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January 28.

Left train at 9:30 for the reviewing field southwest of Teille where I decorated 15 men of the 30th Division and reviewed a battalion. After the review, talked to all the officers of the 30th Division along the same lines as my talk to the officers of the 27th and 91st Divisions. Had the following officers for luncheon on the train: 91st Division - Major General Wm. H. Johnston, Brig. Gen. John B. McDonald, Brig. Gen. Brig. Gen. V. A. Caldwell and Colonel Henry C. Jewett; 37th Division - Major General C. S. Farnsworth, Brig. Gen. Sanford B. Stanbery, Brig. Gen. W. P. Jackson and Colonel E. E. Fuller; 30th Division - Major General E. M. Lewis, Brig. Gen. Lawrence D. Tyson, Brig. Gen. Samson L. Faison and Colonel John K. Herr; Embarkation Center - Brig. Gen. Eli K. Cole and General Longan.

At one o'clock left for a large field near Alencon where I reviewed the 37th Division and decorated a number of the officers and men of this Division. After the review talked to the officers of the 37th Division.

Returned to the train for dinner and had the following officers as guests: 27th Division - Major General J. F. O'Ryan, Brig. Gen. C. I. Debevoise, Brig. Gen. P. E. Pierce and Colonel W. H. Raymond; 85th Division - Major General Chase Kennedy, Brig. Gen. Geo. D. Moore, Brig. Gen. B. W. Atkinson and Colonel J. M. Kimbrough; 92nd Division - Major General J. A. Erwin, Brig. Gen. Gerhart, Brig. Gen. Blanding, Brig. Gen. Sherburne and Colonel G. K. Wilson; 2nd Army Corps - Major General G. W. Read and Brig. Gen. Geo. S. Simonds.

After dinner went to the theatre at Alencon to see the 37th Division theatrical troupe.

January 29.

General Kennedy and Aide-de-Camp arrived at about 9 o'clock to escort me to the reviewing ground of the 85th Division. I left the train at about 9:50, and at 10:30 arrived at a point between Longnes and Brains where I inspected a regiment and some casuals of the 85th Division. After the inspection, I talked to all the officers.

From there I motored to Domfront where I inspected the other two regiments of this Division and a large number of casuals (one regiment of the 85th Division is in Russia). Also talked to the officers of these regiments.

Lunched with General Kennedy at his headquarters, and after luncheon motored to the Aviation Field and Target Range near Le Mans where I reviewed the 92nd Division, composed of one Brigade of Infantry and a Brigade of Artillery (the other Brigade has already started for the port or was preparing to start). After the review I talked to all of the officers of this Division.

I then went to the Officers Club at Le Mans where I met all of the Y.M.C.A. workers in the Embarkation Center and had a talk with the. Tried to impress on them the important work that they were expected to carry on in this Embarkation Center.

From there I went to call on the Mayor and was presented by him with a gold umbrella supposed to have belonged at one

time to Lafayette.

I then called on the Prefet. In both cases I thanked them for the help that they had rendered to the American troops in this area and for the attitude that was displayed in general toward American troops. Also expressed my hope that the troops would always conduct themselves in a manner above criticism.

I then called at the Knights of Columbus Club, and after a hasty inspection motored to Ballon where I had dinner with General Lewis and his Staff. Generals Read, Faison and Tyson were also present.

January 30.

Inspected the 53rd Artillery Brigade, Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Price, Jr., commanding, at Meslay. Lunched with General Price, and after lunch had a talk with General Johnston, commanding the 91st Division, concerning the poor showing made by that Division at my inspection of it.

From Meslay I motored to Montsurs where I inspected the 52nd Artillery Brigade, General Wingate commanding. I then inspected the 55th Artillery Brigade at Evron, Colonel Abernethy, commanding.

Upon my return to the train I found that General Davis and Colonel Boyd had arrived from Paris, and I spent the time after dinner in working on papers with them.

January 31.

At Brest.

Arrived at Brest about 9 a. m. Was met at station by General Helmick and Colonel Singleton, his Chief of Staff. Visited the docks and a hospital train which arrived while I was there. Also visited the messing arrangements at docks and Red Cross hut at docks.

Inspected the Kerhuon Hospital Center, commanded by Colonel Ford. Made a short talk to the nurses there. Thence went to the motor reception park and then to Camp Pontanezen where we had luncheon with General Butler, commanding. After luncheon visited the following organizations, which were lined up in the roads in camp. 8th Infantry, 370th Infantry, 163d Infantry, 116th Field Signal Battalion, Headquarters Troop, 41st Division, 371st Infantry, 162nd Infantry, 161st Infantry, 164th Infantry, Machine Gun Battalion, 5th Marine Brigade, 368th Infantry, 146th Machine Gun Battalion, 2nd Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Battalion, 25th, 106th, 319th, 514th, 550th Engineers, Co. B, 126th Engineers, and 801st Pioneer Inf.

The 41st Division presented on the whole a very good appearance. The units of the 93rd Division were on the whole better turned out. The 25th Engineers were better than either. While going through the camp I was joined for a few minutes by Mr. Sharp, General Hines and Mr. Morse, who had just landed from the Leviathan.

I did not like the condition of the roads about the camp and so sent for Colonel Brooke and told him that I want all necessary resources turned to account to bring about a decided improvement

within three weeks.

Received a call from the French Admiral Moreau, who commands the port here. After dinner worked with General Davis.

February 1.

At Brest.

Passed a very busy day visiting the following places: Camp Gambetta, Camp President Lincoln, Fort Felder, Motor Reception Park and Camp Porte Foy. Also went to the docks where I saw a number of our soldiers embarking.

Visited the Y.M.C.A. headquarters and had a talk with Mr. Taylor in which I told him that I wanted him to make every effort to improve the service at Brest. His activities ought to be confined to Pontanezen Camp, leaving the town of Brest to be handled by the Red Cross and K. of C.

Went to train and endeavored to get off some work which has been on hand for the last day or so. Had a talk with our Admiral commanding at the Port of Brest, and also with General Rogers. Discovered after General Rogers' departure that he and Mr. Bernard Baruch had entered into a scheme for disposing of a lot of the A.E.F. property to Belgium. This is liable to not coordinate with other steps that have been taken, and I will have to call the matter off.

Left at about 10 p. m. for St. Nazaire.

February 2.

Arrived at St. Nazaire at about 8:30 a. m. and went through a strenuous day of inspection which included Embarkation Camp (Camp 1 and Camp 2), Camp No. 8, Remount Depot, Camp Lusitania, Camp No. 3, Base Hospital No. 101, Dock Guard, Camp Montoir and Reserve Camp Montoir.

After the inspection went to tea at the Hostess House of the telephone girls for a few minutes, and had dinner with Colonel Burnett at the hotel.

February 3.

Left St. Nazaire at 8 a. m., arriving at Savenay about 8:30. Made a brief inspection of the hospitals there, under the command of Colonel Cooper.

Left Savenay at 9:45, arriving at Nantes at 10:37. Was met at the station by the French Commander of the Region, the Admiral, the Prefet, the Mayor and other officials - also Colonel Weibrecht, commanding the Nantes area, and his Chief of Staff, Lieut. Colonel Chandler.

Went through a strenuous program for the remainder of the day, seeing about 30,000 troops, a good per cent of whom are soon to return to the United States. I was much impressed on the whole with the splendid personnel and with their general appearance. Word seemed to have gotten down from St. Nazaire that I am doing considerable talking on the subject of dubbin on the shoes and I found that it had been used a little more than at previous places which I have inspected.

Received a short call from Major de la Ferronnays.
Had Colonels Weibrecht and Chandler on train to dinner.
Worked in quarters until late in the evening.

February 4.

Left Nantes at about 7 a. m. and arrived at Angers at about 8:45. Was met at station by usual French functionaries, also by Colonel Bunker, commanding, and his Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Wiley.

Made a tour of inspection throughout the region and saw about 15,000 troops. During the day I was very favorably impressed with the men whom I saw, and with the splendid records which they have for conduct and freedom from venereal disease. The 71st Regiment of Coast Artillery made a particularly creditable showing, and instead of marching off promptly the Colonel stated that the men wished to wait in line along the road as my motor went by. They, instead of saluting, turned out cheers which seemed to be very whole-hearted. Also at the hospital I made a short talk to a number of casuals who also gave a very rousing, spontaneous cheer which showed good spirit on their part.

Stopped at Base Hospital No. 85 for tea, and had Colonel Bunker, Colonel Wiley and Colonel Reynolds on train to dinner.

February 5.

At Paris.

Arrived in Paris at the Quai d'Orsay. Went at once to the house where I remained all morning, except for about an hour spent shopping. Had General Dawes to luncheon. In the afternoon went to the office. General McAndrew and Colonel Collins arrived from Chaumont. Worked with General McAndrew in the evening.

February 6.

At Paris.

Came to the office. Held conferences with Mr. J. P. Morgan, General Dawes and Mr. Fosdick. Mr. John McCutcheon sketched me. In the afternoon met Mr. F. S. Skeldon, correspondent of the Toledo News Bureau, Major J. G. Maher, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Mr. F. H. Simonds, correspondent of McClures' Newspaper Syndicate. Talked to the American correspondents of the Peace Commission, and also met the British correspondents. Had conference with General Nolan. Met Mr. Henry White and Mr. Francis, Ambassador to Russia. In the evening dined and went to the Opera with General Dawes.

February 7.

At Paris.

Called on General Bliss at Hotel Crillon. Went to the office. Saw Colonel Oliver, Miss Nellie Bly, Miss Sangster of the Christian Herald, Mr. Wile and General Nolan. Mr. McCutcheon sketched me. Had General Dawes to luncheon. In p. m. attended conference of Allied War Council. Saw Brig. Gen. S. T. Liang

and Captain Ken Wang of the Chinese Army, General Krauthoff and Miss Birkhead.

February 8.

I went to the Hotel Crillon and saw General Bliss at 10 a. m. Afterwards I saw Mr. Lansing and then Mr. Frazer for a few minutes. I returned to the office at 11:15 and had interviews with Mr. Francis, ex-Ambassador to Russia, and Mr. Blake of the Chicago Tribune. Mr. McCutcheon sketched me during my interview with Mr. Blake. I had General Dawes, Mr. Blake and Mr. McCutcheon for luncheon. At 2:30 I went to see Colonel Oliver, the dentist. At 4 o'clock I had an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Holt and after they left I saw General Harbord for about an hour. Later I saw Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis, Mrs. Linden Smith and Colonel Mott. We planned to leave at 11 p. m. this evening for Chaumont, but due to the fact that the train could not be assembled we will not be able to get off till tomorrow morning.

February 9.

I left Paris at 10:15 a. m. and arrived at Chaumont at 3:15 p. m. Went immediately to headquarters where I decorated 17 men with the Medal of Honor. I afterwards had conferences with the Chief of Staff, General Brewster, General Westervelt and General Davis. Lt. General Biebuyck, of the Belgian Army, was scheduled to arrive and stop at the chateau. The members of the Belgian Mission had been invited to dinner. General Biebuyck did not arrive.

February 10.

The ceremony for decorating officers with Belgian medals by General Biebuyck was postponed from ten o'clock to three in the afternoon and was again postponed in the afternoon due to the fact that General Biebuyck did not arrive. During the morning I saw the Chief of Staff and General Nolan. I had for luncheon General Liggett, General Bullard, General Summerall, General Eltinge, General Andrews, General Nolan, General Moseley, General Fiske, General Hinds, General Brewster and the 17 officers and men who were decorated yesterday with the medal of honor. In the afternoon I saw the Chief of Staff, General Bethel, General Eltinge and General Nolan. At 5 o'clock I decorated in my office General Wirbel, commanding this district, with the D. S. M. On my way to the chateau, I called at General Wirbel's to wish him good-bye upon his departure from Chaumont. A telephone message was received from Paris saying that Marshal Foch desired me to be present at a meeting in Paris tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. I talked with General Bliss and decided to send General McAndrew to Paris. After dinner I came to the office and worked until after midnight.

February 11.

I came to the office and saw General Davis, General Nolan and Colonel Collins. I then left for Prauthoy, Headquarters of the 82nd Division, where I lunched with General Duncan and afterward went to a field nearby and at 1 p. m. reviewed and inspected the 82nd Division and decorated those men who had been awarded medals, but who had not yet been presented. Incidentally, I personally awarded the Medal of Honor to Sergeant York who previously had only been awarded the D. S. C.

I returned to the chateau and found that Colonel and Mrs. de Chambrun had arrived as guests. Besides Colonel and Mrs. de Chambrun, I had for dinner Lieutenant General Biebuyck and Major Tinant of the Belgian Army, and two other Belgian officers.

I received some very disconcerting news concerning the condition of Colonel Boyd, who, the doctors say, has bronchial pneumonia.

February 12.

I came to the office and saw General Eltinge and General Fiske. I then attended a ceremony in which Lieutenant General Biebuyck presented some Belgian decorations to a number of the officers at my Headquarters. I afterwards saw General Fiske and General Moseley.

Colonel and Mrs. de Chambrun were present for luncheon and Mrs. Linden-Smith arrived as guest at the chateau just as we finished luncheon. After luncheon I saw General Bandholtz, General Nolan and then attended a ceremony in which I decorated the following officers:

Lieutenant General Biebuyck - Belgian Army.
General Brewster, U. S. A.
General Pirelli, Italian Army.
General Wagstaff, British Army.
Colonel Linard, French Army.
Colonel de Chambrun, French Army.
Major Tinant, Belgian Army.

After the ceremony I invited Mrs. de Chambrun and Mrs. Linden-Smith to come to my office for a few minutes and then I had an interview with Mr. Doubleday of Doubleday, Page. After this I saw General Fiske, and went over about 75 cases with General Bethel and a couple of members of his staff. I saw General Davis and had a talk with Mrs. Purdon.

I had for dinner those members of the Foreign Missions that I had decorated today; also Mme. Tinant, besides the guests at the chateau. The news concerning Colonel Boyd is that his condition is worse and that the chances of his recovery are very small.

February 13.

Colonel Quekemeyer woke me up at a little after seven and informed me that Colonel Boyd had died during the night. Colonel Boyd had been sick only a week. He went home from

the office in Paris on Thursday, the 6th, complaining that he was not feeling very well and that he had a little fever. This developed afterwards into bronchial pneumonia and spread very rapidly until both lungs were completely involved. The British Mission was informed of Colonel Boyd's death and requested to notify the Prince of Wales in Paris that I would have to leave Chaumont tonight for Paris in order to attend the funeral, and suggesting that, if possible, his visit be postponed. The Prince of Wales understood thoroughly and postponed his visit for the present.

I saw during the morning Generals Eltinge, Davis, Fiske, and Rees, and talked for a few minutes with Miss Hosford, who has been lecturing to our soldiers. Mrs. Linden-Smith was present at the chateau for luncheon but left soon afterwards for Coblenz. During the afternoon I had interviews with Generals Andrews, Davis, Moseley and Nolan. In order to clean up my desk before leaving for Paris, I worked until 9 o'clock. I invited the following officers to go to Paris on my special train, in order that they might attend Colonel Boyd's funeral tomorrow: Generals Brewster, Bethel, Andrews, Nolan, Moseley, Fiske, and Westervelt; Colonels Wadhams, Patten, Smith, W. D., and McCrea; Chaplain Dougherty; Lieutenant Colonels Pope, Lynch, McClellan and Manley. The train left at 11 p. m. for Paris and will arrive at the Gare de l'Est at 8:30 a. m.

February 14.

The train arrived at Paris at 8:30 a. m. and I went with my personal staff immediately to 73 Rue de Varenne where I saw General McAndrew, and went over with him the results of his conferences in Paris during the last few days. I sent Colonel Quekemeyer to call on the Prince of Wales and to express my regrets that his visit had to be postponed, and to ask if it would be convenient for me to call in the afternoon.

At 11 o'clock I went to Mrs. Abbott's apartment, 51 Rue Spontini, to see Mrs. Boyd. I was met by little Anne and a few minutes later saw Mrs. Boyd and had a talk of about 30 minutes with her. (Colonel Collins has written up the details of Colonel Boyd's sickness and death.)

I returned to Rue de Varenne and met there General Harbord and General Dawes, both of whom I invited to luncheon. At luncheon I discussed with General Harbord and General Dawes the situation at Brest and said to General Harbord incidentally that I thought that a good deal of the talk concerning Brest was due to one of the officers there who was talking too much and who was not loyal to General Harbord or the Commander-in-Chief.

At 1:30 I left for Mrs. Abbott's to get Mrs. Boyd and took her to the funeral services at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 5 Avenue George V. From the church we went to the Suresnes Cemetery, near Mont Valerien, which is the cemetery where American officers are buried, and where Colonel Boyd was laid to rest. Both Mrs. Boyd and Anne were remarkably

brave during this entire ordeal.

At 5 p. m. I called on the Prince of Wales at the Hotel Meurice and talked with him for about 15 minutes. It was decided that he would leave on my train tomorrow night and would spend the morning at my Headquarters, lunching with Major General Henry T. Allen at the 8th Corps Headquarters, returning to Chaumont for a reception in the afternoon and dinner at night. On the following day I told him we would review a division in the neighborhood of Commercy.

Shortly after my return to the house, got word from General Bliss and Mr. Lansing that I would be wanted at a conference of the five powers immediately after the breaking up of the afternoon sitting of the Peace Conference, for the purpose of deciding the question of the use of Rotterdam as a port of embarkation. It was stated that it might not be necessary for me personally to come if General Moseley could be sent. General Moseley was notified and finally attended this conference, after going over the entire matter with General McAndrew and myself. I dined at the house and had a conference there with General Conner and General Nolan.

February 15.

I woke up with a pretty bad sore throat and sent for Colonel Beeuwkes who doctored it for me and advised that I stay in all day. This I did, and with the exception of seeing General Harbord for about an hour in the afternoon I saw no one. During the afternoon I worked on some papers. I lunched and dined in my room. At 11 o'clock I dressed and went to the Gare de l'Est to my train. At about midnight the Prince of Wales arrived and was shown into my drawing room, where we talked for about 15 minutes. The Prince of Wales' Aide-de-Camp was Captain Lord Claude Hamilton. Besides my personal staff, General Brewster, General Wagstaff, Chief of the British Mission, General Brewster's A.D.C. and Colonel Patten came down on the train with me.

February 16.

I arrived at Chaumont on the train at 9 a. m. There was no guard at the station to meet H.R.H. The Prince of Wales as it was thought best not to have one as his visit was an informal one. We went from the train to the chateau and after a few minutes there, rode to the headquarters. I had the Prince of Wales and Captain Lord Claude Hamilton in my office for a few minutes and explained to H.R.H. a few of the things about our organization. I then had Quekemeyer show him around headquarters and take him to the different Chiefs of Sections. After this the Prince was taken out to see a formal guard mount and inspected the guard himself and afterwards received the review. The Prince of Wales, Lord Claude Hamilton, Colonel Patten and Colonel Bowditch left at 11:30 for General Allen's Headquarters at Montigny-sur-Aube, where they were received by General Allen, given luncheon, and afterwards taken to the Y.M. C.A. hall for some boxing contests. At 4:30 I gave a reception

at the chateau for a number of my staff officers to meet the Prince of Wales. I had as guests for dinner, besides the Prince, Lord Claude Hamilton, General Wagstaff, Colonel Puckle and Captain Hone, of the British Mission, General Brewster, General Bethel, General Fiske, General Eltinge, Colonel Burnie, Colonel Youngberg, Colonel Patten and Mr. de Rouvre, the owner of the chateau, who is a great bore and comes on every occasion when I entertain any person of importance. As he gives me the chateau free, I can not fire him out. We had music both for the reception in the afternoon and for the dinner at night.

February 17.

I left the chateau at 9:15 accompanied by the Prince of Wales. Lord Hamilton, Colonels Patten, Bowditch and Quekemeyer were in the next two cars. We motored to Commercy where we lunched with General Dugan, commanding the 35th Division, at his headquarters. At one o'clock I inspected the 35th Division. It was formed en masse, that is, in line of battalions in column of platoons. After a minute inspection, I asked the Prince of Wales to receive the review. I took a position on his left and asked General Bullard and General Kuhn, who were also present, to take a position on my left. The division was passed in review by simply executing "squads right" and moving by the flank. I consider that this is the best formation that I have seen for a review. The officers were assembled after the review and I gave them a short confidential talk, at the end of which they turned out "three cheers for Pershing". I then asked the officers to walk over with me and I presented them collectively to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, who made a short speech, at the end of which the officers turned out "three cheers for the Prince". After the review I inspected the school for the care of animals at Commercy. We left Commercy at about 4:30 and reached the chateau at 7:10. There were no guests for dinner except the Prince of Wales and Captain Lord Claude Hamilton. Almost immediately after dinner we all went to the G.H.Q. Revue, the talent of which is composed entirely of enlisted men at G.H.Q. It was very good and I think the Prince of Wales enjoyed it very much. We went from the theatre to the train, leaving Chaumont at 11:30 for Paris.

February 18.

I arrived in Paris at the Gare de l'Est at 8:30 a. m. The Prince of Wales had his own motor car meet him there so I said good-bye to him at the station and then came on to 73 Rue de Varenne. I had interviews with General Hines, the Embarkation Officer, General Dawes and General Meriwether Walker. At 11 o'clock I started on an inspection of the Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. activities in Paris. I was met by Lt. Col. E. M. Watson, Major Mulford from General Harts' office, and by Mr. Rancq, who is in charge of the Y.M.C.A. activities, by Colonel Burr, who is the Red Cross commissioner, and by Major Boyer of the Red Cross. During the morning and after-

noon I visited the following Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross activities:

Y.M.C.A.

M. T. Camp Hut - Longchamps.
Rochester Hotel, 49 Blvd. Purcell.
Enlisted Men's Club, 31 Ave. Montaigne.
Palais de Glace - Champs Elysee.
American Officers' Club - 4 Ave. Gabrielle.
Hotel Richmond - 11 Rue de Helder.
Hotel du Pavillon - 36 Rue de l'Echiquier.

Red Cross.

Hospital #57 - 17 Rue Auguste Comte.
Gare d'Orsay.
Hotel Regina.
Hotel Tuilleries.
Hotel de Louvre.
Hotel Helois, 75 Rue de la Victoire.
Gare St. Lazaire.

I lunched at the Cercle Interallie and had as my guests General Harts, Quekemeyer, Bowditch and Hughes. I am an Honorary President of this club and this is the first time that I have had lunch there since being named as such.

In inspecting Hospital #57 I saw Sergeant Lanckton, my old orderly, and I thought that he was looking particularly well. I gave instructions to Colonel Mitchell, the officer commanding the hospital, not to evacuate him but to keep him there and to let me know if anything could be done to make him more comfortable or to speed up his recovery.

At 7:30 I called on Mrs. Boyd. Anne Boyd was taken to the hospital this afternoon with a high fever and I am afraid that she has the "flu". I dined with Colonel Mott at his home. Mr. Bernard Baruch was also there. I left at 11:30 for La Suze.

February 19.

I arrived at La Suze at 8:30 a. m. Quekemeyer, Bowditch, Hughes and Beeuwkes were along. General Simonds came to the train immediately after our arrival and went over the program which he had arranged for my visit. General Read called at about 9 o'clock and I had a talk with Generals Read and Simonds.

I sent a telegram to Monsieur Clemenceau immediately after I heard that he had been shot. I talked with General McAndrew later with General Davis. At 11 o'clock I left for headquarters of the 26th Division, General Hale commanding, and lunched there with him. From one to four-thirty I spent in inspecting and reviewing the 26th Division and in decorating the officers and men of the Division who had been awarded the D.S.C., but who had not yet had them presented. This was the first time the 26th Division had ever been assembled as a division, although they were organized about two years ago. They presented an excellent appearance and as far as I can judge the division was not in accord with the articles that have been recently published in the papers concerning the 26th Division. After the

review I attended a performance by the 26th Division's theatrical troupe and enjoyed it very much. This performance was given in the hut of the Jewish Welfare Board in the town of Eccommoy. I returned to the train and just before dinner received a message from General McAndrew that Marshal Foch was holding a conference at his headquarters tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m. As it is absolutely necessary that I be there, I gave orders that the train go to Paris tonight. The train leaves at midnight.

February 20.

I arrived in Paris at 9 o'clock and motored immediately to 73 Rue de Varenne. A cablegram from Mr. Baker to Mr. Clemenceau was received by me with the request that it be delivered. At 11 a. m. I called on General Bliss at the Crillon to have a preliminary conference with him on the subject of limitation of armament for Germany preparatory to a conference with Marshal Foch and all the Allied Commanders-in-Chief at 3 p. m. At about noon I called on Mr. Clemenceau, leaving Secretary Baker's message and my card. I talked with General Mordaque, Mr. Clemenceau's Aide-de-Camp, and his doctor. I was told that Mr. Clemenceau's condition was somewhat more serious than was at first supposed as there was a bullet lodged in one of his lungs. I was told, however, that his pulse and respiration were practically normal and that he was in very good spirits. The doctor said that it would be forty-eight hours before the crisis had passed and that he would not be able to tell much until that time. Upon my return I found that General McAndrew had arrived from Chaumont with Captain de Marenches. At 3 p. m., with General McAndrew and de Marenches, I went to 4 bis Boulevard des Invalides, for the conference with Marshal Foch and did not return from there until 7 p. m. The minutes of this conference are filed in the large confidential folder marked "Conferences and Agreements". I dined with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lindon Smith at the Hotel Vouillemont at 8 p. m.

February 21.

During the morning I had interviews with Mr. E. C. Carter of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Casper Whitney, Mr. Strunsky, associate editor and correspondent of the New York Evening Post, and Mr. Vanderlip. At 11 o'clock I had a conference with General Bliss and General McAndrew, preparatory to a later conference with Marshal Foch on the subject of a limitation of armament for Germany continued from yesterday. I had Mrs. Fisher (Dorothy Canfield) and her two little children for luncheon. At 2:15 p. m. I saw Mr. Wheeler, editor, and Mr. Shepherd, assistant editor, of Everybody's Magazine for a few minutes, and then had another conference with General Bliss and General McAndrew. At 3 p. m. I left for 4 bis Boulevard des Invalides, for the conference. My statement to Marshal Foch, and the minutes of the meeting, are filed in the folder marked "Conferences and Agreements". After the conference, at about

6 p. m., I called on Ambassador Sharp. I had dinner at home and worked with General McAndrew on a large batch of papers after dinner.

February 22.

I went to the office at 45 Avenue Montaigne and had interviews with Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt on the question of organization of A.E.F. Society after the war, with Mr. E. C. Carter of the Y.M.C.A. concerning the transfer of the canteens from the Y.M.C.A. to the Army. Incidentally I gave Mr. Carter a letter of thanks for the good work done by the Y.M.C.A. I then saw General McAndrew, General Nolan and Colonel Hodges, and went into the matter of adopting a medal for meritorious service. Later I saw General Dawes and Colonel Sewell, and just before lunch saw Mr. Jewett from Appleton & Company for a few moments, and also General Drum. I lunched with the American Luncheon Club at Hotel Palais d'Orsay and was called upon to answer a toast to the American Army. The luncheon really developed into a farewell luncheon for Ambassador Sharp. After the speeches on the program had been made, Mr. Lines, the President, rose and proposed a toast "To the Army". When the toast had been drunk the members present requested that I reply to the toast. I was glad of this opportunity to show them very clearly my admiration for the American soldier, and at the same time to express my appreciation for Ambassador Sharp's co-operation during his service here. After luncheon I had a talk with Mr. Gompers, Mr. Strauss, and numerous members of the American Club who were present.

From the Hotel Palais d'Orsay I returned to 73 Rue de Varenne, where I got Colonel Beeuwkes to fix up my eyes, which have been troubling me. I saw Miss Resco and talked to her about changing the portrait that she had made of me. I motored to Mr. Joe Davidson's studio at 14 Avenue de Mame and saw the bust that he had done of me. I then returned to the office and saw Mr. Geo. W. Perkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Y.M.C.A., with Mr. Carter; later I saw Colonel Hodges, Major Kenneth Taylor, who had looked after Colonel Boyd during his illness, Colonel Mott, General Nolan and Mr. Fostick. I decorated Captain de Marenches with the Distinguished Service Medal. I dined with the British Ambassador, Lord Derby, at 8 p. m. to meet the Prince of Wales.

February 23.

I went to the office at 45 Avenue Montaigne and saw General Davis, who had been ordered up from Chaumont. I also saw Colonel Hodges and in conference with General Davis decided to have a medal for meritorious service. At 11:30 I saw Mr. Hoover and after my talk with him I worked with General Davis until the lunch hour. I invited Mrs. Harriman and Colonel and Mrs. de Chambrun to luncheon. During the afternoon I saw General Davis, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Charles R. Crane, Mr. Jewett, Colonel Mott and General Dawes. At 6:15 I went to the Crillon and had a talk with Mr. House. After

dinner I saw General Nolan for a few moments. At 11:30 p. m. left the Gare Montparnasse for Sable where I will review the 77th Division tomorrow.

February 24.

I arrived at Sable-sur-Sarthe at 8:26 a. m. General Alexander, commanding the 77th Division, with his Chief of Staff, Colonel Burleigh, and his Aides-de-Camp, were at the station to meet the train, and there was a guard of honor lined up. I got off the train and inspected the guard of honor and had a few minutes talk with General Alexander. I spent the morning on the train cleaning up some papers and had an early luncheon at 11:30 with Miss Reynolds and Miss Jarman (Y.M.C.A. Entertainers) and Generals Hale, Sheldon and Sherbourne, and Colonel Major of the 26th Division as guests.

From 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. I inspected and reviewed the 77th Division. The Division was massed on a very small field. The men did not present a very neat appearance, as a great many of them were not properly shaved, nor had their shoes been blacked or dubbined. The Division marched very well.

At 5 p. m. I received a call from the Mayor and some of the municipal authorities of Sable. I, together with Colonels Beeuwkes, Quekemeyer, Bowditch and Captain de Marenches, dined with General Alexander and afterwards went to see the Argonne Players (the theatrical performance of the 77th Division), which I consider the best Division show that I have yet seen. The train left at 11:30 p. m. for Guer, near Coetquidan.

February 25.

Due to engine trouble during the night the train did not arrive at Guer until 9:30 a. m. General Haynes, commanding two artillery brigades at Coetquidan, General Rockenbach, commanding Base Section, St. Nazaire, and Colonel Munroe, commanding Coetquidan, were at the station to meet the train.

I inspected Camp Coetquidan and reviewed the 61st and 64th Artillery Brigades of the 36th and 39th Divisions, and afterwards talked to the officers and sergeants of these organizations. I then inspected the different permanent camp units, and also talked to the officers and sergeants of these units.

I had for luncheon General Haynes, Colonel Munroe, and three of the commanding officers of the artillery regiments, Colonels Logan, Owen and Sholars, and Captain Corby. After luncheon I motored to Meucon and inspected and reviewed the camp personnel and a detachment of the 8th Field Artillery, and talked to the officers and sergeants afterwards. Captain Lehner commanded the camp of Meucon. I later inspected the camp hospital and had tea with some of the nurses. From there I motored to Vannes where I inspected the personnel of Base Hospital No. 136 and talked with the officers and nurses of this hospital, together with the nurses of Base Hospitals

Nos. 4, 5, and 12, who were awaiting transportation home. Captain Corby was a guest for dinner on the train. The train left at 9 p. m. and is scheduled to arrive at La Pallice at 9:13 tomorrow.

During the inspections I found that there was entirely too much venereal disease in the Meucon Camp. The venereal situation at Coetquidan was not bad, but it was found that the situation at Rennes was very bad. I gave instructions to the Commanding Officers to get after this and do all in their power to correct it at once, and ordered that Vannes be closed to the troops and also that Frank's Alley, a little camp near Coetquidan, be closed as upon investigation it seems that these two places are responsible for a large percentage of these cases.

February 26.

I arrived at La Rochelle shortly after 8 o'clock which was about an hour in advance of the schedule time. At about 9 o'clock Colonel Kelly, the commanding officer of Base Section #7, called and in going over the program with him I discovered that he had not ordered out all the troops in his command, so I instructed him to do so at once. At 9:30 I arrived at the stadium near La Rochelle and inspected and reviewed the various units stationed here. After the review I talked to the officers and sergeants. From La Rochelle I motored to La Pallice and looked over the docks and then inspected various units at Camp Sussex.

I lunched on the train with Colonel Kelly, Colonel Clark, Chief of Staff, Colonel Shaw, Base Surgeon, Colonel Game, Base Q. M., Colonel McMillan, Base Inspector, Colonel Grant, Post Commandant, and Lt. Colonel Vincent, commanding 35th Engineers, as guests. After luncheon I motored to Aigrefeuille and inspected Prisoner of War Enclosure Companies Nos. 33 and 266, the Infirmary, a salvage detachment and a detachment of the 14th Grand Division Transportation Corps; also a lot of about 250 German prisoners. From here I motored to Rochefort, where I inspected numerous miscellaneous units, and afterwards talked to the officers and sergeants of the organizations.

From Rochefort I went to Talmont, where I inspected other miscellaneous units. Leaving Talmont at 5:15, I motored to Bordeaux, arriving there at about 8 p. m. The train had already arrived from La Rochelle. I, together with Colonel Beeuwkes, Colonel Bowditch, Colonel Quekemeyer, Major Thornton, Captain Hughes and de Marenches, dined with General Walsh, returning to the train after dinner.

February 27.

I left the train at 9:15 to inspect Base Section #2, Brig. General Robert D. Walsh commanding. I went first to Bassens Docks where I inspected various units. I gave a talk to the officers and non-commissioned officers of these units. From Bassens Docks I was taken on a train to Camp St. Sulpice and on they way inspected a refrigerator plant and the men of Meat

Handling Section #503 and Butchery Company #344. I inspected the camp at St. Sulpice from the train and then went to Colonel McMahon's quarters for luncheon. After luncheon I inspected at St. Sulpice the units stationed there and afterwards talked to the officers and non-commissioned officers.

From St. Sulpice I motored to Libourne, where I inspected reviewed various units, mostly of the Air Service. Colonel Dussenbury was in command at Libourne. After the review I talked to all the officers and non-commissioned officers of these units.

I returned to the train at 6:30 p. m. and found that a courier had arrived from G.H.Q. with a good many papers and much mail. Later in the evening I was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Bordeaux Chamber of Commerce. My personal staff, consisting of Colonels Beeuwkes, Quekemeyer, Bowditch, Major Thornton, Captain Hughes and de Marenches, were also invited. After dinner the Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, in the absence of its President, Mr. Guestier, made a speech and was followed by the Mayor. I was called upon to respond and did so in a short speech without committing myself in any way, but upon being asked if I had any objection to their publishing the speech I requested that they make no mention of a remark that I made concerning wine and requested that instead of quoting me as saying that one of the main reasons for America entering the war was her love for France and the French people, to make the sentence read that among the reasons for America entering the war was her great friendship for France and the French people.

I had been invited to go to the Opera and hear Madame Butterfly, but after dinner I was told that Madame Butterfly was not to be played and instead that an opera called Lakme would be given. Incidentally, it seems that someone had been foolish enough to make known the fact that I was coming to the opera and the box had been decorated, and upon hearing all of this I decided that I would stay away and returned to the train about 11 p. m.

February 28.

Accompanied by General Walsh and my personal staff, I started out at 9:15 to continue my tour of inspection of the troops of Base Section #2 at Bordeaux. I inspected and reviewed the 157th and 158th Infantry of the 40th Division (Brig. General Tuthill commanding), and talked with the officers and non-commissioned officers of these units. From here I motored to Camp Souge, where I inspected various units. I talked with the officers and non-commissioned officers of these units and lunched with Colonel Conklin. Colonel McKormack is in command of the camp at Souge. From Souge I motored to Pauillac, where I inspected more miscellaneous units, and afterwards talked to all the officers and non-commissioned officers assembled. Captain Bob Evans, Jr., of the Navy, was in command of the Naval Air Forces at Pauillac. Returning to Bordeaux I went to the headquarters of Base Section #2 and was introduced

to all of the members of the French Mission and to some prominent officials of the city of Bordeaux; also to the staff and officers of Base Section #2. I was then asked to talk to about 700 officers and men (including telephone girls), of the headquarters which I did. I had as guests for dinner on the train General Noble, General Walsh, Colonel Barber, Chief of Staff, Colonel Stone, A.P.M., Colonel McKormack, Colonel Conklin, Colonel McMahon, Colonel Dussenbury and Lt. Colonel Quinn.

March 1.

I left the train at 8:30 and proceeded to the Embarkation Camp at Bordeaux where I inspected the troops at present in the Camp. After the inspection I decorated a couple of officers who had been awarded the D.S.C., and following this, spoke to all of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the units inspected. I met Major Burges of El Paso and invited him to come along with the party and have luncheon with me. From the Embarkation Camp I went to Beau Desert Hospital Center and there inspected the various hospitals, and talked to the nurses and convalescent patients of each of these hospitals assembled in the Red Cross buildings. I lunched with Colonel Talbott, commanding Base Hospital 114. From here I inspected Base Hospital 208 at Talence and talked with the officers, nurses and a large number of enlisted men of the hospital.

I then started on the main road to Biarritz and en route inspected some 4,000 troops, in two batches, belonging to the 20th Engineers and some casual units which had been doing forestry and saw mill work in the forests south of Bordeaux, and talked to the entire personnel at each of the two stops. I arrived in Biarritz at 7:30 p. m. and after changing clothes on the train, went to the Hotel du Palais for dinner and spent the night there. I met at the hotel a Mr. and Mrs. Park, Mrs. Hall (a Red Cross nurse), Captain and Mrs. Garvey and a Mrs. Pastor.

March 2.

I slept until 10 o'clock and spent the morning resting. I lunched at the hotel with Colonel Bowditch and had Colonel Brown, commanding the leave area at Biarritz, as guest. During the early part of the afternoon I slept for a couple of hours and at 5 p. m. had tea with Mrs. Henrietta Ealy. Afterwards, I called on Mr., Mrs. and Miss Asquith at the Carlton Hotel and had about a fifteen minute talk with them. I then went to call upon Mr. and Mrs. Park and returned to the hotel, dining with my personal staff at 8:30. The train left at 11:05 for Tours.

March 3.

I arrived at Tours at 9:25 and was met by General Harbord, his Chief of Staff, Colonel McAdams, and the Headquarters Commandant, Colonel Van Orden, and was taken immediately by Colonel Van Orden to St. Pierre des Corps, where I inspected various units. I talked to the entire personnel of these units and then motored to the quadrangle at Headquarters S.O.S., and in-

spected the officers, women workers and troops assembled there, after which I talked to them all. During the inspection I confined to barracks and quarters for a period of six weeks (including officers) Company B, 304th Labor Battalion, on account of the high venereal rate in the company. After the inspection I went to General Harbord's office and went over some papers with him and afterwards saw Colonel Oliver (Chief Dental Surgeon), and Colonel McCaw (Chief Surgeon), and Colonel Walker.

At 1:30 I left on my train for Saumur and was accompanied by General Dawes, who will remain with my party for the next day or two. He submitted and read to me his report to the Commanding General, S.O.S., on the activities of the General Pershing Agent. At Saumur I inspected and reviewed various units. Captain Armstrong was in command, General George Leroy Irwin and Colonel Macdonald having left only this morning. I talked to the entire personnel of these units.

From Saumur I went to Camp Strathcona, Major Fairman commanding, and inspected some miscellaneous units, afterwards talking to the entire personnel. At 6 p. m. the train left Saumur for Tours and at 11:30 left Tours for St. Aignan, where I will inspect troops tomorrow.

March 4.

I arrived at St. Aignan and started off on my inspection at 9:30. Colonel Lewis W. Cass, the commanding officer there, was at the train to meet me and in going over the program with him I found that he had not turned out all units as directed. I reprimanded him for not turning out all units and directed that these be turned out at once. About 12,000 troops, including 300 casual officers and about two battalions of army candidates, were massed near St. Aignan and were inspected by me. I talked to the entire personnel after my inspection. This is the largest crowd that I have yet spoken to. I then inspected Camp Hospital #26 at Noyers (near St. Aignan). Col. W. C. Riddell was in command. From Noyers I motored to Contres (Col. Antone Stephan commanding), where I inspected various units. After the inspection I talked to the entire personnel. After lunch on the train I motored to Selles-sur-Cher, where I inspected some miscellaneous units. After the inspection I talked to the entire personnel.

I was met at Selles-sur-Cher by Colonel Sumner, the commanding officer at Romorantin, and he took me to Romorantin where I inspected and reviewed various units, mostly of the Air Service. After the review I addressed the entire personnel of these units. I was particularly impressed with the splendid appearance of the Aero Squadrons. I had tea at the Officers' Club run by the Y.M.C.A., and afterwards returned to the train for dinner. A courier had arrived from G.H.Q., and after dinner I worked on papers. Colonel Symonds, the commanding officer at Gievres, was my guest at dinner.

March 5.

At 8:30 I started on my tour of inspection of the Gievres station and inspected the entire personnel there in two lots. I addressed each lot in turn. At noon my train left for Issoudun where it arrived at 1:22. I was met there by Major H. S. Curry. I motored to the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center near Issoudun, where I inspected and reviewed the units enumerated in my memorandum of inspections for this date. After the review I addressed the entire personnel of these units. Here again the personnel of the Aero Squadrons was perfectly splendid. From Issoudun I motored to Montierchaume (Lt. Col. A. P. Watts commanding), and inspected the various units there. After the inspection I talked to all the personnel of these units. The Commanding Officer then took me by train over his plant and gave me an idea of its extent and the tremendous amount of property and food-stuff there. I then motored to Chateauroux and inspected Base Hospital 63. I talked to the officers and nurses of this hospital and a large number of convalescents. After dinner on the train the minister of the Protestant Church at Chateauroux called at my train with four small children to present me with a Huguenot Bible some three hundred years old. One of the little boys laboriously read out in English a very pretty tribute to the American soldier, in which he mentioned that the citizens of Chateauroux looked upon them with great interest and respected them as splendid soldiers and Christian gentlemen. I showed them through the train and gave each of the children some boxes of candy which we had on the train. The train leaves at 11:37 for Paris and is due at the Quai d'Orsay at 9 a. m.

March 6.

Arrived in Paris at 9 a. m. and motored immediately to the tailor's in order to have a couple of blouses repaired. General McAndrew and Colonel Collins were at 73 Rue de Varenne when I arrived and I talked with them for a few moments. At 12 o'clock I went to see General Bliss at the Crillon and following this had a conference with Mr. House for about half an hour. After lunch at the house, I had a conference with General McAndrew and following this gave Mr. Pond, who is painting a portrait of me, about half an hour. At 3 o'clock I went to the Peace Conference but only stayed a very few minutes, after which I returned to the office and had interviews with Colonel Oliver, Colonel Hodges, Dr. Simmonds (who had a verbal message for me from Mr. Brand Whitlock), Mr. Fosdick, Mr. Floyd Gibbons and Mr. Hoover. I talked with Mr. Hoover on the question of furnishing food for our Russian prisoners in Germany. In brief, I refused to assume any responsibility for feeding these prisoners as no authority exists for such action, but said that I was prepared to give necessary instructions that supplies that could be spared be placed at Mr. Hoover's disposal under such financial arrangements as might be convenient. Together with Quekemeyer and Bowditch, I dined at the Ritz Hotel with the Charge d'Affaires of Persia

and Madame Ali-Kuli Khan. The dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lansing. The host made a lengthy speech, touching upon the history of Persia, what she had done for the world and her aspirations. He was followed by the head of the Persian Peace Delegation who spoke in Persian, and he, in turn, was followed by Mr. Lansing who made a very clever speech.

March 7.

Saw General McAndrew from 9 to 10 o'clock and cleaned up some affairs with him. At 10 o'clock I went with Colonel Oliver to Hospital 57, where I had some work commenced upon my teeth. After lunch at the house, I gave Mr. Pond about three-quarters of an hour to work on my portrait. I then met General Dawes and members of the Liquidation Board: Messrs. Hollis, Johnson and Chadbourne. I came to the office at about 3 p. m. and had interviews with Mr. Floyd Gibbons, Lt. Col. Parsons, General Churchill, Mr. McLanahan, Colonel Percy Jones, Colonel Oliver and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. Mrs. Reid was dissatisfied with the manner in which her Hospital #3 in Paris was being run and I promised to take the matter up and see that everything was straightened out. I dined quietly at the house.

March 8.

Saw Mr. Pond from 9 to 10 a. m. and then went to the dentist's. After finishing with the dentist I saw Sergeant Lanckton and found that it was possible to have him moved around to the house at 73 Rue de Varenne, which I had done. I lunched quietly at the house with my aides-de-camp. Immediately after lunch I saw Major Kountze and talked with him concerning the financial arrangements for paying American troops in occupied territory. I then gave Mr. Pond about 45 minutes to work on my portrait. Saw General Dawes, then Colonel Wallace, and then motored to the office. I gave interviews to General Currie, commanding the Canadian Corps of the British Expeditionary Forces, Colonel Burr, commissioner for France of the American Red Cross, and Colonel Oliver. I dined with Miss Hoyt, and left at 12 midnight for Chaumont.

March 9.

Arrived at Chaumont at 8:30 a. m. and came immediately to the office where I saw General McAndrew for a few minutes. At 9:30 the party of British officials arrived. The party consisted of

Viscount Peel, Under Secretary for War.

Lord Burnham, Editor of the "Daily Telegraph".

Lt. Gen. Sir A. T. Godley, Commanding 22nd

British Corps.

Major Gen. G. F. Boyd, Commanding 46th Division.

Major Gen. H. M. Bethell, Commanding 66th Division.

Brig. Gen. Maitland, Chief of Air Service.

Brig. Gen. Lewin.

Captain Law, A.D.C.

Captain Marriot.

Ambassador Davis from London and Lt. Colonel Griscom were also in the party. I talked with them for about 30 minutes and turned them over to the Chief of Staff and the Chiefs of the different sections. This party has just finished an extensive trip over our S.O.S. and, after dining with me this evening, will leave for the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne battle ground and the Army of Occupation. During the morning I had interviews with General Harbord and General Davis. After lunch I had interviews with General McAndrew, General Davis, General Bethel, General Moseley and General Brewster.

March 10.

I motored to Colombey-les-Belles, where I lunched with General Hay, commanding the 28th Division. After luncheon I inspected and reviewed the 28th Division and found it in most excellent shape. Its transportation was the finest that I have seen in France. Mr. Davis, the American Ambassador to England, Lord Peel, General Glodley, General Bethell, General Boyd, General Maitland and Colonel Lord Burnham, of the British Army, joined me in the inspection and received the review with me. After inspecting the troops, I decorated those men of the 28th Division who had been awarded the D.S.C., and just before this ceremony took place, I called for General Nolan, Colonel Sweeny and Colonel Griscom, and asked them to take their places in the line of those to be decorated, in the order named, as General Nolan had been awarded the D.S.C. for gallantry in action and Colonels Sweeny and Griscom had been awarded the D.S.M. for distinguished and meritorious services. This is the first intimation that they had of having been awarded these medals and it came as quite a surprise to them. After the review the officers all left for General Hay's Headquarters, where they had been invited to tea. I addressed all of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the 28th Division and then proceeded to the tea at General Hay's Headquarters. All of the British officers in their talk to me seemed to have been very much impressed by the inspection and review of the 28th Division and all seemed also to be enjoying very much their visit to the American area. I dined quietly at the chateau in Chaumont.

March 11.

At 8:30 I inspected all the troops and officers at G.H.Q. They were formed en masse in the quadrangle and after inspecting them I made a short talk to them and expressed my appreciation of the fine work which they had done. I then went to Hospital #90 and inspected the personnel and some of the wards. I also addressed here the officers, nurses and about 400 of the men. During the morning I had interviews with the Chief of Staff, General Davis, General Eltinge, General Brewster and Colonel Collins. Colonel Bayne, of the Judge Advocate Department, who came over on my staff in June, 1917, called and paid his respects. At 1:10 I left for Paris, arriving there at about 7 p. m. At 8:15 I attended a large dinner given

by the members of the Allied Press to delegates of the Peace Commission. Marshal Foch, Mr. Lansing and Mr. Tardieu made speeches. Marshal Foch in his speech paid a very high tribute to the American Army. Mr. Lansing's speech was very clever indeed, and he talked straight from the shoulder, telling the party just what he considered would be necessary in order to have peace.

March 12.

From 9:30 to 1:30 Mr. Pond worked on my portrait. At 10:30 I went to the office at 45 Avenue Montaigne and saw General Harries who had just come from Berlin. I went over thoroughly with him the question of feeding the Russian prisoners of war in Germany and told him my policy on this subject, which is the same as that stated in my letter to Mr. Hoover of March 8th. Later I saw Mr. O'Neill, correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. I invited Mrs. Boyd to have luncheon with us and after luncheon I had a long talk with her so as to find out just how she was getting along. It would seem that her affairs are in very good shape and I have no fear that she will not be able to get along all right, as General Dawes is looking after her investments. During the afternoon I had interviews with General Harbord, Colonel Ayres (who submitted some very interesting charts on statistics) and Mrs. Harriman. I decorated General Payot of the French Army with the D.S.M. which had been awarded him. I saw Miss May Birkhead at the house for a few minutes before leaving for a dinner with Colonel and Mrs. House. The train left at 11:30 for Treves.

March 13.

The train arrived at Treves at about 11 o'clock. Colonel Bacon and Mr. Floyd Gibbons, in addition to my personal staff consisting of Colonels Beeuwkes and Quekemeyer and Captains Hughes and de Marenches, were in my party. Colonel Bowditch returned to Chaumont from Paris to make the necessary arrangement for the visit of the King and Queen of the Belgians, who arrive at my headquarters on March 19th. General Smith and Colonel Conger were at the station and came into my office on the train for a short talk on conditions in Treves. Shortly before 1 o'clock my entire party went to General Smith's residence for luncheon. Despite the fact that officers are not allowed to purchase food in Treves for their messes, we had a most delicious luncheon supplied entirely by the commissary. At 2 p. m. we inspected the 354th Regiment of Infantry, Colonel Conrad Babcock commanding. Colonel Babcock is the commandant at Treves and his regiment is there as a garrison. The personnel presented an excellent appearance and clothes and shoes were exceptionally well cleaned. I was also pleased to learn that the venereal rate was very low, there having been for some time only one case in the entire regiment. After the troops passed in review they were assembled and I addressed them. Immediately following this I inspected the Military Police and

other detachments stationed in Treves. The rest of the afternoon was spent in visiting the evacuation hospitals in Treves and the aviation field nearby. I also saw the installations of the welfare units and was particularly pleased with the splendid arrangement which had been made for the entertainment of our enlisted men by the Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross. General Smith and his aides, Colonel Conger and Colonel Babcock dined with me on my train and later we went to a very delightful dance given by the Aviation Officers at the Officers' Club. The entire installation at Treves and the officers and enlisted men I saw there pleased me very much indeed.

March 14.

At Coblenz.

The train arrived early this morning and I began my inspection trip about 8:30. General Dickman and General Craig met me at the train as did also a staff officer from the 2nd Division. We motored immediately to the hills behind Vallendar where the 2nd Division was turned out for inspection. The transportation, artillery and personnel were in very good shape and made a creditable showing. After the inspection I decorated Sergeant Louis Van Iersel with the Medal of Honor and Major General John A. Lejeune and Brigadier General W. C. Neville with the D.S.M., and conferred the D.S.Cs. which had been awarded to members of that Division. After my address to the officers and non-commissioned officers, we motored to Montaubauer for lunch with General McGlachlin. After lunch we went immediately to the reviewing ground about four kilometers away where the 1st Division was assembled. The terrain lent itself especially well to the massing of such a large body of troops, and the picture presented by the various units drawn up along one side of the valley was most effective. I found the division in that same state of excellence that I had expected of it. After the inspection, at the decoration ceremony, I conferred the D.S.M. on General McGlachlin, Colonel Fuqua, Colonel W. E. Harrell and Colonel Charles A. Hunt, and the D.S.Cs. which had not yet been conferred. After the review we returned to the Coblenzer Hof at Coblenz, where we are staying during my inspection of the 3rd Army. Dined at General Dickman's. Returned to the hotel at about 10:30 and worked on some papers which had come from G.H.Q. by courier. Found General Nolan and Colonel Griscom at this hotel and have asked them to join me in making my inspection of the 3rd Army.

March 15.

This morning at 9 o'clock I inspected all the officers and troops at General Dickman's headquarters in the main square in Coblenz. Also two battalions of the 4th Division which presented a most creditable appearance. After this inspection I decorated the following officers now on duty with the 3rd Army, with the D.S.M.: General Dickman, General Craig, Colonel Parker Tyner, General Hines, General Campbell King, General Muir, General Haan and General Harry A. Smith and Colonel John C. H. Lee.

I also presented the Medal of Honor to Lieutenant Louis Cukela, 5th Marines, and Private John J. Kelly, 6th Marines, which had been awarded them, both of the 2nd Division. As soon as this ceremony was over I made a short talk to the officers and non-commissioned officers of the detachments inspected and then proceeded by motor to Rengsdorf, where I and my staff lunched with General Lassiter at his headquarters. Immediately after lunch we proceeded to the reviewing ground where the 32nd Division was drawn up for inspection. I have found a tremendous improvement in the appearance of the animals of all these divisions, which improvement I believe can be attributed in part to the interest aroused by the various corps and divisional horse shows. The transportation and artillery of the 32nd Division were very good and the enlisted personnel was most excellent. After the inspection I conferred the D.S.M. on General Lassiter, General Winans and Colonel Robert McC. Beck, and also the D.S.Cs. which had been held for my arrival. Following the review the entire division was massed so that I might address them. Due to a favorable wind I was able to make myself heard by the entire body of troops. Immediately after this our party came to Neuwied where General Hines has taken up his headquarters in the castle belonging to the Prince of Neuwied. General Hines had asked quite a number of people to dinner, including some very attractive Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross ladies, and after dinner he gave a very pleasant dance. We spent the evening here so as to be able to inspect the corps troops early tomorrow morning.

March 16.

Left General Hines' headquarters this morning at a quarter before nine and motored with him to Vallendar where the troops of the 3rd Corps were assembled for inspection. These included a squadron of cavalry and two balloon sections. In the review which followed the inspection, the balloon sections passed before the reviewing stand with their balloons inflated drawn by the personnel of these sections, who carried the guy ropes. The effect was most striking. After the review I spoke to the entire personnel of these units.

General Flagler's aide was at the reviewing grounds to guide us to the 42nd Division Headquarters (Remargen), where we went for lunch. Immediately after lunch we started for the reviewing grounds where the 42nd Division was assembled. Due to some misunderstanding the materiel of the artillery and transportation had not been turned out and only the personnel of these units were there. I was greatly displeased at this because I especially wished to see this materiel inasmuch as it is to be turned in in a few days. Since returning to Coblenz I have given instructions that the transportation and artillery be turned out along the roads throughout the 42nd Division area for my inspection after I finish with the 3rd Division tomorrow afternoon. While the personnel of the 42nd Division was good, it did not compare with that of the three divisions which I have already inspected in this Army. The

men were not so well set up physically and their clothing showed lack of proper care. In questioning various company commanders I learned also that the venereal rate in this division is higher than in any other combatant unit. The staff attributes this to the fact that a great many men of this division have been on leave in the British area where no prophylactic stations are established and venereal conditions are bad. After the troops passed in review I addressed the entire division and was able to make myself heard by all but a very few men. At the decoration ceremony following the inspection I presented the Medal of Honor to Corporal Sidney E. Manning, 167th Infantry, and the D.S.M. to General McArthur and Colonel William N. Hughes, Jr. Following the review we returned to Coblenz and after washing up at the hotel went to General Dickman's for dinner. After dinner there was a very delightful entertainment furnished by the enlisted men of the 42nd Division and Y.M.C.A. entertainers, and following that a dance which lasted until about 1 o'clock.

March 17.

Left the hotel about 9 o'clock this morning and inspected the personnel of the five evacuation hospitals (Nos. 9, 14, 22, 27 and 49) here in Coblenz. After each inspection I made a short address to the officers, nurses and enlisted men assembled and emphasized in my talks the important part played by the American women on duty with the A.E.F. I found all of these hospitals in splendid shape.

Upon completion of this inspection I motored to Andernach where we had luncheon with General Howze. General Dickman and General Muir were also there. After luncheon we motored to Weisenturm and inspected the 3rd Division. I found a great number of the replacements which the 3rd Division has received to be small and undeveloped. The transportation and artillery were in excellent shape and the review which followed my inspection was especially good, as the artillery passed in massed formation and gave a splendid impression of solidarity and strength. At the decoration ceremony I presented Medals of Honor to Lieutenant George P. Hays, 10th Field Artillery, and Private John L. Barkley, 4th Infantry, and the D.S.M. to General Sladen, General Bishop and Colonel Robert McCleave; also the D. S.Cs. which had been awarded to members of that division. Following the review I left immediately, accompanied by General Flagler, to inspect the transportation and artillery of the 42nd Division which, according to my instructions, had been drawn up along the roads. The transportation was in good shape but the horses and materiel of the 149th Field Artillery were not up to standard. I have given instructions that this materiel should not be turned in until it has been thoroughly inspected and reported upon as being serviceable. Due to the large area covered by the 42nd Division we did not reach Coblenz until 8:45 and so were quite late for a dinner to which we had been invited by Colonel Fowler of the Air Service. The dinner was a very pleasant one and later quite a large dance was given. I returned to the hotel rather early to work on some papers which have come

from Chaumont.

Mr. Hitchcock has arrived in Coblenz from Paris with Major Bonzel, of Mr. House's section in Paris, and a conducting officer. I have asked them to go with me to the 4th Division review tomorrow.

March 18.

Left Coblenz at 9 o'clock this morning and motored to a field near Cochem where General Muir had assembled all the 4th Corps troops for my inspection. The personnel of the various detachments composing the 4th Corps troops impressed me most favorably, and after the inspection I made a short talk to them. Then we motored to Bad-Bertrech where I lunched with General Hersey. Immediately after luncheon we left for the 4th Division for an inspection. I was tremendously pleased with the entire showing made by these troops. At the decoration ceremony I presented the D.S.M. to General Poore and Lt. Colonel Edward Canfield, and the D.S.Cs. which had been held for my arrival. After the review I addressed the entire division from the reviewing stand and then motored to Cochem and went direct to the train which had been moved down from Coblenz during the day. After dinner we went to General Muir's Headquarters. He and his staff are living in a very charming castle high up on one of the hills overlooking the town. After dinner and the entertainment which was furnished by the enlisted men of his headquarters, we returned to the train and are now on our way to Chaumont. Mr. Hitchcock's party has returned to Coblenz in order to start tomorrow morning on a trip through Belgium. I am taking six newspaper correspondents on the train with me tonight to Chaumont to enable them to cover the visit of the King and Queen of Belgium to my headquarters. They seem to feel that this will make a good newspaper story and I rather believe that the King would like to have this written up at some length. In the inspections I have made during these past five days I have found the spirit of the officers and men to be excellent. They seem to have all comforts that can possibly be provided and are carrying on their duties in a most satisfactory manner. During my inspections I asked a number of men if they desired to return home. In almost every instance they replied that they did but stated that they were quite willing to stay as long as there was need of their services.

March 19.

At Chaumont.

Arrived this morning about 9:30 and went straight to the office. Worked all day on a great number of papers which had accumulated during my absence and also took up a number of matters with General Eltinge. General McAndrew is still in Paris undergoing medical treatment. We had received word earlier in the day that the King and Queen would arrive by aeroplane but this afternoon word was received that they had left Brussels by motor. This means that they will be unable

to reach here before quite late this evening. At present they have not arrived. Countess de Caraman Chimay, Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, and Colonel Tilkins, aide to the King, arrived this afternoon and were at the chateau for dinner tonight, as was also Major d'Oultremont, formerly attached to the Belgian Mission here and now of the King's household in Brussels. Bowditch has made all plans for the party's visit here.

March 20.

The King and Queen arrived last night about 12 o'clock and, after an exchange of cordialities in the salon, went almost immediately to bed. This morning the entire party left the chateau about 10:30 for the Hotel de Ville, where the town authorities gave a short reception to Their Majesties. The King rode with me in my automobile and the Queen, with her Lady-in-Waiting, followed in the next car with Colonel Bowditch. As soon as this ceremony was over, we motored to the 8th Corps headquarters at Montigny-sur-Aube, for lunch with General Allen. After luncheon we went immediately to review the 81st Division, which was drawn up on a field in that vicinity. I did not make my usual minute inspection of the troops as I felt that this would be of little interest to my guests. However, I had the usual decoration ceremony at which I conferred the D.S.M. on General Allen, Colonel Roberts and Colonel Erickson, and certain D.S.Cs. which were being held at the division for me to present. The King of the Belgians also presented Belgian decorations to various officers of the staff. Following this ceremony, the troops passed in review and made a very creditable showing. About 4:30 we returned to my chateau where Bowditch had arranged a reception of the principal staff officers and chiefs of missions and those officers who had previously been decorated with some Belgian order. This evening we had a dinner for Their Majesties of about twenty people which included the chiefs of missions, General Brewster, General Eltinge, and the personal staff of the King and Queen and my own personal staff.

Toward the end of the dinner I proposed a toast to Their Majesties, expressing the esteem in which they were held by all of the Allies for the heroic sacrifice of their country and for their own personal consecration to duty. The King responded in a few words, praising the help which had come to his war-worn country from America and expressing his appreciation of the spirit which brought men across the Atlantic to fight for an ideal. At about 10 o'clock the King and Queen retired and the rest of the guests left.

March 21.

Left the chateau this morning at 10 o'clock with the King, Queen, and Royal party for my headquarters in order that they might see a formal Guard Mount. I was especially desirous that they should hear the General Headquarters Band, so that they might realize what excellent music has been developed in the expeditionary forces. Immediately after Guard Mount the

entire party left for Bar-sur-Aube to lunch with General Liggett at his chateau. General Liggett had planned a very delightful luncheon which, I believe both the King and the Queen enjoyed, especially as it gave them an opportunity to meet a great many officers of the First Army. After luncheon we went direct to the athletic field where a football game was in progress between teams of the 7th and 36th Divisions. As this was one of the semi-final games in the football tournament which is being held throughout the A.E.F., a great deal of interest was aroused and there were between 20,000 and 30,000 spectators. Apparently both the King and the Queen enjoyed the game immensely, and spoke several times of the splendid physique of our soldiers whom they say, the spectators as well as the players. After the game we returned to General Liggett's chateau for tea and then came back to Chaumont. Had dinner this evening at the chateau for the King and Queen and their staff and the officers of the Belgian Mission. After dinner we went to the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium to witness the G.H.Q. Revue, and all of the party seemed to be interested in it as an example of what we are doing to amuse our troops.

March 22.

The King and Queen and their party left this morning about 10 o'clock for Brussels. As the weather was extremely bad and the King had an open car, I put one of my Locomobiles at his disposal, which offer he readily accepted and seemed very much pleased. As soon as they left I went to my office and have been working steadily all day on a great number of letters and memoranda which required my action. This afternoon, about 5 o'clock, I stopped in to see Captain Aitken, who in civil life is a sculptor of some reputation, and posed for him while he worked on a bust he wishes to make of me. During the course of the day saw General Eltinge and immediately after lunch had a long talk with Colonel Conger who has just come back from Germany with most interesting reports. While he was there he was afforded every facility for making close observations as to the present political and military situation, and the attitude of the German General Staff. Also saw General Bethel and cleaned up a number of cases which have been pending for some time.

March 23.

Got up this morning before breakfast and took a ride. Worked at the office all morning. Saw General Moseley, who has just returned from Paris after a sick leave, General Andrews, General Fiske, General Perelli of the Italian Mission, and a new Italian officer, Captain Huntington, who is to be here at the head of the Italian Mission during General Perelli's absence. On the noon train Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grew, Mr. Thackera, the American Consul General, and Mrs. Borden Harriam came to Chaumont to pay me a little visit. Mr. and Mrs. de Rouvre, owners of the chateau, also put in an appearance so that at present we have a very crowded household. After lun-

cheon went to headquarters and had decoration ceremony at 3 o'clock, at which time I conferred the D.S.M. upon thirty-six officers from these headquarters and the headquarters of the First Army, as follows:

Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett.
Major General William M. Wright.
Brigadier General Harry H. Bandholtz.
Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum.
Brigadier General William M. Fassett.
Brigadier General George S. Gibbs.
Brigadier General Edward L. King.
Brigadier General Lesley J. McNair.
Brigadier General Robert I. Rees.
Brigadier General Marcellus G. Spinks.
Colonel Roger G. Alexander.
Colonel E. G. Bingham.
Captain Upton Birnie, Jr.
Colonel Frank C. Burnett.
Colonel A. L. Conger.
Colonel John J. Carty.
Colonel John L. DeWitt.
Colonel John W. Greely.
Colonel Parker Hitt.
Colonel Willey Howell.
Colonel Thorndyke Howe.
Colonel George C. Marshall, Jr.
Colonel John R. Thomes.
Colonel Arnold D. Tuttle.
Colonel Sanford H. Wadhams.
Colonel H. C. Whitehead.
Colonel Gilbert A. Youngberg.
Lt. Colonel Henry Beeuwkes.
Lt. Colonel James L. Collins.
Lt. Colonel Paul H. Clarke.
Lt. Colonel John R. Kilpatrick.
Lt. Colonel Aristides Moreno.
Lt. Colonel J. G. Quekemeyer.
Lt. Colonel H. H. White.
Lt. Colonel J. S. Jones.
Major Charles S. Brent.

Colonel Bacon was decorated by me this morning as he had to leave on the 2 o'clock train for Paris. His wife is quite ill and inasmuch as his work at British G.H.Q. is now completed, I have given him permission to return to the United States.

After the decoration ceremony in the quadrangle, I asked Mrs. Hall, one of our Y.M.C.A. workers, to my office, and there in the name of the Queen of Belgium presented her with the Belgian decoration which had been left for her. Worked until 5:30 and then went to the chateau where I had asked all the officers decorated to come down for tea. Major General Williams of the Ordnance Department and I had a long talk. Also

had a long talk with General Bandholtz and several others. Excused myself almost immediately after dinner this evening and saw General Nolan on several important matters. Also had a Field Clerk come to the house and continued my work until midnight.

March 24.

Left the chateau this morning at 9:45 with Colonel Quekemyer, Colonel Bowditch, Mrs. Borden Harriman and Mr. Thackera and went direct to Hanlon Field to make an inspection of the Military Police, the Prisoner of War Escort Company and the German Prisoner Company. I found the personnel of the detachments there in very good condition. Immediately after this inspection we left for Bourbonne-les-Bains, arriving at 11:15. We were met at the entrance of the town by an officer who guided us to a spot nearby, where the S.O.S. troops around Bourbonne-les-Bains (approximately 2400 men) were massed for inspection. Upon completion of this inspection we went to General Morton's Headquarters in the town for luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Grew who had gone there direct from Chaumont with Captain Hughes were waiting for us. We reached the reviewing ground of the 29th Division shortly after 1 o'clock and I began my inspection at once. Due to the muddy condition of the field, the artillery and transportation had been drawn up on the roads and only the four Infantry Regiments were assembled for inspection. At the decoration ceremony I conferred D.S. Ms. on Major General Morton and Brigadier General Upton. I also decorated the colors of the four Infantry Regiments, tying on them the ribbons which have been furnished by the Adjutant General's Department in lieu of silver bands which will be given by the War Department later. This is the first time that I have decorated any of the colors of a Division. These ribbons have on them the names of the battles in which the different units took part and the dates of that action. After the troops passed in review, I started out to inspect the transportation and artillery. Due to the fact that it was scattered over a number of roads, I did not reach Chaumont until 8:15. On the whole, the Division made a very good showing, but the details for the inspection and review had not been carefully worked out by the Chief of Staff. Mr. and Mrs. Grew and Mr. Thackera did not wait to see the transportation, but left immediately after the review for Chaumont with Captain Hughes and took the 5:30 train for Paris. When I came down to dinner this evening, found Mr. Gregory, former Attorney General, who arrived in Chaumont this afternoon and whom Colonel Collins had asked to dinner. Lieutenant Hayes, who is conducting him on a short trip over the battle-front was also here.

March 25.

At Chaumont.

Have been able to devote the entire day at the office. This morning saw General Eltinge and General Moseley. This afternoon Mr. Perry Robinson, formerly correspondent of the

London Times who is now writing articles on the American effort in France, Mrs. Catherine Mayo, who had come from Paris by appointment to see me in regard to a history of the Y.M.C.A. which she intends to undertake. Later saw Mr. Tibaut, a Belgian delegate to the Peace Conference who came down from Paris to discuss with me the question of retrieving Belgian cattle carried away by the Germans during their retreat, a part of which is now in the territory occupied by the American Third Army. Saw Colonel Collins in regard to several cables and then had a long talk with Mr. Julius Kahn, Chairman of the Military Committee, who arrived at Chaumont this afternoon. He came here after a short trip over the battlefields around Soissons and Chateau Thierry and has in his party his son, a civilian doctor and a conducting officer. He and his son are staying at my chateau, the doctor and the conducting officer at the guest house. After dinner I had another long talk with him and intend to take him out tomorrow on my trip of inspection of the 80th and 78th Divisions. Mrs. Borden Harriman left for Paris today on the 2:18 train.

March 26.

Got an early start for the 80th Division which I inspected this morning. Mr. Kahn and his son went with me; also Colonel Quekemeyer, Colonel Bowditch and Lieutenant Pershing. The reviewing ground of the division was near its headquarters at Ancy-le-Franc so that we had quite a distance to motor before the inspection. Found that most of the materiel, such as machine guns, had been turned in by the division preparatory to their moving to a base port, but nevertheless the troops made a good showing and put up a very creditable review. Besides conferring medals at the decoration ceremony, I tied ribbons on the various colors of the organization in the division. This makes a very effective ceremony and seemed to interest everyone greatly. I conferred the D.S.M. on Brigadier General Lloyd M. Brett and Colonel Charles Keller. In the course of the morning I also saw some S.O.S. troops which are stationed in that area and which by my orders had been assembled for inspection and review. Had lunch at General Sturgis' headquarters after the review and then started immediately for Venray, where the 78th Division was assembled for inspection and review. Mr. Kahn and his son returned to Chaumont as the weather was bad and I believe he was a little fatigued by his morning's trip. I found the 78th Division in excellent condition and the morale of all ranks very high. Did not inspect the transportation until after the review of the other units and in consequence did not complete my inspection until 7:30. Immediately thereafter we went to Semur (General Ray's headquarters) for dinner, and after dinner saw a very creditable performance given by the various enlisted men of the Division. From what I have seen of the various forms of entertainment provided for the troops, I have come to the conclusion that the men get more pleasure from witnessing their own amateur performances than from entertainments gotten up by the professional

personnel which the Y.M.C.A. is supplying. Left immediately after the performance for Chaumont, but due to the bad weather and poor roads did not reach the chateau until 1:30 a. m.

March 27.

Mrs. Boyd and Anne came down last evening with General McAndrew from Paris, and have been at the house all day packing up Boyd's effects, preparatory to taking them back when Mrs. Boyd goes to the States as she plans to do about April 12th. Mr. Kahn has been in Chaumont all day seeing General McAndrew, General Moseley, General Brewster, and several other chiefs of sections. After quite an extensive trip which he wishes to make through Belgium, the occupied territory, Switzerland, Italy, southern France and our S.O.S., he intends to come back here to discuss various questions with the General Staff. Both Davis and General McAndrew are back to their desks now after leave. General Fox Conner is also back. I have had an opportunity to finish up practically all the papers which required my action and also got off a great many letters. Received word today from Sir Douglas Haig that he would be pleased to visit my headquarters on Friday, April 4th. As he is leaving for England on the 5th and has never been to Chaumont, I sent him an invitation to visit me here before his departure. He retires as Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Forces in France, and the British General Headquarters closes about the 2nd of April. This evening for dinner, besides Mr. Kahn and his son and Mrs. Boyd and Anne, we had Mr. Quinn, member of the Military Committee of the House and his wife. I am now en route to Paris on my train, where I shall be for three or four days. I am taking Mrs. Boyd and Anne back at the same time, and also have Quekemeyer, Bowditch, Hughes, Colonel Beeuwkes and Captain de Marenches along with me.

March 28.

Reached Paris this morning about 9 o'clock and shortly after arriving at the house went to the dentist to have a tooth pulled. On arriving there found most of my staff including the cook having work done also. Have spent the rest of the day in the house reading over a number of intelligence reports and memorandums. After lunch, General Messimy, a retired French General, called to see me, but with that one exception I saw no other visitors. This evening I went to a dinner party at the Ritz given by the Liquidation Board of which Judge Parker is the Chairman. It proved to be a very pleasant affair except for the fact that there was an over-amount of speech making. General Dawes talked for about an hour. After the dinner, Quekemeyer, who had come with me, and I looked in on a party Colonel Griscom was giving to the Duke of Sutherland, Mrs. Harriman, Mrs. Leeds and several others.

March 29.

Went to the dentist again this morning to have my teeth treated as they have bothered me a great deal since my trip to the dentist yesterday. From there went direct to the office with Hughes and during the morning saw a great number of people. Mr. Hoover came in to see me regarding several little difficulties which he is having in his work. Also saw General Atterbury, Colonel Harjes, General Harts, General Dawes, Mrs. Harriman, Mr. Villard of the New York Post. About 12:15 a dozen Congressmen came to the waiting room and asked to have a few minutes with me. In the party were Mr. Connolly, Texas, Mr. Summers, Texas, Mr. Ashbrook, Ohio, Mr. Greene, Iowa, Mr. Smith, Idaho, Mr. Baker, California, Mr. Lazaro, Louisiana, Mr. Glynn, Connecticut, Mr. Hastings, Oklahoma, Mr. French, Idaho, and Mr. Ramseyer, Iowa. I talked to them all a few minutes and learned that they seemed very pleased with that part of the A.E.F. which they have inspected. I believe that they have come more for a pleasure trip and general information than for any definite purposes of inspection.

At 1 o'clock I went to lunch at Mr. Balfour's apartments, where he had the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, the Canadian Premier, Sir Robert Borden, and several other prominent Britishers. From there went back to the office for a few minutes with Hughes and then left for a football game between the 89th and 36th Divisions at the Port des Princes. This game was the final football competition for the championship of the A.E.F., and was a very splendid exhibition of good playing and fine sportsmanship. There were about 20,000 people present, mostly American soldiers, and enthusiasm ran high. After four very exciting quarters the 89th Division won the game by a score of 14 to 7. Just as the game was closing I walked down to the field and at the conclusion of the last quarter stepped out and said a few words of congratulation to the two teams. Colonel Johnston, who is head of the Athletic Section in G-5 is much interested in his work, and has done much to arouse enthusiasm in all the various competitions which have been begun. After the game went back to the office to work on several cablegrams. Saw Colonel Atwood, now working with Mr. Hoover, for a few minutes. At 6 went to the Crillon to see General Bliss, and talked with him on the present situation until about a quarter of 7. Things are certainly not running as smoothly as one might hope for, and certainly the results which are to be desired are yet far from attainment. At 7 o'clock I went to the Ritz for a dinner given by General Dawes to some 26 officers. Most of these, including General Liggett, General Allen, General Bailey, General Smith, and General Drum have just completed an inspection trip of the S.O.S. with General Harbord. I heartily endorsed this trip, as I feel that Army men who are to have to much to say about organization in the future should have some knowledge of our large efforts in the S.O.S. While at the Ritz I conferred the D.S.M. on Mr. McFadden, who is leaving for the United States in a few days. The rest of the party went to some theatre after dinner, but I

made my excuses and returned to the house.

March 30.

Stayed in the house all morning and managed to do quite a bit of work. Saw Mr. Floyd Gibbons, General Dawes, the Rev. Mr. Beeckman, and gave Mr. Pond about thirty minutes to work on the portrait he is painting of me. Also saw General Harbord for a few minutes just before luncheon. At 1 o'clock Quekemeyer and I went to General Harts' residence for lunch. His other guests were Mr. White, of the Peace Mission, Mr. and Mrs. Harjes, Princess Murat, Mrs. Stuyvestant and Lieutenant Jennings. After luncheon went to my office and worked until about 5:30. Saw General Dawes again and discussed with him at some length his report on the activities of the General Purchasing Board and the Board of Allied Supply. Also had quite a long talk with Mr. Grasty of the New York Times. At 5:30 Bowditch and I went down to the Ritz and had tea with Mrs. Harriman, and later I ran up to see Mrs. Abbott, whose husband has just died. Had dinner at home with Quekemeyer and Hughes, and then paid a short call on Miss Hoyt.

March 31.

At 10 this morning saw the members of the Liquidation Board at the house. I talked with them until a quarter before 11, at which time I started for Marshal Petain's Headquarters at Chantilly, accompanied by Colonel Quekemeyer, Colonel Bowditch and Captain Hughes. Just before leaving the house, I pinned the D.S.M. on Colonel Mott. Arrived at Chantilly in time for 12 o'clock luncheon with Marshal Petain, and shortly before 2 o'clock went to his headquarters, where numerous French officers were gathered for me to decorate them with the D.S.M. I conferred 36 decorations in all. The ceremony took place indoors and the officers were called one by one from a side room so that I could say a few words to each of them. After the ceremony was over, Marshal Petain conferred the Cross of the Officer of the Legion of Honor on Bowditch, Quekemeyer, and Major Farnum. Immediately after the ceremony I went to Marshal Petain's bureau for a short talk and then came on back to Paris. Worked at the house for the rest of the afternoon. General Russell, who has been ill for the past month, came in to pay his respects, and I had about a fifteen minutes' talk with him. Had dinner with Colonel Bowditch, and later went out to pay some calls.

April 1.

Left the house this morning at 9:45 for an inspection of troops in and about Paris. Went direct to General Harts' Headquarters at 7 Rue Tilsit and inspected the personnel (officers and enlisted men) on duty there. From there, accompanied by General Harts, we motored to the Military Police Camp at Auteuil, then to the Truck Park at Clichy, and then to the Spare Parts Shop, inspecting the detachments at all these places. Before noon we arrived at Clignancourt Barracks, and after making an

inspection, had luncheon with Colonel John Henry Parker, who is in charge. At Clignancourt there are not only a large number of casuals, but a numbers of officers and men whose units have returned to the United States, and who have volunteered to remain in France for the Athletic Games which are to take place in the early summer. These men seem much interested in the proposed contests and are training in earnest. After luncheon we visited in turn a large bakery, the Q. M. Storehouse, the Automobile Repair Shop, La Roquette Prison and Orly Field. All of the personnel at each of these places was turned out for inspection and I made short talks to the men before leaving each command. Found some minor things which should be rectified, but on the whole was well pleased with what I saw. Did not finish this inspection until 7 o'clock. At 8 this evening I gave a little dinner party to the Liquidation Board (Judge Parker, Mr. Johnston, Senator Hollis, General Dawes and General Krauthoff). I am sending Colonel Bowditch back to Chaumont tomorrow to make arrangements for Sir Douglas Haig's visit to my headquarters on Friday. At 11:30 this evening my train leaves for Mehun, where I will begin an inspection trip of the various organizations in that part of the S.O.S.

April 2.

My train arrived at Mehun at 8 o'clock this morning and we were met by the Commanding Officer of troops there, Colonel Charles N. Wesson. From 8:30 until 10, we inspected the personnel of Mehun and spots in the immediate vicinity, amounting in all to some 6500 men. After having said a few words to them following my inspection, I started for Bourges by motor, accompanied by Colonel Quekemeyer, Captain Hughes, Colonel Beeuwkes and Captain de Marenches. Arrived at Bourges about 10:30 and inspected the personnel of the Central Records Office and other organizations (about 5000 men) which are there. Among this number were some 400 W.A.A.Cs. who are doing very good work in our Statistical Division. After my inspection and talk, I decorated Lt. Colonel Boothe and Lt. Colonel Smith with the D. S.M. During this inspection the train had come on to Bourges, and we went on to Nevers by rail, having luncheon en route. Arrived at Nevers at 2 o'clock and was met by Brigadier General Arthur Johnston at the station, and immediately began the inspection of troops under his command, some 5500 in number. Found the personal appearance of these troops very poor. There had been no attempt to have the men keep their clothing in good condition or shine their shoes and most of the units did not present a good upstanding military appearance. Immediately after the inspection I left Nevers by motor for Verneuil, some 40 kilometers away. We were met on our arrival, at 4:30, by Colonel Hegeman, who is in charge of the personnel and the large automobile repair shops located here. After making my inspection and going through the large kitchens and mess halls which Colonel Hegeman has constructed to accomodate 10,000 men, went to the train which had come on to Verneuil in the meantime. At 6:30 went to Colonel Hegeman's chateau for din-

ner, and from there made an inspection trip of the automobile repair shops where night shifts were working. The installation here is a very remarkable one, and the record which has been made, exceptional. Over 500,000 different spare parts have been manufactured and over 11,000 machines have been overhauled. We finished inspecting these shops about 9 and went immediately to the theatre, where a professional company under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. entertainers gave a very good performance of "Under Cover". After the play went up to the Officers' Club and looked in on a dance for a few minutes. The train leaves here at 1:45 a. m. for Beaune, where I will continue my inspections tomorrow.

April 3.

Arrived at Beaune this morning by train and at 8:30 began an inspection of the personnel of the A.E.F. University, including faculty, students and the necessary labor detachments on duty there. There are some 14,000 men at this institution. I was met at the station by Colonel Ira Reeves and by Brigadier General Rees. Colonel Reeves is in command of the University and seems to have a clear idea as to the policies to be carried out there. I did not have an opportunity to inspect the class rooms or library or other installations, but intend to do this when I go back within the next few weeks to attend a formal opening of the University, when all courses are well under way. After my inspection and an address to the entire personnel which had been assembled, we left by motor for Dijon, arriving about 11 o'clock. Inspected some 5,000 troops under the command of Colonel James Howlett, and found the personnel in a most satisfactory condition. Colonel Howlett has been especially successful in combatting venereal disease at this station, and has obtained splendid results. Motored from Dijon to Is-sur-Tille as soon as the inspection was over, and lunched with Colonel Hilgarde. Immediately after luncheon went to a spot where the organizations on duty were assembled and began my inspection. Conferred the D.S.M. on Colonel Hilgarde and Colonel Elliott for their success in handling this important regulation station.

Following my inspection and an address to the troops, I went with Colonel Hilgarde to look over the rest camp which has recently been constructed. All men going on leave pass through this camp and are subject to close attention to see that their clothing and their personal appearance are presentable. Each man is given new underwear, his clothes are deloused, and facilities are afforded him for polishing his shoes, taking a bath, etc. This is one of the most complete installations that can be found in the A.E.F., and Colonel Hilgarde has been most successful in managing it. From Is-sur-Tille we returned to Chaumont by motor, arriving here by 6 o'clock. After dinner worked with General McAndrew on several questions which had come up during my absence. Sir Douglas Haig arrives tomorrow to pay my headquarters a short visit before returning to England, so I shall not have much opportunity to work at the office.