J. Reah Hollinger 1918 Diary Transcription

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J. Reah Hollinger
Amb. Co. {Ambulance Company} #111

Tues. Jan. 1, 1918
First snow
Camp Hancock\(^1\) Amb Co {Ambulance Company} # 3
Holiday: nothing happened

Bugler of guard.
more snow

Wednesday 2
Co {Company} #1 out on practice “To arms”
Bugler of guard. Four men in the guard house.
Phil. Morris cigarettes\(^2\) arrived from A.H. Herr’s\(^3\)

Thur. Jan. 3, 1918
On fatigue duty to practice bugling loafed all day.

Friday 4
Hike and last Lecture by Capt Stahr\(^4\) on malaria + mosquito

Sat. Jan. 5, 1918
Slept in till 11.45. not feeling very well + slept most of the day.
Divisional review this A.M.

Sunday 6
Rain
Cot fatigue. Big letter to Amos Herr\(^5\)
Prepared for hike.

\(^1\) Camp Hancock, Georgia, USA.
\(^2\) Philip Morris brand cigarettes.
\(^4\) Captain Charles P. Stahr of Lancaster, PA. He was the son of Franklin & Marshall College President John Summers Stahr, a member of F&M College class of 1897, and a practicing doctor in Lancaster city. He formed ambulance corps #111 in 1917 with local men.
\(^5\) Amos Herr of Landisville, PA.
Mon. Jan. 7, 1918
Call to arms at 4.20 Co. left at 5.10 had breakfast 5 mi. out on road to Waynesboro had dinner at 11:00 in a field came to camp in woods after walking 23.7 mi Cold place no water tents posted
After supper dragged myself thru a few squares of dark woods to get my barrak {barrack} shoes. Crawled in early. Feagley Grube Bauer in tent together.

Tuesday 8
Blew 1st call and rev. had a light breakfast and started out about 8.30 arrived at Waynesboro about 12.00. Because of Central time we were early. Went thru town Barbecue at 2.00 left 3.40 for Sylvania 21mi. {miles} walked until 8.30 camped in cotton field snow + rain very cold every thing frozen. Very light meal tonight coffee and bread.

Wed. Jan. 9, 1918
Called out at 6.15 left by 8.30 arrived at Sylvania by 11.00 Treated fine by Red cross left by 12.30 for Millen camped in a wood 1 ½ miles offroad at a hotspring. Camp in corn field
Frost. Dinner along road
Build fires with fence rails, turned in early.

Thursday 10
Broke camp by 8.00 walked into toward Millen dinner along road camped in a wood patch off road near stream. Finest camp site of trip. Water wood + warm weather. Washed Sylvania by 11.00 Treated by Red Cross left 12.30 for Millen

Fri. Jan. 11, 1918
Broke camp at 8.00 arrived at Millen 11.00 Treated by Red Cross left at 1:00. Walked 5 mi to stockade which we didnt see camped in wood 9 mi from Waynesboro Rain + windstorm which blew tree down. Every thing frozen

Saturday 12
Broke camp 8.00 Every thing frozen stiff arrived at Waynesboro at noon, walked thru town no stop. Dinner 3 miles out. Camped in corn field 23 mi from campy Very cold + windy plenty of wood. Wind too strong for one to get warm at fire. Slept fine after turning in early. Dug up ground beforehand.

Sun. Jan. 13, 1918
Broke camp 8.00 with no water walked until 7 mi from camp on a bridge. Frozen salmon + crackers for dinner. Left 1.20 for camp had review by Maj. Gen. Morris on Milledgeville

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6 Waynesboro, GA
7 Joseph C. Feagley of Lancaster, PA; C.S. Grube of Lancaster, PA; and Fank S. Bauer of Lancaster, PA.
8 Abbreviation for “Reveille,” a military song played in the morning to signal roll call.
9 Sylvania, GA.
10 Millen, GA.
11 Major General, a rank between Brigadier General and Lieutenant General in the U.S. Army.
12 Milledgeville, GA, former state capital.
road. Arrived at camp 4.30 tired but glad to get back. Found our tent full of sand + leaves from windstorm of Friday night.

Monday 14
Cot Fatigue all day
Received Red Cross package from Lancaster R. C. {Red Cross}

Tues. Jan. 15, 1918
Overslept + reported sick.
in cot all morning
Paid in afternoon
Last night had another wind storm which blew lots of sand into tent.

Wednesday 16
Cot fatigue
Vacation for company.

Thur. Jan. 17, 1918
Cot fatigue

Friday 18
On duty
short hike and several lectures

Sat. Jan. 19, 1918
On guard.
Novices taken of all transport wagons + motors, artillery etc.

Sunday 20 through Sun Jan. 27, 1918
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Monday 28
Not enough happening to write about.

Jan 29- 31
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Fri. Feb. 1
Case of Measles – Brobst
{illegible}
Ten quarantined
Orders received to send home all useless articles and boxes.
I keep mine until I hear of something definite.

Sat. Feb. 2, 1918

13 Valentine Brobst of Lititz, PA.
More Measles – Cochran and Clarke.\textsuperscript{14} Whole Co quarantines about 4 P.M. Joke played on Grube.
all the work I did this week was teach two French classes and attend two normal Fr. classes.
Getting the cot fatigue blues.

Sunday 3
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Mon. Feb 4, 1918
On Guard Forgot to blow breakfast call.

Tuesday 5
Cot fatigue

Wed. Feb 6, 1918
Company goes on guard every three days now.

Thursday 7
Vatter\textsuperscript{15} gets sick while on guard at Base with measles. Tent quarantined.

Fri. Feb. 8, 1918
Moved tent down in the field with the other quar.\{quarantined\} tents. Four of us in tent.
sports = baseball + basketball
Nothing but loafing besides that.

Saturday 9
warm
Very easy life

Sun. Feb. 10, 1918
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Monday 11
very warm
Moved back to Co.\{Company\} again so that Inf\{infantry\} could dig trenches on our site.
Body of Engineers either left or went on 9 day hike
Hard work moving our + the other tents + baggage back to Co.\{Company\} street.

Tues. Feb. 12, 1918
Bugle Class every morn at 8.30–9.30 given by Tony Del Campo of the 3rd Reg\{Regimental\} band now stationed with us.

Wednesday 13

\textsuperscript{14} Corporal Frank Cochran of Lancaster, PA and Private First Class Howard Clark of Lancaster, PA.
\textsuperscript{15} John S. Vatter of Lancaster, PA.
on guard

Thur. Feb. 14, 1918
Got a clarinet from the band to practice on.
Brinton Chief Mus {Musician} of band of Altoona
Fine modern Fischer clarinet

Friday 15
attended band practice

Sat. Feb. 16, 1918
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Sunday 17
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Mon. Feb. 18, 1918
Played with band in concert at YMCA.

Tuesday 19
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Wed. Feb. 20, 1918
Nothing happens as usual

Thursday 21
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Fri. Feb 22, 1918
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Saturday 23
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Sun. Feb. 24, 1918
Played with Band at Grand in afternoon. Supper at Y.M.C.A. + concert at Epis {Episcopal} church in evening
Fine concert. made a hit.

Monday 25
Concert at YMCA {Young Men's Christian Association, see note below}

Tues. Feb. 26, 1918

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16 Altoona, PA.
17 Carl Fischer brand.
18 The Young Men's Christian Association, also known as “YMCA” or “the Y,” provided recreational sports and activities for soldiers. Here, the men could enjoy non-alcoholic beverages while listening to the radio, seeing dance performances and music concerts, playing board games and cards, and engaging in other wholesome activities.
Wednesday 27

Thur. Feb. 28, 1918

Fri. March 1
on grand
Received number
1261053

Sat. March 2, 1918
Big inspection cots out on
St {site} by colonel\(^{19}\) 830-11.40
Took 3 pictures of them.
All equipment arranged as prescribed order.

Sunday 3

Mon. March 4, 1918
Grube pie eyed\(^{20}\)

Tuesday 5
on guard

Wed. March 6, 1918

Thursday 7
Movies at YMCA
Movies on Bayonet, Calesthenics + Pistol.

Fri. March 8, 1918
Movies at YMCA
School of squad
Gas + Arm signals

Saturday 9
Review for Sec Lansing\(^{21}\)
Relieved Bauer\(^{22}\) on guard so he could play with Band

Sun. March 10, 1918

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\(^{19}\) Colonel, a military rank between Lieutenant colonel and Brigadier general in the U.S. Army.

\(^{20}\) This possibly means that he was hung over from drinking too much alcohol.

\(^{21}\) Secretary of State Robert Lansing.

\(^{22}\) Frank S. Bauer of Lancaster, PA.
Monday 11
Co went to Georgia Univ {University} to see some coon stiffs23 and dispensary24

Tues. March 12, 1918
At Univ {University} for lecture
+ stiffs

Wednesday 13
on Guard

Thur. March 14, 1918
at Univ stiffs and dispensary

Friday 15
At Univ Lectures

Sat. March 16, 1918
Divisional review

Sunday 17
Cot Fatigue

Mon. March 18, 1918
Payday

Tuesday 19
Rosenthal25 comes back
Everybody well loaded26

Wed. March 20, 1918
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Thursday 21
on guard

Fri. March 22, 1918
Foot + equipment inspection

Saturday 23
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Sun., March 24, 1918

23 “Coon” is a slang term for African-American people, and “stiff” is a slang term for a dead body.
24 A place where soldiers obtained medications.
25 David J. Rosenthal of Lancaster, PA.
26 Could mean that the men drank too much.
Monday 25
Nothing

Tues. March 26, 1918
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Wednesday 27
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Thur. March 28, 1918
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Friday 29
on Guard

Sat. March 30, 1918
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Sunday 31
Easter Sunday

Mon. April 1, 1918
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Tuesday 2
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Wed. April 3, 1918
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Thursday 4
Red Cross lecture + pictures at Redpath

Fri. April 5, 1918
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Saturday 6
On Guard
Telegram recieved
Argument about furlough

Sun. April 7, 1918
(Wea.) Wet

Monday 8
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Tues. April 9, 1918
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27 Possibly a place.
28 (Wea.) stands for weather, and indicates that Hollinger filled in the (Wea.) section printed daily in his diary.
Wednesday 10
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Thur. April 11, 1918
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Friday 12
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Sat. April 13, 1918
usual inspection

Sunday 14
on Guard

Mon. April 15, 1918
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Tuesday 16
Furlough came thru left 12.45 noon with
Driving well into N.C. {North Carolina}
by midnight
$55.00 on hand

Wed. April 17, 1918
Arrived at Wash {Washington, D.C.} - 7.45
left 8.00 for Phil. {Philadelphia} 11.01
Left Phila 11.30 arrive Lanc {Lancaster} 1.33
Bath + YMCA then home.
out with Mew Myers to Copelands\(^29\) + hand some BE\(_2\)R {Beer}

Thursday 18
Meeting of Pi Association at Breneman Bldg.

Fri. April 19, 1918
Liberty Loan Parade\(^30\)
Chased around in machine

Saturday 20
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Sun. April 21, 1918
Met The. spent eve in Cones. park\(^31\)
+on hotel porch dining room

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\(^29\) Private Oscar Copeland of Millersville, PA.
\(^30\) A Liberty Loan drive to sell bonds issued by the federal government. This drive was sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Lancaster (New Holland Clarion, April 20, 1918, page 1).
\(^31\) Conestoga Park.
Monday 22
Took Ed Cros\textsuperscript{32} out in Marion + met Two M. B. + B.C.\textsuperscript{33} went for short ride

Tues. April 23, 1918
Out with Mew + Art + the etc to Ephrata park\textsuperscript{34}

Wednesday 24
Went to Bethlehem to see Louise\textsuperscript{35} Ann about noon came to Allentown for dinner.
Out to see George Irwin\textsuperscript{36} at camp Crane\textsuperscript{37}. Movie later left at 7.35
laid over in Reading 2 hours.
Met Jimmy on Eph {Ephrata} trolley

Thur. April 25, 1918
out with Mew Marion met something.

Friday 26
Draftees in station at all Towns
Left home for York 10.45, left York 1.52 and Wash 4.55
Met H Mumma\textsuperscript{38}+ Ray Hall\textsuperscript{39} + left on sleeper at 7.00

Sat. April 27, 1918
Arrived in Augusta\textsuperscript{40} 1.45
went to Lenwood + ate came to camp later
Everybody played later in the evening packed guitar

Sunday 28
Packing up
Sent guitar to Louise\textsuperscript{41}
sent a package home.

Mon. April 29, 1918
Infantry leaving
Signed pay roll

Tuesday 30
On Guard
Infantry leaving, muster

Wed. May 1, 1918

\textsuperscript{32} Edwin Crosland, student of F&M College (\textit{New Holland Clarion}, March 9, 1918, page 1).
\textsuperscript{33} Two unidentified friends of Hollinger.
\textsuperscript{34} In Ephrata, PA.
\textsuperscript{35} Louise Crosland of Lititz, PA.
\textsuperscript{36} A friend of Hollinger’s, details unknown.
\textsuperscript{37} Camp Crane in Allentown, PA, a site used to train ambulance companies.
\textsuperscript{38} Sergeant 1st Class Stanley Mumma of Lancaster, PA.
\textsuperscript{39} Ray Baker Hall of Lancaster, PA.
\textsuperscript{40} Augusta, GA.
\textsuperscript{41} Louise Crosland of Lititz, PA.
short hike
Rest of infantry left today
Military Police, Div. Headqtrs {Division Headquarters}
Mach. {machine} guns + infantry have all left. Camp in care of ordance men.

Thursday 2
Cot fatigue

Fri. May 3, 1918
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Saturday 4
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Sun. May 5, 1918
News of leaving

Monday 6
Packing up slowly
cots turned in, all boxes away

Tues. May 7, 1918
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Wednesday 8
Tents taken down.
Slept in out of rain in Gantts' tent.

Thur. May 9, 1918
loafing around waiting

Friday 10
Everything ready
Left camp at 1.15 entrained ^left at 2.00 in daycoaches. Red Cross fed us at Ridge Spring.
S.C. {South Carolina} Passed a
+ our night for every seat was filled.

Sat. May 11, 1918
Arrived at Washington 4.00
fed by Red Cross. F. H. {Field Hospital} + 107 art {artillery} there also, Some Camp Gordon troops also
Passed thru Wilmington + Phila about 11.30

Sunday 12

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42 Paul T. Gantt of Philadelphia, PA.
43 Daycoaches, trains with just seats and no beds.
44 Camp Gordon, Augusta, GA.
45 Wilmington, DE.
Arrive at New York about 5 a.m. waited around there for several hours arrived at Camp Mills L.I.46 at 11.00 Marched a few squares to a dirty street, no mess hall.47 Notified of O.R. in spite of cloudy weather etc Walked thru town of Hempstead.48

Mon. May 13, 1918
Getting adjusted. 23 fellows go home daily on 24 hour leave

In town

Tuesday 14
Inspection of equipment

Walked thru Mineola, Nassau Co {County} Courthouse + Hempstead

Wed. May 15, 1918
clothing inspection
Taxi trip to N.Y. {New York} with the boys. Chased around the town. Churchills + Frolics49 etc

Thursday 16
Slept most of day
Lots of visitors

In N. Y. {New York} seeing the show at the Winter Garden.50 Al Jolson51 in Sinbad.52

Fri. May 17, 1918
Slept in. Physical inspection
Packing up.
Walked into Hempstead to a poor show etc turned in early

Saturday 18
Left camp at 10.00 by rail to boat.
Briton, British troop ship. Close quarters. Sleeping in hammocks+
eating up some room. 3rd class
19 ships being loaded today
Ship is camouflaged in red white blue + green + ★’s of the Union Castle

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46 Camp Mills on Long Island, NY.
47 Mess hall, a place where soldiers ate.
48 Hempstead, Long Island, NY.
49 Likely the names of two bars visited in New York City.
51 Popular theatrical performer and singer known for acting in blackface.
52 Broadway musical performed live by Al Jolson at the Winter Garden.
Mail [illeg.] Co. {Company} traveling
previously between Eng {England} + S. +E. {Southeast} Africa!
28¢ on hand

Sun. May 19, 1918
Pulled out to Statue of Liberty.
not allowed on deck very stuffy down below
Plum Puff for dinner. Eng cooks are pretty poor
Pulled away about 3.30
convoyed by a cruiser53
Fire drill
All lights strictly out by dark

Monday 20
(Wea.) Fine
Going fine not as rough as expected
Fire drill. Canteen on board but
no money on hand
Stewed figs for dinner also
English
Feeling a little sick. Quite
a few boys are sick.
Nothing lost as yet.

Tues. May 21, 1918
(Wea.) Fine
Feeling much better. Irish
stew. Assigned to life boats
not enough boats as rafts were used.
Stewed cat for dinner maybe
rabbit.
Out 52 hours covered 624 mines
need a bath

Wednesday 22
(Wea.) Rain
Cruiser sighted a ship which
did not signal. investigated but
only found a mail steamer.
Usual drill.
Ship's rolling but don't mind it
any more.

Thur. May 23, 1918
(Wea.) cold

53 An armed ship that accompanied other ships crossing the Atlantic to prevent attacks from German U-Boats {submarines}. 
Ate too much candy last night
don't feel well
Ships motion has me again
ate nothing today
Saw a whale about 200 yds {yards} off. also
numerous jelly fish etc. Went to bed cold
and seasick couldn't sleep.

Friday 24
Got up this AM at 4 + fed the fishes
ship rolling badly dishes sliding
around.
No eat to day. Seasick. cant sleep.
Slept awhile this afternoon
slightly better Sea rough +
washing the lower decks
Some fellows washed around by the
waves.

Sat. May 25, 1918
Rough riding. Sea Washing the
Poopdeck.54
Lots of dinner spilt when
served this noon.
Feeling pretty well.
Sea rougher. Crew a little
afraid about the way we laughed
at it. Fine moon out tonight.
Feeling almost normal Eats
are pretty poor.

Sunday 26
(Wea.) warmer
Very quiet day. Church etc.
Sea little quieter
Saw a school of porpoises.

Mon. May 27, 1918
(Wea.) fair
Nothing happened today
Stewed cat again for dinner

Tuesday 28
(Wea.) damp
Sea a little rough

54 Roof of the cabin built in the rear of a ship, from the French word for "stern," la poupe.
Had a small sub scare this noon
nothing came of it. Cruiser
went to right, rest to left. Mach. {machine} gun
fired at something about 500 yd {yards}
front our ship that was all
Later found to be a spar or barrel.

Wed. May 29, 1918
(Wea.) cloudy
About 8 little mosquito
boats are chasing among us today.
No alarms
Foggy --?
nothing happened last
night as we passed thru the
danger zone.56

Thursday 30
(Wea.) fair
Sighted land early this AM.
Passed down the North Channel
convoyed by lots of destoryers
(Subs reported about 11 miles from
MIA) More destoryers + boats + 3 S.S. Z
balloons. About 2 P.M. several shots were
fired at something near our ship. No result.
Everything was quiet as we pulled down
along the coast of England into Liverpool
arriving about 11. PM

Fri. May 31, 1918
Pulled into dock about 4 PM marched at 6
thru L {Liverpool} to Rail R. train 8 PM to Southampton arrive
6 AM Sat.
R.R. {rail road} trip thru farm land. fine
scenery. Riding 3rd class but
good. Funny coaches.
Heard that sub {submarine} was found and
destroyed that was near us on Thurs 30
It was evidently at our fleet.
Not confirmed

Sat. June 1
(Wea.) fine
Southampton arrived 6AM marched 3 miles to end,

55 A fleet of converted yachts used by the U.S. Navy to provide additional protection against U-Boats.
56 The portion of the Atlantic Passage approaching England, in which U-Boat attacks occurred most frequently.
Rest camp. Good place. Took clothes off first time since May 17 Bath Etc
Spent afternoon in rest
Walked over evening to canteen + Y {YMCA} had some ale (1 pt for 1 d {1 pint for 1 dime}) walked around park looking the ladies over. Tonight Abe Lincoln\textsuperscript{57} sank
It is up to us to win the war for the British are at an end.

Sun. June 2, 1918
Slept late and prepared to leave.
Left camp at 2.45 marched to dock embarked on a small ride whaler and sailed at 7 convoyed across channel very quiet
Boat was so crowded that there was no room to lie down or even sit. Got a place to sleep on floor where rats chased another fellow away. Passed [illeg.] and fortifications.

Monday 3
arrived about 2AM in dock by 6 marched to Rest camp #2 at Havre.\textsuperscript{58} In barraks {barracks} of 2 long rows of strapiron bunks, concrete floor. Under British for mess etc. Dirty camp all
Marched about 3 miles on hill back of Havre to another camp for gas mask drill + chamber.
Good beer at canteen. Emptied barraks {barracks} bag of all unnecessities

Tues. June 4, 1918
Hot bath first since May 13 Cleaned out Barraks {barracks} bag and handed stuff in. Steel Helmet\textsuperscript{59} issued.
Slept in afternoon.

Wednesday 5
At this camp one sees men of all parts of the world mostly British.\textsuperscript{60}
By walking down the boardwalk or main street we pass them all.
The troops are coming + going all the time staying usually

\textsuperscript{57} U.S.S. President Lincoln, sank May 21, 1918.
\textsuperscript{58} Le Havre, France, a harbor.
\textsuperscript{59} World War I was the first in which armies used steel helmets, which resulted in fewer brain injuries among soldiers.
\textsuperscript{60} Possibly from British colonies still established in 1918.
for 24-48 hours.

Thur. June 6, 1918
Left camp at 2.30 marched thru
Havre entraining leaving 12.00 on
way south east.

Friday 7
Passed near Paris seeing
Eiffel Tower in the distance.
The food supply was balled up
we lived on this trip on hard
bread and a few cans of roast beef.
It was not bad but a bit monotonous

Sat. June 8, 1918
Arrived at Issurtille\textsuperscript{61} Supply base
+ RR centre about 11 stayed til 4. Med \{medicine\}
giving by R.C. \{Red Cross\} washed. Left at 4 traveling
Northeast.
Arrived at Leferte (sur le Amance)\textsuperscript{62} about 9 PM detrained
and marched to Fayl Billot\textsuperscript{63} camped out
side of town. Bit cold. Slept along
road.

Sunday 9
(Wea.) Fine
Up early but didnt go into Fayl Billot until
11AM. Nice place, billeted in a barn
hay loft, clean. Our cooks on job again
Had bath, washed clothes etc. Learning
French.

Mon. June 10, 1918
Rest today - chased
around a bit.
Cant buy much to eat.
YMCA entertainment

Tuesday 11
Fried eggs for breakfast - bought there
2 hour hike
Afternoons off - Bugle schedule
again

\textsuperscript{61} Is-Sur-Tille, France.
\textsuperscript{62} Leferté-sur-le-Amance, France.
\textsuperscript{63} Fayl-Billot, France.
Wed. June 12, 1918
Eggs fried in butter coffee + cream
Bugle practice.
Cleaned up + slept
Visited a church built in 1400
Explored it

Thursday 13
Sale of horses for Le Guerre {La Guerre, the war} market. Hike to Poissons Fayl64 saw a church built in 1477 now in use.

Fri. June 14, 1918
Went to work in farms at Poissons Fayl {Poinson-lès-Fayl} M. Lallemond65 had a bit to eat. Unloaded one load of hay + loaded + then unloaded another. Lots of vin rouge {red wine} in between. Served a meal of soup, omelet, pork chops + café Unloaded 2 more loads late for M Maillot some vin rouge. Met a Swiss cheese maker who talked good German. Spent the evening at café drinking beer and eating eggs

Saturday 15
Out again for Mr. Maillot Unloaded 2 loads + Turned a field over before dinner. Dinner of soup omelet and stew café + vin rouge. Unloaded 2 more loads and waited for supper but none came + we returned to billets.66 Hungry + poor + little food at kitchen. Broke. Hope pay comes in soon.

Sun. June 16, 1918
Rain Slept all day

Monday 17
Rain more sleep

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64 Poison-lès-Fayl, a commune in France.
65 The owner of the farm in Poissons.
66 Billets refers to the cot in which the men slept, with the implication that it is a temporary bed. The action of being “billeted” is telling the men where they will be sleeping that night.
Tues. June 18, 1918
Bath more rest
Wrote a letter to Sis

Wednesday 19
Walked to Pla Fayl for job hoeing potatoes
good meal. Stopt on account of rain.
Rested at cafe awhile beouf vin
rouge trop beaucoup {too much beef and red wine}.
Not feeling well for rest of day

Thur. June 20, 1918
Hiked about 4 miles to woods
with Co got an armful and
carried it back to kitchen.
Rest again

Skipper\textsuperscript{67} made town major

Friday 21
(Wea.) Rain
More rest
Studied a little French
Wrote to Ed Crosland\textsuperscript{68}

Sat. June 22, 1918
More rain but better by apres midi \{afternoon\}
Studied some French

Sunday 23
Rested again
Studied some French

Mon. June 24, 1918
Back to schedule again.
Hike to Bussiers\textsuperscript{69} with lots of drill
Gas mask drill + First aid
lecture
Real Pot Pie for Supper
Won a cot etc

Tuesday 25
Practiced on Bugle

\textsuperscript{67} The company nickname for Captain Charles P. Stahr.
\textsuperscript{68} Edwin Crosland, F&M student.
\textsuperscript{69} Probably a nearby village.
Bath

Guns + F.A. {First Aid} drill
103rd San {Sanitary} Train Show at YMCA

Wed. June 26, 1918
No work some issue of clothing
Payday need 130.50 Francs
Walked to Poissons les Fayl no biere {beer} called on M. Malliot unloaded some hay + bought some eggs etc came home with some drinks many others during the night

Thursday 27
Practiced ce matri {this morning} Gas mask First aid lecture
Rec’d a letter from Florence mailed May 28th
Chased around town a bit

Fri. June 28, 1918
Practiced a bit. Wrote home ordering some supplies
Spent afternoon in helping to put up a big tent for Y.M.C.A!
Chased about the town. Had some champagne.

Saturday 29
Whole Co on detail + guard nothing to do cleaning up a bit.
Detailed to guide Amb Sec {Ambulance Service} 105 South to Poisson called on and got 2 lbs {pounds} real Switzer cheese + bread + eggs and a meal. Returned late afternoon.
Ate cheese + bread in woods after supper. Lucky to get deux bottelles bière {two bottles of beer}

Sun. June 30, 1918
The Eggs for breakfast Loafed cleaned a mouthorgan and had a bit of music with FH {Field Hospital} 10_
Slept most of afternoon

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70 Francs, the currency of France.
Loafed evening away

Mon. July 1
[H fair beau] {Good weather}
Practice + Bath. bought
some petits pains {rolls} ate them
with Shaffner's\(^71\) butter. Shaffner
present also.
Lectures GM {gas mask} drill etc in park
Saw police who grits his teeth
again in café. He sang the Marseilles\(^72\)
r Rolling his tongue thru out his song.

Tues. July 2, 1918
__ half drill
Gas. M. {gas mask} drill + helped on
the ball diamond

Wednesday 3
Hot milk at M. Favier
Bugle Practice
Nous avons biere ajourdhui {we have beer today}
Concert at Y.M.C.A. Tent
Miss Dodge NY vocal
Mme Faurie Paris Piano
M. Mostross Violin Rumamin court\(^73\)

Thur. July 4, 1918
Not feeling fine Hot milk again
Marched to game at 1.30 with bugle
camp. Not feeling good so returned at 3
105 San Tr {Sanitary Train} 2 small where when 103
103 " " 3 charged the 105 during
an argument. Everybody on guard
no booze. Order to leave. We had orders
for June 12 but we were lost.

Friday 5
Hot milk again. Co on guard
Did a little shopping with Shaffner
called on Pvt. Bald\(^74\) at Y.M.C.A. Bought
some petit pains {rolls} for trip.
Slept during P.M.

\(^71\) Private 1st Class Dr. Meade Schafner of Lancaster, PA.
\(^72\) “La Marseillaise,” national anthem of France.
\(^73\) Entertainers at the Y.M.C.A.
\(^74\) Frederick Clever Bald of Lancaster, PA.
Concert by 103 San Train

Sat. July 6, 1918
Hot milk for last time.
Packed up during A.M. bought my rations stashed
au revoir (goodbye) Barraks bag off. Left F.B at 12.45
rested much along way entrained at
Charmoy\textsuperscript{75} at 5.00 in (Hommes {men} 36-40 / Chavaux {Chevaux, horses} (en long) 8) 35 in our car. Crowded. Stayed in Charmoy
till 2 AM. Took a short hike in evening. Many
troops on move. Got a little sleep
beneath several other soldats {soldiers}.

Sunday 7
Woke up under same soldat {soldier}: dirty
Passed thru Chaumont\textsuperscript{76} about 7 AM. Stayed at
Noisy le Sec\textsuperscript{77} until late at night.
Many troops of all kinds passing thru here. Had some
coffee Slept under the
same number of soldats

Mon. July 8, 1918
Arrived at St. Simean\textsuperscript{78} about 6.30
Laid at tracks left at 10.30 and
marches to Seblionin\textsuperscript{79} / hot as hell
tired and dirty. Nearly cashed in
(many did)
several times. arrived at Le Rousset
about 4 P.M. Camp in bug tents under
trees. Cleaned up pretty well.
Lots of aero action.\textsuperscript{80} In sound of guns
at front. turned in at 10 fully equipped
Hdqs {Headquarters} nearby. Saw Good\textsuperscript{81} & Worst\textsuperscript{82}

Tuesday 9
Not called out, up at 6:30 slept
most of morning fussed around
most of afternoon in firing up this
hook.
Bought some eats at

\textsuperscript{75} Charmoy, France.
\textsuperscript{76} Chaumont, France.
\textsuperscript{77} Noisy-le-sec, France.
\textsuperscript{78} Saint-Simeon, France.
\textsuperscript{79} Sablonnières, France.
\textsuperscript{80} Likely airplanes and blimps.
\textsuperscript{81} Landis V. Good of Harrisburg, PA.
\textsuperscript{82} Clarence Walker Worst of Swarthmore, PA.
YMCA. Four letters received. a little rain

Wed. July 10, 1918
Slept most of morning
Lt. Boger\textsuperscript{83} back. Saw Geo Ohrmrod\textsuperscript{84}
Very quiet afternoon
Little rain Turned in early

Thursday 11
Blew last call for 5.00 motor section
learning for Ambs. Went back
to bed + slept rest of morning
Loafing
Wrote a few letters
More rain

Fri. July 12, 1918
Slept again
Nothing to do
Peach shortcake: canned peaches
Evap. \{Evaporated\} milk + Biscuits

Saturday 13
Same thing today
Packed up expected to move
Nous armie avancé \textsuperscript{85}

Sun. July 14, 1918
Slept again
Ballgame
YMCA concert

Monday 15
Lecture on our service
Cinquante avions passent
au front \{fifty airplanes passed to the front lines\}.
Jai veu un raid cette soir
a onze et demi heure beaucoup
anti avions cannion fusillant \{I saw a raid this evening at 11:30. Many anti aircraft cannons firing\}.

Tues. July 16, 1918

\textsuperscript{83} Unknown Comrade.
\textsuperscript{84} Unknown acquaintance.
\textsuperscript{85} Our army \underline{advances \ldots kilos}
Slept not well had some
spoiled evaporated milk
Bath
Played for lieutenants smoked
first cigar for almost 2 years
Un autre raid a onze heure
pas serious {Another raid at 11:00. Not serious}

Wednesday 17
Big rain storm. Luckily
didn't get much of my own
stuff wet is very wet

Thur. July 18, 1918
Slept Hung out all
articles today
Read tired sleeping
Fine moonlight
these nights.

Friday 19
Slept
Gas drill & F.A. {First Aid} lecture
Lecture: Raspberried
Motor sector returned with
ambulances 12 Town Co. {Company} Grube
+ Miesse went up front.

Sat. July 20, 1918
Slept
Rumors of leaving
Packed up recieved pay
143 fr

Sunday 21
Called out at 4:30 left our
Camions {trucks} at 8. Traveled a few
miles + halted until after
dinner. Went a few miles
to left to a small place of big barn
News of le grande avancee
an front . vingt mille
prisonners quarte cent cannon
capturee {News of the great advance at the front. 20,000 prisoners 400 cannons captured.}
Slept on box in

86 Slang term for being severely reprimanded.
87 Roy C. Miesse of Lancaster, PA.
truck. Had some music this
evening much vin in camp none myself

Mon. July 22, 1918
Crawled out about 7 loafed
around all morning

Same thing this afternoon
Left at 3.30 on trucks crossed Marne\textsuperscript{88}
entered Ch\textsuperscript{te}.\textsuperscript{89} Set up F.A.D.S\textsuperscript{90} Living in mansion
slept in big bed, cello, banque, everything
wrecked.

Tuesday 23
(Wea.) Cloudy
Washed at square, barricades, buildings here
destroyed badly
Discovered some ____ at theatre
crossed river to a brass cast factory + got
some mouth pieces for them+ went back
+ played Went thru Union Musicale
[hotel du Villealso]. Saw [a___] most in
river. Went to new YMCA. Very busy at
Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} for a while this [abrud]. Turned
in later.

Wed. July 24, 1918
Not much doing this morning
Detailed to work at Bas with dix huit {eighteen}
altogether. Packed up and bought
chocolate etc. left a bag behind with this
e tc. Got on amb\textsuperscript{s} at 6 + went to a place above Corpis
above Epiéds\textsuperscript{91}. Helped in last band in Bas but no
[___]
work. Slept in barn under shellfire + gas etc
all night. No damage. Seemed to be lost.
3 Kabras du front. Fr {The French} out making much noise
(This although Shaf Bald + I walked around walls
+ came back of Ch\textsuperscript{te}

Thursday 25
Chased out early. Later went to Reg {Regiment} a + 6 were
detailed to adv {advance} basement there in fads {First Aid Dressing Station} over

\textsuperscript{88} The Marne River.
\textsuperscript{89} Chateau-Thierry, France.
\textsuperscript{90} First Aid Dressing Station, also called Fads.
\textsuperscript{91} Epiéds.
next battle field. Bas {base} at farm house with big dugout
stayed there in sight of Bosh {Germans} for the could see our
obvs\(^{92}\) falling on Bosh. Walked back on front of FA {First Aid} + the
mortar B+ much noise. Big shells land nearby.
Another crew went out with rations + got shelled
No damage. Slept in barn at arty {artillery} place all afternoon
As were leaving in evening big air battle took place
overhead. Some shelling done. Stayed in base dressing
Left later + went to Bezu\(^{93}\) Saw some little tanks

Fri. July 26, 1918
Slept in horse stable in dirty straw full of
horse manure. Fads here but very little work
Slept most of day. Lost bag which
was left at Ch\(^{96}\) Feel bad about it.
our co moved here night before last + put up Fads
They were at another place awhile + airraided
Much rain. Met a Fr. Sergt {French Sergeant} of Telegraph
corps talked with him + had some
vin rouge. turned in etc.
Notre armie avancee tonjours {our army advances, always}

Saturday 27
Slept all morning. Not detailed for
anything except getting a little water in
evening. No work at Fads seem to be
off main line. Rain stayed in
much of afternoon.
Saw obvs {observation balloons} falling in burning village
au front {at the front}. Talking with Fr serg {French Sergeant} + had
some vin {wine} again with Sgt. [Pr___]
Turned in a little damp but
still alive Much FA {French Army} back of us

Sun. July 28, 1918
Slept as usual. Expect to leave put
on adv {advance} Fads detail.
Found bag at last. Among other baggage
Moved out of Bezu after dinner and traveled
around in ambs {ambulances} all afternoon losing
our way a number of times. Finally landed
at Charmel\(^{94}\) + set up F.A.D.S. Detailed to 109 bat. {battalion} [Q.A.]
up all night. Not much work too

\(^{92}\) Abbreviation for observation balloon, an aircraft that flew with the intention of gaining military intelligence.
\(^{93}\) Besú-Saint-Germain
\(^{94}\) Le Charmel, France.
cold to sleep on wood pile. T.D. Div. {Division} passed
on way to front

Monday 29
No sleep yet not much work. Several dead
buried. About 9 moved back to Fads {First Aid Dressing Station}
in afternoon put on Amb avec {with} Buchy. Drove
out to about 5 bat AS with Krup. passed
overland held narrow Bosh {German} in morning. Under
shellfire nearby bastion {stronghold} top of hill.
on return took a load of Blcs to Ch{First Aid Dressing Station} held obvs
shock case all the way. Returned and cleaned
up. Wrote up this + turned in.
Beaucoup obvs {many observation balloons} going + coming. Sound
gas alarms: no gas.

Tues. July 30, 1918
Slept in all morning luckily
Slept all afternoon
Very busy after supper got
job in D.S. giving Ats. Won a
fine S + W revol95 + etc. Talked
to some wounded Boche {Germans}
turned in about 2 am.

Wednesday 31
Slept tout le matri {all morning}
Had gat taken from me
kept French cartridge case
Loafed around all after
noon.
Same thing this evening
nothing at fads
Mon nous nest pas dans la
papier d travaille jepence
pour n’assigne pas a quelque
dutie {My name is not on the travel paper. I think I am not assigned to some duty.}

Thur. Aug. 1, 1918
Same thing to day all day
Our Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} is relieved by
PH {Field Hospital} 109
110 inf {infantry} badly lost in this raid
Air raid but no bombs
dropt near us. Some in inf nearby

95 Smith and Wesson brand revolver.
Friday 2
(Wea.) Rain
Slept again
Loafed all afternoon
Played about on uke {ukulele} with
our orchestra. Had some
choc {chocolate} at + + some cocoa at Fads Kitchens

Sat. Aug. 3, 1918
Prepared to leave about 8 am
Sat in ambs {ambulances} all day.
Finally left at 8 PM and
drove thru rain and mud
hardly able to see. Was put
out of amb I was in to make
room for litter\textsuperscript{96} case. found another
place in another amb where I could
sleep.

Sunday 4
Arrived at Dravegny\textsuperscript{97} about
six AM and set up Fads {First Aid Dressing Station}.
I chased around all day firing
up a place to sleep.
Had Started a letter to
Dad. \textsuperscript{98} Got notice to pack
up to got to on detail bat {battalion} or reg ads {regular aid station}
Sat around a while
wanting to go but
didn’t go after all

Mon. Aug. 5, 1918
More rain Slept all
morning.
Writing to Dad
Two details of 110 + orderlies
moved in with us. Had a hot bath
in my basin, put on clean clothes
+ had all dirty ones washed
feeling pretty well on it all

Tuesday 6
Got up + made fire

\textsuperscript{96} Stretcher used to transport wounded soldiers.
\textsuperscript{97} Dravegny, France.
\textsuperscript{98} Jacob P. Hollinger.
Name not on duty roll
Stuck by fireplace all day except when bought few things at YMCA under shell fire not near.

Wed. Aug. 7, 1918
Stick by fire all morning after filling pew at KofC\(^{99}\) place. Saw a Boche avion \(\{\text{German plane}\}\) attack and burn an observation balloon very near to us. Discovered a pile of Boche music. all good stuff + standard. Watch the filling of another obv \(\{\text{observation}\}\) balloon + dodged a few noises when a B \(\{\text{Boche}\}\) avion appeared

Thursday 8
Went out to St. Gilles\(^{100}\) to our adv ads \(\{\text{Advanced Dressing Station}\}\) just a few of us. Nothing but loaf + look about. Front line at Fismes\(^{101}\) Shelled nearly about 5.00. Saw our avions go over to Boche + give the range for art \(\{\text{artillery}\}\) amid B. \(\{\text{Boche}\}\) Barrage Much action in distance during the night

Fri. Aug. 9, 1918
Stood gas guard saw Boche Am \(\{\text{Ammo}\}\) dump burn. Our bat \(\{\text{battery}\}\) behind us. Boche shell it during morning a few wounded brot in. Got a bit bloody. Working on a sergt. \(\{\text{sergeant}\}\) with shrap w. \(\{\text{shrapnel wound}\}\) Loafed rest of day. Gathered some Ger \(\{\text{German}\}\) music to send home + watched a little air action

Saturday 10
Slept all morning. Jumped on amb. \(\{\text{ambulance}\}\) with Den \(\{\text{Dentist}\}\) + ord \(\{\text{orderly}\}\) and went to 110 Supply at Coulounges but couldn't buy anything. Came back same way. Saw a little avion

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\(^{99}\) Knights of Columbus.
\(^{100}\) St-Gilles, northeast France.
\(^{101}\) Fismes, France.
action apres Soupe {after supper}. Boche avion {German plane}
dove on a obs {observation} balloon + [juiced] it
+ got away safely. Missed one 3 other
balloons. Walked out [pike] + looked
at numerous Boshe graves. Paid 144.50
Shelled for an hour some falling very close
Spent time in dugout afraid of shell shock

Sun. Aug. 11, 1918
(Wea.) Fine
Very quiet. Loafed away the morning + afternoon.
Skip102 called for Vols {volunteers} to bring a blessé {wounded soldier}
Capt. 111 back from Fismes. Everybody
volunteered.
Event was called off however

Monday 12
Usual run of things
Detailed with + others to go with Cos {Companies} 1st Bat {Battalion} of 109
to front for first aid with co {company} on line. Went
out to dugouts on hillside near St. Gilles +
waited for orders. Masks took care of us
finding good dugout etc. 109 relieved + we were
called back to Co to leave.

Tues. Aug 13, 1918
Crawled out at 6 + packed up to leave our Ads {Advanced Dressing Station} went
ambs {ambulances} went ahead
to St. Gilles we walked later to Courville.
4k de front. Found good wine cellar, charcuterie;103 canned heat
bought at Fr {French} cooperative. Had a lot of champagne with
_____ and every thing necessary for comfort
Assigned to Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} 9-5 am. Bombed by Boche
avions {German planes} 4 times ^at 11-1130-2-230 (3 or 4 planes each dropping 6-9
bombs) Fads in wine cellar above ground. Shook at
enough to fall. There are two holes in ground
20 yds back of cellar. 15 ft wide 5 ft deep. Nobody in
our Co {Company} lost. Several dead + about 15 wounded
in 109 art {artillery} nearby. Detailed to 109 art [la] Fa but came back
immediately as nothing to do. Had a little scare but
no bombs when plane passed overhead. Rest of night
fairly quiet for next raid ^{about 4 am, the last} was not nearby.

Wednesday 14
Come off duty at 5 went to

102 Short for Skipper, nickname of Captain Charles P. Stahr.
103 Cold cut meat.
bed. Things are quiet today but
am a bit shaky as are most of the others
a little avion action this afternoon but
too far away.
Quiet this evening also
No avions flying around
with iron pills {bombs}.
Not much to do in ads {Advanced Dressing Station}.

Thur. Aug. 15, 1918
Overslept in Ads {Advanced Dressing Station} until 6.30
Then went to bed until noon
Things quiet.
Much gas around town but
none near us

Friday 16
After sleeping all morning
I arose + had the usual
meal. There are a few shells
dropping on the town at intervals
during the day.
Jumped on amb {ambulance} to Arcs le Ponsart{104} to
buy some champ. {champagne} for the off + friends
but there was none as div Hdq{105} is
there now.
Very quiet in Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} during
the night.

Sat. Aug. 17, 1918
Things were quiet today until the
shelling started near us. about 5 P.M. a Lt Col{106}
+ Duffy of Eng {orderly} were killed in motorcycle several others
killed on streets. Harvey Hottenstein{107} was
killed by a shell while working on motor cycle
Shells dropt on off bld. {building} Fads badly but noone
else hurt except for a few cuts. Bad night in Fads
with shells dropping close Handled some bad shrap {shrapnel}
wounds and had some die on our hands.
Bit Shaky.

Sunday 18
Shells continue To drop but not

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104 Arcs-le-Ponsart, France.
105 Abbreviation for “Division Headquarters.”
106 Abbreviation for Lieutenant Colonel, a rank between Major and Colonel in the U.S. Army.
107 Harvey Hottenstein of Lancaster, PA.
close. Hunting down all civilians
Keeping close to our dugout.
Fads detail from St. Gilles returned safe luckily
they had a rough + dangerous time of it.
Shelled a bit tonight.

Mon. Aug. 19, 1918
(Wea.) Clear
Slept as usual
get some gas + [11E] about 7-8
PM. Had some Karo\textsuperscript{108} +cocoa+ toast which
we won from kitchen. fine
meal.

Tuesday 20
Much damage last night.
Lots of aeroplane activity
some of #112 came up.
Packed up before going on duty. Packed
up Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} had only a few patients. Relieved
in Fads at 3:30 hauled in and to
Cohan.\textsuperscript{109} Crawled on a pile of denims+
slept with daylight.

Wed. Aug. 21, 1918
at daylight found litter + blankets slept
all morning on second floor of bldg. {building} near kitchen
Found Shaf {Schaffner} + moved to his house
in afternoon. #27 Hindenburg reg {regiment} with
on the ground floor Hdq Co {Headquarters Company}
Had a bath in the bathtub filled by a spring
won a complete change of clothing except
pants and used overalls for them. Feeling fine
Slept on a litter raised off floor almost
killed a rat with my satchel when it tried
to jump for my litter from the bureau

Thursday 22
Chased out about 7 for breakfast
Had a letter from Helen also got
lenses for glasses lots of papers +
magazines. got some P. M cigs\textsuperscript{110} +
cigars also chocolate from commis {commissary}
which one of the ambs {ambulances} went for.

\textsuperscript{108} Corn syrup.\textsuperscript{109} Cohan, France.\textsuperscript{110} Philip Morris cigarettes.
Loafed away all spare
time.
Had a little music bought
moonlight good for bombs
but didn't hear any planes

Fri. Aug. 23, 1918
Slept until roll call at 8. Shaf {Schaffner}
detailed to a small Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} above at Chary Chateau
Spent day in reading
our magazines
Bald + Weaver went to Chte {Chateau-Thierry} + bought some
food. We had that night. Lemonade
cantalopes, Cam {Camembert} cheese, bologna Honey cake
and a bottle of champagne to wash
it down not to mention P.M. cigettes {Philip Morris cigarettes} + gold standard
cigars

Saturday 24
Had remains of food for
breakfast. Loafed away
rest of morning
Cleaned and greased some of
the surgical instruments
of the Fads {First Aid Dressing Stations}
Bombing planes nearly but not too close

Sun. Aug. 25, 1918
(Wea.) Fine
Assigned to Amb {Ambulance} #22 with Gantt. Took
a trip to Courmont.
We are evacuating to the Bllop from
FH #109 at Cohan.
Eating at F.H. {Field Hospital} 109
Pass near Q Roosevelts\textsuperscript{111} grave on this trip
After and [illeg.] to Courmont
we turned in sleeping in the amb.
Had a little cheese with Schaf {Schaffner} etc.

Monday 26
A little rain slept all morning
+ helped fix a tire.
Went 4.15 to Chte {Chateau-Thierry} via Courmont bought some
fruit + dessert champ {champagne} and returned
by 9:30. Town much changed lively

\textsuperscript{111} Quentin Roosevelt, son of Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, killed in action while flying over France on July 14, 1918.
had supper at R+C.H. #111. Went to Shaf {Schaffner} + had some of the lunch. Slept in amb. {ambulance} bomb plane passed nearby + several shells fell also nearby

Tues. Aug. 27, 1918
Slept a bit + then had fruit for breakfast. Taken off amb {ambulance} as reg {regular} driver returns on. Moved back with Shaf {Schaffner} + cleaned up.
Traveled over to commis {commissary} at choc {chocolate} factory but couldn’t get in. Bought some candy afterward however.
Had usual feed tonight same as previously avec champ {with champagne}.

Wednesday 28
After sleeping until 10 we arose and made breakfast. Double cream cheese + apricot jam fried sweet pots {potatoes} etc. Bought a bot champ {bottle of champagne} from South After dinner took trip avec {with} Corp112 Cohan to Courmont on truck + amb {ambulance} + then avec Web to Villers Cotterets113 hauling a surgical crew. Passed thru Coincy114 Fresne115 Ferentard etc Tried to buy lots of stuff at towns. Returned by 8:30. Bon Voyage
Had the same feed & retired

Thur. Aug. 29, 1918
Chased out at 8 to go along on Fads detail to St. Marty’s116 (which happens to 5 min every 24 hours avec amb) 1 Lt 2 PVT 1 Ambe crew117) Things were fairly quiet there amidst out art. fire. lots of shelling nearby. Lived in a stone Road caretakers, but saw a plane fall toward Courville. Few shells close in night broke near amb + busted top + 3 tries rad etc. Night cloudy poor for Bill the Bomber118 on gas guard little tear gas but none other

112 Corporal, a rank between Private First Class and Sergeant.
113 Villers-Cotterêts, France.
114 Coincy, France.
115 Fresnes-en-Tardenois, France.
116 Mont-Saint-Martin, France.
117 An ambulance crew contains one Lieutenant and two Privates.
118 Nickname for a German plane.
Friday 30
Came back at 9.30 with also Skippers ambulance + cleaned up. Had 1/2 canteloupe for breakfast.
Loafed around rest of day
Wrote a few postcards
Roll call now at 5 PM chaqnejour {every day}
interferes with voyages.
Had small lunch avec Bordeaux {with Bordeaux wine}
Wed. Sept. 4, 1918
Slept until recovered from fatigue
acquired on guard duty. Then
to dinner. ordered some
food.
Looked for transportation
for Coincy or Château-Thierry but could not
find it.
Played small poker avec {with} shoe
pegs lost 3 francs.

Thursday 5
Got some eggs made fried
bread for dinner
Loafed
Army advanced past Fismes
Ambs. busy evacuating beaucomp bless {many wounded soldiers}.
Fried bread encore
No lunch tonight larder empty
read until twelve.

Fri. Sept. 6, 1918
Slept in until 9 Put on amb {ambulance} service. Left at 1 for 112 FH Longville Farm
put on Armers car with H B___. Had
4 trips to Coincy with badly
wounded. Driving in dark
without lights on return trips.
Many wounded at that F.H. {Field Hospital}

Saturday 7
Sent to Château-Thierry about 4.30 arrived
there about 7.30 Many blesse {wounded} unable
to unload immediately. left at 9.30
Had the trouble + H2O in gas etc got
back at 12 + relieved went
back to Cohan. Our division
is being relieved tonight.
Played small poker until about
10 + had little lunch.

Sun. Sept. 8, 1918
Slept in fairly late. arose
+ cleaned up. Smith121 staying
with us.

121 Glenn O. Smith of Lancaster, PA.
Not doing much today
Was going to visit Cham-Quentin
Roosevelt's grave east of Channery
by the big tree. Didn't get it
accomplished.

Monday 9
(Wea.) Bad
Beaucoup {many} French have arrived
French cavalry 10 in town
Met a vet. {veteran} Lt + cavl corp of Fr div {cavalry corp of French division} stationed
here promised to get some champ {champagne}. French
coop {co-operative} opened up.
Played a little poker + had
lunch.

Tues. Sept. 10, 1918
(Wea.) Bad
Arose late + bought some stuff at French
coop.
Looked up L[illeg.] corp + traded a pair
of gants {gloves} for a poinard {dagger}. They brought us
3 bot vin Bordaux {bottles of Bordeaux wine}
Bought French pain {bread} avec sigs {with cigarettes} Fr. off vin {French offer wine}.
Sat around all evening.
The owners of the house have returned ce soir {this evening}
avec about 5 people 5 kids + one goat.

Wednesday 11
(Wea.) Bad
Notified of leaving. Packed up + loafed
all morning
More loaf after dinner.
Part of company left for Ep.122 I with
about 50 remained + stayed at off {officers'} quarters.
Found litter to sleep on. Bought
bread + eats at Fr {French} canteen + four
Fr {French} with cigarettes.
Crawled in without covers.

Thur. Sept 12, 1918
(Wea.) Bad
Got up early and had cocoa for breakfast
Left at 8 for Epernay by amb. {ambulance} arriving

F+A ___

122 Épernay, France
at 11. Chased around town after finding billet + dinner. Went thru champ {champagne} factory. Had some at another place. We are staying in Pierry near Epernay. Got orders at night to leave. 25 of us + Lt. B____ To Epernay + got on Fr cannons, avec 4 days rations Left at 9 o'clock. Acting as interpreter rode on front seat with driver very cold no sleep.

Friday 13
Passed avion fields {airfields}, past camps at Ravigny so sat near radiator arrived at Andulay about 7. Found billets acting as interp. {interpreter} after finding those for ourselves we chased around all day finding rooms for 20 off {officers} + our 4 co {companies} of men. chased around some major
The rest of Cos {companies} arrived around 3 P.M. After settling then had supper + went to café and Je boise trop champ. Je etais au penz va au autre café + bois biere ji etais malade {I drank too much champagne. I was tipsy and went to another cafe + drank beer. I was sick} then went to bed.

Sat. Sept. 14, 1918
I am the mayor deputy of town. met the Fr off {French officer} at 8. Chased over whole town and made list of billets. Dinner Borrowed a wheels + rode to Sermaize\textsuperscript{123} bought some stuff for Ac + H also some maps postcards Got some Fr fried pots {French fried potatoes} by mistake very fine. after supper.

Sunday 15
Up for breakfast. Chased around trying to buy something to eat. Found some potatoes + salad. Established a mess room for Smith Bear\textsuperscript{124} Grube\textsuperscript{125} self at home across street. Had Fr fried + Fr salad + fried egg apiere {hard boiled} + then

\textsuperscript{123} Sermaize-les-Bains, France.
\textsuperscript{124} Warrant Officer Fred S. Bear of the National Guard, who worked closely with Captain Stahr in assembling the Regiment Band.
\textsuperscript{125} Charles S. Grube of Lancaster, PA.
had our dishes washed. Went to Sesmaize with Lt. Worker.\textsuperscript{126} bought d'biere avec \{some beer with\} G\___ + returned.
Had our supper with some accommodations
Loafed around with time heavy on hands

Mon. Sept. 16, 1918
Arose roll call twice a day. 7 + 5
Loafed around.
Made out billet lists
+ then loafed again
Expect to leave packed
avec Shaffner
Went to Sermaize \textit{a la camion} \{on the truck\} + looked up
Friends Comp #1 Dr Babbit, Surg Hosp. \{Surgical Hospital\} I had some tapioca pudding etc \textit{Schaffused} returned \textit{a la camion} \{on the truck\} + then walked back passed 112 inf \{infantry\} + 10 Eng \{Engineers\} moving out

Tuesday 17
Got back aftn. \{afternoon\}
Arose as usual not leaving today.
Bothered with straw fleas
Chicken dinner pome dt \{pomme de terre, potato\} salad etc filled up.
Some of fellows bought a goose for \textit{dinner-supper}.
Went down back of mill for bath + swim Expect to leave
Apres Soupé \{after supper\} went to Sermaize on wheels + fixed up for billets avec casenier \{bunks with lockers\} bought some stuff + returned concert at mill violin clarinet + piano movies, aviator

Wed. Sept.18, 1918
Up at 7
Loafed as usual sold some chickens \textit{for Fr} \{francs\}
checked up billets après \{after\} dinner. Salvaged a cornet\textsuperscript{127}
counted up billets Supper packed up. Finished with billets and signatures. Put on Geo. amb. \{ambulance\} + rode until after 12 to near Veadors got off + slept in woods Rain

\textsuperscript{126} Possibly Captain Medical Corps. William M. Workman of Mount Joy, PA.
\textsuperscript{127} A brass instrument, similar to but smaller than a trumpet.
Thursday 19
In the Foret of Argonne
Got up found some food + made breakfast
and about 2 hr. later started
dinner. Had dinner until 2.30
with some used food

Left about 4.30 on ambs. {ambulances} to Froidois\textsuperscript{128} to a big hospital. Found matches etc in
ward with Co. {Company} after supper put on duty
in ward which we opened up for cases
No one came in so slept all night in
an iron bed.

Fri. Sept. 20, 1918
Up at 7 Later some sick +
hurt come in around noon
and afternoon Not much to do
Bought belt from Fr epaves avec
Tabac {a street person with tobacco}.
Many more come in this P.M
until we have about 70.
Busy with bedpans etc + delirion etc
got relieved at 11 by F.H 112
Slept in bed in Surgward {surgical ward}.

Saturday 21
2 amb co {Ambulance Company} + 1 Eng H {Engineers Hospital} + 1 FH {Field Hospital}
relieved us
Up at 7 chased around p asking
up few things. Left at 11.30
for advanced detail 6 K {6,000} from front in
the Foret of Argonne to hold Fads {First Aid Dressing Station}. City of
stone dugouts. Cooked a dinner
and established ourselves in a dugout.
More came up and we fired up a tent
on the side of a hill. Things very quiet
Hear a gun only once in a while. orders
balled up. Not supposed to be here. Slept
fine. Dugouts full of rats + lice an dirty
our tent.

Sun. Sept 22, 1918
(Wea.) Rain
Beaucoup art {Much artillery} moving up

\textsuperscript{128} Froidos, France.
Up for Breakfast. will leave today.
Loafed around all morning waiting
for orders. After poor dinner rations
running low loafed away the
rest of the afternoon
Had a poor supper + crawled
in on a litter. Rain started
+ I was getting wet when a few
shells came close. I chased to a dugout
for a few minutes + went back on a better bed.

Monday 23
Prepared to leave + finally go away
in ambs {ambulances} at 8.30 rode to Locheres129
and found room in an old stable dirty
cleaned out + settled. Poor weather
Walked up street after dinner + was
put on amb with Behmer130 sat around
until 5.30 when sent to Vaubicourt131
via Froidois nice trip beaucoup {much} traffic
Evac {Evacuation} for 109 FH {Field Hospital}. Got back at 9.30
Bothered with cooties {lice} all night.
Slept in amb warm etc. Few shells in near distance

Tues. Sept 24, 1918
Up at 7 cleaned up + put on
amb {ambulance} with Armer on pat {patrol}
after dinner shells dropping not near
sent to Vaubicourt at about 3.30
with some 103 anon blesse {anonymous wounded soldier} got back
about 7 + detailed to 111 FH {Field Hospital}
at Les Islette132 Div. Hdq. {Division Headquarters} Traffic
parlezed {talked}
blocked on road here with Fr Cam {French truck}
for 1.50 hrs. Finally got thru +

Wednesday 25
Sent to Vaubicourt and stayed
there for night. Left after breakfast
at 7.30 when back sent to
Fr hospital at Auves133 via St
Menehould.134 Bought some stuff at St M. {St. Menehould}

129 Locheres, France.
130 Robert Behmer of Lititz, PA.
131 Vaubecourt, France.
132 Les Islettes, France.
133 Auve, France.
134 Sainte-Menehould, France.
Met Eng Lt {English Lieutenant} who gave us some cigs
Dinner at FH 111.
Sent to Fr H {French Hospital} couldn't find it so went to
Auve via St Menehould. made another trip
immediately after to Villers\textsuperscript{135} Art\textsuperscript{110}, Pourount via St. M
Bought some stuff in St M. Sent them to Vaubicout
supper there returned at dark + saw movies at
Div H. {Division Headquarters} Big drive started at 11. PM

Thur. Sept 26, 1918
Sent out at 11.30 to Villers P with load of Fr {French}
saw several coons\textsuperscript{136} - engine trouble got back
at 2.30 + returned to Co {Company} at Locheres Slept
until 9. Fixing amb. {ambulance} Grand Advance
Fixing car until 4 on pot + then
took load of 10 Boche {Germans} to Futeau F.H\textsuperscript{161}. collected
a few souvenirs. Returned then took split load
to Md #\_\_\_V Returned there 4 billets
to #11 at Brivaux.\textsuperscript{137} Waited 2 hours in line
to unload. Returned at 4.30.

Friday 27
Big advance at front our div {division} 900 10 kilos {kilometers}
Trying to locate Geo Irvin. Slept
until 1130 our front sent away about 1 to Futeau F.H\textsuperscript{161} {Field Hospital}
returned. Slept a bit.
After supper put on pot + relieved
Tried to go up to Fads but couldn't
get away. Got some wine for Gilles
+ parlez with the Fr. {French} engineers
of the tanks. Some tanks returned by billets\textsuperscript{138}
Slept on litter.

Sat. Sept. 28, 1918
Got up about 8. Filled up on gas & on pot {potatoes} at
10. Beaucoup blesses {many wounded}.
Made several trips during day
but lost count.
-turned in at 9.30. at 11 sent to 114 returned
at 2 out at 4 to 114 again returned at
6.30 Slept in amb {ambulance} till 3

Sunday 29

\textsuperscript{135} Villers-en-Argonne, France.
\textsuperscript{136} "Coon" is slang for an African-American person.
\textsuperscript{137} Brivaux, France.
\textsuperscript{138} Living quarters or barracks.
Arose at 3 + sent to Souilly\textsuperscript{139} to MedH \{Medical Hospital\} #5 returned after supper at camp. Sent with another driver amb \{ambulance\} to Souilly Evac \{Evacuation\} 6 + 7 returned + sent to #114 at Fleury\textsuperscript{140} returned about 3.30 + slept until 8:12

Mon. Sept. 30, 1918
Slept until 8 had breakfast + relieved\textsuperscript{141} Fussed around a while + went on with Behmer\textsuperscript{142} about noon. Made two short trips one to FH110 + FH161 \{Field Hospitals\}+ returned after supper. Water in gas turned in.

Tues. Oct. 1
Up for breakfast not doing much carborator being fixed + cleaned Finished at noon. Loafed all afternoon. After supper changed places with Koch\textsuperscript{143} + went to Fads \{First Aid Dressing Station\} at Varennes\textsuperscript{144} arriving at 11. Passed through Corduroy road\textsuperscript{145} over what had been No man’s land\textsuperscript{146} for 4 years. Got stuck for a while in mud. Slept in lousy bunk.

Wed. Oct 2, 1918
Up at 8 did some littler bearing and looked about the place. Schaffner came in from the lost detail\textsuperscript{147} Everyone O.K. Loafed around. Had my coat taken from me. Someone won it while I was at latrine Went on duty at 8. Not very busy during night. After supper seven Boshe avions \{German planes\} flew over us for

\textsuperscript{139} Souilly, France.
\textsuperscript{140} Fleury-devant-Douaumont.
\textsuperscript{141} Relieved, or replaced on duty by another soldier.
\textsuperscript{142} Robert Behmer of Lititz, PA.
\textsuperscript{143} Gerald Koch of Lancaster, PA.
\textsuperscript{144} Varennes-en-Argonne, France.
\textsuperscript{145} Term for a road made of logs or milled lumber placed side by side along the length of the road.
\textsuperscript{146} Term for the area between opposing forces.
\textsuperscript{147} The Lost Detail, famous story of the United States 77\textsuperscript{th} Division, which was stranded in the Forest of Argonne from October 2 through October 8, 1918.
half hour.

Thursday 3
off duty at 8.30 Had slept
a bit during night + slept
again until 2.30
Loafed around a bit.
Shelling the art. {artillery} near us until
10 P.M.
On at 8. Not busy
Jacob Biell of Ammunition Train brought in
Fracture of skull
+ stayed with him until dead about 8.30
Barrage opens at 5.20

Fri. Oct. 4, 1918
Rush starts at 7.30. + I stayed
on until 11. Couchez petit {slept a little}
Cleaned up a bit in our new
home. made some fried bread.
Walked about the town a bit saw
the built up Boche dug outs. Many
Boche planes over. Big guns open
up near us. Small rush for an hour
Slept part of night not busy

Saturday 5
Off at 8. Slept a bit. Birthday
After dinner walked to top of hill
back of town with pair of glasses {binoculars}.
Saw shells dropping on Boche {German}. Boche obv {observation}.
tower etc some avion action
Not much doing tonight

Sun. Oct. 6, 1918
Off at 8. Slept a bit. Got 5 letters
made some fried bread.
Loafed around.
Had some funny cases tonight.from 82 div
not much else

Monday 7
Off at 8. Loafed around.
Billy Sunday148 playing his horn around place on — Trombonist Rohelee
Some of the fellows got some provisions

148 popular Christian evangelist.
+ we made flapjacks. ate
many! [illeg.]
on at 8 a bit busy.
not much sleep

Tues. Oct. 8, 1918
Off at 8. Jumped on truck + rode
to Locheres had a good dinner
for some clothes etc. + provisions
went back on amb {ambulance} & we made
pancakes beaucoup {many}. Ate lots.
On duty at 8. Fairly busy. Helped on
operation on Boche. Fracture of skull
one chance in thousand
Relief of compression of arty {artery} at base of skull
Boche died. Several bad cases.

Wednesday 9
Division relieved at base.
Off at 8 Expect to leave. Made
beaucoup pancakes for breakfast +
turned until noon. Packed up +
left on Amb {Ambulance} for Locheres.
arrived at 5. Supper + found
cot to sleep on.
Had a good nights rest.

Thur. Oct 10, 1918
Slept a lot. Cleaned up.
+ loafed around.
Packed up etc
Sent Christmas package label
home. Jerry the Bomber {German plane} passed
overhead last night but didnt drop
any here.

Friday 11
Slept a bit
Leaving prepared a few
things. Riding amb (American)
4 of us. Leaving at 1. PM Passed out
thru Clermont\footnote{149 Clermont-en-Argonne, France.} to left + then
southeast. Passed St. Mihiel
+ Apremont about 5.
Passed over some hard fought

\footnote{149 Clermont-en-Argonne, France.}
ground saw many pillboxes\textsuperscript{150} + trucks when front line was along road.
Stopt about 9. + slept in amb {ambulance} all night.

Sat. Oct 12, 1918
Up early had small cold breakfast + cup of coffee. off again arriving at Bouvron at 11. (near Toul\textsuperscript{151} - 9K / 40 K from front) billeted in barn double decker cots.
near Foyer {entrance hall} du Soldat. Enjoyed a good supper + bought me chickens for the officers
Had hot bath + new clothes except pants
Had supper at home of M. Morlet pom de terre {pomme de terre, potato}, salad
Bought some stuff at Foyer du Soldat
Turned in + slept fine.

Sunday 13
Heard rumors of Turkey quits + abdicate Kaiser\textsuperscript{152}
Up+ chased around + bought a few things around the town
Loafed around the Foyer soldats {entrance hall for soldiers}
Had supper at home of M. Morlet
chicken dinner + much parlezing {talking} +with their friends who dropt in. The news is out that all the conditions of Pres Wilson are accepted by Germany.\textsuperscript{153}

Mon. Oct. 14, 1918
After rising wrote a letter to dad. Chased around a bit.

Happened to run across some eggs at M. M {M. Morlet} ++ had them fried
Rest of company arrived
Had supper at same place.
looked at magazines apres soup {after supper} especially the vin Parisienne {Parisian wine}

Tuesday 15

\textsuperscript{150} Often made of steel and concrete, these fortifications held machine guns and resembled the shape of a pill box.
\textsuperscript{151} Arrondissement of Toul, France.
\textsuperscript{152} The Ottoman Empire, or present-day Turkey, would sign a treaty with the Allies on October 30, 1918.
\textsuperscript{153} Wilson’s peace offerings were based on his Fourteen Points, presented in a January 1918 speech. He called for retreat of German forces from occupied territories, abdication of the Kaiser, and an end to submarine U-boat activities.
Up started to write a few letters, prepared to leave

Left by amb. {ambulance} 11 am {Eleven of Co. left on furlough to Aix le Bains}

But orders were changed
and everything was unloaded
+ we all including the permissionaires

stayed where we were.

Had supper avec {with} M. Moret

Looked over the family
album during the evening

Wed. Oct. 16, 1918
Wrote some letters.
After dinner orders to pack up
Detail of 10 went to Pannes via Amb {Ambulance} near Mits. Found a room to stay in
Trente Sept {thirty seventh} Division rally 28th
crawled in on the floor
Things quiet

Thursday 17
Rest of bunch moved out. Four
of us left to hold house.
Bought some flapjacks + cocoa from
Salvation army 112 band in town
Found some rations + made
some flapjacks for boys

Loafing around.

Skipper came back we stay another
day. More rations
Wrote to L {Louise Crosland} Crawled in on

letter

Fri. Oct. 18, 1918
Up at 7 Made flapjacks +
baked them for about 2 hrs
French fried next. Skipper
came. Got dinner at Eng {Engineers} 112
Went to hear 342 FAB {Field Artillery Brigade} and
practice Bought 2 doughnuts
+ cocoa 1/2 Fr {franc} at Salv army

154 Aix-les-Bains, France.
155 Soldiers with permission to be absent from duty.
156 Pannes, France.
157 The Salvation Army, like the Y.M.C.A., provided soldiers with a place to eat, drink non-alcoholic beverages, and enjoy recreational activities.
Went to hear 112 orch {orchestra} at Salv army
crawled in

Saturday 19
Skipper came about 8.30. Packed
up + went to Essey. Parted Co
+ Lt Snowwhite\(^{158}\) there. Nothing to
do. Triage\(^{159}\) for 112 F.H. {Field Hospital}
Loafed away the afternoon
Found a pair of shoes + coat
eating at F.H.
Wrote a few letters
Crawled in on cot.

Sun. Oct. 20, 1918
11 men left on furloughs
Relief came about 9. Packed
up + moved to Bouillonville
by amb found upper berth in
billet.
Salv army {Salvation Army} red cross + YMCA in
town. Practice for cornet
on duty at F.H. {Field Hospital} for load in amb {ambulance}
8-5 on at FH 5-8 am. Nothing to do
crawled in + slept toute le nuit {all night}. Red Cross
serves cocoa every day

Monday 21
Up at 8. Went down to see 111
Inf {Infantry} Band. Invited to come
down afternoon. After
dinner Hsptl {Hospital} were sent to
Essey via Amb {ambulance}. Nothing to
do there. Bought some stuff at Salv Ar {Salvation Army}.
Deux casse of biere cette apresmîde
aussi encore deux pour ce soir.
Bonne Soirée {Bought two cases of beer this afternoon and two again for this evening.}
Great party.). Beaucoup
avions {many planes} passed overhead.
Some shells also fell nearby slept fine

Tues. Oct. 22, 1918
Up at 9.30 Relieved + went
back to Boullionville via amb {ambulance}

\(^{158}\) Major Thomas H. Snowwhite.
\(^{159}\) Triage, the process of assessing the urgency of an injury to prioritize the order of treatment when a large number of patients are present.
Ordered to clean up billets
Bought can of prunes for breakfast at
Salv army {Salvation Army}.
Show at YMCA in afternoon
Herrin Sisters\textsuperscript{160}
Practiced on cornet.

Wednesday 23
3 more leave on furloughs
Practiced with 111 band this AM
Don’t care much for it. Meet Kimmell
CM {Commanding Musician} of 110 inf {infantry} Band. Fine man + gave food
offer, but didn’t accept on fence.
Show at Y at 4. Kressly Co Bon
111 Band gave short concert before
each show.
Same show at 7. Jerry {German plane} came over
3 times 23\textsuperscript{20} off but didnt drop any on us only
near. show continued no one
hurt

Thur. Oct 24, 1918
Left for Essey at 815. Nothing
to do there. (Rest of Co under an
inspection of equipment.)
Nous avions cinq cassi d biere
pendant l’apresmidi + le soir. {We had five mugs of beer this afternoon and evening}
Lt. Weaver in charge
No action from Jerry.

Friday 25
Returned from Essey via Amb {Ambulance}
to "Souptown". Loafed about + Slept
some. Apres {after} dinner wrote up this
Had a bath + rubbed down
with a decootie {delousing} solution
Practiced on cornet a bit.

Sat. Oct. 26, 1918
Up + off to Essey by amb {ambulance} Lt
Weaver\textsuperscript{161} Not busy. Put
away cinq casse aussi {five mugs too}.
Nothing else

Sunday 27

\textsuperscript{160} Entertainers.
\textsuperscript{161} Lieutenant Grant B. Weaver of Lancaster, PA.
Back to Bville {Bouillonville} by 9.00
Rec’d {received} pay 165.50
Church + Band at Y.M.C.A.
Wrote a few.
Two shells hit top of hill about 5.

Mon. Oct. 28, 1918
Woke up by M. g. {machine guns} firing on one of Jerry {German}.
Obs avions {observations planes}. Sent to Essey on same detail. Sat out front for papers. Ludendorf\textsuperscript{162} resigns.
Trois casse d briere Finis a de soir {Three mugs of beer. Finished in the evening}
Pumpkin pie for supper
Jerry passed overhead a number of times but didn’t drop any {bombs} on the town

Tuesday 29
Left about 9.30 for Bville {Bouillonville}
where we packed up + left in an hour for Creuë Found billets with dentist
Fr. {French} anti aircraft searchlight in town
3 letters from home
Had some vin rouge {red wine} with an old man on duty from 9-5 in dressing station. Slept on litter

Wed. Oct. 30, 1918
Went to St Mihiel on the a.a.
Schlight Buick truck. Saw Boche {German} good views graveyard using *robbed Fr {French} grave stones. Chased around town. Bought few things at Fr coop-tive {French co-operative}. Saw decoration of Leg. of honor\textsuperscript{163} of a Fr reg {French regiment} + review.
Looked over at ____ the Boche Rest house + French church never shelled. Nothing in Fads {First Aid Dressing Station}
Slept in Fads

Thursday 31
Up at 5. Breakfast at 8.
Chased around the town + at Boche {German} salvage dump.

\textsuperscript{162} Erich Ludendorf, German general.
\textsuperscript{163} The Legion of Honor, France’s highest decoration.
There is quiet a bit of avion {air} action here on clear days.
Had a sample red keystone.\textsuperscript{164}
sewed on epat pas bon {not well}.
Halloween tonight
very quiet altho Jerry {German plane} passed
over the town several times
Did not sleep very well

Fri. Nov. 1, 1918
Up at 5. Slept again after making fire.
French holiday of 1st of month\textsuperscript{165}
Bath in our Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} bathhouse
where gas patients are bathed.
Two letters from Anna
Slept in Fads. 14 of Co {Company} left on furloughs at 1.30

Saturday 2
Slept a bit. Chased around
town rest of morning parlezling {talking}
Rain.
Chased again. Interpreter
for sick visit. Small like concert
Tooted cornet wrote a few
Permissionaires returned
Dormi toute la nuit {Slept all night}.

Sun. Nov. 3, 1918
Chased around town
Fr. {French} slight took us on camion {truck} to 110 inf {infantry} Saw band couldn't buy anything.
Then to Heudicourt\textsuperscript{166} bought some cigs {cigarettes} at commissary
_____ of the French chez nous
little lunch before retiring

Monday 4
Bath + change of clothes
303rd FA Hdq {Field Artillery Headquarters} in town
Went to top of hill back of town

\textsuperscript{164} Emblem of Pennsylvania, known as the Keystone State.
\textsuperscript{165} All Saint's Day.
\textsuperscript{166} Heudicourt-sous-les-Côtes, France.
to see the projecteur 60 a 100vols electric
and aceteylin167 via truck.
Detail left for front but
soon returned. Boche
retreated 15 Kilo {kilometers} voluntarily
Slept well.

Tues. Nov. 5, 1918
Left at 8 on FSS truck with Lt {Lieutenant} Jones + ord {orderly} for Bar le Duc168 arrived there about 10
cooperative + chased about town
buying a few things Every thing
very clean. Ate at French cantine
good. Left at 3 got back at
5 stopping short while in St Mihiel
Had some of the stuff for super
Some wounded came in. Didnt
rest well.

Wednesday 6
Slept all morning.
Chased around a bit
with Horloger+ our horloger169
Band concert by 303 FA {Field Artillery}
band good
Got some souvenirs + washing done
French SS visited + we
had some music.
Stayed up till 3 Wrote four
letters sleep on bench

Thur. Nov. 7, 1918
Slept until called out to interpret.
Found some 1 pounders for briquets
Over to commis {commissary} at Heudicourt
on SS camion bought some eats
French called + we had some
music + vin rouge. Bon temp
Slept well

Friday 8
Took apart some H.E. + shrap {shrapnel} one pounders
Left on SS camion {truck} for Commercy
Bought some eggs grapes chestnuts

167 Acetylene, a gas used in welding.
168 Bar-le-Duc, France.
169 Possibly Horlogerie, a French watch and clock maker.
+ champ {champagne} there. Passed thru some badly shot up towns.
French called again with vin blanc {white wine}
Not much sleep. Made sick call

Sat. Nov. 9, 1918
Slept most of morning.
Rode over to commissary at Heudicourt on SS camion {truck}. Bought some stuff for Fr. {francs} Eggs for supper called on Fr femme malad {French sick woman}

Sunday 10
Slept a bit.
Had pictures taken by Fr {French} SS Band concert 303 FA {Field Artillery} Band [Hip] played concert Had offer of transfer Packed up + 4 of us left for St. Benoit established Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} in Chateau of Pres Poincare son But busy. Among 75 art {artillery} Poor sleep

Mon. Nov. 11, 1918
Got busy about 8. Shooting A.T.s etc Barrage no shells near us. About 5 min of 11 a dud fell near. War stopped at 11. Wounded came in until 2. Went up to front lines + crossed over + talked to Boche {German}. Bought + traded some souvenirs Dutch fired all fireworks inside German lines at town of [illeg.] Returned and loafed around dressing station. Slept on pile of blankets

Tuesday 12
Up about 8. Flapjacks at Salv. Army {Salvation Army} very few coming in. Jumped on amb + rode to Harvmont + looked over surrounding country. over to + spoke with Ruth at line. Mostly Alsacians. Walked noon back to Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} Detail Company left + walked to near Vigneulles +found amb {ambulance} going on. On arriving got alto melohorn + practiced with 303 FA {First Army} band

170 St. Benoît en Woëvre, France.
171 Raymond Poincaré, President of France from 1913-1920.
172 David Ruth of Lancaster, PA.
Told my stories in room
Feeling tired crawled in bed in ward

Wed. Nov. 13, 1918
Left on Fr {French} SS truck for Bar le Duc.
Bought 2 Tonneau {barrel} for Co {Company} one for us
also cheese etc Ate dinner at
French canteen as before.
Left about 2.30 very cold.
Show given by co outside Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} on platform
Andy & I gave usual MOT uke {ukulele} duet music
by 303 FA orch {orchestra} + others. after. Biere party at room Got sleepy too soon.
Slept on litter in room.

Thursday 14
Loafered around most of morning
Took a trip to commissary + bought tabac {tobacco} for Fr {franc}. Finishing up Tonneau
Slept a bit more loafered away the afternoon.
Went on duty in Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} at 9. Giving out pills etc in ward of 9 beds to sick

Fri. Nov. 15, 1918
Slept some
Fr {French} SS truck went to Bar le Duc with our orders
Slept some truck returned with Fromage R____
and 58 litres {liters} biere. We had a party at our rooms.
Slept most of night.

Saturday 16
Up at 4.30 Made fire etc
Dental ord {orderly} Cliff sick in bed. I am dental assistant. Put pain killer eugenol174 in
2 cases.
Read some mail.
Loafered away afternoon
Wrote a bit. on at 9.

Sun. Nov. 17, 1918
Still Dent asst {Dental assistant}
Some prisoners escaped Boche {German} came thru Fads {First Aid Dressing Station}

173 Likely a melophone, a brass instrument often used in bugle corps in place of the French horn.
174 A natural painkiller found in clove oil, nutmeg, cinnamon, and basil.
Small relig. {religious} concert in square + service.
Bought some vin rosee {rose wine} from Fr {French}
Eased a tooth. sold it all. 7 of us split
a bot of vin {bottle of wine} museat at Schaffners
Slept in wood bed.

Monday 18
Went up to St. Benoit to look for 1 lbs shells. none. Saw beaucoup escap. {many escaped}
prisoners English Italian + Russian
French SS unit left at 1 PM
for V 303 art {artillery} leaving.
Loafered about Rode down with Eng {English}
prisoner to Fads.

Tues. Nov. 19, 1918
officers had party + wanted me to play
for it. on Fads {First Aid Dressing Station} slept as usual
wake up automatically at 5

Wednesday 20
Took a S+W {Smith & Wesson} pistol to target on hill
+ fired a few with Freddy.¹⁷⁵
Went to target avec {with} Freddy + Htp.
Fr {Freddy} made some good shots.
Called on several civilians + bought
some Boche {German} money + heard their
stories. Movies in square.

Thur. Nov. 21, 1918
Up at 5 After doing chores loafered
around fine. Went out to target
with Freddy before dinner.
Skipper¹⁷⁶ inspected co + equip
As usual

Friday 22
Little target practice. hard
on bottles
Inspection of Co {Company} + equipment
by Major.

¹⁷⁵ Possibly Frederick Bald of Lancaster, PA or Fred R. Hashinger of Millersville, PA, both members of the 111th Ambulance Corps.
¹⁷⁶ Nickname for Captain Charles P. Stahr.
Six left on furlough

Sat. Nov. 23, 1918
Up as usual. Helped Groff\textsuperscript{177} fix up diary
Wrote Dads Christmas letter
Had chat with shoemaker.

Sunday 24
ditto
Some mail.
chuckered \{split\} some wood.

Mon. Nov. 25, 1918
Slept all morning. New schedule started with beaucoup \{much\} bugling
Loafed rest of day + night
Co stood retreat at 4.00

Tuesday 26
up bugling.
Bought some wood.
Loafing around

Wed. Nov. 27, 1918
Some Boche helmets came in.\textsuperscript{178} Got one from Lt Jones.\textsuperscript{179} Tried to sell some.

Thursday 28
Thanksgiving day.
Band playing several times
ordinary meal cream potatoes steak
candy tabac \{tobacco\} + coffee
Sent Boche helmet home
Co had a tonneau d'vrier \{barrel of beer\}
small party with few friends

Fri. Nov. 29, 1918
Chased around hunting souvenirs from civiles \{civilians\}
Fallen aviator came to Fads \{First Aid Dressing Station\}
badly burned

\textsuperscript{177} William Groff of Lancaster, PA.
\textsuperscript{178} The men are buying German helmets as souvenirs of wartime.
\textsuperscript{179} First Lieutenant Myron William Jones of Lancaster, PA.
Saturday 30
Inspection at 9.
Letter from Anna
Called on mayor

Sun. Dec. 1, 1918
Slept

Monday 2
Slept

Tues. Dec. 3, 1918
Slept a bit

Wednesday 4
Slept
wrote a bit

Thur. Dec. 5, 1918
Slept
Recieved diary for 1919 from Anna.
Sauercrout\textsuperscript{180} for supper

Friday 6
Slept
Nothing happening

Sat. Dec. 7, 1918
Slept. Missed inspection at 9.
Tired of army.

Sunday 8
Stayed up.
Homesick
Found a store in town
Had a Dutch \{likely German\} lunch. Sauerkraut, cheese
Camembert\textsuperscript{181} onions etc
Read abit from 9 - ?

Mon. Dec. 9, 1918
Slept
Lunch as before without sauerkraut
Reading magazines from 9-?

\textsuperscript{180} Sauerkraut, a German dish made with fermented cabbage.
\textsuperscript{181} Camembert, a creamy variety of cheese.
Tuesday 10
George Irwin came over from
Souilly on his amb. Had a
small reunion.
Stovepipe de poste désescours a tombé
deux fois notre cuisiner etre trop {First Aid post fell two times our kitchen}

Wed. Dec. 11, 1918
Slept.
Review + Retreat\textsuperscript{182} by 110 regt \{regimental\} band
+small concert later.

Thursday 12
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Fri. Dec. 13, 1918
Fr. \{French\} Teacher came to dentist + I
made arrangements to take lessons
Took Fr \{French\} lesson at 7. pretty good

Saturday 14
Slept over inspection
Nous acheteious un tonneau d
biere de la madame [Balcoy] 42li
et avions une petite partie {We bought a barrel of beer from Madame Balcony 42 li and had a little party}

Sun. Dec. 15, 1918
Just about to sleep after a break-
fast of flapjacks on the stove
when Geo Irwin came
over. Later Herm Nies
arrived + we had small PSR
party. Took Fr lesson at 2
Flapjacks again

Monday 16
Fljcks \{flapjacks\} again
Slept
Je achetais un Tonneau d biere
de 34 l. pour ce soir.
Bon party {I bought a barrel of biere 34 liters for this evening Good party

\textsuperscript{182} Music played by the bugler to signal Review and Retreat.
Tues. Dec. 17, 1918
Slept
Had the T party 34 French lesson

Wednesday 18
Slept

Thur. Dec. 19, 1918
Slept

Friday 20
Not much sleep. Had to waken

Sat. Dec. 21, 1918
men going to Nancy to purchase things for Xmas {Christmas}
Slept till noon
Rec’d {received} some mail from home
French lesson at 7. Pancakes at 9.30

Sunday 22
Rien à faire {Nothing to do}.

Mon. Dec. 23, 1918
Slept a bit

Tuesday 24
Chased around all day trying to find transportation to Bar le Duc Unsuccessful
Almost went to Comercy
Donation of Presents from Amb Co {Ambulance Company} 111 + 23 Engineers to civilian children.
Show in square by local San Train Talent
Had an argument to get a tonneau de briere + won. 111 liters chez nous {at our home}

Wed. Dec. 25, 1918
(Wea.) Snow
Tapped Tonneau {barrel} and had lots of visitors
Several Lts {Lieutenants} visited.  
Gathering around fire  
until 10 P.M. on duty as  
usual

Thursday 26  
Chased out at 4 by guard’s mistake  
Lt. Jones + Chp {possibly Chaplain} left this at 8.30  
for Briey with 110th  
111 inf {infantry} guard mount  
Had Retreat with band etc  
Took a night off + slept in my (Chps) own bed.

Fri. Dec. 27, 1918  
Things as usual. Sent a box of souvenirs home.

Saturday 28  
Gross\(^{183}\) moved in.  
Visited on duties + their  
Tonneau {barrel}.

Sun. Dec. 29, 1918  
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Monday 30  
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Tues. Dec. 31, 1918  
Nous avions deux tonneau 42 40  
sur la table {We had two barrels on the table}. Beaucoup visites {many visits}  
celebration in square at 12 Band  
out. Many flares shot but forbidden  
Went on duty

Christmas Day Menu  
Roast Goose  
Filling Dressing  
Potato Salad Bread + Butter  
Creamed Cauliflower  
Creamed French Peas  
Ginger Muffins Fruit Cake  
Mixed Nuts

\(^{183}\) Charles H. Gross of Lancaster, PA.
Chocolate Menier\textsuperscript{184} Cigarettes
Coffee

Notes for 1918
1917
Feb 3. Diplomatic relations severed with Germany

May 19 Enlisted in Amb Co \{Ambulance Company\} #3-7 Div \{Division\} Lt. Stahr\textsuperscript{185}
May 31 Mustered into National Guard Pa \{Pennsylvania\}
July 15 Called on active service
Aug 5 Honorable discharge from N.G.P. \{National Guard of Pennsylvania\}
and drafted into Reg. U.S. Army.
Sept 10 Left Lanc. \{Lancaster\} for Camp Hancock
Sept 12- 2 am. arrived at C.H. \{Camp Hancock\} Augusta Ga

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\textsuperscript{184} Menier Chocolate, Parisian maker of pharmaceutical chocolate.
\textsuperscript{185} Lieutenant, later Captain, Charles P. Stahr.
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son Fils
Mous

Favier René
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Monsieur Gustave Morlot

\textsuperscript{186}Muerthe et Moselle, a department in the Lorraine region of France.
á Bouvron
   pas foul
   M-8-4\textsuperscript{elle}
Mesdemoiselle Germaine
Marie Morlot
á Bourron pou Gad
Meurthe et Moselle

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Sergeant 29\textsuperscript{me} Batallion
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