

(Diary)

G. S. Patton Jr.

Capt. of Cav.

Director Army Tank School

Langres, France

2 Rue Pierre Durand

House built end of 1200 A.D.

Tuesday Jan. 1, 1918

Went to Paris on the 5:30 P.M. Train got in at  
10 P.M. went to Meurice and to bed.

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Sunday Jan. 6

Saw Anne Boyd and had lunch with her read book.  
Went to Casino de Paris and saw Gaby des <sup>Lys.</sup> ~~Lies.~~ excellent  
show. Gabies shape much better than when I last saw her  
in 1911.

~~Sip?~~  
~~Lys~~  
(Baby of the  
Fitzly)

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday Jan. 8

Rocky and I worked on organization all day and till 10 at night he approved my plans but we had to change the names to make them fit Tank Program.

Bishop Brent and an English Bish. were at the Gen. House.

Gen. P and Boyd went to Paris.

I saw 10 Lts C.A.C. and sent them to Langres with Braine 5 to m.G. school 5 to 30m.

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(Diary 1918)

Friday Jan. 11

Had talk with Gen. McAndrew very satisfactory.

Looked over new ground.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday Jan. 12

Wrote renewed request for Land.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday Jan. 13

Went to Chaumont in P.M. to see Col. R.

Returned Sunday night got stuck in snow.

(Diary 1918)

Monday Jan. 14

Worked on requisition for spare parts and replacements.

Wrote letter about misconduct of Lt. Jacobs.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday Jan. 15

Finished requisition in morning and went to  
Chaumont in P.M. Took three hours as I got stuck on  
slippery hill which I could not clime.

Staid all night with Col. R.

(Diary 1918)

Friday Jan. 18

Went to see French Mission about Tank Camp.  
Promised they would give me a place to day.

Had argument with *it Jacobs* over his trying to  
run me out of my house.

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(Diary 1918)

Saturday Jan. 19

Went to Chaumont to see Col. Rockenbach off for  
England. Every thing for the tanks looks fine.

Collins came back with me to spend the day.

Saw Col. <sup>Fox</sup> F. Conner about approving tank land.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday Jan. 20

Went to see the French about Target Ranges and after much talk I got all we asked for including the Tank ground.

Collins and I went for a ride to tank center.

(Diary 1918)

Monday Jan. 21

Took Col. Drum out to see the Tank center he will approve it to Col. Conner.

Worked in office on speech or lecture to be given 23 to bunch of generals and colonels.

Lt. Col. Drum Collins went back to Chaumont.

Gen. Sample called to apologize for conduct of Lt. Jacobs of his staff.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday Jan. 22

Typed notes for Lecture Went to Chaumont found all gone to hell. Coordination section had disapproved land and held up buildings. I got it smoothed out again but Gen. Williams told me that we could get no tanks from the French.

I talked over trailer business with him and he seemed much interested.

(Dairy 1918)

Thursday Jan. 24

Nothing

(Diary 1918)

Friday Jan. 25

Got ready to move out of house.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday Jan. 26

(missing)

Moved to new house No. 48 Rue

The owner and her daughter came to arrange things  
very nice people and good looking.

Two french officers came from ~~Montigny Les Bains~~ Martigny-les-Bains  
to look over camp found it good.

(Diary 1918)

Monday Jan. 28

Went to Chaumont to see Col. Rockenbach. He  
talked a lot and said nothing.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday Jan. 31

Lt. Braine left for Paris to day. I was sorry to see him go he is the most reliable man I have yet met and has plenty of sense.

Sent a couple of pictures by him.

Got my first "Overseas cap"

(Diary 1918)

Saturday Feb. 2

Went to Chaumont in P.M. Saw Col. R. He wired recommending me for Lt. Col. National Army as I have not sufficient rank to get proper subordinates. He told me that I was to organize 1st Tank center and see to billeting arrangements for 12 cos. light tanks he had asked for. Also to select to G. S. officers from Staff School.

Returned to Langres in evening at 9:30 P.M.

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Sunday Feb. 3

Saw Lt. Col Wade about billiting areas.

Saw Lt. Col Bjønstead<sup>e</sup> about students. Made  
tentative plan for 1st Tank Center Staff.

*check*

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday Feb. 6 2

Saw Maj Drain at 10 A.M. worked in office till

7. Got all material approved.

Went to see ~~Eddie des Lys~~.

*Gaby des Lys.*

Col Had lunch with Comdt. Michele and got promise  
of 10 tanks in March.

French fear big German attack and are bending all  
energies to meet it.

(Diary 1918)

Friday Feb. 8

Left Paris at 8 A.M. reached Langres at 2:30

Found letters from B and the sweater she sent me.

Going to Dine at Gen. McAndrews. Gen. Vaughn <sup>sp?</sup>

Chief of Staff to Gen Bing gave lecture on Cambrai  
operation.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday Feb. 9

Made out tables for Q.M. & Ordnance Supply of  
Tank Cos.

Col. R. <sup>seen</sup> telephoned that I was to go to Blois  
to select men for 1st Lt. Tank Co.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday Feb. 10

Col. R. & Col. Walker Eng came to lunch and later  
Col R. met officers and gave little Talk. We then  
inspected Tank Area.

Wrote to Lt Col. Alexander about maps.

Went to see Lt Col <sup>Reed</sup> at Chaumont found him very  
nervous. Gave him some sleeping medicine.

(Diary 1918)

Monday Feb. 11

Went to L of C about billits at Bourg and they  
promised to fix it for me.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday Feb. 14

Went to Saumur to see the Canards and M<sup>r</sup>.  
Cléry. Found every thing as usual all were dilighted  
to see me. Returned to <sup>Jours had dinner at</sup> Hotel l'Universe with Chapman  
& Bowen Caught Army special at 8:10. Slept well.

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(Diary 1918)

Friday Feb. 15

Reached Chaumont at 12:35 went to see Col. R.  
made report of trip. got <sup>special order</sup> S.O. No. 2 Tank Corps detail-  
ing me as C.O. 1st Light tank center. Came to Langres  
at 6:30 with Col. R. he left after supper.

Had indigestion and was bilious took lot of water  
and some black pills. Letter from B and packages.

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(Diary 1918)

Saturday Feb. 16

Worked out arrangements for reception of companies.

4 letters from B.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday Feb. 17

Got Telegram that 2 Tank companies would be in at  
9:25 had men meet train Got *illeg* on phone ✓  
and found they would be in after 1. Went to station  
Lt. Col. H. B. Hennessey came with them. Marched them  
to St. *James* and put them in billits. 195 men all told *sp?*  
good lot.

*James*

~~not checked~~

(Diary 1918)

Monday Feb. 18

Inspected billets in P.M. Called on Doctor in charge of Amb. sect. Got Maj. Keep Eng. R. to order lumber for buildings.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday Feb. 19

Went to camp at 8 A.M. gave men talk on discipline and behavior. Had lecture by Maj. Tracy on camouflage. Went to gas course in P.M. Sent list of proposed rank of officers to Col. R. at 1:30.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday Feb. 20

Gas lecture and drill in morning.

Went to Bourg to look over billets.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday Feb. 21

Gas lecture and practice in gas chamber full of  
resperator  
tear gas. Box / absolutely neutralizes gas. Mask  
shows a little gas if you breath deep.

Went to Bourg and assigned Billets for officers and  
men.

(Diary 1918)

Friday Feb. 22

Moved A & B Cos to Bourg. Inspected old Billite  
at St. ~~Sessines~~ and found them clean. Established Camp. X

Heard a tank had arrived rushed about but found  
mistake due to bad French on part of Lt. Brown.

Called up Col. R and demanded transportation Got,  
Dodge Sedan, motor cycle, and Truck.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday Feb. 23

Had inspection found men dirty and not shaved raised hell and disciplined Doctor for not keeping heels together.

Took Bath. Saw Gen. Wood. Col. Collins came to lunch.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday Feb. 24

Went to Bourg and fooled around nothing much.

Dr. Hand reported.

(Diary 1918)

Monday Feb. 25

Went to drill at 8:30 men did well.

Gave lessons in pistol shooting in P.M.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday Feb. 26

Tuesday nothing

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday Feb. 27

Wednesday. Lessons in Pistol shooting got Second  
Dodge by mistake I think saw old lady and rented rooms.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday Feb. 28

Went to drill found B. Co. not out on account of rain. Got them out.

Had inspection, A. Co best, inspected billits found them very good. Latrines poor, one case of mumps.

(Diary 1918)

Friday March 1

*Hotel Hunt*  
Snowed. Got ~~Map~~ from Gen Shipton

*lumber*  
Unloaded ~~bomber~~ for Shops. R sent me a scheme

to train 116 off. and 1638 men in no time. Worked out  
a scheme.

*check  
diary*

(Diary 1918)

Saturday March 2

Went to Chaumont to see Col R. about training.

Recomended that Tanks have a representative in

U.S. Col. said no.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday March 3

Boyd asked me if I wanted to go riding with Gen  
in P.M. said yes. We went to a place near Toul and  
saw M. <sup>Clemenceau</sup> ~~Clamercion~~. Then went to Hq. 1st Div. to com-  
pliment them on repulse of Bosch raid. Found that we  
were going to have a show decided to stay all night.  
Gen. Summerall promised to let me go to observation  
post. But Gen. P saw me getting helmet and said no.  
Col. Purrington took me up road to Gen Duncans Brigade.  
Barage was to start at 1 A.M. with 90 guns.

I staid up to see it.

<sup>sp?</sup>  
Clemenceau

(Diary 1918)

Monday March 4

Barage started to the second and in 3 minutes the Germans came back with more guns. At 1:20 regiments started Infantry unable to start <sup>Barage</sup> Brown was stopped Germans kept on for almost twenty minutes then all was quiet and we went to Bed about 2:30 P.M. I staid with Maj. Hixon

We left at 7 A.M. reached Chaumont 10 and Langres 11:30 A.M. I caught 4:40 train for Paris and got train for Boulogne at 11 P.M.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday March 5

Reached Folkstone at 2:30 P.M. and London at  
5 P.M.

I went to Kays and found a tea in progress. Met  
some interesting people and Mrs. Leverton Harris asked  
me to see Faust. She is wife of Deputy Secretary in the  
Ministry of <sup>Blockade</sup> ~~War~~. Faust was sung in english but was pretty  
good.

Sydney

Blockade?

(Diary 1918)

Sunday March 10

Left for Folkstone at 9:40 got to Boulogne at  
4 P.M. Left for Paris at 8:20 P.M. sat up all night  
got in at 6 A.M. went to bed at 7 got up at 8:30 Did  
some business and left for Chaumont

(Diary 1918)

Monday March 11

Left for Chaumont at 8 P.M. sat up till  
3:30 A.M.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday March 12

Saw Col. R in morning and left for Langres  
at 11:15

Fixed up business and went to bed.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday March 13

Went to center in morning Col. R came down  
and seemed pleased.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday March 14

Made arrangements to visit Martigny-les-Bains.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday March 16

Nothing much.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday March 17

Had Elsie Jann<sup>y</sup>ie and her mother to lunch she is not pretty but quite amusing though common in her pronunciation she wore an artificial Lepord skin coat.

Met Secretary Baker and went around with him for a while seemed interested and intelligent.

(Diary 1918)

Monday March 18

Went to Center in morning and painted neck with iodine resulting in bad burn and much suffering. Moved office to Bourg.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday March 19

Got telegram from B congratulating me on promotion to Lt. Col. have not heard of it yet otherwise neck much better.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday March 20

Got telephone from Lt. Baker that tanks had  
left at 12 noon should reach here on 22 P.M.

Had preliminaries for Track meet.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday March 21

Got Cable gram from Mrs. Ayer to the effect that,  
"Our commander has gone from us all his thoughts and  
actions showed love for you, Ellie"

Wired Mrs. Ayer direct from Chaumont by authority  
of Col Davis. "Deep sympathy to you and Beatrice, Love."

Went to Chaumont and saw Col R about new sort of  
tank recomended that 10 be sent for trial Col R. asked  
for 15.

(Diary 1918)

Friday March 22

De Coppet left to go as aid to Gen Alexander we  
had some Champagne.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday March 23

Tanks arrived at Langres-Marne about 3 P.M. we arranged to unload them opposite the Bois d'Amour

The train got here at 8:40 we had a hundred men and 10 extra with Fire extinguishers we got them all unloaded and in the woods at 12 mid night. I backed seven off the train and Lt. Baker the other three.

*right?  
OK*

(Diary 1918)

Sunday March 24

Moved tanks into sheds and arranged to have them oiled on Monday.

Left for Paris to get my machine at 4:40

Arrived at 11:10 and there was an air raid.

(Diary 1918)

Monday March 25

The long range gun put shells into Paris every 15 min. from 7 to 10 A.M. I left at 12:30 and reached Langres at 6:30 with out incident. The shells did little harm as they do not seem to cary much explosive. The range is said to be 120 Kil.

The hits are well grouped most of them near the Gare ~~de l'est~~ de l'Est.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday March 26

Got eight men trained to act as instructors in driving. Arranged schedule so as to train 96 men and 8 officers in 3 weeks in Driving motors & guns.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday March 27

Started schedule things did not work well.

Examined ~~BRENNE~~ <sup>?</sup> as possible location for  
center.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday March 28

Gen Shipton & Lt Col Henry visited Center  
schedule worked better

*app  
forest*

(Diary 1918)

Saturday March 30

Had to abandon schedule in order to groom  
tanks.

~~Groom?~~  
yes

Col R. & Gen Black visited center I drove tank  
through heavy woods for them.

(Diary 1918)

Monday April 1

Went to Chaumont to see the dentist and had five teeth drilled for inlays.

Stayed at General P's house. At supper Gen. Alvord told me I was a Lt Colonel. Collins said that as a result of my promotion he did not approve of selection (joke).

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday April 2

Nothing

Finished with dentist.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday April 3

Nothing but some Boston civilians to see tanks.

Started drilling in brush south of Bois d'Amour.

Rain

(Diary 1918)

Thursday April 4

Decided to change schedule in order to get more  
men at work.

Rain.

(Diary 1918)

Friday April 5

"C" company arrived at noon. Put Lt. Higgins  
in charge.

A very good lot of men but poor N.C.O's.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday April 6

Cleaned tanks and worked on *platoon*  
manuever. Rain

~~Platoon?~~

(Diary 1913)

Sunday April 7

Had dinner with Madame De <sup>VAUX</sup> Veau and Col. Bard Eng.

~~Cheriff  
Cushman  
+  
Sings~~

(Diary 1918)

Monday April 8

Col. R. Lt. Col Clapton, Capt. Viner inspected center we were just changing schedule, so there were some tie ups. We went to Martigny-les-Bains. Saw German prisoner eating swill.

Found 9th Co. motor mechanics apparently lost.

Coming home Col R was very complimentary. I had a bad headache.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday April 9

Got telegram from Beat that Mrs. Ayer had died.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday April 10

Phoned Col. Collins and asked him to get Gen P. to send B a telegram. Wrote her a letter also one to Katharine.

Felt better but not well. Got letter from B about Mr. Ayers death.

He often read my letter to him saying that his letter to me had decided me to enter the tanks.

Last letter he got was one from B announcing my promotion to Lt. Col. He said now that George has his start he will go higher. B put my poem about him in his pocket.

B's letter less sad than I had feared.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday April 11

Nothing

(Diary 1918)

Friday April 12

Friday nothing.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday April 13

My itch is getting worse and I am going to the hospital for a few days to get it fixed up.

Capt. Viner reported for duty.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday April 14

Staid in bed with a wet dressing on my chest.

(Diary 1918)

Monday April 15

Moved to Ward 2. staid in bed. Blanchard Scott<sup>2</sup>  
came to see me.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday April 16

Got up at 11 A.M. and went to Bourg to have tank  
manuver. Maj. J. F. Hughes Morris who was to command  
the infantry got mad at not being met so went home.

Manuver worked out fine.

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~~not~~  
identified

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday April 17

Put Capt. Viner in command of C. Co. and Capt  
Compton in command of A.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday April 18

Nothing

(Diary 1913)

Friday April 19

Had rehearsal of tank maneuver. Lt. Col. Maxie brought a battalion composed of students from his schools and the auto weapons school all went fine we had to ~~LET~~ tanks start at H-2 1/2 instead of H-1 1/2 to give more time.

~~LET~~  
LET?

(Diary 1918)

Saturday April 20

Went to a dance at Hospital No 15 at Chaumont  
got home at 2 A.M. Had a very nice time.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday April 21

The French started going to church about 2 A.M.

Called on Madame de <sup>Vaux</sup> Veau and <sup>dined</sup> dined with some little  
girls my itch was worse.

*check  
any*

(Diary 1918)

Monday April 22

Had manuver in heavy rain. Made barage of O.F. grenades fine show. I was much complimented both on the show and on Sylvia's looks. About 200 officers were present.

One tank fell in a hole but we got it out before five.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday May 1

Wrote out ideas on employment of tanks for  
Col. R. Believe them good and quite new.

(Diary 1918)

Friday May 3

Nothing much.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday May 4

G. O. 66 reduced Collins Shallenberger and Bacon to majors. I had a black border drawn around the order and sent it to him. 2

Maj. Champlin and I drew in the changes on a blue print of the original Renault.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday May 5

Called on Gen. Sample and asked him to give me  
*some hats* *but* some hats. ✓

Called on Col. Smith to pay my respects as he is  
new Comdt of the Army Schools.

Capt. Harrison Brown reported for duty.

*ff*

(Diary 1918)

Saturday May 11

Inspection. In the streets tent pitching

OK?  
✓

(Diary 1918)

Sunday May 12

Rained all day my itch got much worse.

(Diary 1918)

Monday May 13

Had lecture on infantry platoon and Co.

Capt. Brown got up lecture on it.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday May 14

Went over problems No. 2 map. found them very good.

Gave lecture on approved solution.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday May 15

Lecture by French officer on infantry.

Gen Sample and a lot of milk <sup>toast</sup> Y.M.C.A.

women came to see the tanks.

Tried passing trenches at speed with good results.

~~toast?~~  
~~or~~  
~~toast?~~  
OK

(Diary 1918)

Saturday May 18

Inspection Nothing.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday May 19

Lt. Col. John A. Crane dead. Shell

Col. R came down and talked a lot but said  
nothing it was very tiresome.

He told me I could go to French Front Tuesday.

(Diary 1918)

Monday May 20

Got ready to go. Wrote letter to B. which I gave  
to Viner to forward in case I am killed.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday May 21

Col R came down and said we could not go because things were not arranged with the 3d Bureau. I went home early and sat in the sun to cure my itch. Gave a party to the mess had a bottle of Champagne.

Andrews put eggs in a bottle very amusing.

✓  
OK ?

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday May 22

Left Langres at 10:30 with Lt. Murphy whom I put  
in the hospital. Saw Col. R. Had dinner with Collins  
Gen. McAndrew Col Davis.

They leave the house to day I told them to cancel  
my lease. Left Chaumont at 5:45 Reached Paris at  
10 P.M. Took Metro to <sup>Place de l'Opera</sup> Opera. Walked to Meurice. Had  
a bath. An alarm was given but I went to sleep before  
any things happened.

Party, Lt Col. Patton, Lt. Will Robinson, T.C.Brown,  
W. H. Williams, Nelms & Morrison.

\*Place de l'Opera

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diary  
hopped?

(Diary 1918)

Friday May 24

*mid check*  
Saw a manuver with 4 tanke and a Bn. Inft. Not over 500 men of 34 Regt. Men small and young Bn. Commanded by a Capt. Cosley. *✓ 2* *✓ 2*

Lts. noted that when lines halted men did not simulate fire. Was told that they never fire and in last attack that they took 600 M of trenches with out firing a shot.

Tanks were slow in getting up and moved accross front in a long oblique.

Aeroplanes raded last night dropped six bombe *around* *✓* town but did not hit any thing. Holes 4 ft deep and 7 or 8 feet accross. Heard a Barage start at 2 A.M.

Called on Corps commander

Did not speak a word of English all day but talked incessantly.

Saw loading manuver.

(Diary 1918)

Monday May 27

*Ménévillers*

Maj. Le F and I went through St. Martin to Ménévillers and then north till we crossed the RR here we left the car and went east in a ravine passing a battery of 155 well hidden under nets. But they had not hidden their road so were sure to be known. All the ammunitions were <sup>in wide</sup> ~~inside~~ holes so all would not blow up. We located some good No 2 positions for tanks there were a lot of fresh shell holes but none came while we were there. We then went NW along the R.R. in search of more positions but found none. Saw 2 Bat. of 75 in action W of Mery. Also saw some Bosch planes being shot at. At dinner heard Bosch were attacking Paris with gun just heard of new battle at Reims.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday May 29

Nothing. Got up at 8 A.M. and walked around town and saw a hole where a bomb had fallen and not gone off.

In P.M. Robinson and I walked about 2 miles towards the lines but saw nothing of interest.

When we came back they told us Soissons had been taken. Only 4 Div were holding the line when the Bosch attacked. 2 of the 5 British Army and 2 ~~Third~~ French Div. The F. were completely fooled as they had looked for an attack near Arras.

~~third?~~

The French are Blue and say that they cannot attack until the U.S. gets 30 div over. They say that the British will not attack again.

May 30 18

Darling Beat:

I just finished writing you a most amusing letter but as it is long and funny I shall defer mailing it until I get to an Army Post office as I don't know whether these written through the French P.O. will ever reach you.

The ~~avions~~ came again last night but I was asleep and did not hear them. They blew up some people in the next town and some houses.

There is very little news left to tell I am simply writing this to let you know I am all right.

I love you

George

~~houses?~~  
Yes

(Diary 1918)

Saturday June 1

Left Leglantiers for Clermont at 3 P.M. got there in an hour having passed large numbers of Trucks on the road over 500.

I paid my respects on the commandant of Super Groupment Lt. Col. Shedville. Got to Paris about 6:30 saw lots of refugees on the road.

Went to the theater.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday June 2

Called on Miss Stilwell and had a fairly lazy day.

(Diary 1918)

Monday June 3

Got my uniform tried on. And saw Gen. P. at the same shop.

Bought some pipes for which I paid too much money.

(Diary 1918)

Friday June 7

Went to Chaumont to see Col R about getting Maj.

Davis sent to Paris.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday June 8

Col. Babcock visited Center. Had manuver of  
Tanks in advance guard.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday June 9

Nothing.

Maj. L. K. Davis went to Paris to arrange some business for me.

Gen. Wheeler Chief of Ord. came to see me and was much pleased and promised help.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday June 12

Nothing. Appointed Capt. Compton in charge of instruction.

Traded <sup>✓</sup>Atlas <sup>✓</sup> for new Denis 3 ton truck.

Arranged for myself Viner <sup>Brett</sup> ~~Butt~~ & Gibbs to take

G. S. course.

Brett ?

~~Yes~~

(Diary 1918)

Thursday June 13

Shipped a Tank in two trucks to ~~NEVERS~~ to have it lengthened and fixed to carry three men.

Col. R. <sup>Keedwell</sup> came down and told me that probably one Bn would be put in the fight in August. I fear we will have no such luck. But hope for the best.

(Diary 1918)

Friday June 14

Had maneuver of a night march "A" Co. 326 Bn Capt Compton. Marched 10 K in 2h55m. very satisfactory reconnaissance work was most satisfactory and road was not once lost.

Maj. Davis got back and reported successful termination to his trip.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday June 15

Nothing

(Diary 1918)

Monday June 17

The 15 new tanks arrived at 3:30 and we put up the ramp and got them all off by 4:28 had the ramp down and were able to move the train.

Maj. Laughton Mr. & Mrs. Johnson came by and got Mrs. Ayer.

*Gen. Staff*  
Started G. S. College.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday June 18

Nothing

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday June 19

First Company Tank Drill. Very poor.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday June 23

Rode horseback to Chaumont. Had dinner with Gen.  
at his new house. Very pretty ride along canal.

(From folder marked MY PERSONAL PAPERS ON TANKS,  
ALL WRITTEN BY ME)

(June 2 1918)

Speaking Notes.

1. The amount of nerve required by a Captain even though camouflaged--
2. To begin the Tank was and still is--
3. Its advent was made necessary--
4. The Tank then in order to fulfil its purpose of correcting the defects in the artillery preparation. Had--1-2-3-4--
5. Cambrai begun on Nov. 20 1917--
6. Hence it may be well to briefly trace now the above--
7. The British thought of the tank
8. Under this assumption it was felt that--
9. To Carry out this notion of attack the tanks were arranged in one echelon of two waves. (Diagram No. I)
10. The above somewhat complex formation was destined to be employed--
11. Diagram No. II and III.
12. When the first trenches were cleared to the width--
13. It is at once apparent--
14. When the American TMC was first formed just after--
15. Diagram IV.
16. The function of the third platoon.
17. Our infantry, you will observe--
18. But even at Cambrai--
19. While the officers of this Center--

20. Tank T.M. And most important of all the dwindling man power of the enemy--Conserve lives--preserve land.
21. The defense in depth accomplished this--
22. In the intermediate area between these two lines--
23. This was accomplished.
24. To meet this new form of defense--
25. How could these faults have been corrected--
26. I propose instead the following method of their employment--
27. Diagram V and VI.
28. But in order to make these actions of the tank useful.
29. Here it may be permissible to point a defect I have occasionally noted.
30. This resulted in the acquisition of many decorations--
31. As soon as a hostile opposition of any sort is discovered--
32. By using this method of exploitation--
33. Operating in the method above described--
34. "Riding the enemy to death"--
35. This is accomplished by pressing forward on as broad a front as--
36. How can tanks facilitate this advance?--
37. There is another phase of combat which may be rightly treated--
38. Finally we shall close with a hasty consideration--
39. Now I shall take advantage of my position to respectfully propound a question to you. Is the creeping Barrage worth while.

40. Next do you give enough thought to transient targets.
41. Do Tanks get as much support as they deserve.
42. Having thus sinned the unpardonable sin of speaking of the tactics of another arm with which I am only acquainted by the business end. I shall close

July, 1918

Map - St. Mihiel - C

(Diary 1918)

Thursday August 1

Left for Paris at 5:31 reached there 2:30  
train very late.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday September 7

Went to see 1st Div Gen Summerall in morning all most obliging and did all I asked.

Went to 42 Maj Murphy G3. Found that they had adopted my plan in total. Thought Col Hughes less of an ass.

Fixed up plan for French Maj. Chamoiné

*Chamoiné*

*Chamoiné*  
- *Chamoiné?*

Wrote new plan for 327 Compton etc got lost

Tanks shipped from Langres

Gen. R. called.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday September 10

327 Failed to detrain as Frenchmen had put  
ammunition on the tracks and we could not move up.

Things look bad but we will do our best to get  
them off

Lt. Col. Mitchell came to observe also Viner

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday September 13

Made Reconnaissance of ~~Wood~~<sup>Woods</sup> & think ~~Chaumont~~<sup>Clermont</sup> ✓

better place got telephone connected and office & mess

running expect to be shelled at 9:30 now 10:05 P.M. and

nothing has hapened but they are shelling ~~Paris~~<sup>Paris</sup> to ✓ Army

the west.

13  
Paris

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday September 25

Inspected Battalions at 9 A.M. Found 345 very dirty Ordered correction. 344 in better condition but might have been improved upon.

Gen R. called.

Went to corpe to get H & D also passes for Gas trucks.

Went to meeting at 35 Div. One of our trucks full of runners hit by shell 6:15 P.M. Near ~~NAVilly~~ no report yet. Had big dinner. Will start soon. Wrote B.

~~out~~

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~~NAVilly~~  
Army  
check  
Newilly

(Diary 1918)

Monday September 30

Was put on cattle train in rain and had a rather bad night as the iron bars of the stretcher hurt my back and I could not move.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday October 17

Came up to Camp hospital No. 24 at Langres by  
arrangement with Gen. Smith

(Diary 1918)

Saturday October 19

Spent the day at Bourg and played my new phonograph. Very nice. Felt tired.

October 23, 1918

Bound mimeographed book with maps

"OPERATIONS of the 301st BATTALION - T.C.  
Sept 29th to Oct 23rd 1918"

Colonel G. S. Patton T.C.

305th Brigade - Tank Corps.

American Expeditionary Forces, France

Secret - Copy No. 42

*OK  
OK*

(Inside page states:

2nd Tank Brigade, American E.F.

Report on Operations

September 27 to October 1st, 1918

October 5th, 1918)

(Diary 1918)

Friday October 25

Got out of hospital and moved to Bourg.

(Diary 1918)

Monday November 11

Peace was signed and Langres was very excited.

Many flags.

Got rid of my bandage. Wrote a poem on peace.

Also one on Capt. English.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday November 20

Got letter from Nita in which she said Gen P  
wrote her.

"I know of no one who has as much courage as  
George. Tell Aunt Ruth she should be mighty proud of  
him." J. J. P.

Had big minstrel show to night quite a success.

(Diary 1918)

Friday November 22

Gave lecture to a lot of generals and in P.M.  
demonstration of Bn attack it worked fine. The  
generals were all dead ones.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday November 27

Rode horseback and hurt my leg. So I do not  
feel very flip

(Diary 1918)

Thursday November 28

Went on bore hunt with Capt. Thompson and killed a rabbit. Ate a huge dinner and felt very stuffed.

(Diary 1918)

Saturday November 30

Drove one of the American Renaults to day. Col  
Taylor left. Got Black male letter from a Mr. *Whiting?* ✓  
Who in hell is he? Bill Reed says not to worry about it.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday December 3

Left Varennes at 8 A.M. Went to Verdun and San Mihiel. Verdun is not hurt much. St. Mihiel less

Trench system is most interesting as one crosses both lines twice. French did more digging but Bosch better and they had much better shelter for the men also better wire.

Called on Col Horton at Neuf <sup>Chateau</sup> and bought a Trench coat.

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday December 4

Got D.S.C.

Wired Beat to that effect.

*(wire dated Dec 10!)*

(Diary 1918)

Thursday December 5 *San. Staff College*

Gave lecture to G.S.C. at 11 A.M. They asked to have it printed.

Had manuver in P.M. quite successful. Wireless Tanks worked for first time. Sent and received while in motion.

Staff very inatentive due to end of war probably.

Got letter saying I had D.S.C.

(Diary 1918)

Friday December 6

Left for Paris on 2:18 train. Gen. R. <sup>ackerbach</sup> let me wear  
my D.S.C. Ribbon.

Had dinner with Caroline went to the theater

(Diary 1918)

Sunday December 8

Had lunch with Gen Pershing. Called on the Boyds. Anne said she wanted a watch for Christmas.

(Diary 1918)

Monday December 9

Nothing much have had cold and feel rotten.

(Picture Postcard)-

Photo of Boppard - Partie mit Fähre

Officer's Letter

Geo. S. Patton, Esq.  
First Savings Bldg.  
Los Angeles, Cal.

9:45 A.M. December 10, 1918,

The first American General to establish his headquarters on the German Rhine, sends you Holiday greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Brigadier General F. C. Marshall  
Commanding 2nd Inf. Brigade

(postmarked Jan. 16, 1919)

*(card in folder)*

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday December 11

Semmes, Weed, and Castle came to tell me good by.  
They are all on the way to the states.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday December 12

Bought a Police Dog for 1200 F. with the help of  
Caroline. His name is Char *illeg* ✓ ✓

(Diary 1918)

Friday December 13

Took Anne to the movies and had Tea with her  
and Mrs. Boyd. Anne likes her watch

(Diary 1918)

Saturday December 14

Went to the Place de La Concord to see the President. There was a large crowd but little noise. Gen. P. was in fifth or sixth carriage.

President looked fine and very much a man.

Man in crowd saw my wound chevron and thought I was a 2d Lt. he said, "What a happy day this would be if it were not for the fact that England makes us always keep the hand on the sword."

Felt very badly and went to bed right after supper.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday December 15

Got up early and went for "Char" in one of the  
general's cars.

Got a Dog ticket for him and took him in the *apartment?*

(Diary 1918)

Monday December 16

Weather very bad and rainy.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday December 19

328 Bn. had a manuver with a Bn of candidates it went very well and showed the possibilities of Light Tanks in bad country in open war.

(Diary 1918)

Friday December 20

Gave lecture to a bunch of artillery officers they were all most interested and it was a pleasure to talk to them.

Had demonstration in P.M. which was not well staged as the tanks bunched too much.

(Diary 1918)

Sunday December 22

Went to Chaumont to have uniforms tried on. Had to wait two hours there was such a crowd.

Had dinner with Gen. McAndrew at the general's chateau. Mrs. Boyd and Anne were there.

*General's?*  
*400*

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday December 24

VOK

~~lost~~ ?

Braine and I talked over our last Christmas  
eve. I read a Book B gave me "The Kingdom of the  
Blind."

(Diary 1918)

Saturday December 7

Met Morgan Adams and called with him on Mrs.  
Johnson & Mrs. Ayre. Took them to lunch.

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this was  
ayer  
before

check names

(Diary 1918)

Wednesday December 25

Went on horse back to see the review but it was so cold I did not wate for it. Inspected <sup>the</sup> of men and found them very good. ✓

Ate dinner here at one

Went to Gen P's for dinner at eight. Present, Gen. P. Gen. McAndrew, Gen Davis, Boyd, Quekemeyer, Bowditch, Collins, Hughes. Lt. Pershing, Dame <sup>2</sup> Ranche, M. D. Ouvre, Mrs. Boyd, Ann and myself. Got some nice presents. Quek. gave me two fine helmets. Left at 12:30 A.M. in snow storm

Char had eaten my shoes.

(Diary 1918)

Thursday December 26

Drill only in A.M. until 31st.

My Christmas box arrived in good shape.

(Diary 1918)

Tuesday December 31

End of a fine year full of interest. I hope it will be the only one in which I am away from B. for such a long time.

Sat up until 12 reading French <sup>history</sup> ~~victory~~ from 1314 to 1914.

Got letter from Frenchman again accusing me of all sorts of vice and saying he would write Gen. P. I hope he does.