

Lloyd E. Bradley
Battery F
~~7~~ 73rd A.
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R.O. 00 B.C.
0 Bugler
Scout #2 00 Scout #1
Sig. Cpl #1 00 Inst. Sgt.
Lepidus Lin. 00 Jack Animal
Horse Holder #2 00 Horse Holder #1
Rn. F. Cpl #1 00 aiming circle
operator.
Operator #2 00 Operator #1
0 1st Sgt.
Reserve Detail.
Signal Sgt. 0
Observer #2 00 Observer #1
Linesman #2 00 Linesman #1
Signal Cpl #2 00 Operator #3
Operator #4 00 Reel Cart Driver
Operator #5 on 5th Sec. Caisson



Sun. June 2
Prepared all a.m.
for our new move, he
did not know where.
Left Tunstun 3 P.M. on
our journey to Camp
Mills L. Off by way of
Fullmans. Passed
through N.C. that
evening receiving
great cheer and a
few cats from the Red Cross.

June 3.
Continued our journey
crossing the Miss R. &
during the night.
On 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 1:30} 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 put 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. Proceeded
on into N.J. 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 equip-
ment at the dock.



Got a drink of milk
and a few cookies from
the Red Cross, again
transferred our bag-
gage to an awaiting
train which took
us through the rain
to our new camp,
Wells. 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 my-

self with more blankets
etc for the ensuing
night.

June 8.

Did some "bunk
fatigue" after taking
some physical exer-
cise. Had issued
some clothing.

June 9

First day passes
were issued in our
new camp, mostly to
non-coms. All were
"raining" to get one. Took
my first trip to Gaid-
Waka in P.M. visited
that said tourist park.
Had to be content with
camp that evening.
Got a few "haircuts" in



June 10
More passes issued
but received none.
Was put in 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
S. B. respectively. Did
some washing. Took
a cold water bath.

June 13
Wrote a few letters
and received one from
Mabel. Saw Almond.
Mees put in my
name for a pass. (M) (M)

June 14.
Wrote letters, did
some washing, visited
the cold water and
did some "bunk fatigue".
Assisted the Battalion
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 in Mills
at 3:30 A.M.

June 16
Intending putting
most of the day in
sleeping but was aroun-
ed early to late to get
in on the fatigue party.
Turned in very hard
and took a little
more snooze before
writing.

June 17
Received a couple of
letters and wrote a
few. Had our usual

pic at a mode for
dinner. Attended firing
data school.

June 18
Had physical exercis
after "joliking up" at-
tended "firing data"
school. Did some
washing. No passes.

June 19.
Was issued clothing
Prepared for our next
move, we knew not
where. Set telegram
to B. L. Smith to pay
for Liberty bonds daugh-
t 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. Bought
"franks" and "boys".
and finished prep
preparing for our
junkie on awaiting
us. Left Mills at 7:30
to a distant train.

Rode all night express
to Boston, through
N.Y. Conn. Vt. Arriv-
ed at Boston at 7:30
Was served coffee

and cake by the
Red Cross and then
took to our trans-
port the Lamedon
a freighter. Left
Boston at 10:30 with
another transport.
Mailed some cards
at Boston. "Did the
fish" that P.M. some
June 22.

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



S+J
Start
WOC

June 24.
Landed at Halifax
N.S. at 8 A.M. Spent
the remainder of the
day in Halifax Harbor.
Here we were joined
with several ships,
shaved and cleaned
up. Capt Davis taken
aboard.

June 25
Spent the day in
the harbor. Received
The Halifax paper
containing the news
that there were 4000
Australians captured.

June 25. (Cont)
Spent the am. in
the harbor. In P.M.

viewed that portion of
Halifax that is near shore
to pieces with the two ships
started again on our
journey. A quiet sea.
Was in a Convoy of
nine ships (transport)
two submarine chasers
and one battle ship.
Feeling fine. Saw several

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's on deck."

July 1st

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

July 2

Spent most of the day reading, "The Rainbow 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 4th
Mates fed with food

Prepared by "Bat. F's"
kitchen. The Convoy of
seven "sub" chasers
met us. Celebrated
the day by watching
a few matches betw.
the different Batteries.
"I" winning her share.
July 5.
Three more "sub"
chasers met us, making
ten in all. Saw
an airplane fly over
and also some "sea
guils" proving that
land was not so
far distant. Caught
Guard "Jost #40" (miss
"L" or Jost #42. Ho-
ing up English letters



nel. Passing a few
villages right close.
See land about 6 PM
to the north of us. It
goes out of sight again
July 6.

The 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 for
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
swift guard as landed
before it was to take
place. Disembarked at
Royal Albert Dock ^{London} ~~Coventry~~
1:30 and transferred
to one of Eng. "Luti"
trains taking by road
81 miles through London
and its "suburbs" to South



Few miles "hike" through
the city of La Harve to an
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.

~~I kept onward on~~
my

July 10.

Prepared for our new
journey during the
P.M. to an unknown
American Base train-

ing camp. Packed our
equipment and started
on this said journey
on foot carrying our
equipment. Walked down,
what seemed like the
greater portion of the
city of La Harve, before
boarding and awaiting
"dog cars" 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 Harve. Slept two nights
out of the past twenty with my dog.



July 11.

Continued our sight seeing 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 Bourdant, but weren't out an 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 camp stopping

place at 9:30 P.M. Here we were put in "billo's" 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. I in our "dandy" swimming pool feeling 130% better.

July 13.

Looked over the town getting an to a few of the French ways and their money. Had my usual swim.

July 14.

France's Independent celebration day. The 34th 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 eq-
uipment. Went to
the river for a
swim. In the P.M.
did some mashing.

July 16

Had our usual
A.M. "hike" of ⁽¹²⁾ six miles.
In the P.M. made a
another ⁽¹²⁾ six mile "hike"
this time to fight
fire in the woods.
Extinguished the fire
and came back driving

about 7 P.M. took our
"plunge" and had
supper. Received a
letter from Esther.

July 17

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

July 18.

Attended "Detail school"
mostly all day. Passed
Review before Major Gott-
chalk as a Regiment.

July 19

Had our usual
"Detail schooling" ~~in the~~



Got the news of the capture of 17,000 Germans. Received two letters one from E.C. and one from Bonnell.

July 20.

Had our Detail practice in the P.M. Took on some "bunk" far-igue in the P.M.

July 21

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

July 22

Attended Detail work in the A.M. and saw the "French 75" a short

time in the P.M.

Had a review as a Regiment before Col. Davis.

~~July 23~~ Went to the river for a swim in the evening.

July 23.

Were given the "call to arms" at 10 P.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 Signaling during the A.M. Received a letter from Co. C. Attended a baseball game between Btry F and Btry C was 4 to 1 in our favor
July 28

Had a French celebration and each Btry put on a parade. Also a competitive drill between Alvin F. K. winning. Also the 1st Battalion beat the 2nd 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 ^{platoon} until 4 A.M. Detail
work the rest of the
day as usual. Received
four letters one M., B.H.,
E.C. Wrote one to Esther,
Signed the pay-roll.

July 30

Some more ^{platoon} drill, and detail work
during the A.M. Lt. Reg.
Review by Col. Davis
during the P.M. and
was paid for the
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 un-
til 3 P.M. Had a Reg.
review by Col. Davis. ~~But~~
also wrote three letters
during off periods during
the day.

August 1

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

Aug. 2

Attended Detail



school during a.m. but
2nd BN. strung a system
of wires during the P.M.
For practice of at 12 P.M.
we were sleeping so
hard, so the buglers
awoke us with their
melodious "Call to Arms".
August 3

At 9:30 a.m., "out of
doors" inspection, then
"policing up" the rest
of the P.M. For our
new rope which
was to be on the
narrow to Camp De
Sauge. Viewed the pretty ^{Camp} _{stay}
August 4

Packed up and
left Castellana at 9:30

a.m. For our new,
Sandy, home of Camp
Sauge by way of
trucks. Much better
than a walk, the way
we expected to go, and
most of the Strip did.
Got situated in our
new quarters and took
a stroll and "guf" of
the "Cannon Range"
Trench "75". Took our
nights sleep on a
bed of "slats" and our
"rolls" in Retreat.
Aug. 5.

The Bty built a
stone walk but had
to take it up and carry
the stones back. Saw



the way the Artillery
horses were dying in
France. Bought out
by our stables.

Aug. 6

Had some real cut
of door Detail work in
the a.m. Signed for
our ^{own} ~~own~~ 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. work.
In the P.M. were issued
our (strips) 75's but stood
no hit that. After supper
were paid.

Aug. 10

Our morning's ex-
ercise, then a study of
the guns. In the Evening
spent a few minutes at
Bonneton. News of the
17,000 captured.

Aug. 11

Received our horses
and went to the stables
to care for them and
stood no hit out.
Captured ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~range~~



Aug 12.

Took my first trip to the station in morning since we've been in town. Took my first detail work, to a rest of the day. ~~Aug 13~~
by all means. I will be in the station for first time tomorrow.

Aug 13

The battery has "quarantined" and I recorded "data" most all day.

Aug 14

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

Aug 15.

The Battery had standing gun drill until 9:30 AM. and "a" recorder was needed? Left for the range at 10 AM and just attack (training) of the "C" was recorded at the B.C. station, but as a fire was present on the range we had only "17" rounds.

Aug 16

Tables, telephone and recording, at a gun site at #3 on the "1st" (for my first time) with my first up in the above state.

Aug 17

"S.O.S."

Aug 18 and 19

Took my first "shot"



at guard in a long
time. Chased pris-
ioners "S.S." The Bliy
went out to "fire"
Aug 20, 21

"S.S." News of the
capture of 10,000 pris-
ioners. Did a little
shopping at Martines.
Aug 22, 22

Aug 24
The Bliy went out
on the "refuge" for fir-
ing purposes. Went
"sketch" although
was "checked" and re-
corded at the B.C. Was
my second time to re-
port an "air" call.

Aug. 25 "Sun"
Had a morning's work
of "Detail work" because
of the "bombers" pulled
out on the Range yesterday.

Aug. 26
Spent on the Range.
Reported at the B.C.
Signed "Joy roll"

Aug. 27
"S.S." with gas mask
drill at night. Received
a "bunch of mail"

Aug 28
Another trip to the
Range. Reported at the
Gun station; another
organization's gun
"flew off" on the Range
killing the gunner and



No. 1.

Aug 29th 30

Spent at the Gun
Practice and Detail
Work under a new
Sergeant, (Henry)

Aug 31

"S.O.S"

Sept 1 & 2

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

Sept. 3

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

Sept 4,

"The Get up" whistle

was blown at 4:30. Then
marching toward our
guns at 6:00 A.M.

Sept 5

Another 4:30 morn-
ing on the Range. Here
stopped our firing as
at Battery "C" and blew
up killing a No. 1. Reg.
was out. Went out
a Recon mission party
in the P.M.

Sept 6

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

Sept 7th "S.O.S" with Gas



Drill and Manual of
Arms after supper.
Sept. 8

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

Sept. 9
S.O.S.

Sept. 10

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

Sept. 11

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

Sept. 12

At preparation to

for a rifle show on
Sunday in the
range. Arrived seven
o'clock.

Sept. 13

At rifle show with
my rifle and
comparisons of
rifles.

Sept. 14

The day before the
big move. A lot 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 right flank first line.
Saw Gene Purney for a
few minutes as usual.



on "our way" to the front.
Passed through Balleau
(Boulogne) and on to Doull.
Sept. 16, 1901/18.

Travelled onward
to where our noisy
occupation was the
quietest. It was a pretty
portion of France we
(passed) through and
we unloaded at
Doull at 4:30. On the
18th and "hiked" until
9:30 through what was
"No-man's" land some
few days before. Was
held by the "Huns" a-
bout 3 1/2 yrs before. 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
saddly soaked before morning.
Our first sight of "war life"
~~was~~ three men from Reg.
Hdq. killed at Boney by
a shell.

Sept. 19.

In the P.M. finished our
journey and what night
took the guns to their
position. In the early morning
fired our first shot a
barrage, at Bosh. Work-
ed half of the night firing
things at the "Schelou"
Red war. "Here near Metz"

Sept. 20 & 21

Reported at Reg. C. P.



as Btry agent at Pannas.
In the eve of the 21st the
town was shelled and 16
horses and 3 men from
D Btry 342 Reg. was killed
Several wounded. Was
relieved as Btry agent
in the eve.

Sept. 22

"Off duty". Visited Y.M.
and Salvation Army can-
teens, purchasing a few
"goodies".

Sept. 23 and 24

Reported to "Firing Btry"
as one of the Detail for
detail work. 24th Pa-
trolled the line to F.O.P.
and took a glimpse
at the enemy trenches

A seven hr. Barrage on
this whole sector to fool
Boche while a big advance
was made at Verdun, noise
and towns held by them,
Sept. 25 and 26

"Off duty." on the 26th took
a horseback ride to where
the 355th Infantry was held
in reserve. Looked up
Adq. Coo and found Ben,
ready to go to drill. He
was excited and we
had a 1 1/2 hr. chat about
what had happened in
the front. He had some
real close shelling by
Boche in the early

morning. ^{Fired a barrage to fool}
Boche while the big ad-
vance was made at Verdun.

Sept. 27 and 28
Again found at "Firing
Btry" as a detailed (operator).
Had our first real gas
attacks and some real
close shelling during



first night. Gas attacks for
(perhaps one half hour
then cleaned "allegants".
The Br. shelled the
town. Don Martin held
by the Germans for re-
venge.

Sept. 29th 30

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

Oct. 10th 2nd.

At the "Firing Battery"
stringing a line to # 01.
1st day and operating

2nd. Did quite a bit
of shooting the 2nd day
but mostly for adjust-
ing 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
"quitting" also heard
Australia had given
Germany 72 hrs. to re-
place her troops (over
wireless) Turkey had
also quite accepting
to word we received.
Neither of the latter were
official. The Busy Day.
Oct. 30th 4

Back at the echelon.
Took care of a few lines



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 shot
our firing
position but no
effect. Also shelled
assey. 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 had 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. Dumble
that Germany, Austria
and Turkey had cabled
Washington asking for a
armistice in view of the
fact of considering the
14 bands laid down by
Wilson. Very little fire,
although we received a
few close ones and
returned same. Fired
on a "working party"
making the first hit the
'art'. The 89th Inf. went
back for a rest and



147 took their place. We
are expecting relief and
taking over a few sec-
to which our own help
was relieved and went
back to the Eschelon
visiting the Salvation Army
on my way for a few
cats. A few more letters.

Oct. 8 & 9.

Our "eschelon days"
again. A general
"stand up" and some
letter writing. Sub-
pages to some purpose
in the P.M. of the
P.M. soon leave for
the P.M. and the
P.M.

Oct. 10 and 11.

How was my first
one us. Was there plot
in the mind for not
being faster, to my
regret when the
first one came
whizzing through the
air. Pet was in a
hurry. — Landed from
100 to 10 yds. from our
"dugout." Fragments
and mud pattered
down our roof. Gas
was shot up at the
night of the 11th with-
out effect. We
followed "suit" and
found out some of the
surrounding towns
E and D moved to

WITNESS TO

WAR



a new position and
we dug an old
trench 90 in. D's old
position to draw
enemy fire. Capt.
Swift left us and
became Bn. Adjutant.

Oct. 12nd & 13.

Same as other 'esch-
elon days'

Oct. 14th & 15.

"Peace talk" and not
much firing were notice-
able of these two days.

Oct. 16th & 17

Preparing a new home
at the eschelon.

Oct. 18th & 19.

Very quiet. Put in a
new line to F.O.P.

Brunner busted and
Capt. Holtz takes his place
as Sergeant.

Oct. 20th & 21.

Still preparing our
'modern' home at the
Eschelon.

Oct. 22nd & 23.

Very active days in-
deed with its close
shelling of gas, shrap-
nel and shell at
different times during
the two days. Took up
34 line out twice during
the day and night. Had
one of the "birds" to fix
it at night. Put over
at "barbage" about 10 P.M.
to benefit some raiders



and they passed our position in the early morning with 30 prisoners from the effects of it. They were "stripped" of their "souvenir" equipment by the "Doughs" and we couldn't get any.

Oct. 24 and 25.

Dead days at our little "dunghole." Scouted some wood and received my letters. An air raid at night

Oct. 26 and 27

Took a trip to F.O.P. with Sgt. Stoltz and Lt. Jones to operate while they were adjusting fire. Salvaged

wire besides getting myself some "warmed up" meals with "canned heat." The "Huns" were shelling in the vicinity of ^{our} camp during these days. Some nice german propaganda fell into our hands through the "air mail" route. Was entitled, "Don't say die until you have it." "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 Japers. 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
barked 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 squad
from the "meat" team.
This is nearly over our
battery and could be
easily seen. Another
air battle as I was
leaving the battery almost
too slow over my head.
Caught a motorcycle
to Jammers for advice
and Japers up the
other bunch. Several
big guns pulled into
position behind us
and some British fight-
ing planes come
into the sector. A few
10 to 12 tanks that were



Hasn't ceased by 12 o'clock
the night of the first.
I wish Fred. Follick.
Wrote to Washington
about my liberty bonds.
Nov. 1 and 2

Real quiet days out-
side of clearing woods.
Threw in bed as Wash-
ington was an sick
list and didn't go
to the gym. 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 AM.
on. Took a trip to Sh.

Denoit for map of new
sector and message from
Br. Hdq. Started barrage
about 6:30 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 5th. Went to Mess for
the night and the Com.
of the 6th. Had some
fine cats, fish, spuds,
beans, toast, jam, oat-
meal, meat and coffee.
also had a fine soft
"Hew" mattress to sleep
on and sat in some
real chairs and ate
off a table. Wrote to every



Nov 7

Reeled up three reels
of wire then took a
trip to Boney visiting
the "Salvation Army" and
made a 'fake' order get-
ting Hershey, 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 photos when
off duty. Nothing exciting
Nov. 8 & 9

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
S. [unclear] for an order of
60 [unclear]. The "Puns" began
to shell the battery about
dark and thanks to
some kind providence
they were no larger than
77's as one landed about
10:30. It found me sev-
erely [unclear] with mud
and dirt but the frag-
ments left an open space
the width of my body
at least. Luck! [unclear]
the C.P. dugout when
the next landed. Beat it



For my night quarters
during the quiet 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
them again for the
night.

Nov. 10

Went to the echelon
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 hear-
ing was forcing its way
toward Vimontour in
the "German direction"
Tough boys still advanc-
ing. Went on operating
at 11 until 7. Received some
Nov. 11 "J.O." and "G.N."

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 "Usmanist
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
Benny and the detail
and officers moved
down.

Nov. 12

Acted as orderly for
Lt Jones and Schusiger
to the echelon. Took a
bath, shave etc as
was my first chance
for some twelve days.
Nov. 13

Came in from Benny
to the echelon, signed

"Joy Book" and were
glad with the news
that "we" would groom
horses, drill and have
class work as the war
row as of old. Also
were checked up on
our clothing as we were
expecting to make the
"follow up" trip be-
hind 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 Benny 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
3rd etc. ^{Regts} passed through
the opposite direction
as occupation troops. Re-
ceived 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 eschelou
awaiting orders.

Nov. 25

Reviewed by the Major
Told we were to join
an awn Div. and com-
mented an aw firing.

Nov. 26, 27, 28

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

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 Avellies
after passing through. Noel.
A distanced covered of about
18 Km. (30) Next day we
traveled about 23 Km. and
put up at Vaca for the
night south 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 ruins
towers, (old cement
dugouts. Dutch) (2) Entry
was our next stop a
distance of 27 Km. Arrived

Saw some large guns. Hum
42 C.M.

Sparks the remainder of
the distance. (3) From
Centry to Belmeny through
Longwy about 14 Km.
Walking away from
running sand trench
life. Here coming in
contact with Belgium,
Lorraine, French and
Luxemburg people and
countries. (4) A real
day of 40 Km. through
the city of Luxemburg the
junc city, to Jungluster.
(5) Rest day after cleaning
harness etc. (6) Another
early mornings start
and covered an area of
~~73~~ Km. over last day
outside of Germany. Put



Call to Arms at 8 o'clock
in the night in the pay
in the town of Rosport
Dec. 7 Crossed the river
Mosel into Germany in
the early part of that day.
Covered about 40 Km. to
Baden passing thro'
Bittsburg. Put up in a big
Jed. with Crouch and
Mees in a German
home. One of the boys
had served on the
Russian Front. 8 am
Laid over and were
entertained with a
speech from the Chap-
lin and Lt. Col and
music by the band.
9 am only a 7 Km. hike
to Aelkail where the

1st Bn. left us. Here we
soon got billets and out-
side of Army life. had
Waffles and Ham nearly
every night. Slept on the
floor, hay and tin beds.
Dec. 10, 11,

Cleaning carriage harness
etc., to keep out of mis-
chief.

Dec 12 + 13.

On kitchen guard. An
officer killed by a German
in 10 Km. away. Praised
the Amer. that way they
handled the case. German
hated to see the French
come in our place. Men
all had been soldiers.
Dec, 14



Received plenty of mail,
a picture, a pocket book
etc. From P. 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. Pre-
pared everything all night
and had waffles serv-
ed to us about 11 o'clock
and then hit the hay. Then
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 & 21

(News 3. M. 20)

Remained at Dudeldorf
"killing time" with a
"Saturday's Disposition" and
"Guard Duty" Sat. Night
Went blanket and an
overcoat and a hard floor
to sleep on for a full
hour. Kitchen guard with
its "atables".

Dec. 22 (Sun)

"First Call" at 4:45
for our usual "Sun move"
of 8 km to Speicher Met
at 355 Hdq. who informed me
P. C. was in a hospital
affected with the "flu" follow-
ing a gas attack. Real
off to sleep in with
Pollack. Drummer and
Magle Courades.



Dec. 23rd & 24

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

Dec. 25.

No Boils as 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 N.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. Mrs. & Paul
(27) mounted Jolie taken

out of the Battery. Still
rumors of a westward trip.
(28) signed the "Jay roll"
outside of our regular duties.
(29) Japped to Studeldorf
and Zwer (Zier) not
to exceed 10% of the new iss-
ued. No Retreat. (30 and 31)

So. S. Jan. 1 a pro-
gramme, but took a
"Waffle eat" instead,
with Muller. Had
his wonderful ex-
perience.

Jan. 2 3 4 5

Inspectional galore and
a little more work.
Jenty of "snaps" and waffles.
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. L. Division)
with its inspections.

Jan. 8.
Prepared for a field
inspection on the main
road. Range guards
left the battery for duty.
Uniform were to be
prescribed one day ahead
of time. (S. O. L.) Received
word of the death of Col.
Roosevelt and held mem-
orial services by the Reg.
Schablin. "Pay Day" at last

suffer with Marks in-
stead of Frances. Ratio $7\frac{1}{2}$
to 5.

Jan. 9
On a horse detail to draw
horses with Broadleaf, Brown
Mice and Decker. Went
by truck and rode mules
back. Received them from
the 314 trench motor as they
were starting for H. A. on the
morning. Saw Sgt Maag for a
brief talk. Arrived home O.K.
with ten "wild and woolies"
for Betty P. Rest of battery in
Review.

Jan. 10
Battery formations in A.M.
K.P. in P.M. (L) K.P. in
A.M., sleep in P.M.



Jan 12/13 "Bat. Snaps"
Not much doing Sun. and
battery work Monday
Tuesday. Prepared for
guard in P.M. (14)
off because of guard
the night before. Left
during Tuesday (15)
Another trip at guard
with its visit to the
kitchen for stomach re-
lief. (16) off day for me
again. Did after guard.
(17) Prepared for Bit-
sburg 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 my-
self. Arrived in Roth

about 2 P.M. going by way
of Bitsburg a distance of
about 40 Kms. (18) Looped
about town until 10 o'clock
on the 19th when I got my
first "Boarder guard" way
up in the woods with the
"shoot awls". 10 to 2 both
day and night my shift
then off for the next 24
hours. "Ship hash". (19) Took
my first guard on the
boarder. The "kums" elect
row day - (Sun) and did a
just and a big dance of
the "whirl-gig" style. We
indulged somewhat but
was too much and most
of us had a "cheap drink"
(Whirling) Left for the "shoot
awl" route at 9:45 for 4 hours



