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Diary of the War 1914-5-6

Ordinary camp routine
from the 9/1/15 till the
2/2/15

2/2/15 Left Tel-el-Kebir for
the Canal Arrived at
Ismailia at 12 A.M. Left train
marched across the Canal
where we bivouaced for the
night

3/2/15 Left camp after breakfast
marched to about two
miles behind our trenches
where we again bivouaced
for the night

4/2/16 Left again to just
behind the hill where our
trenches are where we filled
camp. Our O.C. told us that we
had the first of the trenches
& we are on the most important
hill along our front

5/2/16 Did a bit of drill
to day open order work
Things very quiet slowly out
here we are camped all on
our own. Cpl. Johnson was out
at camp to day I was speaking
to him for a while. All the
transport are camped right on
the banks of the canal.

6/2/16 Had charge of base on
outpost duty last night, we
were on No 1 outpost the most
important one, things passed

off O.K.

7/2/16 Went to the dentist &
had a tooth filled. Other men
working hard making our
fortifications digging trenches
& putting up barbed wire entanglements. Big party of Generals out
to have a look around among
them was General Legge Murray
Major Birdwood & a French
General of the Bengal Lancers
(Indians) were the bodyguard
8/2/16 A bit on the cold side this
morning. One of our aeroplanes
flying about. Lost the filling out
of my tooth while having dinner.
Continuing to fortify our position
Wagga Welsh went away sick the
other day. Our outposts reported
a body of mounted men fourteen
miles off last night

9/2/16 Turkish outposts sighted
by our outposts. Demonstration
attack on our hill ~~A.B.~~ A.C. & D
Boys attack while B Coy hold
the hill. Weather very warm
that was out to-day on duty

10/2/16 Two suspected spies were
handed over to me to be taken
under guard to Somalia. We
arrived at Ferry's Post at dinner
time so went & dined at the
transport with the Sgt. Then
took the niggers into Somalia
& handed them over to the
Provost Marshall returned to
Ferry's Post at tea time where
we had tea & also slept there
for the night.

11/2/16 We left the transport
next morning at 10 A.M. for

Camp on board our little
train when we got a couple of
miles out it ran off the line
so we had to walk. Arriving
back to camp about 4 P.M.
just in time to be given charge
of the horse picket.

12/2/16 Still digging trenches
18th horse picked by our
squad last night going out on
patrol. Great rumours getting
about that we are all going
to France we will be there
about the end of April, other
rumours are to the effect that
we will be on our way back to
Australia by then.

13/2/16 Nothing of any note happened
to-day. Started to give general
leave from here to Cairo

14/2/16 Australian mail arrived
got answers to our Xmas mail
Post was out to-day. I was on
outpost again ~~last~~ night but
things were very quiet & nothing
reported.

15/2/16 Been raining all the morning
Our aeroplane came over our
camp he was only about 50
feet up as he passed over our
camp we gave them a cheer
they waved to us It was a
good sight. It was a French Aero.

16/2/16 Aeroplane that flew over
yesterday dropped a note saying
that a Turkish patrol was
seen four miles East of our
camp. We sent out patrols
but nothing was seen of them
still continuing with fortification.

17/2/16 Artillery officers were out
near our trenches to-day selecting
gun positions they have one
position just in rear of our
firing line. Had a very heavy
shower of rain this evening

18/2/16 Another Aust. mail in.
An outpost duty last night
& again to-night. We have
finished our first firing line
Very hot just at present

19/2/16 Word came through
last night about a Turkish
patrol seen close to camp
Our patrols were sent after
them but so far they have not
returned. General Legge inspected
our Barr this afternoon

20/2/16 Had half holiday to-day
Had church this morning

One of our patrols that went out to-day caught a fox. Very unpleasant day Jim Preston returns.

21/2/16 More Turkish patrols seen. It was reported that about 200 Turks are concentrated about 30 miles from here. Good news about the Russian advance. Very warm. Firing line fire. Working communication trenches.

22/2/16 We sent out strong patrols today but nothing was seen of the Turks. On outpost duty. Nothing seen.

23/2/16 Our O.B. some of the officers go out for a days fox hunting but they did not get any. One platoon of each Coy had to sleep with their clothes on in

case the Turks come along. 24/2/16 On outpost duty again. Sent out supports to the outpost. Heard rumour to-day that Turkey had declared peace. 17th Batt went away to-day do not know where they are going.

25/2/16 Things very quiet. Shot out here. Getting along well with the trenches.

26/2/16 Aeroplanes flying about. C Coy Outpost shoot a camel that was wandering about the diggers claim.

27/2/16 Forming up new Battalions with all the reinforcements that are in Egypt. Another Aust. mail came to hand to-day.

2/3/16 On half ration
water very windy
unpleasant day

3/3/16 Same as
yesterday

4/3/16 Same as yesterday

2/3/16 Very hot & windy
had no parade trenches
getting filled up with
sand. On outpost duty
again. Aust. mail in

3/3/16 Still very hot and
windy. Trenches completely
filled in again. Matt
was out on duty today
saw him for a while

4/3/16 Water a bit scarce
only on half issue. On
outpost duty. Went through
our usual duty.

5/3/16 Went out to the range
& did a bit of shooting
everyone got through.

6/3/16 Packed up & left for
Jenny Post this morning
& arrived there in the after-
noon. Went straight down

had a swim in the canal

7/3/16 Packed up & moved off
to Moascar issued with
new rifles very hot went
down had another swim

8/3/16 Kit inspection today
great news about going
to France. Went down
had another swim

9/3/16 Very hot & windy
went for a 6 mile route
march & finished up
a swim in the canal

10/3/16 Jack Burke arrives
with reinforcements put
in with C. Coy. Cecil
Burne also arrives.

11/3/16 Getting lectures
about going to France
have to pack our bags.

12/3/16 Court Martial
parade very hot &
windy. Went for a swim

13/3/16 The 7th Brigade
went away to-day went
for another route march

14/3/16 Muster-parade
to-day had no drill
so went for a swim

15/3/16 The 6th Brigade
left to-day terrible dust

16/3/16 The 17th Batt leave
to-day we are all ready
to move at any minute

17/3/16 He left at 8 AM
at midnight on the train
for Alexandria arriving
there at 8 AM went on
board the ...

18/3/16 ...
1st ...

19/3/16 ...

20/3/16 ...

21/3/16 ...

22/3/16 ...

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24/3/16 ...

25/3/16 ...

26/3/16 ...

23/3/16 Disembarked at Malta
at about 9 AM. Retired by
the order. Proceeded again
at 10 AM.

24/3/16 Sunday day. Passed
with a number of boats also
sailing ships & Islands. Big
ships waiting overhead

25/3/16 Arrived at Marseille
beautiful scenery on
entering the harbour.

26/3/16 Unloading ship
18 & 19th went for a route
march around Marseille

I could not go. Went on
board the train left at 9:30

27/3/16 Great reception all
along the line. Beautiful
day. pretty cold.

28/3/16 Still in the train
same as yesterday

29/3/16 Arrived at our
destination a little village
behind the de-Basse, Arras,
front billeted in houses
very nice people we are
billeted with

30/3/16 Heavy frost this morning
also a bit of snow fall. Boys
enjoy themselves doing the
work for the girls. Went for
a route march. Name of
village is Thilennes.

31/3/16 Could hear the sound
of the guns going off. Also the
bills burning. A good
few of our aeroplanes flying
about over the village. There
is a french soldier at de-Basse
who was wounded & his left
arm is paralyzed from the elbow
down.

1/11/16 All the 2nd Division
went down to the rifle range
went through a gas demon-
stration. Have not seen nor
heard from Martie yet

2/11/16 Went to Church in the
village very nice. Had a
holiday all day. The transport
section arrived. Saw Martie

3/11/16 Went to an all day
march school went in
motor cars to Tindoghem
& then walked to the parade
grounds very nice days outing

4/11/16 On parade all day
very much like rain had
a bit of a concert in our
barracks

5/11/16 The 6th Brigade passed
through our village on
their way to the front.

6/11/16 Had a holiday all day
to enable us to pack up
got orders that we were
moving off at 7 o'clock in
the morning

7/11/16 Left our village at 7 A.M.
picked up the rest of the
Bde outside St. Berne
marched past General Gifford
Staff just outside Hazebrouck

Arrived at Antwerp about
3 A.M. were billeted for the night

8/11/16 Left again at 8.30 &
Arrived at Brinquillan all
very tired on account of
the hard roads

9/11/16 Resting all day. Great
artillery activity along the
line. Plenty of airplanes flying
about including a Taube. Guess
try to bring them down

12/4/16 Packed up ready to move
of which we did at 6:30 & after
a 5 mile march we arrived at
the living line & relieved the
1st Land Artillery things very quiet
13/4/16 Raining all day very
unpleasant in the trenches.
Machine Gun Officer shot accidentally
by another Officer. Big artillery
bombardment by our guns on
our left. A little artillery activity
on our right. Things quiet here
12/4/16 Still raining. Got issued
with rations but have to do
our own cooking. The Saxons
are said to be holding the
trenches opposite us. They are
very quiet but good shots.
We are shooting very little on
account of no signs of life
at all from the Saxons

13/4/16 Fine weather today but
a bitterly cold wind blowing
things quiet all along our
front. One of my sentries knocked
a periscope this evening the
first signs of life that we have
been since taking over the trench.
14/4/16 Raining again all day
also had a bit of snow
The 20th Batt relieved us
about 9 P.M. & we went
back about three miles to
our billets arriving there at 12.
15/4/16 Had a good day in
bed all day but had to
go out to the trenches with
a fatigue party at night
It did not rain today
but was very windy. Have
not seen or heard from
Martie yet.

Very nice day. Went
to Church in an old barn
in the morning went for
a walk to the village of
Guerbais in the evening.

A few of the 18th were killed &
wounded to-day while on
fatigue duty at the trenches.

17/4/16 Rained again all
day. On fatigue duty again
German bombard with
much H.E. trying to catch
our batteries but no success.

18/4/16 Rained again went
into the trenches at night
& relieved the 20th Batt. it
rained all the way up &
we were drenched when
we reached the trenches.
Dart went away sick.

19/4/16 Raining again. Very
very quiet all day. A big
bombardment towards
Ypres in the afternoon.

20/4/16 Fine day. On fatigue
work in the trenches
helping boys fix up the
traverses. Things quiet.

21/4/16 Good Friday. Rained
all day I was out on
fatigue & got soaking wet
& left the supports (with
three men to relieve the
guard at Charles Farm)

About 6 P.M. the remainder
of the boys were relieved
by the 20th at about 9 P.M.

22/4/16 Lovely day. Our
Aeroplanes very active also
a couple of Taubes were

ing about. The Germans
mounted thousands of
rounds trying to hit
our planes but did us good.

23/4/16 Another lovely day
Great air activity by
our planes. One airplane
which they call the mad
Major flew down to within
a couple of feet over the
German trenches. Big
bombardment late last
night down towards us.

24/4/16 Lovely day again
Had a bath & did some
washing plenty of German
observation balloons up.
Firing line quiet. Aeroplanes
very active three tanks
were brought down by
our anti aircraft guns

25/4/16 Having lovely fine
weather now the first we
have had since landing.
Germans bombard our
gun positions just outside
Armatiers but did very
little damage. Saw Harter
last night quite O.K. again.

26/4/16 Things very quiet
all around today. Went
into the trenches again
at 7 P.M. & relieved the 20th
Started to give leave today
for England.

27/4/16 Things quiet all day
Our artillery bombarded the
German trenches opposite us
at about 10 A.M. & the Germans
replied the bombardment
lasted about an hour
only a very few casualties
on our side. False alarm gas
attack

28/4/16 The trench mortar
on both sides had a
mat go in today. We sent
a patrol out last night &
they reported seeing a German
patrol out also.

29/4/16 Things very quiet
today. Frick, fact one
bomb over but only one
of our chaps got hit &
a flesh wound in the arm.

30/4/16 We were relieved by 6
Batt we went back to Acoustic
Post where we stopped for the
day. Frick shelled us with
Coal boxes moved out of
supports at 9 P.M. & went
down & took over a post
from the 11th Batt. Not
as good as our old post.

1/5/16 Things very quiet the 20th
Batt came & relieved us just
after stand to & we arrived
back at our billets at about
midnight. Hot tea waiting for us.
2/5/16 Coy orderly Cpl had
plenty of work to do getting
different fatigue parties away.
Went down & saw Mart at
night time.

3/5/16 Frick started shelling a
battery near our billets & pieces
of shell were flying all around
us so our D.C. gave us orders
to evacuate the billets. The quad
ran & left a prisoner tied up.

4/5/16 Thing very quiet only fatigue
work. Went down on swimming
parade in the afternoon to
Comatiers had a good bath
arrived home for tea.

8/5/16 Big artillery bombardment
on our positions, trenches knocked
flat about 100 casualties, they
also used gas we were called
up into supports had to advance
under shell fire lost about 4
before arriving at supports
Had to double up and ploughed
ground with full pack up &
gas helmets on, pretty rotten.

9/5/16 Came back from the trenches
this morning & packed up &
relieved the 30th at night.

11/5/16 Raining slightly to-day
A lot of Generals passed
through our lines this morning
including General Holmes
Birdwood, Haig, Legge. The soul
of Amzac said good morning
to us all.

8/5/16 Drizzling rain all day
unpleasant things very quiet
sent out listening posts about
40 yds outside our barbed wire

9/5/16 Still raining still very
quiet Saw Harry Seaves to-day &
had a good yarn to him sent
out patrols & listening posts again

10/5/16 Lovely day to-day Aeroplanes
flying about. Sgt Major Roy returned
from leave a couple of days ago
Three of our men shot while out
putting up barbed wire in
front of our trenches.

11/5/16 Lovely day again Fritz
put a few shells into our
trenches but no one was hit
Fritz brought down one of our
planes this evening it landed
just behind our lines, only one
was slightly hurt

12/5/16 Raining to-day very
unpleasant. Doc Pearson, Jack
Lockhart, Ellie Nellyer & Ned
Treaguing arrived back
from England to-day, they
are all looking well on it

13/5/16 Still raining. Our
artillery put a few shells
into Fritz's trenches to-day
otherwise very quiet

14/5/16 Not raining to-day
but very dull & cold
Great rumours getting
around about Fritz
asking for peace

15/5/16 My birthday to-day
stopped raining to-day
Fritz put a few shells
into our trenches. There
was a big bombardment
down opposite Amaticus

16/5/16 Lovely day again. Fritz
put more shells into our
trenches one Machine Gun
man was killed. Relieved
by the 20th Batt at 8-3 P.M.

17/5/16 We did not go back
to the billets last night but
went to a post called
"Cemetery Post" just behind
the firing line & slept all
night ~~with~~ amongst the
graves. Had a good old
rest today

18/5/16 Beautiful day. Heavy
mist hanging about last
night & our chaps were
afraid of gas we had about
half a dozen false alarms
during the night. The
Germans put over a good
few bombs last night

21/5/16 We are having nice sunny blue south weather now, It was misty again last night we had some more false alarm gas attacks. The Germans put a good few 5.9 shells just near us when they were trying to get on to one of our batteries.

22/5/16 On guard to-day. Germans put more shells over to-day one landed right in the Cemetery but did no damage only threw up a bit of dirt.

24/5/16 Nothing much doing to-day Artillery on both sides putting in a few shots. Ollie Bell's went away sick again.

22/5/16 Went down to the baths to-day. Germans put in a few more 5.9 shells again. Red Ingham is missing. A couple of our boys were killed last night.

23/5/16 On guard again to-day. Nothing much doing. A couple of Faukes flying about but our anti-aircraft guns drove them off.

24/5/16 Went into the billets to-day on leave. Having a real good rest. Having glorious weather now.

25/5/16 Our 18 pound guns put a good few shells into the Germans this morning at stand-to, we only got a few back in return.

26/5/16 Rained slightly all night, & this morning. Our men bombarded the German trenches again this morning & we had to stand-to for an hour. Relieved the 20th Batt at 8-30 P.M.

27/5/16 Lovely day to-day & big bombardment by our artillery during stand-to this morning. Ollie Alliger returns again from hospital

28/5/16 Had a narrow escape to-day a piece of nickel off a bullet went through my tunic at the shoulder but it only made a red mark on my arm. Took bombard a bit this morning during stand-to. Only a few casualties

29/5/16 Two of our lads wounded to-day & another killed yesterday. Ted Ingering is in hospital again. Have not heard from Marie lately. Having lovely now, heavy dew of a night

30/5/16 Gen. Birdwood Gen. Godley & staff passed through the trenches this afternoon, he told some of the boys that the Aust. would be on their way back home in a couple of months time

31/5/16 Poor Dick Deulter was killed last night while out in front at the listening post he got a terrible wound through the side of the face & through the neck. Aust. mail in last night

1/6/15 A big bombardment a couple of miles down the line on our right. Our patrol went out last night in the hope of catching the German patrol but with no success.

2/6/15 One of our planes landed behind the German line (a German supposed to be in it) also two tanks brought down. Had two narrow escapes a piece of nickel going through my tunic at the shoulder & the other passed between Sgt Allen & myself. Our balloon broke away.

3/6/15 Got a letter from Martie last night quite well again. A notice was posted up in the trenches about the naval

battle in the North Sea also the latest Verdun news, also about the daylight attack at Ypres.

4/6/15 A pretty heavy bombardment on our Company lines about 6 P.M. (not a soul hurt (nothing short of a miracle) also a very heavy bombardment about 3 miles away on our right at 11 P.M. slight rain falling to-day & a bit on the cold side.

5/6/16 Still raining slightly this morning. Stood to nearly all night the 7th Bgde were going to make a raid on Fritz's trenches but something went wrong it did not come off. We were to draw Fritz fire while the 7th Brigade carried out the raid.

6/6/16 Still drizzling rain
to-day & very cold. The raid
was carried out successfully
by the 7th Brigade they captured
3 prisoners 2 machine guns
& some other things. The Artillery
bombarded like hell opposite
the 18th Batt. front & we got
it back like hell for an
hour & a half. Not one
casualty in D Coy but a
couple in A & B Coys

7/6/16 Drizzling rain again
today. The 20th Batt came
in & relieved us at 8-30 PM.
Went into cellars at Bois
Greenier & our nerves pretty
well done after twelve
solid days in the trenches.
Everyone glad of the rest.

8/6/16 Went down for a bath
to-day but were too late.
Sad news re Lord Kitchener
being drowned, also heard
that the Crown Prince had
been captured with 14,000
of his men also of the great
Russian advance

9/6/16 Went to the Brigade
Bomb School all day. I was
put into the Batt. Bombing
Section. Heard to-day that
Bulgaria had thrown the
towel in, Ariel activity this
afternoon. A German came
over our lines in one of
our planes & opened his
machine gun on our airmen
but he did no damage & our
planes soon drove him back
again. Rained heavily last night

9/6/16 Lovely day. Nothing to do. Went into Asmatiers to have a look around very nice place bigger than before. Saw Lieut. McWalt last night & he told me that Martie would not come back again that he was going to take on a base job.

11/6/15 Rained all last night & to-day. The 6th Batt carried out a very successful raid last night. Good news re the big Russian advance. Things pretty quiet.

12/6/16 Raining again things very muddy & slippery. Big bombardment in progress down Spres way. Our artillery had a strafe at about 2 A.M. this morning otherwise quiet.

13/6/16 Still continuing to rain. Received letter from home that went astray. Finished the Bomb school D Coy won the Batt Championship. Jim Bhalmer sent me up some papers that were down at the Transport for Martie. Things very quiet.

14/6/16 Rain eased off a little to-day. The 20th Batt lost a couple of officers killed & one officer & 5 men wounded.

Artillery strafe at 11-30 P.M.

15/6/16 Nice day. Aeroplanes very active also artillery. Good news still continues to come through re the Russians. Canadians make a brilliant charge at Spres & capture 1500 yds of trenches.

16/6/16 Fine day again.
Another artillery strike at
midnight. Put all the
watches on an hour tonight.
A couple of our planes beat
off a tank this evening.

17/6/16 We are moving off
shortly to another front, up
Spies way. Our planes
brought down two tanks
to-day. Very fine sight.
False alarm gas attack.

18/6/16 Lovely day again.
Went to Eppingham & bought
a couple of handkerchiefs &
some post cards to send
home. Big strike again all
night. Things very quiet.

19/6/16 Very cold to-day.
Went for a walk with

Stan box. Had a nice evening
in Eppingham Artillery on
both sides very active.

20/6/16 Very warm to-day, a
real summers day. Went
to a bayonet school & got
instructions in the new
bayonet school. Germans try
to get our batteries with 12 inch
shells but do little damage.

21/6/16 Very warm again
to-day. Did a bit of practice
bomb throwing in the morning.
We went in & relieved the
20th Batt at 2 P.M. Camped
at Batt. Hqs. pretty quiet.

22/6/16 Another warm day.
Artillery & aeroplanes active
all day. Put a few shots
into the White City (Batt
Hqs)

23/6/15 Drizzling rain again
to-day Things very quiet
all along the front. Could
hear big bombardment on
our right during the night
24/6/16 Weather a bit more
pleasant to-day Inspecting
the bombs in the firing
line Artillery active, also
our planes otherwise quiet
25/6/16 Twelve months to-day
since we left Aust. Our
aeroplanes carry out raids
on German observation
balloon, they drop liquid
fire on them very pretty
to watch coming down.
Germans pull their balloons
in. Also dropped some on a
tank that came at them but
he went for his life back

over the German lines
Our artillery not giving the
Germans any peace lately
25/6/16 After a heavy bombard
ment at night the 5th Bgde
carried out a very successful
raid on the German trenches
Very few casualties on our
side Raining again
26/6/16 Still raining to-day
Just before dark the Germans
carried out a heavy bomb-
ardment on our trenches
which lasted for about two
hours & then they tried to
raid our trenches but our
boys were too smart for
them & drove them off with
a good few casualties on their
side They never got to our
parapets Then after a

heavy bombardment by our
artillery the 18th Bact
carried out a counter-raid

which was successful
got four prisoners & a
good lot of other material
Had to leave one of our
boys behind could not get
him out of the trench

Then the Germans kept up
a heavy bombardment until
daybreak. We had to turn
out & stand by down at
the firing line

27/6/16 Fine day to-day Our
Artillery put over a few shells
range finding. Relieved by
the 12th Batt at night but
a big bombardment started
on our right on the 1st Div

front had to stay till it
was over arrived at Esquinghem
at daylight.

28/6/16 Had a lovely days
rest & feeling real good, went
for a walk into town
Big bombardment at night
& raid by 1st Div & N.Z both
were very successful

29/6/16 Went to Brigade
Bomb school instructing
A Coy men in the use of
howitzers. Artillery active at night

30/6/16 Same routine as
yesterday. Thirty two of our
aeroplanes went on a raid
over towards Lille

1/7/16 Same routine as yesterday
Saw some of the Transport
boys. Lovely weather now

2/7/16 Had a holiday to-day
went into Eppingham & had
a nice days outing. Plenty
of our aeroplanes & balloons
seen. Artillery very quiet

3/7/16 At the Brigade Bomb
School again. 14th Batt
tried to raid the New
trenches but were not
successful. Things otherwise
very quiet

4/7/16 Received an Aust.
mail, to-day the first for
a long time. Finished
instructing to-day Artillery
very active again to-day
to night.

5/7/16 Did a bit of parade
to-day, rained in the
evening. Two or three false

Alarm gas attacks at
night. Big bombardment
on the night of Amertiers

6/7/16 Bert came back ~~to~~
to night looking a bit thin
on it, said he had a
good time while away.
Things very quiet

7/7/16 Went to Brigade Bomb
School to-day & went for
a walk into town at
night. Lovely weather
lately & the aeroplanes very
active. Artillery activity
at intervals otherwise quiet

8/7/16 Went to Brigade Bomb
School again but orders
came along to return to
Billets at once so we
came home & were ordered

to be ready to move off
at any minute. Went
over to see Mart. A
good few of the boys have
a night out lining line since
9/7/16. Got up at 5 A.M.

Beautiful day, left camp at
9.30 A.M. & marched 15
miles to Strayelle where
we billeted for the night
feeling very tired.

10/7/16 Left today at 11 A.M.
marched 12 miles to
Ebbingham where we billeted
again for the night. Just
about done but was
just behind me all the way.

11/7/16 Left Ebbingham at
12 A.M. & marched 6 miles
to Arques where we

entrained & went through
St Omer & then through
to Calais & then along
the coast to Etaples &
then to Amiens where
we disentrained.

12/7/16 Left the train at
2 A.M. after having no
sleep all night & marched
seven miles to Angres
where we halted. Only
a little village but not
too bad. Have not felt
the long marching so far.

13/7/16 Went into Amiens
for a look around. It is a
lovely village, one of the
biggest in France. Also saw
their cathedral which is also
one of the biggest in France.

Arrived home at midnight
after a lovely days outing
14/7/16 Went down to-day to
the river & got some fish
with bombs. Good news
came to hand about the

British & French offensive
Got an Aust. mail to-day

15/7/16 Had parade to-day
went for a couple of hours
route march got orders
to be ready to move off
at any minute. Went down

to the Transport to see Mart

16/7/16 Moved off to-day at
12 A.M. marched about
eight miles to Cardonette
where we billeted for the

night. Not bad billets

17/7/16 No orders to move

so we had a parade,
started raining in the
evening & the place soon
became very muddy. Good
news still continues to
come to hand

18/7/16 Moved off again at
12 A.M. marched seven
miles to Rubempres

During this seven miles we
came across many hills, the
most we have seen since
landing in France

19/7/16 Never moved off
to-day. The sound of the
guns getting closer &
also aeroplanes very
active. Pay day to-day

Not a bad village &
good billets

20/7/16 Moved off again
at 9 A.M. The whole
Brigade was on the march
to-day, it was very hot
& the country hilly.

Marched eight miles to
Warloy Baillon where we
stopped again for the night
Not very far behind the
lines the 1st Div. is in
action we are expecting
to go in any minute

21/7/16 The whole division
went on an eight mile
route march & arrived
home at 6 P.M. Could hear
our guns firing heavily
all day. Packed up ready
to move off at a minutes
notice. 1st Div doing good

22/7/16 Went & had a look
at the French trenches in
the morning. Got orders
to move & left village at
6 P.M. marched about
eight miles & then bivouaced
for the night. Right
alongside the town of
Albert.

23/7/16 Went & had a
look at the ruined village
saw their beautiful church
in ruins also the blessed
virgin hanging over the
village. Artillery are
bombarding terrific all
the time.

24/7/16 Moved up to
support trenches at 9 A.M.
1st Div is in the trenches

Our guns firing like mad
but very little resistance
from Fritz. A good few
wounded coming down

25/7/16 Went & had a look
at the German trenches
captured on the first day
of the advance saw an
enormous crater caused by
a mine being blown up under
the German lines

25/7/16 Went in & followed
the 1st Div at about 9 P.M.
stopped in Reserve trenches
all night

26/7/16 The 18th Batt Bombers
were called out to the assistance
of the 17th Batt Bombers at
5 P.M. went right into Fritz
& were hand to hand fighting

with him for six hours
& finished up gaining 70
yds of trench & we lost
about 22 men I came
out without a scratch

27/7/16 The Germans seem
to be bringing more & heavy
guns & they are bombarding
all the time it is just like
hell Oily Kellyes killed with
a shell to-day. We are having
a good few casualties

28/7/16 Germans still
bombarding like hell in
aeroplanes doing great scouting
work. Germans use a
great number of Gas & tear
shells but they do not catch
any of our boys. Our artillery
doing good work

29/7/16 The 7th Bde made a charge but were not successful, & got cut to pieces by German Rifle machine gun fire. Digging new trenches & generally fortifying the positions under

terrible German shell fire

30/7/16 Had no sleep last night since we came in. Plenty of digging to do. The 2nd Div pioneers are doing good work. The total strength of the Bde is very weak in account of casualties.

31/7/16 What is left of the Bombing Platoon is standing by at Batt HQs. All the time we have lost a good few officers.

31/8/16 The 4th Div is behind us in Reserve trenches. Gen. Birdwood praised the 5th Bde up for their work & said that he would soon be relieved.

31/8/16 Forty more details came up to day amongst them was Dave Webster, but they did not stop long as a shell landed amongst them & hit thirty. Dave got hit on the leg.

31/8/16 Got 20 new men & a Sgt for the bombing platoon so we are nearly full strength again. The Div is going to try & take two lines of trench tomorrow night. Nearly every one is beat through fatigue & no rest.

4/8/16 Great preparations
being made for the charge
Heavy bombardment by
both sides all day. Moved
into the trenches at 9 P.M.
then our artillery opened
out for the final push
as soon as the fire lifted
to the 2nd German line
we were over into the
German first line then
straight to their second
line without any opposition
at all stayed there all
night waiting for a counter
attack which never came

5/9/16 As soon as daylight
came the Germans gave
themselves up in hundreds
to us Reports say that we

took a thousand prisoners
in all were relieved by the
11th Div but we came out
early & came down to
where our travelling kitchen
were & I was sitting down
with some more of the boys
when the Germans put over
a high explosive shell
& piece went right through
my leg was taken straight
away by the ambulance

6/9/16 Arrived at Panschikow
by motor ambulance had
my leg dressed & stopped
there till 9 P.M. when we
were put on the Hospital
Train bound for Boulogne
7/9/16 Arrived at Boulogne
then after daylight I

was taken to a Canadian
Hospital & had my leg
dressed which is very
painful. Everyone very
nice. Sisters are lovely.
Stayed all day here.

8/8/16 Had a good night
Had my leg dressed this
morning very painful.

Left the Hospital in Motor
Amb. for Hospital ship at
2 P.M. & arrived at Dover
just before dark & was

put on Hospital Train
Had a lovely trip across
the Channel. Ladies giving
out cigarettes, sweets etc.

9/8/16 We arrived at
Bradford at about 5 A.M.
were taken straight to

the War Hospital Road and
a very nice Hospital.

It was visiting day at
the Hospital to-day we
had a good lot of people
in to see us. My leg
not feeling too bad.

10/8/16 Things very nice in
here. The people of Bradford
give us tea every
Mon, Wed, & Sat. Have a
concert every evening.

11/8/16 Very hot lying
in bed all the time.

Did a good lot of writing
today. My leg feeling
pretty good on it. I was

up for a while on
crutches but my leg
ached & I had to get back

to bed again.

12/8/16 Visiting day again
Had a lot of people Two
girls came & talked to me
all the evening asked me
for my pass

13/8/16 My leg started
bleeding to-day but it
is not sore bed some
more writing to-day

14/8/16 Still in bed leg
no better Things very
very quiet here, no sort
of amusement of any
kind in the ward

Ladies day to-day

15/8/16 Raining all day
My leg is still bleeding
but it is looking a lot
better on it. I went down
& under the X Rays

16/8/16 Raining slightly
again today Visiting
day to-day Had my two
lady friends to see me

17/8/16 Sent a cable home
to-day I had a cable
from in my pocket but
did not find it till
to-day so I sent it
straight away

18/8/16 My leg feeling first
class but still bleeding
a lot Have not had
any letters so far since
I have been here

19/8/16 Lovely day to-day
Visiting day to-day Got
an answer from Wags
saying that they dispatched
my cable OK another
convoy in this morning

20/8/16 My leg feeling
alright but an infectious
disease has set in +
stopping the wound from
healing up (Blue pus)

21/8/16 Just twelve months
to-day since we landed
on the peninsula sent a
card ~~for~~ Hart for his
birthday. Sick of hospital

22/8/16 Twelve months
to-day since we got our
Christening of the trenches
war munition works
blown up to-day felt the
concussion here. One of
the biggest munition
works there is in England

23/8/16 Lovely day again
to-day Visiting day

did not have my usual
visitors to-day One of
them had her house blown
down by the explosion

24/8/16 Received a letter
from Hart to-day also
news from Aust. My
leg feeling pretty good now

25/8/16 Ladies day to-day
had a very nice tea
we are having lovely
weather now

26/8/16 Hart's Birthday
to-day Visiting day again
had my usual two
lady visitors, there were
a good few up to-day

27/8/16 Raining very
heavy all day. Anniversary
of our 2nd change on
Gallipoli Peninsula

28/8/16 Ladies day again
Went out to-day for a
walk around Bradford
It is a very nice place
a lot bigger than Sydney
but not so nice

29/8/16 I have received
no reply to the cable
that I sent home yet.

Zepp said last night on
London but very little
damage done

30/8/16 Visiting day again
Had no one to see me
so helped the Nurses cut
up bread & butter. Good
news still continues to
come to hand from
the front.

31/8/16 My leg is doing

first class now one of
the wounds is just about
healed up but the other
is still discharging a lot

1/9/16 Ladies day again
Had a big plate of ham
cake etc. I enjoyed it
very much. We are
having lovely weather

2/9/16 Visiting day again
Had my usual two
visitors. Brought up some
fruit etc. also some books
to read & a pack of cards

3/9/16 Feeling a bit off
colour today so I stopped
in bed most of the day
It was too wet for us to
go to church. Had a
nice musical evening
in the ward

4/9/16 Ladies day. Wrote
into Adgo asking them
to make enquiries about
my cable. My leg is
doing splendid

5/9/16 The Doctor marked
me for convalescent
to-day but it will be a
while before we go. Another
convey expected.

6/9/16 My leg feeling pretty
sore on it to-day. Visiting
day again but we did
not have many visitors

7/9/16 Got feet letters
from Aunt. to-day. Went
down Bradford for a
walk around to-day
had a nice outing +
arrived home for tea

8/9/16 Ladies day to-day. Got
the photos of the ward that
we had taken about a
week ago they are very
good. I am sending mine
home. Leg doing first class

9/9/16 Visiting day to-day
~~at~~ Had to go to bed again
as I had a temperature
of 101° but I am not
feeling sick on it

10/9/16 Still in bed, the
Doctor came around + I
asked him could I get up
again she said I could
get up tomorrow

11/9/16 Ladies day again
Burning the flesh down on
my leg so the new skin
can grow over the top of
the wound.

12/9/16 Went down town
for a walk to-day Got
some more letters from
Aust. also one from
Mort. Good news still
continues to come through
from all the fronts

13/9/16 Visiting day again
Met an Aust. lady to-day
in the ward had a good
talk to her & she invited
me out to tea on Sunday
she is the wife of a Doctor

14/9/16 Another conveyance came
in early this morning
but we were full up &
did not get any new
ones. My leg is healing
up lovely now.

15/9/16 Went down town
for a walk to-day
heard to-day that the
war is going on
for the winter over
16/9/16 Visiting day again
had a usual day
had a visit from
my friend
etc. Then had a
had a visit from
ward at the night

17/9/16 Went to
morning
The very wife
she is a
there one from
other from N. A. myself from
N.S.W. so all Aust. was kept

18/9/16 Went down this afternoon
with one of the boys & had
a look over a clothing
factory, it was very nice
& interesting

19/9/16 Went out to tea with
three other boys from here
had a real good time &
asked out to tea again

20/9/16 Visiting day again
I did not have any visitors
so I had a sleep. It has
been raining all day

My leg is healing up lovely

21/9/16 Went down town
this afternoon but came
home again for tea went
to the pictures with the
rest of the boys after tea
They were very nice

22/9/16 A notice came up
from the Orderly Room saying
that I was to leave tomorrow
for the Aust. Convalescence Home
at Harefield Park

23/9/16 Left Bradford this
morning at 9-45 A.M. &
arrived in London at 2-10
P.M. Caught the tube train
to Baker St & then another
train for Harefield Park
& arrived there at 5 P.M.

24/9/16 Not a very nice place
at all but the Hospital
etc is very good, there are
all Aust. Nurses here but
real old pieces. Saw the
Doctor this morning &
asked him for furlough
Met a few boys that I
knew.

25/9/16 Had a stroll around
the village in the afternoon
& then went to a concert
in the night.

26/9/16 Left Harefield Park
for London when we arrived
there we were taken for a
motor ride around London
through Hyde Park, Buckingham
Palace etc then to Waterloo
Station where we caught the
train for Salisbury Plains.

27/9/16 Getting our furlough
passes etc fixed up saw
a good few boys that I knew
met George Avon from Glee.

28/9/16 Left Salisbury this
morning on furlough to
Bradford arrived at Bradford
at 6-30 P.M. stopping at
Hotel Metropole.

29/9/16 Till 13/10/16 Enjoyed
my furlough had a good
look around etc soon
to go back again.

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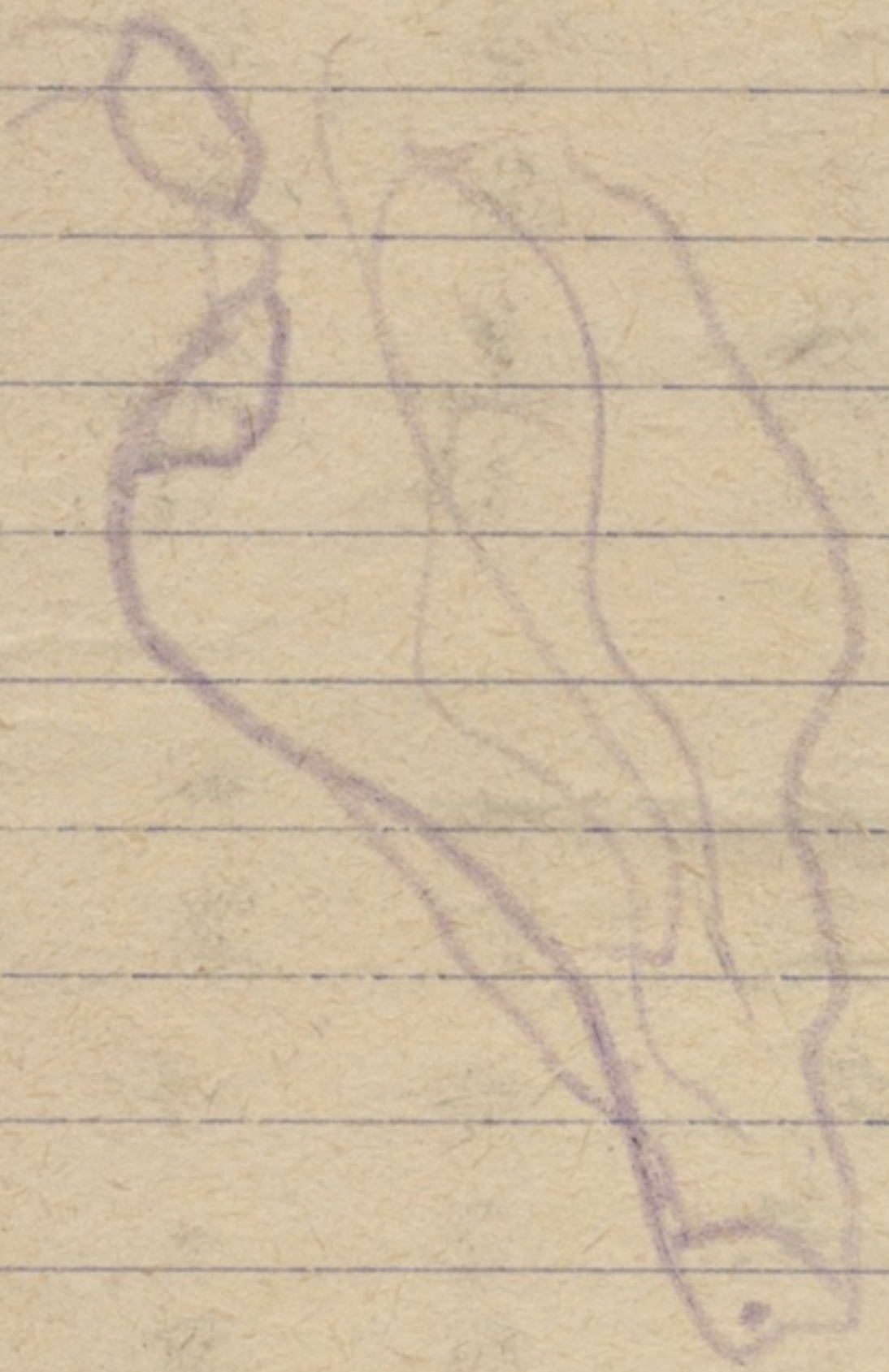
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" Blight H.

" Cameron E. C.

" Bellis G. C.

" Coe W. S.

" Fitzgibbon H.

" Clarke J.

Cox, Gray, Keen, Green
Lord, Stanford, W. L. Green, Smith
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Three Witches

Red Flame

Capitulum

Three Castles

Country Life

Campaigner

Black Cat

Life Day

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