terror by machine gun fire and so angry he grabs his gun to go after the man who fired the gun as a joke. When Nately tries to restrain him, he punches Nately so savagely that Nately is taken to the hospital.	Dunbar goes berserk in the hospital and is disappeared.	Nately's friends come to the hospital as patients to be with him.	Hungry Joe brings his camera hoping to take pictures of Yossarian and Nurse Duckett.		Milo gives a huge banquet at which everyone gives thanks to him.		Even Chaplain enters the ward pleased he has at last had the courage to sin.			Sgt. Knight fires a machine gun and shouts "Happy new year!"				Nately's whore is furious with Yossarian for hitting him.	Warns Yossarian that they are going to disappear Dunbar.		Dunbar – he is disappeared.	Nurse Duckett has begun to think of her future. She wants to marry a doctor and has begun to disassociate herself from Yossarian whom she does not regard as a suitable husband.		
70 missions finished – Nately killed		Has 70 missions Yossarian pleads with Nately not to offer to fly more missions to remain overseas with his girl. Appeals to Milo to help Nately.		Nately is killed in mid-air crash over La Spezia.	Dobbs causes mid-air collision with Nately's plane and is also killed.		Milo persuades Cathcart to raise missions to 80, knowing Nately will fly them.		The Chaplain is taken to the cellar, tried, and found guilty. Angry, he decides to go directly to General Dreedle.	Dr. Stubbs is transferred to The Pacific.	Scheisskopf finds himself in charge of everything.	Wintergreen blames Peckem when Scheisskopf is put in charge of them all.			Peckem replaces Dreedle. Then his own recommendation is adopted and he finds himself under Scheisskopf.					Milo and Cathcart have each flown no more than five missions.	12/16–1/20 – 1945 Battle Of The Bulge 3/7 – Remjen Bridge captured 4/1 – Russians enter Austria	
	Yossarian refuses to fly more missions	Yossarian is sent to Rome in a rest leave. Tells Nately's whore about his death. She tries to kill him. He escapes back to Corsica.			Flies Yossarian back and forth.			Black laughs when whorehouse is raided and girls are chased out.						Peckem sends the Chaplain away without seeing him.	Nately's whore tries to stab Yossarian and begins her chase after him.	Nurse Duckett is embarrassed by Yossarian's stand.			Nately's whore becomes a symbol of his guilt and responsibility for never intervening in the injustices he knows exist everywhere.	5/3 – Berlin Falls. Germans surrender in Italy		
80 missions	Goes AWOL to "The Eternal City"	Yossarian goes back to Rome to find and help the kid sister. He is arrested for being in Rome without a pass and returned.					Milo urges him piously to do his duty. Deserts him to smuggle tobacco.	Aarly rapes the maid but is allowed to go free.			The other men side with Yossarian secretly but none will join him.					Kid sister is adrift in Rome and no one to help her.			Old man – dies of old age. Maid – murdered by Aarly.			
	Accepts Korn's deal. Is stabbed.	Yossarian accepts the chance to become "one of the boys" in return for being allowed to go home a hero.									The other men would be tricked by Yossarian's decision and induced to continue flying.			Colonels must deal with Yossarian or punish him.		Nately's whore stabs Yossarian as he leaves the office.						
In the hospital he repudiates the deal	Yossarian cannot go along with the deal, even though it will mean his life will be saved. Does not know what he will do.				Hungry Joe dies in his sleep.				Chaplain does not know what Yossarian should do.			Yossarian has treated Snowden for the "wrong wound."	Danby comes to persuade Yossarian to go through with the deal but is converted to Yossarian's point of view.						In making the decision to desert, Yossarian accepts the responsibility he now knows he has to the other men. As he says, he is not running away from his responsibilities, but to them.			
December – 1944	Yossarian runs away joyously when he learns Orr is safe	Heads for Rome to try to save Nately's kid sister, and then for Sweden. But does not expect to get there. Has 71 missions.				Orr rows to Sweden and gives Yossarian the hope that anything is possible.			Chaplain is delighted and encouraged by Yossarian's decision.				Danby aids him in escape and offers money and advice.			Nately's whore is right behind Yossarian with a knife.	Nurse Duckett helps him escape because she is eager to be rid of him.					