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29. 12. 16, Transferred from No 2 Wing to  
No 4 Wing. Left 2nd Army 10.A.M. Arrived  
Bethune (1st Wing H.Q.) 12.15 P.M. Left 3 P.M.  
Arrived St. Pol. 6.40 2 punctures. Stayed  
night. Arrived 13<sup>th</sup> Coy. 2 P.M.

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30. 12. 16 Left St. Pol 8 A.M. Arrived 13<sup>th</sup> Coy.  
2 P.M. Carbunkla trouble. Reported  
Wing H.Q. Stayed for dinner.  
Played bridge & won 10 games. Left wing  
11 P.M. & went on to 14 Coy. with Faithful.

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31<sup>st</sup> 12. 16 Dull weather, windy. Was shown  
round camp, orderly room, chart room  
stores, telephone exchange etc. Concert in  
evening. Very amusing. Auld Lang Syne  
etc. & bed.

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1. 1. 17 Dull weather, windy. Went to Amiens  
in afternoon, had dinner with  
Faithful & Lovell at Cafe Robert & came  
home to No 13 0 Montaban.  
Dug in a shell hole & went over my  
knee in mud.



2<sup>nd</sup> 1.16 *bad* weather, windy. Looked round new company.

*bad* Things are not running as smoothly as could be wished at present. Stores very good. Balloon positions rather a in open. Very muddy. Visited by Col Boyle & Gen. seemed quite satisfied. They suggested cutting away banks of road to make balloon bed also using road for winch.

3<sup>rd</sup> 1.16 *bad* Visited Corps H.Q. Saw Staff Major R.A. but missed Gen. Went to Q & saw Col Gibbs about material for wind screens he referred me to Chief Engineer. Saw C.E. Major Collet who seemed rather a hard nut. Finally was promised 14 ground sheets & 18 uprights to come by rail. Signals not in & A.P.M. not in. Major Box Col Boyle called while I was away. 11.30 P.M. message came

through from forward exchange (No 3) that No 4 had been blown in & 3 men imprisoned. Knight & Russell & I with party proceed there forthwith & commenced work.

4.1.17 *bad* Worked till 5.30 AM & found all 3 bodies. As all were dead did not entirely uncover them but returned to camp. Working party went up @ 10 AM under Richard & commenced digging again. Raining. Stooke is still in hole & will have to be buried there. Weather improved slightly towards evening.

5.1.17 *fair* Balloons up 10 AM. View fair. Will have to move men from Forward Exchanges as area is continually shelled. & shelling done.

6.1.17 *bad* No 3 Winch out of action for 2 hours owing to defect in breaks. Had to put No 4 up to make weather report. Winch serviceable.



7.1.17

Have received tarpaulins & rails on way. Unloading 135 tubes & sending away 95 empty. Balloon up to make report. Weather dud.

Rain

Col Boyle visited us in afternoon.

8.1.17

Very windy. Unloading rails & loading 95 empty tubes.

Cold & Windy

One tender broken down.

Forward exchanges amalgamated.  
Cold & Windy

9.1.17

It has been proposed that 3 move to 14 & 14 goes out. Went to 14 in morning after visiting Wing HQ. Chose new bed in side of bank. Will probably be shelled out as soon as we go in. Collecting iron rails & tarpaulins for screen. Very cold & windy

Cold & Windy  
Misty

10.1.17

Went to 14 to settle about bed. Got blocked in traffic for 1 hour. Mud on roads a foot deep in places.

Misty

Col Boyle called. 11.30 & discussed possibility of making screen secure. We may not move 3 now. Shall find out for certain this evening. Unloading Wood. Cement, sand & tarred felt. Don't know who wood is for but it has come to us anyway.

Cold & misty - wind 30 to 50 mph

Col Byng & Waller called on way to 14. Pleased to see them.

11.1.17

show and mist, dud.

Visited 14th HAG. No word about No 3 moving yet.

Got shelled 4.20 AM. No damage.

Russell got stone through his hat.

Just missed his head.

12.1.17

Rain + Wind + Mud

Put Balloon up to test wind.

Pulled it down again. 20 men went to rest camp. 30 came back. Stammers came along this morning.

Got slightly shelled during night. No damage.



13. 1. 17

Misty  
Rain & wind  
cold  
Misty

Wid to go to Corps but roads were blocked. Met Schrader from Navies College. Working on Hut, Balloon screen & Guard Hut.

14. 1. 17

Frost in morning. Mist & snow later  
cold  
Misty

Went to Corps H.Q. Visited R.A. & A.P.M. H.A. & Counter Battery H.Q. Col. Richard was out. Visited Wing & had a yarn with Stammers about posist of R.O. Building repair shed. Guard Hut for 3 shelves in mens huts. Cook House. Washing shed. felt roofing mens huts D & also putting in compartments for WCO's D & Working on Balloon Screen.

15. 1. 17

Hard frost & very cold  
Misty

Working same as yesterday. Men returned from Rest Camp as 30 men go on leave this week. Typewriter returned. A.P. & Depot Havre. Mitchell went on leave. Buchanan won beer. Huts & 50 duck boards. Chap from 2AD round with Cushion about gas tubes. Dined surprised at state of country. Arranged to play football

16. 1. 17

Misty

Football off owing to hard frost. Work as usual.

17. 1. 17

Snow. Very cold.  
Misty

Transport inspected by officer from B.H.Q. Satisfactory. Working on screen huts etc. Guard Hut finished. Repair shed finished. ~~4 S.S. wagons left~~

18. 1. 17

Snow.  
Misty

Work as usual. Nothing exciting. Another tender running. 4 G.S. Wagons left. 2 more attached from ~~Co~~ Co. Corps. Col Boyle went on leave.

19. 1. 17

Hard frost.  
Misty

Working on Balloon Screen Cookhouse for 3 etc.

20. 1. 17

Hard frost very cold  
Misty

Went to Amiens with Buchanan Col Batsan & Wallers. 1st sheet of Balloon screen put up.

21. 1. 17

Hard frost very cold  
Misty

Visited H.A. & Counter Battery also 14 H.A.G. Made arrangements for officers to go & stay with Batteries. Visited Wing. No one in.



22. 1.17

Rowlette gone on leave. Knight to Amiens. 3 Lorries to help 16 to move. Riches to 195 SB for a few days. Unloading tubes.

It's snowing & not so cold

23. 1.17

Balloons frozen to beds. No 3

badly damaged by shell fire.

Major Faithful came round.

No 14's Balloon blew away. Simpson

landed safely in parachute. Rudders

blew out owing to frost.

Many seen aeroplanes over.

24. 1.17

Balloon frozen to bed. Wing

says not to go up. Inspecting

Gen. Frenchard who didn't come

Sent Balloon F.M. 12 back. loaded

96 Impties. Not feeling very well.

25. 1.17.

Started on his Balloons.

blew her up with air & mended

several holes. Deflated & started to fill

with gas. 40 tubes in before dark

Gen Frenchard came round to

inspect. Seemed satisfied.

Not from very cold

26. 1.17

Finished inflating Balloon. 172 tubes used. No 4 went up for about an hour but visibility was bad.

frost

27. 1.17

Still freezing hard & Balloons stuck

to beds. Riches came back from 195 SB.

& Hadley went up. Bond returned from Hospital

frost & strong wind

28. 1.17

Orchard went off to Wing Rest camp.

Remarks by Gen Frenchard sent

round Companies. He can't be

well I think. Had dinner

& wing.

strong wind. Still freezing

29. 1.17

Knights sprained ankle.

Hadley came back from 195 SB

as they moved out. Col Boyle

came back from leave. No 3 & 4

were up for 2 hours to view.

less wing still freezing

30. 1.17

Pat No 3 up to try balloons.

no view. Visited 73rd Sqdn

R.F.C. & bring in afternoon.

Talk of moving No 4 as balloons

are too close together & pres.

Concert in evening.

31. 1.17

Bad loss of gas in No 3 owing

to defect in valve. Must get

new valve. Pat in 30 tubes.

Col. Boyle came round



summed satisfied with camp  
No 3 up for 5 hours. No view.

1.2.17. Looked for new position  
View fair - Visited 3rd Sqn. HA +  
in morning Counter Batteries. Changed valve  
in morning (No 3) & tested in  
afternoon.

2.2.17 Visited Counter Batteries & hunted  
No view with them. Went to Albert & met  
cold. Jim Keimmond. Dined with No 15  
Mitchell comes back from leave.

3.2.17. Col Boyle came round & talked  
Cold about night work. Visited 153 HB  
died & forward exchange. Tried 2  
Telephones from Ballroom Unsuccessful.

4.2.17 Nothing of importance

Frost  
& dull.

5.2.17 Went to Amiens in afternoon with Haslam  
Clear frost; Very cold driving. Met Mutton & Waller.  
very windy Bomb dropped 50 yds in front of car  
coming through Amiens.

6.2.17 Lots of Hun planes over. Arranged  
about tube dumps & Quarry. Loaded  
Windy 115 empty. Present in evening 9  
frost. Men returned from leave. Had a very  
bad time @ leave rest camp & were all  
very glad to get back.

7.2.17 More Hun planes over. Nearly all our  
Cold + Heavies & S. B's have gone out. Arranged  
windy about new dump @ Quarry & loaded 115  
empty. Present in evening. Rowlette  
came back from leave. Received chat  
about doing night work. damn.

8.2.17 Balloon (B) up in morning. Wind S.W. 50 MPH  
Frost very @ 1000. Attended C.B. Conference in  
cold + windy afternoon & saw Col. Pichard about night  
work.

9.2.17 Nothing doing.

Frost

10.2.17 Nothing doing.



11. 2. 17 Visited Counter Batteries &  
Misty: Corps H.A.

12. 2. 17 Attended by Commanders.  
Windy Conference & Wing H.A.  
cold. Balloons up & shot by No 4.

13. 2. 17 Went to 5<sup>th</sup> Wing for lunch.  
Misty Called in & 4<sup>th</sup> Wing on way home  
cold Col Boyle & Stammers both out

14. 2. 17 Gaddis & Gen Longcroft came round  
Slight Show in morning. Visited Wing in afternoon.  
Windy Both Col Boyle & Stammers were out.  
Went to Albert & saw Jim Kinnison with  
& Bob Ramsay. Had dinner @ No 4.  
Both Balloons up. No view. Strong Wind.

15<sup>th</sup> 2. 17. Coy transferred from 4<sup>th</sup> Wing to 5<sup>th</sup> W.  
Showery fast. misty Col. Boyle came round to say goodbye  
to us all. Suggested very sorry to lose us.  
Rowlette transferred to 16. Coy.  
Sent Lorry to 34 Sqdn for 15 men  
attached here.

16. 2. 17 Under went to Amiens  
with Knight Buchanan & Richard  
balloon up. No view. Hens  
put up big ammunition dump  
on Peronne Avenue. It went on  
exploding for 14 hours.

17. 2. 17  
Dense Nothing doing.  
mist.

18. 2. 17 Russell & Haslam went on  
leave. Leave cancelled. Had  
to come back. Very fed up.  
dense  
mist

19<sup>th</sup> 2. 17 S.B.A.  
Misty

20. 2. 17 "  
Misty

21. 2. 17  
Misty

25. 2. 17 Russell & Haslam went on  
leave.



27. 2. 17. Hans start retiring N 95 of  
Aucra.

2. 3. 17. No 14 got burnt by hun  
plane. Simpson badly hurt.  
Got caught in Balloon rigging when  
he jumped out & was badly burnt.  
His 2nd descent in 3 weeks. The  
other man landed safely.

3. 3. 17 Decided to move up. Found 2 good  
Balloon beds.

4. 3. 17 Visited Wing. Am not moving  
yet. Knight & Orchard went on  
leave.

5. 3. 17 Snow during night.  
Revolver practice & bottles.

6. 3. 17. Windy - Nothing doing.  
No mail.

7. 3. 17 Very strong E wind all  
day increasing towards evening.  
Bitterly cold. Broughton & Wilkinson  
came over to dinner & played  
bridge. Poor old Simpson  
died to-day.

8. 3. 17. Indon went to Amiens to buy  
out piano for 7 M.C.A. Cannoy.  
Snow & wind.

9. 3. 17 Buchanan promoted to Commander  
Commander & Crauc came  
over to see Howard. Snow  
& Wind.

26. 3. 17 Went through to Bapaume.  
The hunns have smashed up every  
thing. Removed all trace of  
furniture etc, cut down all fruit  
trees & other trees of value & generally  
destroyed the whole country.  
The hun must be like a little  
boy who has his toy taken from



him. One would laugh at these signs of rage & hate if it were not such a tragedy. They are very childish in many ways.

27. Started moving No 4 Camp & gas tubes.

28. Moved Balloon to Villers au Chateau.

29. Went on moving.

30. Roads closed.

1st April. No 4 Balloon attacked by 2 German planes & brought down in flames from 1800 ft. Cochrane & Hadley parachuted safely but were shot at all the way by the him.

Moved No 3 Balloon to Longwood.  
Dined @ R.F.C. Brigade H.Q.

2.4.17. Very windy. Sander went to Amiens.

3.4.17. ~~No 4 Balloon~~ No 2  
13718 Section balloons brought down in flames by him.  
Observers landed in parachutes.  
Went to Villers & to Wing.  
Cold & wet.

4.4.17. Sleet & snow. Got permission for 7 lorries to use road Bofamme Albert for to-day.

5.4.17. No 3 moved to Villers

8.4.17. H.Q. moved to Beugny

11.4.17. No 4 moved to Beugny

13.4.17. Up in No 4. got killed in air & on ground  
No 3 moved to 1500 yds



S of No 4.

16.4.17 Certain amount of work.

No 6 got burnt. We with  
Coburne in afternoon got  
shelled in air round & on  
ground round. No damage  
except broken telephone wire.

19.4.17. Guns shelled Belgium twice  
once I about 12 & again I  
5 P.M. Had to get into trench  
as they were coming too close to  
camp. One hit 12 yds from No 4  
camp officers mess. 3 holes in  
balloon. No casualties. Went  
over to Way & H.A in morning.  
Major Giddis was killed by shell  
fire whilst visiting a battery  
in afternoon. Will have to move

H.Q unless they stop shelling. Leave  
opened again.

20.4.17. Misty.

21.4.17. Nothing of importance

22.4.17. Both balloons attacked by hostile  
Aircraft. No 3 burnt on  
ground 2nd attack. 2/2  
Riches safe.

Col. Byng came over in  
afternoon. Many Hun planes  
over. 2 F.E. of No 11 Sqdn  
came down near us.

23.4.17. H.Q. shelled 2:30 P.M. The  
shell between tents. Little  
damage. 2 am Kidney badly  
wounded & admitted to  
Hospital. The whole thing  
might have been very unpleasant  
as the Cook was knocked down  
by explosion of one shell & not  
hurt.



Clear sky & Balloon up.

PM-  
Village shelled 6.15 & onwards. ~~This~~  
is no place for me. Moving tomorrow.

24.4.17. Village shelled all night. No sleep.  
Moved camp in morning & new  
camp O.K. 6 P.M. Clear sky, fair  
visibility, quite warm. Wind N.E. 30  
MPH @ 3000 ft. Humus putting "Moral"  
effects over road & village. Feel more  
safe here. Walker came over to lunch.  
Col. Byng rang up to say that an  
aeroplane had been told off for each  
balloon. Don't see much sign of ~~them~~ <sup>ours</sup>  
today. Mitchell filled his balloon with  
air. 2 holes. Sent Perry to No. 1 for  
20 tubes. Hope to fill balloon tomorrow.

25.4.17 Col Byng & Gen Longcroft came  
round to inspect No. 4 Winch. The  
Gen stayed to lunch & had bully  
beef but seemed hungry.

26. Nothing of interest

27.4.17. Experiments in fast hauling  
down done by No. 4 Section.  
Went to Corps Signals to dinner

28.4.17. Has been made acting Squadron  
Commander.  
Up in Balloon from 5 to 8.30.  
2 shots successful.

29.4.17. Dnd weather

30.4.17. " " Several low aeroplanes  
over. Green seems to have gone mad  
in a ~~rather~~ <sup>rather</sup> rude sort of way. I  
expect he will get over it.

1.5.17. Nothing to report.  
Went to Wing.

2.5.17. Went to Montauban to collect evidence about  
accident to Bordycutt. Arrived back 3 P.M.  
~~Shape~~ Shearwell burst over hut 3.5 P.M.  
Col. Byng came over to see about moving  
Balloon up in early morning for attack.  
Went to look over country to move balloon  
up with Cahane. Attack commences.

3.5.17. Up 2.30 A.M. & took balloon up  
within 5000 yds from line. Stayed up  
till 7.30 but absolutely no visibility owing  
to thick mist. Lots of our planes up but  
only saw one ~~hund~~ he didn't come  
near balloons thank goodness. Tom Murray  
rang up to say he was coming round



tonight but put him off as am very tired. No view later. Have heard that attack was not successful. Attacked again 10.30 PM.

4.5.17. No view all day. Attack was not very successful. 2 lines of trenches taken along about 3000 yds. front. Col. Byng came over in afternoon. Balloons up from 6 PM till 8 PM no visibility.

D.P.M. came along for a game after dinner.

5.5.17. Nothing much today. Balloons up in afternoon. Visibility indef. Hauled down owing to approaching thunder storm. Guns counter attacked ~~at~~ about 11 PM but were driven off. All positions held.

6.5.17. Nothing of importance. Wind high all day but dropped towards evening when No 4 went up for about an hour. Went to 17 Coy in morning but no one in.

7.5.17. Decent sort of day. Balloons both up early but no view till mid day. Several shoots done. Col. Byng came over in afternoon but stayed D to 3 for tea. Went to 14 HAG & 23<sup>rd</sup> HAG in morning. & to Army H.Q. in afternoon. No 3 balloons pretty heavily shelled on landing down. Luckily no damage done & no one hurt. Balloon had to retire ~~for~~ till dark.

8.5.17. Rain all day & everything very quiet till about 6.30 PM when fairly heavy bombardment started north of Bapaume Cambrai road. Orchard & Russell went to Amiens in afternoon.

~~9<sup>th</sup> No visibility nothing doing.~~

9<sup>th</sup>. Went round batteries of 14<sup>th</sup> HAG with the Col. (Ronserson) & then up to O.P. Very interesting but more exciting than ballooning.

10. Went up to Ulu to see 12<sup>th</sup> Batteries. Up in Balloon in afternoon. Col came round in afternoon.



11. Good visibility. 9 shots done.

29.5.17. Col Byng rang up to say that I am to go to 2nd Wing tomorrow morning to find 2 balloon positions for 3rd & 4th Sections.

30.5.17. Left Wing H.Q. with Russell  
10.15 AM.

Lunch in Bethune. Arrived 2nd Wing 2.30. Col Mac here didn't seem to know any more about things than Col Byng & that's not much. Found suitable places for Camps etc. Russell saw his brother for a while.

Left D 6.30 arrived Wing H.Q. 9.45 PM & found Col. Cleaver there. Received orders to move Company Complete by 7 AM so back to make necessary arrangements.

31.5.17. Up all night. 18 Coy came down & look over from us @ 6 AM. Moved off @ 7 AM all correct. Very sorry to leave as everything was working well. Hadley & Haslam stayed behind to show the country to the new people.

Arrived Pernes 4 PM. after a very successful, if dusty, journey & arranged billets for men.

1.6.17. Left Pernes 7.30 AM & arrived destination about 4.30 PM after several minor mistakes. On whole the journey up spoke well for the transport & drivers. Everything is in a muddle now. No one seems to know who we belong to & there is no sign of 5th Wing. Reported to 2nd Wing



2.6.17. We are now attached to 2nd Wing & hope it will not be for long.

The telephone system up here is rotten. Signals will do nothing for us nor are we allowed to lay lines ourselves.

We can get no material from 8th Corps R.E.'s as they know we do not belong to them but are only attached till our own corps comes it. May that be soon.

Balloons inflated with air. The one taken over from 31 Section is absolutely dead so refuse to fill it with gas & ask for new one. The one from No. 1 has no spares. They hot-stuffed as-

3.6.17. Our lorry blown up by 9.4"

shell. The driver & 2nd man who were on lorry both escaped with slight injuries. It was rather a miracle as the shell fell through the lorry & burst underneath completely wrecking it.

Visited Counter Batteries, H.A. & Corps Signals.

Collected gas for Balloons & new balloon arrived for No. 4 Section.

This country is in my opinion rotten. There is no room to move.

crops & civilians everywhere. They are always getting killed & why they are not cleared out altogether.

I cannot imagine. Today a 9.4" shell hit a farm house & killed all the inhabitants who were at the time in the cellar. The house was burnt & they were suffocated. They are a rotten crowd & cannot



be trusted further than one can see them. Discipline is much more strict here than in the South.

4.6.17. Both Balloons filled & up.

5.6.17. Green came back from 5th Wing where he has been acting Adjutant for some time. They are @ Vert Gallant & Col Rymy has gone on leave. They do not know when they are coming up but let it be soon & we are all getting fed to the teeth.

6.6.17. Went up in Balloon to have a look @ new country but view was not good so didnt do much work. The wing have pinched one of my Delahay Winches & 2 pairs of my X 12 glasses also refused Hadley special leave to get married that had

been promised by 5th Wing so that he has had to cancel all arrangements by wire also refused a man leave when his mother is dying ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

7.7.17. The first @ Wycheate & Messines started @ 3.10 AM this morning. We hear it has been a great success but as we are just north of Poppeingze we cannot see much of it. They have given us a wind like a steam roller in place of the Delahay \_\_\_\_\_

8.7.17. We have taken Messines & Wycheate ridges & about 6000 prisoners according to reports. Hope it is true. No 4 got shelled but no damaged. Two landed within 10 yds of balloon but burst



in ground & as they were shrapnel  
did no damage.

9. Nothing ~~of~~ doing.

10. Coy. taken over by 5<sup>th</sup> Wing again,  
also no 8 Coy. Walter came up  
in morning. Gen Longcroft came  
round in afternoon & see camps.

11. Raining nearly all day. Went over  
to 21 Squadron to get oblique  
photos but nothing doing as they  
don't like them. Sent tender down  
to collect things left behind at  
Beugny. 2 officers from each  
Section went to Hazebrouck in afternoon.

12-30<sup>H</sup> Many attacks on our  
Balloons by Hostile Aircraft  
No casualties but a good  
many balloons burnt.  
In one case all 2nd wing

observers had to parachute.  
There were 11 of them in  
the air some time.

No 34 Balloon burst while  
going up & then caught on  
fire Lucas & Wikson  
jumped & got clear but  
balloon fell on them & they  
were killed.

July 1-4<sup>H</sup> Nothing of importance.  
Quite a lot of shelling of  
back areas & it gets  
uncomfortable 3 times.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Balloons attacked by E.A.  
No 4 burnt. Goodliffe & 1st AM Spence  
parachuted safely. No 3 missed but  
attacked again later. Mitchell &  
Capt Jackson landed safely. Balloon had  
over 200 machine gun bullets through



it but did not catch fire.

6. Both Balloons serviceable 9 AM.

7-11<sup>th</sup> Dred weather. Artillery not working to allow French to get into position north of us.

14<sup>th</sup> 39 balloons shot down by gun firing from 033d aerial.

13<sup>th</sup> Very windy. Dean got caught in handling 'guy' when no 4 were taking up & was thrown to ground from about 25 ft. His back is broken & thick pain chaps.

It looked as if balloon was going to break away but it didn't. The wind was over 40 m.p.h. & very gusty. Was sick for the 1<sup>st</sup> time —

To day was the commencement of 14<sup>th</sup> Corps bombardment.

16<sup>th</sup> Good visibility from 3 PM. Plenty

of work to do.

17-21<sup>th</sup> Dred weather & nothing doing in the ballooning line.

The Boche is getting pretty active with his long range guns on the back areas. He puts 9.4" & 5.9" shells all over the place. Very uncomfortable as one does not know where the next one will fall so it's no use clearing out. He has been hit about 6 balloons by shell fire in this wing during the past 10 days. Gets them generally in 3 shots. It is worse than being attacked by E.A.

22-26. Fairly peaceful time during last few days. Mostly dred weather

27<sup>th</sup> Rumours that the Hun is retiring.

28<sup>th</sup> The Hun is retiring slowly.



29-30. Nothing of importance.

Capt Mitchell went to take over  
20th Coy. Russell took of No 3  
Section.

31<sup>st</sup> Push commenced 3.50 AM.

Up in Balloon in forward  
position could not see owing  
to mist. Clouds @ 600ft.

Spad cut 29<sup>th</sup> cable & crashed  
Balloon went up & Stephenson  
& signaller jumped landed  
safely. Balloon disappeared  
in clouds but came down  
on our side in French area.  
Both sections moved forward.  
Not much shelling.

1.4. Rain all the time. Roads  
in an appalling state.

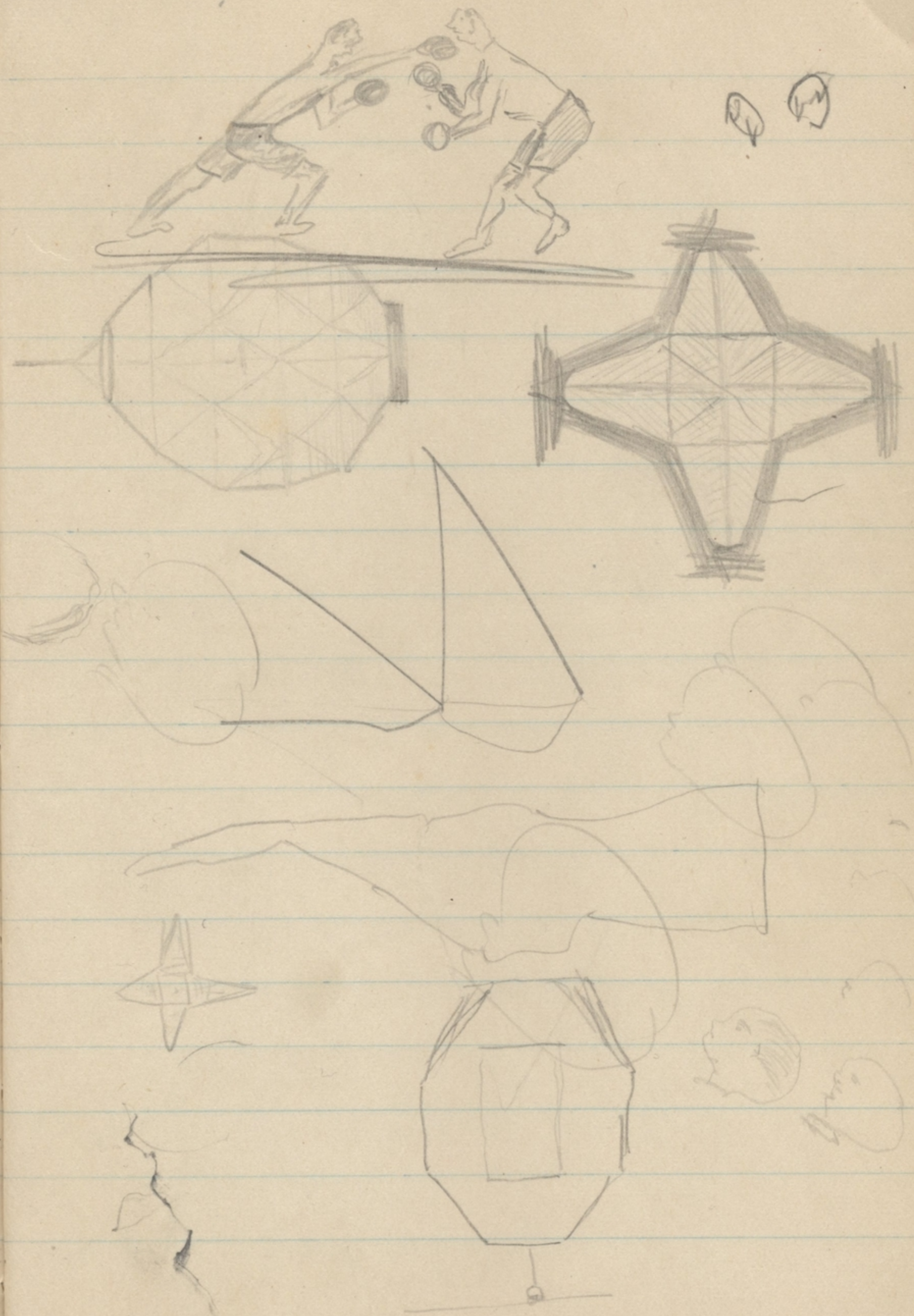
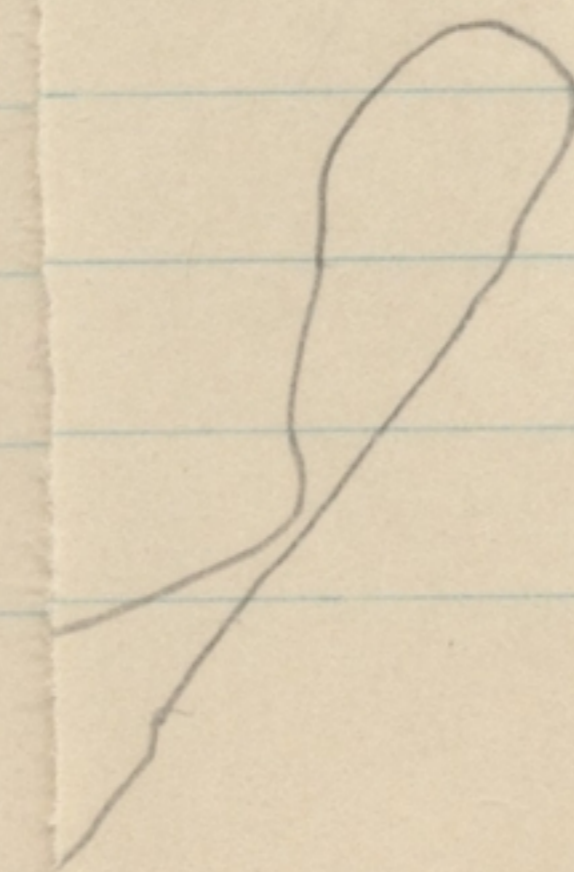
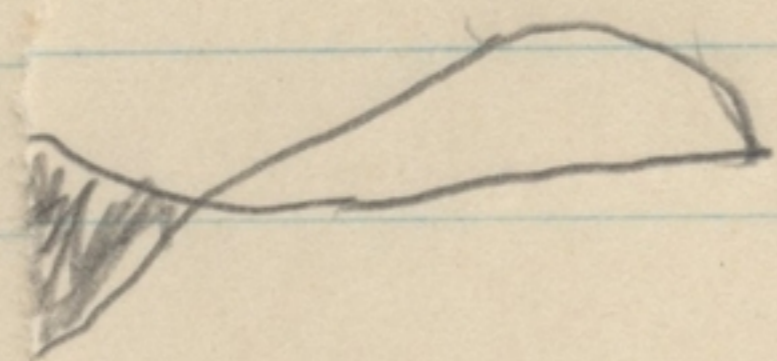
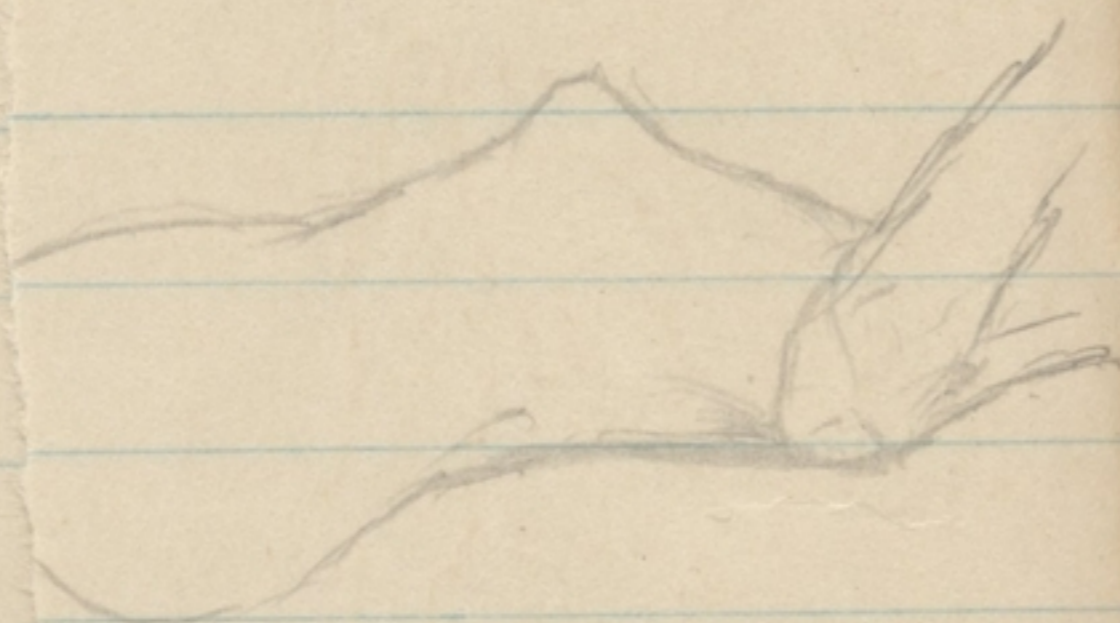
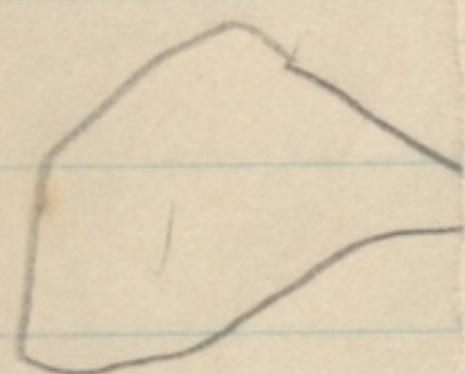
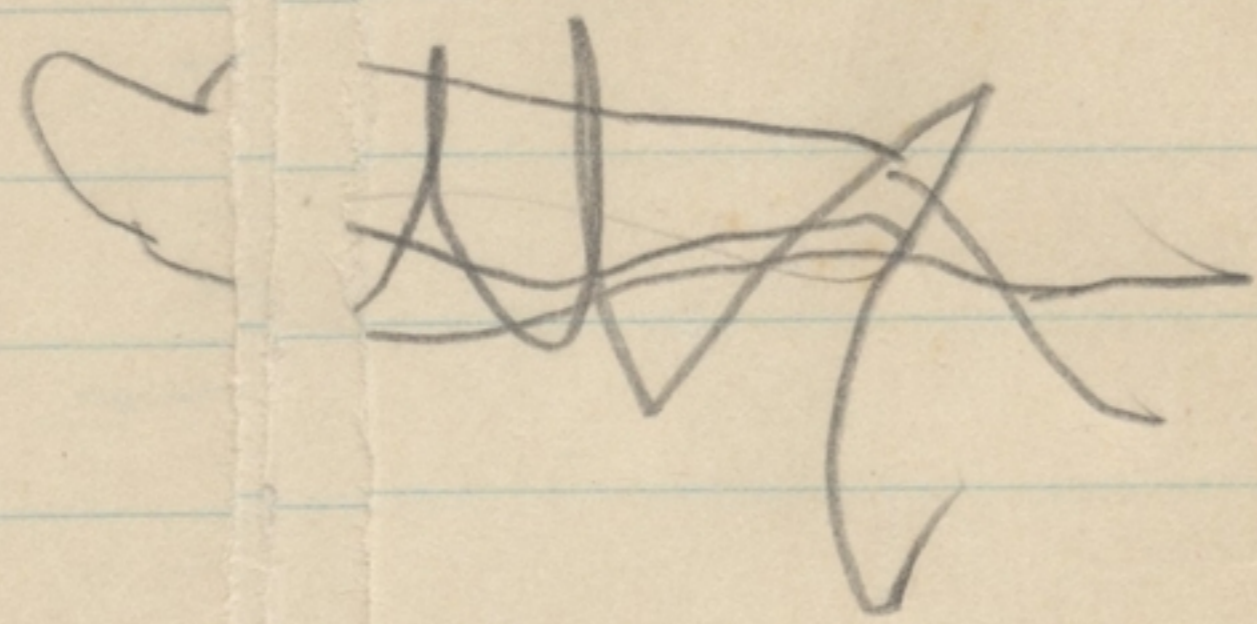
14. 8.17. Went on Leave.

25<sup>th</sup> 8.17. Got back from leave and feel  
very fed up with life — Have missed  
quite a lot of excitement in the way of  
parachute descents & bombing etc.

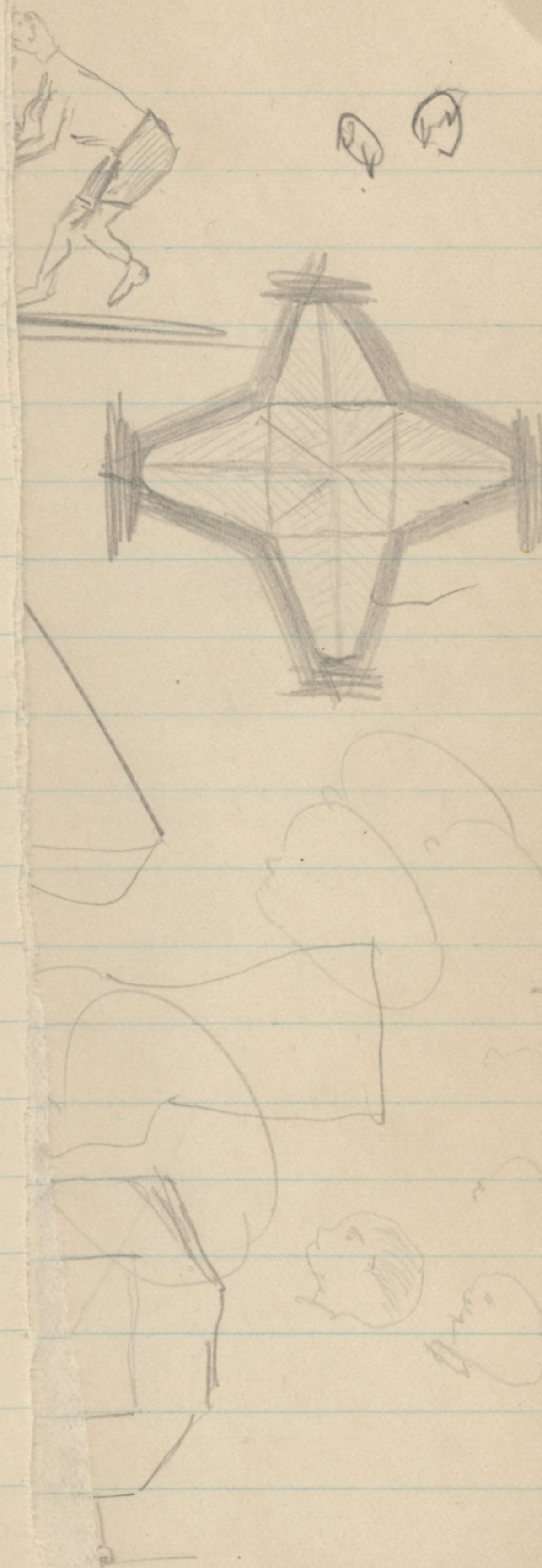
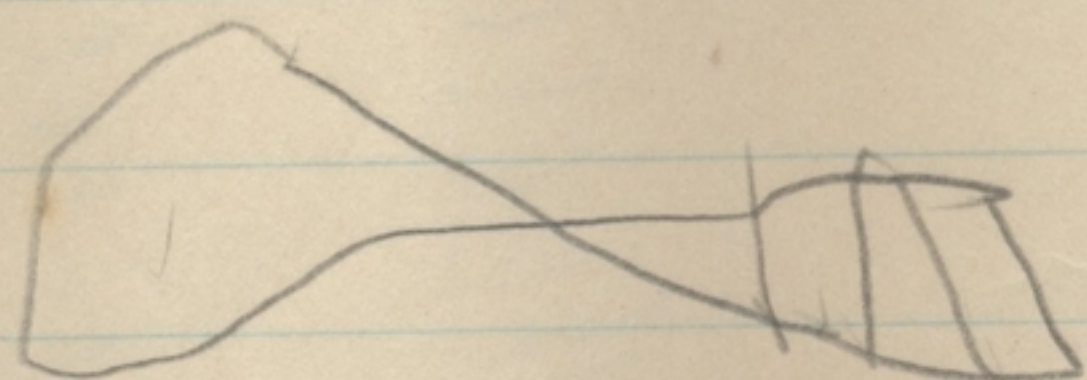
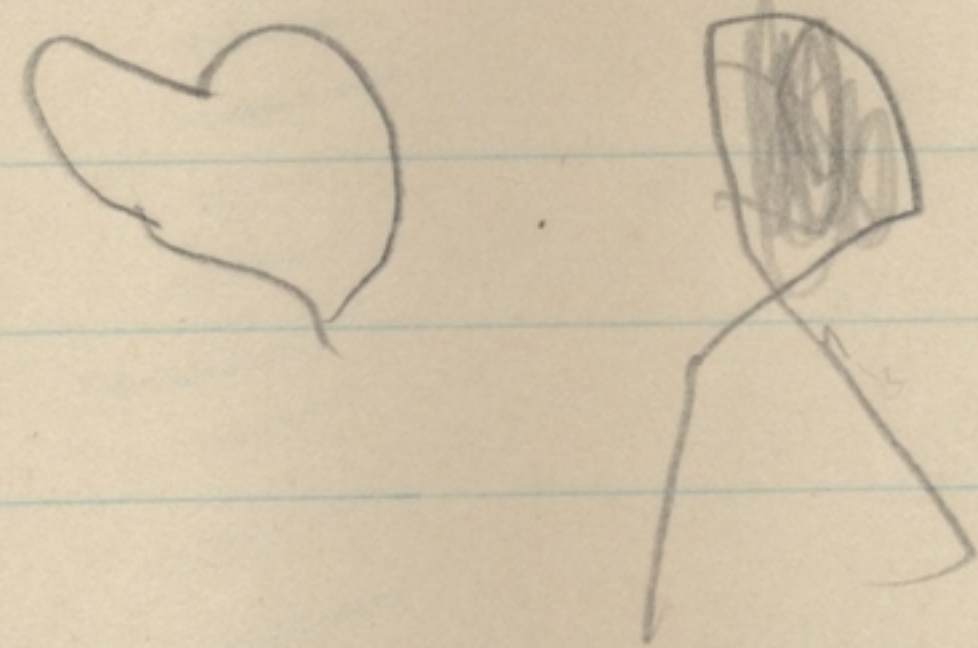
26. 8.17. No 3 moved again.

27. 8.17. No 4 moving to-day. Beautiful day  
rain etc & very cold. Am properly  
fed up with life. This war seems  
damnable —











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NEGATIVE.

WILL NOT Add to the Infinitive. MĀTEN for

1<sup>st</sup> PERSON. MATATHĒ for 3<sup>rd</sup> person.

She will not go = Aual poa/malāthe

I will not forget. NĀN MARAKKA/MĀTEN

DO NOT Add ATHE to the infinitive

Do not cut that tree. Antta maran vittalhe

Munusamy 5. all not

Koatiamah most not

Affusamy all not

Rawdiat TB

Siniat , some not

Sunavadoo 2 all not

Munumantiri some "

Rappan 1 some "

Viasamy " "

Sinjido some "

Stajan

Karasandh

Sunsandh

Sinjido

Kaleeka



- 21 Susagadoo 10 Sunda  
 22 Minimantiri 10 Munusa  
 23 Sennipain 10 Prigar  
 24 Koalamah 10 Kitini  
 25 Susamah }  
 26 Subbiak 2 } Same  
 27 Pomasamy Same  
 28 Kelakutti Sa  
 29 Keloo  
 30 Rasyoppew 1  
 31 Appasamy  
 32 Munusamy 12 Sa  
 33 Sulew Same  
 34 Eligan Same  
 35 Sunavadoo 2 Same  
 36 Ellemah 3 Same  
Ro  
 37 Ramasamy 3 ~~Same~~  
 38 Koalamah Hammananthan  
 39 ~~Appasamy~~ 5 10 Am  
 40 Ramau 3 Spare  
 41 Jegimiah 10 Koab  
 42 ~~Subbiak 2~~

Verbs. (roughly)

Present Add ~~KREN~~ KREN or KRUTHER  
 REN - RUTHER.

PAST. TEN TUTHER  
 NEN NUTHER

FUTURE PEN PUTHER  
 VEN VUTHER.

Examples. I go \* NAN POREN

She or He goes. ARVAN PORUTHER

I give KUDU KREN.

She, or He gives KUDU KRUTHER

I did go POREN

He or she " " PONUTHER

I gave KUDUT<sup>EN</sup>~~THE~~

He or she gave KUDUTHER

I shall go POREN

He or she " " POUUTHER

I shall give KUDUPEN

He or she will give KUDU PUTHER



21 Sesusagadoo 10 Sundaramah  
 22 Minimantiri 10 Munusamy 12  
 23 Sennipin 10 Prigarsom  
 24 Koalamah 10 Kitini Kain  
 25 Sesusamah }  
 26 Subbiel 2 } Same  
 27 Ponusamy Same  
 28 Kalakutti Same  
 29 Keloo Same  
 30 Rasyoppew 1 Seithamah  
 31 Appasamy Same  
 32 Munusamy 12 Seithadoo  
 33 Sulew Same  
 34 Elizan Same  
 35 Sesusadoo 2 Same  
 36 Ellemah 3 Same  
Ro  
 37 Ramasamy 3 ~~Same~~ Subhemarison  
 38 Koalamah Haimanathan 2 Same  
 39 ~~Mamasamy~~ 5 10 Ammine  
 40 Ramau 3 Share  
 41 Jegimiah 10 Koalamah 3  
 42 ~~Prigarsom~~ 3 Kuyam 1 Share

Verbs. (soughtly)

~~KREN~~ KREN or KRUTHER  
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 ARVAN PORUTHER  
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 KUDU KRUTHER  
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 nshu " " PONUTHER  
 I gave KUDUT<sup>EN</sup>~~THE~~  
 sh gave KUDUTHER  
 hall go POVEN  
 " " POVUTHER  
 give KUOUPEN  
 will give KUDU PUTHER



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|    |                | ankamah                          |
| 1  | Sauriamulloo   | to Sattanah                      |
| 2  | Sarakandan     | <del>to Sattanah</del>           |
| 3  | Buddiwaden     | Spare                            |
| 4  | M. Sany 26     | Spare                            |
| 5  | M. Sany 24     | to Munusany 5                    |
| 6  | Rayappen 3     | <del>to Sattanah</del> Kealamah  |
| 7  | Priyasany      | <del>to Sattanah</del> M. Sany 7 |
| 8  | Ramen 2        | to <del>to</del> Rayappen 2      |
| 9  | Guruvadoo.     | to Sattanah 5                    |
| 10 | Sengidoo       | to Satta Thachen                 |
| 11 | Kallaka        | to Ramasany 3                    |
| 12 | Vengidasany 15 | to Pappaiah                      |
| 13 | Ankadoo 3      | to Munusany 24                   |
| 14 | Munusany 15    | <u>Spare</u>                     |
| 15 | Reugen         | Kopaniak 2                       |
| 16 | Ragarah        | <u>Spare</u>                     |
| 17 | Hammamantam    | to Reugen 4                      |
| 18 | Sollie         | to Vengitach 5                   |
| 19 | Sauriamulloo   | Verakad 3                        |
| 20 | Sattanah       | to Rayappen 1                    |



Areas

23<sup>rd</sup> H.A.C.

VB, VD, DW, DX, DY, DZ, WC, EW, EY.

9<sup>th</sup> H.A.C.

UB, UD, CX, VA, VC. (17<sup>th</sup> Coy).

44<sup>th</sup> HAG

EW, EX, EY, EZ, WB, WD, KW

KX, KY, KZ.

Left boundary of Counter Battery area is a  
line passing through C2 Central & U12 Central  
Right Boundary not yet fixed.

30.4.17



Cpl Matthews to be mentioned  
to the Clerk

See Col. Beyry about Mitchell  
being made Balloon Commander

23<sup>rd</sup> Group.

ADORN. 24 Siege Bty 6" Hows I 11<sup>b</sup> 5055

ALFRED 78 " 8 Hows J 13d 4217

ARGUS 26 Heavy Bty. 60 pns I 11c 7026

APRON 116 " " 60 pns I 4d 20,14

14 H.A.G.

Albat 34 Siege Bty 92 Hows I 11d 59

Alice 88 Siege 6 Hows ~~I 15d 71~~  
~~I 15d 71~~

Arat 140 Siege 6 Hows I 11b 88

Arthur 194 Siege 8 Hows I 4d 56 guns

✓ I 16 a 20 1 gun

Spade 189 Siege 6" MK VII J 13d

Adam 18 Siege 12" Railway I 21b 28



Johanne W.

11<sup>th</sup> Bn West Yorks

23<sup>rd</sup> Division

12<sup>th</sup> Squadron  
R.F.C.

Jim Kinnmouth

1<sup>st</sup> Aust DADOS

1<sup>st</sup> A.N.Z.P.C.

Mrs Hugh Sick

9 Kensington Court Mansions

London W

Rectory Cottage

Pluckley

Kent

Bill Faulon

Lantana

Grey St

Hamilton

Vic.

A. S. Murray

140 Field Ambulance.

41 Div.

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Mrs Clark

6 Riversdale Road

Dorchester Park

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Harry Hall (Sailor)

207 Oxford St.



List of Officers with  
Balloon Office

Strength return  
+ H. Q.

Rank War Est

Fluz 1st

Boys

Capt

1/AM

2/AM

3/AM

C.M. ~~Lab~~ Calvert

1st New Zealand

Ammt. Sub Park

B. E. F.

F. W.

C/o British Consul

Salonique

Mrs H. G.

22 Pembroke Crescent

Bayswater

St B. S & W

7 Queen Anne's Gate

Westminster

Mrs Stuart Murray

C/o Mrs Fife-Jameson

Cavers

Hawick

Scotland



List of Officers whether  
Balloon officers or obs

Strength return by Sections  
+ H. Q.

Rank War Est Strength

7/15/18

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1/AM

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St 13. S & W

7 Queen Anne's Gate

Westminster

Mrs Stuart Murray

of Mrs Fyfe-Jameson

Cavers

Hawick

Scotland



Cpl Martin to be posted from  
4 to 3.

Bond

Telephone messages re  
tubes etc.

Organisation of Company.

Defective Valve

Lt Seymour

Ring up Stammer re  
Hadley.



India returns for Wing

Jan. 1917

11.1.17 ✓ Promotions cpts 896 & 897  
eli

25.1.17 Comforts for men. ✓

12.1.17 ✓ ~~Man for best camp.~~ ✓  
✓ engine to go to 4 P.M. ✓  
man to go to Albert 12 P.M. ✓

13.1.17 ✓ ~~Patrol to be drawn~~  
~~for units every Sat.~~

22.1.17 ✓ Report on steps to train  
observers to be rendered.  
ops eli. ✓

2.6.1.17 Cpl Jenner to proceed  
to Candar ✓

7.2.17 Report on 2 Basket method.

7.2.17 Must see C.H.A. & C.B.

& Aeroplane System if  
possible.



Veiydasen  
Karrapan  
Lillepaa  
Veiydappa  
Kendegabudus  
Sunn  
Kagauh +

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A 48 dated 11.17  
forwarded to Tolson

20.1.17.

ref 20 from out on Imperial  
April  
1916

returned & forwarded  
to Hawkins  
27.1.17



