

## J. Reah Hollinger 1919 Diary Transcription

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{continued from 1918}

J. Reah Hollinger  
1919

Wed. Jan. 1, 1919

Up at 6. Chased around + got some tonneaus {barrels of beer}. Some left over from yesterday. Put one (55 {liters}) on table after dinner Orders against stuff in billets came down. We moved to shoemakers— by ship + had a gentile {genteel} party party given by Doc. Brobst.<sup>1</sup>  
Retired at 10 in orderly condition  
some sick in station but slept

Thursday 2

Chased around collecting bills etc  
Played soccer. got a bloody nose + much winded

Fri. Jan 3, 1919

Slept a bit

11 inf {infantry} 1st Bat {Battalion}  
10.30 one sergt {Sergeant} + 3 men decorated for bravery at hill 204 July 1  
Soccer at 1.30. French general gave decorations. Was in band.

Saturday 4

Bought a Tonneau 55l {55 liter barrel}.  
Did some interp {interpretation} for Town major  
Soccer at 1.30  
Had a party at the shoemakers until after taps.<sup>2</sup> Good

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<sup>1</sup> Valentine Brobst of Lititz, PA.

<sup>2</sup> Taps, a military song played on bugle to signal the end of a day.

time gentil {genteel}.  
On duty

Sun. Jan 5, 1919

Up at 6 + 8

Theatrical Troup left for Briey<sup>3</sup>

more interp {interpretation} for Co. {Company} Paid bills

May move soon.

Monday 6

1st Batt {Battery} 111 inf {infantry} left at 7 AM

Got orders To pack up +  
clean up.

More work for town major

Capt. {Captain} R.G. Sharpe 55 big Hdq {Headquarters}

Made flapjacks

Packed up. Called out 4.45

Tues. Jan. 7, 1919

Got everything ready to leave by 7  
on trucks. Trucks never came.

Said good bye to M {Madame} Louise + got some

Pisser d' lion {the lion's share}. Kitchen bought us

Tonneau {barrel}. Helped them.

Sgt. Mumma's<sup>4</sup> birthday encore {another}

tonneau. Worked for town major

Wednesday 8

Up as usual.

Biere {beer} in town. Bought a tonneau {barrel}

for kitchen and one 34 {liters} for ourselves

Chez le Co. dormier {The Company sleeps} as usual

Tres bonnetemp {very good time}.

In about 11

Thur. Jan. 9, 1919

Up at 5 ready by 7

Left Crest at 9 on Quad truck<sup>5</sup> 12 on 10 trucks passed

near town to Allamps<sup>6</sup> near Colombey<sup>7</sup>

Two trucks derailed + one overturned.

In wooden barracks on cots. Cold

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<sup>3</sup> Briey, a commune in France.

<sup>4</sup> Sergeant First Class Stanley Mumma of Lancaster, PA.

<sup>5</sup> A truck with four wheel drive.

<sup>6</sup> Allamps, France.

<sup>7</sup> Colombey-les-Belles, France.

wet + dreary. Walked to town <sup>not much</sup>  
Fixed up a bed. Got a bite to eat.  
Found a fireside in empty home to warm  
crawled in until 7 a.m.

Friday 10  
Feeling better. Went to view  
glass factory nearby. Saw  
it in action  
Visited a café + biere un bouteille {bottle of beer}  
Loafed afternoon  
Spent evening around in barracks near stove.

Sat. Jan. 11, 1919  
1st call 6.55 Assembly 7.15  
Inspection at 10

Sunday 12  
Hugging stove  
Got a straw {mattress} tick filled  
Sleep fine now.

Mon. Jan. 13, 1919  
Went to Fr. {French} family in Verrie<sup>8</sup>  
+ had a bath then Fr {French} fried  
potatoes.

Tuesday 14  
Not much to do.  
Did some interp {interpretation} for town major  
More Fr. {French} fried at same place

Wed. Jan. 15, 1919  
Loafed around

Thursday 16  
Spoke to Russian prisoners libéré {freed} at kitchen  
Had to go on hike to railroad.  
YMCA<sup>9</sup> in town bought some cots  
Moved to other billet to make  
room for YMCA.  
Had a dish of p de terres {pommes de terres, potatoes} at café

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<sup>8</sup> Likely a small town in France.

<sup>9</sup> Young Men's Christian Association, or YMCA. A place of recreation where soldiers could enjoy non-alcoholic beverages, listen to radio, see vaudeville performances and musical concerts, and other wholesome activities.

Fri. Jan 17, 1919

Excused from hike to interpret

Saturday 18

Busy all day interpreting

Visited Verrie again

invited to Sunday supper

Bought tonn de biere {tonneau de bière, barrel of beer} 34 at cafe

+ had usual at Hansen's<sup>10</sup>

the cordomers #3

Sun. Jan. 19, 1919

Had supper at sauerkraut

Pork Rabbit Fr {French} fried + biere {beer}. + nice

time afterward around table

Monday 20

Bought a tonneau {barrel} 33 with some

trouble. Called on + gave

music with Andy

Came back to Hansen + stayed up till

12.30

Tues. Jan. 21, 1919

Took some wash out + found #33<sup>11</sup> good

woman to cook. Begged some food

+went around for some fr fried

at #33

Wednesday 22

Walked to Verrie for wash

Fixed up things for a meal at 33

Had a meal at #33 with several of

kitchen and few others. Fr {French} fries,

steak, salad etc. + 2 buckets d biere.

Thur. Jan. 23, 1919

Walked to<sup>with Schaffner</sup> Vannes-Chatel<sup>12</sup> where

Amm Tr {Ammunition Train} is billeted. Stopped for

a chat at Verrie at cooperative

Feeling bad took some pills

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<sup>10</sup> A comrade.

<sup>11</sup> The 33<sup>rd</sup> Division A.E.F. (American Expeditionary Forces).

<sup>12</sup> Vannes-le-Château, France

Friday 24

Slept in. Slight cold

Bought a tonneau {barrel} 43 l

Party at Hansens 12 present

closed at 11.30 all O.K.

cold better

Sat. Jan. 25, 1919

Feeling O.K. again

Inspection at 9.30

Sunday 26

ordered a tonneau {barrel}

Left with Watson<sup>13</sup> for Crepey.<sup>14</sup> Met Charlie

L + Paul Gouwan<sup>15</sup> of searchlight on road in Fr. {French} truck

walked to Colombey. Saw part of

game there 6-3 in our favor

Walked few more kilos {kilometers} + jumped

on aero trailer to Crepey. Saw Lt Jones

stop at Red Cross<sup>cocoa + sandwich</sup> canteen + later caught

truck to Baesiy. Got back 4.30.

Party at Hansen's 46l. {liters} 14 present.

Fine time. Turned in about 11.30

Mon. Jan. 27, 1919

Lt. Workman<sup>16</sup> transferred

Visited 3 sick children at

Verrie avec {with} Lt. Weaver<sup>17</sup>

Returned tonneau {barrel}

Movies at Y. Good.

M. called

Tuesday 28

Calisthenics + cleaning up

billets

Letter from Florence

Called on sick at Verrie

Soccer between our billet + other

score 3-0 our loss.

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<sup>13</sup> Harry Watson or James Watson, both of Lancaster. Likely James Watson, since Harry Watson was the Cook for the Company as well as the 103 Sanitary Train.

<sup>14</sup> Crépey, France.

<sup>15</sup> A comrade.

<sup>16</sup> William M. Workman.

<sup>17</sup> Grant B. Weaver.

Wed. Jan. 29, 1919  
Called on sick  
French fries at new place

Thursday 30  
Bath at bathhouse  
Called on sick  
Took a walk thru woods for game  
Saw sheep + cattle from top of  
hill back of billet.

Fri. Jan. 31, 1919  
Cut some wood  
[Shaw] battle on hill near by.  
Visited sick at Verrie  
Got one tonneau 51 for party of 18  
at Hansen's and finished it by 8.  
Bought another 42 + finished  
it by 11.

Sat. Feb. 1  
Inspection 9.30  
visited sick  
Took a walk thru woods  
with Watson looking  
things over.  
Returned tonneaus {barrels}  
turned in early.

Sun. Feb. 2, 1919  
Train Teams vs. Engineers 0-0<sup>18</sup>  
Visited sick

Monday 3  
Visited sick  
Had another small party 46l {liters}  
Good time.

Tues. Feb. 4, 1919  
8 left on furlough  
Chased around for nails  
Sick visit to Verrie  
Had some French fries at a

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<sup>18</sup> Baseball game between the Sanitary Train and the Engineers Regiment.

café avec quelque biere {with some beer}.

Wednesday 5

Visited sick. Lady at rear gave us  
a Prune tart avec biere {with beer}.

Visited another place. Little boy nearby  
starved for want of food + proper care

~~Took a walk thru woods at 4 nearby~~  
~~got shot at<sup>19</sup> rabbit~~

Thur. Feb. 6, 1919

Last visit to sick

~~W~~Helmers<sup>20</sup> gave french fries avec biere {with beer} dinner

Took walk thru woods. Nearly got shot at rabbit

Had tonneau {barrel} ordered but too bad  
on roads to travel for it. No party.

Friday 7

Storm and about 3 inches of  
snow drifted. Very cold.

Loafed around trying to

keep warm

Took a walk thru woods at 5 with Miller<sup>21</sup>

Found boar tracks + followed for awhile  
got back after dark in moonlight

Sat. Feb. 8, 1919

Inspection

Had a bit to eat + left for Colombey<sup>22</sup> at 1157

Walked a bit got a truck to Colombey + found another to

Neufchateau<sup>23</sup> by 2. Chased about town

buying a few things (gloves). Biere {beer} at 5. Supper

at hotel d Agni at 6. Found Jew who rented 2 rooms

at 10 F {francs} each. Bought some cheese etc on returning found

a drunken major in room ~~couldn't get him out~~ tried to find another

room. Finally got one on floor below. Had lunch

+ retired.

Sunday 9

Up at 8. Bought few things. Looked up major gone

foud him on [\_\_\_] floor + got 10F {Francs}. Left Neuf {Neufchâteau} on

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<sup>19</sup> Took a shot at a rabbit.

<sup>20</sup> A French family.

<sup>21</sup> Karl M. Miller.

<sup>22</sup> Colombey, France.

<sup>23</sup> Neufchâteau, France.

9.04 train to Domremy<sup>24</sup>. Saw some German coaches  
visited house of Jeanne d'Arc<sup>25</sup> + church + found  
potato and had a fine meal. Soup [\_\_\_] tongue beans came  
Went to Basilique.<sup>26</sup> Saw 7 paintings / soupe con \_\_\_\_  
Waited for transportation. Found a party on trucks  
went to Neuf {Neufchâteau} + to Colombey. Walked to Allamps  
Stopt for French fries at old lady's Back  
to camp. Told all about it + turned in.

Mon. Feb. 10, 1919  
Back to old life again

Tuesday 11  
Took walk thru woods after 4  
found nothing covered beaucoup {much}  
distance. French fries afterward

Wed. Feb. 12, 1919  
Small party avec tonneau 47 l {47 liter barrel}  
chez cordonier.

Thursday 13  
Took a walk thru Bucky woods +  
saw several boar tracks.  
Made application to go to French  
University.<sup>27</sup>  
Took walk thru woods Watson tracked  
boars for sometime. Returned  
at dark.  
French fries at old lady's

Fri. Feb. 14, 1919  
Snow melting  
Visited Maire<sup>28</sup> frosted feet  
Chased around town.

Saturday 15  
Took 2 spoons oil    Detail left for Bordeaux<sup>29</sup>  
Inspection 9.30

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<sup>24</sup> Domrémy-la-Pucelle, France.

<sup>25</sup> Joan of Arc.

<sup>26</sup> Basilique du Bois Chenu, dedicated to Joan of Arc.

<sup>27</sup> Hollinger applied to take class at the Université de Besançon, Faculté des Sciences {School of the Sciences} in Besançon, France.

<sup>28</sup> Maire-Thierry, France.

<sup>29</sup> Bordeaux, France.

Cleaned gun.  
Visited man with bad feet  
oiled shoes.  
Visited Maire  
28 iv vs 79 Div {Division} 0-0  
Supper at M. Sef. <sup>29 + cussmers onions</sup> Beefsteak salad waffles Biere  
Bon Soupe {good supper}.  
Returned tonneau {barrel}

Sun. Feb. 16, 1919  
Permissionaires<sup>30</sup> returned  
Train team vs Personel 2-0<sup>31</sup>  
Visited malade {sick person} at schoolhouse  
found ferme woman avec petite  
confidential {shut-in woman with a child}.  
Visited Helmer family for  
supper later.

Monday 17  
Got some heavy paper +  
sent some packages home.  
Sick calls 3  
Party as usual 49l {liters} at Hansens

Tues. Feb. 18, 1919  
Loafed  
Made sick calls 3  
28 Div {Division} -79 Div {Division} 9-0<sup>32</sup>

Wednesday 19  
Bath at Helmer's French fries  
afterward.  
Made sick calls  
Encore {another} party at Hansen's 47  
Blackened<sup>33</sup> Grube while he slept.

Thur. Feb. 20, 1919  
Visited sick

Friday 21  
Visited sick. Invite for Sun. supper

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<sup>30</sup> Solders with permission to be absent, such as on furlough.

<sup>31</sup> Another baseball game.

<sup>32</sup> Another baseball game.

<sup>33</sup> Possibly blackening his face as a joke.

Sat. Feb. 22, 1919

Spring

Small inspection missed it

Football<sup>34</sup> Allain<sup>35</sup> 5 Army- Div. 0-0

Took walk in woods with Watson

Found drinking place of board, etc

Made sick call

Party at Hansen's 46

Blackened Brobst

French Univ. appl {University application} came thru

Sunday 23

Spring

Football 7-0 Eng- Train

Visited sik

Called on M. Luveau ? had

light meal there

Mon. Feb. 24, 1919

Visited sick. Got quite a bit

of cognac for Med. {Medical} Services rendered

Recieved 3 Harmonicas<sup>sold</sup> 2 + 2 croix d fer {Croix de Fer, Iron Crosses} from

Helmer. Chased around to fix

up affairs

Packed up.

Tuesday 25

Up at 6. Left on amb {ambulance} for Toul.<sup>36</sup>

Didn't take Amer {American} Express or Special

waited for a better but there were none

Loafed around R.C. {Red Cross}

Several fellows left on Paris tr. {train}

French meal

{Had job to play for mayor's daughters wedding at Allamps}

Walked around a bit

Slept in R.C {Red Cross} bed.

Wed. Feb. 26, 1919

Up at 7. Over at station met 12 from

our Co {Company} + Team going to Luxembourg.

Train late

Left at 1 on Am {American} Special 32 on Homme car<sup>37</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Soccer.

<sup>35</sup> Allain, France.

<sup>36</sup> Toul, a commune in France.

<sup>37</sup> Men's car, in which one can smoke on the train.

passed Chaumont<sup>38</sup> IssurTille<sup>39</sup> arrived at Ryon<sup>40</sup> 11.30  
Went to R.C {Red Cross}+ sat around till 7

Thursday 27

Till 7. Went to other station + checked  
baggage. Walked around town  
Left at 4.58 for Besançon<sup>41</sup> arrived  
there 10.30. Carried stuff down street  
until we found <sup>in represented district</sup> a cafe with rooms  
Had a cup coffee. Went to bed where all people  
passed thru our room.

Fri. Feb. 28, 1919

Up at 8 Breakfast. Walked to University  
+ reported made application for studies  
etc.  
Found five <sup>3 rooms</sup> rooms at 17 Rue {Street} with  
Lombard.<sup>42</sup> Fine meals etc.  
Walked down town everything dark but naughty<sup>43</sup>

Sat. March 1

Breakfast 8.30  
Chased about trying to get pass etc  
Bath au Bains Salins<sup>44</sup>  
Went to Kursall theatre.<sup>45</sup> ord  
Vaudeville mostly acrobatic

Sun. March 2, 1919

time advanced 1 hour  
Breakfast fine cocoa butter + bread  
Dinner, soup, 2 Lobster, 4 Brussels sprouts, & \_\_\_\_ + carrots Pork  
6 Plum tart coffee  
Visited famous clock in church<sup>46</sup>  
The ruins of Roman theatre Square Castan<sup>47</sup>  
The Citadel<sup>48</sup> on top of hill back of  
University

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<sup>38</sup> Chaumont, France.

<sup>39</sup> Is-sur-Tille, France.

<sup>40</sup> Ryon, France.

<sup>41</sup> Besançon, France, the location of the University in which Hollinger enrolled.

<sup>42</sup> A comrade.

<sup>43</sup> There are likely prostitutes on 17 Rue where they are staying.

<sup>44</sup> Salins-les-Bains, France.

<sup>45</sup> Kursaal Theatre in Besançon, France.

<sup>46</sup> An astronomical clock in the cathedral of Saint-Jean, Besançon, France.

<sup>47</sup> Location of ruins of a Roman Theatre, Besançon, France.

<sup>48</sup> La Citadelle in Besançon France.

Supper Soup Bologna Macaron {macaroni} + Tom {tomato} Pois {peas} Salad Cherry  
Tart  
Went to Movies

Monday 3  
Had course changed.  
Went up hill to 2 forts on Funiculaire<sup>49</sup>  
fort Bregille  
+ fort Bureauguard<sup>50</sup>

Tues. March 4, 1919  
Registered

Wednesday 5  
Attended a French class  
+ greetings from French  
attended a lecture in French  
couldnt follow it very well.  
Civilization of French life

Thur. March 6, 1919  
Attended a lecture Phonetique {Phonetics}  
Attended a lecture on 18 century Lit. {Literature}

Friday 7  
Attended a lecture on '19 cent Lit {Literature}  
" " " " Lit  
Visited Fort Chaudann<sup>51</sup>  
coming down thru  
Central Cinema

Sat. March 8, 1919  
Attended lecture on Exercise,  
in French  
Attended lecture on Geographie {Geography}  
Hired a bycle {bicycle} with 2 others + went to  
Lecture on Hist {History} of Art but:  
Chapelle de Grand view  
Last visit on hired wheel {bicycle}  
in all directions on descending couldnt  
fix it because brake came apart walked  
back. Kursall theatre

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<sup>49</sup> Rue de Funiculaire in Besançon, France. A funiculaire is a railway established on an incline to move people and objects across a steep slope.

<sup>50</sup> Fort de Bregille and Fort Beauregard in Besançon, France.

<sup>51</sup> Fort de Chaudanne in Besançon, France.

Sunday 9  
Municipal theatre Traviata<sup>52</sup>

Mon. March 10, 1919  
Attended  
1 Grammer {Grammar} exercise  
2 Grammer  
3 History of French institutions.  
Visited fair in square where  
every thing second hand is sold even junk  
lots of booths.

Tuesday 11  
Attended lectures  
1 ~~Grammer~~ Phonétique {Phonetics}  
2 Philosophy but took bath instead  
Took a bicycle trip to la Source  
d Aciers<sup>53</sup> about 8 miles along  
the canal path of the river  
Meeting of Student Body

Wed. March 12, 1919  
Attended lectures  
1 Exercises  
2 civilez Francais {French civilization, History of French Institutions}

Thursday 13  
Day of 60 Regiment of Bes {Besançon}  
attended one class phonétique {phonetics}  
Grand Revue at 2 PM  
and parade afterward  
Orchestra Re. bat E<sup>b</sup> Sax {Saxophone}  
+ couldn't do much.

Fri. March 14, 1919  
Roll call at first class  
Got an E<sup>b</sup> Alto Sax. {Saxophone}  
Visited café

Saturday 15  
Kursall

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<sup>52</sup> *La Traviata*, an opera by Giuseppe Verdi.

<sup>53</sup> A location along the Doubs River.

Sun. March 16, 1919

Cold

Cold: Stayed in

Monday 17

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Tues. March 18, 1919

Stud. body Meeting

played abit

Wednesday 19

Made application for a

pass to Italy Rome

Thur. March 20, 1919

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Friday 21

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Sat. March 22, 1919

Left after lots of trouble for

Belfort<sup>54</sup> on 4.30 train local

arrived there at 10 checked in

+ found rooms etc

Sunday 23

Walked around town +

visited lion of Bartholdi<sup>55</sup>

Dinner at Ecole d Cuisine {cooking school}

Visited Tour d Miotte<sup>56</sup>

Left on 4 Exp {4:00 express train} arrive at

Besan {Besançon} at 5.45 Broke

Mon. March 24, 1919

Paid 164 francs

Tuesday 25

Signed pay roll

Wed. March 26, 1919

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<sup>54</sup> Belfort, France.

<sup>55</sup> Sandstone sculpture in Belfort, France. It was sculpted by Frederic Bartholdi, who also sculpted the Statue of Liberty.

<sup>56</sup> Remains of a medieval castle on the hill of Miotte in Belfort, France.

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Thursday 27  
Went thru museum  
+ Church of St. Madelain<sup>57</sup>  
including tower  
Visited clock.

Fri. March 28, 1919  
Orchestra rehearsal

Saturday 29  
Received word of death  
of Mother.<sup>58</sup>  
Tosca<sup>59</sup> at Municipal {Theater}

Sun. March 30, 1919  
Orchestra rehearsal

Monday 31

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Tues. April 1, 1919  
Bath  
Student Body meeting

Wednesday 2  
Rate 5.80  
Payday        174.58  
Commutation 371.48  
Board        200.00  
  
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                  171  
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                  345. O.K.

Thur. April 3, 1919

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Friday 4  
Room rent 31 fr {francs} Recd {received}

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<sup>57</sup> Église de la Madeleine, a church in Besançon, France.

<sup>58</sup> Fannie Stoner Hollinger of Lancaster, PA.

<sup>59</sup> *Tosca*, an opera by Giacomo Puccini.

Rehearsed

Sat. April 5, 1919

Rehearsal a bit.

Played at Suff Ball<sup>60</sup> until 5.30

Sax.

Sunday 6

Slept till 11. Some mail

60 Inf {Infantry} Band concert at 3

Mon. April 7, 1919

Recd {Received} cash gram {telegram} from Amos<sup>61</sup>

Tuesday 8

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Wed. April 9, 1919

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Thursday 10

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Fri. April 11, 1919

Dance by students at

Kursall. Played a bit

Saturday 12

Kursall

Sun. April 13, 1919

60 inf {infantry} band concert

Opera *Herodiade*<sup>62</sup>

Monday 14

Recd cable 282 fr<sup>63</sup> at 5.20

Deux cent quarte vingt deux {two hundred eighty two}

Tues. April 15, 1919

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Wednesday 16

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<sup>60</sup> Likely a ball for the Suffragists.

<sup>61</sup> Possibly Amos Herr of Lancaster, PA sending money to Hollinger.

<sup>62</sup> *Hérodiade*, an opera by Jules Massenet.

<sup>63</sup> Money was sent via telegraph or cable. Here, Hollinger received 282 francs.

Thur. April 17, 1919

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Friday 18

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Sat. April 19, 1919

Trip to Evian les Bains<sup>64</sup>

Written by mistake one week  
ahead consult April 26.

Sunday 20

Easter Sunday

Mon. April 21, 1919

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Tuesday 22

Slept

Played for aviators at

Hotel les Bains<sup>65</sup>

Trop de champ {too much champagne}.

Wed. April 23, 1919

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Thursday 24

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Fri. April 25, 1919

Played for dance at Hotel Alsace  
for Aviation Off. {Officers} 27 1/2 fr (francs)

Saturday 26

Return of Alsace Lorraine

To France<sup>66</sup> celebrated here

(this trip occurred one week ago)

(Left on 3.50 for Mouchard<sup>67</sup> caught  
express at 6 to Bourg<sup>68</sup> at 10

Found warm 5 in room +  
walked about town a bit.)

(Written by mistake.)

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<sup>64</sup> Évian-les-Bains, France, along the Swiss border.

<sup>65</sup> Likely a hotel in Évian-les-Bains.

<sup>66</sup> The territories of Alsace-Lorraine had been ceded to Prussia and Germany in the 1871 Treaty of Frankfurt, which ended the Franco-Prussian War.

<sup>67</sup> Mouchard, France.

<sup>68</sup> Bourg, France.

Sun. April 27, 1919

one week ago

(Up at 4 caught 4.30 1st class {train} for Bellgarde.<sup>8</sup> Bite to eat left on train to Evian les Bains. Walked to hill, by cycle ride to St. Gingolph<sup>69</sup> Swiss border. Talked to guards was in Swiss a few minutes. Returned to Evian Walked about town. Supper at Hotel d' Nord. Slept there.

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concert by 20 Eng {Engineers} band Faust<sup>70</sup>

Monday 28

one week ago

(Caught 7.30 for Bellgarde Thonon les Bains<sup>71</sup> Walked around town. Old church Hired arts. + rode out w George de Diable Ann Drance valley Dinner Left 2.49 for Bellgarde<sup>72</sup> 5 supper left 6 for Macon<sup>73</sup> charged to permissionaire train to Dijon 1.50 Left at 4.20 for Besançon 6) Application came back for date of enlistment + was sent in again.

Tues. April 29, 1919

Slept

Dance at Kursall for Aviateurs everybody there. Played there 50 fr<sup>74</sup> {francs} ~~Played for Aviators at Hotel les Bains~~

Wednesday 30

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<sup>69</sup> Saint-Gingolph, Switzerland.

<sup>70</sup> *Faust*, opera by Charles Gounod.

<sup>71</sup> Thonon-les-Bains, France.

<sup>72</sup> Bellegarde-sur-Valserine.

<sup>73</sup> Mâcon, France.

<sup>74</sup> Payment received for playing at the dance.

Thur. May 1, 1919  
Played at France Amer. {American}  
Dancing club at Casino

Friday 2  
M. {Monsieur} Willet<sup>75</sup> Dean of U of Chicago  
spoke on Labor conditions at  
Faundté<sup>76</sup> under auspices of Y.M.C.A

Sat. May 3, 1919  
Letter from Bess.  
Paid 182.10 rate 6.05<sup>77</sup>  
Comm 363

545.10 fr {francs}

Sunday 4  
Slept  
Opera Lakme<sup>78</sup> at Theatre  
Municipal took demoiselles {young women}

Mon. May 5, 1919  
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Tuesday 6  
YMCA tour to Chateaus {great houses}  
Pontarlier,<sup>79</sup> Source de la Loue,<sup>80</sup>  
Ornaus<sup>81</sup>

Wed. May 7, 1919  
Comm {Commission} of Quarters 40 fr. {francs}

Thursday 8  
Dance at Casino

Fri. May 9, 1919  
Started on V tour for  
Mulhouse<sup>82</sup> but too much  
dust got off at Vesoul<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>75</sup> Herbert L. Willett.

<sup>76</sup> Possibly a place.

<sup>77</sup> Exchanging dollars to francs.

<sup>78</sup> *Lakmé*, an opera by Léo Delibes.

<sup>79</sup> A French commune near the Swiss border.

<sup>80</sup> A tributary of the Doubs River in Pontarlier, France.

<sup>81</sup> Ornaus, France. A small town.

<sup>82</sup> Mulhouse, France.

with Slim + returned to  
Bes. {Besançon} in evening.

Saturday 10  
Mervin S. Myers + P. Willets  
dropt into call.  
Visited clock + Mlle Goudey  
Played at Layfaette Clubs<sup>84</sup>  
25 fr {francs}

Sun. May 11, 1919  
Slept  
citadelle {fort}  
Theatre Tales of Hoffman<sup>85</sup>

Monday 12  
~~[illeg.] but didn't go in~~  
Class  
~~Discharge came~~  
Fair today  
Party at Lombard's  
Jake Sicker's

Tues. May 13, 1919  
Clinic but didn't go in  
Discharge came.  
~~Played at dance of Aviateurs~~

Wednesday 14  
Slim + I bought bassoon 3.70 fr {francs}  
+ sent it home  
\$61.  
Played at Dance of Aviateurs  
Hotel de Bains

Thur. May 15, 1919  
Packing up  
Retrieved Sax {Saxophone}  
Got all papers  
Left 11.14 for Paris found seat {on train}

Friday 16

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<sup>83</sup> Vesoul, France.

<sup>84</sup> French-American Club named for Marquis de Lafayette who helped in the American Revolution.

<sup>85</sup> *The Tales of Hoffmann*, an opera by Jacques Offenbach.

Arrive 7.40 Checked took baggage.  
Toulieres,<sup>86</sup> Madeliene,<sup>87</sup> Opera,<sup>88</sup> Eiffel  
Tower, Troc.<sup>89</sup> Arch Triumph,<sup>90</sup>  
Champs Ely.<sup>91</sup> Notre Dame.<sup>92</sup> Dinner  
Isle St. Louis<sup>93</sup> Invalides<sup>94</sup> Nap. Tomb<sup>95</sup>  
Met Y {YMCA} man  
Musée de la guerre<sup>96</sup>  
Panthenon de la guerre  
Theatre Moma Vanva<sup>97</sup>  
Slept at RC

Sat. May 17, 1919  
Left 8.15 for Tours arr 12.15  
Left 1.37 on Am. {American} Special  
train <sup>2</sup> Kit corp 2 squares long myself + 5 coons<sup>98</sup>  
Arr. {arrived} at St. Aignan 4.  
Sat around supper at 6 same old stuff  
Put in tents washed up.  
St. Big Camp beaucoup {many} tents etc  
Walked to town. lots of booths  
like Camp Mills.<sup>99</sup>

Sunday 18  
Bunk Fatigue all day.  
Nothing happened. had  
to stick close to tent.  
Many marines here  
Some 28th also.  
Walked to St. Aignan.  
small place. Americanized  
chateau

Mon. May 19, 1919  
Called out about 8.30 in front of

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<sup>86</sup> Tulieres Garden in Paris, France.

<sup>87</sup> La Madeleine, a church in Paris, France.

<sup>88</sup> Palais Garnier, home of the Paris Opera.

<sup>89</sup> A shopping area of Paris, with second-hand book, clothing, furniture, and antiques.

<sup>90</sup> Arc d'Triomphe.

<sup>91</sup> Champs-Élysées, a boulevard in Paris, France.

<sup>92</sup> Notre Dame Cathedral, prominent landmark in Paris, France which was built in 1163.

<sup>93</sup> Île St. Louis, a natural island in the Seine River in Paris, France.

<sup>94</sup> Hôtel National des Invalides, an army museum in Paris, France.

<sup>95</sup> Tomb of Napoleon I.

<sup>96</sup> War Museum in Paris, France.

<sup>97</sup> A performance at the theatre.

<sup>98</sup> Black men.

<sup>99</sup> Camp Mills in Long Island, NY, where the Ambulance Company stayed before sailing to Europe.

Mill. As names were called. Entered Mill  
Gave up Papers undressed made bundles med inf {medical information}  
Bath | Dry | got bundles | Dressed | inspec of Equip {inspection of equipment}  
Issue. Billeted 1 P.M. |  
Got Com. {compensation} of Rations 202 fr. {francs}  
Retreat etc. Wrote to Meade<sup>100</sup>  
Walked to town

Tuesday 20

On detail. 7.45 Making  
a tennis court for officers  
Very Easy work 3 hrs  
Same thing 3 hrs  
A.R.C. {American Red Cross} writing diary.  
Got caught for K.P. {Kitchen Patrol}  
Peeled spuds {potatoes} until 2.30

Wed. May 21, 1919

Slept till six on floor back  
of oven. Called out at 9  
to be put in Cas. Co. 5408  
Placed in tents on other  
side of hill. Slept.  
Mess service rotten.  
Delouser at 1.30

Thursday 22

Called out at 9.30  
Pay Card Inspection  
Qualification Card  
Light detail<sup>101</sup>  
Put in a good night of sleep

Fri. May 23, 1919

Out at 6.  
Medical Inspection  
Very cursory  
Wrote to Meade  
Cot fatigue

Saturday 24

Cot fatigue  
Short drill. Reg. {Regular} Bath

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<sup>100</sup> Private First Class Meade Schafner of Lancaster, PA.

<sup>101</sup> Work or sentry duty.

9.45 Inspection of Equipment.

Called off.

Cot fatigue

Visited library

Sun. May 25, 1919

Cot fatigue

Prelim. Equipment Inspec {inspection}

cot fatigue slept

Issue of light underwear

Library

Monday 26

2nd Med {Medical} Inspection

cot fatigue

Tues. May 27, 1919

Drill

Detail carrying cots

Hungry + no food.

Dont know when we leave

Wednesday 28

Drill

News of Leaving

3rd Med. {Medical} Inspection

Field Equipment Inspec {Inspection}

Thur. May 29, 1919

Packed up + waited

Entrained

Left at 1.15 going west

Cave dwelling of Bourré<sup>102</sup>

Supper at Saunier car kitchen

Not much sleep. Boche {German} coach

Passed Nantes<sup>103</sup> about 2

Friday 30

Arrived at St. Nazaire 7

Walked 3 mi {miles} to camp #2.

Rapid Physical Inspection

Throat | S.A. | Teeth | Cootie {lice} | 1000 in 15 min|

Marched to camp #1 Fussed

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<sup>102</sup> La Managerie, a cave dwelling in Bourré, France.

<sup>103</sup> Nantes, France.

around. No room. Poor supper  
Back to #2 in same  
barraks. Cleaned up  
Went to Y

Sat. May 31, 1919  
Cot fatigue  
Handed in 290 fr {francs} to be changed \$4.79  
Prelim {preliminary} inspection  
Tried to get new clothing

Sun. June 1  
Field Inspection  
Med. {medical} Inspection brief  
Marched to Parade ground #1  
+ then to boat. Up YMCA gang plank  
USS Henderson. Troop ship  
clean fine new. B 501 1st deck  
below.  
fine meal

Mon. June 2, 1919  
Up at 6.30 Ship pulled out  
of Harbor. Grapefruit  
Put on K.P. {Kitchen Patrol} serving only  
Good Grub  
Sighted a rowboat which  
turned out to be some fisherman near smacks  
Rocked a bit. Lost supper  
Slept O.K.

Tuesday 3  
Served 3 meals  
ocean quiet  
Eating good  
Band concert Songs + movies  
Turned in early

Wed. June 4, 1919  
As usual  
Sighted a sailboat  
Med {Medical} Inspection

Thursday 5  
Things as usual

Fri. June 6, 1919

Ate some Hash

Lost lunch

continued to lose it

Feeling rotten cant eat  
or work on cot

Saturday 7

Feeling better. cant eat

Took calomel<sup>104</sup> with castor  
oil for chaser

Lost all that + more

Feeling rotten

cant eat on cot

Sun. June 8, 1919

Cant eat feel a bit  
better

Weak. Cant get a thing  
light to eat.

Tried supper it stayed  
with me

Monday 9

Breakfast it stayed

Dinner O.K. but rotten

Ship rocking got

shakey waiting for supper

got supper but couldn't eat it  
stayed in cot.

Tues. June 10, 1919

Good weather

Feeling fair

Meals rotten

Eating cold canned beans  
+ candy

Wednesday 11

Existing

Called for not being on KP {Kitchen Patrol}.

Thur. June 12, 1919

Expect to land demain {tomorrow}

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<sup>104</sup> A medicine containing mercury used to kill bacteria before knowledge of its toxic properties.

Things quiet  
beaucoup {many} cleaning ship  
Turned in early

Friday 13

Up at 4 Packed up.  
Sighted land 9. Passed Ambrose Light ship<sup>105</sup> F797  
Docked at US at Pier 10 | met by recpt. Comm {Reception Committee} boat  
Debarked at 11. Fed at Rock  
Put on ferry to L.I.R.R. {Long Island Rail Road} + rode to camp  
Mills. Put in barracks.  
Delouzed at 7 Got new  
clothes.  
Camp much larger than a year  
ago.

Sat. June 14, 1919

Moved to Camp 2. put in  
tents.  
Good dinner about a mile away  
Fixing up papers  
Meals fine

Sunday 15

Loafed all day  
Up till 12 to makeout  
papers

Mon. June 16, 1919

Med. {medical} exam not bad  
ate at YWCA<sup>106</sup> Fine  
Turned in equipment

Tuesday 17

Equip {equipment} + clothing inspect {inspection}  
ate at Y {YWCA}  
clothing exchange  
Signed discharge at 2.30 AM

Wed. June 18, 1919

Inspection of personal clothing  
Ate at Y {YWCA}  
Bath

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<sup>105</sup> Lightship Ambrose, marking the Ambrose Channel into New York Harbor.

<sup>106</sup> Young Women's Christian Association, the women's equivalent of the YMCA for men.

Thursday 19

Turned in blankets

+ mess kits.

Marched to paymaster at 4

+ recd {received} discharge + \$91.00

Went to NY with squad 8

of whom all left except Finley<sup>107</sup> + I

Friendly Enemies<sup>108</sup> good show

Slept at Wendall Mission

Friday June 20, 1919

Walked around town

Got [coat fired] + keystone

Lunch at Y {YWCA}

Saturday 21 - Dec 31

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Bills Receivable <sup>109</sup>		Fr	
Grube	Pd	16	✓
Cole		4	nY
Bald	Pd	52	✓
P. Burger		\$3	
Bauer	Pd	17	5 oV

Bills Payable		Fr	
Fox		130	
Pd. Helmer 2_____		25	Pd
Schaffer		\$	
B. P Powell		61.00	
"	"Profits		

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<sup>107</sup> A comrade.

<sup>108</sup> *Friendly Enemies*, a play.

<sup>109</sup> Possibly negotiations arising from gambling debts.