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3374A Martin A.R.
 Mrs G. Martin (Mother)
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 Waverley Sydney.

4810 Plumb R.J.
 Mrs R. Plumb (Wife)
 Col Mrs G. Hammond
 May St. Leichardt Syd.

2123 Anderson A.A.
 Alex Anderson (Father)
 Pine Vale
 Forbes N.S.W.

602 Smith R.C.G.
 J.W. Smith (Father)
 Fairholme
 Burradoo
 Bowral N.S.W.

4845 Riddell C.W.
 R. Riddell (Father)
 631 Bourke St.
 Moore Park. Syd.

2147 Chivers J.R.
 R.P. Chivers (Father)
 Cowra N.S.W.

4908 Gibroy C.L.
 J. Wilcox (Uncle)
 Young St Graydon Syd.

9224 McDonald A.E.
 A.E. McDonald (Father)
 Kestie St
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Forbes N.S.W.

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Mrs L. McArdle (Mother Wife)
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R. H. Bruce (Father)
Darling St.
Dubbo N.S.W.

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Greenhalgh W. G.
Mrs J. Greenhalgh (Mother)
Leicester St.
Lismore N.S.W.

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Barne D.
Miss C. Barne
Almora
Coonamble N.S.W.

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Zwyford H. A.
Mrs E. Zwyford (Mother)
Bourke St.
Cootamundra N.S.W.

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McKenzie T. J.
Mrs A. McKenzie (Mother)
Hillcrest
Fredbert St Leichardt N.S.

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Stewart K. C.
Mrs J. Stewart (Mother)
Pikedale
Collarenebri N.S.W.

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Whyte V. A.
W. Whyte (Father)
Appelview
Inverell N.S.W.

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McKenzie A. G.
H. McKenzie (Father)
Inena N.S.W.
Staff Nurse A. J. McKenzie (Sister)
Co Mrs McHardie White
Principal Matron
Mediterranean Forces
A.I.F. Abroad.

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Mrs J. L. Campbell (Mother)
Earle St.
Holmesville
West Wallerid. N.S.W.

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Bailey W. J.
Mrs H. Bailey (Mother)
Alma Rd
Gorville
Wanganui N.Z.

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W. J. Gordon (Father)
Station House
Fairfield N.S.W.

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Millar S.
Mrs C. Millar (Mother)
39 Emma St.
Leichardt N.S.W.

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Keenan J. P.
Mr M. Keenan (Father)
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Dougan St Ashfield N.S.W.

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4793 McDonald P.
Angus McDonald (Father)
Glenoidart
Berrigan N.S.W.

2258 Inidall E.W.
Mrs A. Inidall (Mother)
Railway St.
Epping Syd.

281 Medral R.
Mrs R. Medral (Mother)
21 Shippote Terrace
Gateshead on Tyne
England.

2121 Allison A.M.
Mrs A.M. Allison (Wife)
Westwood
Forbes N.S.W.

1743 A Steward J.M.
Mrs E. Stewart Mother
Wynter St.
Three
Manning Riv N.S.W.

2122 Allison F.G. (Cpl)
G.M. Allison (Father)
Westwood Forbes

2440 Millan F.C.
Mrs A. Rankin (Mother)
Condobolin N.S.W.

2217 Newland A.G.
Mrs W. Newland (Mother)
Galston
Via Hornsby N.S.W.

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H.W. Geldard (Father)
Brown St.
Armidale N.S.W.

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Nov. 10th Marched out from billets early this morning. Drizzling. Riding "Hard Times". Passed through Ouderstene + Ballieul to a hut camp near Soere. Very comfortable.

11th Moved up to Parnain Camp about a mile forward of Kemmel. Very comfortable again. Tommies just moved out. H.Q. in a fine concrete dugout. O.C.s meeting. We needed another officer so Smyth came + took command.

12. This evening just before dusk we moved out + went to Lumm In. Guides met us at lamp-post corner, skirted to south of Wytschaete + along road which Fritz was shelling with 8 in. Lumm In consists of two or three pill-boxes. Took over from the Wilts. Only one casualty from the big shells. Went over to Torreken In. (Bn H.Q.) Grand dugout.

13. Fine day. Over at Torreken again. Deep concrete dugout, oak panelling, tiled fireplace + beds. After dusk we moved up to Supports through Dud Corner + along Verme Rd. to Ouse In. Relieved West Yorks. Last night Coy Commanders went up to have a look at the front-line. Manchester C.T. in an awful state. Cap Roberts + I went to leaning Tower (Right front Coy). H.Q. in an awful little pill-box just big enough for 3 + 2 rum jars. Back to Lumm In. about midnight.

14. Things very quiet. Draining trench etc, Carrying parties at night.

15. Moved up from supports and relieved Cap. Roberts in front line. A Coy which has been in front on Cs left was relieved by 54th. Went out with Baldry at dusk to have a look at ground + position of new post. About 9 p.m. Jeff + I + 3 sergts went to visit posts 7, 8 + 9 and it took us 3 hours. Very hard to find them. Fired on by several M.G.s.

16. ~~Wester~~ + I went down to the Blockhouse about 11 a.m. + had a real good sleep. Came back to trench about 4 p.m. Had to wait some

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time on way to blockhouse because he was shelling its vicinity with 5.9. Then dived straight into a shell-hole full of water just near the door.

17. Smyth + Jeff went down about 12.30 a.m. + left me in command of trench. It was very foggy all the morning, and I was out in it nearly all the time. Got touch with 55th on right across Wambeels. Fixed positions of all the posts on map. Some firing on No 5 post + answer with revolver and M.G.

18. Dex + I went down again but were wakened soon after daylight + told to come up to trench as Fritz had attempted a raid. No casualties. Great excitement about it. Had no more sleep. Relieved this evening by Capt. Jackson (D) + went back to "The Catacombs" dugout near Wytschaete.

19. Had good sleep. Finished intelligence about 2 a.m. I took carrying party to front line tonight + Dex another towards Hollebeke. Very dark. Walked off duck-boards coming home + cut my face.

20. Jeff + Dex. took fatigues. Big bomb at dusk towards Ypres - good view.

21. Lt Lane was killed last night by our own L.B. when returning from patrol. They found a newly dead Fritz with his coat under his head. A Coy relieves D tonight. Jeff took up working party of 20 men.

22nd I took up carrying party + came in for a barrage from Fritz who raided a post of 54th. They sent up S.O.S.

23. Smyth went down to C Coy in supports to take charge. Hastings came to us.

24. Relieved C. in supports. They went to front line. Quiet relief, in daylight.

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25+26 Nothing special doing
 27. Have to do an extra day in C staying in front line. Engineers fatigue at night.
 28. Relieved by 6th + came out to "Families" Camp (Huts) near Kemmel. Standing to this morning at 2.45 expecting Fritz to raid, according to intercepted message, A.M.G. barrage was put down at the time + he didn't come.
 29. Cleaning up etc. Very good camp. Great dinner in officers mess last night.
 30. Shortages. Went into officers club at Kemmel - very good. Smyth came back.
 December 1st to 10th. Real enjoyable time. Football matches + training. Capt Johnson came back. Col. went to Paris.
 11. Left Kemmel with advance party. Gel. who had returned from Paris the evening before, Lee + Hastings. Travelled by lorry through Neuve Eglise, Hazebrouck, Aregues, Desvres to Samer where the first motor transport treated us well. Then on to Franceq where brigade is stationed. Then back to Mentz where the 1st Battalion is from whom we take over. Slept at bath H.Q.
 12. Went over billets at Verlingthum + then went into Boulogne with Gel. Stayed night at Hotel Souvre. Dined at Officers Club.
 13. Gel went back by 7.30 a.m. train to go to Desvres + arrange billets for to-night. Went out by tram in aft. Slept at house where mess is, + was very well looked after.
 14. The battalion arrived about midday, and took some settling in billets.
 15. Shortages + inspection.
 16. Leave pass came but Colonel not back. Have a very good billet. Snow this morning.
 17. Ordinary parade. + freezing.
 18. Bull + I started to ride to Boulogne, but it was too slippery, so walked. Roads frozen hard + very bad walking. Just missed 6 p.m. tram at

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Pont de Briques so had some dinner at Hotel de Riviere. Good turnout. 7 o'clock tram late - power cut off. Went straight to R.T.O. + got passes stamped.
 19. Caught Paris train about 1 a.m.
 - 23. See "Soldiers Diary" for Paris trip. Went to Opera with Bull + saw Samson + Delilah after having dinner at Cafe de la Paix. Splendid show. Opera house a wonderful place. Caught 11.30 train at Gare du Nord.
 24. Train stopped at Niencatel about 9.30. + we walked home. Platoon dined tonight. No 7. at Cafe des Voyageurs, Niencatel. Self + Cap Johnson the honoured guests. Splendid meal. Mademoiselle presented us each with a piece of miseltoe afterwards. Then went to No 8's dinner at Cafe near church in Verlingthum for a while.
 25. Holiday. Snow still lying about. Officers dinner in some cafe as no 8 tonight. Piano + singing - very merry gathering. Am chosen as Brigade rep. for modelling school.
 26. Holiday. Snow falling thickly again.

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12th August. ^{Aug. 18} Car to station 6/- Left Warrington
11 a.m. to Bristol 2/9. Arr. 12.50. Had lunch
at station 3/6 and caught 1.50 to Birmingham
6/2. Arr. 4.20. at New St Sta. Caught tram
to Yardley & found Infa Mount all right
Mrs Derington absolutely deaf. Mr D.
very lively & a fine fellow. 17 in first class
carriage from Bristol.

12th Breakfast 7.30 went in to office with Mr
D. He rang up Cadburys and arranged.
Then I went out by tram, got off at Three
Horse shoes & walked deep Bournville Lane
to Bournville Village Trust office.

An old jester took me round the place -
Ladies Gymnasium, Gardens, Almshouses. -
They must be over 60 years old, only have to buy own
food. Coal, doctor, etc provided. Rents of row of
cottages set aside for upkeep of almshouses.
Rents run from 5/6 to 8/3 per wk. No land sold -
let for 99 years. Back to town for lunch. Went out
on Hadley Rd. tram afterwards then back to Infa
Mount. Dave's wife and boy there. Left there about
9.45 pm to catch train. Mr D. insisted on coming
with me. Fare to Edinburgh £1.2.3.

14th Train very slow. Changed at Stafford into
Train from London. Daybreak just after passing
West of Lake Country. Changed again at Carstairs
and arrived at Edinburgh about 9.30. Breakfast
at Waverley Hotel. Walked up Princes St to Calton
Hill & climbed to top of Nelson's monument from
which a superb view of city & environs is
obtained for 3. Bus too full to Blackhall so
took taxi which ran me to Edgewood for 5/-
Sonny entertained me till Marie came. Joan a
fine girl. Ken came in afternoon, & I went back
to ship with him to dinner. About an hours run

up the Fifth from bridge. Conqueror simply
grand. 5 turrets of 13.5 guns. One funnel. Had
splendid cabin to myself. Played bridge.

15th Rose 8.30. After breakfast Ken introduced
me to Lt-Comdr Millar (Guns) who got a turret
commander to show me over a turret which
took the whole morning. Saw everything
working as they were doing dummy drill.
Each gun fires 6 a minute. In afternoon
went off & met Marie & Joan at Caledonian
& did Holyrood House Palace. Returned to
Ship by 7.10 picquet boat. Bridge after dinner.

16th "Guns" showed me forward transmitting station
He had shown me foretop & explained control
& method of firing yesterday, & followed it
up. Wonderful instruments in T.S. which
practically lay & fire all guns. Marie &
Sonny came off in afternoon & we had some
splendid gramophone music. Went to concert
by The Blackbirds on The Revenge after
dinner. Great many Americans there, splendid
show, huge crowd. Many references to Scarpa.

17th Torpedo Lieut showed me his realm this
morning. Huge torpedos, just like a small
submarine. Saw compressed air engine,
gyroscopes for steering etc. Then went with
a "snottie" and had a look over submarine
K.10 in dockyard. Lieut in charge a real
good chap. Comfortable quarters though
small. 53 men in crew. Saw oil furnaces,
oil engine for running big dynamo to fill
cells, gyro-compass, 4 torpedo tubes - 2 in stem
& 2 a-beam. Looked through periscope.
Had a cocktail. Whole place a wonderful
maze of mechanism. Went off with Ken in
aft. Met Marie at Caledonian & we went
over Edinburgh Castle. "Mous Meg" -

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very interesting old cannon. St Margarets
Chapel - very old.

18 Sunday. Went round with Ken and
the Captain at "Divisions" (Inspection).
Marie came off + we had church on mess
deck + Communion afterwards. Some
more gramophone. Went on shore about
4 p.m. to Edgewood to tea. Then back on
board to dinner.

19th The Conqueror is to stay at Burntisland tonight
after night firing so I had to go. She was to start at
11 a.m. so I was sent off in the picquet boat to the
docks with a note to the Kings Harbour-master
to get me across. After a wait I was sent across
to Horse Pier in a launch and just caught a
train to Edinburgh. ^{group to get things} left my things at Waverley
Station + caught tram. Had lunch at Edgewood.
Stayed afternoon + Marie came in (walked) to
see me off by 9.30 p.m. train. Huge crowd, couldn't
get seat in first division. Second left 20 mins later.
Ticket to Hastings £1.14.0.

20. Travelled by East Coast - Berwick, Newcastle,
York. Daylight about Peterborough. Beautiful
downs country about Hitchin. Passed Knebworth
Garden Villiage. Arr. Kings Cross about 7.50. Had
breakfast, bath + change at North Eastern Hotel,
and went by underground to Victoria. Left my luggage
rang Maurice + found he was on leave. Rang Irene
twice but couldn't get her. No trams or busses running.
- girls strike on. Caught 11.20 train to Hastings through
Lewes. Whole afternoon looking for room + at last got a
beauty at Albany Hotel, overlooking promenade.

21. Telegraphed for 24 hours extension. Too misty for
rowing. Grand swim in afternoon. Weather very
warm. Heard guns very plainly.

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22. Got telegram granting 24 hours at last moment.
Beautiful day. Clear, hardly any wind, hot sun. Whole
town crammed full. Bonsor row this morning
and swim in afternoon. Went up on Castle Hill.
Beautiful moonlight night. Airships, planes and
destroyers always about.

23. Caught 11.40 train. Hotel bill £1.14.3. - Very
reasonable. Ticket to Fratton 6/2. Very hard
to go. Another perfect day. Sat on pier for an hour.
Changed Lewes and Brighton and arrived at
Worthing about 2 p.m. Went straight to No. 7. Met
W. Davies staying there. College chum of Uncle
Fred. Fine old fellow. Caught 4.17 train. Change
at Fratton. Left 7.3. Ticket 5/5 to Warminster.
Changed Eastleigh. Train 8.50. to Salisbury.
No train on so stayed at Cathedral Hotel. Bed
and breakfast 2/6.

24. Caught 7.30 a.m. train + arr. in camp about
20 to nine. Budget of letters, mostly from boy
- one from Mother. Signed chit to hold myself in
readiness. Norman Jackson here.

25-30 Did practically no duty. Writing
and fixing up kit.

30. Went to dance at Spa Hotel, Bath, and
had a very enjoyable time. Beautiful place +
gardens. Didn't strike one snag in whole
evening. Slept at Christopher Hotel.

31st Returned by 6.30 train this morning.
Got warning for Monday and tried
without avail to get leave.

1 Sept. Sunday. Had afternoon tea with
Moysey-Adams.

2. Train from W'minstr 9.51. Change Eastleigh.
Lunch at S.W. Hotel, Southampton. Went

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for a walk round and to cinema for awhile
Streams of Americans embarking. We
embarked at 6.30 with boat-load of Americans.
Got fairly good cabin. Calm passage.

3. Had breakfast on board + went ashore about
8 a.m. Americans everywhere. Walked round
to tram + caught it out to Harfleur. Eventually
arrived in very pretty camp. Everything very
comfortable.

4. Gas parade this morning. Country round
very prettily wooded. Went for walk into
Monte Villiers.

5. No duty to do. Went into M. Villiers again. Dance
at mess this evening. But fell out of it so didn't
stop.

6. Censoring at Convalescent Camp. Warned to
go ~~over~~ up to line. Sent wire to Bunny. Saw Tony
Wallace. Went to concert at Y.M. for half an hour
and left about eight. Walked to No 12 camp caught
char-a-banes + were driven in to Gare Maritime at
Havre. Train left about 1 a.m.

7. Arr. Rouen about 7.30. Wash + breakfast at E.F.C.
officers Club. Reported R.T.O. 9.30. Went with Hugh
to top of Cathedral Spire. About 1100 steps. Wonderful
view. Went to pictures in afternoon + saw "Three
Musketeers". Back at station at 9 p.m. Train left
about 11.30. Had good sleep - only 4 in carriage.

8. Daylight at Mancourt. Passed through
Amiens, Villers Bretonneux, to Bray. Ours
was first troop train to come beyond Corbie.
Very interesting trip. Found Divi Kevlens
at an old French prisoners cage about 1 mile east
of Bray.

9. A Fritz plane dropped 9 bombs near here last
night, but did no damage that we can hear of.
Huge amounts of German material
captured about here. Went over to look
at a Fritz 38 cm. gun this aft in a copse between
Cuques and Linguolles. They had blown it
up before it was captured by the 1st Brigade
A.I.F. It is easily the biggest thing in artillery
I have ever seen. Some digger had written
on it 4 fragile - handle with care. Huge
German dumps captured near there.
Rain to-night.

10. Nothing much doing. Rain. Went in to Cappy
for a look round.

11. Showery and bright at intervals. Second
Divi artillery sports in afternoon. Some nurses
there. Good Charlie Chaplin impersonator.

12. Left to rejoin units. Was in charge of a
lorry. Rotten driving against rain at times
but good when we got on to east-west road.
Some crossing badly smashed but
pretty good bridges already constructed.
Stopped a Area Commandants in Le Mesnil
where we dumped 55th Bn. Then on to edge of
town where I found 53rd B Coy camped in a
cellar in the town. Only about 50 men in
Coy. Came out of Peronne stunt with 15.
Did an almost impossible task there, for
which they get great praise. Battalion
mess for first time tonight. Very jolly
evening. All surprised at how fat I am.
Cap Johnson, Revan, Sweetnam, Dolan +
Self in B. Labelled a bit of ground + had a
game of cricket in afternoon. Comfort
Fund doing great work.

13. All specialist training. In permanent
Coy orderly officer. Only 2 platoons in Coy

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at present. Fritz very lively in the air this evening. Two planes shot down in flames by the archies. He didn't get much chance to drop bombs - never saw better shooting.

14. Heard of American push at St Mihiel yesterday morning. Cap. Jackson got leave to Australia and left this morning. Lecture on aeroplane photos by Divi I.O. W. Hughes here this afternoon.

15. Sunday. Battalion church parade. Only about size of an ordinary company.

16. Rode over with Joe Davis + Sweetie to Quince Wood to souvenir Fritz field-gun + limbers the battalion had captured. Peronne was evidently been a fine old town with ramparts + a large Chateau - citadel. Fritz had gathered large dumps on the railway of old agricultural implements carts + wheels, etc. Quince was a very strong position but it was taken in one go with the cemetery beyond. Cap. Jackson returned as he had a telegram saying his son was very ill. Went to concert by 5th Divi Concert Party in 56th Bn theatre.

17. Cricket match with D Coy. Beat them by 5 wickets. Lecture in our theatre by officer from A.F.C. on liason, etc.

18. Was Bn. O.O. took working party to make range + handed over to Revan. One of them kicked a German Minnie fuse coming back. It went off wounding 6, one seriously. Maj Lucas gave officers + I gave N.C.O.s lectures on

map-reading at 1.30. We played 56th cricket and beat them. First + fourth Divies advanced this morning, gained objectives and over 3000 prisoners.

19. Battalion went through gas this morning. Drill in morning. Sent letter to Bummy.

20. Drill till 10 a.m. Then specialist training. Writing in aft. Big bath dinner with band.

21. Memorial service at Quince cemetery, and unveiling of battalion cross. Musketry on range in aft and organised games.

22. A good lie in this morning. Received birthday cake from Mother. 54th Bn to be cut up + distributed in the brigade. A move fore-shadowed - seemingly forward.

23. Watkins joined the company.

24. The 54th Bn was to come over + be distributed amongst the other 3 Bns this morning but they refused to be broken up. The officers and N.C.O.s came over as they were detailed in the aft. but the men remained + are running the Bn on their own. Paying in aft. Rev. went on slightly leave. Lloyd of 54th came to this company. N.C.O.s dinner to us this evening. Great success.

25. Musketry first thing. Drizzly rain but finer later. Battalion Sports in afternoon

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on 54th Bn ground. B Coy won tug of war, and second in championship. A Coy first, 54th still holding out. No dinner at mess tonight - cooks drunk, fought, and upset everything in fire. We had a good feed from contents of Sweetnam's parcels.

26. Brigade sports on 54th ground. 55th Bn easily first. 53rd second. Colonel's horse won hack race. 54th reinstated for stunt.

27. Preparing for move. Surplus kit left in Brigade Dump in the village. Marched out about 7 p.m. and arrived at new positions near HERVILLY about midnight. Whole division marched together.

28. Reported to Bge other side of village 10 a.m. F was sent to 15th Bge as liaison, with 2 runners. In quarries N.E. of Templeux. Beaumont artillery pound about. Fritz shelled a good deal after dark. - Some sneezing-gas. Sent message to 14th Bge re 15th Bge forward movements. Capt Gollon acting B.M.

29. 27th and 30th American Divisions hopped over opposite Bellicourt at 5.50 a.m. and broke through main defences of Hindenburg line but became utterly disorganised directly afterwards. The 27th hardly even got that far. Then the 5th and 3rd Aus. Divs. came into action through the Yanks. Great confusion ensued for Fritz was showing flares + discs on the Green line (Yanks objective + our hopping off line) and the aeroplanes reported to corps that it had been reached. At 11.30 the 15th Brig moved up through heavy shelling east of Hargicourt to a shell-hole near Yanks start line. At 3 p.m. there was an advance by the 8th + 15th Brigades with tanks

We could see them ^{OCT.} going over the hill to left of Bellicourt. They got into the Le Catalet line. Spent night in a dugout with 14th Bt. Brig.

30th 14th Brig brought up at the tent and arrived just in time to go over on 15th Brig left, at 6 a.m. They pushed on up Le Catalet line northwards. 53rd + 55th 3rd Div still unable to advance on left. Athouse, Ralph and Capt Wilson were killed. Capt Johnson badly wounded. Sgt McLean killed. Americans still wandering everywhere. At 9 a.m. we moved up to a very good pill-box in the Hindenburg line where Pompey turned the Engineers out. At 3 p.m. 5th Div attacked with little success except on right. At 10.30 p.m. there was a consultation of Bn commanders with Pompey who had just returned from a conference at Div. 59th had found a copre factory in Bellicourt, in the Canal tunnel.

1st October. Woke up to get a mouth full of phosgene at 05.30. Fritz parting in thickly. At 06.00 the 15th, 8th + 54 + 56th Bns hopped it with a good barrage. Met with little resistance + reached objective easily. Then ordered to exploit the success as Fritz appeared to be retreating. Later Germans pulled together and gave our boys hell with artillery forcing them to retire a little. The heavies were called in + quietened his batteries. About 3 p.m. we moved up to old lamp signal station on top of ridge behind Bellicourt. There we heard 2nd Div was to relieve. Moon + I went back to this morning's posie passing through Bellicourt which was being shelled by 8 in. Spent night in same posie as last, with 4.5 how. officers.

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2nd. Went up + found 53rd H.Q. in north end of Bellicourt. Then went back and reported to 14th Brig H.Q. at Templey Quarries. Had lunch with Gen. Stuart, Maj Legg, Capt Humm of Corps. Wrote account of stunt for B.M. Woodrych examining a Fritz sergeant, great deal of R.F.A. moving up to Bellicourt in which a battery of 6 in hows were already in position. Brigade being relieved tonight + came out to trenches W. of Villeret. Had rotten job to find them as Brig. only knew locality. Dark + just enough rain to make it slippery. Had a feed with some 2nd Div artillery. Camped in deep dugout with Sweetnam Dolan, Southernwood.

3 Major Murray back. Beautiful weather. 2nd Div. attacked this morning and seem to have broken through. Cavalry and mobile artillery moving up all morning. Cleaning up. Heard Cap. Johnson died yesterday at 53rd C.C.S., Lincourt. Have never felt the loss of anyone in the Battalion so much before. Cavalry came back this evening and some whippet tanks. 2nd Div took Beaucroix line but did not completely break through. Maj Roberts, Jackson + Jefferys came back to-night.

4. Aerial activity increased. Col. addressed the Bn. on the stunt. Hardly enough for a small company. No cavalry up to-day. Fritz very actively bombing forward areas to-night.

5. Brigade marched back to Le Mesnil. Passed Gen. Hobbs at Herwilly. Americans going up in busses. Back in same old quarters where Johnnies absence was

very noticeable. Picked up my valise all right.

6. Sunday. Real good lie in. Valises packed in aft. Read "A Soldier of the Legion". Told off as Bn entraining officer.

7. Caught transport at 02.00 and rode in to Peronne. Cap. Mann 56th Bge entraining off. No trouble. Bn. arrived about daybreak. Had breakfast + started about 6.30. Very cold wind. Went via Chaulnes, Villers Bret. Amiens to Ouissement. Detrained and marched to St Wafent. Clean little village. Hard to get officers billets because of big wedding on. Had to sleep on valise. Very bon mess. for company.

8. No training. Got some billets. Band to play in square at 3 each aft. Comfortable room to myself tonight.

9. Officers meeting. Cleaning up.

10. No training again. Work to commence tomorrow. Bevan returned this evening. and I got him a billet in Estaminet near Church. Sent off letter to Mother and wrote to Mrs Lane (Johnnies sister).

11. Baths this morning. Was O.O. Men paid to-day and I had a picknet to clean estaminets etc, but had no trouble.

12. Wet in morning so paraded in billets 6 officers + 7 men on parade. C.O. gave officers a dinner. Table beautifully laid. Great hop-over. Mostly sozzled

13. ^{OCT.} Sunday. No service. Good lie in.
Letter from Mother + wrote to her.
Bew. went to Brig. School

14. First bathn parade east of village
Schemes with Maj Roberts during
Specialist training. 8 men + 4 officers
in B Coy. We gave C.O. etc a nice little
dinner tonight. Plenty to eat + drink.

15. Only 4 offrs. B Coy on parade, no men. C.O. took
us for scheme + run along Disement Road.

16. With P.T. instructor first, then had to do
Sketch + outpost scheme for C.O. Was with
Dolan, + we got our sketch in before lunch.
Reading in aft. New Padre attached to our
battalion from A.L.H. in Palestine. Fine fellow
- tells good tales of them.

17. Took over duties of firemaster and
inspected all billets + reported on
them to-day. 2 letters from Bummy +
one from Mother. Am called "Sparkie" now
- it was "Porkey" before.

18. P.T. Then I took the bombers and
entertained them during specialist
training. News of occupation of Lille.
Wrote long letter to Bummy

19. P.T. with Cap. Smith, then an easy time.
Officers played NCOs rugby + beat
them 11 to 5. Return dinner to the Col.
tonight - real hop-over. Docs Beard
and Cosgrove here. Mainspring of watch
broke last night.

20. Jeff went to a school. Rainy + miserable
Sunday

21. Preparing to give lectures to N.C.O.s in
Y.M.C.A. tent. + fire inspection.

22. 1st Lecture to N.C.O.s in Y.M.C.A. at 1.30 to 2.00
Map Reading + Topography. To be given
daily. ~~was~~

23. Was O.O. B Coy played H.Q. footie
beaten ~~by~~ 22-nil. Influenza very bad
+ down with it in this house.

24. Took most of parade this morning.
P.T. + Attack. A Coys dinner, didn't go.
C.O. away at school this week.

25. Range first thing (30%). Then attack.

26. Sports were to be to-day but it
rained. Went out on parade about 10.00
+ did some advance guard. Dinner
with H.Q. Pleasant evening. played
poultou. Bew. over from school.
Jeff back from Gas School.

27. Sunday Fixed up 100,000 map in mess.
Dexter back from Corps School.
Played bridge, censoring, etc.

28. Bathn. Sports. Short parade first.
Had races for the French girls and boys
schools. They enjoyed it thoroughly.
B. only got 1+2 in officers race + 1+2 in
gas mark race. Mr. Obbs was present
for a short while in the morning. Pay this
evening. - Poker school in full swing
again tonight in our mess - Idont.
Perfect weather.

29. Baths. Game of bomb-ball after. A played
H.Q. afternoon. H.Q. won, good match. No rain

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30. Beautiful weather. Range practice in morning. Night march with compass (Company only) + assembly on tapes. Found correction for our compasses to-day. Letter from Bummy. Wrote to Mother.

31 Rehearsal of parade for Saturday. Raining. C.O. back. Letters from Bummy and Mother. Turkey surrendered.

1st November. No battalion parade. Organising, cleaning, etc. Fine. All Saints - great trench "Fête". Austria surrendered. Smyth away at a demonstration.

2 Inspection by General Hobbs. 5^{3rd} Tge H. Q and Hge School. A splendid turnout, both men and transport. We were simply eulogised for the work the Batt. has done. The decorated officers gave a dinner tonight. Rev. over from school. Too many speeches. Sweetnam went to inspect salvage works at Havre.

3 Sunday. Dolan went on leave to Paris. Quiet day. Wrote to Bummy.

4. Was B.O.O. C.O.s meeting this evening making rather ominous arrangements. Dexter goes on leave in morning - gave him my watch. Padre Goodman's lecture on Light Horse in Palestine, in YMCA. Strong wind tonight playing havoc with the falling leaves. Slight frost this morning.

5. Raining. Parade in billets. Had N.C.O.s for an hour in Y.M.C.A at 9 o'clock. B Company's dinner in YMCA marquee to-night. They had an excellent feed + it went off very nicely. A fine push commenced from Valenciennes to Guise.

6. Rained all day, could not have brigade sports. Censoring in morning. Splendid advance from Valenciennes to the Aisne. Padre Goodman continued his lecture up to the taking of Jerusalem.

7 Sweetie returned. Full kit inspection. Had NCOs at 11 a.m. Great war news. Delegates coming to Foch from Germany.

8. Didn't go out on parade. Lectured at 9 a.m. Officers had to do an enlargement afterwards of map of St Mayent. Army telegram saying German Commission given till Monday to sign armistice. Lena Ashwell's party gave a couple of small plays in YMCA Marquee this evening. Very good. Posted letter to Mrs Harris.

9. Beautiful weather. Went out on parade after lecture. Our dinner to the Sergeants tonight, in Marquee sur la Place. A French soldier there who insisted on singing Marseillaise in which we aided him. A very happy evening.

10. Sunday. Walked round looking for good observation for N.C.O.s. Court of Inquiry with Maj Roberts + White.

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Good advance in paper. Beautiful weather. Continual talk of our fate when we have peace, + our return home now-a-days. Kainer reported abdicated.

11. All companies had photos taken near parade ground this morning, + officers at Chateau afterwards. Boze up at our mess tonight in honour of signing of armistice. Official message through about 12. Digs Hill and Rill White there.

Wattens returned from school.
12. We begin to realize at last the first stage of peace has been declared. Got the armistice terms today. Brigade Sports. Good turnout. 53rd hardly won anything. Lovely weather.

13. Baths. Censoring most of morning. A played B football + beat us 18-3. Wattens + I had lunch with headquarters. Lena Ashwell Concert Party in Y.M.C.A tonight. Frost this morning, cold but fine all day. Met Trudell (AMC private) of Brisbane.

14. Cold + fine. Had NCOs out all morning. Writing in aft. Batt played AMC football + beat them 10 to 8. Smith has his captaincy.

15. Coy commanders etc out on Brigade Staff ride. I had the Coy. Marched to Bge Sports ground for gas demonstration. Dolan and Cap. Smith back from Paris. Smith went on to Indian Army.

Great shock with mess bill this evening. It is costing 5 frs. a day so far. Paid to-day, drew 200 + paid 100 to mess.

16. It seems we are moving up shortly with the 4th Army under Rawlinson towards the Rhine. Still fine and very cold. Ground frozen all day. Inspected fire buckets this morning. Put new battery in touch. Can mention places in letters now.

17. Sunday. Church Parade at Vines an-Val. Whole Brigade. Thanksgiving for armistice. Gen. Hobbs addressed us + told us about moving up. Very cold. Wrote to Mother. Officers meeting. Think I am to be one of billeting officers.

18. Divisional Sports. Did not go. Huffy. Kit inspection this morning. Played bridge + lost badly. Began to thaw in aft. Revan returned from Brigade School. Move forward began on western front.

19. Brigade march past this morning. Full marching order. Looked very well. In Vines-an-Val + back by Martinville. Band much better under Bell. Batt played 5th Pioneers football + beat them 18 to 8. They were 8-nil at half-time. Very good match.

20. Preparing for march. Inspection and march company arrangements. Thick mist all day. Posted letter to Sunny. Major Murray came round + we had a great talk of old times. Madames Rabbits stolen last night.

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21. Cleaning up by platoons. No drill. B played D and beat them 12-6. Jeff broke his leg just above ankle. Saw Woolrych who says we are moving in a few days. Dolan strained his ankle + Smith + Sweetie badly kicked.
22. Still fine + cold. More cleaning up and short march. Played 56th-54th Bn + were beaten 5-3. Good match but ground very bad. Jeff went to hospital. Seems we are moving on Monday.
23. Was Bn.O.O.. Bn. had a short march with full pack this morning. "Marche" map issued. Baths in aft. Tin hats painted, with colours on side.
24. Ankle crook didn't go on Church Parade Namur + Valenciennes maps issued. Griffin + I rode into Pont Remy Station this aft. to reconnoitre route. Got Diary from Aunt Jessie as a birthday present. Dexter back from leave. Brought watch which cost 10/6 to fix. Maps cost 12/6
25. Margon escaped custody at 6 a.m. Maron was sent for F.G.L.M. + asked me to defend him. Dolan went on slightly leave. Preparing for move. Were to start at 1 pm tomorrow, but altered to tomorrow night last thing. Wrote to Ken + Aunt Jessie + sent by Dolan. Packing valise. Edwards started batting for me. Raining.
26. Madame Malleville would not take any money although she had supplied me with a lamp the whole while. They brought out a bottle of very good wine to wish me

"Bon chance et bon santé." We marched out about midnight. I rode Pearson's horse and led the way. March took longer than we thought. Arr. Pont Remy about 3.30. and entrained. 5 B Coy off. + Dexter in same carriage.

27. Started about daylight + passed through Amiens, Villers Bret, Chaulnes, Peronne Roisel, Marconing, Cambrai to Bertry. Cambrai appears a fine town not much knocked about. Arr. about 6.15 p.m. Had then to march to Busigny. Rough cobbled road + very wet underfoot. B Coy remained behind, also part of C. as unloading party. Rev. Sweetie + I, with dingbats came on. Billeted in Busigny which is hardly touched. The people in this house have been under German rule for 4 years, and they are very pleased to see us and do everything they can for us. They say for last six months the Bosh had very little to eat, and their requisitioning was very cruel. Madame shows how she was starved - hollow cheeks. They were kind to the children here. The soldiers always slept in the houses - not barns.

28. Were to move at 10 a.m. but it was put off. Raining. Town very little damaged except by a big mine at cross roads, and some aerial bombs. Eventually did not move at all. Madame told me of the great exploits of our airmen. How they used to come almost down to the ground and use machine-guns. Germans took all brass-work, etc from a fine house across the street, and left the girl about

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21 with a souvenir. The son who was in prison for not saluting wants the war to go on. Heard many tales. The Mayor was a Roseh spy + went with them.

29. Marched out at 10 a.m. Fine but cold.

Good marching through Vaux Andigny, and Molain to Ribcauville, which was considerably knocked about by an American bombardment just before they took it. We had a billet in a much broken house near the church. The company was in the chateau which belonged to a French officer whose wife, having a child from a German Corporal went away with him. The ^{mail} loading party caught us up this afternoon.

30. Cold + fine. Marched out at 10.30, and passed through Mazinghen and Rejet to Feemy. Not so much plundered about, and a few civilians returned. All got beds in this company.

1 Dec. B.O.O. Men all very comfortable here.

but B Coy as well off as any. No drill. Madame here tells us how she hid a couple of escaped prisoners in her loft. Two sons just come back + found mother + father had both been shot at LeCateau. Civilians have service in Curie's cellar.

2. Lecture by Education officer to company. Went for a walk this evening towards Bazzy. Had a talk with an interpreter this evening. A 1914 prisoner was chosen to be sent back in a batch from Germany, but Kommandur said

he was too well; however he was to see M.O. the next day. M.O. said he was too well to go, but he would fix him up, and gave him about twenty injections, then sent him off. He arrived at his home at Lyons and found his mother had died of a broken heart. He died the day after of tuberculosis which had been injected.

His father did not recognise him.

The Germans treated the girls badly at Bohain. If they would not sleep with the officers they were sent to an institution at Mauberge where where were treated horribly, then in a few weeks they were willing. Daly and Harrod joined us yesterday evening.

3. Drizzly. Clearing up. Was given job of bath. salvage officer and chose an N.C.O. from each company. Pay this aft. Civilians getting coal from a Fritz dump at Etremy with our limbers.

4. Went round our salvage area with the N.C.Os. Letters from Bunny and Mother.

5. Bath commenced salvage. Gota good deal done. Rode Pearson's horse. Interviewed C.O. tonight + reported on progress.

6. Continued salvage. Practically finished area. Writing at night.

7. A great many 4.2 shells took all morning to move. Played bridge with Daly against Digs and Bull + wat down 2700. B. played C football + were beaten 5-2.

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Paid Dexter for watch etc.

8. Sunday. Finished reading *Frankie*. Band played near the church in aft. Beautiful day.

9. No Salvage work as it rained in morning.

Played 14th Engrs footie + beat them 25-5.
Rode round with Engr. S.M. to show him shells to explode.

10. Took 8 limber loads of salvage to Brig. Dump.
2 Engr. Officers came to look at Wuds.
Rained.

11. 8 more limbers. Rained B played A footie + won by 6 to 3. Rained all time.

12. Rained all day. No work. Col. came back.

13. Continued salvaging. Fine day at last.
D played C + beat them 2-0.

14. Finished carting salvage. Beautiful day. Rode up to the dump in La Croix.
Saw Higgs.

15 Sunday. A played D this aft + beat them easily.

16. Filling in demobilisation papers.
Pay. Watkins went to Felateau, Cambrai
Sandrecies etc after canteens but got
S.F.A.

17. Rode over to Div. H.Q. at Favrey with
Maj. Murray this morning and interviewed

Div. Paymaster re job on transport. I was not suitable as they wanted an accountant - not a paymaster. B played D this aft and beat them 8-2. Ground in an awful state. One D Coy man broke his leg. A mail this evening 4 from Hummy and one from Mother.

18. Commenced march to Belgium.
Considerable evidence that Fritz ate his dead horses. Passed through Le Sart round which was a good deal of heavy artillery fire. Prisches, Cartignies to Boulogne - sur - Helpe. Raining + roads in rotten condition. B + C Coy officers together in a house stripped bare. People living there men in a big barn. Some trouble with a stove. Sweetie wore his gas-mask.

19. Continued march. Long stop at outlet owing to a pontoon wagon getting bogged. Very few shell holes but plenty of Fritz's demolitions. Just touched Etremont, Cantaigne, Zorées, (first storm of sleet.) to Sains. - the town of chateau. Big railway bridge blown up here. Men all in a large dismantled factory. B + C officers in a fine chateau. Only a caretaker there who had stayed all through + kept it + the gardens in splendid condition.

20. Better weather + mostly good roads. Passed Ramoursies, Sierris. Had lunch just after this town. Willies and through Les Bois de Nostrimont and

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Sont Vent to Sivry. No one fell out on all the march. Sains has evidently been a residential town of men with money, and consists mostly of fine big houses. Very bad billets in Sivry for the men. We have a nice mess + a bed each. Had look out for food. Butter 12 fr per 1/2 kilo.

21. Good sleep in. Sweetie went on Paris - leave via Chaleroi. Played bridge all morning. Had hair cut by local lady barber

22. Harold + I went looking for fowls etc for Xmas dinner. Could not buy any. Raining in aft. Smyth went on U.K. leave.

23. Went round of billets as Sparks and indented for 60 buckets. Rained all day. Pig-hunting in woods to-day 5 per coy. Unsuccessful.

24. Got photo of Toy. Beauty. Made me happier than any other I could have got. Preparing for mens dinner - got planks, decorations, etc. Feeling very home-sick. Beautiful day. Some snow to-night.

25. Christmas Day. Went to Communion in I. Hotel Communal. Cocoa Joe took it. Splendid service though not many there. Finished decorating barn for mens dinner which was a great success. Beautiful clear sunny day with snow on ground. Writing to Bummy in aft. Our dinner in Y.M.C.A. in evening. Not a great success. Waly very bad. Brought home par quatre officers.

26. Nothing doing. Visit from Doc. Cossie tonight. Madam + Monsieur very funny about Waly who was a great nuisance last night. The Sergeants had a dinner tonight.

27. Got an offer through the Educational Officer of a 2 months refresher course either in mining or topography in England. Windy rainy day. Posted letter to Bummy.

28. Applied for the course in Topography at Ordnance Survey-Southampton, but orderly room sent word that my return to Aussie was imminent, so I withdrew it. Bat. was to march to Sobre-le-chateau to-day to be present at distrib. of medals by Prince of Wales, but it rained continuously so only recipients and mounted officers went. Bev. says he told him he was great coppers with his old man. Got offer tonight of 2 weeks course in aero photos as applied to plans, at Corps, tonight, through Educat. Officer. Went down + rang up Div. Educat. off. + accepted. He is sending my name on. Writing to Bummy.

29. Sunday. Cold, wet and windy again. Syllabus of training out starting tomorrow. Paid to-day, with Waly assisting. W new 7000 ft.

30. CA addressed the Balt. in Town Hall on sticking it under the adverse conditions. Bev. took the Coy. on a short route march. I handed over balance of pay

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advance, and then showed the Brigadier
pound our billets. no complaints to him. 15th
Field Amb. (winners 15th Brig.) played 56th 54th
batt. (winners 14th Brig) on our ground this
aft and were beaten 19-2. Our team has
worked up a splendid combination.
Wrote to Mother.

31. Went round Companies to see to fire
appliances. Practically no rain. Second
batt. team played 14th Engrs this aft + were
beaten 5-3.

New Year see small letters.

Debating friends.

A.R. Bruford C.E. Shire Engineer
Shire Hall Warracknabeal
Vic.

J.T. Bertinette Reporter Lecturer.
% W James Davies - Ed. of "Australia
Comm Trav. Ass. to-day"
Melbourne

Brother of Cove who was in Kings Liverpool Regt

J.G. Wall Surveyor
7 Hurtle St
Ascot Vale
Melbourne

P.P. Inehbold Farmer
Yarrawonga
Vic.

Barbell

% Bennett + Barbell, Castlereigh St. Sydney.

Sister Ruth Watkins B.G.P. Watkins
Wyndholme, 14 Merlin St. N. Syd.
No 4 Aust Gen. Hosp. Randwick Syd.

Miss Blackiston (friend of Aunt Maud)

Irelani, Kurwaba Road. Neutral Bay

Mr Rees Bewan
New Greta Colliery, Greta, N.S.W.
Write for address of Tom Evans, Rees cousin
in Ipswich.

Mrs Braund (friend of Aunt Maud)
"Utah" Nelson St. Lynfield Syd.

Gen. H. Fimm C.B. Late 9th Lancers
Edgecliffe Sydney

S.F. Whittington
Municipal Engrs Office
Saffron Walden
Essex. See Billie Drane

Cap. Smith. Mrs Smith "Ilka"
Catherine St, Leichhardt, Sydney.
(Opp. Lilyfield tram terminus)

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By a Frenchwoman to Australians

Australiens

Si tu vivais encore, incomparable idole
De nos jeunes années, de nos veillées d'enfants
Comme tu les aimerais, ces hommes peu frivoles
Et brave autant que toi, Ô noble d'Artaquin!

Comme toi ils vont droit, tête haute, regard clair
Le front ainsi que toi très crânement posé.
Au moment du combat leurs yeux se font sévères,
Pour le reître allemand, ils ignorent la pitié.

Leur cœur est généreux, et leur âme serène,
Tête chaude parfois -- pour te mieux ressembler.
Ils combattent hardiment et sans compter leur peine,
Braves comme les lions, ils vont droit au danger.

Aussi les aimions nous, même sans les connaître
Ils ont de notre race les plus belles vertus
Et celles de la leur! Tu le vois bien Ô maître
Que tu les eusses aimés, si tu les eus connus!

Et leur sang a rongé l'herbe de nos prairies,
Il a coulé pour nous! Ne l'oublions jamais!
S'ils sont par la naissance Enfants de l'Australie,
Notre cœur pour toujours les nommera Français!

M. Longy

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VERNE CITADEL

11.3.19 Verne Citadel, Portland stands on an eminence 458 ft above the sea; the site of an old Roman fort. It was built about 50 years ago, when France was a danger. It was built with convict labour, of fossiliferous limestone of a light grey colour. The buildings are well-built, squat square, all of the same grey stone. All the mess quarters are built into the ramparts with shell-proof cover over them. Underneath are numbers of passages and tunnels. The whole place is lit by electricity generated on the premises. It is at present entirely occupied by "C" Sub-depot of No 2 Australian Command Depot. It is divided from the remainder of the hill by a deep moat across which swings the entrance bridge. There are beautifully made stone gun-emplacements - unoccupied now. Extremely fine battlements amply supplied with loopholes covering every approach. One looks right down on the harbour to the N + NE, with its breakwater. The mess-room is a stately high-ceilinged chamber with white pillars at one end supporting arches. The date 1857 appears. The citadel covers 50 acres.

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Lecture by Padre Penton
on Old Portland

Aborigines were Iberians. The Physicians came to trade + brought their Baal religion. Portland Hill is derived from Baal. They the Celts came from Wales + conquered, bringing Druids. There were several stone rings now removed in quarrying. Only remaining stone is a sacrificial altar stone in the Prison grounds. Verne was their name for a camp + this spot was one of their camps. Then Romans came in 55 B.C. + introduced a good deal of civilisation, built roads, etc. Their history can be traced in most of present names of villages, such as those ending in -ton. Then the Romans were withdrawn + the people suffered great privations until the Saxons came. Portland is always spoken of as an island, for it was until Chesil beach was built up by the sea in course of time, connecting it to the mainland. The Saxons named it Chesil. From that time to the present day it has had a Parliament, called the Court-leet. The island belongs to the Crown + even now the accounts of their royalties are kept solely by means of a staff of wood on which they are carved in hieroglyphics. It is a square pole about 7 ft long. It is kept by the Reeve or president even after the year's office is over + handed down in his family. The Reeve is elected yearly - can only be a true Portlander, can never sit twice + it has always been possible for a woman to hold office. It is impossible

to buy a Reeve staff. They are most treasured heirloom. It has always been forbidden for a Portland girl to marry a foreigner (Englishmen even are foreigners) till about 50 years ago. Myhow the Aussies have now put the Rybosh on that. After the Saxons came the Normans who have left their mark all over England in their architecture which reflected their strength. There are two of their ruins still remaining - Rufus Castle, built on a rock, of which the keep is still standing, and St Andrews Church. This was kept in repair for some time by the inhabitants after the Norman period, but gradually got more dilapidated. In Christopher Wren's time the architect who built the "New" church of St Georges was unfortunately allowed to take the stone from it, so that little now remains. The Claires owned Rufus Castle until there was only a female descendant left - lady Claire, who married into the Royal family. At the beginning of the Tudor period in 1485. Verne Castle was built under Verne Hill. It is small but has been kept in repair to date + the Senior major in the garrison lived there lately. It was one of the Tudor blockhouses along the south coast. In the time of the Stewarts the famous stone was first quarried. A landslide laid it bare. The stone for St Pauls Cathedral was got here, when choosing each block himself + marking it

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with his symbol - a winged glass.
There are many fine old Jacobian
cottages + houses here (saw date
1640) most of which are very dilapidated
The reason for this is the Portland
Law of entail - kind. By this law no man
can leave his belongings to any one
child on his death. Everything has to
be divided equally amongst all
his children. Having no particular
landlord these houses have never
been kept in repair. There is also
a castle build by Penn in 1800 called
Pennsylvania Castle. The water
in the Harbour is very deep + it took
a very long time to build the breakwater.
It was built by convicts. The fleet
mobilised here at commencement of
war - wonderful sight.
Rufus castle, or the keep which
remains, stands on a high rock at
Church Hope Cove. It is beautifully
made of slabs of stone without mortar.
It is square with flanged corners, and
has stones here + there with round
holes in them for archers to fire from.

An Impression of Liverpool.

The train travelled towards a dark cloud
which hid every feature of the country. Then
we distinguished a regular wood of chimneys
vomiting their contribution to the cloud,
which quite obscured the sun. Passing
these we looked down on row upon row
of house tops, all exactly the same in
height and architecture. The smoke-fog,
assisted by these hundreds of house
chimneys, was so dense one could only
faintly see the houses a hundred yards
away. There is never a break in the monotony
of the architecture, and the house-frontage
is continuous from one street-corner to the
next. The designer of this locality evidently
had for his chief aim the entire elimination
of air-spaces. I have never seen such
small back-yards. Coming out of a long
tunnell we were in the midst of huge
warehouses, and storage-sheds. Even
between these are houses again, occupying
every possible inch of room. Then onto the
Riverside Sta. after passing under the
elevated electric railway. The whole
side of the river seems to consist of one
huge floating landing pontoon, connected
to the bank by large foot-bridges which
adjust themselves to the height of the tide.
Lowering over ~~everything~~ everything is the "Liver"
building. One of the finest blocks of
private offices in the world. Its architecture
is beautiful. The twin towers are surmounted
each by a huge stone bird standing
erect with its wings outstretched. Anyone
will look twice at these birds, because
they are so weird-looking. They seem

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Intelligence Notes

to faintly remind one of something unpleasant connected with a nightmare. They are a memory of the "Liver" bird (or "Liva"), extinct now, which used to inhabit the marshes in this region, and from which the City of Liverpool derives its name. As a digger remarked "They are some sparrows." Further to the right is the huge ferry-boat landing stage. The stream of ferries radiating in all directions is continuous. Birkenhead is just on the opposite side of the river.

The ferries have no cover to the top deck - you just get wet if it rains. At night the scene from mid-stream is beautiful. - Lights in rows, or grouped, or dotted here and there, surmounted high up by the huge lighted face of the clock under the Linn's tower. The ferries, well lighted inside, skim along silently in all directions like will-o-the-wisps.

Caps. - Field grey with coloured bands. - JAEGERs - light green. ARTILLERY - PIONEERS - black. INF. - red. CAVALRY - yellow.

Cockades. - Caps Imperial cockade on top, on right of helmet. National below on cap + left on helmet.

Imperial red white black. Prussian black white black.

Bavarian white blue white. Saxon white green white.

Wurtemberg black red black. Baden yellow red yellow.

Belt clasps + helmet badge. - Prussian Guard (Mit Gott für König und Vaterland). Prussian reg. of line (Gott mit uns).

Bavarian (in treue fest). Saxon (Providentiae memor).

Wurtemberg (Zuchtlos und treu) Baden (Mit Gott für Fürst und Vaterland).

Buttons. - Prussian - eagle. Bavarian - lion rampant.

Saxon - coat of arms + 2 lions. Wurtem - coat of arms, one lion + one stag. Badener - eagle. Hesse - lion rampant with dagger. Mecklenburger - plain crown.

Medical staff. - dark blue piping.

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Gibraltar

28.3.19

Grey rock, barrack like buildings. Red roofs. Green foliage. Zig-Zag roads. Concrete retained in many places. Big guns here & there nestling close down to their emplacements. Palm trees dotted here & there. Gun-boat with paying-off streamer as long as herself, lying in harbour. Bumb-boats selling oranges, figs and cigars. Three main humps on rocks. Signal-tower on middle hump. Aerial railway leading up to it.

Across the harbour, in Spain is San Roca on top of a hill a very compact little town. White buildings with red roofs. The rock is 1356 ft at outer end. There is also a sort of aerial way at the shore end where the cliff is perpendicular, running from the flat to near the top - about an angle of 45°. At night it is a sight to remember. It is a great shadowy sphinx watching Spain, with a mantle of brilliant jewels in the thickly clustered lights to about 1/4 way up. There is a light right on the tail with a red section facing the entrance to the bay. From the outside it flashes long & short. The eastern side of the rock is strengthened with hundreds of tons of cement. During the war ships from England could only enter at night & to E. in daytime.

MALTA

31.3.19

Approaching from west & passing to north of it, a Hilli island very rocky and bare not a tree in sight. Perp. cliffs at S.W. end, of a stratified formation. Houses square with flat roofs. Caves hollowed out in cliffs. Good deal of cultivation. Windmills and domed spires here & there. The hill tops are caps of stone with abrupt cliffs, looking like large forts. It would appear as though the island had at one time been covered with a layer of hard rock, with softer layers underneath. As the top hard layer breaks away it weathers fast leaving hills & mounds capped with the hard rock. Churches are built on highest points of the hills, and their spires stand out wonderfully amid the flat uniform houses. 3 separate islands. Huge dome, 2nd largest in world, stands out well, built entirely by the people of the little village of Mustaffa. Entered Valetta harbour about nine. Passed T B D Pelorus going out. Numbers of Japanese in harbour. Anchored near Iron Duke which came in just ahead of us. Hundreds of picturesque light built little rowing boats with a board sticking up in bow & stern. Great frowning forts and walls of grey stone on both sides. The harbour is very narrow and long with arms running off. It all seems to be cut out of the solid rock. The town is a monotonous mass of stone rising tier on tier. Light Cruiser ~~T.B.D.~~ Canterbury passed out with paying off permanent flying band

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playing "good-bye-e". Crew all lined up cheered the Iron Duke as they passed. They had a fine bouquet.

A "flower sloop" lying near. Light-built, fast, somewhat like a destroyer. Built during the war for patrol duty.

Gun fired on shore at mid-day.

Canaries are sold here. Must be careful in buying. They put a painted sparrow beside a good singer + make you believe you are buying the good singer. Greatest insult to a Maltese to tell him he is a foreigner.

They are mighty pleased to be called British. The gharries are on the style of medieval English carriages. Spidery, 2 seats facing, step each side, high mushroom awning.

For goods they have ~~2~~ 2 wheeled carts which seem just wheels axle + shafts.

The Maltese women wear a peculiar umbrella like black veil - mourning to commemorate the rape of the Maltese when Napoleon took the island. A gun is fired at sunset.

The Japanese stand at the salute and haul down their flags with bugle calls. - The officers all on the bridge + the men at their stations. Most of the

streets are very narrow with steps right across, and the houses rising in abrupt walls on either side. There is no such thing as air space and very few windows. The ends of the piers at the harbour mouth are marked with a red on right + white on left (both winking) coming out.

ALEXANDRIA

4.4.19

The land of the red fez with the black tassel "Czaritza" anchored near us. "Cablau" on other side flying Italian + inter-allied flag (white with longitudinal black stripe). Tall lighthouse on left on entering harbour, grey with white top. Near this lighthouse is the Sultan's Palace - a very large place long and low with 2 low domes. It would be hot but for a cool breeze from the north. Sailing boats with diagonal beam tied to top of mast, making triangular sail. No high land visible from harbour. Strong breeze some days. Hot + sultry when wind from land.

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Port Said

12.4.19

Situated on a narrow strip of land, any part of which is only a few feet above water. The town entirely on right of canal at entering. Also the large statue of de Lesseps - the engineer who constructed the canal. It is a dirty-looking most uninteresting town. The only green is about the "siphon" at end of the fresh water canal. "Caulbera" and "Indaura" anchored in canal. Dozens of boats. Bumb-boats full of oranges, etc. Some selling goods at exorbitant prices, which didn't go down. Egyptian juggler came aboard - wonderful at slight of hand. - Chicken + Egg, etc. Large military camps. Got our search-light aboard here. As we left Port Said about 4 p.m. there was a large military tent encampment on left, occupied by Armenian refugees. Then on salt lake on left thousands and thousands of white flamingoes. Continuous thick line of dark green shee-oak trees, bushes + reeds along the sweet-water canal on right, with telegraph and railway. Beyond this, and on the other side is absolutely flat country mostly covered with water. Gare de Raz-el-ech M. 7.72 K. 14.304. Signal-station. Good motor-road along right bank also. Passed Kantara after dark to our disgust. Railway bridge just before town. It is low-level, and the middle section swings southwards to the right, the swinging end supported by a huge pontoon. There are miles of camps on both banks, wharves, etc. Lower down a traffic swing bridge. Whenever two or more boats were coming in the

opposite direction we had to tie up to the right side till they passed.

In the morning Suez was in the distance across a salt water pan, lying flat and long, backed by the barren Mokattam hills. The dark green of palms near the town forming a pleasant relief to the eternal barrenness. Opposite is the desert, stretching flat to the distant sand-hills, dotted with small tufts of black-looking vegetation. Port Tewfik seems to lie on a little sandy low island, connected by a line along which what appears in the distance to be a toy train runs. Tewfik is a clean place along the canal front with good detached houses avenue with trees. The C.S. of the Canal Societies is met with everywhere. The water is a clear pure light blue.

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Colombo harbour is enclosed by great concrete break-waters. The land appears absolutely flat with a dense growth of dark palms, interspersed with red roofs. There are no seagulls - they are apparently entirely ousted by the little black crows which are everywhere, and exceedingly cheeky. The natives boats have no sail, but all have awnings. The poorer of them use long poles with a paddle tied on the end like a large ping-pong bat.

Went ashore with Col. Inlay. Landed at a very fine double-deck pier.

opposite this is the G.O.H. (Grand Oriental Hotel) - a fine big place. The main street runs straight ahead from the entrance with an electric tram. At the end of this street are the barracks where the Ceylon Light Infantry are stationed. The place is a contrast to the drab greyness of the Mediterranean towns. Bright colour is everywhere, and all it very clean. Trees of the acacia or poynceiana type predominate.

There are rickshaws and carts pushed by little oxen everywhere; the carts are covered by a hood of woven palm leaves. We went to the Y.M.C.A. at the barracks, and got a car there, which took us out to Mount Lavinia. We passed out southwards across a bridge by a wrier just on the sea front. Turned to the left and saw Victoria Park, and the Cinnamon Gardens. It was all very beautiful. There are masses of coconut palms everywhere.

The high-caste natives wear their hair long, drawn tight back, tied in a bun, and a semicircular tortoiseshell comb on top. They seem to take great care of their hair, numbers seemed to have washed it + were wearing it flowing. The fruits in season are mangoes, pine-apples, bananas, pappas, and coconuts. Trees and shrubs I noticed were - scented Acacia Poynceiana, red hibiscus, oleanda, Duranta, cannas. frangipanni. A really good dinner can be got at the Bristol Hotel for 2 rupees.

We passed along miles of road, narrow full of traffic, foot, rickshaws, ox carts, motors + a few cycles, lined in places with continuous little native shops + in others with bungalows and gardens. The bungalows rest on the ground, + have lovely wide cool-looking verandas. The road goes along close to the sea - after crossing over the railway we came at once into the shaded carriage stand in front of Mt. Lavinia Hotel. It is a fine old building on a peculiar little knoll jutting out into the surf. We sat under a pandanus tree and looked down on the breakers and along the beach lined with palms and cat-a-marans. Almost every native is either out for beachshell or to sell you something at an exorbitant price. One had some fine tortoiseshell things, but his prices were ridiculous. Another had some moon-stone necklets. I beat him down a third of his price +

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took one I liked, though I know he
robbed me then. As we were coming
away a native persistently wanted
us to "come & see native girl making
lace". There were numbers of novitiate
priests about, mostly in rickshaws,
with shaved head and white robe over
one shoulder and tied at the waist.
We came back, by another road part
of the way passing right along the
coast. Passed the Calle Fase Hotel, right
on the sea-front. A huge red place - very
imposing, but with very little greenery
about it.

There was a very large Messagerie
Maritime liner - Audré Lebon, lying
near us. Also "Prinz der Niederlander"
- a Dutch liner

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No 9. Section

Bombers
Checked 23.9.18

3460	Cpl. Inyford H.A.			
2691	S-Cpl. Keenan J.P.		Wd 1.9.18	Wd 25th 9.17
2217	Pte. Newland A.G.			✓
4845	" Riddell C.W.		Hosp 28.10.17	Wd. 4.7.18
2214	" McKenzie A.G.			K. 24 th 9.17
2240	" Milten F.C.		Hosp 12.8.18	
3373A.	" Frances G.H.		(Hosp) 11.11.17	
3244	" Millar S.		Hosp 2.10.17	
2167	" Chivers J.R.	No Record		
1639	" Bruce A.E.	Died Gas.		19.4.18

3296	Q.M.S. Lingold R.H.	Coy Hq.		✓
281	Sgt Modrial R.	Plat "	T.B.	
4700	Pte Churchill F.J.	" "	(behind)	✓

L. Cpl	Cowney	School	Wd. 1.9.18
"	Holman	"	K. 30.7.18
"	Jones	✓	✓
Pte	Charlton	✓	Aussie leave
"	McGregor	✓	X
"	Blackham	✓	B.H.Q.
"	Churchill	✓	✓
"	Littlejohn	✓	Trans A 19.4.18
"	Say	✓	Rege. H.Q.
"	Greenhalgh	leave	Wd. 1.9.18
"	Davies	look	Re. H.Q.
"	Doust	cinema	✓
"	Bailey	✓	trans
Sgt	Saunders.	Johnson	

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No. 10. Section.

Riflemen

4793	L. Cpl.	McDonald P.	✓	W. 25 th
2145	"	Bailey W.J.	Trans	3 rd bn
2123	"	Anderson A.A.		K 24 th
5452	Pte	Say J.	(leave)	Bge.
2613	"	Anguin R.	W ^d 25.4.18	W. 25 th
9151	"	Gordon R.C.		W. 25 th
2912	"	McKenzie J.G.		K 24 th
3203	"	O'Sullivan P.	K. 1.9.18	
602	"	Smith R.C.	Aust. from Polygon	
349	"	Charlton W.H.	Aust. leave 23.9.18	

2653	Pte	Dunst F.W.	Cinema	✓
4759	"	Davies J.W.	Coy. Cook	(behind) H.Q.
	Cpl.	Southerwood	Coy. Hq.	Commission
3159	Pte	Miles J.	" "	K. 25 th

Cpl	Inyford	✓	✓	
L. Cpl	Keenan	✓	Wd. 1.9.18	
Pte	O'Sullivan	✓	K. 1.9.18	
"	Millen	✓	Hosp. 12.8.18	
"	Martin	✓	K. 22.7.18	
"	O'Connor	✓	Wd. 16.8.17	
"	Heminger	✓	Wd. 1.9.18	
"	Millar		Bge Sd Kd. 29.7.18	
"	Bunce		- Saw died gas. 19.4.18	
Sgt.	Allison		Labour Corps	

No. 11. Section

Lewis Gunners

4824	L. Cpl.	McArdle R.F. M.M.	K. 1.9.18
4908	Pte	Gilroy C.F.	(behind) ✓
402	"	Crane R.J.	(W Party) Trans A Coy
3541	"	Stewart K.C.	Wd 1.9.18
223	"	Whyte A.	✓
5386	"	Jobson W.	(behind) K. 1.9.18
2598	"	Imay H.R.	(Hosp.)

9195	"	Norton H.E	Bde Runner ✓
4845	"	Ipsen W.R.	Plat Hq. W ^d 4.7.18 S.S.
2258	"	Jindall F.W.	" " K. 24 th

L. Cpl	Howard	✓	Wd. 1.9.18
	Cameron	✓	Wd. 1.9.18
	Clark	✓	Bn. H.Q.
	Barrie	✓	S-Shock 4.7.18
	Hartin	✓	✓
	Shepherd	✓	Wd. 5.9.18
	Powell		(Cook) ✓
	McDonald P.		✓
	Jamieson	Bge Sd.	W 1.9.18
	McDonald A.E.	" Runner	Gas 19.4.18
	Norton	" "	✓
	Black	" J.M.	✓
Cpl	Williams		✓

No. 12 Section

R. Green

2121	Sgt.	Allison A.M.	Labour Corps
4810	1-Cpl	Plumb R.	Died 26.9.17 W. 25 th
9294	Pte	McDonald A.E.	Gas 19.4.18
3374	"	Martin A.R.	K. 22.7.18 W. 25 th
614A.	"	Clark A.D.	(W. Party) Intell H.Q.
4513	"	Powell R.J.	Coylock
2617	"	Bavie D.	S-Shock 4.7.18
2626	"	Cameron D.C.	Wd. 1.9.18
2171	"	Greenhalgh W.J.	" "
3167	"	Hamer J.	K 24 th
53A	"	Campbell A.	(Behind) trans 21 st Bn.

L.Cpl	McArdle	✓	Kd. 19.18
	Gilroy	✓	✓
	Stewart	✓	Wd. 1.9.18
	Whyte	✓	✓
	Chidens	✓	
	Styles	✓	Kd. 1.9.18
	Johnson	✓	"
Sgt.	Patterson	✓	Kd. 30.6.18

Fruit Growing

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10,000,000 bushels in 1916. a crop.
Apple trees should produce 1 bushel in seven years.

Work bee-keeping in spare time with orchard-growing.

Get near a station. Road handling bad.

Main essential in soil is good-drainage.

Aspect not important except for natural breakwind.
Plant a breakwind when you plant the orchard. Plant something of commercial value

2
Root rot fungus with green roots.
Rabbits + bark of young trees.
Headland 24 ft from ~~each~~ first tree
Subsoil. Drainage: Surface + underground
Plow twice a year.

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