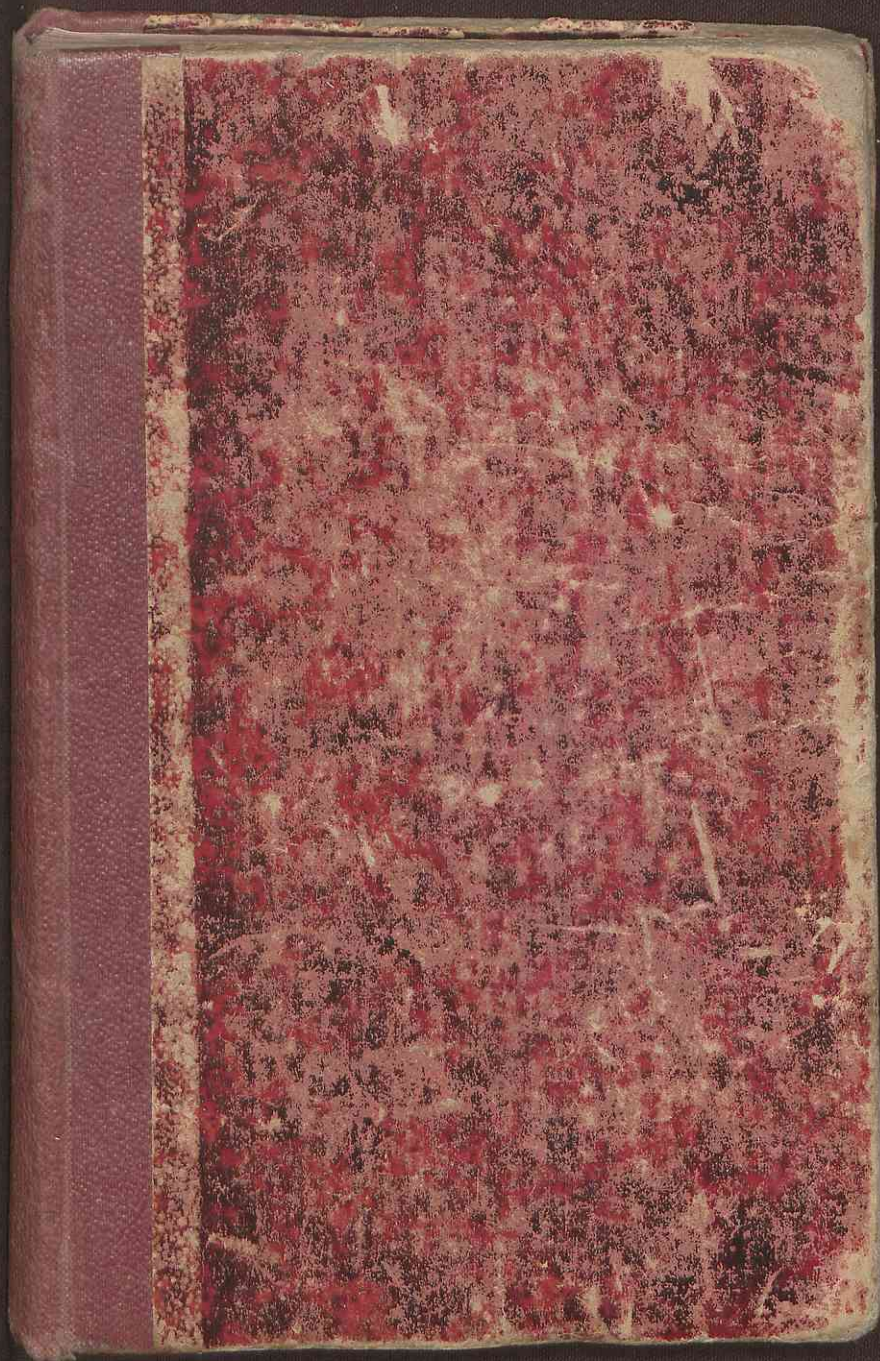
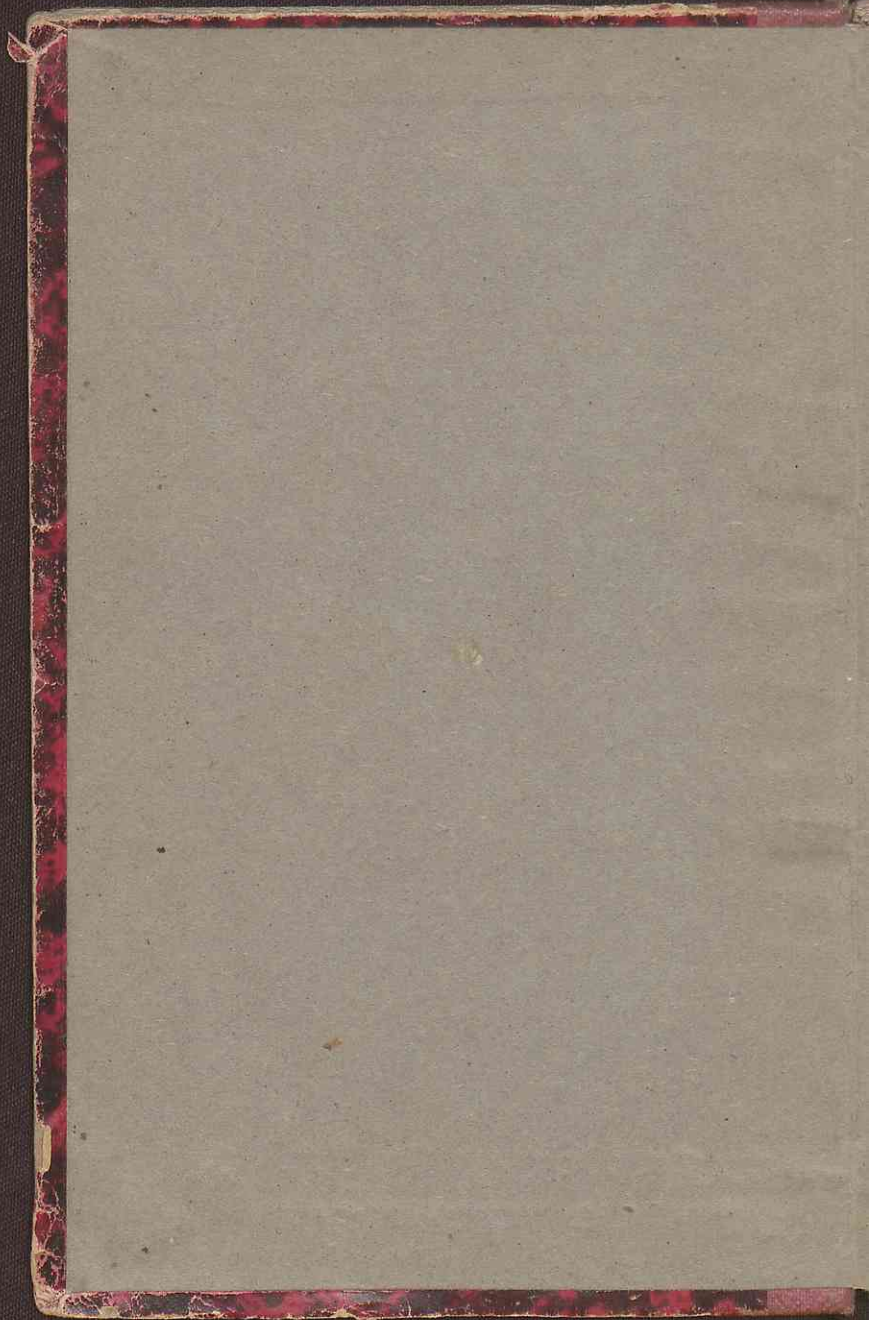






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Mc Lane R.V.

9th Aust Fld Amb.

Bromfield Street

Colac

Victoria

16/9/17 word of Brigade breaking up
21/9/17 to Parkhouse 16 South Hampton
6/10/17/7/10/17 To France
12/11/17 to Castle & 8 lbs to No 2 Ammunition Reinforcement Camp
13/11/17 to 9th 7 Amb 14y - Smear (Harefield) 16ⁿ
~~31/1/18 to San Section~~
40 21/3/18 applied for A F C

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NOTE Where marks
thus * appear fuller
particulars will be found
at back.

P.S. On going through
I find that there is
so much needing explan-
ation I now the situation
looks as though we will be
home in Aug shortly
so will postpone the
above.

~~R~~

This part of Diary 30/8/17.
on to

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From 30.8.17

Aug 30. Sent to 63 Battrn. Temp Cpl. in
AMC Details Not wanted so returned to
31st unit. 31st to 62nd Btrn. Temp Cpl. in
AMC Details. Cpl. Lever R.M.O. was

SEPT 9th away on leave. Sept 9th Inspection
at Roundcott by Mr. Wade Agent General
for N.S.W. The 16th Fld Amb Coy
marched past like regulars.

16th to Telford & Telford Manor. A grave
yard at the manor contained quite
a lot of tomb stones. There are a

few. CHICO
A SQUIRREL
FROM GUATEMALA
A GREAT PET FOR
10 YEARS
MARCH 1892 FEB 1903.

MY CANARY
DEAR DRAYCOTT
DIED 1904.
AGED. 11 YEARS. CRF.

BESS
1908

FLAVIA
1908.

TODDLES.
1905/17

WALLACE
1901

16th Word of the Brigade breaking up.

19th Breaking up of Cooperals mess
at the 62nd Btrn. We had an
excellent time. The idea was

SEPT 19th to have a spread on what cash was left over. Goods ran out early so a mob of 4 ca was taken up so as to finish the evening in style. Arthur Hill came into see me.

17 Capt. Duhig replaces Capt. Lever who leaves for France. Duhig very decent, but very small. The staff include Biggins (late of Harefield). Crawford inclined to be a crawler. Appleton, E.T. great talker, but good worker. a shade prejudicial. Blacklaw good in all. Three letters from Dartford. Duquart. cross French & Belgian. A friend of M.O.* a real crawler & loafer. I tried him up once or twice & brought him to his senses.

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With the 62nd I did quite a bit
of the D^y work & got him to sign
papers. It meant less work for him &
experience for me. Met Budden

one of my old patients from Harefield.

20th Transferred back to Old Amb.

21st Orders to march out to Park House.

While waiting on parade ground mail
was given out & I one from Min which
showed things up a shade. He was
letters of late. You had 4 to 6 weeks
letters have been of a different tone &
asking if I have a girl in Eng & if I
am engaged on this side. Then one
came containing the yarn from Harcourt
& Mable. That I'm having a good time w/
Girls here. Min at this stage writes of
her growing love for Bert Thorpe to
which I replied at once & very strongly
* Colonel Manks in informing the

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but that it was to be broken up
 & saying Goodbye. made a great bit
 in just a few words. To finish up he
 said. "at any time any of you want anything
 or are in trouble & I can do anything come
 to father". He was completely broken up.
 Needless to say everybody concerned.
 was sorry it was necessary to break up.

Trip down to Parkhouse. Delta Huntig.
 Kemp & myself travelled in van & at
 Salisbury station we waited on the
 station for 1 hour while the train shunted
 out into the yard. By two makes nearly
 got drunk. Later we changed
 trams at Andover & had a wait of
 2 hours. so to pass time sat on the
 floor of the waiting room (all seats were
 occupied) & played cards. Got to
 camp at 7 p.m. Last time we
 were here we had a very bad.

SEPT. OCT. 5,

impression, but this time it was quite
the reverse. A new C.O. * During the first
few days met Stan Parkes. Bert Sprague
Pink. Darkey Lansfield Dick Raybould.
Geo. O'Brian & Uly Johnson.

28th Received No 43 from Hon. Practically
breaking off engagement. saying "I ~~love~~
love Bert Thorpe too much to keep
our engagement up." I replied
sternly & don't mind if I do not
get a reply. Well broke through
feds. & giving Mitch & Ted Black-
burn cash to carry on with.

OCT 1st Picked for draft, total 100.

5th Draft of 150 marched out. This lot
was picked after our lot & went first.
I think H.O. must have forgotten
about us. ~~Many of the men~~
~~were taken from the same~~
~~place as the first lot~~
~~and were sent to the same~~

OCT. 6

11th inst. Word to march out. Boys all
pleased. Met Jack Coates & he
Bowl *

12th. Marched out for France. Jack Coates
went the same day but for bus. Before
going all of our boys were marched into
the canteen* served w/ a good hot
dinner. The extra expense for this
came out of regimental (canteen) funds.

Tram at 2.55 p.m. from Tidworth for Southampton
The trip across was postponed so we
marched to a rest camp. There
were crowds of Yankee's in the same
camp. At first sight I should say
they are a fine stamp of ~~the~~ fellows
both ~~morally~~ from an intellectual &
a physical point of view. Mitch &
I had a walk down the city &
were dead beat when it was time
to come home.

OCT 7

13th. Roll call at 9 a.m. & the order of the day was closed camp. In spite of this nearly all of our crowd cleaned out. There was a muster parade on the board for 2 o'clock. As luck would have it we all got back to camp early, & marched out at 1.30 p.m.

We embarked at 5.30 p.m. & sailed at 7.30 on board the Londonderry. The trip across was very rough. & most of those on board were sick.

14th Disembarked at 8 a.m. & marched to the Australian General Base Depot. (AGBD) Howe Met Len Allen. & Viv Grenness. Put the evening m. up. the latter

16th Met Stan Parkes & Norm Hancock.

19th Viv goes to hospital again.

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16th Mitch goes on draft to the 1st Div.

18th Met Geo Primrose (Dookie).

19th New draft turn up from England
owing to large crowd in camp & shortage
of tents we have. 16 per tent.

Met Doug Marks who informed me that
Scotty & Hugh Bartlett were w/ the
5th Div band. I went up & saw them

I had a real good yarn of old
times w/ Hugh & Eric. Bert Patrick
is in the same band.

20th In a. bad mood. Pay due but
none forthcoming.

24th Letters from home. News amongst
the number. Engagement definitely
broken off. Latest mates

G B Dawkins & R Smkins (both of Harefield)
Nearly all the old 16th boys are
gone up the line. We are
kept back on acc of having a
shrap.

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25th Pay expected but does not turn up. All have cut-out for some unknown reason.

26th Pay Day at last. Jobs while in F.G.B.D. In charge of wash house fatigue Roadmaking & $\frac{5}{4}$ of party w/ cart for time.

30th Feed up to celebrate the departure of Ffithum Ride & Von Schell for the time.

31st Draft party above moved out.
Met Doc Whiston

1st NOV. Met young Nalov. The spirit of the boys is wonderful considering the treatment of the Leads. Nearly all the treatment is very much against the grain here, in spite the boys are as happy as the day is long. Sawt Lim & myself detailed as fatigue for Red + Shores from Le Harve.

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The train ride took 35 minutes
& was about the roughest I've
had since my younger days, when
I used to chase bullock waggons.

The streets are so narrow
& muddy. So much so that
the walls of shops are
splashed up as high as 10 feet
Very high at 4 feet. This
is the result of motor traffic.

^{9th} Drank & warned for
draft to go to 3rd Division.
M^r Smeal (Harfield) had
sent for us.

NOV. 11

10th Met. Back Tray & Ted Hayden
The move out for Station at
10.10 AM. Le Havre. The
infantry, as soon as they
got away from camp threw
away their reserve ammunition.
Our train left at 4.10 PM.
We had 30 m on our trucks so
some idea can be arrived
at what sort of comfort we
had.

11th Arrived at Hazebrouck
at 2 PM. I marched
2 miles on a wild off

NOV 12

Goose phase. Got back to the station at 4.30 p.m. I had tea on platform. Later were told to get into the third train from the platform. It was dark & we dead tired, we got lost so climbed into a train where there were some Germans & closed the door. content to go anywhere right or wrong. Eventually we landed at Leathe. & marched to No 2 ANZAC Reinforcement Camp. Time 11 p.m. A heavy bombardment was going on up the line the whole week we were at this camp.

12th Dawk finds a chat on his clothing. At night we got leave & went into the bar & had good feed.

13th Met Arthur Ride & Fred Goodale & Pere Doyle also a lot of the 16th boys.
Leint Willison (killed 1941)

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was also w/ the crowd going to
pick up the 4th Div.

16th Met Arthur Spicker in Flite
Frank Whyte friend of Tom Mills & Noel
Brown. (old 1st A.G.H. boys).

17th Transferred to 9th Field Amb. Co.
Motor company Present position Pont-de-a-
chelle. M.D.S. Met Mr. Smeal &
crowd of 16th boys. It was on landing
here that we heard of the first casual-
ties to any of the 16th boys. Dick Wheldon
killed Capt Morgan badly knocked through
the hand Jack Symons Tom Gallagher.
Dick Hewson & Pat Lane wounded. The
latter awarded the M.M.

18th Before the C.O. (Col 16th Quire)
Both Sawk & I revert to private Reed
letter from Witiko in No 1 South African
G Hospital. He was gassed, but was
doing well when he wrote.

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My first job Carpenters labourer.
19th Trip to Kieppe w/ Sawd. part of
town knocked about. To 2nd CES to

see Harold Roberts & Tom Barclay.
Percy Clarke went through. on the 16th
met w/ Varucose Kins. He was loaded
up w/ provisions & every one had a
History

20th Bath in French House in wooden tub.
Linen put in all houses. & Shirts in all
public places. Affairs in all villages

22nd Announcement of the anniversary
dinner For originals only as there
was not sufficient room for the reinforce-
ments also. Later a second sergeant
came round & said it was a
misunders-landing on the part of the
first pgt. & the portion was that
reinforcements were invited but
they would have their dinner first

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& then relieve the old hands

24th Rugby match 9th v 5th at Steenwork. Resulting in a draw.

3 all. Met Herb Somers & a lot of the old 1st A G H boys. Had tea w/ Dick Hayward & Jack Hunt. I borrowed of Frank's from Bob Robertson so as to be able to stay from this dinner.

25 Sunday C Section on duty. Myself on 2nd ward (Surgical). Plenty of work.

26th Von Schell called to see us.

He is w/ the HOBth Details

News of Bill Kroll's death (16th old Aust).

27th Concert by 2nd C.C.S.* party. I only stayed for the first half. Very poor indeed. Dawk still desirous of joining his brothers in the 4th Sanitary Squad. Farred from home. My desire more than ever to work for & make 'Aunt & Pa' happy & comfortable. Feeling towards 9th

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Old boys still strong, trying to get to like them but cant make much headway.

29th Alex Noonan & Ralph were here up to see us. Party consisting of the two mentioned, Roy McGeorge, Bill Proctor, Samk & self, went down to C.C.S. (the usual meeting place for the 16th boys). Bill Proctor led the way, as it was dark & of course took us into the wrong place.

30th Word of Alb Connor at the 108th Bow Bty. Was parcel from home w/ cake intact.

DEC 1st First bundle of mail from home. In 9th Sept letter a/c of H.B. Francis lecture on Temperance in which he used as an illustration the number of boys in Langwarron & such places. I felt indignant at the idea of using illustrations of this kind which cause

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untold worry on the part of those who have sons & husbands away. when this worry is unnecessary. Grace Mac. & Ab^r Mc^lburne. She stated that she only became engaged to him as he was going away. I thought that as he was in the infantry he was sure to be killed.

2nd On way to Steenwork, met Geo. Thornton, later Keith Fulton

3rd The first ice for the season.

5th Parcel from Bert & Yerna. Concert by the proposed concert party. The whole show very poor. I was first on the program, & as I only saw the song I sang. for the first time the day before, did not get on too. well I forgot some of the words.

6th Trip to Steenwork to meet Dick Maynard & Jack Huntz. Dawk & I missed the others, so came home

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had an attack of influenza coming on so was pleased to get home. Met Harold Bates* while at tea.

7th To see Alb Connor. He told me about Rocky Ross. long sent home for hitting the P.M. at Steenworks.

8th To see home for Xmas. Walk to Newer Egelse w/ Arthur Jennings & Ron Lucas.

9th To see Don Grantier. not home.

Dawn & party to Steenworks Dump. *
On night duty myself. Don Grantier calls.

10th To see Don Grantier then Ruth Fulton. Ruth was just on the point of going to erect a cross over a matis grave at Plog street Wood. The wood was badly knocked about, shell holes everywhere. Gave Ruth a supply of Navy tobacco.

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12th Fli^g over about 8 planes
60 casualties to 2nd C.C.S.

Denoar, our despatch rider was
killed. We were going to C.C.S.
to give a return concert, but
was postponed on ac of much
of work.

Pay Day. Polling
Day. To Leenworth. Heard
Ron Lucas was knocked.

15 Moved to Le Grand.

17th Geo Thornton to see me. He
is wth the 105 How Btry.

18 Pay birth day.

22 To 1st C.C.S. to give concert.
we went down per horse Amb.

On ac of too much speed we got out
& walked most of the way. The concert
was swell. The piano up to concert
pitch consequently a number of us could
not reach top notes. Got thanks C/O
late of 16th Field Amb was there.

Supper was the best item on the card.

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23rd Concert by Anzac boys.

~~Was present at the~~

24 Xmas Eve. Reunion of the 16th Field Amb boys. in Estaminet. Supper consisted of Ham & Tongue, supplied by Bill Proctor. Remainder by estimate at total cost of Francs 5.

There were 19 of us there & we had a top time.

A good fall of snow, as near as I can remember, the 1st of the year.

Rec'd small parcel from Mill.

25th Xmas day. Excellent Dinner after which Dawk & I slept till 5.15 pm.

Then went to have tea at Estaminet & settle up for the previous night. met Roy McGeorge & Bill Proctor. Had tea together. Got back in time for Fancy Swiss Ball & helped some of the boys to dress. Then to the Ball which was held in our mess room.

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Real good time out. The ground was covered w/ snow so Hawk Eric Bradley & myself spent from 11 till 12 p.m. snow fighting & annoying all who passed on the duck boards.

26 Hobbs (W.O.) asked me if I would accept my stripe back.

to 2nd CES to see Harold Roberts met Geo Pridde & Gina Nolan. Heard that Don Sissley was in slightly w/ a Rugby football team.

27th to Pantimone by "Angac boxes" with C.C.S. boys. Roads frozen causing trouble especially w/ horses.

Not feeling too good must have had too much to eat at Tinas.

As the charges for the use of the room & supplies were so reasonable on the night of the reunion the boys decided to sub a 1/- car

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To give Agness a present. The only suitable thing I could get at the price (15^{/-}) in Shenworth was a prayer book.

28th Harry Cooper turns up from Harefield. in exchange for Sgt Deans. Latest news from H'field. B Brown gone back to Ansey. Allan Duckworth expecting to go any day. Put over 8 planes against two of ours (We heard after that one of ours 'contg' to Ansey' after putting up a good fight & turned (this much we saw). & landed near Baillencourt both pilot & observer dead. killed).

29th Advance party to Ravelsburg. Myself in bath house. Rozenhall sent into help. but got kicked out in 2 minutes. The biggest "Duo" in the unit.
31st Back to Sanitary Section

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JAN 1st Only the rear Guard left. Very cold but not as bad as the year previous.

Meals very crook just the reverse to Xmas Day. Today we dined on Bally & Ascutt's. Letter from Mitchell in West Ham Inf Hosp Eng. 2nd Left Le Straid for Ravensberg.

Roads still bad & very hard to keep your feet. First impressions of M.O.S.* Rough, accomodation poor. For two nights we had 32 of us in one small hut.

Luckily there were 5 new huts for us then, so the whole place seemed changed. Good. Good.

4th Up w/ washing to Belgian Refugees. Old Madam had

lived in America & when Fritz advanced had two sons & one daughter

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were taken prisoner. The old lady
has heard nothing of them since.

5th Lecture by Mrs Smeal. The
same old topic. Trip to Bailliant
to DON'S concert party. They have
not as much talent as the Anzac
loaves, but they work so well
together that their show is far ahead
of the "loaves". Fred Rex
produces 16 of Griffiths Bros tea
Talks about water in the desert.
The French are all coffee & the
army tea is only up to the a
poor standard. So this lot was
appreciated.

6th Church service in A section
Lut. Special Day of Prayer for
the Allies. The stove we
put in has no fire brick lining
& at times gets that hot that
we have to open the door &

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window to cool down a shade

Played 500 till midnight.

~~Spent~~^{7th} Day mail. from home, Les
Bragge Wm., Chuss & Rolly Williams
last named married.

8th Writing home, replying to
Warrell & Francis speeches. & stopped
at 12.30 a.m. for breakfast.
on bath house. so I had bath in lukewarm water.

9th Pay Day. Fairly heavy fall of
snow. Boochie, Fred Rex. Wagstaff
& John Holland are going on leave
to Brighton in a month's time. I have
started cleaning boots & leggings already.
Boch & Wag talk of taking tapes
everywhere & always boxes at theaters.
If they do as they say I can
see Cecil Heart's sketch coming
to life (First & Last Days on Leave).

"Numerous Miss."

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Rumours that we are going to Egypt
Palestine Italy or Rome. Intended
putting another night letter writing.

I had a 12 page letter to Ann a
4 page one & a 3 page one at
my feet. Connie Baker took it
for rubbish & burnt the lot.

13th Met Arthur Ride & Mr.

Bourndie. The latter has a
fine face, one of the finest I've
seen, but he is too fond of drink.
In civil life he is an accountant
in South Aust.

14th Mail from Ausy. read by
Nell. Letters of Nov 26th to hand.
quite a fortnight ahead of the
mail add^d to the unit.

On duty in personal Mess Room.
Bundle of 16th letters in Ausy mail.
16th Observation Balloon gets away
somewhere about Messines.

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For quite some time now Fritz has been expected to come through at La Bissie or thereabouts. Today quite a lot of Gun fire has been going on on that sector.

20th Gun fire developing into Drums fire. Our position here is rather dangerous on account of the railway passing thru the M.O.S. & an Aerodrome not far away. Fritz comes over at times bombing. We are affected more by the pieces from the Anti-aircraft guns than the bombs.

20th To U.M.C.A. (Baillet) for church service.

22nd Send off to Col McQuire. The new C.O. twins up in the middle of the late C.O.'s speech. Col Jolly (new C.O.) First impression.

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Young, social but straight
25th Any mail of Nov 10. Fritz
over. Nose-caps felt close handy.
Sent my watch to Nell for repairs.
Duck Gates turns up 3 days.

late from Blighty leave.

27th Parcel from Mom (Oct 5).

Note to Mr Lowe

28th Any mail. Not from Mom.
stating a fresh No 2. written 2
weeks later. This does not seem as
though she is anxious to write.

No 2. Less favourable than the first.
Waiting a reply to try No 53.

Price of Waiting Pads in Baitland 2.75

to 3.25 for a 9" pad in Any.

29th Advance party to Westhoff, MOS
Met Geo Doak & Harry Lear.

30th Balance of Ambulance turn up
Slushy in Dressing Room. Met Bill
Bonard.

31st To Sanitary Squad.

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Sanitary Squad, going strong. Work heavy on a/c of the 6th Field Amb leaving the place in a dirty state.

7th Note from Mary Sheedy, welcoming snap of herself.

In many of the MOS there are NISSON HUTS.  These are

made out of Angle Iron for a frame work & covered w/ corrugated iron & lined w/ $3/8$ " lining boards. It is very rarely that you see a hut where the lining is complete.

For quite some time I could not understand this, but one day found some of my patients lighting the fire with a lining board. This solved the problem. My latest job on the Seabees road. Nobby & Leary go on leave w/ Byoch: bad.

Return of crowd from the Dump.

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Occasionally I get the fit for writing News is fairly scarce, too much so to write to the same people too often.

It is only now that I realise what a few friends we got. When in Ausy. all my time was spent w/ them. I was see two mistakes, first not making use of spare time for self improvement & secondly neglecting to mix w/ a larger party of friends:

9th P. played cards till 1.30 P.M. then had supper off hot ham & bread & butter.

Parcel from home. Raid on Warnton Tower. 4 killed 12 wounded.

Parade for shortages of Iron Rations. Nearly all said the rats had got at them.

While here at Westhoff I was on duty in the Scapies. One day we got orders to clean up the wards for an inspection by some General. This was done but no signs of him

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The next day the same orders came out & still no sign of any General.

The third day, the ward sergeant makes round with word that the General is here. to pull the wards straight. We started, & were just in the middle of it when the A.D.M.S. puts his head in. There was too much dust in the air so he did not stay. This is about the usual General's inspection.

In my ward (Scabies) one day the occupants of the ward were sitting round the fire (stove). Most of them had been in 10 or 12 days. I had no pay, consequently were all smoking issue cigarettes. A new patient who had only just been admitted, was in the aisle. He took from his pocket a packet of Three Castles 20 cigarettes. Took one, closed the box & put it back into his pocket. The rest

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FEB of the chaps looked on, their eyes bulging out of their heads then looked at one another when one chap said By Hell I've heard of the flying boys being game, but they are not in it with this chap. Needless to say they all had one each & the lot went back to the owners pocket with 3 cigarettes left.

Our new Colonel has a craze for white washing everything. I cannot help recalling the time that Jack Rawlings white washed the stove in the 16th Field. I'll enlarge on this subject later.

13th Met Arthur Frampton

14th Cable to Wm

16th To Loke. to see boys in the 8th Fld Art. also to 5th Div Head Quarters Sig to see Eric Williams. He were close to where the 4 Div Sanitary Section were so went up to see Gordon Dawkins. Met his

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brother & found that Sawk was at Kemmel.

19th Move from Westhoff to Underhill. (Near Hill 63).

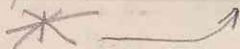
22nd Met Les Collins. He is in the 37th Battⁿ.

25 Met Bert Brooks (late 1st AGH).

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MARCH Night of 3 & 4th. Raid by 3rd Divy (9th Bty.) at Namtorn. Very successful. Our R.A.P. was in the cellar of an old French building.

If a shell landed on the roof it would ~~have~~ have closed the chapter for the lot of us. On the floor were shells bombs, that had been taken from the pockets of the raiders (wounded). a 9" dud, & various other such things. This R.A.P. just about holds a record for an advanced position. We were past the front line & behind the strong points.



4 & 5 Night of Raid again on the same position. Result not so successful. We had quite a few casualties. Fritz was ready for our boys & gave them a rough time.

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At the same time our boys gave them something to remember.

* Continence of 35th Raid. Our boys all wore body shields & did fine work. In the R.F.P. Jack Smith found a water bottle of. Run I was tossed in no time. I took him half of the way home but the job was too much. From the bow trench there was a light railway down through Prospect Wood. & this was our course. There were shell holes on all sides (full of water) & Jack could not manage to keep to the Duck boards & fell into one or three of the holes. I tried carrying him but he was too heavy, so waited for a truck & pushed him down.

This trip to Dead Horse Corner was about 2½ miles on duck boards.

When we got into the wood near Brigade H.Q. I struck some of the rangers out to it on the Duck Boards. A party of them had got into the Run, above

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I celebrated the raid. I helped carry
3 or 4 into H.2. pump kitchen. As we
came down to the A.D.S. we struck
more. one chap. was half in a
shell hole & half on the Duck Board.
so I was going to do the Good
Samaritan thing & make him comfortable
but he would not have it. He insisted
that he was comfortable & when I would not
leave him alone he too a Mills Bomb out
of his pocket & waved it over his head.
& told me to "Look-out". This was sufficient.
I went for my life. He got back at
5.15 PM had some tea & pulled into
bed. Got up at 5 PM had tea &
prepared to go up again for the
next raid. This time after the
raid they had one of the Aust. teams
in Plogahill Wood & took all the
ransoms home.

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5th Back to the ~~MDS~~ MDS, at Stappe.
6th Loading transport waggons. When going
into the line I gave my change of under
clothing to one of the transport boys to have
washed for me. Now when I get
back I'm informed that the washerwoman
has cleared out. This is the last
spare change I possessed up to 29/4/18.

7th Set out w/ the horse transport to
an unknown destination. All we know
is that it is down near Boulogne.

First day out we passed Baillul. &
camped at Shazells. Here we picked
the whole of the Brigade column up.
It was fairly cold but I slept well in one
of the Ambulance waggons.

8th Moved on at 9 a.m. Had a good day
& struck camp about 3 p.m. at Remusken.

I was a few days late in writing
home so sat down among the waggons &
scratched a note home to Mum.

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Mont O'Day & myself went into a brewery
yard & heated water on a Buffalo Forge,
for a wash & shave. Up too now, we
had had dysentery only since leaving Kippie
but struck a supply from the A.S.C. here
so some of the breakers were set to work to
prepare tea. "Stew" (the marvellous) Rather
than light fire, we got permission to
use a stove in an estaminet where
cooked. we all trooped into the estaminet & enjoyed
^{stew} ~~stew~~ made by amateurs. If ever we
enjoyed a stew it was that night.

We slept well in fairly good billets
had breakfast at 8 AM (bacon) & were
on the road at 9 AM.

9th Another good day, ~~Let~~ ^{Set} camp at
3 PM at Olmes somewhat out of the
road, & on a river flat. I'm sure
the billeting officer here is a Yankee.
The billets were the worst one could
imagine. The 9th Machine Gunners

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refused to accept their billets, also the
34th Batin. Our W.O. had no gutsy
so accepted ours. As we went in 3
bags came out of our billets. The inevitable
ble manner & less fit was in the
yard, but the stinks seemed much
worse than any other. Of course
we did not stay. Les Smith (Elsie).
I found & estamo where we were.
Given a bed up near ~~Leaves~~ Heaven.
There was pulchritude on all sides & when
in bed you could see the stars in
the sky. There was only one trouble
the bed was too short & I dreamt that
I was sleeping a kinder timber.
Before going to bed we got Madam to
heat up some MacConachies & some
Pork & beans. These went down very
well. When leaving Madam got
up & made us coffee & when we
asked How much? she replied.
What you like. You plenty blankets.

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me plenty pickanin. You give blanket
so we give a blanket & called it
square.

10th On the road again at 9 a.m.
Our last day. We had beautiful
weather the whole way. Arrived at
Burrenbert (our destination) at 3 p.m.

The Amb had all advanced their watches
1 hour so we had to do the same.

Boys in Good belts. Mother W.O. Gives
me instructions to go to 33 Bat^m Baths
looking for skin diseases.

11th To 33 Bat^m Bath. Received
parcel from Mum contg choc. Bittins etc.
Salt water must have got in as it
was all rusty & mouldy. Sell bread.

13th Met Bill McOmachie from North Shore
of the lake.

14th To Burrenbert. for mail caught
train to Longville & walked rest

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Received parcel from Nell Martin contg
Apples cake pudding & choc, cigarette
Walked back home to Bellroom.

Altogether 19 Killos for the afternoon.

15 Rec^d parcel from Mum. Great

No mail from Wm last date Dec 5.

21st I've an idea to go for the A.F.C.

Walk with Bill McMonachie to see
Don Grant at West.

As we got back home, the signallers
started out wth empty rerts on bikes.

So we at once suspected a move at
short notice. I came at 2.30 am.
next morning

22nd Back to the Ambulance. The
boys told me of Jolly's circus. How
he had them out, waggons packed
& they all slept in the open & then
moved back into camp next day.
When they got word of this move they
tipped another joke of Jollies.

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We leave for Koldingham at post haste. The boys cause a bit of a disturbance on account of no rest. Arrived there too late our bus had gone, so we built fires & sat round till midnight. Then we got word that we were not in training till 9 a.m. so slept in tent. 23rd Entrained at 9.15 a.m., in 2 coaches w/ a good share of horse manure. The coaches had not been cleaned out after ~~the use of the~~ ~~the~~ Arrived at Kaski at 2 p.m. & marched to Watson. Arrived there at 8 p.m. & rec^d word that we were to go back south in the morning. The local spoke & told that we would in all probability be mobile for some weeks & his words proved right.

24th: Moved at 9 a.m. per Motor Transport to Wallon Cappel about 4 or 5 miles from Hazebrouck. The people (farmers) about

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this part seemed far a head of those further north & south. Inside the house, floors, tables & etc were spotless. The children were all healthy & kept neat & clean. I did some letter writing while here. the first opportunity for some days, & as it happened the last for a few days. One thing that amused me was, as soon as a fowl would start to cackle, one of the youngsters would run out & look for the egg. Evidently the idea was, that on previous occasions when soldiers had been billeted there eggs had not been as plentiful as ordinary times.

25th Monday. Got jolly. tried to put the wind up us in speech re Fortizes advance. In the evening we went down to Etaminet & had a good supper.

26th Tuesday AM. Prepared for moving.
4.30 p.m. moved off

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via Morbecque to Steenbeek. We
entrained at 8 PM & travelled all
night. via St Pol.

27th Wednesday Arrived at Doullens
about 8 a.m. Saw effects of bombs
dropped the night before. Disentrained
& marched thru town. Traffic very
heavy, Troops, Guns & supplies going
up in large quantities. We stayed
in field just outside town (where we
had tea) till 5 P.M. While here
we met "Dummies" on foot & bikes
all w/ the yarn that Jerry was coming
strong. A couple of them said
they were in the town Mayor's staff
in Albert & that they had left
the a.m. before also that Fritz
was just entering the town.

At 5 P.M. word came for us
to move & we started on a
15 kilo march. We struck

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Peramoul in good time & while resting
had a chat to some Yankees. Dick
Gates asked me "What the latest
oil was?" & the reply he got was
"I guess Gasoline". He laughed
& Dick explained to him what was
meant by the "latest oil". We put
our packs on our Motors here, so
did not notice the rest of the march.
I lost my Gas Mask here & it seem
this was the start of my losing things.
As we marched thru one town ship
we noticed dogs & obstacles of various
kinds on the side of the road, ready
to be pulled across in case Fitz
came on. In the center of the
town the A.P.M. came up & gave
orders for us to march quietly, stop
singing (no unnecessary noise) & he put
us on another road a bit of a
round about track. Eventually we
"Beauguesne" ~~---~~

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struck the original road, towards the outskirts of the town. Tranches were dug & others marked out w/ tape.

We arrived at Park Villers. fairly late & had to bivouac. Some of us found a barn, & were just turning in as orders came out for 5 francs a section to go up on picquet. It meant two men on for one hour, so we decided to sell a horse & the only half the party go on so doing 2 hours for every 2 men. Bill & I were in luck's way, so got back to bed.

28th Thursday We had a good walk round, but could not buy any food. The only thing obtainable were Prunes at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per small bag. We moved at 1 p.m. over very hilly country to Behancourt about 8 or 10 kellos distant. Here Fritz was sending a few shells over. The first

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we had heard since leaving the
Warnton Stunt. Tents had to be
pitched By the way Staff Gray was
acting W.O. so that explains what follows

- A Section were to pitch Bell Tents
- B " to carry tents from transport
- C " to erect Operating tents &

Marquees. Naturally things were
in confusion. A Section put up tents
& got into them. B Section got into
what were left & C " were given
tents to erect for themselves. It had
started to rain by this time, so of course
we kicked up a pow. & eventually got
the first row of tents. That A Sectn
were in. They had to finish the tents
we were starting.

29th Friday. This I've told is Good
Friday. Orders to move at 1 p.m. to
Spanville about 6 killo's. On the
way up we passed a few tanks.

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Here we had orders to hold ourselves
in readiness to move at ~~at~~ early notice.
From here we had a view over Bray &
Albert. Of the latter we could only see
a couple of chimney stacks & a church
spire. We could see Fritz's guns
firing on our positions & on Albert.
Also our own guns firing on Fritz.
As soon as we landed here I was
ordered to go into the tent sub. I objected
strongly & was going to parade to
Hq. Smead. so got out of it. I don't
object to tent sub work. I prefer the
heavens, but the reason I objected in
this case is that I don't like working
up. ~~2nd~~ & don't like NCO's over
me that are 'duds'. & this is the
case w/ our tent Sub. Soon after
ten orders came for us to move in
30 minutes. Also to discard all gear
except one blanket over coat & water.

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proof. About 8 p.m. we started off
(20 of us) w/ Capt McLean for an
unknown destination. It was to be a
15 mile ride in a motor lorry. The first
motor in turning got bogged so we had
to get a 2nd, which also got bogged
in the inevitable manner put in the
French yard used as a Garage.

Before moving Capt McLean told us that Fritz had
broken thru down south & that the 9th Brigade
were going down to drive in a wedge (I under-
stand that this news came from the A.O.M.S.).

Met Capt Rayson & Harry Kemp here.
After a lot of cursing & putting the wind
up the Tommy drivers, the 1st lorry got
out, so we got aboard & started. The
~~same~~ direct road to our destination was
in Fritz's hands so we had to take
a round-about course. We passed
thru Corbie which was deserted.
I eventually landed at backoff.

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The traffic here was very heavy & if Gutz had of shelled our bases would have been very heavy indeed. Of course. His advance was so rapid that he had not time to bring his guns up. Here the Town Mayor told Capt Mc that Gutz was only 300 yards outside the village. Our bullets were at Gentilles but Capt Mac tried to get us in the back of the Town Mayor. Here we met a sentry who refused us admission so Capt Mac came up & wanted to know why we had been stopped after he had rec^d permission. The argument only lasted a few seconds, when Capt Mc told the sentry that, "This is how you commence — win the war." He started off for Gentilles 2 Kilos away. This place was also deserted so we had no bother in finding billets. Bill Pearson & I slept in arch way of our billets & had a rough sleep. This was about 1:30 AM. The remainder of the Ambulance arrived at about 3 P.M. & of course had to come into

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one killed & woke us up. The absence of gun fire was most noticeable but as we already stated Gritz had not had time to get his guns up.

30th Saturday. Frank & I got into the Mayors house had a look round & noticed in every room the goods left on tables showing that the inhabitants had gone with very little notice. We took nothing but came back half an hour later. I found the house upside down. I found a set of beams (very fine set, but not on the best of mountings). I put these in my box respirator thinking that that was about the safest place. At 4.30 p.m. we left for Mangard Wood for the Stint. Our RAP was just behind the wood. I was had a carry of 2½ miles over rough humped ground & a very muddy road. The walk up to the R.A.P. was bad enough & by the time we got there were just about done. The wounded were coming in fairly fast so we had no time for a rest. We had to carry right off.

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I mentioned under date 29th that the Town Mj. informed us that the enemy was 300 yards out of battery. Now we are 2½ to 3 miles back that point so it shows that our heads did not know exactly where Fritz was. The battery did some good work here in & just beyond the Hood. The 33rd Bn were to go & find Fritz's position & dig in, but when they got beyond the wood they saw Fritz walking about, smoking & carrying duck boards so hopped straight into him. This hop over was about 2 hours before it was timed for. Our boys were badly cut up, but they made a good opening for the 34th Bn who went over later & did some very fine work. They did not get their objective but pushed him back & dug in.

31st Sunday Before day light the Linears went up to take over from the 34th Bn but said our boys were too far up so dug in in the rear. We had to work very

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Hard to get the wounded away. The R.A.P. was on a road side, about 150 yards W. rear of the Wood. & between 7 p.m. & 8.30 p.m. last night it was necessary to shift our position three times, owing to shell fire.

The gun fire was not very heavy, but Fritz concentrated the few 5.9 guns he had on the wood & at the rear (where we were). The idea was to stop us massing there. The only damage he did was to get a few of the cavalry. One chap we saw, fire at his horse & kill it, evidently it had been badly wounded. I've already

described our carry down to beach. One thing I forgot to mention is the wonderful spirit of our boys in particular. The Tommies do not seem to have such big hearts.

For instance I've seen Tommies w/ arm wounds, being assisted down through Guntelbos. Here are a couple of

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instances that show what our boys
are made of. One case we
were carrying down was very weighty.
We were also taking two walking cases
down, one shell shock & on w/ a very
bad wound in the wrist. The latter
saw us struggling w/ the stretcher
case so got his shoulder under one
side & wanted to give a hand. He
had lost quite a lot of blood, so naturally
we insisted on him not helping, but
I was useless, he helped till he could
not go on further. then let go. Another
chap we struck (while we were carrying
one case) was hit up in the line. He
had three (3) machine bullet wounds in one
leg, & so far had no dressing on. This
was about 2 1/2 miles behind the line.
We put shell dressings on & advised
him to wait till we could get the case
we had down & return for him w/ or

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stretcher. He had the idea he could walk the rest of the way so, started off: after going 50 yards he had to give up. While sitting down his limbs had got stiff. He put him on a water proof & sent another squad up for him. It may be noted that we advised him to sit & wait. In shunts it is customary to make those of the wounded that can, walk down to the A.D.S. as there is more often than not more than the bearers can cope w/ in the limited time i.e. before dawn.

These two incidents are by no means exceptions. It is such things as these, that 'give' the bearers heart, to go on. The popular expression amongst our boys is "The infantry man is the man I left my hat to". As we were returning from this camp, we noticed one of our planes flying low &

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& fast over our position. He was flying backwards & forwards as if taking stock of the whole of the ground between three points: Hamard Wood (in front), back (rear left) & Villers Brethencourt. (rear right). ^{H.W.} v.b. c. Then looked suspicious. He hasn't after that it was a Fritz in one of our planes.

I heard about a couple of days ago that Fritz in his advance, (down south) captured, about 80 of our machines. We worked hard till midnight, & the number of wounded were gaining on us. The three horse Ambulances came up now to a point about a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from our RAP. Now we were able to use the wheel stretchers & so got all the wounded away before dawn. As has already mentioned above the 34th Btn were relieved by the Lucens. In coming out of the line they (our boys) did not march out, as it may be supposed, but came out in small

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parties all making for their billets they had left the day before. One batch of about 8 or 10 came out of bikes (wif) that they had souvenired from Villers Brethencourt. As we came away, we met a Scotter who told us that ~~there~~ one of our boys was wounded & out towards the line. Dick Gates

went out for him w/ the Scotter as guide. When he found him, he was as pleased as Punch that it was one of our own that found him instead of those Bloody Germans, as he called them. It was a hard job to get him down to the A.D.S., as the roads were even worse than the night before, on a/c of traffic. Getting down to the A.D.S. ourselves ^{was} to any patient was quite enough for us. So much so that we were compelled to have three rests on the way down (3 miles) so we have only a slight idea of what those four boys felt like coming down. When we got the patient at the A.D.S. & gave him

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a hot drunk we heard the following:-
He was hit early the afternoon before,
while going from the line (He was a
company Runner). Quite a number of
Tommys had passed him & refused
to take him back to the R.A.P. or A.O.S.
About 10 o'clock the Scotie found him
& helped him to a haystack, where
he covered him w/ straw to keep the
rain off & to keep him warm. At
dawn the Scotie came out & found
our boys to carry him in. Re the
Tommys refusing to carry our boy in.
Perhaps its quite true that they did, but
its quite possible they had more import-
ant work to carry out. Since coming
down South our boys have a very
poor name for the Tommys & lie afraid
are only too ready to condemn w/o
even giving the benefit of the doubt.

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We all got a drink & a light meal at the A.D.S. (barracks) had a look in the salvage dump to make up shortages.

I found my own tin hat there, which somebody must have dumped for a joke. Next we started off for our billets at Tintettes. The first thing we thought of was sleep. When I shipped I was particular to hang my Gas Mask & tin hat up above my head, but when I woke, both had flown. & so I lost my set of Rameo's.

When we woke we had an order read to us congratulating us on the way the wounded were cleared. Later we heard that the A.D.S. had been stilled out of barracks.

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Apr 1st Monday. Needless to say we got up late. I had a late breakfast. Later we began to make ourselves comfortable. Three of the boys prepared dinner while the rest of us got mattresses from various houses. At lunch time we dined on Roast Rabbit & Baked spuds. Lunch was no sooner finished than Fritz started on one of his mad half hours. I skinned in out of the village. He adjourned to some reserve trenches just at the rear of our lines. To pass the time we sat on the both sides of the trenches & played "One Hundred". So shells came over, if they were close, there would be a regular scramble for the trenches. The first time this happened we all met in one spot, so after, we arranged to dig for different parts. Fritz's staff lasted for about 1 hour. While out in these trenches, we saw a fight in the air, between one of our airmen & seven (7) of Fritz's.

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Our man was just coming back from ^{over} Fritz's lines, when the seven (7) Fritz machines swooped down from the clouds; the first attacked our man. Our man put up a rattling fight against five (5) of them consecutively, & sent one down out of action. The 5th Fritz got him, & down our man went to the ground, (he was flamed). As soon as the machine touched the ground she burst into flames. Now the occupants got on I don't know, but the machine came down behind our lines.

About 20 minutes later we saw, one of our machines dive at one of Fritz's, observation balloons, & next minute, a burst of flame, down went the balloon. We got back to our billets soon after, we found that one "Tommy" had been killed & one wounded. For tea we had

a very nice rabbit stew, w/- some of the Killers Breckneary turned goods.

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Orders came thru w/ ~~some~~ word from the Brigade commandant, complimenting us on the way & we got the wounded away from the Hangard Wood street.

Tommy's to hand, that the Allies had landed west at, & taken Ostend & Zeebrugge.

2nd April. Tuesday. 11 A.M. Shelled out of the village again. This lot only lasted 20 minutes. 2.30 p.m. Only at us again. One of our horses killed & Jack Perry, Mackay, Lt. Lean, Charles Wynn, & four Siggers were wounded. They were all evacuated at once. Orders that we are to leave Gentilles, & go to Boes. When we went back into the village we found 3 Tommy's had been buried in a cellar. A shell had hit the cellar at the top (side). We start for Boes, carrying a leg of veal on our shoulders. Our butcher had.

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killed a calf that was straying around the village & this was all we had left.

3rd. Wednesday. We are at Boves. & in good billets (up in a loft w/ plenty of straw). To get up to this it was a case of go half way up, on a ladder, the rest of the way on a door. Frank's hair makes a good exchange. Right up to last night we lived well, but now we are depending on our Quartermaster for rations & they are not as plentiful as one would wish. This morning Frank had met a "Tommy" with a bike (racing model, but w/ one tube flat), & after a few minutes conversation asked for a ride. Of course Frank had his three stripes & crown up, which went a long way w/ the Tommy. Frank got on the bike & the last the late owner of it saw was Frank going round the corner. The

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Gomme had souveniered the bike so did not loose. ~~so~~ This is where the exchange comes in. Frank saw a French youngster w/ a loaf of bread passing our billet & wanted to buy it but the kiddie would not part w/ it so Frank offered the bike for the loaf. This did the deed. we got the bread & the youngster went off w/ the bike. Just at this time there was a move in sight for us or the bike would not have gone so cheaply.

At night we went down to the dressing room of our M.D.S. (Main Dressing Station).

It was in a school room. Most of the forms & such things were moved into the next room, but there ~~was~~ ~~plenty~~ were maps, pictures, (the type that are always seen in school rooms) black boards, glass tubes used in ~~science~~ chemistry. & Quite a host of other things that reminded you of your school days. The room was a good

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size. w/ a stove in the center. Down
one end are three good size tables, w/
drugs, dressings & instruments on. between
these & the stove is the operating table.
On one side is the teachers desk, raised up
about a foot, round the stove are about
a dozen wounded (arm wounds & leg wounds) &
on ^{the floor} almost every where possible are stretchers
cases, some badly wounded. others only slightly.
perhaps a few gassed. In the teachers
desk is a clerk, entering up particulars
of every case that goes through; a second
clerk is going round the patients getting
correct particulars. Three Medical Officers
are going for their lives re dressing wounds
& giving instructions to the half dozen orderlies
who are helping. In another part
one of the boys (a batman) is giving all
the patients hot drinks. Last but not
least is a padre (C. of G.) going from one
to another of the patients administering

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sacriment. My job wth few others
was carrying stretcher cases, from the
motors to the dressing room & vice-versa.

4th Thursday. I think Fritz must
have a down on us. We woke up to
hear shells falling in the town only
100 yards short of our billet. It was
humorous to see different chaps going
down the road wth teams of horses &
mules. They would come down to
about our place at an even
pace then, put the spurs in &
on wth the whip & down they
would go through the part of
the village that was being shelled.
at almost a gallop. After

breakfast we moved to the Amiens
side of the village. At 3 p.m.

Bill Pearson got word to go up
the line we guessed to relieve
Bill Birmingham who we heard

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was under open arrest for being
drunk & away from his post while
on duty. in Tellers. Bretonneant

At the time. 4.30 p.m. word
came for all of C section to go
up in Bill Parsons place we
had. Ohas Holland. Just one thing
before I go on w/ our trip up the
line. In Roves as in all French
towns the people are not allowed to
sell bread to the troops. We got all
we wanted by going to a bakers
shop w/ a bag (we were wearing
our red crosses field size) & ordering
about a dozen or more loaves, &
stating they were for patients. It
was hard & the Tommies who stand
for an hour on end looking in
the window. that is the farthest
they can get as far as bread
can

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Went to go on w/ our trip up
the line. We turned some
ten down & left the M.D.S. at
5 pm. for motor for a front
we had not been on before.
We landed at a loading post
on the main road about 5 killo's from
Villers & 7 killo's from Amiens. This
part of the road had been shelled
heavily all day, but thank goodness
he has given us a spell. The sight
here is by no means pleasing. Our
motors & horse ambulances were bring-
ing wounded down to the loading
post & leaving them here in the
open. The idea was that Villers
was likely to be taken by Fritz
at dark or if not then by noon
& our R.A.P. was there, & there ~~was~~
was ~~also~~ a large crowd of wounded
who we were trying to get down

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thus far before Fritz attacked. We were just on the side of the road w/ no shelter for the patients. There were some sitting on the side of the road these had wounds of such a nature that it was not necessary for them to be on stretchers. They are known as sitting cases. Just through the fence on ploughed ground we had the stretcher cases. These almost broke my heart. Some were badly hit. Others of course slight. But the conditions were sufficient to make the strongest & fittest of men sing out. Here they were with only one blanket ea & no cover to keep off the continual drizzle of rain. Blankets, clothing & stretchers are all soaking wet & on most stretchers are good pools of water.

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An idea only can be imagined what suffering these men went thru. I emptied my water bottle on them & put my over coat over one chap who had no blanket.

I felt particularly sorry for one chap who ~~who~~ was hit in the abdomen, so of course could not give him any water. We scavenged a tarpaulin off a motor trolley & rigged up a bit of a shelter alongside the fence. At this time the only way we had of getting patients back to the M.D.S. was by pulling up every motor trolley that came along & if empty & going anywhere near any M.D.S. we would load them up & so get rid of as many of the troops as possible. As one trolley load left one chap, who had helped a

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from one of the battery. not far away
to the loading post called out
"Good bye Bob. best of luck & I hope
it takes you back to Ninety (NSW)".

I could only wish or make
anything better & I'm certain I'm
right in saying never was a wish
more sincere. At 9 ~~30~~ pm

two of our squads got word to move
up to Villers. we went up in one
of the horse ambulances & the first
word we got on arriving there, was
that Jack Lee & Roy Porton had
been hit. The former badly. We
had about 3/4 of a mile to go
thru the town to the R.A.P. & Fritz
was putting quite a few bit of
stuff about the streets. Several
buildings were still burning having
been set on fire w/ incendiary
shells. When we were at the

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Longard street we saw the first shell go into Villers & now only five to six days later the place is badly knocked about. Telegraph wires every where & when walking along the road we very often got tangled up in masses of these wires on the road. Fritz had the roads ranged very well, there were shells holes every few yards on every road. The R.F.P. was very close to the station in a three story brick building. The first sight told us we had a good big night ahead of us. Wounded were every where waiting to go down. We started at once; 4 to a squad. As luck would have it Fritz knocked off for a while so we had very little shelling to contend w/ at present.

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We tried using wheel stretchers but gave this up as the roads were too bad w/ shell holes, telegraph wires, bricks & pieces of wood strewn across the road. By shell fire the etc of it being dark the job was much harder. We got our wheels tangled in wires, ~~ran~~ ran into shell holes & were over the top of bricks, so our first patient, got a 'very rough ride. We had a distance of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to convey our patients & the idea was to get the job done before dawn. We were met at this point by our three horse ambulances. They took the patients back to the landing boat & from there they were evacuated as we already described. We had not time to spare so got on to carrying (four to a squad). At 10 o'clock Fritz started his hymn of hate.

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I so gave us a rough time. Fritz scored three direct hits on our R.A.P. but got none of us. About 11 30 PM the moon came up & made things much better for us. We were able to pick out a new road, which had certainly suffered more than any road we saw, but by spending about 10 minutes in it we were able to make a clear run for the wheel stretchers. On this road we had to pass the "Square" into which faced a number of public buildings. The Law Courts, Town Hall, Church etc. Lying on the road here were a couple of "Tommys" killed also a horse (dead). One "Tommy" had his left arm blown off at the shoulder & was lying face down; the other had a nasty wound in the back. This was

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not a pleasant sight but as we had our hands full we had not time to let our thoughts dwell on things of this kind. In fact Kirk was determined he was going to give us something else to think about, for he pumped shells of all size into us till about 3.30 a.m.

At 12.30 a.m. wounded were coming in a bit faster than we could get them away so Frank Barr (S/Lt) wrote a note to the C.O. stating that the job was more than we could manage & the only way to get all the wounded away by dawn was to send all of our motors & G.S. waggons up to the R.A.P. at least one trip each. Frank got this note signed by Capt Barber (R.M.O. of the 3rd Bn) who at this time was just about asleep in a chair. Just a word about Capt Barber. He was the R.M.O.

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at the Bangard. Hood stints, I in both stints he worked very well. He spoke very well about the way we got the cases away from Bangard. He certainly had another M.O. assisting him, but he was certainly the principal R.M.O. at this R.A.P. He had a Military Cross. I all the boys who came in contact w/ him in these two stints said they would like to see him get a bar to his M.C. At 3.45 a.m. Capt Maclean came up w/ about 5 G.S. waggons I in these we got nearly all of the walking wounded, I slight stretchers cases. soon after our motor ambulances started coming right up to the door I so we got the place clear. From that on we had a clear run I were able to get the cases away as fast as they came in. The rather interesting case was that of a 35th boy. He was

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passing the window of ~~his~~ his billet,
(close to our R.A.P.) when his mate, who
was cleaning his rifle, ^{up} the barrel of it
resting on the sill, shot him through
the neck cutting the ~~artery~~ artery. As
luck Nobby (Charlie) Holland was passing
at the time. He stopped the bleeding.
which ^{if not stopped} would certainly have meant death
in less than a couple of minutes,
brought him to the R.A.P. & looked after
him. Capt Hunter had a look at the
case but would not re-dress it as he
said he could not improve things by
touching it. After letting him
rest for a couple of hours, he was
taken down to one of the horse
ambulances. ~~Be~~ he got on I don't
know, but although delirious when he
left the R.A.P. he was doing well.
At 6 a.m. Fritz started another "Lynx
of Hate" this one only lasting about

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about 2³ of an hour. During the night we had about 9 Fritz's wounded thru one shaft w/ 4 severe bayonet wounds in the body. I've stated that Fritz's snuffed up twice during the night that I went by a German of that was that he would concentrate about a 7 or 8 batteries on the town at once all going at a good speed. Quite apart from these two lots of stuff he gave us a steady flow all night, from I should one battery. For the night Capt. Mailer, Maclean & Staff Sergeant Barr were the hero's. At 7.30 am Holby, Holland & Alf Henderson went out to get some stuff to take back to the billets w/ them. At 8 am our relief came up. He had some breakfast & made for our camp. Since we left Boves for Villers Bretonneux.

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the remainder of our party had moved out into open country between Armentières & Villers. so to get to camp we had a good 8½ miles.

Just as we left the R.A.P. Trip started about 5 Bysms. of Hales all rolled into one. We had word that our job was done, so were anxious to get out of such an unhealthy spot, so went for our lives. To get right out of the town I suppose we had 1½ miles to go. I'm sure we did it in good time. Our luck was out we could not get a lift although we were on the main road. Horses were all going to the line. We got home & before going to bed had to pitch our own tent. Such is the management of the military all through. In the streets of Villers were quite a lot of dead horses. Also on the

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main road coming out. In one place there was a team of 6 horses lying on the side of the road (all killed), & w/ all harness on. Alongside were a couple of ^(killed) Jommies, the drivers of the team. From our position, a little 3 kiltos from Villers we had a fine view of a battle field. The thought came to me how often have people wished they could get into some position such as this & see what war was like. You could see for miles of over fairly flat country. Rows of reserve trenches w/ barbed wire entanglements to fall back on if they should be too strong to hold. Up towards the line were batteries of small guns 16 pounders & etc. Farther back were larger ones 5.9's & then behind them again were the naval guns. As well as all this there were motor lorries bringing

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up stores also dunks (ammunition)
in various parts - Instead of doing as
I often wished I could do. I
went full steam ahead for our camp.
When we got back we heard the
Benderfield had been hit also. Word
also came thru that Lt Lean who ~~was~~
was hit at Tentacles. Has died of wounds.

NOTE: From page 41 date 22nd MAR.
Frank Barr was acting W.O. during Lt
Bobbis absence. Tonight Frank
got drunk & on the 6 pm parade had
a row w/ James A. Smeal. who took Frank
up to the Colonel. Frank told the
Col to (See later edition). Frank
was relieved of his duties. He was
tried at Wallon Bagnet. I was told that
if he stayed w/ the unit he would
lose his stripes or if he wished
he could return to the 2nd Old Amb.
As I've already mentioned he did

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good work at Bangard Wood stink.
At this lot Ervander was in charge
but as it was his first time up Frank took
charge. At Villers Bretonneux he was
in charge & did fine work.) —

6th Saturday. Bill Pearson comes
back from the line. We get the good
news that Frank came on a lot of good
work done is agains section Sgt of C Sect.
Word that Jack Cox (wounded at Villers)
had died of wounds.

7th Sunday. We have 13 in a line.
I am having the time of our lives.
Time 9:30 P.M. All hands are singing
Hymns, & such tunes as "Goodbye",
"Snap My Fingers" & etc. in between.

might say that * Singing has
stopped & a general brawl ensued in
the middle of which all 3 candles
were snuffed. Some "wag"
called for some one to send up

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Very light As soon as the candles were alight a couple started throwing them up for Vary fights. Before this brawl started I was going to say that prior to the singing of hymns the whole tent full spent the whole day playing cards "Portoni & Banker". Both games are Gambling but as played by the boys nobody could take except on to it. They all stick strictly to pennies. I just mention these incidents to show how time is filled in & the wonderful spirits of the boys all of whom have only been out of the line 24 hours. We have just been outside to watch our Artillery boys putting up a fine barrage on Fritz. We are on a hill & from our position can see the flash & burst both. Such things as the following were mentioned. When a man is about 70 or 75 years

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To some of his Grand kiddies come round telling off fire works. He will look for his tin hat & get down flat on the ground.

8th Monday. Marched down to Dover for a Bath but the Germans were in front so we had to content ourselves wth a wash in the canal.

9th Tuesday. Four (4) squads including ours moved up the line. Mine to A.D.S. on main road. Capt McCall wth & very windy. We had only been there five (5) minutes when Fritz killed one of a team of horses close by. A bit too much shelling to be comfortable so we moved away from our position which was on the edge of a wood. We had to shift twice. At 2 pm Capt Davies came up & took over from Capt McCall.

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We played Auction Bridge to pass the time away

10th Wednesday Order to move our ADS to the Railway cutting about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile away. Started to move at 11 AM & dug two dug-outs one to sleep in & one for the cook houses.

These dug-outs were part made w/ shell cases & it was some work Capt. Davies had his coat off & worked well all day. The Artillery Officers (Imp) could not make us or our officer out. I had a chat to one of them for a while & found him a fairly decent chap. At dark we played cards again Capt Davies & Dick played against Bill & self.

First night they beat us by ~~1200~~ 1200 & the tonight we beat them by 1570. so called things even. My opinion of the "Tommy" has

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changed slightly. He is not to be blamed as much as we are to. In my way of thinking the Officers are to a large extent to blame. A lot of them treat their men like dogs so can only expect poor returns from the treatment. There is one instance of RAMC organisation. About 500 yards from us is a "Tommy" R.A.P. in a chateau. There are 3 R.M.O's w/ orderlies & they have no means of evacuating the wounded. What they did was to send down to us & ask for our car to go up there & take them wounded away. Wounded to them seem to be of no importance.

11th Thursday Our cars run up to Hillers B w/ rations & brought back Cherry jam, Candegans & Box & good quantities.

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Back to camp. Relieved by A. Sectⁿ.
Had bath. First for since 19th March
only a fortnight I thought it was longer
than that.

12th Sunday To backy w/ Frank's bar.
We started out for Villers B. but met
three of our squads who were on loan
to the 7th Aust Fld Amb. As far
as we were concerned these squads
were lost & we were so pleased at
finding them that it did not take
much persuading from them to keep
us out of Villers B. Eric Nicholls
squad was at the Brewery Chas Hollands
at the 35th Amb. RAP & Allan Murray
in the wood. We had tea w/.

Eric & left for home at 8.30 pm.

Instead of our cargo consisting of
food stuff from Villers B. it consisted
of a demijohn of good wine & a petrol
tin of something special in the way

of wine. At the brewery Frank had had various mps & by the time we started home he was just about boosed. Half way along to Gentilles we found half a dozen French barrows so took the best & put our cargo on & off we went. Frank would wheel the show. Every team of horses or mules that passed Frank would run the barrow into the centre horses & so cause trouble. Each time this would happen I'd get the barrow from him. About a kello out of Gentilles we met a company of French troops seated on the side of the road. We pulled our carriage up on the opposite side of the road & after having a yarn w/ them & getting some tobacco, as we both had run out, we opened the petrol tin of wine. As soon as the Froggies tasted it they simply rushed us.

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before we knew where we were the
line was almost empty. The stopper
was put in at once as we had
to think of the loop in camp. While
we were yarning here "Tommys" were
passing us w/ teams (of six) & ammunition
one timber on their way to a dump.

They were only watching one side
of the road consequently just about
smashed our carriage up. Then
running over one handle.

This is a funny looking thing but it's
like the French barrows. no legs & no
sides. I called out to these drivers
to keep over as we had a stretcher
case on the side of the road.

One lot we told this yarn to, pulled
up & said - "Is he badly wounded, chum?"
so I said "No". They replied let him
jump up here. So Frank & I said
"Boo-ya" to the "Froggies" & off we

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went in fine style w/ what remained
of our cargo. Before long Frank goes
out the pole & on to one of the
horses. The "Tommy" thinking it a
good opportunity for a joke drove his
spur into the horse Frank was on.
The mule certainly tried to buck.
but Frank enjoyed the joke & did
just what a drunk man would do;
drove his heels in to make the
mule buck again. This was a good
lift we arrived at the dump
gave some of the drivers a drink
& were just on our way as a
French G.S. wagon passed at a
trot. Along our way so on we got
As they got along the road they
put on pace, so when they turned off
the road the only way of getting out
way to shut the brake on hard.
This stopped the turn out & out we
got to receive a shower of

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language from one of the Trogress.
We had good night & left in the
middle of this nation. From here
we left the road & made across
country. Our camp was only about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile this part of the road, but
we got lost. There were so many
clusters of trees that looked alike
& it was dark so there was some
excuse for us missing our road.
We soon found the main road on
which our camp was situated &
met more "Tommeis" w/ a lumber-
These we asked which way our
M.D.S. was. One got out & helped
Frank up. took him to be wounded
This party took us right to our door &
dropped us there. A taxi car
could not have done better.

I mention Frank's name
a good deal. So already

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he is our section Sgt & a real
Good chap. He gets drunk very
easily, so whenever he goes out
one of our boys always go w/
him to look after him. as we don't
want to lose such a good man.

13th Saturday. To look w/.

Goodchield (Garcon). Quite a number
of places have been shelled. I hope
Gibbs takes look for a day or
so so as to relieve the British
forces of the blame for looting & damag-
ing houses. I quite agree w/
taking of food stuff from these
places, but certainly don't agree w/
the way a lot of chaps go on.
Furniture knocked about. Linn
pulled out of presses. papers & books
all over the floor. The church was
the worst of the lot. It had been
shelled badly. but to make

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nothing worse somebody had punched
church gun of all kinds for
souvenirs also broken open the
floor boards on the walls. We
got there before dinner & by 3 o'clock
felt hungry so found some Pork &
beans. & Bully beef ~~quinted~~ & pickled
onions so had some meal. Coming
home we were dead tired, sighted
two army bikes outside a shop. Out
of the four tires 3 were punctured.
There were no army population in
Cork so we knew that if they
belonged to any one they were soldiers
so we had as much right to
them as any one else, so on we
go & went for our bikes. Going
thru Drovers. I saw No Greiness.
& some of the 16th boys who are w/.
the 1stst Hld. Amb. We pushed.

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on again & as usual took the wrong road. Eventually we landed at La Motte where we found a homme orderly room who showed us a map. (It is useless asking a homme where you are or where any place is they don't know more than 100 yds from their billets).

Off we went & decided that instead of going round the road which meant 5 more miles we would go across country. We crossed the river on the railway bridge. Here there was a troupe sentry so we gave him our bikes & made straight for camp. Luck was ours we only had one accident. He were both looking for a couple of bomb holes we thought were there when we landed in a trench. No body hurt. Home about 11 pm.

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14th Sunday. Played cards most of the day. About 10 30 a.m. two (2) French aviators landed close by. These two chaps had been bombing St Quentin & had landed behind Fritz's lines on account of one machine having engine trouble. Without being noticed they got up & away & landed here to fix up properly.

Bill Pearson & Dick Gates were having a look at one of the machines. The former (Bill) with his coat off & a French military cap on which he had got white at Villers B.

A "Tommy" Major came up w/ a CSM. & says to Bill - "Bon Soir". Bill replies "Bon Soir". Major then asks "Parlez Vous". Bill replied.

points to the French aviator who was on the far side of the machine.

The Major goes to the Frenchman & after greeting him as he had Bill

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I found out that he could speak English pointed to Bill & said Comrade does not speak English. The French man ~~who~~ had been talking to Bill & Dick previously laughed & I says him no officer. Him Australian w/ prisoner shappa. The Major at first did not see the joke & said well he might have told me he spoke English.

16th Tuesday. Tom Tempelery & Hugh Morris did not get up for parade, so Frank saw got home on them by getting Digger Bridges (Capt) to try them for a joke. Frank made them clean up shave & put belts on & w/ a guard on each side & Freddie Lee at the back w/ an old sword marched them down to orderly room where Capt Bridges was going to try them. Bridges reads the charge.

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I then passed sentence (for sentence see revised edition)

17th Wednesday. Fritz gassed about 300 of the 9th Brigade

18th Bill McLenachie goes thru gassed.

20th Sunday. Moved to Lucerne

21st Met Lank. Had long talk.

I after tea Bill & I walked to Glenville w/ him. Wrote to M^{rs} & Howe

22nd Shearman kept us awake half the night w/ toothache. Crying like a child the boys have no sympathy for anyone who cannot act like a man, so they chapped him a good deal. 24th Met Reid McLaughlan.

27th Saturday. For the past few days we have been playing cards w/ a few of the "fleet." Lytle Walker beats me. He object to play w/ him.

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27th Saturday. We move to Petit
Canon.

28th Sunday. - Church Parade. in
stable (A Skoon billet). A description
of the place may be interesting
for future reference. A stable
about 18 feet long & 12 feet wide.
Walls 14 feet high. Floor covered w/
straw - the roof was the floor of
the hay loft; so we had straw
overhead as well. A small
square window. in one wall, (high
up) & a double stable door in one
end wall. Down this end stood
the "padre" behind a table made
out of a stable door resting on a
box. The top covered w/ a blanket.
On top again stood a small box
covered w/ a small "union jack".
Around the wall were the boys
kito & on these we sat.

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All sitting on the side I was on
could not look at the parson w/o
seeing a football match in progress.
The parson was in a position
between us & the open door.

Sacrament was administered

Although the surroundings were by
no means church like, I since we
all enjoyed the whole turnout
quite as much as if we were in
a cathedral.

MAY 1st Wednesday Our Soccer
Football team got beaten by the
15th Field Amb.

2nd Thursday Our Rugby Team
beat the 15th Field Amb. 15 to 3.

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6th Monday Game of Aust.
Rule Football wth the 15th Hld. Amb.
We got badly beaten. This is the
first & last match of Aust rules
we played in the Amb.

7th Tuesday Training for our
Sports. Met two (2) of the
10th Aust Machine Gunners.
Following was told me by these
two 2 sections of the above
were left up North at Kemmel
when Fritz started his push. These
boys ~~now~~ spoke very well of the
way the South Africans & Scottish
fought.

Into Querrion to meet
Bob Kirk. Doug Dixon. Doug Whitson.
Kath Fulton from Christie & into St. Leon
Later I went & saw Alb. Brown
& coming home met Bob Carter.
We had a long yarn re our
doings since leaving Querrion

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He informed me that Mr^{rs} Pope had told him that my engagement was broken off of him. He is endeavouring to find out the opinion from that end.

8th Wednesday Goodie (J. Goodchild) does sketch of me entitled "Red Rover"

I'm more out of our game of Aust rules football on the 6th inst. I was wearing

a pair of brown shorts & our club singlets were red. (I sent this sketch home)

By the talk of the camp in "Gerrits" for the 440 Yards

Handicap. At every turn some one asks "How do you like your chance" & such questions as this.

9th Thursday Sports starting at 10.30 am. I started in 220 yds

(Championship) & came 3rd. Started in the 440 (Champ) & came 2nd.

Very small fields in both of these races

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Started next in the 140 yds Land-
cap (off scratch) & came 1st. So did
not do too bad out of 3 starts.

Baker topped up as a "narcrow"
& acted the part wonderfully. Freddie
Lea, Ted Higbee & Jack Donbrani
worked together. Fred as the Groom
(mounted) the other two on a
carriage made out of two pr of
stretcher wheels & one stretcher.

The horse was heavy weight & had
a pr of under poms on the front
legs. Ted was the "Girl" & Jack
the "dandy".

11th Saturday We move to a
position 2 killoes out of Amiens on
the Doullens road. The tent subs
are in a school in Rivery running
a M.P.S. & C.R.S. The crowd in
our camp have gone half mad.
We are all acting like a lot

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of school boys. Such games as Golf
(w/ shinty sticks) Hockey & cards.

12th Sunday. To M.D.S. (School)

of fatigue. In this school there
are book cases full of French
periodicals bound in annual volumes.

In one of these I saw a picture
of Victor Bennett - from Thomas Hgley's
point NSW. Here we found

some tambourines & toy drums. These
we took home to camp to form a
band.

After tea we went down
to Boulamville (2½ killys away)

13th Monday. More instruments

Two (2) mandolins & a couple of small
harps.

No duties for
the morning so we had band

practice, & at lunch time marched
down to the cook house. My instrum-

ent is a yife which I got at
Petit Camon.

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14th Tuesday. Dick Gates, Stan Monk
& Doug Bair get Military Medals.
Capt. McLean gets the Military Cross.
Received tube of Ink pellets from
Hall.

15th Wednesday. To M.D.S. on
fatigue. I found some my clothes
in the Sergeants Mess. There was a
frocks coat, a top hat, a pr of finger-
a-negs, & a walking stick. This lot
I put on & w/ Capt Nicholls blew
round to the school. As soon
as I entered the gate I ran
into three officers, & half way up
the yard met the Colonel, so made
for the nearest door which was
the mess room. Here were
a few of the boys who kept
me occupied while "Tarcon" did
a sketch of me. The make
up gave me the a similar.

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appearance to President Wilson.
The sketch showed this & from
that time on I got the name
of President Fatigues.

Finished at lunch time, so we
went down to the river & got
a boat that resembled a
Gondola. "Garcon" & I had
a swim & then the whole
party made up the river (down)
to get some vegetables. This is
on the East side of Amiens.
& all the river flat is irrigated
& made into vegetable gardens.
We got a large bag full of
Radishes, Lettuces, cabbage &
Leeks. The party consisted
of Frank Carr S/Sgt. stews, w/ a
shovel. He would Best w/ a broom
(American). Tom Templey, Dick Fatis
& Garcon also w/ brooms.

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Today standing up w/ a long pole which is continually getting stuck in the mud. Bill Pearson next w/ a hand fishing net doing his best to catch fish which can't be seen but might be there.

Myself in the bow. All of the implements he mentioned are what the different ones used in paddling the boat back down the river. Harold Lear was in midships.

16th Thurs day. Weather getting warm so we take to shorts (Foot ball micks are used as khaki is not to be had at once). I send to Blighty for some.

After tea we go to Pontamville to wet Dick Gates Military Medal. We get the band out & march up to Capt. McLeans quarters to serenade ~~him~~.

MAY.

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This M.C. This is at 9-30 p.m.
M^{rs} North joins in up.

17th Friday. To power for
swim wth M^{rs} North.

18th Saturday. For some days

now we have had a rumour that
the 7 or 8 balloons we see go
up from each side of Amiens
(about dark) have wires attached
to each so as to put the wind
up Fritz. These wires I hear
are charged wth electricity & so
change or affect the compass of
Fritz's barometer & either put the

wind up them or turn them into
the wires. We see these
balloons go up ea. night & our
officers often speak about it so
there is evidently some truth at
least in the yarn.

Another swim in the River.

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19th Sunday - Swam in A.M.
In the Afternoon a Swimming
barnival held by 3rd Division
Hockey match in the evening.

20th Monday. Swimming barnival
continued. At 9 p.m. Bill
& I go to have a yarn to
Yanks on a search light case
by the seem decent chaps.

Fairly intelligent.

21st Tuesday. Swam all day.
My North leaves us for the
11th Rd Ambulance. More veget-
ables from the river flats.

22nd Wednesday. Back to M.D.S.
on Amiens Corbe road. (about 1 1/2 miles
Amiens side of Dours). In the course of
a conversation w/ Mr. Pool (W.O.) I find
out that he was on board the Mollan.

23rd Thursday to Lamon w/ Bill
Dick & Larry.

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24 Sunday. Our squad the only one left in camp. The remainder sent down to the river camp to do fatigues. We are on the sanitary squad. Bill Pearson makes a new incinerator.

It was a queer looking thing, & came in for quite a lot of new names. "Now Shell hole". Fly Trap & Fountain the latter name was the favorite.

We spent most of the evening in the tent listening to Arthur Freestone or Bill Witt.

25th Saturday. Innoculation T.A.B. Capt McLean tells us of Capt Bridges experience w/ a Jomme Colonel.

On the night of March 29th when we moved from Gran Villers to Cachet we met a Jomme Col whom we asked, the way to Cachet. He grinned sarcastically & told us. About a quarter of an hour later Capt Bridge comes

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up, meets the same colonel & asks the same question. The col. w. a sarcastic grin said "Hallo: more Austrians anxious to get to the war." That was enough for Capt Bridge who was in a fairly bad mood. & he replied.

"Look here colonel. I don't know whether you presume that you can insult me on etc of your rank, but let me tell you that your bloody army has got itself & us into a rotten fix. & we have had to come down here to pull you out of it. Thanks for your insult. Good night.

26th Sunday. Church service in river flat near Camon. Close to 9th Bde. camp. Sacramento.

27th To River flat again for presentation of decorations to 3rd Div men, by Gen Birdwood.

28th Tuesday Note from Hawk. He is at Bagney.

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29th Wednesday. Bill & I to see
Dawkins. Just as we are
returning to camp we see all the
beavers that were in camp (C Section)
going up the line to the 11th old Amb.

Rumours that 28 of the 11th beavers were
gassed. Was the only squad left
behind. I put in application for
the A.F.C.

30th Thursday. Maj. Smeal examined
me (medical) for the A.F.C., but turned
me down on the of a defective heart.
The 9 beavers left at H.2 camp are
sent down to the River camp.
Had a swim & found I'm "chubby"

JUNE

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2nd Sunday Church service same as last week.

3rd Monday Down the river for a row w/ Bill P. Saw some struts & Imp officers bombing fish.

7th Friday To see Don Grant & find the he is in England sick.

Received photo from Nell. The price almost knocked me over they were 16/6 per pr. The parcel included 2 khaki shirts. Ed left in England.

9th Sunday Church parade same as last. Bill on sick list.

14th Friday Our Xmas boxes turn up at last only six (6) months late.

15th Saturday To relay holding post. for ⁴⁸ hours

16th Sunday night back to camp

20th Thursday To Alcey to see All bonnor. Had lunch w/ him.

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After tea to 24th A.S.C. to see
Keith Fulton. Met Bill Swift.

21st June Friday to relay post again.

22nd Saturday to tea w. Mr.

Conner

23rd Sunday to 9th Bgd Art H.Q.

to see Harold Bates

25th Tuesday. Note from Jack Cooke
to Identi. Radiator leaf.

29th Saturday. Move back to our
old position on Avenir Douvres road

30th ~~Monday~~ Sunday Orders (Brigade)

that we are to have first parade at

7.15 2nd 9 A.M. 1½ hours drill.

3rd parade 2 P.M. 4th parade 9.30 P.M.

JULY

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2nd. Tuesday. To see Nobby & squad
down at the catacombs. These are large
under ground tunnels that were used
in pre war times for wine cellars.

They are of course dark & damp.

In one part there is a cellar about
30 feet deep & 18 feet in diameter.

When you talk normally you cannot be
understood as the slightest sound echoes
I re-echo's. This place is entered from

one of the tunnels about 10 feet up the
wall & is pitch dark, so every one

that comes to see the catacombs is
shown this 'chamber of horrors'. The

candle get blown out & you stand
there in the dark. all of a sudden

there is an unearthly glow comes from
this seemingly bottomless pit. (Some of
the boys have gone down there
ahead of you w/ lines & boxes of food.)

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1st Thursday. Independence Day.

One boy & a few Yanks. Go over the top near Corbie & come back w/ 1500 prisoners.

5th Friday For the past week we have had sectional cricket matches & today proved a section as premier.

6th Saturday. In party of 30 to MDS. to clean waggon for Brigade inspection. Albert Clarkson & self go to finish some spuds. Up a ladder on to the top of a 14 foot brick wall. along the top & over two (2) more walls. All went well till a Frenchie came out of the house & into the garden. He flattened out on the ground. He came to within 15 feet of us & then went into the next spud. so did we, but not the same one as he did.

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We cleared out of the way. Stopped
down I got some Rhubarb. &
then made for home.

Down to the "Catacombs" for tea &
to celebrate Arthur Freestone's birth-
day. They dished up a fine
meal of five (5) courses. Fish.
Spag. Tongue. new potatoes & Green
peas. Apricots & mustard. Strawberries
& jelly. Wine & Coffee.

After tea to the Amiens cemetery
Nearby all vaults. & majority have
very fine headstones or tombstones.
I visited the works sets most of the
best off to advantage. Jules Verne
is buried here & has tomb stone.
is by far the most unique.

The party consisted of Nobby Lehar,
Holland Harold Best, Alf Henderson
& Arthur Freestone (From the Holding Post).
Frank Law, Fred Rex, Bill Pearson & myself.

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OK Monday. The 8th Hld Amb played our mit cricket on our ground.

Result 8th Hld 97. 9th Hld. 57 runs.

I attended to tea for our own team & the visitors

At 10.15 pm word came along the lines "Every body fall in, in full marching order at once" "c Section to

move off first" "3 squads wanted to go on in the cars. We were all in bed so made things fly.

Dill & I were in the first party so go into the cars. It took in 8 minutes to dress, pack our kits & move

The two cars pulled down to the M.D.S. & after waiting for 15 minutes brought us home again when we found out that it was only a practice stint.

Bill Pearson informs me that Colac reminds him of Exeter.

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9th Tuesday. Went out & got some
more rhubarb. to make up a meal.
Had tea and stewed rhubarb & fried
potatoes. Recd catalogue
from The Allen Htg Co. Toledo Ohio.

Latist. An artillery officer who
in army life was comfortably off, often
asked certain of his men, what
work they did in army life? Then
he would reply I thought a much.
(this in a sarcastic way). One
day he asked one of the "wags"
the same old question in the same
old way & this time the reply
was "The picture of bloody
happiness". The "wag" had to
go to orderly room next day &
the officer has not asked that
same question since.

12th Friday. Move to the line.
Strike camp & march out at 9 30 AM.

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Through River, Darns, Corbie, to our HQS
at Smiths farm (between Corbie & Paris).
Had tea & ~~went~~ straight up to R.A.P.
on the extreme left. Altogether we
did about 24 killos. arriving here at
6.45 p.m. Met Jack Smoos (at 7th Amb
one squad working w/ us. I hear the Vn.
Grunners has gone to O.T.C. Dragonets
fairly good. Met Cyril Tucker

13th Saturday. At R.A.P. Nothing
of importance till evening. Our squad
includes Ratonwisch in place of Dick
Gates. Rab & I cooked dinner for
both squads, roast beef & potatoes, well done.
dinner served up at 8.30 P.M. Two Fritz
machines over, one brought two of
our balloons down, both got back
safely.

15 Monday:- Fritz again brings one
of our balloons down (this one in the
same position as the first one down
on Saturday)

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16th Tuesday: As near as I could count 62 of our planes went over enemy lines about 10.45 a.m. The only result we saw was three (3) of his balloons go down on fire. Swims at 3 p.m. Supper on Peaches & condensed milk.

17th Wednesday. This evening while at cards Alf Henderson & Nobby came up. Alf came first & with a very straight face told us that Nobby had received some bad news. His son had died. This was a shock as we did not even know that Nobby was married. Next, in comes Nobby & informs us that he had bad news, & hands Bill a letter in a black edged envelope. Bill read it & passed it onto me & then to Snowy. The wording was very funny & turned out to be a joke. Frank Carr. Had put it up on

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Nobby so he had to pass it on
to us *

19th Friday. Back to A.D.S. relie-
ved by some of the 10th Hld Amb.
one section of which are attached
to us. Met Capt Lever

tate of the 62nd Bⁿ

Word down that Hunter 10th
Hld Amb was drowned. A crowd
of us hurry to the spot & dive
for him, but wth no result. He
could not swim & the depth
was from 25 to 27 feet.

Bill & I on night shift as, leading
squad.

20th Saturday Hunter's body recov-
ered. Met Don Grant.

21st Wednesday A raiding party
of Fritz's comes over on the 33rd Bⁿ.

We had (4) four wounded. & two (2)
Fritz's though, one wounded &
& one killed. 1 prisoner not wounded.

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25th Thursday. We move to "Hayes Post." for the forward Meet Yankee boys who were to be attached to us for experience. The "Fleet" Bill, & myself go to "Two Ways" Relay Post. I sleep w/ the two Yanks. Termon & Hanavan.

28th ~~Mon~~ Sunday. Midnight. The 5th Divy. advance on our left. gain all objectives. A "dummy" barrage was put up on our sector, to mislead Fritz. 29th Monday. Our guns active all the evening. About midnight we get word that Len Knight. was hit in thigh. While Termon & I were at the F.D.S. Fritz puts over some gas (mustard).

30th Tuesday. We get word that Len died 30 minutes after he was knocked. We are all pleased w/ the Yank's. They are much the same as us.

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in nearly all ways.

31st Wednesday Fritz goes on
a dose of gas at mid night.

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1st Thurs day Gas again at
4 a.m. These two Americans
w/ us have only been in the
line of days & they have had
almost as much experience in
that time as we had in
9 months. At 4.45 a.m. Fritz
opens a barrage between here
& Vellers Bretoncaut, on the
19th Salin. This was expected
so our boys did not send up.
an S.O.B. & succeeded in keeping
him off. We go out for a rest.

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2nd Friday Expected
24 hours no work but did not
get it. Word that Mr Pool
(our WO) is now 2nd Master. & we
are to get Mr Chalmers

3rd Saturday. Up early &
up to "Two Ways" relay post
to assist the Tunnellers. for
an 8 hours shift, finishing at 2 P.M.
P.M. To Dours for bath Word
of coming shunt. Artillery
coming up on all roads.

Traffic heavy. Rumour that
shunt is coming off on Tuesday
a.m.

7th Wednesday: Last three (3)
days we have been on
fatigues to the "Tunnellers" dig-
ging A.D.S. at position left
of Hamel. We came to
leave & billeted here, walk.

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ing up to the tunnel for our
shift of 8 hours once in 24 hrs.
7 P.M. Back to Foulloy & on
to the 35th Battⁿ. Chas Holland's
Fred Lee's Jack Flett's & our
squad were to follow the 35th Bth.
10.30. P.M. We march out via
B track to our positions
in the line now there at 12.45

8th Thursday: 4.30 A.M. Our
barrage opens Fritz replies
strongly. Our R.A.P. was on
sunken road 100 yds behind
top off point. For a safe
position during the barrage.
we made use of some old
trenches which we soon found.
that Fritz had well ranged.
He blew it in many parts
but fortunately missed our
spot. Fred Lee got one

a small wound in the arm.
Our casualties were light. Most
of the squads carried one case
each, after that, each one of
the boys had a squad of
Fritz prisoners, who did all the
carrying for us. Prisoners
came in in very large numbers.
At 7.45 Capt McCall, & our 2
squads moved on to an advanced
RAP about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile past Fritz's
old line. We had a look
through dugouts. I stopped
to dress a wounded Fritz, so
missed the crowd. A squad
was procured from a batch of
prisoners passing. On my way
back to the RAP I took a shelter
then 10 blankets (2 Fritz's to
carry them). When I got back
the RAP had moved,

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Nothing to eat since tea last night, time now is (12:30) so managed to get 3 tongue sandwiches from Joe Cormick & sat in shell hole w/ my prisoners & had our lunch.

Wandered all over the country but could not find R.A.P. so made back for Sunken Road on original R.A.P. Here I got directions where the boys were.

4 P.M. moved on to 100 Yds in the rear of where the 4th Division went through the 9th Brigade. Got some food, dug in, & had a good sleep!

9th Friday Busy day. Had look at one of our tanks also some of Fritz's 4" How's.

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In one part of our gully we (Dick & I) found some of our Artillery boys wth Fritz rifles having a shooting competition at bottles, water bottles & etc.

Unintentionally I put up a record by cutting a signal wire which was across our target.

At dusk some of Fritz's machines come over in relays & bomb our gully. So far we only know of 17 casualties (2 killed). This is considered very slight as all the gullies about here are absolutely teeming wth men & transport. Left well.

10th Saturday: - We have no shaving, or washing kit wth us so this morning made do wth a bit of bandage dipped in water.

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Moved up to R.A.P. (position between ~~Mon~~ Moncourt & Gram^{er}ville). Fritz bombed & shelled heavily. 10th Bati had good few casualties.

11th Sunday: Fritz still shelling heavily. Dusk: 11th Brigade went over & straightened the line out. 8 of us shaved w/ one razor.

12th Monday. 4 A.M. Relieved by 41st Bti. We rest in "Lena Wood" till 7.30 P.M. when we moved out to Hornet's Veare. This morn our planes brought two enemy machines down close by.

Since we have been w/ the batallion they have treated us O.K. particularly in the food line.

On our way to Veare Fritz's aviators persisted in making himself unpopular by bombing. He got very

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close in his attempt to bomb a
gully, but did not see us

13th Tues day. Met Don Granten
6:30 PM, we get orders to return
to our unit at Bussy. Instructions
were for every two men to carry
one stretcher & two blankets. 100 yds
off the Doctor, Bill & I had a rest.
& forgot to pick our stretcher up.
I was in front of the crowd &

as orders were to return to the
unit in Bussy I made for that
village. After searching in vain
for 20 minutes we (3 of us) decided
to sleep there, so w/ 2 blankets
between three of us, we lay down
in a barn & slept well.

14th Wednes day. Found unit
2 kills from Bussy. Went to
Dours for bath & on way back

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met Les Collins on his way to
England on leave. After tea to
"boozers" show.

15th Thursday. Met quite a lot of
old 1st AGH boys & 1st AAM boys
w/ the 10th Fld Amb.

16th Friday To the river both
morning & afternoon for swim.

18 Sunday. Maj. Fitzpatrick takes
us out for a march which develops
into drill & a series of lectures.

After three (3) years it's rather income
to have to do drill, especially under
a Medical Officer who knows nothing
about drill.

19th Monday: At 10 AM we move
out to Smiths Farm (lunch there) & then
onto Salthill. At 7 PM. Hobbs's
squad, the flat & ours go back to
Smiths Farm M.D.S. for various duties.
Our squad go straight on night duty.

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The Yanks come out of the line.
(129 Field Hosp Camp) after a fairly
rough trip.

20th. Fair day. Bill & I sleep
all day. On rising at 6 p.m.
receive word to go back to the
unit, to proceed up the line the
next day.

21st. We were after lunch we spend
the morning in swimming. At 1:30
p.m. we move up to Parly-le-Lavette
Camp in Quarries for the night.

22nd. At 7:30 receive word to take
first motor ambulance to A.S.S. on
the left river bank. From there we
go to Relay Post on outskirts of
Reims word that Bill Proctor,
Jack Fleet, Jack Smith & Donoham were
wounded. Road fairly heavy day
with wounded. Took a lot of

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Thirty prisoners came thru & as they
went down they carried the wounded.
At our Relay Post we have 3 squads
& a corporal. (Total 13) & the only
dig out we have is one about 12 feet
x 11 feet w/ 6 feet walls. I imagine
13 of us in such a place as this. Most
of our time was spent outside w/ axes
23rd till at Relay & making most
of our time at cards. War news
still good. say making "most of
our time at cards" I should have
said when we are not sleeping.
At 6 PM word comes to move up
to old R.F.P.

24th Saturday: Barrage opens at
2 PM & the boys go forward. Bombing
fairly light considering the point.
We cannot till 1 PM. & then
were told to go & sleep till
dark. At 7:30 PM our

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relief came & we got back to
RDS & tried to sleep. Too tired
to sleep till about 3 AM.

25 Sunday Down to M.D.S. for
wash & change 5 PM to quarry
past. Made shacks for the night.

Our Squad on duty as loading party
from 9 PM till 12 PM. At 10:30

we had a thunder storm; quite a
number of the boys got washed out
in the bell tent blankets & blankets
started to float in all directions
so after playing ~~the~~ ^{for} for a while
in the mud. Dick & I had boat
races & matches in a small
stream running thru the tent.

I think the fact that he been
at the war over 3 years has
had some affect on me.

26 Monday - 1:30 PM we moved
to Suzanne (via Bray) to an RAP on the

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chateau truly gave us a great reception
by throwing 8" naval shells on all sides
About 9 o'clock he had a spell
Our beds were well down on the basement
consequently we slept well & fortunately
we had no carries. About midnight
he gave us a small issue of gas.
Bill did not come up w/ us on account
of his eyes being bad.

27th Tuesday: First carry comes at
8 am. Breakfast on cold biscuits
& bread & butter. after which we inspect
the chateau. Before being occupied
this time by our people this place
was Corps Headquarters. There
are three (3) RAPS here in the
basement.

The building is
situated just inside the town
wall & has fencing or barrier
of my description separating
the chateau property from the

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rest of the village. From the
main hall which is rather fine
at first appearance we go
to the West wing, here is the
chapel. small but very showy.
In fact almost Eastern judging
by the furnishings. To the East
of the hall are a number of
fine rooms including two (2) Oak
rooms. The hall is
made of nearly all marble
& imitation marble. * Murals
are on every part of the wall.
In the hall & corridors, & a
ceiling that is not covered
w/ paintings. Naturally
the whole place is very
showy. On close
examination you find that
a large portion of the furniture
& furnishings are imitation.

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A lot of what looks like
marble is only plaster.
I am playing a larger part
instead of brass & copper.
In the sitting room there
are crosses which lead me
to believe that it has been
used as a stable quite
thickly. Paintings pictures
furniture, in fact everything
marble has gone.

28th WEDNESDAY
~~WEDNESDAY~~
at 9.30 a.m. via ~~St. Mary~~ ^{St. Mary} court,
to Cardia. Lunch here & play
rounds, till Fritz decides we should
move. He puts on a staff of long
range "wizz-bangs" over
move on towards Carey. About
one (1) kilo on the road. Fritz
starts another "hymn of hate" w/.
14.2 ~~was~~ ^{ground} ~~rehearsal~~ ^{rehearsal} the
result was Fred (Snowy) Woodham

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was killed. Dick Gatis, Bill Howard,
J O'Sullivan & Magstaff. were wounded.
The ~~front~~ ^{front} badly, but not seriously.
Alph & I rushed up w/ a wheel
stretcher. I put a tourniquet on
Dick, then fixed O'Sullivan up.
Later on we heard that George
Sheet of the 10th was killed.

We move on to our R.A.P. in a
valley mid way between Lembo &
Barey. We clear from here
till close on mid night & then
move on again. this time into
the valley just outside of Barey.

29th Thomas day. No carry
till 7.30 a.m. Nobby's squad.
staked it & has to put 20
minutes in the gutter alongside
the road on top of Fritz
shuffling heavily. A few carries
during the day.

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Before lunch, our R.F.P. moves forward to a position about $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilo's North of Cleary. On this particular sector the line ran N.W. S.E. & the range of hills we were on ran N.N.E. S.S.W.

The position was such that Fritz able to shell every part of the gully we were in.

Our carry was along the gully on the West side Cleary & as we crossed the main road Fritz did his best to add a few more casualties to our list w/ a machine gun. He was in a position to play it right down the main road.

This gully was an absolute hell the whole time we were there.

31st Saturday: About 1 pm. for Gibsons Squad got in the road of some of Fritz's hardware. They were carrying along the gully mentioned under yesterdays date. & had put the

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stretchers down. Joe went ahead to look for a place to get down the side of the hill, just at, just as a shell got tangled up w/ the rest of the squad. Albert Clarkson, & Wilfred Boyes were killed.

Rabonivitch was fatally wounded, & the patient got an extra piece in the arm. Rob died at the A.D.S.

During the afternoon our RAP advances again, about 2 more kilos. Our squad on a/c of long carry to motor landing post are left at present RAP, as a relay.

(Our shelter near this RAP?)

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1st Sunday: 3 20 a.m. we are
relieved. On our way out we take
a case to the Motor Loading Post.
At Guala, we sight "Water in the
Desert." A U.M.C.A. tent in full
swing. We get coffee, biscuits & cigarettes.
The last mentioned, if anything the
most precious. Smokes were very
short up the line this trip. Before
we reached this U.M. we were all
irritable, but as we left every one
was as happy as the day was long.

We call in at the 37th Bn (the
Bn we were attached to for the night)
& have breakfast. While there
a Fritz struts in, by himself, so
after all hands have had some breakfast
we take him on up to the P.O.W.
at Suzanne. About 5 klicks
further back we strike the 10th Hld
Amb, & get some more breakfast.

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We arrive back at Suzanne at 10 am.
put our Fritz in the P.O.W. cage. Got
a liberal supply of smokes & went
to bed. Letter from Dawky's exchange
2nd Monday:-

on the mat
to know why I want to go to the
4th Sanitary Section. PM. Char Holland
Alf Koonterson & I got to the station
at 6.15 pm. as holding party. Frank
Kelly, & Ernie Baker, are there
already looking after some 2 m. stores
3rd Tuesday } Three (3) days of
4th Wednesday } ease & comfort. Alf
5th Thursday } & I do the cooking.
the other three clean & clean up.

We got up that late that we only
had time for two meals. Breakfast
at 10.30 am. lunch (light) at 2 pm.
Afternoon tea at 5 pm. & dinner at
8.30 pm. supper before bed
usually at midnight.

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The times we given here are approximately right. All meals were had when ready. When we were not eating & sleeping, we were swimming & shooting. The latter was done w/ a German rifle, & at water hens.

We found a dump of thirty bombs (stick) as went fishing, but had no luck. Abby must have been the Jonah. Thursday ~~Wednesday~~ I called on the 3rd fld but I saw a lot of the old 16th boys.

6th Friday: I was first out of bed & was starting the fire as two motor drivers called in w/ notes.

Our time had come: we were to go back to the mit. Time was 10.5 a.m. so we got breakfast ready, & had it then packed up, loaded the motors & made for the mit arriving at

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Suzanne at 1.30 pm An hour
stop here then on to Hatter for
Chorating. The place we
occupy here was used by Kirby
evidently as a map printing
press.

7th Saturday: To Bearen at
Hatter. They are in reserve &
attached to the 11th Fld Amb.

8th Sunday Church parade
I write to the Revd Wesley
Johns re text preached from
by himself 119 Psalm, 9th v also
Harrell & Francis.

13th Friday. Back to the unit
at Hatter.

17th Tuesday. By relief from
the 11th Sanitary Section.

At night we have a fancy
Dress Ball. High success.

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19th Wednesday To the 4th
Sanitary Section Interviewed the
C.O. & got orders to put up 2 stupas
acting.

23rd Monday Down to Suzanne
w/ Gordon. There are five (5) of us
here to do this area.

27th Friday To 21st Battalion &
learn that Alf Bennett was killed
on the 1st inst. Map Location
Sheet 62c I 16 c: 0: 9

28 Saturday After tea ride
up to Mt St Quentin to see
Alf's grave. Called on
the ambulance & saw the boys
just about to go into the line.

29 Sunday Had a look at
tombs at Suzanne church. These
were opened by the "Booms". The
seats of compartments torn
open, coffins pulled out &

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wrenched open. In two 2
instances corp were lying on
the floor of the tomb. Judging
by the general appearance the
Germans. had opened this place
in search of jewels & valuables.

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5th Saturday. Back to wait
to move off to join division
first to Perone no trains
going our way so we have
the night in the rest camp.

Perone is fairly badly
knocked about judging
by names of sheets. Aust.
railways had the job of naming
the sheets. The main sheet
goes by the name of "Roo
de Ranga". Other names
are Singlat Alley Digger Rd
& Wallaby Lane.

6th Sunday. Per train to
Killy and Sonner. We
stopped at Amiens for 8
hours. Had a good look
at the city which is
badly knocked about.

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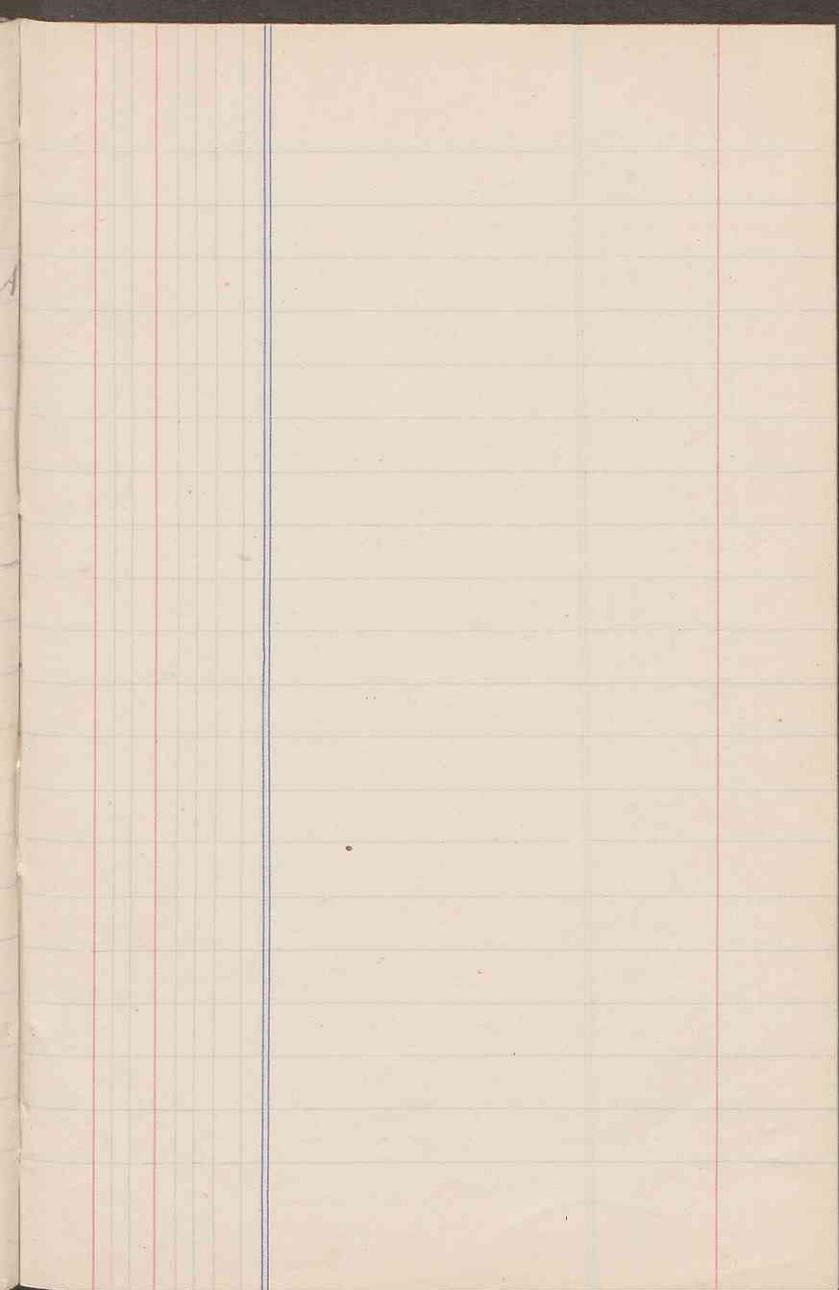
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I posted a sketch of the
Cathedral home.

8th Easy day got good
bills but had to share it
w/ some mice who persisted
in arguing about it at
midnight.

9th Tuesday Dawk & I
are attached to 12th Bgde
& are stationed at

10th ^{Missy} My first experience
at inspectional work.



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ENGLAND.

2nd April 19.
Worcester

My Dear Old Mamma

At last we
got as far as Brighton.
We left Worcester on Monday
night at 6 PM & arrived at
Southampton next morning. I woke
up at about 3 a.m. & the boat
had stopped, but we did not
get off till about 8 a.m.

Everything this trip is miles
ahead of what it was when I
left England. As we got off
the boat they gave us tickets,
which entitled us to a large mug
of tea, a cake, & a bar of chocolate.
Next we each got a bag contain-
ing a packet of biscuits, cheese
& a Cornish pastie. So did well
out of that lot. We got a train
about 11 a.m. & arrived at

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Forward at 3 p.m. I marched
to this camp. You will
remember Forward. That is the
camp we were in in the 16th.
Bald Amb. This place is
about 1 1/2 miles away from Forward.
Today so far has been occup-
ied by going through a
medical inspection, & being
inoculated against typhoid.
This is Wednesday & we expect
to get our 14 days leave from
Saturday next. So with just
a little luck ought to be in
England (on leave) for one or
two important events, viz:-
Peace, & the arrival of
at least one of the trans-
atlantic competitors that is
if any of them are successful.
The weather is good, but
typical March, or April weather,
so cold as can last of a night

3/5 quite warm of a day.
Two (2) days ago there was
quite a heavy fall of snow
here.

Just a little about what
we did at the base at
Harve before crossing.

We left Chancelier
on Monday at 10 a.m. 27.
men in a truck & arrived
at Harve on Wednesday at
4.30 a.m. Marched to
camp & had breakfast.

Handed in all of our equipment
& clothing, & in return got new
under clothing, & one of those
white bags you have been making.

We next had a bath, & then
had to wait till word came to
say we were to move. This word
did not come till Monday.
Now Mon. we got no more
news, only that! met

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a few of the boys between
Barre & here. Jack Johnston
Mr Connor, Mr Kerr.
Mr is in our draft. Mr Connor

Now to you! Love this finds
you all well. as it leaves
me

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From your aff son
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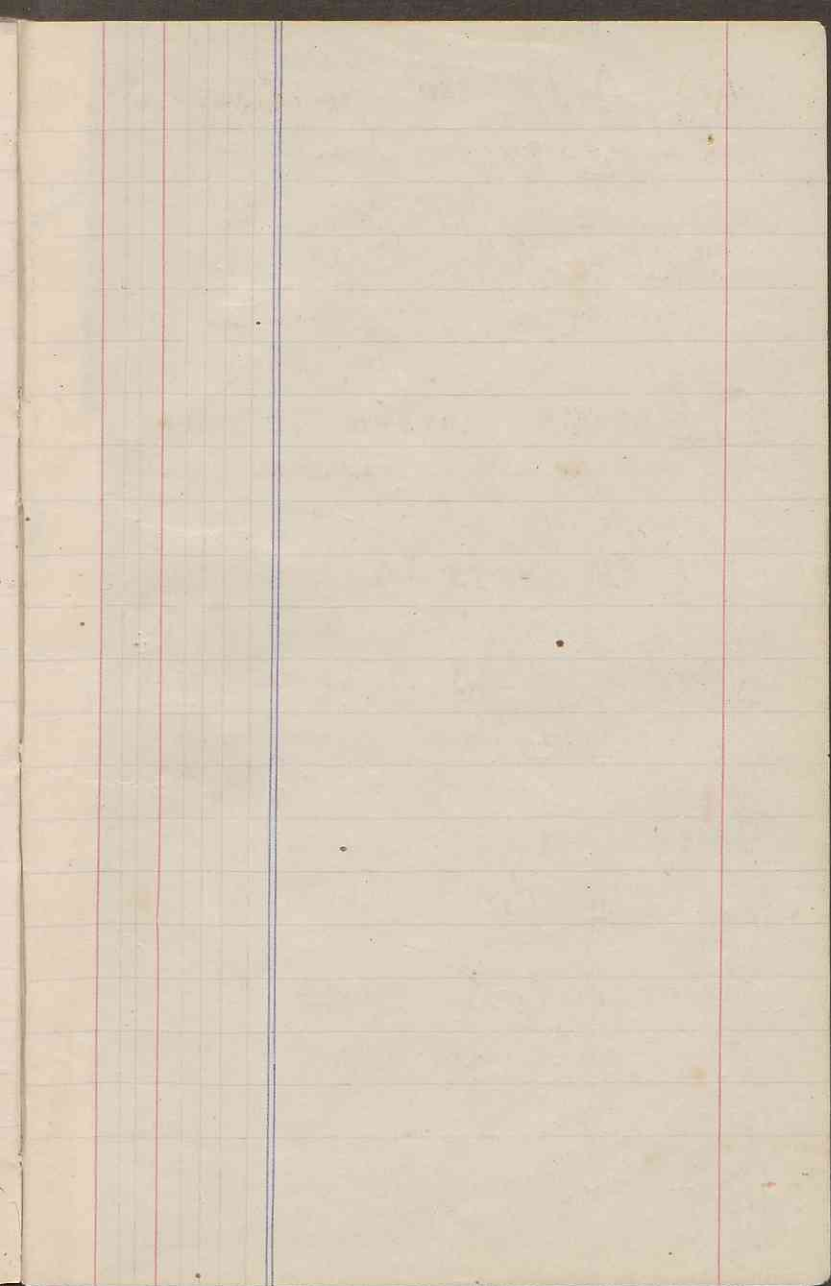
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