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0 Bugler

Scout #2 00 Scout #1

Sig. Cop'l #1 00 Inst. Sgt.

### **Sun, June 2**

Prepared all A.M. for our next move. We did not know where. Left Tunston 3 P.M. on our journey to Camp Mills L.I. by way of Pullmans. Passed through K.C. that evening receiving great cheer and a few eats from the Red Cross.

### **June 3**

Continued our journey crossing the Miss. R. during the night. Our guard from 3 to 4 shortly after crossing the Miss. Woke up near the Mo., Ill., line.

The Battery put on a street parade at Bloomington at 11:30. Their first time to leave the cars. Received many good wishes and cheer from the surrounding crowd. Also a few eats. Arrived in Chicago at 5:30. Stopped for some little time but remained on train. Passed through Ind. during the night.

### **June 4**

Awoke near the Ind., Ohio line. Put on a parade as a Battery at Akron. Received good cheer on into PA.

### **June 5**

Spent most of the A.M. viewing the hills in eastern PA, and western N.Y. Shaved, etc. In the P.M. our eyes were strained with the sights of a real city N.Y. from the tracks. Passed on into N.Y. to Jersey City. Transferred our baggage from train to boat taking our first little sail over to Long Island City, L.I. Here we had dinner. Guarded the equipment at the ?. Got a quick drink of milk and a few cookies from the Red Cross. Again transferred our baggage to an awaiting train which took us through the rain to our new camp, Mills. Making the remainder of the trip to our tents as a "stroll." Take our first cool sleep at our new station.

### **June 7**

Wrote a few letters and viewed the Island as much as military discipline would allow. Equipped myself with more blankets for the ensuing night.

### **June 8**

Did some "bunk fatigue" after taking some physical exercise. Was issued some clothing.

### **June 9**

First day passes were issued in our new camp. Mostly to non. coms. All were "raring" to get one. Took my first trip to Gavmaka in P.M. Visited that said town's park. Had to be content with Camp that evening. Got a "Jew" haircut in Gav.



### **June 10**

More passes issued but received none. Was put on guard of equipment on hand.

### **June 11**

Received my first Camp Mills pass a combined one with Mees. Took a trip through the tunnel under the Hudson to N.Y. City. Viewed the skyscrapers in the rain.

### **June 12**

Received my first letter at Mills. Also a card. From E.C. and G.B. respectively. Did some washing. Took a cold water bath.

### **June 13**

Wrote a few letters and received one from Mabel. Saw Arnold. Mees put in my name for a pass.  
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### **June 14**

Wrote letters, did some washing, visited the cold water and did some "bunk fatigue." Assisted the Battery in carrying some wood. Was issued some clothing.

### **June 15**

Rush and I went on pass. Put in my name myself. Got off the train at Eastern, N.Y. Had a "chat." Caught the train on to Brooklyn. Roamed the streets and parks. Brooklyn lights dim to prevent air attack. Arrived back at Mills at 3:30 A.M.

### **June 16**

Intending putting most of the day in sleeping but was aroused only to late to get in on the fatigue party. Turned in my pass and took a little more snooze before writing.

### **June 17**

Received a couple of letters and wrote a few. Had our usual pie al-a-mode for dinner. Attended firing data school.

### **June 18**

Had physical exercise after "policing Up" Attended "firing data" school. Did some washing. No passes.

### **June 19**

Was issued clothing. Prepared for our next move. We knew not where. Sent telegram to B.L. Smith to pay for liberty bonds. Washed.

### **June 20**

More packing and preparing. Was more clothing issued. Took a hike and received two letters and a telegram from B.L. Smith. Took a shower and did some washing.

### **June 21**

Telephoned to N.Y. for money sent. Brought "Franks" and Bonds, and finished preparing for our unknown awaiting us. Left Mills at 7:30 to a distant train. Rode all night enroute to Boston through N.Y. and Conn. Vt.



### **June 22**

Arrived at Boston at 9:30 Was served a coffee and cake by the Red Cross and then took to our transport the Laonedow (??) a freighter. Left Boston at 10:30 with another transport. Mailed some cards at Boston. "Fed the Fish" that P.M. some.

### **June 23**

Travelled onward with nothing in sight but our co-partner ship. Eat little. On guard on the upper deck and was tossed somewhat by the rough seas.

### **June 24**

Landed at Halifax, N.S. at 8 A.M. Spent the remainder of the day in Halifax Harbor. Here we were formed with several ships. Shaved and cleaned up. Cop'l. Davis taken ashore.

### **June 25**

Spent the day in the harbor. Received the Halifax paper containing the news that there were 40,000 Austrians captured.

### **June 25**

Spent the A.M. in the harbor. In P.M. (viewed that portion of Halifax that ? were blown to pieces when the two ships collided) started again on our journey. A quiet sea. Was in a convoy of nine ships (transports) two submarine chasers and one battle ship. Feeling fine. Saw several porpoises.

### **June 26**

The two chasers went back. Received word by wireless that a submarine was after a ship 200M ahead. Heard later one was sunk.

### **June 27**

Received word by wireless there were five submarines in the vicinity in which we were. Saw several porpoises and some birds. Had our usual rice.

### **June 28**

Had our three meals of rice but missed one. Was quite a rough sea today. Saw some more birds.

### **June 29**

Another rough day at sea. Was on guard. Still birds trailing us.

### **June 30**

Still plowing our way through the watery mountains formed by the wind mustered in. A few sick ones on deck.

### **July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Passed several ships going in the opposite direction. Put in most of the day on the upper deck. Started the reading of "The Rainbow Trail."

### **July 2**

Spent most of the day reading, "The Reading Trail" Rained most of the day and night.



### **July 3**

Saw fishes jump out of the water. They were about two feet and a half long. Sea greatly calmed. Saw at a distance a whale spout water, then dive from his watery home. Through the air only to again hide himself in the water. Guarded for submarines through the B.C. scope on the upper deck. Observed some Red Cross nurses on one of the other ships of the convoy.

### **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Was fed with food prepared by "Bat. F's" cooks. The convoy of seven "sub" chasers met us. Celebrating the day by watching a few matches between the different Batteries, "F" winning her share.

### **July 5**

Three more "sub" chasers met us making ten in all. Saw an airplane fly over and also some "seagulls" proving that land was not so far distant. Caught guard "Jost #40" Mees "L" or "Jost #42". Going up English Channel passing a few mines right close. See land about 6 PM to the north of us. It goes out of sight again.

### **July 6**

One ship and a "sub" chaser leaves us. It was carrying Canadian troops. See a British "sub" and a few mines. Are close enough to France so that the roar of battle can be easily heard on the western front. Are passing through the English Channel and are supposed to stop at Dover during the night passing. On up to London in the morning by way of the Thames.

### **July 7**

Sight land to the west of us. Prepare to disembark and also to take another trip at guard. Missed this said guard as landed before it was to take place. Disembarked at Royal Albert Dock London ? 1:30 and transferred to one of Eng. "cute" trains taking a ride 81 miles through London and it's "suburbs" to South Hampton. There we unloaded and took a "hike" of three miles through the city to our future home for perhaps 24 hours packed our equipment and three day rations. The streets were lined with people, mostly children all the way out, then visited with us across the fence until 10 PM. A pretty country was passed, but far inferior to U.S. in improvements.

### **July 8**

Got some English money and some of their so called "goodies." Took a physical examination and wrote a letter home and a card to E.C. They were my first to be censored (by Lt. Wyatt) Took our "hike" back to the dock and boarded the ship "Mona Queen Douglas" for our trip across the English Channel to Le Havre France. The floor of the ship was all taken up with "sleeping bodies" Disembarked at 7AM.

### **July 9**

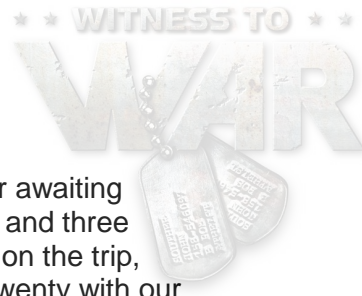
Disembarked from the "Mona Queen Douglas" at 7AM and took a few miles "hike" through the city Le Havre to our awaiting Camp for a few hours. Saw some great sights and our first "German prisoners" Had very little water to clean up with. Heard a continuous fire, at night, on the western front which was said to be 120 mile distant.

### **July 10**

~~Kept onward on on~~

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Prepared for our new journey during the A.M. to an unknown American Base training camp. Packed our equipment and started on this said journey on foot carrying our equipment. Walked



over what seemed like the greater portion of the city Le Havre, before boarding our awaiting "boxcars" about 8x16 ft. These cars took care of 36 men including their equipment and three days rations. No sleeping that amounted to much. Saw some great natural beauty on the trip, which was in a southern direction from La Havre. Slept two nights out of the past twenty with our clothes on.

### **July 11**

Continued our sightseeing journey southward through France.

### **July 12**

Finished this said journey, by rail, at 5 P.M. stopping from 11:30 to 3 at a camp out of Bordeaux, but were sent on as it wasn't our future home. After disembarking from the train we started on our long "hike" on foot of about 6 miles with all our equipment and got to our stopping place at 9:30 P.M. Here we were put in "Billots" and made our beds for the night taking our first real sleep for several nights. Got up the next morning shaving and taking a bath in our "dandy" swimming pool feeling 130% better.

### **July 13**

Looked over the town getting on to a few of the "French" way and their money. Had my usual swim.

### **July 14**

France's Independence celebration day. The 341 F.A. put on a parade accompanied by their band in the A.M. also had a talk from our chaplain.

### **July 15**

Took a (12) six mile "hike" without equipment. Went to the river for a swim. In the P.M. did some washing.

### **July 16**

Had our usual A.M. "hike" of (12) six miles. In the P.M. made another (12) six mile "hike" this time to fight fire in the woods. Extinguished the fire and came back arriving about 7 P.M. took our "plunge" and had supper. Received a letter from Esther.

### **July 17**

Our A.M. "hike" then "Detail" school in the P.M. Shaving for Retreat, etc. In the evening attended Bat. F."sing" in the open.

### **July 18**

Attended "Detail school" mostly all day. Passed Review before Major Goitschalk as a Regiment.

### **July 19**

Had our usual "Detail Schooling" Got the news of the capture of 17,000 Germans. Received two letters one from E.C. and one from Homell.

### **July 20**

Had our Detail practice in the A.M. took on some "bunk" fatigue in the P.M.

### **July 21**

Went on pass to Bordeaux and got "?" somewhat acquainted with French ways and customs.



### **July 22**

Attended Detail work in the A.M. and on the "French 75" a short time in the P.M. Had a review as a Regiment before Col. Davis. Went to the river for a swim in the evening.

### **July 23**

Were given the "call to arms" at 1 A.M. All had to get up. "Nothing doing." Had "Detail Work" until 4 P.M. then a Regimental Review. The Battery captured a porcupine in their back yard but it escaped during the night.

### **July 24**

Drilled and took exercise with the Battery until 9:30. Had detail work the remainder of the A.M. Class work and a Reg. Review in the P.M. Wrote two letters, one to H, N.Y. and U.C. Ind. Were issued "gas masks" in the P.M. and were given an order to carry them at all times during the A.M.

### **July 25**

Had Detail work and foot drill the whole day.

### **July 26**

Wrote a letter to Guy B. Had a little foot drill and detail work. Had our first practice at radio at 9:30 P.M.

### **July 27**

Had Detail Class work and practice in Semaphore and Wigwag during the A.M. Received a letter from E.C. Attended a baseball game between Btr'y F and Btr'y C was 9 to 1 in our favor.

### **July 28**

Was a French celebration day and each Btr'y put on a parade. Also a competitive drill between A and F. A. winning. Also the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion beat the 2<sup>nd</sup> in a baseball game. There was also some boxing and wrestling matches. In the evening a band concert and singing. The French took it as a fine programme.

### **July 29**

Went out with the Btr'y until 4 A.M. Detail work the rest of the day as usual. Received four letters one M, G.H., E.C. Wrote one to Esther. Signed the pay-roll.

### **July 30**

Some more Btr'y drill and detail work during the A.M. A. Reg. Review by Col. Davis during the P.M. and was paid for our first time, "overseas" that night. Also received several more letters some dated July 8. Took a hike to the river for a bath.

### **July 31**

The detail had a lecture from Col. Davis then school work until 3 P.M. Had a Reg. review by Col. Davis. Also wrote three letters during off periods during the day.

### **August 1**

Had about the same work in general including the Reg. Review. No Retreat because of the rain.



## **August 2**

Attended Detail school during A.M. but 2<sup>nd</sup> BN. strung a system of wires during the P.M. for practice at 12 P.M. We were sleeping to hard, so the buglers awoke us with their melodious, "Call to Arms."

## **August 3**

A 9:30 A.M., "out of doors" inspection, then "policing up" the rest of the A.M. for our new move which was to be on the morrow to Camp De Souge. Viewed the pretty country.

## **August 4**

Packed up and left Castlinau at 9:30 A.M. for our new, ?, home of Camp Sauge by way of trucks. Much better than a walk, the way we expected to go, and most of the trip did. "18m Got situated in our new quarters and took a stroll and "peep" of the "camouflage" French "75." Took our nights sleep on a bed of "slats" and our "rolls" no retreat.

## **Aug. 5.**

The Btr'y built a stone walk but had to tare it up and carry the stones back. Saw the way the artillery horses were dying in France. Fourteen died by our stables.

## **Aug. 6**

Had some real out of door detail work in the A.M. Signed for our Liberty bonds in the P.M.

## **Aug. 7**

"Roll out" at 5 A.M. order took effect on this date. Took a trip out to see the 155 M.M. guns fired. Received a box of "Home Made" and it tasted fine, from E.C.

## **Aug. 8**

A "class day" including "gas mask" drill, physical exercise, etc. Masquerade dance at Y.M.C.A

## **Aug. 9**

Went out to the range to see the 75 M.M.'s work. In the P.M. were issued our (Btry's) 75's but stood no Retreat. After supper were paid.

## **Aug. 10**

Our morning's exercise, then a study of the guns. In the evening spent a few minutes in at Bonnevu. News of the 17,000 captured.

## **Aug. 11**

Received our horses and went to the stables to care for them that eve. Stood no Retreat. Capture of enemy troops.

## **Aug. 12**

Took our first trip to the stables of a morning since leaving Tunstow. From 9 A.M. on Detail work the rest of the day. More enemy troops captured by Allies. Received six letters. Our first mail for some ten days.

## **Aug. 13**

The Btry had "gun drill" and I recorded "data" most all day.



### **Aug. 14**

Some more "recording" and a preparing to take to the range for our first "target practice" in France and with the French "75"

### **Aug 15.**

The Btr'y had standing gun drill until 9:30 A.M. and "a" "recorder" was needed? Left for the range at 10 on our first attack (training) of the "Germans" Was "recorder" in the B.C. station, but as a fire was present on the range we fired only "17" rounds.

### **Aug. 16**

Stables, telephone work, recording, and gun drills at #3 on the "75" (for my first time) was my line up on the above dates.

### **Aug 17**

"SOS"

### **Aug 18 and 19**

Took my first "shot" at guard in a long time. Chased prisoners "US" The Btr'y went out to "fire"

### **Aug 20, 21**

"S.O.S." news of the capture of 10,000 prisoners. Did a little shopping at Martines.

### **Aug 22 and 23**

"SOS"

### **Aug. 24**

The Btr'y went out on the "range" for firing purposes. Went on "sick call" although I was "chalked" as recorder at the B.C. Was my second time to report on "said" "call."

### **Aug. 25 "Sun"**

Had a mornings work of "Detail work" because of the "boneheads" pulled out on the "Range" yesterday.

### **Aug. 26**

Spent on the Range. Recorder at the B.C. Signed "pay roll"

### **Aug. 27**

"S.O.S." with gas masks drill at night. Received a "bunch of mail"

### **Aug. 28**

Another trip to the Range. Recorder at the gas station. Another organization's gun "blew up" on the Range killing the gunner and No. 1.

### **Aug 29 and 30**

Spent at the gun practice and Detail work under a new sergeant. (Henry)

### **Aug 31**

"SOS"

### **Sept 1 & 2**

Received a small "bunch" of mail and also wrote some.





**Sept. 3**

The guns were pulled out on the Range for three days of insueing practice.

**Sept. 4**

The "get up" whistle was blown at 4:30. Were marching toward our guns at 6:00 A.M.

**Sept. 5**

Another 4:30 morning on the Range. Were stopped our firing as a Battery "C" gun blew up killing a No. 1. Reg. was out. Went out on a Recommission party in the P.M.

**Sept. 6**

Were out all day. The Brigade fired a barrage in the P.M. and pulled in the guns. Went through the gas house in the evening.

**Sept. 7**

Did "SOS" with gas drill and manual of arms after supper.

**Sept. 8**

Received horses, caissons, and money (pay) on this Sunday. Preparing for a move soon.

**Sept. 9**

"S.O.S"

**Sept. 10**

Took our "side arms" and a "hike" to the Range for target practice. Our first.

**Sept. 11**

Another target practice day for the Battery, but guard for me.

**Sept. 12**

A preparation day for a move sometime in the near future. Received seven letters.

**Sept. 13**

Nothing much doing only a little more preparation for said move.

**Sept. 14**

The day before the big move and plenty of packing to be done.

**Sept. 15 "Sun"**

Arose at 3 A.M. to get started on our new and most important journey of four days to the rumbling fire line. Saw Gene Burney for a few minutes as was on "our way" to the front. Passed through Bordeaux, Bourges, and on to Toul.

**Sept. 16, 17, and 18.**

Travelled onward to where our noisy occupation was to put us. It was a pretty portion of France we passed through and we unloaded at Toul at 4:30 on the 18<sup>th</sup> and "hiked" until 9:30 through what was "No Mans" land some few days before. Was held by the "Huns" about 3 ½ yrs. Was badly shot and dug up. Endeavored to put the remainder of the night , from 11:30 on, in sleeping without pitching "shelter-tents," but was sadly soaked before morn. Our first sight of "war life" three men from Reg. Hdq. Killed at Beney by a shell.



### **Sept. 19**

In the P.M. finished our journey and that night took the guns to their position. In the early morn fired our first shot a barrage at Boshen. Worked half of the night fixing things at the eschelon. Rear war. 'Were near Metz'

### **Sept. 20 & 21**

Reported at Reg. C.P. as Btr'y agent at Pannas. In the eve of the 21<sup>st</sup> the town was shelled and 16 horses and 3 men from D Btr'y 342 Reg. was killed. Several wounded. Was relieved as Btr'y agent in the eve.

### **Sept. 22**

"Off duty," visited Y.M. and salvation army canteens, purchasing a few "goodies."

### **Sept. 23 and 24**

Reported to "Firing Btr'y" as one of the Detail for detail work. 24<sup>th</sup> Patrolled the line to F.O.P. and took a glimpse at the enemy trenches. A seven hr. Barrage on this whole sector to fool Bosh while a big advance was made at Verdun. Noise and towns held by them.

### **Sept. 25 and 26**

"Off duty." On the 26<sup>th</sup> took a horseback ride to where the 355<sup>th</sup> Infantry was held in reserve. Looked up Hdq. Co and found Ben, ready to go to drill. He was excused and we had a 1½ hr. chat about what had happened in the passed. We had some real close shelling by Bosche in the early morn. Fired a barrage to 'fool' Bosche while the big advance was made ??

### **Sept. 27 and 28**

Again found at firing Btry as a detailer (operator). Had our first real gas attack and some real close shelling during first night. Gas attack for perhaps one half hour then cleaned "dugouts." The Bn. shelled the town Don Martin held by the Germans for revenge.

### **Sept. 29 and 30**

Put in these two days back at the eschelon. Cleaned up and had a little sleep after spending two "dirty, sleepless" days at the "Firing Battery." A few "shell burst" over head.

### **Oct. 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

At the "Firing Battery" stringing a line to F.O.P. 1<sup>st</sup> day and operating 2<sup>nd</sup>. Did quite a bit of shooting the 2<sup>nd</sup> day but mostly for adjusting both on Don Martin and for a new Barrage. Gave Don Martin 160 shells right in town to think of. Got the news of Bulgaria's "quiting" Also heard Austria had given Germany 72 hrs. to replace her troops (over wireless) Turkey had also "quit according to word we received. Neither of the later were official. A Busy Day.

### **Oct. 3 and 4**

Back at the eschelon. Took care of a few horses. German airplanes busy dropping notes to the effect "that it was time to stop the war" She was back in her strong hold and it would mean only a vast loss of life to continue. She shelled close to our Firing Btr'y position but no effect. Also shelled Essey. Received some mail.

### **Oct. 5**

'Salvaged' wire for communication in the A.M. Took to the Battery in P.M. for my little two days there and got some real news in the meantime.



### **Oct. 6 and 7 (FRID)**

A year to the day since joining the Army. News came from Gen. Donnley that Germany, Austria, and Turkey had cabled Washington asking for a armistice in view of the fact of considering the 14 laws laid down by Wilson. Very little firing although we received a few close ones and returned some. Fired on a "working party" making them hit the 'dirt.' The 89<sup>th</sup> Inf. went back for a rest and 147 took their place. We are expecting relief and taking over a new sector with our own Inf. Was relieved and went back to the Eschelon visiting the Salvation Army on my way for a few eats. A few more letters.

### **Oct. 8 and 9**

Our "eschelon days" again. A general "clean up" and some letter writing. Salvaged some purse in the A.M. of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Took leave for the guns in the P.M.

### **Oct. 10 and 11**

Huns began firing on us. Was trampled in the mud for not being faster to my dugout when the first one came whistling through the air. Pet was in a hurry. ---. Landed from 100 to 10 yds. from our "dugout" Fragments and mud battered on our roof. Gas was shot at us the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> with no effect. We followed 'suit' and fired on some of the surrounding towns. E and D moved to a new position and we drew an old French 90 in D's old position to draw enemy fire. Capt. Swift left us and became Bn. Adjutant.

### **Oct. 12 and 13**

Same as other 'eschelon days'

### **Oct . 14 and 15.**

"Peace talk" and not much firing were noticeable of these two days.

### **Oct. 16 and 17**

Preparing a new home at the eschelon.

### **Oct. 18 and 19.**

Very quiet. Put in a new line to F.O.P. Bruner busted and Cpl. Stoltz takes his place as Sergeant.

### **Oct. 20 and 21.**

Still preparing our "modern" home at Eschelon.

### **Oct. 22 and 23.**

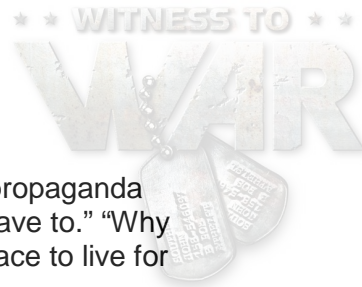
Very active days indeed with it's close shelling of gas, shrapnel, and shell at different times during the two days. Took our 34 line out twice during the day and night. Was one of the "birds" to fix it at night. Put over at "barrage" about 10 P.M. to benefit some raiders and they passed our position in the early morn with 30 prisoners from the effects of it. They were "stripped" of their "souvenir equipment" by the "Dough" and we couldn't get any.

### **Oct. 24 and 25.**

Dead days at our little "bungalow." Scouted some wood and received six letters. An air raid at night but no damage.

### **Oct. 26 and 27**

Took a trip to F.O.P. with Serg. Stoltz and Lt. Jouis to operate while they were adjusting fire. Salvaged wire besides getting myself some warm meals with "canned heat." The "Huns" were



shelling in the vicinity of Bat. off and on during these days. Some more Germany propaganda fell into our hands through the "airael route" Was entitled "Don't say die until you have to." "Why rot in a shell hole in French soil" "Give yourself up to the Huns and have a good place to live for the remainder of the war" A few more prisoners.

#### **Oct. 28 and 29**

Nothing important at the eschelon but scouting wood and watching the Boche planes take a dive at our observation balloon. Air battle took place but no planes were taken to the ground.

#### **Oct. 30 and 31**

Austria "kicks in" according to papers. A boche plane gets one of our observation balloons as he was observing fire for our battery. Was operating and could hear the commands to jump are given. The balloon burned and the boche plane had a narrow escape as three of our planes overtook him and poured a stream of lead at him from all sides. A squadron of Huns meet him. This is nearly over our Battery and could be easily seen. Another air battle as I was leaving the battery almost too close over my head. Caught a motorcycle to Pannas for a ride and passed up the other bunch. Several big guns pulled into position behind us and some British fighting planes come into the sector. A ? 60 to 12 trucks that firing hasn't ceased by 12 o'clock the night of the first. I ???. Wrote to Washington about my liberty bonds.

#### **Nov. 1 and 2**

Real quiet days outside of scouting wood. Three in bed as Washington was on sick list and didn't go to the guns. Wrote a letter to E.C.

#### **Nov. 3 and 4,**

Very heavy days at the Battery. The second night we were supposed to advance. Acted as a messenger from 2 A.M. on. Took a trip to St. Benoit for map of new sector and message from Bn. Hdqs. Started barrage about 5:30 and the Dough boys went "over." Already to move, but something "fell in". Laid lines all day and stayed near the firing battery all night and next day. The 5<sup>th</sup>. Went to Mees for the night and the A.M. of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Had some fine cots, fried 'spuds', beans, toast, jam, oatmeal, meat and coffee. Also had a fine soft 'Hun' mattress to sleep on and sat in some real chairs and ate off a table. Wrote to Avery.

#### **Nov 7**

Reeled up three reels of wire then took a trip to Bency visiting the "Salvation Army" band and made a 'fake' order getting Hersey, cookies and gum for twenty men. After supper went to "Sunnybrook" (Louisville) farm near the front lines to spend the night observing. Slept with French Motor when off duty. Nothing exciting.

#### **Nov. 8**

Slept most of the day. News of the German officials going over the lines to talk "peace" with Gen. Foch. We were held (Detail) at the battery as there was a military move in sight. None came! Went to Salvation Army with Stoltz for an order of 60 ft. The "Huns" began to shell the battery about dusk and thanks to some kind of providence they were no larger than 77s as one landed about six ft. from me ? me with mud and dirt but the fragments left an open space the width of my body at least. 'Luck' was in the C.P. dugout when the next landed. Beat it for my night quarters when the quit firing.



### **Nov. 9**

News that the "Huns" were given until Mon. noon to sign peace terms and they started back after some more high officials when their own troops opened fire on them trying to make them sign up before returning. Hit Mees again for the night.

### **Nov. 10**

Went to the eschelon but returned to the battery shortly as the whole detail had returned as a big military drive was on along the whole "western front." Every gun in hearing was pouring its portion of munitions in the "Hun direction" Dough boys still advancing. Went on operating at 11 until 7. Received some "J.O.'s" and "C.N."

### **Nov. 11**

Got word that the "Huns" had answered "Yes" at 5:40 to the Armistice at 9:00 A.M. reached us. All armies poured an incessant stream of fire into "No Man's Land" until the hour set to "cease firing" (11 A.M.) The last two minutes a "fire at will" command was given and the "tide of the stream" was greatly raised. Many killed and wounded from the fire. All guns were "hushed" at once like the stillness of the night. Installed a line to Beney and the Detail and officers moved down.

### **Nov. 12**

Acted as orderly for Lt. Jones and Schweiger to the eschelon. Took a bath, shave etc as was my first chance for some twelve days.

### **Nov. 13**

Came in from Beney to the eschelon. Signed "Pay Books" and were greeted with the news that "we" would 'groom' horses, drill and have class work on the row as of old. Also were checked up-on our clothing as we were expecting to make the "follow up" trip behind the "Huns" as they evacuated.

### **Nov. 14**

Did a bit of the "aforesaid" military "stuff."

### **Nov. 15.**

Rolled our rolls and packed our "haversacks" and "surplus kits" and returned to Beney to stay until the move which was announced to take place on Sun. (to the front) Was changed and said we would move later and to the rear.

### **Nov. 16**

At Beney. Some Italian prisoners passed through town. Scouted wood and operated, etc. (17) Russian prisoners and also some British and American prisoners passed through town. Several divisions 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. Regs passed through the opposite direction as occupation troops. Received a new issue of shoes, etc. for a move.

### **Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21**

Spent at Beney as an operating detail.

### **Nov. 22, 23, 24**

Back at the eschelon awaiting orders.

### **Nov. 25**

Reviewed by the Major Told we were to join our own Div. and commented on our firing.



### **Nov. 26, 27, 28**

Awaiting to see which Div. we were to join the 89<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> Both doing their best to hold us. Received orders to be ready for a move on the 28 but was canceled.

### **Nov. 29**

Were awakened at 4:15 by a bugle call and told to get our packs ready for a move at 7:15. Moved. Put in the night at Avellers after passing through Woel. A distance covered of about 18 Km. (30) Next day we traveled about 23 Km and put up at Waca for the night short of Etain 2 Km

### **Dec. 1**

Passed through Etain to Spincourt a distance of about 15 Km. Carried packs. Passed through the Hindenburg lines and nothing but ruined town, and cement dugouts. (Dutch) (2) Cutry was our next stop a distance of 27 Kms. *Saw some large guns. Hun 42 cm.* Carried packs the remainder of the distance. (3) From Cutry to Clemency through Longwy about 14 Km. Wandering away from running and trench life. Here coming in contact with Belgium, Lorian, French and Luxemburg people and countries. (4) A real day of 40 Km. Through the city of Luxemburg, a fine city, to Junglinster. (5) Rest day after cleaning harness etc. (6) Another early morning start and covered an area of 23 Km. over our last day outside of Germany. Put call to arms at 8 o'clock in the night in the hay in the town of Roseport

### **Dec. 7**

Crossed the River Mosel into Germany in the early part of the day. Covered about 40 Km to to Baden passing thro Bittsburg. Put on a big feed with Crouch and Mees in a German house. One of the boys had served on the Russian Front. 8 Sun Laid over and were entertained with a speech from the Chaplin and Lt. Col and music by the band. (9) only at 7 Km. hike to Oberkail where the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. left us. Here we soon got billets and outside of Army life had waffles and jam nearly every night. Slept on the floor, hay and in beds.

### **Dec. 10,11**

Cleaning carrages harnesses etc., to keep out of mischief.

### **Dec. 12 & 13**

On kitchen guard. An officer killed by a German 10 Km. away. Praised the Amer. they way they handled the case. Germans hated to see the French come in our place. Men all had been soldiers.

### **Dec. 14**

Received plenty of mail, a picture, pocket-book etc. from E.C. News came in about 8 there would be a formation at 8:30 and that we would move out at 8 the next morning. Prepared everything at night and had waffles served to us about 11 o'clock and then hit the hay. Were issued leather jackets/

### **Dec. 15**

Were awakened at 4:30 and started on our 10 Km. hike to Dudeldorf where we were billeted and stationed. A bed to sleep in.



### **Dec. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21**

(Mees 2.M. \$20)

Remained at Dudeldorf "killing time" with a "Saturday's Inspection" and "Guard Duty" Sat. night one blanket and an overcoat and a hard floor to sleep on for a few hours. Kitchen guard with its "eatables."

### **Dec. 22 (Sun)**

"First Call" at 4:45 for our usual "Sun Move" of 8 Km's to Speicher. Met at 355 Hdq. who informed me Ben C. was in a hospital affected with the "flu" following "gas attack." Real beds to sleep in with Pollack, Brunner, and Nagle Comrades.

### **Dec. 23 and 24**

"Killed Time" Helped fill Xmas packages at the "Y" on the later date.

### **Dec. 25**

No Review or Retreat. A formation at 9 A.M. to hear Col. Davis and the Chaplin. Rumors of going home soon as the Col. said. Received our packages from home also those from the "Y." On K.P. in the P.M. and missed the entertainment.

### **Dec. 26**

Still a K. Pev. in the A.M. Six left for Luxemburg as M. P's. (Mees) Paid (27) Mounted police taken out of the Battery. Still rumors of a westward trip. (28) Signed the "pay roll" outside of our regular duties. (29) passes to Dudeldorf and Treves (Trier) not to exceed 10% of the men, issued. No retreat. (30 and 31) S.O.S. Jan. 1 A programme, but took a "Waffle eat" instead, with Mullen. Had his wonderful experience.

### **Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5.**

Inspections galore and a little more work. Plenty of snops and waffles. Free

### **Jan. 6.**

Details took a Recon- mission trip toward Trier but turned back after feeding and eating two sandwiches. About 15 Kms. out.

### **Jan. 7**

"Hit the ball" orders came out (The S.O.S. period) with its inspections.

### **Jan. 8**

Prepared for a field inspection on the morrow. Range guards left the Battery for duty. Uniform were to be prescribed one day ahead of time. (S.O.S.) Received word of the death of Col. Roosevelt and held memorial services by the Reg. Chaplin. "Pay Day" after supper with Marks instead of Francs. Ratio 7 ½ to 5.

### **Jan. 9**

On a horse detail to draw horses with Radcap, Brown, Mees, and Duku. Went by truck and rode mules back. Received them from the 314 French Motor as they were starting for U.S.A. on the morrow. Saw Sgt Maag for a brief talk. Arrived home O.K. with ten "wild and woolies" for Btr'y F. Rest of battery in Review.

### **Jan. 10**

Battery formations in A.M. K.P. in P.M. (11) K.P. in A.M. sleep in P.M.



### **Jan. 12 & 13 "Bat. Snops"**

Not much doing Sun. and battery work Monday forenoon Prepared for guard in P.M. (14) Off because of guard the night before. Slept during forenoon (15) Another trip at guard with it's visit to the kitchen for stomach relief. (16) Off day for me again. Day after guard duty. (17) Prepared for Luxemburg guard until 9 o'clock A.M. when our truck arrived to carry us away. Rest of Battery an big field inspection and was glad to miss it myself. Arrived in Roth about 2 P.M. going by way of Bitsburg a distance of about 40 Kms. (18) Looked about town until 10 o'clock on the 19<sup>th</sup> when I got my first "Boarder guard" way up in the woods with the "hoot owls." 10 to 2 both day and night my shift then off for the next 24 hours. "Fair hash." (19) Took my first guard on the boarder. The "Huns" election day" (Sun) and they also put on a big dance of the "whirl-gig" style. We indulged somewhat but was to much and most of us had a "cheap drunk"(whirling) Left for the "whoot owl" route at 9:45 for 4 hours.

2 Turkish towels

4 pr. Wool socks

1 Issue towel

1 Helmet

1 pr. Woolen Mits

1 PR Russets

20- Slept and missed breakfast as I got in at 2:30 A.M. from guard. Beat my "buddie" in at that as he accompanied one of the dutchess home from the "go round and round" place. Saw my first real spinning wheel and it's working when we were quartered. (Prohinski and myself)

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