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Diary of U. S.
Expedition to France
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Capt. 7th Cavalry
Staff of Gen. Pershing

Friday. May 18 1917

I had been riding at Mr. Rice's Topsfield Mass and on returning to Pride's found a wire from the Adjutant General directing me to proceed to Washington at once and report to General Pershing

Telephoned papa at Washington he could say nothing definite over the phone but told me to come at once and to bring Beatrice. We caught the twelve thirty driving up with Kay & Keith in our new machine.

Saturday May 19.

Reached N. Y. at 7 am and went to Penn. Station to get train for

Washington while at the station we read in the paper that Gen. P. was to proceed the troops to France. Reached Wash at 2 P.M. Papa met us and told me I would have to start almost at once.
I told Beatrice to wire El Paso and have Williams bring all my outfit then I went to the W.D. and reported. Capt. Morgetts told me get some uniforms at once as we would have to leave Wednesday.
I got one started at Kleins and borrowed one for the time from Capt. E. S. Hughes. Went to the Hotel and saw Mama and

nita.

Sunday May 20.
Went to Ft. Myer at 9 A.M. to inspect thirty men who had been selected for the Headquarters Orderlies. I found them in good shape and gave them what instructions I could.
Papa Mama Beatrice and I went to St. Johns church at four P.M. for the service.

Monday May 21.
I went to the office in the morning and worked there until three thirty when I went to Myer and inspected carefully the equipment of the men it was all in good shape.
Each man had the following.
2. O.D. woolen uniforms
3. Pr. Russet Shoes
2 Pr Leather leggings

1 Cap O.D.
1 Campaign hat, chin strap & cord
1 Blue Dress uniform
1 Blue Cap.
1 Bearer Cord.
1 Leather belt, two slides
1 Pistol Cal. 45
1 Holster
1 Magazine pouch
1 First aid pouch
1 Mess outfit & Canteen
41 Rounds Ball Car. Cal. 45
2 O.D. Blankets
1 Overcoat O.D.

And such underclothes socks, towels, toilet articles as he wanted. They were allowed to take a field locker and a telescope case each.

The men names follow

Sgts. Philip P. Aver, Dexie B. Guynn, Frank Sanckton. Corp. Jacob P. Heffelfinger, Leo J. Smith, Fred Miller, Privates Ray Austin, Harry Baker, Louis A. Beaman, Willie M. Fielder, Albert E. McCravy, Carl Moline, Stupton Newman, Steve Papps, Christopher E. Schroder, Charles Sedlock. Otto Zimmerman, John J. Shaughnessy, Ralph Chapell, Abraham Cohen. John W. Morgan. John A. Nestroy, James J. Murphy, James Newberry, Edgar B. Rawlings. Edgar R. Abele, Harry Cooper, Clyde E. Murphy, Edward E. Neff, Raymond J. Pickett, Edward Cohen. Roscoe Williams.

The following six Motor cycle men were added the 20.

Sgt. Burt Graves. Corps. Dwight L. Russell. Privates Ray P. Sanders

Eugene Aungst, John Zevetski
Fred N. Jones.

Tuesday May 22.
General P and all the staff were busy organising and getting things clear

Wednesday May 23
Papa, Beatrice and I had dinner with Senator Phelan
See Lane, Mrs Lane.

Thursday May 24.
Williams and all my stuff arrived. Mr. Bradley had had wired all over the country to get it there so soon.

Thursday May 24
Gen. P. told me to assign a uniform for Field clerks etc. As there was no time to get up a new one so I adopted a woollen O.D. uniform, Campaign hat without chord. Canvas leggings ansatt shoes, O.D. overcoat and white brassard 3½" wide marked as follows. Field Clerk, F.C. Q.M. Clerks. Q.C. Stenographers S. Automobile Driver A. Interpreter Int. A v.s. button bronze on both sides of the collar.

Friday May 25.
Nothing.

Saturday May 26.
Mama gave B some orchids and me a gardenia. Had the Commons Senator Phelan. Maj. and a woman from San Francisco.
I got transportation and found that neither Collins or Margetts

had secured a travel order for Sgt. Sanchton. I was much upset for fear the General would find it out. Col. J. S. Tracey A.G. fixed it up for me and was very nice about it.

Sunday May 27.

Left for N. Y. at 11 A. M on B & O. with my detatchment and ten engineers. Reached N. Y at 4 P.M. I marched the men to the ferry and took them to the Island where I met Gen. J. F. Bell and Tillson. To be sure that none of the men left I put them under guard and went up to the walcott all the family were very dolorous.

Monday May 28.

Got up at 6 A. M. told every one good-by, much tears, Pa went with me to the ferry. I stoid there until 10:30 directing people where to go and seeing to the placing of the baggage it rained a lot. At 10:30 the general arrived with Collins and we all went to the Dept. Hdqs. we all got on the tender the Thomas Patten at 12 noon and started but were called back for some mail. We then went to Graves End Bay and lay around awaiting the steamer. While waiting we issued the transportation to both men and officers. When the Baltic arrived we first tried to board

on the weather side but
the easterly wind made it
too rough. We finally got
on at 3 P.M. Fortunately I had
caused the men to be
fed at the Island. I drew
Cabin 95 with Mr Lewis
a 1st Lieut U.S.R. aviator.
I had 38 orderlies. 10 Engineers
10 Chauffeurs. 7 Signal Corps
Total 65. enlisted. + 2 Med Corps
The following is the list of
officers.
Maj. Gen. J. J. Pershing. Capts
Margetts & Collins Aides.
Gen. Staff. Maj. J. G. Harbord.
Maj. J. McA. Palmer, D. E. Nolan
Adjutant General. Col. B. Alvord
Maj. J. L. Hines.
Q.M.C. Col. D. E. McCarthy
Lt Cols. D. S. Stanley, Wilkins
Maj. Rockenbach

Maj. Robert Bacon. U.S.R.
Capts. R. W. Briggs. Hilyard,
Chambers, Gabe Filleul. C. D.
Liebman, Gustav Porges. F. T. Hill
H. B. Moore. Lt. Ely, Lt. Beezeley,
Signal Corps. Lt. Col. E Russell
Maj. T. F. Dodd. Capt. P. Hitt
Capt. J. B. Taylor. R. B. Paddock
Lt B. B. Lewis.
Engineers. Col. Harry Taylor.
Capt. E. Graves. R. G. Alexander
Med. Corps. Col. W. W. Ireland
Maj. G. P. Reed, Capts. H. W.
Beeuwkee, Mount.
Judge Advocate Lt. Col. W. A.
Bethel. Maj. H. A. Bayre, USR
~~Clark~~
Inspector Gen. Col. A. W. Brewster
Maj. Fox Connor, R. S. Clark
Line. Maj. J. H. Parker. W. O.
Capts. Reed. D. H. Scott. H. A. Drum
A. L. Conger, G. S. Patton Jr.
Ordnance. Lt. Col. C. C. Williams

marines. Lt. Col. R. H. Dunlap
Maj. S. Feland.
British. Col. Pushle
Interpreters. André de Coppet
~~Ernest De Weerth~~
W. C. Eustis. Winthrope Chandler
~~J. J. Marshall~~.
We left the harbor in a heavy fog.

Tuesday May 29
Heavy fog all day we did nothing but get our sea legs and assign the officers to various instructions for work in French 2 hours daily. There is a rumor ~~that~~ we are going to Halifax it seems probable as the water is shallow and we go very slowly.
The boat has about a hundred trucks on her and several "trucks" with out the armor she would surely be a fine prey for a U-Boat.

Wednesday May 30.
I gave the men some drill this morning and started french classes among them the chauffers all speak it and two of the Signal Sergeants are College men one of ~~th~~ whom was an instructor in French at the College of N. Y.
Heavy fog all day and very cold we made less than half speed.
We are supposed to have been off Halifax early this morning and to have

have received orders to sail east which we are now doing.

Thursday May 31.
We had muster for the men this morning. Just after lunch we took boat drill all put on their life belts and went to their proper boats. Mine is No 12. Col. Puckle British Army gave a brief talk on supply at 3 P.M.

Friday ~~June~~ June 1
It is cold today and a little rough but there is no fog we have seen no one since starting. Col. Puckel gave another talk.

Saturday June 2
Very nice day with quite a fine sea rock. Concert in the evening with a collection for the orphans. The collection amounted to $315.00.

Sunday June 3.
Got civilian clothes for all members of the expedition those for the men we borrowed from the clerks. The idea is that if we are torpedoed the Germans will be less likely to shell the boats if they see no uniforms. Doctors gave a lecture on venereal disease which is quite prevalent in France over 20% of the Canadian troops having it.

Everyone jokes about the U. Boats but we would all like to see a convoy show up. Some are quite nervous and sleep in their clothes. The temperature of the sea which has been 52 F is now 10 which will be a comfort if we have to get in it.
There was church to day but I did not go.

Monday June 4
A very nice day clear and warm. We reduced speed from 15 to 13½ knots so as not to reach the place where we are supposed to meet the convoy ahead of time. We also had a boat drill.

Tuesday June 5.
All the men were put in civilian clothes to day. We heard about four P. M. that there were two destroyers ahead of us who would close in at dark. We also had a lecture by an english captain on mining operations. We are all cautioned to sleep in our clothes to night so we can get out quickly.

Wednesday June 6
When we got up this morning every one was more cheerful for on either side of our bow were two Destroyers Of course they could not

absolutely prevent our being shot at but they could prevent the shelling of the boats which is a comfort it would be rather an experience to be ~~shot~~ torpedoed but we would not enjoy being shelled later. We had a lecture on dehumanization by a British Major named Humphry he had been at Havre at the start and they made every mistake known to man. "Go we and do like wise." To night there is also good chance of our being attacked.

Thursday June 7
We awoke this morning to find an additional destroyer. And sighted land at 8 P.M. sighted Tasca light at the southern end of Ireland. At 1 P.M. we had passed the Strousland and at 3 P.M. she was torpedoed Packed our trunks and had them ready to land at 9.40 P.M. resumed citizens clothes.

Friday June 8
We got up at 6 A.M. which was really 5 A.M. as the English have advanced time one hour to get more day light. We were in Liverpool harbor. We docked at 9 A.M. and Lt. Gen. came on board to receive Gen. P. also a company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers came down as a guard of

honor. They had the forces
goat and the black ribbon on
the back of the tunic
which Capt. Hutchinson
had told me of when I
was a child. I recognized
them at once. We disembarked
at 10 A.M. all our baggage
being passed without
inspection, it was terribly
messed up however and
we started for London on
a special train at 10:30
before it was all
loaded we left Maj.
Biggs to look after it.
Reached Euston Station
London at 3:30 P.M. Here
we were met by the Lord
Mayor and Gen. French
my 67 men were directed
to go to the tower for
quarters and I was to stay
there with them I took Paddock
with me. Capt. Collins
~~Royal~~ Honorably Artillery Corps. H.A.C.
met us at the station and
took us to the Tower.
When we got there we
formed column and
preceed by the band of
the R.A.C. we went on
under the Byward tower
around the White tower.
The first Battalion H.A.C.
lined the walks and cheered
as it was very thrilling.
When we had executed eyes
right to the Colonel we
halted and fell out the
men were then assigned
to quarters in the barracks
of Co 4 R.A.C. I reported to
the Colonel. Jeffry

We had tea and supper at 6.45 P.M. At 10 P.M. the Picket Officer (O.D.) asked us if we wanted to see the "Keys". We found the guard lined up in front of the guard room. A patrol approached with a warder carrying a lantern No 1. challenged. "Halt who comes there!" the patrol replied. "The Keys" No 1. "Whose Keys". Patrol "King George's Keys". No 1. "God bless King George". Patrol. "Amen" No. 1. "Advance Keys. No 1. all's well!" The Guard and the Patrol then Presented Arms and the Warder took the Keys to the "Kings House". It was very impressive and has been done in the same way for over five hundred years.

Saturday June 9.

Breakfasted with the officers & at 10 A.M. got orders to report to the General. On reaching the Hotel Savoy found that he had gone to Call on King George and that the rest of us were to go to the Embassy. Here we met Mr. Poige. Then returned to the hotel. Where we met Cols Sumnell. Baker. etc. Capt Quartermaster and some others who had come over with Balfour, and just landed.

Gen. P. Gen. My Son Guy Brook eldest son of the duke of Warwick Collins and my self. went to lunch at some Club which had been founded by King Edward VII. Here we met mos.

Dodd. and the chief of the British Flying Corps. After lunch the two Generals Collins and I went to call on the Duke of Connaught. We stood up all the time. Except Gen. Pathan the duke asked to sit down.

Later Lord Brook and I went around and left cards on a lot of people. The Prime minister. The Secretary for War whom we met. The commanding gen. London district and some others. We also went to the Palace where I signed up in the "Kings Book" the names of all whom he had recieved. We did the same thing at the Duke of Connoughts.

Then Lord Brook took me to "Whites" the oldest club in the world for tea. It used to be "Whites" Coffee House. Lord Brook is a very fine man. A. Brig Gen. and just recovering from a wound of a shell which smashed his left hand, and went through both hips and his bellie it kept him in bed sixteen weeks.

Lt Skinner and Lt Cartwright H.A.C. took us to the club for dinner it is called and is next to the oldest Club in England. We had cocktails and champagne for drinks at dinner. Later we went to a play called Tig. Jag. rather good for such an affair. Lord Brook and Gen. P. were there also. When we left the theater we went to get some coffee

and in two blocks I must have been stopped twenty times by women. On the way back through Byward gate we stopped to register in and the Warder. Beef eater asked me if I would drink whiskie and soda with him I did he asked me to come tuesday at 10 A.M and that he would show me the whole place so I am going.

Sunday June 10.

Did little in the morning but went to the Savoy for lunch. Mr. Gilbert Miller the son of Harry Miller the actor took me to drive in the P.M, we went to Maiden Head on the Thames here we met Mrs Leslie Carter and afterwards had tea with a couple of actresses at this tea was also the Duke of Manchester he was not well dressed but very nice and asked me to come up and fish at his place if I got wounded.

Country was beautiful and every one acted as if no war was on in fact the whole impression was that peace reigned. There are just as many men in London as usual and almost as many actors. People go to the theater and seem to have a fine time.

Monday June 11

Capt. Perkins H.A.C took

me to Black Heath to see the training of this regiment. The place is only 15 minutes from the middle of town. The men stay the first three weeks at the Tower where they learn close order drill and marched also saluting. Then they go to the Heath where they get five weeks more. Bombing. Target work. Bayonet, Gas Masks Machine Gun. and extended order. They may then be sent to France. I inspected such a group and found them in all respects fine.

I threw some bombs "mills grenades" and also shot some from a rifle.

They practice with balls after throwing for distance. These weigh the same as the grenades. Then for noise with melonite balls in attacking dummy trenches. These are lighter than the actual bomb which is a mistake. Then they throw live bombs. In practice at first they throw over the top of a mound the height of a trench about 8 feet. Went to theater that night.

Tuesday June 12.

Lt. Skinner took me over the tower we had the chief Beef Eater for guide it was most interesting as we went places people are not usually allowed.

Packed our trunks and sent them in the afternoon.

that night. The mess gave us a dinner St. Fréchet of the French Aviation was my guest. At the close of the dinner. Mr. (St) ~~Skinner~~ Cartwright the Mess President proposed the King's health. Then Col. Treffry toasted us saying among other things that the H.A.C would take pride in our success and think that we as their adopted children would far out shine them. I responded saying in substance. "Col. Treffry gentlemen. On the part of my men Capt Paddock and my self I desire to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your most courteous treatment of us while we have been your guests. Should I live a hundred years I shall never feel so proud as when I marched under your historic arches behind your band and was received by the cheers of your gallant men. My sincere hope is that we your adopted children shall be able to equal your noble record for to excell it were impossible. For your corps emotion over comes me I can only say with all earnestness the H.A.C. God Bless it". Much cheers.

The Colonel then toasted France as represented by Fréchet he replied and the meal was over.

Capt. Gibson gave me some cuff links made

tunic buttons are fair for each of my men.

The N.C.O's of the H.A.C. gave my men a smoker which all the officers attended. The singing and playing was fine one of the musicians a Sergeant having been Chevallier's accompanist. The Colonel and some of the officers also sang or told stories.

At the end one of the sergeants proposed the health to me and my men which was cheered a lot and they all sang "For he's a jolly good fellow". I replied as follows as well as I can remember.

"Col. Officers and men of the H.A.C. In replying to your most generous ovation words fail me but I think I can best express the emotions I feel by presenting to ~~you each~~ my men the cap badges which you have given me for that purpose. Men; Americans! In presenting you with these buttons you must know that only the "Guards" and the H.A.C. are allowed to wear them. I would wear you, but it is not necessary for I know you, that no one of you may accept these buttons unless he feels himself worthy of the trust which the wearing of them imposes. These buttons are worn by the men whose glorious record is the proudest jewel in

the crown of englands
greatness. In accepting this
present you all of you
pledge your selfs never to be
false to that magnificent
tradition. Strive, the to equal for
no men can excell the record
of the H. A. C. Americans
rise! three cheers for the
H. A. C.
We returned to the Mess
and though I tried to
persuade the officers to go to
bed they insisted on sitting
up to see us off at 4:30 A.M.

Wednesday June 13.
We left the Tower at 4:32
A.M. and Charing Cross
at 5:30 Am. Took boat
at and
landed at

just after landing and while
waiting to start for Paris at
11:40 we saw the first
signs of war there were
several train loads of
British wounded they did not
look very happy. The country
along the run was fine but
there were few men or
women either working at
first we saw many
English camps the discipline
did not appear good.
Reached Paris 6 P.M. Marshal
Joffre and many others
met us. The arrangements
made by the French were
fine no hitches. Gen P.
went to the Hotel Crillion
Place de la Concord with
some of his personal
staff. The rest of the staff

went either to the Continental or to the Meurice. Rue Revolee
The men went to the Pépinière barracks ~~Rue~~ Boulevard Malesherbes.
All the way from the station to the hotels was thronged with people who shouted and threw flowers on us I was in a machine with some majors and the girls kept calling to me "vive le feure". We went to military club for dinner. Gen. P. to Embassy.

Thursday June 14.
The Gen. And most of the staff went Les Anvelides here the Gen. was allowed to kiss Napoleons sword and was invested with the Grand Cross of the Legion d'Honor worn by the 1st Emperor.
All the staff except Gen P. had lunch at the Cercle Militaire at noon. At 3 P.M. we went out to see the Aeroplanes there were 400 of them and it was most wonderful. Lewis, Capt. Reed and I had dinner then Lewis and I went to the theater Capt R. went chasing girls. With success

Friday June 15.
Gen. P. Horse Green Grove arrived to day and promptly fell down and hurt him self. He is seven years old and leggy with bad hips.
~~Sat~~

Saturday June 16 19
Had inspection of

arms in the Court of the barracks.

Made arrangements for unloading the Automobiles and rest of the stuff on Sunday stayed at office 29 Rue Constantine all afternoon.

Have one N.C.O. & 3 Privates on guard at the Generals 6. Privates on guard at the Office. Went to theater.

Sunday June 17. 17

Office open all day. But we don't seem to be doing much I think that people are being entertained too much and that it would be better to prohibit officers going out more than twice a week.

De Capellet and I had dinner with a very nice French lady and her daughter named M. Francois they were very nice and spoke specially good French. Went to bed at twelve which is the earliest I have been to bed.

Monday June 18 17

Still very hot. I looked into a spy case in reference to Martin Sedlescock of Hdqs detachment. Capt. Reed and I had talk on vagaries of human affairs. And the lack of ability off all members of the staff except our selves.

Tuesday June 19 17

Got 3 Cadillacs and one Packard in storage also made arrangements to put Chauffeurs on a

Commutation basis starting the 20th. Placed two orderlies at 129 Rue Haussman at the offices of Med. Ord. J.A. Signal, Now we have 4 men on guard at Gen. P's. 3 men and 2 motor cyclemen on guard at 29 rue Constantine. Besides two who stay there all the while. And 1 man and 1 motor cycle man at 129 Rue Haussman. One man in charge of Quarters.

I expect before this row is over that there will be a battalion or perhaps a regiment on this job. We started a Prophylactic station at the Barracks Tuesday. today.

Wednesday June 20 19

Col. McCarthy and I called on Col. Gerard the chief of the Automobile service of France and arranged for the marking of our cars. Col. McC. does not know how to handle the French.

At 4 I went to the big reserve park of Autos at a place called Boulogne just out side Paris here I examined the method of accounting for French cars they now use a card index system copies of which I got. St Gilité went with me I will arrange this method in the morning.

Thursday June 20

Marking of Autos was turned over to Capt Liebman U.S.R.Q.M.C

I did nothing of interest

~~Thursday~~ Friday June 22 17

In afternoon Col. Mitchell asked me if I wanted to go out to the Flying grounds with him and Fly. When we got there he arranged for me to go up in a Farman Biplane it was most interesting. I had always thought it would frighten me but it did not as I felt perfectly safe and the machine seems as steady as a church. The entire country spreads out like a map beneath and it is fine

we did not go up very high only 3600 feet but it did not seem that.

I went to the Comedie Francaise a most interesting play.

Saturday June 23 17

Sgt. Blain reported this morning that one of the Machines ran over a French man and broke his collar bone. I called on the Prefect of Police of the ~~district~~ and after giving him a cigarette and a ride he assured me ~~that~~ the victim was a robber an assassin and ~~that~~ my man was a poor victim in fact for two cigarettes he

would have jailed
the poor chap. Politeness
pays especially in
France. I went to the
Théâtre Feminin Champs
Elyse and saw a
light opera Chevallier
was there and is fine
he is home recovering
from wounds he was
in a German prison
26 months. The French
are very hard hit for
men. And the last
"victories" must have
cost terribly. We had
three coaks all over
47 who had to go to
the front last night.

Sunday June 24 17

Went to tea at the Boyds
later went to see Gen. P. as he
was alone I stayed with him
till ten thirty going without
supper we had a most
interesting conversation. Among
other things he told me that
during the week ending 23
the U. Boats had gotten over
400000 tons of shipping
at that rate they would get over
a twelfth of the worlds
shipping in a month.
He said that unless it could be
stopped we would never
get over 500000 men to
France. He also told me that
the French were very
shaky and that things
were not so bright as
they were painted

We talked of Anne he felt
terribly but thought it best
that she should not come
I thought the same and told
him so. And so to bed.

Monday June 25 17
Was elected a temporary
member of the Teoolers
Club today. For one month
cost $15.00 A costly pleasure.
Col. Harbord went some
where to the Front
leaving Maj. Logan Q.M.C
in charge.

Tuesday June 26 17
Col Geaves and several
other American offices
arrived in ~~Europe~~
France today. Capt
Quekemeyer was with
them. He had been to the
British front with Gen.
Bridges for three days
Quike, and I had supper
together at the Ambassadors
We sent a courier. Sgt
Santini to San Nazaire.
where our first division
has landed.

Wednesday June 27 17.
Gen. Pershing. Col. Alvord.
and Capt. Margetts went to
San Nazaire to welcome
the incoming troops.
Col. Harbord and Collins
arrived from the Front,
near Verdun, at 4:30 P.M.

Thursday June 28 17
Nothing of importance
happened. It rained hard

several trees blew down and Squashed a man in an auto.

Friday June 29 17
I moved to my apartment at 40 Rue D'Artois. Andre de Coppett and Mr Waldo Reed are with me. We have every thing but linnen and we sent that ~~[illegible]~~ we have a maid who cooks breakfast and cleans up.

Saturday June 30
Maj. Frank McCoy reported yesterday and spent to a day of pernicious activity as assistant Chief of Staff.

Among other things he enacquested a bureau of information with me at the Head of it He assured me that the ideal man for the place would be the hall boy at a club or lacking him I would do

Sunday, July 1 17
Nothing much doing dined at the Boyds.

Monday July 2 17
Nothing of Interest

Tuesday July 3 17
The second Battalion of the 16th Infantry with Col. Alair arrived this morning at 7:30 A.M. from San Nazaire. They are to take part in the

celebration tomorrow
I had lunch at the
Cercle Militaire with
Major Degeorges of
the 4th Zouaves while
there we saw the offices
of the 16 who had been
invited to dine. Capt
Short. and Barnett were
among those present.
Maj. Degeorges told me
that in Aug 1914 there
were 12000 officers of
French Inft. Today
7000 are dead. 2000
maimed for life and
the remaining 3000 all
have been hit so far
as he knows.
Mrs Thayer of Boston
& Paris and her daughter
Alice Countess de
Montgomery called on Gen.
P. this morning the festive
Alice is very nice. I got her
two tickets for Les Invalides
tomorrow.
Wednesday July 4. 17.
The Band of the Garde
Republicaine went to
wake the Gen at 8:30 at
his house 73 Rue de
Varenne at 9:30 They
all went to the Invalides
and had a great show
then the Bn. of the 16th
marched to the Tomb of
Lafayette by way of the
Place des Invalides, Place
de la Concorde & Rue
Rivoli the women after
broke into the ranks
and hugged and kissed
the men. I was sitting

in my machine at the end of Rue Constantine watching and a large woman in black climbed on the step and put her arm around me, mostly for support, I think (but she stunk) so I made her let go.

Thursday July 5

I bought a Peugeot five passenger 1917 and traded it for the one B. had given the Gen. It cost 25000 Fr.

Friday July 6 17

Went to dinner and theater with Countess de Montgomery and her sister in law. We went to the Grand Guignole it was most interesting and awful as usual.

Saturday July 7 17

Had rather a lazy morning and at 2:30 P.M. Col. Harbord told me to go up with Quick and learn the road to Sir Douglas Haigs H'qrs. We left at 4:10 P.M and went by St. Denis-Ecouen Chantilly-Creil-Liancourt Clermont-St. Just-Breteuil-Amiens-St. Pol Lillers-Aire-Blanderouse.

And reached G.H.Q at 9:50 P.M. We were met by Capt. Strainer A.D.C. to the Marshall and

he gave us supper we started back at 11:05 PM over some road and got in at 6:30 a.m. For over ten miles on the return trip we passed artillery moving north.

The difference in appearance between the Canadian or Australian and the British is very marked and very much in favor of the British.

Sunday ~~Monday~~ July 8 17

Gen P. had a conference of all the officers of the various missions and decided on several points as to the policy of the ~~[illegible]~~ instruction.

I had tea with Countess de Montgomery. Quike and I went to dinner together.

Monday, July 9 17

Shallenberger and I had lunch together at the Continental.

Tuesday July 10 17

Went to dinner and the theater with Mr. May & Maj. Bain. Called on the British Military Attaché to get addresses of British offices in ~~[illegible]~~ Paris. Called on ambassador.

Wednesday July 11 17

Maj. McCormick arrived and reported for duty.

I thought that I had lost a pass and had

the whole place torn up looking for it. Only to find that a clerk had taken it by mistake.

Thursday July 12 17
Gen. March. Maj. Westervelt Lt. Swing & Rhinehart came to day and I had to give them a car.

Friday July 13 17.
Gen. Sibert and his staff came to day. I met Col. Coe and Capt. Marshall of his staff yesterday at 8. P.M. Maj. Desgranges asked me and Quick to go to the review with he and his wife in the morning. Had a terribly annoying day every one wanted a car and there were no cars to give.

Saturday July 14.
Got up at 5 A.M and got Quickenmyer and called for Mrs. Desgranges at Pepinier at 6:15 A.M. we went to our seats at the place de la Leon at 6:45 and waited till 8 am for the show to start.
At eight the President came in an open carriage and was cheered a little but there were open murmurs that Joffre was not with him. 260 regimental standards were decorated and a number of officers.
Then the troops

started to march passed.
There were detachments from
each of the 260 regiments
also a brigade of
Chasseurs Alpine (Blue Devils
They seem to be the Corps
d'elite of the Army and
marched well. But are
not in it with our
regulars. They take a
very short quick step but
talk and look around in
ranks. There was hardly
an officer without a
wound chevron. Many
were very young. The
Brigade Commander is
very strick and popular
He was well mounted
and rode well making
a fine appearance
An all sides one could

hear. "He is fearless, without
the least fear and so strick."
It was impressive to see
so many men who had
stood fire nearly all,
or so it seemed had
been wounded.
The infantry were in full
pack with fixed bayonets.
They carry the rifle with
the small of the stock on
the shoulder a very
awkward position.
We had a day off to day
the first and probably
the last we shall
have.

Sunday July 15 17
Nothing important.

Monday July 16.
Made arrangements for

Gen. March. Maj. Magetts
Maj. Westerwelt. Lt. Swing
Lt. Rhinelant to visit the
4th Army Artillery at Chalons
Sur Marn. Starting on the
17th.

Tuesday July 17 17
Wired Bert, about
passports. Saw. Major
Bacon on same subject.

Wednesday July 18 17
Nothing

Thursday July 19 17
Got passes for Trip to
St. Omar for the General
arranged for Col Stanley
and party to leave on
a trip to Tours etc on
Friday also arranged
for a Trip for Col
Connor with two machines
on Sunday

Friday July 20 17
Gen P. Col. Alvord Col Harbord
Capt. Patton. Strikers Sanchez
& Moline. Drivers Santire No 1.
Jennings No 4 left 73 Rue de
Varenne at 6:15 A. Went through
St. Denis at Pierrefitte about 7 miles
out we took the wrong road
for a second. Then through
Beauvais - Poix - Abbeville - Nouvain
Montreuil. Total distance 126
miles. We reached Mon. at 12:15
P.M having rested about
40 minutes just out of
Abbeville. At Mon. Capt. Strachan
A.D.C. to Sir Douglas Haig met
us we went to the square
where a guard of honor of
a Company of the H.A.C.

Gen. Fowke Adjt Gen. and an old friend of Gen Pasting and Gen. Peyton Mil. Secretary met us at the square and took us through the offices of the Adjt Gen. dept. At. 12:30 we went to dinner with Gen Fowke at his Chatou It was in a park and had pretty grounds it was long and only one room thick at lunch were. Gen. Fowke, Gen Peyton. Gen. Horwood Provost Marshal. Wroughton A.A.G. in charge of Discipline wore (eye glass). A.A.G. Lt. Col Whitehead charged with labor 35000 men under him. Lt. Sacré Aide. to ~~[illegible]~~ A.G. Capt Strachey and as.

At. 2 P.M. went to offices of Q.M.G. Gen Maxwell

went through his departments and saw all of them except transport. Mat. Gen. Lord Lovat Chief forester. all the offices at G.H.Q are in what used to be a large school built round a court this makes a fine arrangement. No furniture only wooden tables and chairs

Had tea at 5 P.M. with Gen Maxwell, Present. Maxwell D.Q.M.G. Ford. Ass.Q.M.G. Lt.Col. Beadon. Col. Tyson Ass.Q.M.G. ammunition. Director of Supplies Gen. Carter. Gen Murray dir. transport.

Left for Blendiques at 5:30 reached here at 6:35 met by. The Marshal. Col. Fletcher Ass. Mil. Sec. & Maj. Sir Philip Sassoon

Gat. Billets. Gen. Col. H. at Marshals house. Col Alvord with Col Fletcher. I with my self in nice house near by.

Dined with marshal at 7:45. M. Haigh. Gen. Henchard R.F.C. Gen. Birch & Rt. Gen. Kiggell Chief of Staff. Gen. Butler Dep. C. of S. Capt. Strasher.

Went to bed 10:30

Saturday July 21.17.

Gat. Col Hines on Phone at 9:30 found there was no news. Visited offices of the Gen. Staff. through which we were shown by Maj. Gen. Butler Dept. Chief of the G. S. Brig Gen. Davidson head the operations & Col. Dalby Training. In training they have abandoned division schools and have adopted ~~Divs~~ Corps schools as division move about too rapidly. For large operations all Divisions are given a month work as a unit at a Divisional training area. There are also smaller areas which Brigades forming part of Divisions in the front line can train. All troops which have done a hitch in the trenches must be turned up by being put in hard training when they come out. There are also Corps Schools for specialists, bombers, machine gunners etc

Officers or men who show special aptitude are sent to Special Schools as instructors.

There are also schools in France for Platoon officers and platoon Non-Coms.

In England is a school for Company & Battalion officers.

A list of all officers specially recommended in any of the above schools is kept at G.H.Q. and if a Corps or Army commander wants a special man for some purpose they apply to G.H.Q. and get a list of names of available men in their command.

We also found an officer who had a sort of job as Adjt Gen. to the G.S. all papers come to him and it is his duty to see that they go to the right section he also handles all the codes.

At 11:30 a.m. J.P. called an artillery adviser he was out but his staff officer Lt Col. Rawlins showed us all the Barage maps etc. The artillery heavy is under the Corps but their is the closest connection with the divisions and excellent results are obtained. At Messine they grouped together 18 batteries of H.A. putting the senior Lt. Col in command. Now they groups 12 batteries with the senior in command called double groups.

Went to lunch at 1 P.M. with Hqs 2d Army at Cassel it is on a high hill but the view was obscured by mist. Gen. Plummer was absent but Maj. Gen Harrington C.S. took care of us Gen. Chechister D.P. Adjt & Om Gen. & Col. Robertson Ass. G.S. ~~Mil~~ ~~Sec~~ Maj. Knowles Ass Mil Sec were at lunch.

After lunch went through Army offices. They have a meeting of all Chiefs of Staff depts. each day of which minutes are taken then next day minutes are read and each officer is asked what he has done. An excellent method and one which saves time and letters.

Capt Read Intelligence section took us through his dept it was most interesting especially the flash range finding and the Sound range finding.

Tea at 5 P.M. 10th Corps Gen. Moreland. Gen. Cameron B.G. G.S. Gen. Tallach Eng. Gen Read Art. Went through office same as for Army and for G.H.Q. while we were a German Aeroplane was fired on by Anti Air-craft guns not hit. Gen Bridges came in to see f. P.

Returned to G.H.Q. for ~~tea~~ Dinner at 8 P.M. Gen. Charteris was there. I sat on Marshal Haig's right talked to him about saber he believes in it and in Cavalry.

Sunday July 22 17

Wakened at 2 A.M. by gun fire 2 A.A. Guns were firing at a bosch they were about a mile away.

Visited Gen Frenchard chief R.F.C. officer of G.H.Q. saw bure dome shops etc also captive balloons and parishoots. The balloons are all along the line at intervals and are after shot down then the men escape by the parishoots.

Went to the hangars of a patrol Sqn. Six machines had just returned from Gent where they had been escorting a bombing squadron of six machines. They had had two fights. One man did some fancy flying and a spiral dive almost into the ground. One man had been killed by a fall just before we got there. Capt Henderson had had his machine smashed the day before but was very cheerful. He has brought down 8 Germans another chap of about 21 had gotten his fifteenth. Lunched, 1 P.M., with Gen. Frenchard he explained his theories of surprise attacks.

Went to Int. Sec. G.H.Q. gen. Charteris at 2:45 PM he met us and explained his job he has very sort of intelligence.

nearly every thing is reduced
to diagrams. Among other things
he keeps track of some
3 hun. thousand suspects.
He has also information of
6000 Belgian suspects.
behind the German lines
He also has all their gun
position and batteries
located. All the hangars
and by spies gets all
the movements of trains
etc. By collecting
regimental numbers and
company returns and
soldiers Pay books he
can tell how many
men have been in a
company for any given
period. Had tea
with him at 5:30

visited gen. Wigram operations
B. he has general charge of
all policy of G. S.
Gen. Dined with F. M. I
dined with aides at
11 30 P.M. Two German. a. planes
cave by and the a. a guns
and machine guns opened
I could see the shell
burst and could hear
the machines but could
not see them. To day the
Germans shelled Aire and
put 60 shells in it hitting
an airdrome.

Monday July 2 3 17
Left. G. H. Q. at 9:40 am
went to H. Q. 5 Army by way
of Cassel. At Watou we were
met by Maj. Gen Malcolm chief
of Staff to the C. G. 5th Army

just as we were getting out Gen. Plummer commanding 4 Army whom we had visited Sunday came up to apologize to the General for having been absent.

Gen. Malcolm took us to a place in the woods. where all the maps for the 5 Army are made.

The various processes for making maps from Aeroplane photographs were shown to us and we also saw a four ton Lithograph printing press which can be taken down and set up in 60 hours.

Just as we were leaving this place Gen. Gough commanding the 5th Army came up he is a very nice man and not at all haughty we went to a place where a plan of the German front to be attacked had been erected. The scale was 1 to 50 and everything was represented to scale Woods, lakes, villages as well as trenches and craters.

There is a platform where a full view is obtainable and also a trench which gives a man a view of the position such as he would obtain from the actual front line. Each squad and higher leader is taken to this model and shown just where he is to lead his element

one officer has special
charge of the model and
must demolish the trenches
as they are shown by the
Aero. photographs.
After this we returned
to Watou for lunch
Gen. Gough. M.Gen Malcolm
M.Gen Sergeant Dep. A & Q.M.G
were at lunch.
After lunch we went
to a Camilflage school.
Here we saw all sorts
of devices. Nets with
bits of green rag tied
to them to be placed
over guns. Observation
peepholes made by
putting gauge in the
side of an old gas
tin half buried in
the parapet

old caps with a gauge hole
in the top buried likewise.
Also Canvas hedges and
road screens these latter
are stripes of Black and
light brown and made
into screens do not
show in a picture.
We left here at 5 P.M.
and reached Montreuil
at 6:30 here we were
met by B. Gen. Harding-Newman
Dep. Director Gen of Transportation
charged with technical side.
Who put us up for the
night as the representative
of Gen. Nash. D.G.T.
at supper also were
Gen. Wedgwood Dachs
Gen. Brodie Henderson and
a col in charge of
canals.

Tuesday July 24 17

Gen. Went to the transportation office at 9 A.M. And talked with the following officers on the subject of their various departments.

1st Col. Lyell R.E. Chief of R.R. Construction.

2. Gen. Murray Chief R.R. Transp.

3. Gen. Wedgewood. Docks,

4. Gen. Brodie Henderson Dep Dir

5 Gen. Harrison Dir of light R.R.

Stay gave us a number of maps & charts.

We started for Paris at 11:30 A.M. reaching here at 6 P.M.

Wednesday July 25

Gen. Blackford & Col Rogers reported to the General in the A.M. Also Gen. Biddle

Thursday July 26 17

Col Hines, Maj Nolan Maj. Conger went to British G.H.Q. Also Gen. March, Maj. Westofalt Capt Collins & Lt. Swing and Rinehart. I acted as aid for Gen. P. also took Col Hines place.

Friday July 27 17

Nothing.

Saturday July 28 17

Maj. Davis ~~for~~ A.G.,

~~Col~~ Maj. Malone G.S.

Maj. Eltinge G.S.

Maj. Connor Eng. G.S.

Maj. Huntzelman reported for duty.

Sunday July 29 17
Heavy rain and
hail storm. very
hot in afternoon
Made arrangements to
Go to Grandicourt with
Gen. P. Col. Harbord &
Col de Chambeau. Talked
over Auto question with
Col. Rogers. Got notice
that 28 Cadillacks had
landed at St. Nazaire.

Monday July 30 17.
Got already to go but at
12:45 Gen. Told me not to
go.

Tuesday July 31 17
Mustered Hqs. Troop at
8. A.M.
Gen. Col. Harbord

Col de Chambeau and I left
office at 2:50 P.M. in Hatchkiss
and Packard. ~~left~~. Went by
Port. Vincennes - Joinville - le
Pont - Cécy Vitry - le - F. to
St. Dizier. We passed for miles
along the scene of the battle
of the Moore. The road marks
almost exactly the scene of
the last French line of
battle. There were many
graves along the road!
Where hospitals had stood
there were large squair
inclosures full of crosses.
first north of the road
is the valley where Nap.
fought the first half of
the campaign of 1814
Reached St. Dizier at
8 P.M. Gen & Col H were
put up at the hotel

Col. de Chambrun & I
were bilited.

Wednesday Aug 17
Left St. Dizier at 8:10 A M
reached Signy-en-Barrois
at 8:50. Put up flags inspected
town as possible site of
G. H. Q. Went on to ~~Menaucourt~~
Menaucourt where we
found Reg. Marines Col.
Doyen. Inspected Maj
Wise Bn. three billets
poor modty in lofts
full of hay where men
could not smoke.
Col. Doyen did not know
much was not sure
of ration. 36 wagons
and 11 horses short.
Went on to Naix. Bn Mar.
Maj. Tuerill.

Machine Gun Co had no
equipment. Billets good.
Men not smart. about 45
percent recruits.
Went to St. Amand.
3 Bn. 28 Inft. Col. Back
Billets good. Men not
smart. Threw slop water
on ground. Col. B. seemed
stupid.
On to Trévoray to see
2 & 3 Bn. Billets fair.
Went on to St. Joire met
Col. Duncan 26 Inft.
saw H q. Co digging trenches
men not smart. Had
lunch. Capt. Wheeler 1907
Adjt. After lunch saw
Maj. Roosevelts 1st Bn.
exercising. Grenade
throwing with rocks.
Bayonet work against

listless dummies swung
too high and too light.
close order drill. Very
short of offices. Col. D
had relieved Maj. French
from his Bn. for logiques.
Went on and by mistake
went through Baudinzincourt
to Abainville Hq. 16th inft
Col. Alair. 3d. Bn. Billets good
Short 3 wagons. Had four
wooden barracks the large
ones leaked.
Back to Baudinzincourt.
Hq. 18th Infl. Col. McAndrews
who was absent. 1st Col.
McAlexander in comand.
Gen Sibert met us here
discipline not good
Billets fair. Supplies
reported irregular.

Went on to Gondrecourt
Met. Gen. Bundy. Col. Coe and
others. None of them seemed
to know any thing definitely
all favored tents to bettels.
Mules not all shoed for
lack of tools. Lack of
leather for shoe repairing
machines. Reported lack
of full ration. No soap.
Tobacco & candles.
Went on to ~~Chateau Neuf~~.
Neuf Chateau saw
correspondents had sheep.
Went to Murecourt to see
Gen Castlenau saw him at
6:35. Good impression
Reached Vittel at 7:45 at
Grand Hotel. Good supper
Med. officers had party
Gen. met French Meds.

Aug

Thursday July 2 17

Looked over hotels in moving then went to Chaumont by way of Neuf Chateau. Had lunch at Hotel de France and met Gen. Commanding Wirbel. and supper after lunch they showed us over town and we saw two barracks which seemed suitable for Hqs.

Left at 3 P.M going by way of Troyes reached Paris at 10 P.M.

Had supper with and De Chambrun and called on Kay and Keith. They both looked fine.

Aug 3

Friday July 18.

Had lunch with K & Keith and lent them my car for afternoon. went to supper with them at Ciro's and later to Folies Bergeres.

Aug 4

Saturday July 1917

Had lunch with K & K went to supper with them and later went to Grand Guignol quite nice. K found she had lost her big sapphire.

Keith gave me some cigars. I told them good by.

Nothing unusual but some Air Raid alarms till Friday August 31 1917.

Worked all day fixing for move to Chaumont. Assigned cars so that each officer could ride to Chaumont. Went to bed late.

Saturday ~~August~~ September 1 17

Got up at 4:30 A.M to see H.G. Troop start They left with 34 motor cycles and side cars under Sgt. Guynn.

I checked up property in 31 & 27 Rue Constantine and left at 10:55 in my car with Col Fox Conner we had a hard time getting out of town but finally did. Stopped for lunch about 30 miles out and then went on. about 70 miles out valve spring on No 1 cylinder right side outlet valve broke we worked about an hour hunting for the trouble. Went on with 11 cylinders car led all right. Just as we got into Chaumont left rear tire got punctured we changed and reached house at 4:30 P.M.

Col Alvord Maj Bacon and Capt. Shallenberger were already there. I took small room on third floor.

Did not sleep much as I was too tired. Wrote to B.

Sunday Sep 2 17

Went to Office at 8 A.M. great mess every one hassing and no one to boss. Hooked around all day trying to get right Arranged to store cars at Riding hall Artilly Post.

Went riding on Sim late in evening Moggetts went with me. Fine ride along canal very pretty

Monday Sept 3 17
Things cooled down a little. Col. Harbord and Capt. Collins arrived. I changed my room to second floor a better room found that some one had sent me two polo saddles from Blois. Rode Sylvia in afternoon. Arranged for Chauffeurs to Mess at Hospital.

Tuesday, Sept 4 17.
Col H & A looked over horses. Col H's nose very bad. Went riding in woods with French Captain. Felt lazy after lunch but got over it. Collins went to Headquarters and

returned 10:30 P.M. Got news of air raids on our towns near G. no damage.

Wednesday Sept 5 17
Gen. P and Capt Boyd arrived at 4 P.M. I had a guard of honor of 16 men at the house but they came to the office. Gen P. looked tired but seemed pleased with conditions.
Col. Harbord had a bad cold I gave him some aspirin.

Thursday Sept 6 17
Gen. P. Col H. Collins, Boyd and Shallenberger left house at 6 A.M. to go to a review at

Grandecourt. Gen Peton and the President were there. Our party returned for lunch at 12:30
Rained in afternoon
Mag Wilgus & Mr Atteberry came; and left by train at 5 P.M.

Friday Sept 7 17
Engaged Loundress in morning. Drilled Clerks (160) at 7 P.M. they did not like it much but it is necessary as they look like soldiers and must act like them.
Shallenberger was made Provo Martial of Chaumont while Collins was attatched to G. S. Boyd still is aid and I am nothing

but hard flunkey. I shall be glad to get back to the line again and will try to do so in the spring.

Saturday Sept 8 17
Inspection at 8 A.M. nice day.

Sept 15. Sgt Beaine and I went to Paris to settle up Auto accounts we drove up returning seventeenth
Got G. W. W. bill started.
Drove back with Capt Andrews
Went to Paris again on 27 to settle G. W. W. bill and got it paid. Capt Miron and Sgt. Beaine went with me, we nearly ran into a R.R. gate as the fog was heavy till we got beyond

Jerseys. I had a bad headache and did not even go to the theatre.

Some time about the end of Sept. Col. Eltinge asked me if I wanted to be a Jank officer I said yes and also talked the matter over with Col. McCoy who advised me to write a letter asking that in the event of Janks being organized that my name be considered. I did so.

About Oct 10 I began to feel badly and get yellow and when Marshall Joffre dined with us Oct 14 I felt very ill indeed. I went to the Hospital (No 15 Roosevelt Unit) on Oct 17 and was put in the room with Col Fox Conner who had been operated on for a stoppage of the bowels on Sept 18?. I talked Jank with him and decided to try to become a Maj of Inft. Next night Oct 18 Col Eltinge came and said Gen McCluer wanted to start a Jank school at Langres on Nov 15 and would I take it. In spite of my resolution to the contrary I said yes. But I kept discovering it pro and con with Col F. Conner and again decided on Inft.

I got pretty sick Maj Floyd took care of me all I got to eat was five glasses of milk and my stomach was pumped out daily till the 27 of Oct. Then I began to get a little food not much

I left the Hospital Sat. Nov 3 Maj. B. B. Lewis killed himself

~~that~~ day about 6 P.M. he was
under charges for immoral conduct
and as he had a family he did
a good thing.
Nov ~~Oct~~ 4. Saw Col Malone
who said my name had gone
to general for detail to T. school
Talked to Gen. Harbord who
advised infantry. Talked to
Maj. Bacon and Shallenberger
who advised tanks. I did not
sleep a bit ~~that~~ night and
decided to try the Tanks as
it opens the way to high
command if I make a go of it.
Nov ~~Oct 5~~. 12 Congressman got in at
4:30 A.M. with ~~my~~ Col Parker
they were a loosy lot.
Lewis buried at 10:30
Maj Bacon and I went, not a
military funeral.
Gen P got back at Noon

he had been to Paris to see
Lloyd George over Italy.
Nov
~~Oct~~. 6 17.
Gen Petain and his staff
came to dinner with us he
is not very fiery looking and
is not like a Frenchman.
Nov.
~~Oct~~ 7.17
Nothing
Oct 8 17.
Saw Col Malone who
wanted me to go Tanking
at once but I got Beeulles
to tell him as I wanted
to go hunting Sunday.
Oct 9. ~~Saturday~~ Friday
Nothing
Oct 10 Saturday. Bought
new shot gun for my
self for $5.00 as it is

quite nice. Got Birthday telegram from Mama.
J J P started for Trenches to inspect. Order for Tanks approved. S.O. 153 Par 37
~~Saturday~~ Sunday Nov 11 17
Col. Barker and I went hunting with three Frenchmen. We passed on old Roman Camp. We killed one rabbit and had a good lunch.
Monday Nov 12. Got telegram from B.
Tuesday Nov 13. Went to Sangues to report Col. J H Parker and Col. Moore showed me around.

Wednesday Nov 14.
Col. Moseley, Lt Col Francis Page Maj Beeuhrs and Capt Patton were detailed to recommend form of hat in addition to Helmet. We decided campaign hat not suitable here and recommend folding cap shape to be determined later.
Thursday 15. Nov
Got a model of the hat with pipings for arm completed. Got my permission to go to Champlieu
Friday Nov 16.
Arranged my Troops to turn over
Saturday Nov 17.
Called on Gen Alvord. He is worse and I fear is done for. Gen Morrison came to dinner. Gen P. told me he would inspect Hq. Tr. in the morning.
Sunday. Nov 18.
I inspected troops at 7:30 Am to see that all was right

Threw out for K.P. and Fatigue
six men who had dirty
uniforms but all were good
Gen. Inspected at 9:30 110 men in
ranks. Gen Made speech and
complimented men and also
me it was a nice ending for
what had been an
interesting but hard job.
Shalenberger and I left for Pois
at 11:30 lunched on way.
and got in at 4:30. Saw a lot
of reserve officers slouching
round.

Monday Nov 19. Left Pois at
10 A.M. by poste Valeret and
Rue du Flandre went by
Dammartin & Nanteuil to
Villers-Cotterets road
very bad pavement all the
way did not get there
till 12:30 had lunch

saw a good many cavalry
on the way also saw 75's.
Went down Autemore to Perouy
where I reported to Gen Garrard
and was sent to Champlieu
a place in the Forest of Compiegne
Saw some Renault Tanks they
seem fine. Given a very nice
room and an orderly.

Tuesday Nov 20 17

Went to school at 8:50
having had coffee in bed
drove Char d'Assaut Renault
and crossed trenches very
easy to drive. Examined
workings of machine in
P.M. I asked so many
questions that they had
to send for a mechanic.
Capt Girardin. 2d Lavoyers
is teaching me.

Wednesday Nov. 21 17
Mit Capt. Goubernaud Chief of Group. Drove Tank.
Shot. Capt Goubernaud gave me Tactical lecture.
Thursday. Nov 22 17.
Saw section maneuver Capt. Goubernaud explored it cut walking stick and finger. Went to Compiegne.

Friday Nov 23,
Went through repair shops. Park. Section of Reparation. Translated Tactical Problem. Went to Cuppy with Cont de Pas.

Saturday Nov 24 17
Went over Tactical use of tanks with Capt. Goubernaud
Goubernaud

who commands Renoults.
Went to See St. Chamond fire 3 in Gov. Went to Paris on 3:30 PM Train.
Sunday Nov 25. 17
Saw Anne Boyd Mrs Gebhard Mag Reed and, ffp for a mont, returned to Champ Lieu. au. 8 P.M.
Monday Nov 26 17.
Dined Gen. Etienne saw Shnader maneuver in P.M. wrote poems.
Tuesday Nov 27 17
Lt Bisire arrived at 11 Am Took him to call on Gen. Etienne
Saw attempts to cross trenches in P.M. also test for drivers and Gunners. Tank alone can cross about 4.9 of new unrevented trench.
Wednesday Nov 28. 17
Saw shocking example of Fresh

Boulogne. I. make a few
necessary and small changes a
board representing. Minister of
Munitions & Servant. Min. of
Construction. Ministry of Inventions
and Constructor Mr. Louis Renault
all had to have Champlieu and
argue every point.

Thursday Nov 29. Thanksgiving
Saw Section Manoeuvres in the
morning. Went to Compiegne to
call on Col Frank Parker and
got Champagne for mess in
P.M. worked on translation
till 11:30 P.M.

Friday Nov 30.
Saw tanks charged in
complete crossing trenches
most interesting drove
tank up and down very
steep banks, did it well
Gave mess Champagne
and made speech, in French.

Saturday Dec 1 17
Lunched with Col. Frank Parker
at Compiegne. Went with him
over battle fields of Marne & Somme
to Albert. Where we talked with
Chief of Staff. British Tank Corps
over Cambrai Battle got
interesting data. After leaving
Amiens on way to Paris ran into
R.R. gate and got cut. Had stitches
put in at Neuilly. S

Sunday Dec 2 17.
Stained at Paris and arranged
to visit Renault works. Saw Gen
P.

Monday Dec 3 17.
Visited works and got much
data due to St Dausay want to
see Maj. Drain.

Tuesday Dec 4.
Returned to Chaumont

visit Mr House and found
~~Northcliff~~ Northcliff at tea.
Gen P. went back to Paris with
them.

Wednesday Dec 5. 17
Gen Butler Deputy Chief of
Staff came to lunch and
stayed all night. Col
Wagstaff dined with us

Thursday Dec 6 17
Took Gen Butler to train
6 a.m. Mr Houston represented the
Westchester Co N.Y. came to
lunch Gen P returned. Took
Mr Houston to Longues to see
school.

Friday Dec. 7. 17.
Worked on report all day.

Saturday Dec 8 17
Mrs Drain was here
Le Col Eltinge St Blaise
and I talked Jacks

Sunday Dec. 9 17.
Went riding and worked on
Report. Wired Pa. not to let
John's brother make lectures.

Monday Dec 10 17
Dictated report and worked
on table of organization.
Gen H. Proposed. Col. Rockenbach
Pres. Sec. Johnston. Shelby
McKenzie as Chief of Jacks.
I did not approve Rockenbach.
thought I disliked him.

Tuesday Dec. 11 17
Finished report. St Blaise
proposed using supply trucks
to carry Jacks. Sent St. Blaise
to Paris to see Mrs Alden.

Wednesday Dec 12 17
Took John Rogers to Neuf
Chateau. Blaise had to go
on to London to see Alden

Thursday Dec 13 17
Went to Gondrecourt and saw Corps schools. Stables Mortar and 6 lb gun very interesting. Got medals for B. and children for Pogues to take. Went to Langres saw staff college. J. R. left for Paris at 5:30.

Friday Dec 14 17
Hooked around all day wrote letters.

Saturday Dec 15 17.
Decided to go to Langres and start school brought present for Anne Boyd. Bought.
This is last day as staff officer Now I rise or fall on my own. "God judge the right."

Sunday Dec 16 17
Left Chaumont at 3 P.M. with Lt. Delappet reached Langres at 4 P.M. found no one in quarters at hotel.

Monday Dec 17 17
Hooked around school in morning. Went out to find location for School in P.M. went to M.G. school talked with Col. J. H. Parker who insisted on calling me major. got stuck coming up the hill.

Tuesday Dec 18 17.
Went to see various specialist schools and talked with engineers over combining with them.

Wednesday Dec 19 17
Closed deal for house and hired cook and waiters waits now

recommendations for School.
It is very hard to get things started but they marche a little. Got 6 letters from B and five others.

Thursday Dec 20 17
Nothing.

Friday Dec 21 17
Moved into Hotel of Counties d'Arlan. Very nice considering it was built in 1300 by a Crusader. We got Hues going and slept at house.

Saturday Dec. 22 17
Had our first meal dinner quite good and very home like Wrote letter to Maj. Deane took inventory of house and arranged to insure it. Went riding. Roads very slippery and fields frozen in clods.

Sunday Dec 23 17
Nothing.

Monday Dec 24 17
Went to Chaumont to see Col. Rockenbach very satisfactory talk. He seemed more sensible than usual. Braine and I had Christmas dinner and pudding

Tuesday Dec 25 17
Took bath. Dined at one at Fort De la Bonnelle with Capt. Soustelot at Trench mortar school. Capt Wilifred O'B in command very nice. Went to Chaumont in bleigh and very cold. Dinner Gen Pershing. Gen Harbord Boyd. Collins. Shallenberger Maj. Bacon and Paddock Maj. B. gave me box Cosana Cigars. Anne Boyd a Handkerchief. Gen P. a cigarette holder. We all drank to being

Together Christmas 1918

Wednesday Dec 26 17.
Fixed up about Col R's house and wrote some letters. Returned Sangues in evening very cold.

Thursday Dec 27 17 Beaire and I investigated camp for Tank school south of Sangues found it fine and will recommend it. Went to Chaumont in blogged and Reported to Col. R.

~~Thursday~~ Friday Dec. 28 17
Left C. at 8 am for Tank center at Martigny-les. Baines saw Capt. Rabinet and had lunch. Then to Sangues had snow storm all day.
I gave Col R. my room and staid at Hotel de la Escape.

Saturday Dec 29. 17
Col R. Beaire and I went over our site and approved it. Went to Col. Bamford Sec. A. S. and asked for Sand. Beaire went to C. with Col. R. I examined land in P.M. on horseback and liked it still more.

Sunday Dec 30 17.
Made plans for Tank Camp
Went over ground again.

Monday Dec. 31 17.
Made six inch map of Tank Camp in Snow storm but got good results. Sent in letter about people not saluting.
Will leave for Tank Center Funch in morning.
I hope and think that by this time next year we will be nearer Berlin. G S Patton Jr

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