

{Diary 1919}

Wednesday January 1

Got up at 10 A.M. Thompson brought shell case fixed for President. Viner & I called on Gen Bamford.

Had our reception at 3 P.M. egg nog Tom & Jerry. Punch. had a very nice time. went to bed early.

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Thursday January 2

Had meeting of Drill Regs Board.

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Friday January 3

Order to be ready to leave on short notice.

Lt. Shipe taken down with spinal meningitis.

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Saturday January 4

Maj. ~~VICKS~~ camp surgeon died.

Had inspection wrote some more drill regs.

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Sunday January 5

Went to Bourbonne-les-Bains to see Bill Reed he has a very nice remount station, 9 Tr 3" Cav.

Went to Chaumont to get uniform tried on it fitted I paid for it.

Roads in very bad condition.

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Monday January 6

Started infantry training in "gang" attack tactics.

Turned in all 59 tanks to new center.

Maj. Falk came to teach us infantry.

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Tuesday January 7

Felt very badly and went to bed in P.M. took
Rum and Bismouth and quinine.

Gen Duncan & Col. Gordon Johnson called to ask
if I would manuver with them Friday.

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Wednesday January 8

Felt much better Sent Capt. Knowles & Lt. Borland to make reconnaissance for Problem Friday.

Gen Bamford called and I asked him to inspect Brigade he will on Friday at 2 P.M.

Had meeting on Drill regs until 11:30 P.M.

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Thursday January 9

Wrote Plan for use of Tanks. Made Reconnaissance
and wrote order Got third letter from Mr. Werteg.

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Friday January 10

Held Manuver with G2 Tanks worked well but fog spoiled the view.

Gen. Bamford inspected brigade at 2 P.M. the men looked very well. 328 guns had too much grease.

Arranged my papers.

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Saturday January 11

We had drill in the morning inspite of the heavy fog.

I went riding in the P.M. and worked on drill regs in the evening.

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Sunday January 12

7 letters from B. In date dec 16. She says in reference to my citation and account of the Essey Bridge affair. "Georgie you are the fulfilment of all the ideals of manliness and high courage & bravery I have always held of you ever since I have known you. And I have expected more of you than any one else in the world ever has or will."

I am glad she likes me.

Her Birthday.

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Monday January 13

Nothing

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Tuesday January 14

Viner, Brett and myself investigated Lt. Borland.

He lied to us.

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Wednesday January 15

Had manuver with 82 Div.

Watched inft drill in P.M. men did well.

Started lecture on *German* Tactics. *German?*

Gen. Eltinge told me I was to be inspector of

Mil. police 3 army Col. *G* Rubbs said I was going home.

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Thursday January 16

Went to manuver with Tanks and 32 Div. Very
poor [✓]for 32. Men took no interest and showed no idea
of what they were doing. ✓

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Friday January 17

Left at 9 A.M. with Col. Mitchell for 2nd Army
at Toul . Dined at Neuf Chateau with Col. Horton
Gen. Bullard wants us to stay a month.

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Monday January 20

Wrote notes on use of Tanks for distrobution to
2nd Army. Passed by Commercy and saw that 35 Div knew
what to do.

Dined at Commercy with Gen J. M. Johnston who ~~is~~
appears a fool.

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Tuesday January 21

Had lecture & manuver for 79 it was poor.

Went to Commercy with my men. Had good billet.

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Thursday January 23

Lecture and Demonstration for 88 both good
had two tanks actually present. Sent Tanks back and
returned to Toul.

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Friday January 24

Wrote more notes on Tanks. Dined at Nancy.

Where I bought pin for B.

Met Col. HENRY[✓] and gave him copy of notes.

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Saturday January 25

Sent men home and left at 3:00 P.M. for 6th Corps.

Went by *PONT-A-MOUSSON*, Metz and stopped for the
night at *Thionville*. It is the cleanest town I
have seen.

~~written
metz
check~~

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Sunday January 26

Left at 7:30 and arrived at Villerupt Hq.
VI. at 8:30 A.M. Arranged for work with 5 Div. Monday
& 35 Tuesday.

Lunched at 5 Div P.C. at Esch with Gen
Ely & Col. Kingman.

Went to 33 Div at Diekirch and stayed all night at
Luxembourg.

It is a very nice town as are all in Luxembourg
much like America.

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Monday January 27

Manuver with 5 was poor due to lack of ground
and to Col Peck who commanded the 11" inft which gave
the show.

Went on to ^{Diekirch}~~Bunkirk~~ and was billeted with mother
in law of Chief of Luxembourg Army. She is a most
interesting old lady.

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Sunday February 2

Left Bourg at 9 A.M. with Gruber, Gettis and
Char.

Reached Toul at 12:15. Found nothing to do.

Just before starting found that I would have to go
to Treves after Brigade goes home . God-Dam.
Mitchell and I dined at Nancy.

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Wednesday February 5

Went to 314 Inft. and have poor opinion of Colonel.
Went to 313 and Col Swersey (?) was very helpful. had
lunch. Saw Gen Winn of 157 Brig who is a dead one.

Had dinner with Gen Kuhn and Gen Hero. given by
officers of Ad. Huntingtons mess

Officers in billet drunk again.

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Thursday February 6.

Went to 310 Col Herdike he seemed interested.

Saw Col. McC ^(?) ~~asky~~ commanding 158 Brig. He is a dead one.

Saw Col. Knowles 215 he is also dead and a fool.

Went by to see Lt. Col Turner at TREVERAY.

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Friday February 7

Returned to Bourg in heavy snow storm quite cold.

Had some 1884 Sauturn for lunch it was very good
but strong had head ake.

Got five letters from B.

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Saturday February 8

Went to 5th Corps Horse Show and was asked to judge it was very cold and I had the cramps and my wound hurt like the duce. Gen Burtt was very nice.

Sylvia got 3 place in jumping but was handicapped as she was smooth shod.

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Sunday February 9

Did nothing.

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Monday February 10

Went to Chaumont to give Gen. P. shelles for Mr. Wilson. Was thus present at lunch given by him to M.H. men.

He talked to me of Nita and I wrote a letter advising her to enter Y.M.C.A.

Wrote Gen. McAndrew about my going home.

Wrote Murphy about cross.

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Tuesday February 11

Had dinner for all ⁽²⁵⁾ brigade officers and arranged details for Book and annual tank dinner.

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Wednesday February 12

Inspected 303 Bn. Maj. Sherman. Fine looking
bunch of men. Clothes not good 306" Brigade Col. Ware
left for America.

Col. Carl Boyd. Died.

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Friday February 14

Arrived Paris 9 A.M. went to Generals House 73 Rue
de Varenne[†]. Went to Hammonds & got my Blouse also a
regulation Over coat. Lunched at house. Went to church
at 1:30. Went to cemetery Cars stuck on the hill. We
pushed them up. Mrs. Boyd did well at funeral.

I spent the evening with them, Ann sat in my lap
and cried about 2 hours.

Asked Gen McAndrew if I could go home he agreed.

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Saturday February 15

Took Ann for walk in morning. Called on Gen. Rhodes he is a fright to look at. Gen. Marshall came also.

Saw Floyd Gibbons Queck and I went to the Boyds and I told stories for 3 hours and got them to laugh.

Got on train at 11:30 the H.R.H. had not yet arrived he was at a dance.

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Sunday February 16

Met Prince of Wales and his aid Capt. Sir Claud Hamilton Couldstream Guards as they left the train. Saw Gen. R at his office. Lt. Col. Bowdich and I took the Prince to lunch with Gen. H. T. Allen 8th Corps. Saw some good fights. I rode back with Prince. A very nice fellow.

Reception at Gen P's house. Dinner at 8 P.M.

I had the itch

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Tuesday February 18

Gen. Rockenbach came down and decorated 3 men
6 from 301 Bn. and 2 From 304 Brig.

Capt . Knowles made Major. Lts. Morrison, Gibbs,
Sewell, NEVINS Sledge made Capt. Gettis & Taylor
1st Lts. ~~Waller?~~
~~Waller~~

Maj. Davis very mad at not getting Lt. Col.

I wrote letter which Viner indorsed again recom-
mending Maj. Davis.

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Wednesday February 19

305 Brigade Col. H. E. Mitchell left this morning.

I sent my blue clothes with Maj. Knowles.

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Thursday February 20

Nothing.

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Friday February 21

Less than nothing. Order out that horses may not be taken except after 3 months quarentien.

Request to go home with brigade disapproved by Lt. Col. Obrien.

Worked on lecture Tactics of the war.

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Saturday February 22

Went to Chaumont about going Home. No one there.
Heard that Gen. McAndrew would return at 8 P.M.

Telephoned him he said I could go but that Mitchell
would stay I told him Mitchell had already gone and
he said it was o.k. anyhow.

Wired B.

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Sunday February 23

Inspection of all Property to be taken home the rest to be turned in.

Went to Bar sur Aube to see G5 1st Army about tank training Saw Col Watkins who gave me a letter and some pictures to take to his wife.

Heard definetely that I was to return to the U.S.

Heard dogs not allowed on boat.

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Monday February 24

Wrote letters to Gens. Summerall, Burtt, Brewster,
Conner, Harbord.

Lt. Col. Collins Reed Shallenberger.

Gen. Nolan.

~~nolan?~~

Gen. P. Chief of S.T.C. Gen. Rockey.

Finer, Grant.

Sewall & I went to Boussières to Madame De
L' ⁷HORMES for a fair well dinner. ✓

Had two punctures on trip and had to put in new
tubes.

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Tuesday February 25

Finished Packing and got out Train order. Hope
this is my last night at Bourg.

Gave Maj. L. K. Davis blank check on Morgan-[✓]HARJES
to close my account.

Had my hair cut so I will look neat when I land.

Will have to be up at 4:45 A.M.

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Wednesday February 26

Got word at 4 A.M. that train would not be in until 8 A.M.

Notified battalions. Train got in at 11 A.M.
NEVA very bad. Got loaded and left at 1:45 P.M. ~~Train~~

Two cars jumped track and it took 3 hours to put them on. Fed men. Got to Langres at 6 P.M. put on second coach.

30 officers 1470 men

37 baggage cars 36 American one French

2 2nd class coaches for officers.

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Thursday February 27

On train all day Two men missed train. Passed Lyons every thing nice men very well behaved. Food good made men keep buttoned up and neat.

Ate sandwiches and had a nice time weather fine and rather clear.

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Friday February 28

Arrived Marseille at 12:30 P.M. met at once by R.T.O. who told us just what to do. Found that we were to sail on S.S. Patria next day.

Held vermin and I.G. inspection of men at once finishing at 3 P.M.

Adjutants worked on rolls all night I went to bed at 4:30 A.M. and got up at 6:00 A.M.

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Saturday March 1

Went to Boat with Lt. Bowes & Simmons at 7:45

Went over entire boat and found it very clean and well appointed.

Quarters for men excellent

Mix up on state rooms I lost mine to Mr. Moore a Mason 33%.

Supposed to sail at 6 P.M. failed to do so account of strike of crew.

Tried to get ~~MESS~~ Sgt. Allenby on board but could not do it account pasport. *hand?*

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Sunday March 2

Captain told me we would know at noon when we could sail.

Put one man on shore fever 103%.

Arranged bed space for men and had a lot of bother account of worthless officers.

Food for men good. Maj. ~~Therman~~ Rear

Maj. Benson front

Capt Zinc 2" Class

Capt. Morrison Police

Capt. Gruber mess

Maj. Brett S.C.

Lt. Will G. Robinson Athletics

Lt. Simmons *purgean*

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Monday March 3

Had a good deal of difficulty getting men straightened out in quarters on account lack of cards for men when they loaded. Maj. *Thurman* did excellent work. *Thurman?*

Boat very steady and comfortable.

Sea perfectly quiet and weather warm.

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Tuesday March 4

Reached Gibraltar at 8:30 let most of officers
and 150 men go on shore. Lot of Bum boats came and
sold brandy men got drunk and we had pretty bad time.

Found over 40 qts on board.

Some officers arranged to go to Tangier on

illegible boat.

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Thursday March 6

Let 172 men go on shore and got very nervous for fear that they would not come back. All returned 3 men got mumps. We left Gibraltar at 7 P.M. I hope nothing stops us until we get in. Hardly any young officers can be trusted to obey orders.

(Diary 1919)

Friday March 7

Weather very rough and nearly all the men sick. I had to leave the table at noon and was sick but got up at 3:30 and inspected the ship about half the men were able to eat supper.

I was very nervous and tired when we left Gibraltar and drank a quart of claret for supper this I think upset my stomach.

Also I got up too late for breakfast and ate candy instead.

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Saturday February 8

Weather fine and bright. Had fire drill that is boat drill at 2:30. The crowding is such that in case of a real alarm there would be trouble.

Saw soldier eating a huge sandwich at 9 A.M. Asked him if he had had breakfast he said yes but not yesterday.

Got Wireless that one man had been left at Gibraltar.

Felt strange not to have to write B a letter daily.

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Sunday March 9

Very calm and hot I had a long talk with a Mr. Moore who is a Chief Maison 33% and a very nice old fellow.

I told him a lot about universal [✓] service and he [✓] seemed to like the idea.

It is almost too warm and close.

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Monday March 10

Boat Drill men kick on food in 3 class but believe it due to fact that they are not hungry as they do no work.

Rainy and rougher some men sick.

Y.M.C.A. gave an entertainment which was quite good.

I have a soar throat 4 cases of mumps on the ship.

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Tuesday March 11

A very calm day and we make good speed.

Maj. Brett is finishing checking the men.

I washed my hair and took a cold in the head.

Had tea (Port) with the captain and quite a
nice talk.

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Wednesday March 12

Passed a steamer and a sailing schooner Ships crew
had Boat drill a very poor looking outfit....

*mainly niggers &
lascars,*

Have quite a cold in my head.

Found worms in the beans of the men.

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Thursday March 13

Very rough all morning but calmer in P.M.

Saw one sailing Brig closely reefed and rolling heavily

Felt very worthless all day until 4:30 when I did some exercises and climbed a stay on the smoke stack this made me feel better.

Talked to a correspondent of Scientific American in the evening.

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Friday March 14

Boat drill.

Weather calmer and rain. rumor that we land

Sunday night.

Maison had a meeting to which Capt. Deschelles and I were invited.

Mr. or Judge Moore 33% made some sort of a speech which was most interesting.

(Diary 1919)

Saturday March 15

Weather fine. I ate less breakfast and did not feel sleepy.

Mens meat full of worms so we had to stop it. Some of men were mad. Menu had been. Meat-macaroni, bread, coffee & jam or marmelaid. Men to have dinner early.

I would like to know what is in the future and where I will be ordered. This will be the 10" time I have had to start fresh.

Reach N. Y. Sunday night late.

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Sunday March 16

All work on reports completed at noon. Passed fire
Island light ship at 3:30 P.M. Ambrose Channel at 6 P.M.

Capt Murray came on board with instructions. Lt.
Longstreth got leave to see sick mother (14 days)

The end of a perfect war.

Finis.