

**Transcript of collection relating to Private Wilfred Charles Yeaman**

Collection ID PR91/126

Transcriber: Steven Ross, 2022

Transcription of the Australian War Memorial collection relating to the North Russia Intervention service of 192143 Private Wilfred Charles Yeaman, 201 Machine Gun Company, North Russia Relief Force, Russia, 1919-1920.

The transcriber's notes are at the end.

---

No 198153

W. C. Yeaman

B Coy

201 M G C

NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE

---

Sgt C. Oliver  
60 Waterloo St  
HOVE

---

George Saber  
C/o Miss Halchin  
19 Bridge Rd  
Southampton

MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

W. C. Yeaman  
B Coy. No 6 Sec.  
201<sup>st</sup> M.G. Batt  
Nth Russian R. Force

---

E. J. Olsen  
185 Evans St  
Rozelle  
Sydney

Write to Crawford, E. Roberts [...]  
Melb July 17<sup>th</sup> 19

Mr Chas J Pladdys  
41 Burn Rd  
West Hpool Hartpool  
Durham

Photo Cape Verde 10.10.19

---

Gray St  
Hamilton

WO Geo Henry  
1/8 Cranworth Gdns  
Brixton SW9

---

Mr S. J. Sumner (James)  
Cemetery Rd  
Stawell  
Vic

Cpl Hooper W	Paddy Harper X
Cpl Le Roy X	Baldy Harrison
	Jack Powell
L. M. Cheshire	Daley
	Dick Canny W
Friday	Harold Tye W
Russell W	Bill Crawford G
Burnett W	Tiny Cassel
Armbridge ? X	Bill Greenwood X
Dave Wallace W	Arthur Jones
Berryman X	Rube Jones
Dave Hannah	Ingells W
Jack Mitchell X	Logan W
Hitchcock X	Darkie Burdin G
Cpt [Milan] X	Bert Walters X
[...] Rourke W	George Chase X
J. Marsh G	Stein X
W. McNeill	Arthur [Warmby] X
Williamson W	Capt. Hall X
Ern Barrett W	Harry Turner G
Barrett W	Scotty Thompson
P. Lamont W	Jack Turner G
Smith W	Choc Nugent W
Stephenson W	Sgt. McLaren

Frazer	Doherty
B Walker	Evans X
Curly Thompson X	Johnson
	Paddy Manyan
Brown X	Pinkerton
	Lawler W
	Schwind X

1919 Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

After breakfast go up to St. Pancras to Sal. Army to leave kit but as they won't take it decide to take it down to camp. Report to Scotland Yard at 9 oc and get paid 3/6. Then about 20 of us march down to Charing X & catch the 12-10 reaching Sandling at 3 oc. Receive £1. & knock about camp for a while turn in about 10 oc.

Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. Fall in 8-30 and have inspection by Colonel get inoculated and get full rig out of kit. after dinner go through gas test & then get passes for 2 days leave in London. Leave Sandling 5.23 & reach London 7-49. Have tea then spend a while at the Aldwych. Very hot day.

Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>

Up 8-30. After breakfast go from Charing X to Richmond by bus with Stan. I spend 2 hours on the river rowing. Take a couple of snapshots. Return to London about 3 oc. Hear Hawker & Grieve have been picked up. Have tea then go to L & S concert at the Holborn Empire & spend an enjoyable evening. Get pulled up all day long re colours & strength of Russian trip by Aussies.

Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>

Up 8-30. Take a few snapshots. I go to bank and draw 30/- Spend a while in the A.I.F. Hall, then book up for matinee. After dinner go to "Belle of New York" & after tea run about half of London trying to find a place to leave kit but no luck. Have a bath & then go by bus to London Bridge. Leave there at 10-10 and reach Sandling 12.40am. 45<sup>th</sup> Batt Fus march out and we pass them on their way to the station. Comforts funds are sending us 16 cases of comforts.

Tuesday May 2<sup>th</sup>

---

Up 7. Fall in 8.30 & learn how to mount load and unload the Vickers. Finish at 12-30. After dinner read most of afternoon.

Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-20. Fall in 8.30 & have instruction on the Vickers till 12.30. After dinner get word to stand by as we expect to be going tonight. Wait all afternoon as 5 of us have to go to Dover on fatigue. At 8.30 party of 8 of us walk down to Shorncliffe (3m) to put 5 cookers on trucks. While waiting 3 of us go by bus to Folkestone and stop there till 11oc returning by bus to S. Give a hand to get a Tommy from under a pile of ammunition boxes which fell on him in a truck. Load cookers at 3oc am & get 5oc train to Sandling.

---

#### Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Turn in 5.30 & get up about 10oc move down to another hut. After dinner do about ½ an hours fatigue & then we get another couple of days leave from tomorrow. Decide to go to Canterbury & Dover. Do nothing all even.

#### Friday May 30

On fatigue all morning carting bedsteads & spare camp stuff down the large mess room. Get our passes for Canterbury catch 1oc train to Ashbury & 1-40 from Ashbury to Canterbury. Visit St Martins & the Cathedral & have a walk around the town, go to Theatre Royal (Quaints) & stop near the West Towers. Take a few snaps.

#### Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>

After breakfast take a walk round & mount the West Towers which was built in the year 1380. Contains execution room & cells. The last execution taking place 1830. Have dinner then catch motor bus from Westgate at 12:30 & have an interesting drive to Margate reaching there at 2oc. We get a boat and go out beyond the pier for a row. First boat arrives from London. Take a few snapshots then go to pictures & then to the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of the Hippodrome. Go to bed about 11oc at Vic Rd.

#### Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Have a good breakfast then take a bus (5 ½ miles) down to Ramsgate reaching there about 12. Spend a while there & get 2-30 back to Canterbury where we spend afternoon round about the gardens. Take some snapshots of old city walls & Stephensons Engine. Get 6-30 bus for Herne Bay another holiday resort 8 miles from Canterbury & spend a couple of hours then leave. Leave by 9-10 bus & reach Canterbury at 10. Catching the 10-53 to Ashford. Reach Sandling at 1oc.

#### Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Up 7-30. After breakfast go on fatigue all morn. After dinner read and after tea go to Hythe & catch bus via Sandgate to Folkestone. Stay there for a while & return by bus to Hythe & walk back to camp.

#### Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Up 7.30. On machine gun from 8.30 to 12.30. Do nothing all afternoon. Go on guard at 8oc. Do from 10 to 12 pm

Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Do shift 4 till 6 am. I remain on guard all day. Do nothing but read. Bon weather. Derby Day.

Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>

Up 7.30. Go on the same picquet as yesterday till dinner. Have half an hour gun drill. After dinner read & play cards. Make a couple of targets for practice tomorrow. After tea go for a walk with C.

Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>

Up 6.30. After breakfast our section goes out for a field day. & all go through a course of machine gun. Have a few bursts. & some revolver practice. Finish up 4oc & return to camp. After tea take a walk to Hythe and go to pictures.

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Up 6.30. Learn parts of the Vickers but hardly do anything all morn. Being Whitsun we get till Monday on leave. Coll & I get 3 oc train to Folkestone & then get a bus to Dover 7 miles further on. Have a look around & have tea then go to the Hippo. Put up at the Sal. Army.

Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Up 8. oc. I have a stroll along the esplanade try & get a bus to Deal at 10.45 but overcrowded & wait for 12.30. After din get bus & go to Deal via St Margarets Bay. I spend the afternoon there go out for a row past the pier. Leave Deal at 7.30 for Dover. Very nice drive and get a splendid view of the town from the heights.

Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>

Up 8 oc. I take a walk along the promenade. Have a game of billiards. After dinner take a few snapshots then get the 3 oc bus for Folkestone & on to Hythe. Spend an hour there and walk to camp reaching there at 7 oc. Go on guard.

Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Up 6.30. Fall in at ¼ 9. & do elementary test – mounting, laying, loading, unloading & dismounting. Finish up 12.30. After dinner read most of the afternoon. After tea go down to Hythe & call for photos.

Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Up 6 oc. Do about an hours guard then have the day off. After tea go down to Hythe & have a row for about a mile along the canal with Col. Take a couple of snaps then spend an hour at the beach. Go to pictures for a couple of hours. Reach camp 11 oc.

Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. Fall in 8.30 & our section goes down the range with 4 machine guns by motor lorry to Hythe. Very windy all day. While there life boat gets called out. Score 10 at application & 31 at the traversing. Get back to camp at 4.15

Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>

Up 7. After breakfast fall in at 8.30 & fool about with the gun for an hour then have a bit of a lecture. At 11.30 go on M.G. drill. After dinner get paid. Draw 20/- go down to Hythe & go to pictures.

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>

Up 7. After break pack up all our things and have full pack inspection at 10oc. Get dismissed at 11.15. After dinner Col & I go down to Hythe & catch the mule train (4 miles) down to Sandgate. Stop there a couple of hours then get tram (which runs along the beach line) to Hythe & call in at ym & have a bath. Have tea then lounge about the canal to 9oc, have supper & get home.

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Read all morning. After dinner draw £1. Then read till tea time. After tea go for a stroll to the lookout on the high hill near the camp. Get a bon view of Shorncliffe, Hythe & sea coast. Coll & Bav go out for the day. Weather warm,

Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>

Up 7. After breakfast fall in at 8-45 and take 54 machine guns & 3000 rounds of ammunition & go to the small range. & do traversing & diagonal practice. Go home for dinner & return for two hours reaching camp 4-30. Col & I go down to Hythe & get photos & have a spell by the canal bank for a couple of hours. Bon day.

Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Up 7. Fall in 8.45 & have till 10.30 on stoppages (1 & 2) then have 2<sup>nd</sup> inoculation for cholera. After dinner fill a few belts with ammunition. After tea go down to Hythe & have a row on the canal & Coll & I spend the rest of the even. With a good supper etc.

Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30 fall in 9.30 I go by motor lorry down to the Hythe range & have application & traversing. Do scoring for half the team till 12.30 then have dinner. After dinner put up 20 at application out of 30 & 1-2-5-3 at traversing. Get back to camp at 4.30 after tea have a game of billiards in C. of E. hut.

Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Up 6.30. Fall in 8.30 & 6 of us go on fatigue. We all move camp (about ¼ mile) to West Sandling all morning, getting books, materials bed-boards mattresses &

blankets for 80 men. Have dinner at 2oc get new hat issued. After tea have a game of billiards then go to Hythe to the pictures.

Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Raining slightly all morning. Interviewed by a Brig. General in ymca & told it may be some time before we go to Russia. After dinner get passes & weekly pay 25/- Coll & I go up to London by the 5.23 pm. Reach L. 7-45. Spend a while at the Aldwych then turn in.

Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>

Up 8. Go down Oxford St for a walk then go down to Australia & go thro the museum & stop till dinner time. Draw 30/- from the bank then go up to the Baltic & call for Coll who doesn't turn up. Have dinner then go by bus to Hendon to the Aerial Derby. Gatherwood does the fastest time. See Mr & Mrs Hawker there. Stop there till 6-30 & return by underground to Golders Green. Get back at 8 & spend rest of evening at the Eagle Hut. Sleep at the Baltic & meet Coll.

Sunday June 22

Up 8oc. Go by bus down to Liverpool & visit Petticoat Lane. We then go for a bus ride to Epping Forest. Get back by 1oc. After dinner go out to the zoo. Return at 5.30 and after tea go to concert at the Holborn Empire. Leave at 9 and go by underground to London B. which takes ½ an hour. Just catch the 9.30 to Sandling. Reach camp at 12oc.

Monday June 23

Up 8oc. Fall in 8.45 and hear result of our shooting at the Hythe Range. We then do A. Service work with the Vickers. Finish at 10-45. We all have a trip to the Orderly room for not giving in our passes. Draw our kit from store & dismissed. After dinner have an hour on the Russian Languages then play billiards for an hour.

Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Up 6.30 go on parade at 7oc. Fall in again at 9oc & do M.G. drill. Do nothing all afternoon. Go down to Hythe & go to pictures.

Wednes June 25<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. After breakfast get tunic issued then go down to Hythe for a days shooting. Practice of firing for one minute on the targets at 500 yds range. Return 4oc. After tea read for rest of evening.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Do practically nothing all day. Go down to Hythe in the evening.

Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Have results of yesterday's shooting read out. I score about 2th highest (61) out of 1 minutes firing & only fire for about ½ a [gun]. Then grease guns & put them in 2 [Mo] for shipment. At 11oc learn the different signals for action, cease fire etc. Till 12.

About dinner time the whole of our section parade to the Major re pay. I get told we are liable to be c[reame]d for not seeing our CO first. After tea go down by train with Coll & Baverstock. Play billiards & go to cinema.

Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc & break. Go out in drill order & do squad drill for an hour then have till dinner on visional training. Get paid. Draw £1. Play cards after dinner & billiards. Peace signed. Today things very quiet – only excitement – a bon fire of tar – 12 barrels -

Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>

Up 8. Read & fool about all day. Mount guard 8 to 10.

Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 2-4 no parades. Finish at 8am. Read all morn. Do nothing after dinner. Play billiards after tea & go down to Hythe a[...]e B. but have no luck. Go to cinema. Reach camp 10-30.

Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup>

Up 8.30. Cook brings in breakfast for the hut. Do nothing all morning. Get paid 3-oc then go to Hythe & on to Folkestone by bus. Go to theatre with Coll then sleep at the Longford Salv. Get paid.

Wed July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Get up 6 & get 7 train to camp. On fatigue all morning & go down to Thorncliffe with ammo. After tea go to Folkestone & spend the night there. Troops very merry. Return by 11pm train.

Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Up 3oc, am. After breakfast fall in & march down to Sandling full pack & leave at 6-30 for Southampton reaching there about 120c. Go up to the town & get some films. Get a great send off by a large crowd. Sol & Oliver get left behind & have to be brought along by a tug. Leave about 6-15pm. Weather fair. Our boat the Czar a fine large steamer. 45<sup>th</sup> & 46<sup>th</sup> Royal Fusiliers, Regs & different other lots embark with our crowds. Play cards all even & turn in 11-30.

Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>



Up 7-30. Go on guard 9-30. Do from 1-30 to 3.30 & 7-30 to 9-30 pass Southend 8.30am & see Fritzie submarine 100 being towed near Newcastle. Weather fine.

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>

Off guard 9-30. Lay down for a while then go on 11oc parade to 11-45. Pass Newcastle 9oc. Czar pulls up about 7oc last night on account of fog & moves about 3-30 am. Do nothing all afternoon. Boat begins to get a slight roll on towards evening. Felt squamy all day.

Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>

Up about 8oc & just in time for breakfast – have very little – lay in hammock most of morning. Fairly big swell on & feel very squamy. After din lie down till tea time. Pass out of sight of Shetland IIs. About dinner time play cards and read all evening. Sea a little calmer.

Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 Fall in 9-45 to 11oc. Everybody busy as usual gambling all day. Sea quiet calm. After dinner loaf about. Get boat alarm at 3oc. Play cards all evening. Sleep up on the boat deck but very breezy so don't get much sleep. Quite light all night. (daylight)

Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>

Up 8.30 and miss breakfast. Fall in 9-45 but only for 5 mts then fall in again 10.30. Do nothing all morning. After dinner read most of the time. All day passing the coastline of Norway. Notice snowclad mountains about 20 miles distant. Sea has a bit of a swell on. Expect to reach Murmansk tomorrow. Feel much better today.

Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup>

Up 7.30 Sea very calm. Do nothing all morning. About dinner enter the Sea or harbour leading up to Murmansk. Close in to land on each side all the way up. Very rocky and barren hills most of the way. On nearing M. hills thinly covered by scrub. Pass an odd house or two. Anchor about a mile from M at 5.30 pm. & on account of tide stop at anchor for the night. Weather quite warm & fairly strong sun.

Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Fall in 9.45. Got to bed 1oc last night & comes on to rain. Sleeping on the fore deck so do a hasty retreat below. All the officers take a trip to Murmansk. The town which appears like a military camp doesn't seem to have a decent house on it. About 4oc a detachment of the airforce leaves us. Lift anchor & off at 6pm. Stop a while about 12oc on account of the fog. Officers give a very poor account of M.

Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Chilly wind till about 3oc then it gets much warmer. Fall in 10oc till 10-30. Read most of the morn. Sea almost smooth. Reckon to reach Archangel about 2am. Do nothing all even.

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Don't go to bed last night. Enter the river about 3oc & reach Archangel at 7oc. A very nice trip up the river. Everything very green & but country each side of the river very flat and swampy. Timber mills all along & a continuous stacks of timber. Take a few snaps on the trip up. Troops disembark about 10oc & I get put on baggage guard for an hour then Bennet & I take a bit of a walk & get a couple of snaps. Have dinner on the boat then go on fatigue loading the lorries with our material. Finish at 6oc. Then get a ride on the lorry to our camp about 3 miles out on the outskirts of Archangel. The town is a long straggling place and in no way laid out. Has some rather fine buildings especially the mosques with their elaborate golden domes & turrets. Streets paved with round cobbles & terribly rough. Electric trams run right out to the camp. Pass 2 very fine public parks on our way out. Our camp a very fine one & especially fitted out to withstand the cold weather. Hear very poor account of the Russian (allies) - a whole regiment which was trained here & had colours presented to them before leaving for the line mutinied [&] killed 5 of our officers in charge of them & then gave themselves up to the Bolshies. Day sweltering hot & hottest day since leaving Egypt (112 in shade).

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Up at 8. No parade so Bartlett & I go for a swim then go to the ym & have a drink. Walk up as far as the wharf & return to camp by tram. After dinner go hunting for a photographer to get films done. Intend visiting mosques but all closed. After tea go for a swim then go to concert in the gardens afterwards go for a long stroll along the river. Get paid 20 roubles (10/-) equal to 40 old Russian notes. Another hot day.

Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. Fall in at 8 & on fatigue from then till 12 oc filling up a drain. After din. continue for an hour sleep till tea time. After tea go by train across the river to the suburb & go to the circus. On our return go in for a swim. Write home.

Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. Fall in 9-oc & our section clean the machine guns/ Finish about 12oc. No parade after dinner so sleep till tea time. After tea Bartlett go for a walk up the town & go to Russian concert at ym. Reach camp 10oc.

Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. Learn mac. Of Vickers from 9 – till 12 then shift all the ammo, guns & stores over to No. 6 hut. A number of Yorks leave camp at 10.30 to embark on the Czar

which leaves for London today. Get the order at 4 to pack up full marching order & ready to move at 6oc. Busy filling belts & getting guns ready then leave at 8oc and march down to the wharf & board a river boat which takes us over the other side. Load up the train & then make a start at 11-15pm. Ride in sleeping cars 9 berths in a compartment. Country much the same all the way from Archangel to Obozerskaya (Obuzeaska). Forest of very thick & short timber & millions of feet of good milling timber. Do a little fatigue & then pack up & after tea 5.15 leave by train (Aus. Section) only & go two stations further up towards the line.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Arrive at 6-20 unload all our gear & move over to our camp – bell tents 50 yds from Station – Have another tea given by the Tommies in trucks. Then go to cinema. Kiwi Coll 2 & I have a trip for about 2 miles on an armoured train which goes out for practice. Our truck armed with a 6 inch Naval gun & two Vickers MGs. The 6in fires 6 rounds from about 1 thous. yds to 1500. After cease firing we go up & see the results. Turn in about 11oc mosquitos bad so sleep in nets. Bolshies country just on the other side of our camp. - 100 yds. Our section made up as – Mendoza (in charge) Collier (1) Olsen (2) Jackson (3) Self (4) Quamby (5). Very warm.

Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Up 7oc all No1 & 2 of teams go up the line. All the rest of us loaf about the camp all day. Write 3 letters. After tea go to cinema & turn in about 11oc.

Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>

Up 7oc. After breakfast go over to the railway line and get inspected by Colonel (Russian) then our 4 gun teams go over to a blockhouse & do practice shooting at targets until dinner time. Fall in at 3oc & go by train up to the line from here which is about 6 miles. Go so far by train then [trolley?] our guns etc for ½ a mile. Then carry them about ½ a mile further. Get the 4 guns set & then put a 2 belt each gun barrage on the Bolshie front line. He returns about a dozen shots nearly getting Jackson with one of the shots. Each gun fires another belt on his back area & we then pack up & return to camp at 7-30. Have tea the clean up our gun & fill belts. Go on guard at 11pm & go off at 1-30am.

Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Fall in at 10-15 am & we all go a scouting expedition through the forest till dinner time. Ground very swampy & sink over the boot tops in mossy ground. On the way find a couple of old Bolshie rifles. Come out of the wood a mile about our camp. Crossing to the we have to cross planking across a ditch. I wait with my camera for the first to tumble in but I am the only one to do the trick. Baverstock walks right into it & I get a snap of him feeling for rifle which is at bottom of ditch. After dinner have a sleep. After tea go to pictures.

Monday July 21<sup>st</sup>

Up 8oc. 6 of our chaps go on patrol at 10oc last night and return to camp 9-30 this morn. They go well behind the Bolshies lines but see no sign of him. Do nothing in camp all morning. After dinner have a sleep then dig a hole for cook's refuse. Expect Ruskeys to rise tonight so have all our guns in readiness & everything in marching order. Word comes through that a party of Ruskies have killed their officers in a village 14 miles west of our camp.

Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Awakened out of sound sleep at 5.30am by a crackle of rifles & bullets whizzing through our camp. Get dressed at the trot & grab rifle & bandolier & get outside of tent to see what's doing. At first think it's the Ruskies on the revolt but find that the direction of fire is coming from the wood on other side of railway. Give a hand across with ammunition to the O Cs truck where our 4 guns assemble to receive orders. By this time the Ruskies have their MG going in full swing & the French "75s" do some fine shooting the shrapnel bursting just below the tops of the trees at 2 & 300 yds range. After about 25 minutes the Bolshies give it best. At 6-30 No1 & our team go by armoured train on patrol towards the front line but only get to 449 – 6 versts - & train stops owing to the B blowing up the line in 2 places. A party goes ahead to see how things are going at 448 & we follow about ½ a mile with gun as covering party. Hear Bolshie has had a go at 448 but doesn't do much damage. Return to camp by 8.30. At 10-30 am a party of us goes up by train to do a patrol. At 449 train passes over where the rail is broken & we nearly come to grief. Walk to 448 which is being shelled by Bolshies trying to knock out our artillery but their shooting very bad. Hear from here that 3 block houses have been taken by the B & when leaving there our artillery had commenced to shell them. Return to our train brought up everything to mend the line but the rails. An armoured train comes on the scene & in a hurry to go forward so we all turn to and take a couple of rails from the rear & fix up where they're broken. Return to camp by scooter & on arrival at station see three Bolshies who have given themselves up. Gun team busy all day making MG possies. Object of attack seems to be that the Bolshies & the front line Ruskies had made it up to join & clean up all the English in reach of them. Some of the ring leaders being shot for being disloyal the day previous & front line relieved by fresh troops last night otherwise things wouldn't have gone so well for us. Our casualties only amount to one Rusky. N.Z. flag in front of our tent gets 3 bullet holes thru it & the Aussie flag manages to get one. After tea go to pictures Turn in at 11oc

Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>

At 1-30 this morning our camp gets stirred up again by one of the blockhouses opening up & we rush up to our possies. Our gun runs out a belt on to the edge of the timber. also other guns make things messy but find out afterwards that it's a false alarm Stranger goes away. Turn in about 2oc & out at 4-30 & stand to for an hour.

Do very little all morn. A few of the right section join us up. Artillery (ours) busy putting up tents alongside of ours. After tea go to cinema & before it is finished get called out to stand to. Rush for equipment & take up our stands but nothing much doing. Turn in about 10-30 pm.

Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup>

Our gun team and No 1 get called out at 12-15 am and go at the trot on the scooter to 448 to see if the line is clear. Just reach 448 & stop about 1/2 a minute in which time Bolshie lands half a dozen shells close to the scooter. We then return at full speed and turn in & just get nicely settled & get called out again & on the scooter. Get as far as 450 & find the telephone wires cut & 2 rails blown up. The Ruskies set to work and start mending the rails & we act as covering party. Jones & smith keep pace with the repairers the rest of us stop with the gun. James and I are told off to join the front party. Proceed about 100 yds & see the front party are engaged with the Bolshies. We rush up but on arrival the B. (about a dozen) after firing a Lewis & few rifle shots disappear. We then keep going till we reach 448. We hear there that the Bolshies had attacked in strong force all the front line & have a go at 448 but are repulsed. Repairing train comes to light and blocks our scooter so have to wait till the line is fixed up. Get back to camp at 8oc & have breakfast & turn in. Sleep till dinner time & from then till tea time. Fighting patrol goes out at 5p.m. Comes on to rain heavily from 4 pm. Go over to the pictures for a while.

Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>

Patrol gets in at 4 am. Nine of our Sec. join about 90 of the Fusiliers & go out for look for Bolshies. They streak off about 3 or 4 miles to the left of 450 and strike the Bolshies about 350 strong in there camp. They have a good go in killing 70 Bolshies capturing a RE dump & 5 machine guns. Our casualties 5 wounded. The right section take over the blockhouses from the Ruskies here. Do nothing all morning & sleep all afternoon. Hear result of the Ruskie battalion that revolted. The first train load from the front line thinking they are going right thru to Archangel are in great spirits, laughing and singing most of the way & intend to do some slaughtering on their own account. Our right section get into position & train there guns in to the train as she pulls up Oberuzeaska where a Russian Colonel tells them the situation. [Sending?] orders them to leave the train without there arms & line up in two ranks. The Colonel demands the names of those responsible for the rising but not a word spoken so he tells off every tenth man (making a total of 18) who are marched off under a strong guard of Poles. The 2<sup>nd</sup> train load who take longer than the others to decide are treated the same way & all of them shot at 5oc next morning each one digging his own grave. One of the O. get a photo of the ex.

Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Play cards & knock about all morning. Pack up blankets etc. Ready to move off from here to Obozeraskay at 4pm. After dinner take luggage over to truck. See 6

Bolshie who gave themselves up. Leave 455 at 4.30 & reach Obozerskaya (474) at 6oc. Go down to Q Stores for tent floors but none to be had. Have tea at 7-30.

Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>

Up at 8oc. Clean up mess tent then go along to Ordnance Stores for rations. On fatigue all morning. At 9-30 am 8 Ruskies (revolvers) including two sergeants get shot on the edge of the wood. Our chaps escort some B. over to dig their graves. The diggers get the wind up thinking they are digging their own graves. Artillery funeral at 11oc. After dinner have a sleep for a couple of hrs & after tea P. & Jacks go down to the rifle range at 475 & do a bit of shooting. Go to pictures at 8 oc

Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 7oc. After breakfast clean up tent then fall in at 9.30 & have rifle and gas helmet inspection followed by Immediate Action till 12oc. Get paid at 2.30. Read and play cards rest of evening.

Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Fall in 9.30 & have instruction on stoppages all morn. Have a bath (Turkish). Read most of afternoon. Official (Rus) that we killed 28 & wounded 46 Bolos in our M.G. barrage when up the line. Weather mild & not much sun these last few days.

Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 Fall in 9-30 with gas helmets & go with the 46<sup>th</sup> details by train down to 478 post & get full details of the new gas used by us & have a test through it with our helmets. This gas was ready just a little to be used against Fritz.

Its very powerful & even our present masks are not proof against it. It renders one perfectly helpless & making one go quite silly for the time being. Also causes constant coughing for 3 days. Take a couple of snaps. Return to camp in time for dinner. Read all afternoon.

Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>

Up 7.30. Our section for duty. Get water from the tower & a trip for rations then join the gun team on rough mounting till 12oc. After dinner read & sleep. After tea Bovie, Jacks & I go out shooting down to [Malo Zerkie] a little village on a lake about 3 miles out. Saw first lot of cultivation in Russia. Return to camp via Cossacks camp then go to cinema.

Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>

Up 7-30. Fall in at 9-30 & inspected by C in C of Vologda Forces then dismissed & get M. guns cleaned up & ready for the range after dinner. Put all our guns ammo etc. on a railway trolley & run it down to the range. Do marking for about an hour

then do some shooting at 200 yds also a bit of field practice. Reach camp in time for tea. Loaf about all evening. Increase of pay to 4/- a day.

Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Up 7-30. After breakfast pack up everything ready to move to 455 at 1oc. After dinner 46<sup>th</sup> 45<sup>th</sup> & ourselves leave & reach 455 at 3-15p.m. Rains most of afternoon. Take all our things over to No 5 blockhouse & relieve the right section at 6oc. Go on guard at 4am to 6am.

Sunday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

Things very quiet all night. Cook our own breakfast then start making a sentry box bullet-proof. Go for walk & do other odd jobs. Intend going on a raid tonight but hear it is cancelled at 10oc.

Monday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 2am to 4. After break read till 11oc then have ½ an hours practice with M.Gs rifles grenades & mills. After dinner go for water then read till tea time. Go to cinema, Churchill gives [ord] that all troops to be out of Russia by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 12 am to 2 pm. Things very quiet all night. Do odd jobs till dinner time. Read most of afternoon. Bon weather. Go on guard from 10pm to 12. Everything very quiet.

Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Ruskies in each block house either side of us have m. g practice & put odd shots precious close to our possie. Rains rather heavily so do nothing. After dinner finish sand bagging sentry box. After tea go to pictures.

Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Do no shift last night. Rains most of the day so do nothing. Clears up about 4oc. Get water & rations.

Friday August 8<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 4am to 6 oclock. Crew awakened about 1-30 this morning on account of Kiwi hearing movements on edge of wood. Nothing happens but on investigating find tracks where about a dozen Bolos had been tramping about. Busy all day making a breastwork round rear of B.house. Patrol goes out at 4.45 to have a look around. Jackson, Bennet, James. Stranger go from our lot with about 12 Fusiliers. After tea go up to Lee's camp then go to cinema.

Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Do shift from 2 to 4am. Patrol gets back about 10oc last night & have plenty of whisky which results in an alarm false. Also think the Ruskies in No6 Blockhouse are using morse with the light. Rest of night quiet. Rains all morning so do nothing. [H.Qs] expect Bolo to attack here & Obozeraskaya tomorrow morn & extra sharp lookout to be kept.

Sunday august 10<sup>th</sup>

On guard from 12am to 2 am & things very quiet. Les makes an alarm about 11oc but nothing doing. H. Col & I put out 2 coils of trip wire. Go on guard from 8pm till 10.20. Rains heavily all night.

Monday Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

Try & have a sleep but only get a few hours. Rains off and on for most of the day. Smith does the all day shift. Get Lewis gun issued to our block house. Quamby leaves our section & goes to Lees. Do no guard tonight.

Tuesday Aug 12<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. & do all day guard Jackson & Collier go on patrol at 10.30 & return 9-30 travelling 9 versts east 2 west & return to camp without seeing anything. Read all day. Go on guard at 8 00 pm till next morning.

Wednesday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Things very quiet all night.

Make breakfast at 6.30. Get very little sleep till dinner time. Try the Lewis gun at 11am. I get the rifle done. After tea go to cinema.

Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>

Do no guard last night. Go on all day shift 8am to 8pm. Raining most of the morning. Read all afternoon. Hear we get 2/6 increase from Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>

Go on from 4am to 6am & get breakfast. First frost. Rains all morning. Right section comes up to 455. Do nothing all afternoon. Read most of the evening.

Saturday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

Go on from 2 to 4. Very quiet. Rains all morning. Col French comes up & we have practice with Vickers, Lewis grenades & rifles till dinner time. After din get some wire.

Sunday Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

On sentry from 12 to 2. Night very quiet. Sleep till 11-30 am. After dinner cut a lot of logs for breast work. After tea go to the cinema. Go on sentry from 10 to 12pm. Right



section send up 3 men to replace K. Olsen & Collier who are to go on patrol in the morning. Things very quiet.

Monday Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Kiwi, Olsen & Collier go out with patrol (48 versts). Right section all morning bringing up their gear ready to take over at 2 oclock. After dinner take all our stuff down to 455 & load it up on truck and after tea 4-30 leave for Obozerskaya. Go in the same tents. Give the air force chaps 5 films to develop. Turn in about 10oc.

Tuesday Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

Up about 8.30. All the officers stay behind with 7 or 8 of our section and do patrols. Clean the Vickers & after dinner go down to the aerodrome to see sports held by the Russians. Cossacks do some good tricks riding. Village folk turn up rigged up in their Sunday best wearing the gaudiest colours imaginable. After tea go down to the range & shoot [Quam] for 10 Rubles and win. Have photos finished. Skulker pts 50

Wednesday August 20

Up about 9. Clean the gun & read till dinner time then loaf about. After tea go for films & pay 15 rubles. Go to cinema.

Thursday Aug 21<sup>st</sup>

After breakfast take Hortons stuff down to the station then do washing till dinner time. After dinner play cards. Comes on to rain about 9 oclock. Hear Bolos blow up the line about 80 yds from Lees post, the same evening we left.

Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Up 8.30 after breakfast clean the gun & read till dinner time. At 2oc the patrol party rejoin us. On a 36 hour patrol they capture a Bolo 8 versts behind his line. When he was caught he was carrying a dixie in one hand & revolver in the other & singing a song when bailed up.

After dinner one of our planes passes over our camp with engine cut off and comes a heavy crash about 200 yds from the camp. Occupants hurt very little. Mail comes to hand but don't score any.

Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fall in 9oc & dismissed. Read all morning. After dinner get paid draw 25 roubles. Do nothing all day. Denville & Jones go to Eng.

Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>

Read & loaf about camp all morn. After dinner go on 2 hrs fatigue Sk. 2<sup>nd</sup> loosens (50). Moving up to 448 in the morning.

Monday Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

Up 7. After breakfast pack up everything & clean up. Leave Obozerskaya (474) at 10oc & reach 455 at 11-30. Stop half an hour & then proceed to 448 where we unload all our stuff & billet in the large stockade blockhouse with Tommies & Ruskies. Oliver asks me to give a hand with the cooking. Rheumatics very bad in knee this last week & have job to get about. General Ironside & Rawlinson visit 448 & the surrounding blockhouses. Rains most of afternoon. Turn in about 9. At Obozerskaya General ? Interviews Harcourts force & tells us we are going to attack Bolos & take his guns at 441 in conjunction with the Ruskies. Do cooking for dinner & tea.

Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>

Up 6 oclock. All day cooking. All the guns around the camp get ready for the stunt. Rains most of the day.

Wednesday Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

Up 6oc. All the guns around the camp including armoured train & [Kolohaps] going at full pressure from 3 to 8 am. Bolshie plane comes over. Cooking all day. 8<sup>th</sup> Batt MGrS bring up 15 horses & [our] section looks after them. A lot of Russian troops from the Durna arrive. Also get French 75's. All blankets & kit taken back to Obozerskaya so have to sleep with waterproof only tonight.

Thursday Aug 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. Cook break & dinner. At 2 oclock we march from 448 & go east along a bridle track for 2hrs then south then east & south again. Finish marching about 9pm & camp alongside the slashing. Do a perish all night only having a waterproof & ground very swampy. Have 15 horses carrying our gear.

Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>

Up 2oc am & start at 3 along the slashing. Open up at 5-30 and soon have the position taken. About 40 prisoners taken (7 wounded) 4 killed. We are at present 3 versts behind his line. Ruskies take his front line & ~~Newbould & a couple of Coys of Ruskies go on to Insta.~~ We capture 4 machine guns & a 6 inch on a siding. Which runs to centre of camp. Newbould takes the gun position we were supposed to take & we take his. About 6 dugouts. Also 1 pom pom. Later on Bennet gets about 30 Bols prisoners on to the pom pom & ammo wagon & puts it into action against Bolos armoured train which gets cut off about 2 versts up from here. Armoured train mounted with 6 guns & plenty of machine guns, Rusky have a couple of goes at it but get beaten off. During the day well over a hundred prisoners come into camp from different parts of the wood positions from the front line & all other positions 700 prisoner taken. Employ Bolos carrying wounded & doing fatigues. Our section in the stunt does rear guard & as soon as we rush the possie Im put on charge of the

prisoners & wounded. After 2 hours of that the doctor comes into camp & tells us that while back were we camped for the night a number of Bolos attacked them Sgt Logg kills one & the Dr captures 3 with his revolver. They bring 7 prison with them. Sgt Oliver, Baverstock Smith Allison & I get told off to go and round up the Bolos but after 2 hours return without striking any. Take a few photos of the camp. Score razor, artillery sword, Bolo respirator out of a M Gun dugout. Go over to Headquarters for water & on return take on of the pack horses back for a drink. Bols shelling all along the rail way line. I near run into a big gazump with the pony getting back to camp. Major May gets a bullet through each thigh Sgt Pearce gets killed. Do guard from 1 am to 2 am. Take Colliers place & Oliver kicks up a shinty over it.

Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>

Up about 9 oc. A Tommy & I spend a couple of hours digging a pit. Loaf about all afternoon. Drizzly rain all day. After tea Bartlett & I go over to Bolos old transport lines and get a couple of souvenirs. Do guard from 10 to 11pm. Camp well protected by Ruskies. Coll. goes down to 448 with pack horse for water & returns about dark. Sleep in a dugout on my own without any covering & do a bon perish. ~~Do guard from 7am to 8.~~

Sunday August 31<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 7 to 8. At 11-30 our section leaves camp & march down to 442 then camp in Bolos old front line. Kolchack has about half a dozen 6 inch guns ready to open up as we pass as Ruskies are going to storm Imsta. Our section get to work & make a bivvy out of sawn timber from the railway line, after tea we take a walk for about a mile along the trenches, Position a very strong one being a continuous series of log dugouts, breastworks & specially made blockhouses for M Guns. The whole position well defended by barb wire. Find 3 machine guns. Hear from Bolo prisoner that when the attack was made all the officers cleared off & the whole camp (400) cleared off into the woods. Climb observal tower & in the distance can see Emsta burning. Go on guard with Baverstock from 12am to 1am. Have a roaring fire all the time.

Monday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Up 7-30. Bennet & Oliver have a bit of a scrap & both put under arrest. Kiwi & McCabe go to have a look at Emsta. Place all in ruins. We all move camp. About 200 yds further along we take up our position in a large blockhouse, Set to work & clean it out. In a very dirty condition so decide to sleep in a brushwood bivvy near by. Heavy rains comes on & we get swamped out so change our minds and sleep in blockhouse. Word comes from H [Q?] that 2 battalions of Bolos are marching towards this was so get our old bolo gun fixed up & everything ready. Do guard from 9pm to 11. Very dark but nothing doing.

Tuesday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

Do day guard from 7 till 10 am. Busy all morn making breastwork for M Gun finishing it about 12oc. After dinner go for water over at H Qrs then have shave & clean up. Do guard from 12 to 3.

Wed Sept 3<sup>d</sup>

Do guard from 6 till 8. Clean up blockhouse & make stand for kits. After dinner Coll & I go with trolley up to H Qs for our packs & blankets for the section. Do guard from 3pm to 6pm. Turn in about 8oc.

Thursday Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 1am to 3 am. Just come off guard & hear 6 or 7 shots fired by some crowd near by with the wind up. Hear that crowd of Bolos that were seen attacked Bolo zerky but were beaten off. Jackson goes to hospital with crook eye. Do guard from 10am to 1pm then Pike who takes Jacko's place goes with me over to H Qs for 2 tins of water. Drizzly rain all morn. Coll goes to 448 for buckshee rations. Canteen opens up & Mac & Smith go across & get a supply. Bolo Batt Commander taken prisoner is taken with diary in his possession showing that he ordered 4 Ruskie & 2 English prisoners to be shot. He is led out by 4 Ruskie officers at 448 & finished off with their revolvers. Makes a fuss over getting shot.

Friday Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

On guard 6 to 9 am & get breakfast. Clean up & do 1 ½ hrs guard for McCabe while he goes for a bath. I go down on his return to H Qrs & get a clean change. Cook dinner. We get balance of comfort funds. Sleep all afternoon. Go on guard from 6pm to 9. Ruskies going ahead like wild fire taking Seliskoe (25 verst ex Emsta (434).

Saturday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

At 1.30am get the stand to through bullets whizzing about our blockhouse. Have a look round but every thing quiet. It appears some one fired 2 rifle shots then after a short interval they open up with the Vickers. Greatrix comes down half an hour later & tells us that Murphys lot had fired on Lees fire & nearly skittled some of them. Pike gives an alarm for fun as he says. Do guard from 5 to 8 & get breakfast. Have a sleep till dinner. After dinner go down to HQrs and get rations & water also bring up a tent and erect it. Go on guard 11 to 1pm. Smith goes on patrol & Nelson comes down for the night.

Sunday Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 7 to 10AM & give a hand to get breakfast. Sleep for a couple of hours. After dinner clean up souvenirs & get tea ready. Go on guard from 9 to 11.

Monday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast go out shooting but only get a squirrel. Go over to H.Qrs for water. Play cards all afternoon. Go on guard from 1 to 3. Night very quiet.

Tuesday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30 after breakfast take all our stuff including Bolo M.G. to HQrs and at 1-20pm we leave 442 for Obozerskaya. Take some snaps of 448 & while there could hear them shooting Bolos in the wood. Reach Obozerskaya at 3. Camp in the same tents.

SKULKER RUM 80 roubles

Play cards all evening.

Wednesday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Read most of the morn & loaf about all afternoon. Fusiliers leave for Archangel about 7-30. Turn in about 10.

Thursday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

Up about 8oc. Fall in at 9-30 & clean our guns. After dinner play cards. Skulker ring for 95 roubles (£2-7-6) After tea go for a bath. Turn in at 10-30. Good weather this last week or so.

Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Section on fatigue. Pull down the Fusilier's tents and do odd jobs. Play cards most of afternoon and evening. Do PT. From 9 to 9.30.

Saturday Sept 13

Up 7-30. Do P.T. from 9 to 9-30 then inspection by major who wants us to shine up everything & come up to the Harts & 8<sup>th</sup> [...]. Dismissed at 10-30 Clean up equipment & loaf about after dinner Play cards all evening.

Sunday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-15. Clean up. Then Oliver Baverstock & I make a start for front line but miss the train which starts at 9 instead of 10oc. So after dinner set off in fighting order on the 2-20pm. After stopping at several stations reach Ermsta at 10 to 6 (434) Harts give us materials & we have some tea. Oliver interviews Kolchack who gives us accommodation with some of his boys in one of the trucks. We have a walk around the village which is fairly knocked about. One water tower is levelled by the Bolos the other in good repair. Large engine shed knocked about. Have supper with Kol. boys 6 of us with spoons dipping out of the one bowl of bully beef soup. Turn in about 10oc.

Monday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

Up at 8oc & after breakfast set off for front line (412) Get ride on an engine to 425. Then get a scooter from there to 422 where the large iron bridge over the Emsta river is blown up by Bolo. Take some photos of Bolo prisoners working on the wreckage. Ruskies build a good substantial bridge over the river in 15 hrs on the day of the advance. Take some photos of broken bridge & Bolo prisoners Cook some dinner then take a stroll down the river & follow Bolos trenches for some distance. See some Ruskies bombing fish about a verst down & make a start when a couple of migs [...] rifles & rifle grenades join in. We return to see what's doing & find out the Ruskies are having practice. Stop a while watching the engine moving a part of the bridge along the rails on logs then set off to walk to 425. Just miss the scooter which goes right to Obozerskaya. Stop with the engineers & have some tea then make up our minds to walk to Emsta (9 versts). Engine comes to light so get a ride back. Have a walk round Emsta & climb the water tower to get a snap of the village. Stop with Kolchacks men till 8.30 then get the train which leaves Emsta at 10-30 reaching Obozerskaya at 10 to 1am.

Get some wood & get a good fire going in the carriage & make some bon tea.

Tuesday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 get 1<sup>st</sup> letter from home & one from the bank. Phy jerks from 9 to 9-30 then inspection (fighting ord) clean and polish [ofer] equipment. Fairly cold all day.

Wednesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

Up 7oc. P.J. 9 to 9-30 then have inspection (fighting order) then march up to the aerodrome & do platoon drill. Go on Q M. fatigues in the afternoon. Play cards after tea & go up to ymca for an hour.

Thursday Sept 18<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30 Pack up everything ready to go down near Archangel. Clean up everything & load up our train & get a truck to ourselves. Leave Obozeraskaya at 11.30 & stop an hour at 516 v.p. Country all the way down varies very little. Reach (588) Isakgorka at 20 to 7.pm Have a bon fire all the trip in the truck. Unload all our gear & put it in a large building on the station where our section camps. Rip the chummy place.

Friday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 Fall in 9am and have full pack inspection then dismissed after dinner fall in after dinner and another inspection for about ½ an hour. Take a walk round Isakgarka which is a junction for Moscow and Vologda. Very little to see. Have a look through the church & have a game of football. See a wonderful sight between 8 & 10oc. All the sky would change with different moving lights, Turn in about 10.30.

Saturday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

Up 7 oclock. Have P.J. from 9 to 9.30. Go on 2 hrs fatigue but its postponed till after dinner. Lee, Bartlett, & I go by scooter with a load of steel helmets and gas bags. Get down about a mile & break down so return and go by another to Bakaritza to the Ordnance Stores. Get back by 1 oclock. After dinner go on 2 hrs fatigue. Then spend a while in the ymc.a. truck.

Sunday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

Put in for pass to Archangel but don't go on account of it raining all day. Go on fatigue carting wood for Officers & Sergeants mess. Get our kit bags. After tea Coll. Tank & I go guard in the water tower which is manned by a couple of machine guns to be used in case of a rising. Connected by telephone with Moniter at Archangel. Do guard from 2.30 to 4.30.

Monday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

Up 7 & after breakfast pack up & get dismissed (guard). Put in pass for Archangel & Coll. Kiwi & I get the 1 oclock train to Archangel Preston & get the ferry to Arch. We go thro the principal mosque which is rather gaudy inside. Take a few exposures. Go up to the ym & have a feed than take a walk around the town. Catch the boat at 5oc & reach Bakaritza at 20 to 6 & walk home (3 miles). Receive letter from home July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>

Up 7oc. P.J. from 9 to 9.30 then clean up Bolo machine guns & rifles. After dinner do some washing. Read & play cards. Turn in about 10.

Wednesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

Up 7oc. Go hut orderly for the day. Clean up the rooms and clean down table after each meal. After dinner go down for a bath then scrub pack. After tea take a walk round Isakagorska & skulker a tin of tobacco for 6 rou. Go over to ym for drink of cocoa & play cards for rest of evening.

Thursday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>

Go on guard at the water tower at 9 oclock. Make up a large fire in the big stove & keep it going all day. Read most of the day. Hear we are leaving for the boat at 4 oclock Sat. Morn. Snodgrass leaves by the 1 train. Hear all officers are going in a boat by themselves.

Friday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

Do guard from 4 to 5.30 am. Raining all the time. Go off at 9am, read till dinner time. Troops get paid. Loaf about till tea time. At 6oc, half a dozen of us go to church. Pack up everything ready to move off tomorrow. At 9oc load up truck with guns & ammo. Turn in 10 oclock.

Saturday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Up 1-45 am Breakfast at 2.45 Take blankets over to truck & move over at 3-45. Leave Isakagorka at 5.20 & arrive at Bakaritza about 6oc. Trolley our ammunition, guns & blankets about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile along the wharf to a tug boat. Board her and leave for the Kalyan (a hospital ship) at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 8 which is in mid stream. As soon as we arrive take our stuff from the barge & put down in the hold of the Kalyan. Leave Archangel at 10.30 AM. Go on guard about 12oc and get dismissed at 1oc. Our duty to keep a look out in event of skivs anything suspicious along the river. Read most of afternoon. Find the Kalyan a well fitted out and have cots to sleep in. Plenty of good food and supper of an evening. Expect to land at Murmansk for a short stay & re-embark in the "Muritiana" or "Aquitania" for England. Sea almost smooth.

Sunday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-45. Fall in 9.30 for inspection. 10 oclock for boat station and 11oc for church. Medals given out. After dinner read. Kalyan reaches Alexandroff 7-30 & anchor off the wharf for the night.

Monday Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-oc. Kalyan pulls into the wharf at breakfast time & takes on a lot of wounded cases (stretcher). 12 of us go on fatigue hoisting up 24 bags of flour. Finish at dinner time. Play cards & read most of afternoon.

Tuesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

Stand by all day ready to re embark on to the Cape Verde as Kalyan is stopping here 12 or 14 days waiting for wounded. Nothing doing till 8.30 when we get our pack & go on the Hurricane Deck. Leave the Kalyan at 10 oclock & go on to the Cape Verde – a German boat – via a tug boat. Arrive on her at 11-30pm & get herded into a hold which is crammed with troops. - a great contrast to the Kalyan.

Wednesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

Up 6-30. Bit of a swell on & feel anything but good. Cape Verde leaves about 5oc this morning & at her best doesn't do any more than 10 or 12 knots an hour. Read most of the day.

Thursday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Up 6-30. Put on picket but too seasick to carry on so lay down all day. Play cards in the even.

Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Up 7-30. Go on fatigue after breakfast for about an hour. Heavy swell on all day. Feel just fair. Boat alarm at 4oc. Turn in a 10 oc.



Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>

Go on sick parade. Heavy sea all day. Lay down all the time.

Sunday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Expect to sight the Orkneys this afternoon. Not too good all day. Heavy fog comes over about 6oc & go dead slow. Read all even.

Monday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 After breakfast clean rifles. Sight 1<sup>st</sup> land about 2oc pm. Sea heavy. At tea time (5oc) call in at Lerwick for a couple of hours then proceed southwards. Suppose to be going direct to Le Havre.

Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. All morning passing along the East coast of Scotland, Sea almost calm. Pass Aberdeen about 12:15pm & expect to reach Leith at 5.30. Enter the Firth of Forth & run up to Leith & stop about ½ an hour for orders which are to proceed to Le Havre & after disembarking the Frenchies to return to Gravesend. Sea good. See the R29 (airship) sailing near Leith.

Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30 for on guard at 9-30. Do from 11-30 to 1-30pm guarding a tap without water. Write home. Stamp to each one [...] section issued as the mail is being called for as soon as the piolet boat calls in from Dover. Which place we expect to reach early in the morning. Do shift 5.30pm to 7.30. Stop off Deal (near Dover) and pick up Piolet at 9.30 pm. Do 11-30 to 1-30am.

Thursday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

On guard from 5.30am to 7-30. Dismissed at 10oc. Reach Le Havre at 1.30 & anchor off the breakwater till 8.30pm & then pull into the wharf. R.O.A.C. chap falls off on to the wharf & smashes his leg. Turn in about 1oc.

Friday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. French all morn unloading their stuff. Go ashore with Smith & spend the day in Le Havre. Have dinner in ymca. & then go per tram half way to La Fleuer. Have a good time. Troops get very merry. Bring Quamby home & have a job to find our way to the boat. Meet Sol Parsons who gets a cab & we reach the boat at ¼ to 8. Johhny Brown doesn't turn up will the last moment. "Cape Verde" leaves Le Havre at 10 oclock pm.

Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>

Up 6.30. Muster parade at 7. Get a good lecture for not turning up in time last night. 3 of our Coy get left behind. 3 of B Coy & 6 out of the ordnance lot. Reach & pass Folkestone & Dover 10 to 10-30am. Fold up all our blankets, hammocks & clean up. Reach just off of Tilbury Docks at 3pm oclock & have tea that time. Take all our packs up deck & stand by. Then get orders to take everything below & draw hammocks & blankets & stop on the boat all night.

Sunday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Up 6.30. Put our things back & pack up & leave the Cap Verde by tug to Tilbury. Station – 20 miles, [...] London about 11oc. While at Gravesend at tug load of Aussies pull up at our pier & tell us they've just brought over a lot of Fritzie prisoners. Leave at 12-15 and arrive a Fenchurch St where a party of us is told off to unload all our gear & put them on to lorries. We then go by undergnd to Char X & when lorries arrive unload them. Have a couple of us to wait for train so streak off. Met Geo. Henry & go with him down to the Marchest & have tea. Leave Char X at 7-30 & reach Shorncliff about 10pm. Load up all our kit bags blankets etc. & then get a ride down to our billets at Cherry Garden camp. Turn in about 12 oc.

Monday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. After breakfast draw our kits then put them thru the disinfecter. After dinner fill in time about the camp. After tea go into Folkestone (1 mile) & have a bath & go to cinema. Get bus home.

Tuesday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 Parade at 10 & get told we are going to Winchester tomorrow to be demobbed. After dinner fall in & get particulars taken but wait till tea time & nothing doing so imshee off with Coll to Folkestone. Have tea at the y.m. then go to Chu Chin Chow at the Winter Palace Gardens. Get home 11-30pm

Wednesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Get papers filled in & do very little all day. Present silver case to [L] M Bance also subscribe for the Major. After tea go down to Folkestone & go again to Chu Chin Show with Wilson [Stankie?] & Coll. Back to camp 11-30.

Thursday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

Up 6-30. Pack up & march out of camp at 9oc & get the 9.25 ex Shorncliffe. Reach London 12oc & go on to Winchester at 12.35 reaching there 3-15. Go up in a taxi with some kits (about 3 miles). Give in equipment & then go up to the huts. Start getting papers prior to going on leave. After tea spend a while in ym & turn in at 8.30.

Friday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

Up 7.45. After breakfast go to different offices for demob papers & finish about 5oc. Get 3 pairs of socks a tin of fruit & cocoa from Comforts Funds. After tea go to Buckshee Cinema.

Saturday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

Up .45 Fall in 9oc & go thro' Documents Office & get allotted to No 4 Sec, Play billiards till dinner time. After tea go down to Winchester & spend the evening there. Go to the theater with Bob Allison. Walk home. 11.45

Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. After breakfast read till dinner time. Loaf about till tea time then go to cinema.

Monday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

Up 7.20 Breakfast at 7.30 then go up to the medical Board but nothing doing. After dinner get chit to get passport photo taken down at Winchester. Coll, Osborne, Bartlett, Wilson Lee Reardon. Bennet & Boland go on leave. Baverstock & I go down to Winchester & go to theatre & have supper. Walk home.

Tuesday Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

Up 7. Go up for board & get fixed up by 12oc. Try and get away on leave but have to give 48 hrs notice. All but James & I go. Go to cinema after tea.

Wednesday Oct 22

Up 7.45 after breakfast do some washing then see about leave but nothing doing on account of our credits not coming through. After din. have bath & after tea go with Tol Parsons to Win. & go to theatre. Have supper & walk home. Rec £1 ex McCabe.

Thursday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

Up 8oc. Go up to office & get credits & find £6-16- up to 16<sup>th</sup> Sept to my credit. After dinner go down to Winchester with Tol & have a look around. Go thro the old cathedral. After tea go to the pictures & get home about 9oc. Draw £1

Friday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

Up 8.30. Raining all morning. Get warrant & get draw £7-0-0. Get 3-20 express & arrive in London 5.15pm. Go to Warchest Club (N.a.C.B) & have tea. Wilson & I go to pictures. After supper turn in.

Saturday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Stop at NaCB Coll, Mac & Osbourne stays also. After breakfast I go down to union for letters & meet James. We have dinner at ym, opp NACB. Afte dinn Curly &

I go to Kiss Call at the Strand Theatre & have an enjoyable afternoon. Spend even at cinema. Put photos in to get done.

Sunday Oct 26th

Up 7-30. After break take a walk down to Waterloo & get kit bags from station & put in ym. Meet [Hankie] & take a walk up to the Beaver Hut. Meet about 8 of the Aus Sec. & take a walk along the Embankment & visit the "Deuchland" (submarine). Visit aunties & then take a stroll down to Hyde Park. After tea at [naCB] go to concert then play billiards.

Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>

Up 9-30. Play billiards till dinner time. After dinner go to aIF Hall & see Aust pictures & lecture. Go to a & have tea etc. then after tea get buckshee ticket for Jack of Jingles at the Nero Theatre. Turn in at 12oc. Felton beats Barry.

Tuesday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Knock about with 46<sup>th</sup> Batt. chap till dinner time. Go to cinema in afternoon. After tea go to "Who's [Hoopie]" with Curlie. Stay at London Soldiers Home.

Wednesday Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

Up 9oc. After breakfast have a game of billiards. After dinner go to the Coliseum then have tea at N.a.C.B. Go to Leicester Sq. Hut & get ticket for Scala Theatre for "The Net". Supper at NaCB & turn in at 12oc.

Thursday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Breakfast at a. Then go down to N.a. & meet Osbourne. Take bus for Beaver Hut where we meet Coll. Go down to Waterloo and see them off then knock about till tea time. Get theatre ticket at Leicester Square for "The Very Idea"

Friday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1919

Read most of morn. After dinner take a walk down past St. Pauls. Meet C. George & Reardon. Have a game of billiards & after tea go with Quamby to the theatre.

Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>

After breakfast have a walk round with Quamby & Olsen. After din play billiards at the Union Jack. Spend even with Q & Olsen. Turn in 10-30.

Sunday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

Up 9-30. Have breakfast at a. & then go down with [...] (46<sup>th</sup>) & get kit bags then go with Lee down to Eaton Square.

Monday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Go to U. Jack & have game of billiards with Harry Lewis then spend afternoon in A.I.F. Hall then go down to Base for letters. Catch 5.30 for Winchester reach there 7.10. Go to theatre "The Temporary Gentleman". Reach camp about 11-30pm.

Tuesday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Spend day in camp. Very cold & rainy all day. Leave office closed on acc- of doing up accounts. Knock about in camp all day.

Wednesday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Go up to Leave Office but can't get warrant fixed up till tomorrow. After dinner play billiards. In the even go to pictures & concert.

Thursday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

Go to leave office & lucky enough to get leave warrant to Glasgow. Get paid £7-0-0 & catch 2-23 reaching London 4oc. Have tea at U. Jack then go to "Tiger Rose" at the Savoy,

Friday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

Up 9-oc. Break at a. then go down to L.S. Home & have clean up. After dinner go to "Back Again" with Quamby. Have tea at Beaver then go up to [Leicester] Hut but have no luck so go to "Eastward Ho" at the Alambra.

Saturday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

Up 9-30. Go down to Waterloo & get my old pair of Aussie Boots & get chap to change them. Give him 6/-. Have dinner at a. then go down to Fleet St & have a look at the Lord Mayors Show. - procession) Then get a Stalls ticket to the Alambra. Go down to Aussie ym & have tea. Go to u.j. for letters.

Sunday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

Go to a. for breakfast. Then knock about till dinner time. Spend a while at ym. Horseferry Rd & stop for memorial address by the padre. Then go down to u.j. and meet Baverstock. Go to Victoria Palace in the even.

Monday

Go down to Horseferry & meet Lewis & Bavic then go to cinema at the Alambra. We then go down to the Passport Office & get forms to take to the War Office. Have to call again tomorrow at 10oc. Leave photos for Greatorix Book up & go to the Holborn Empire.

Tuesday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

Up 9oc. Clean up & meet Bav at 10oc. Then go to War Office & receive papers but have to go to a.I.F. for identification purposes. Tremendous crowd in Whitehall &

about the impossible to move. At 11oc the maroons give several blasts & everyone stands in silence for 2 minutes. Get passport photos taken then go to a.I.F & Cpl Holtard fixes up our passport papers. Get everything fixed up except a signature from the French Consul. & get taxi up to Bedford Square at ¼ to 4 & on arriving find it is closed down on account of Poncairé visit so have to let it up till tomorrow. Go down to L.S.H. & have bath & clean change then spend a while at ym in the Strand. While waiting for passport see Poncairés procession.

Wednesday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

Up 9-45 Go up to French Consuls & get passbook signed & stamped then down to Vic & get warrant changed to Folkestone. Then go to ymca in Horseferry & get a couple of tickets for Li[...]ac Domino. After that go down to ym & have tea there. Stay to a lecture & pictures. Bave & I sleep at LSH.

Thursday Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 & rush down to Char X & catch the 8oc boat train reaching Folkestone Harbour 9.50. Leave 10-25 & reach Bologne at 11-45. Have to pay 10/5 for trip across the channel. Have to wait a long time in que to get pass books signed. We then have dinner at NaCB & get money changed securing 36-30 for the £1. Have a walk around the town & catch the 6.20 from Bologne. Reach Gare du Nord at 11.30 and walk down to the Leave Club. Have supper & turn.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Friday

Up 8.45 and after breakfast Bavic & I take a walk down to Notre Dame & have a look around it then visit the Petite Palace which contains some wonderful statues. Return by Metro to Republic. After dinner go with guide (3) to the Louvre & see Venus de Milo & hundreds of other famous statues etc. We then go down to see Great Man picture which took about 4 years to paint. Return to Rep & intend going to the Alambra but the lights failed so went to a combined picture & variety show.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Up 11.20 & have dinner then at 12.30 a party of us go & visit the Palace at Versailles. Ground covered in snow over a foot deep so don't see much of the grounds. See a few extra rooms which have been opened up this last few months. Return home about 5oc. After tea go to Alambra.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

Up 9.30 and take train down to Arc of Triumphe then walk along the Champ Elysus as far as the Concorde. Visit the Invalids but not open till 1oc so take a train down to Eiffel Tower & climb up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage from which we go a very fine view of Paris. Lift not working on account of Machinery being frozen up. We then go back for dinner but miss so have it at French restaurant. Take train down to Place de Bastille

then underground to Hotel de Ville which we find closed. Then go by train to the Louvre but too crowded so leave & walk down to APM in Le Grand Rue re extension of passes. Get bus home & have tea. Take a walk down to the Partheon.

Monday Nov 16th

Go down to aP.m re passes & refuses to give us a chit to Lille. We then go down to the Lafayette Galleries & intend to go thro' them but find them closed. Have a look at the Madeline then back to club for dinner. After dinner go down to the Sacre Crem and have a look thro' it then take underground to the Invalides but find it closed. Spend even at Club then get the 10oc pm for Lille (fare 4 frs 2

Tues Nov 18

Arrive at Lille 6-10am. Then look for a place for breakfast & strike & froggie ymca. Have a look about the town for a couple of hours then get tram for Turqoin & change for one going to Mouscron but make a mistake & have to return to Turcoin. WE then get tram from Mouscron for Ypres but have to change at Mouscron & go by steam [tram] which only goes as far as Menin M[...] (17 kilos from Ypres arrive at 3-45 & no train till ¼ to 6 so start to walk on chance of getting a lift. Walk about a kilo & get picked up by froggie in a private car which lands us in Ypres about 5.30. Ypres quite a little township of estaminets etc. Very few troops about. Stop at the Ypreseum 4 frs each. Menin knocked about considerably.

Wednes Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. After breakfast we take a walk down the Menin Rd to [Hell Fire Cnr?] then go along the railway as far as Zonnebeke then as it is drizzling rain we go by road back to Ypres. Get a lorry from there to Poperinge & get train from there to Hazebrouck taking about nearly 2 hrs to do the 30 kilos. Get 7-30 to St Omer & change to Bolongues arriving there at 10.30. Stop at St Constantine Rest Billet for the night.

Thursday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30 Have breakfast & have clean up then go down to the boat which leaves B. at 10-15. Have fairly rough trip across. Land at Dover at 11-45 & get boat train to Victoria. Have tea & Bavic goes home. Go to NaCB. Cinema & turn in early.

Friday Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

Up 9-oc. Have breakfast at N.a. then go to Shafesbury Pavilion with a Tommy. Meet 2.m. Have dinner at a. then go up to Aus House for afternoon & after tea go to the Lycium to see the M[...]ld Widow.

Saturday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

Go to Shafesbury Pav. From 11 to 1 & after dinner go to the Alambra. In the even go to "Othello" at the Scala.

Sunday Nov 23

Go down to the W J. to meet Bavic but he doesn't turn up. After dinner to Albert Hall to hear Stella Power. Very fine orchestra (The Albert Orch). In the even go to Villas Cinema.

Monday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Up 9oc. Have B. at a. then knock about till dinner time. At 12-30 go by bus from Vic to Marble Arch from there by bus to Ealing then by train to Southall & change for another train to Uxbridge then get metro train to Ruslip & walk a mile to the Northolt areodrome. Comes on to rain but turns out fine for the flight. Have a 10 minutes fly doing loop the loop twice & side slipping & other stunts. Land very heavily doubling up the undercarriage. Take train from Northolt junc. Arriving at Vic via Paddington at 6-30. Have tea then go to McBeth at the Old Vic Waterloo. Stop at the W.J.

Tuesday Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

Knock about with the boys all morn then after dinner go to Aus House. In the evening go to "the Follies" at St Martins.

Wednesday 26

Get hat at A.I.F. then James & I wait till about 4oc re refund of overcoat. After tea to "The Voice from the Minaret" at the Globe.

Thur Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

Have a quiet morning in ymca kiosk playing bridge & reading. After dinner go to Stoll Pictures & in the evening to the theatre. Receive wire to return to camp.

Friday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 7-30. Collect kitbags & go to bank. Buy suitcase 27/6. Catch 11-30 am down to Winchester. Get a taxi out to camp. Find Ive been taken off the boat roll & try to get fixed up but too late. Go down to Winchester with Baverstock & spend the evening there. Troops have a wild night smashing up things & firing revolvers etc. Have no sleep.

Saturday Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

Up 6oc & see the boys off who go by train to Cardiff. Play billiards for a couple of hours. Loaf about all afternoon.

Sunday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

Raining all day. Play billiards & read most of day.



Monday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Go on Sergeants mess for half an hour then play billiards will dinner time. See about leave and find can't go till Thursday.

Tuesday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

Raining all night. Go on coal fatigue for ½ an hour then go to credits office. After dinner go down to Winchester & bring up suit case. Skulker cardigan for 10/-

Wednes Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fatigue till 10-30 then play billiards. Read most of afternoon.

Thur Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Fall in 9. Get leave passes at 10-30 paid at 11 & get 2.40 to London on ½ fare voucher 5/6. Leave kit at u j then have tea there. Go up to the Beaver & meet Quamby & Jock then go to Bran Pie at The Prince of Wales. Carpentier beats Beckett.

Friday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Up 10oc. Break at N.A.C.B. then go down to W.J to get tunic fixed up. Raining nearly all day. Go to Stoll Pictures in afternoon & see "Little Women" at the New Theatre.

Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Go down to Aus House & see Lt Spaldin then go down to George St Hanover Sqre. After dinner go & see "The Lilac Domino". In the even go for a long stroll.

Sunday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

Knock about with Mac & Curly Denvil all morn. After dinner play billiards. Read most of afternoon & go to concert in evening.

Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Up 9-45. Quamby & I go up to Aus House re R. but nothing doing. Mac goes back to camp after dinner go to the Alambra then stop a while in Leicester Sqr. After tea go to The Old Vic: S.S to [Couque].

Tuesday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Go to the British Museum & after dinner go to the Stoll Pictures. Spend the evening in Aussie Lounge.

Wed Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

Up 9-30. Loaf about all morn. After dinner go to the Coliseum & in the evening at y m c a.

Thursday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

Go down to London Wall Buildings re letters. Walk back & meet [Q?]. Go to the London Opera House in the afternoon. In the even meet Mack & spend the evening with him as he sails in the morn.

Friday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

Up 6oc & see Mc off by 7-30 train. Loaf about all morn. After dinner go to cinema & spend evening at concert at y m c a.

Saturday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

Spend a couple of hours at Whitechapel Museum then go down to the Beaver & meet Quamby. Have dinner at the Aldwych then go down to Leicester Hut & get ticket for – nothing doing. So go down to Union J. & play billiards. In the evening go to ym cinema.

Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Have a walk round Hyde Park & along Oxford St. After dinner go to Alambra Sunday Concert & spend even in NACB concert.

Monday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Spend morning reading & cleaning up. After dinner go to the Stoll & in the even go to Maskerlynes

Tues Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

Up 10oc & have bath. After dinner go to the Alambra & go to “Daddies” at the Haymarket.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Stop at N.A.C.B. up 9-30 get tunic then go down to Waterloo and get the 11-30 for Winchester. Go to lectures and concert at the camp.

Thursday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Play billiards & read most of morning. After dinner the same. Go to Theatre at Winchester. Have supper & get ride home.

Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. Go on parade & do 2 hours fatigue on blankets. After dinner play billiards then go down to theatre at Winchester.

Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast put in 2 hours on officers mess. Go on canteen guard at 6. Do 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 8 to 10 & sleep rest of night.

Sunday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

Raining all morn. Read & play billiards most of day.

Monday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

Get pass for 10 days. Catch 11.45 to London. Draw £3. Go with Willowson in taxi to Euston, Then spend a couple of hours in Aus House. Spend even in Aussie ym.

Tuesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

Up 10oc. Knock about till dinn time then go to the Stoll P.H. In the evening go to the "Crimson Alibi" at the Strand.

Wednesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

Up at 10oc. Go down to Waterloo & have a clean up after dinner go to Dick Wittington at the Lyceum. After tea take walk round Oxford St & go to [Cinema?] for a couple of hours.

Thursday Xmas Day

Up 9-30. Read for a couple of hours in the Union Jack. Then go down to the Beaver Hut & have dinner there. Have rather a good spread. Play billiards for an hour then spend a while in the Aldwych watching the orphan kiddies. Have tea at the Aussie ym then spend the even there having a combined concert & games.

Friday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

Do nothing all morn. After dinner get ticket for Ambassadors "Hy[...] Lovers". Spend even at Aussie y.m.

Sat Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

Up 10oc. After dinner go to cinema & spend even at ymca.

Sunday Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Up 10oc. Spend morn at U J club & read most of afternoon at the Aussie lounge. Spend even in Lon Scottish Home.

Monday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast take bus to Mitcham via Vauxhall, Clapham, Balham & Tooting. Walk back to Clapham then get bus to Gt Smith St. & have dinner. Get ticket at L. Square for "The Bird of Paradise" at the Lyceum. In the even spend a couple of hrs at the cinema.

Tuesday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

Do nothing all morn. After dinner get 8/6 ticket for L. Sq. For "The Whirlygig" at The Palace. After tea go to King Georges Hall to Travelogue on expedition in Nthrn Russia (free)

Wed Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Up 8-30 & go down to Beaver Hut to see Quamby re trip to Tilbury. Not there so go with party to West End cinema from 11 to 1. After dinner for L. S. & get ticket for Stoll then meet Quamby who gives 4/6. Spend couple of hours at Aussie ym. See the old year out at Trafalgar Sqr.

Jan – 1920 – 1<sup>st</sup>

Up 9-30. Got to West End C. & after dinner go to "Maggie" at The Oxford. Have tea at NACB then spend even at ymca

Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Up 9oc. Go up to Beaver Hut & from there to cinema till 12.45. After dinner go down with party to the Stoll. Spend even in Aussie ym.

Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

Up 9oc. Knock about with Quamby most of day. Have a game of billiards after dinner & spend even at ym.

Sunday Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

Up 10.30 Stop in Beaver all morn. After dinner which we have at Waterloo St. Play billiards then have a clean up & go for a walk up Euston St way the go down to Vic. ymca.

Monday Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

Up 10-30 Go to Stoll pictures (about 60 of us with permission for about 12. Causes them to put a stop. Muck about with an R E chap all day. Meet Tank in evening. Get B. ticket from Bremner.

Tues Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Go down to Waterloo & then to L. Square & get tickets for cinema. After dinner go to the Royal Academy. In the even go to "Cinderella" at Drury Lane.

Wednes. Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

Very cold. Read all morn After dinner go to "The Comedy" to see "This Happy Home". After tea see "Three Wise Fools".

Thursday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Return to camp by 7-30 to Winchester. Reach camp in time to get paid. Play billiards most of day. After tea go down to Winchester & go to theatre.

Friday Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

Up 8-oc Go on 2 mo fatigue packing up mattresses till 11 then play billiards till dinner time. Hear next boat sails Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. After tea go to camp pictures.

Saturday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

Up 8oc. On cooks fatigues (coal) for an hour. Play billiards till aftern go to W. after tea.

46

Charles U. De Cock  
Chateau der Velde  
Gent – Ver Velde Gent

W Baverstock  
Huskisson  
Via Nowra  
N.S.W.

[...] F H McCabe  
Tramway Quarters  
Johannesburg  
Transvaal  
South Africa

J Weddowson  
“Granville”  
89 Victoria Rd  
Footscray  
Melbourne

Collier ? £3-15-0  
McCabe ~~£1-5-0~~

Owe to 1)  
Tank £1-0-0

Wilson ~~10-0~~  
On boat Cooper

Bartlet ~~7-6~~ [pn]

10-0

5-10-0

[...]

2-0

1-7-0

McCabe ~~2-6~~

10-0

10-0

Collier ~~7-6~~

5-0

10

[...]

1-5-0

5

Collier ~~5/-~~

Bartlett ~~5/-~~

2-12-0

£8-2

Bart ~~5/-~~

3-15-0

Coll 10

1-15-0

M. Brk 1-0

~~Brown 5/-~~

“ Tea 1-0

~~Joek [...]~~

8-0-0

“ Brk 1-0

Quamby 10

1-0-0

Lent 2-0

1-2-0

1-5-0

5/-

5-1-0

£9-0-0

Coll £5- & 10/- 5/- 5/- £6 = £-10.0

Wilson 10/-

McCabe

Collier

Wilson

Sol Parsons 10/- 23/10/19

Quamby 15/- etc.

C. E Roberts

D[eriant]

Yarra St

Alphington

W. J. Crawford

Beremboke PO

Via Ballan

(Bill)

J A Webb

6362

11 Camp

H..cott

Miss Monteith

44 Ladbroke Rd

Nottingham Gate

London W11

Mr J. A. Webb

C/o Insp McGregor

The Brisbane

Alex

Mrs D. S. Collier  
"Waldene"  
O Connell Terrace  
The Valley  
Brisbane

---

2299	Draw £1
	" 4
Owe Tank £1	" 1-5 13/6/19
Lend Wtn 10/-	" 1-0 15-6-19
Lend Watson 5/-	" 1-5 21 <sup>st</sup> 6 19
" [...]	" 1-0 28 6
[...]	" 2-0 2-7-
	Bartlett 10 } 23-9-19
	<del>Wilson 10</del>

6543 L. Book No

296687 Cam No

Francis (H)	Brown	Dixie No 367
Allison	Strangler	
Parsons	Cresswell G.	
Osborne (H)	McCabe	
Quamby	Cooper	
Smith	Jackson (H)	
Hankie	Pike	
Wilson		
Gooding (H)		
Olson		
Mandoza		
Lee		
Collier		
Gateritx		
James		
Bennet		
Baverstock		
Jones (H)		
Howard		
Denville		
Bartlett		

£79-0-0

6

Australia



Photo of H.M.[T.] Czar

Post Card

Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> '19

Dear Mum,

As we are calling in at Newcastle I am sending you a photo of our boat. We've had a fine trip up from Southampton & expect the trip to last about 10 days. Hope all are well.

Love from Will

Mrs Yeaman  
Montrose P.O.  
Victoria  
Australia

#### Transcriber's Notes

Aerial Derby	The Aerial Derby was an air race in the United Kingdom sponsored by the Daily Mail in which the competitors flew a circuit around London. The race started and finished at Hendon Aerodrome.
Alambra (Paris)	Likely to be the "Alhambra Maurice Chevalier", a music hall in Paris. <a href="https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1220748">https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1220748</a>
Alambra (London)	Alhambra Theatre of Variety? ( <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alhambra_Theatre_of_Variety">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alhambra_Theatre_of_Variety</a> )
Aldwych	The Aldwych Theatre? "The Aldwych Theatre, with a huge sign on the front indicating its use by the Y.M.C.A to care for Australian troops" ( <a href="https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/H15637">https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/H15637</a> )
Bakaritz a	"... Archangel and Bakaritz (or Bakaritsa) in northern Russia. A harbor and shore settlements on the Northern Dvina River near its exit to the White Sea." ( <a href="https://www.criticalpast.com/video/65675029271_Aerial-">https://www.criticalpast.com/video/65675029271_Aerial-</a>

	<a href="#">views-Archangel-and-Backoritz Archangel harbor port Northern-Dvina-River)</a> "... Bakaritz, the harbour on the opposite bank of the river to Archangel." <a href="https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/1060023282">https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/1060023282</a>
Beaver Hut	"The Beaver Hut Theatre provided a space for Canadian and other Allied soldiers to watch vaudeville acts, plays, and moving pictures. The YMCA hoped it would keep soldiers away from some of London's other temptations." <a href="https://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/objects-and-photos/art-and-culture/sports-and-entertainment/beaver-hut-theatre/">https://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/objects-and-photos/art-and-culture/sports-and-entertainment/beaver-hut-theatre/</a>
Bolshies / Bolos	Bolshevik forces.
Breastwork	a low temporary defence or parapet
Buckshee	"A prize, a catch, a windfall, something for nothing. From Hindi, bakhshi: giver, or bucksheesh: gift, tip."  Glossary of Slang and Peculiar Terms in Use in the A.I.F. <a href="https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/all">https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/all</a>
Carpentier beats Beckett	Georges Carpentier (French boxer) beats Joe Beckett, British boxer by KO at Holborn Stadium, Holborn, London on Dec 4, 1919 to retain IBU heavyweight title. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georges_Carpentier#Professional_boxing_record">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georges_Carpentier#Professional_boxing_record</a>
Chu Chin Chow	"Chu Chin Chow was one of three hit musical shows premiered on the London musical stage during World War I." "Tickets to see Chu Chin Chow were particularly eagerly sought by troops on leave from the Western Front." <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chu_Chin_Chow">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chu_Chin_Chow</a>
The Crimson Alibi	Crimson Alibi, The : "A Drama of Love and Mystery" by George Broadhurst (Adapted from the novel by Octavus Roy Cohen).
Deutschland	"Deutschland was one of seven submarines designed to carry cargo between the United States and Germany, through the naval blockade of the Entente Powers."  "She was exhibited at St Katharine's Dock, London, in December 1918, and then at Liverpool, before being laid up at Rosyth. There, she was sold on 3 March 1919 to James Dredging Co. for £3,500, and then rapidly sold-on to Noel Pemberton Billing for £17,000, and then to John Bull Ltd (£15,000), a vehicle for Horatio Bottomley, who demilitarised the boat and embarked on a commercial tour that began at Great Yarmouth in September 1919, with the vessel re-christened Deutschland."  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_submarine_Deutschland">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_submarine_Deutschland</a>

Eagle Hut	YMCA recreational facility in Aldwych, London, offering overnight accommodation, meals etc. for servicemen passing through London.
Estaminet	a small cafe selling alcoholic drinks.
Felton beats Barry	<p>"On 27 October 1919, for £500 a-side, World Champion sculler Ernest Barry lost his title to the Australian Alfred Felton on the championship course between Putney and Mortlake."</p> <p><a href="https://heartheboatsing.com/2011/03/04/felton-beats-barry-in-1919/">https://heartheboatsing.com/2011/03/04/felton-beats-barry-in-1919/</a></p>
General Rawlinson	<p>Henry Rawlinson, 1st Baron Rawlinson</p> <p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Rawlinson,_1st_Baron_Rawlinson">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Rawlinson,_1st_Baron_Rawlinson</a></p>
General Ironside	<p>Edmund Ironside, 1st Baron Ironside</p> <p>In 1919, he was promoted to command the Allied intervention force in northern Russia.</p> <p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edmund_Ironside,_1st_Baron_Ironside">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edmund_Ironside,_1st_Baron_Ironside</a></p>
Imshee	<p>Go away (Arabic)</p> <p>Glossary of Slang and Peculiar Terms in Use in the A.I.F.</p> <p><a href="https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/all">https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/all</a></p>
Invalides	Les Invalides. Military museum and tomb of Napoleon
Isakagorka	<p>"An additional, seasonal problem was that the Bakaritsa terminal was flooded during the spring thaw, when freight transported across the estuary by barge was then hauled through mud and water 8 miles further south, to Isakagorka."</p> <p>("The Other First World War: The Blood-Soaked Russian Fronts 1914-1922", Douglas Boyd, The History Press, 1 Sept 2014)</p>
La Fleuer	<p>Harfleur?</p> <p>Harfleur is a commune in the Seine-Maritime department in the Normandy region of northern France.</p> <p>It was the principal seaport in north-western France for six centuries, until Le Havre was built about five kilometres (three miles) downstream in the sixteenth century to take advantage of anchorages less prone to siltation. Harfleur is now on the eastern edge of Le Havre's urban area.</p> <p>(<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harfleur">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harfleur</a>)</p>
Lerwick	<p>"Lerwick is the main town and port of the Shetland archipelago, Scotland."</p> <p>(<a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Lerwick,+Shetland,+UK/@59.0991633,-7.5490447,5.5z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x489e8b761fadcb89:0x8e2037505413b82c!8m2!3d60.1529871!4d-1.1492931">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Lerwick,+Shetland,+UK/@59.0991633,-7.5490447,5.5z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x489e8b761fadcb89:0x8e2037505413b82c!8m2!3d60.1529871!4d-1.1492931</a>)</p>
M	Murmansk
Maskelynes	<p>Nevil Maskelyne? (magician)</p> <p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevil_Maskelyne_(magician)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevil_Maskelyne_(magician)</a></p>
Malo Zerkie	Malye Ozerki?
NACB	Navy & Army Canteen Board

	Imperial Court, Knightsbridge, S.W. 3 ( <a href="https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/navy-army-canteen-board-official-price-list-november-1918-list-of-depots-from-which-stores-at-official-prices-can-be-obtained-navy-and-army-canteen-board-navy-and-army-canteen-board-london/mAGzOi5AiLAmSg?hl=en">https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/navy-army-canteen-board-official-price-list-november-1918-list-of-depots-from-which-stores-at-official-prices-can-be-obtained-navy-and-army-canteen-board-navy-and-army-canteen-board-london/mAGzOi5AiLAmSg?hl=en</a> )
Picket	"... a military body of men on sentry or scouting duty." ( <a href="https://languagesandthefirstworldwar.wordpress.com/2018/11/28/picquet-picket/">https://languagesandthefirstworldwar.wordpress.com/2018/11/28/picquet-picket/</a> )
Poncair é	French President Raymond Poincaré.  "French President's Tribute.  President Poincaré drove up exactly at eleven o'clock to the Cenotaph, placed a wreath at its foot, and then stepping back stood at the salute. With the French President were Lord Curzon, Sir Henry Wilson, and Mr Winston Churchill, who stood bareheaded during the two minutes of silence. A brief service was conducted by Bishop Taylor, Chaplain-in-General, and the buglers sounded the "Last Post."  "EVENING TELEGRAPH and Post." Evening Telegraph, 11 Nov. 1919, p. 1.
Ruskies / Rusky	The Russian allies
St Omer	Saint Omer
Scooter	Possibly a rail handcar.
Shirty	ie. "kicks up a shirty" - angry <a href="https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/all">https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/all</a>
Stella Power	Australian soprano
Stoll Pictures	Stoll Picture Theatre <a href="http://www.londonssilentcinemas.com/westendexhibts/stoll-picture-theatre/">http://www.londonssilentcinemas.com/westendexhibts/stoll-picture-theatre/</a>
Stunt	A raid / battle. <a href="https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/s">https://slll.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/andc/annotated-glossary/s</a>
Torgoin	Tourcoing, city in France
Union Jack	"The Union Jack Club was founded in 1907 as a place for servicemen to stay while in London and was heavily used during both world wars." <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/education/educational-images/union-jack-club-91a-waterloo-road-lambeth-10424">https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/education/educational-images/union-jack-club-91a-waterloo-road-lambeth-10424</a>
Verst	a Russian measure of length, about 1.1 km (0.66 mile).
Warche st Club	War Chest Club <a href="https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/15810945">https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/15810945</a>  "In 1915 Horseferry Road in Westminster, London, became a home away from home for the Anzacs.

	<p>The AIF Administrative Headquarters, the Australian War Records Section and the War Chest Club were located there (the Club was established to promote the welfare of all soldiers).</p> <p>Horseferry Road became a historically significant Australian location: it was where the Anzacs could create a community for themselves, and was filled with men wearing slouch caps and speaking with familiar accents.”</p> <p>(<a href="http://anzacsightsound.org/search?keyword=Horseferry+Road+in+Wes+tminster">http://anzacsightsound.org/search?keyword=Horseferry+Road+in+Wes+tminster</a>)</p>
Winches ter	<p>Probably Morn Hill Troop Transit Camps - “In 1919 Morn Hill served as an assembly place for troops of all Allied nations awaiting repatriation.”</p> <p>(<a href="https://www.stgileshill.org.uk/morn-hill-troop-transit-camps/">https://www.stgileshill.org.uk/morn-hill-troop-transit-camps/</a>)</p>