

Wrens
Gray

broken
by blue
spots

FIGURE

Friday 5th

Slept a little uncomfortable had to sit up several times & throat a huge rat that would harangue us from our dreams. Went for a ride to see horses - through old villages. Noticed the number of Madonnas & Crucifixes in small glass cases attached to the exterior of the brickwork. In some in a battery of anti-aircraft guns that were hidden in a farm yard. Later witnessed the bombardment of an enemy machine that came above our heads. This being our first sight of the fighting. The whole battery surprised to find we are going to reinforce the four gun batteries of this unit to six. This means that we have been again split up. Have been wondering tonight whether better to go with section or to details. Perhaps more possibilities in details. In with Guards & papers tonight - homeward within some tails of hay. very comfortable. glorious moonlight. After winter that at Salisbury Plains.

Sat 6th

Moved to fresh horse lines tonight - much dust. Interested in a man with a huge primitive wheelbarrow - quite general these cumbersome vehicles. Went to village of Pradelles this evening - four bottles of rouge & two quarts champagne - grand time in estaminet.

Sun 7th

Saw a direct hit on aeroplane by Artillery this morning & later another plane was brought down in sight. Went to the village of Caestre some three kilo metres away. Had first study of an old windmill of fifty horse power - very picturesque. Have seen full size crucifix & back-ground of the wall painted on the brickwork behind. The houses here built of the ancient medium red brick.



February 1st
Thursday 1 - 1917 -

Sunrise Sir Strozzele - golden red stratus coming irregularly over aerial silhouette of the towers - reasonably beautiful -

Excessive air dust in which "faulx" seems to have been brought down. Five hundred shots must have been fired - The usual number to engage the enemy machine. The glorious sunshine brings one home to day. The reading must be above zero to day. The snow has thawed into irregular formations on the roofs of barns.

Friday 2nd - 2 - 17 -

Faint tones of indigo will I think produce the atmosphere of distance -

Mr J. R. Lennox

Ct W. C. Lennox

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crucifixion standing high up & back from our dark column. How the mystery of the moonlight snow sets one's fancy wandering for the "ruined manger" & the shame of the earth to hide its stripes in whiteness. And further into the night we had rest in the village of Lambres (10-30) had rest in a straw barn.

Saturday 3rd - 3 - 17 -

And now into the province of Calais we saw the markers of our roadway in tall church-spires for the architecture has changed from the ugly brick of Fland & we get sight of Gothic in good grey masonry. But now in the night - comes great trouble for the intense cold makes the roadway as glass & the horses will scarcely stand for few yards in draught. At last comes the respite

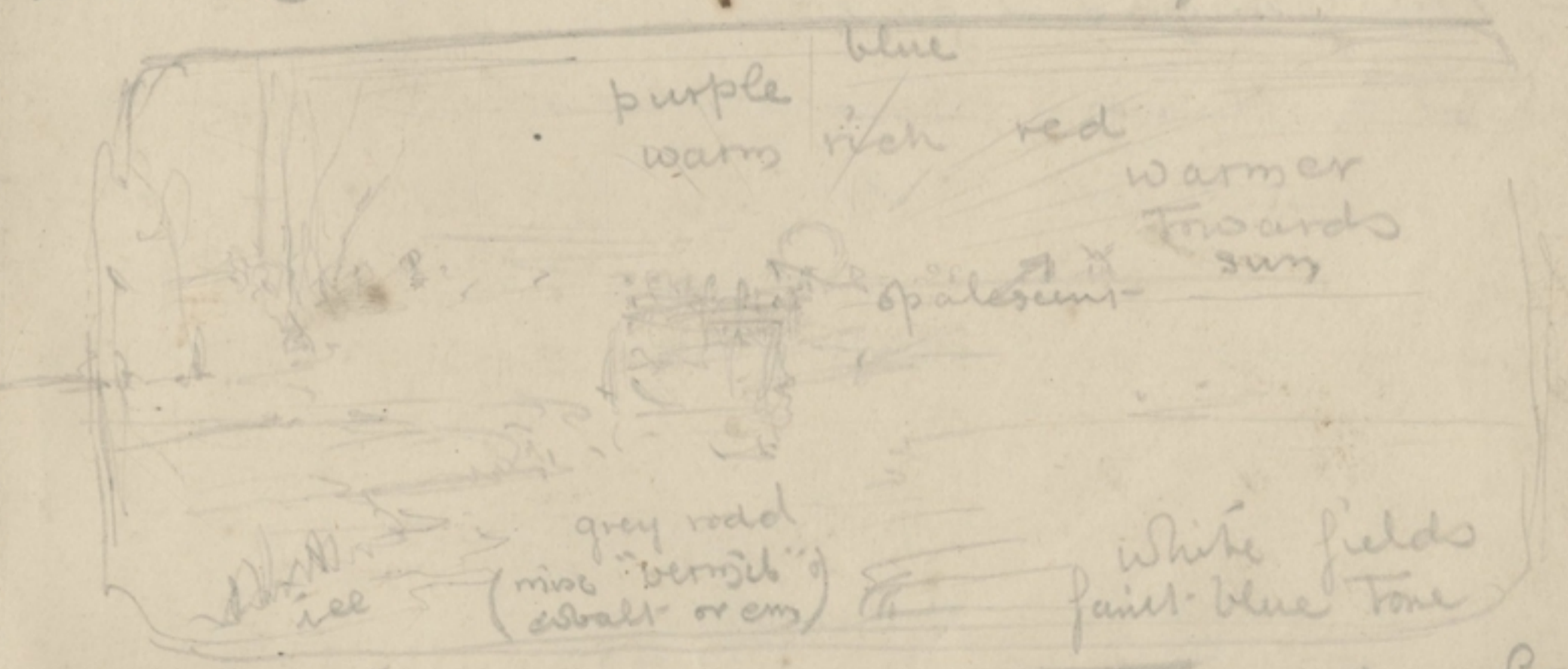
The gunners must needs go out & pass gravel on the way & so make footing. Travelling is slow & miserable for there is great cold terrible & cold & the drivers must walk for there is ever the danger of being hurt from the falling of horses. The way is now in deep & steep hills & we pity the horses & then pity ourselves. The wind is stronger on the hilltops. It is terrible for its layiness & will not go around but cuts one in two.

With thanks to the Lord we reach Hemicourt (1 AM) our prearranged destination. Here was the ending of a day not to be forgotten by any in the column.

Tuesday 6th

Made way through the village this morning to breakfast. But suffered nothing but inhospitality & wondered to pity the peasants for what might be poverty

or to condemn them for their conservatism all our condition. We came back without bread or drink. Again we moved (5 PM) to traverse 20 miles of fenceless plains and few trees & some hedge rows dividing ploughed fields snow covered and strong winds blew from the snow and the snow was frozen as to salt & came around us as white dust. Here we think of Dante's Divine Comedy & are sorry for ourselves in this purgatory. Thermometer 27° below zero. Yet was beauty in the rich sunset as the column passed towards the mystic colour of the twilight because that will not be forgotten.



then the march was through St Pol (on the Gross line) Bouville & now to Cutrebois we came at 4 AM to sleep till midday. Wednesday 7

Wednesday 7th

We go on at 2 pm. & travel 20 miles on good roadway to Maours. We see the bursting of shells over the line at Amiens

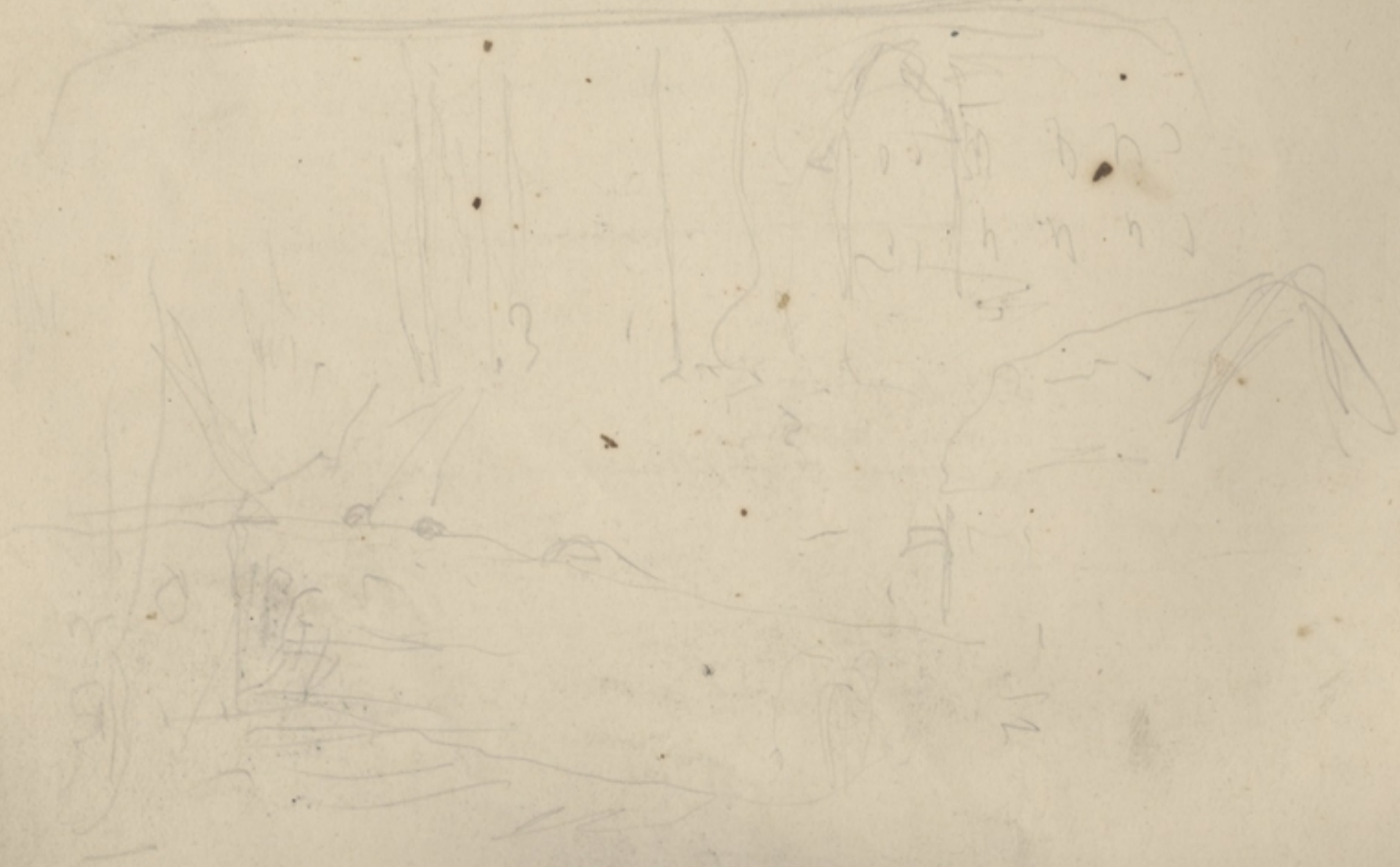
The guns are parked on the roadside & horses lined for the night - resting

Great discovery here for we find a hospitable Frenchman who will sell us coffee -

Met. Baston Reg. Tommes

Thursday 8th

Moving at 1.30 this day & pass Montigny to see the sight of a grand chateau in the moon light.



Here we turned to the wrong road way & had need to reverse our way to Fresnoy.

10 o'clock comes & we go to billets. & find Bus Div 405

Friday 10th

The park is changed to some four hundred yds & on guard this night.

Sat 11th

Sun 12th

Went to church this morning but late for service & saw nothing of artistic interest.

Beautiful day - walked with pleasure through the tall timbered trees of a near forest carpeted thickly with brown leaves.



Monday - 13.

Tuesday - 14th

New subsections formed to complete
112nd Bty (12th Army Corp) F.A.B.

Wednesday - 15th

Noticed to-day the very little
variation in the village buildings.
Without exception one sees the
gabled roofs & generally white
washed walls - composed of
a compounded clay & straw
worked onto a rough woven
frame-work of uprights, stays
& light cross bars. Woodwork
is red & heavy.

Eaves generally overhanging
& ragged.

Roofs often tiled - various
buildings varying in different
colours. Some red, grey & others
moss grown.

Walls irregular with different
disposed doors & windows

The village usually consists of
these simple buildings of
many heights & proportions
The continuous rows being
broken by a tree & or a V (A)
Topped wall of mixed brick
& stone. The coping being crown-
ed with long wire grass.
The distant village is far seen
by its chapel tower.
On guard to-night.

Thursday - 16th

Two letters from Eric - Two from Mother
& one from Eric - Received "The High
History" & two bulletins from Mr. Vidler.
First meet of M.C.O. at Marie
to-night.

Friday - 17th

Amused to see an old lady with a
basket, wending her way over the
marshes & smoking & spitting with
the health of any ~~very~~ navy -
How beautiful the roofs of old red
tile contrasting with the heavy rich
green moss. The first mud for the
experience than sleeping on the somme.

Sat 17th

Today there is a great thawing of the frozen ground & to-night it rains & we are again deep in mud.

Did a slight sketch of Beethoven tonight.

Sunday 18th

Spent the whole of this day at the rail-head awaiting the train to arrive with rations.

Monday 19th

Carrying orderly duties today. We are now deep in mud because of the all-night rain & the continual thawing.

Tuesday 20th

Unsuccessful - Mud Terrible

Wednesday 21st

Mud is now up to horses' bellies

Thursday 22nd

The mud is now to the consistency of thin cream & wet feet will be a constant until the spring. Noticed today the walls of the villages to be out of perpendicular without exception. Every building is a picture worth long study.

My breakfast this morning as many other meals lately - Three quarters of a biscuit & drink of water & a smoke.

Friday

Pay parade today - Long for a bath.

Saturday

A strange incident happened late last night - The first time a mystery has come into my life - To come in the form of a vivid vision the seemingly solid existence of figures or rather heads of figures grouped together in a trio & illuminated with a great light. Then the strangers changed to forms more ethereal & I could see strange faces grow into the centre of a circle of mist & the reality of it. The forms alarmed me greatly, then I saw the face of my mother & after a few faces less distinct. During this trance my eyes were opened & it became so unsettling that it was long before I was asleep.

Sunday 25th

Shifted to new billets today.

Monday 26th

Very comfortable at "home" to-night - "Très confortable chez nous ce soir."

Tuesday 27th

Had to forfeit our comforts today & move to another billet - Guard to-night.

Wednesday 28th

Thursday - 1-3-17

Friday - 2 - 3 - 4

Left this morning for Albert. Passed trenches & barbed wire entanglements en route - & had view of hundreds of dugouts in the steep ridges that surround Albert being the remaining record of the last stand of the Anns in that part. These ridges being the site of the great slaughter of 20,000 Anns. Entered the shattered & delapidated Albert at 2 pm. The chief interest was while passing the bombarded cathedral - now in a wiful state although perhaps not of great loss for it is but the remains of an abomination to all good architecture.

The particular interest of the shattered fabric is the leaning figure from the tower top - The position of the figure having a great interest for the super stitutions.

Went 2 miles beyond Albert to the village of Becondel

Saturday 5 March 1917

Village sports continued from previous day. Our Section winning Tug-o-war. Saw Stan Beattie's story in "Wide World" Guard this night. Received Easter Egg from Australia -

Sunday 4 - 1917

Monday - 5

Heavy fall snow.

Tuesday -

Thaw sets in quickly -

Moont guard

Wednesday - 7 -

To-day cold is fearful - beyond words -

Thursday - 8 -

Freezing March winds - Light fall of snow again this morning - Move tomorrow to join IIIrd Bty -

Friday - 9 -

Moved again this morning & joined fourth division at the village of Debencaert & are now the R X of IIIrd Bty. Snow fell again this morning -

Saturday 10 -

Guard duty this morning. So far we have a good impression of our X Coy. Mr ^{Kagel} Nagel the NCO & men of this bty -

Sunday 11 -

Get orders to get ready for "stunt" & to move at 5 am next morning -

Monday - 12th

Left in full marching order at 8.30 am. passed through Albert getting a very picturesque view of the cathedral tower beyond the ruinous cottages & through the tall serpentine trees all being a broken "reflect" in the boggy foreground.

Went on through Becardel & Bécourt & still on to Fricourt passing the village Longueville - where scarce one brick remains with its fellow - surprised to see a lady visitor, so far up the line - no doubt had lived at Longueville previously & was now viewing the "remains" of the "cot"

Rode to waggon line "Fricourt farm" then on to dump the guns over night. Slept very badly under a tarpaulin at ration dump.

Tuesday 13th

One of party to go to dig pits midway between "Dead Mule Corner" & "Murder Green". Never forget the trip through the inferno of eruption.

Learn that Hun has retreated 1600 yds & returns for now out of good range. Slept to look at three stranded tanks in "High Wood". Reached railhead "done up" have tea horse-ties & Big returns to Becardel reaching here on.

Wednesday 14th

at 3 am - up again at 7 am. very tired - one letter from mother & one from Chris -

Thursday - 15th

Went to Helly for clean underclothing -

Friday - 16th

One letter from Chris - Guard to-night.

Sat - 17th

Sunday 18th
Mr. McNair joined us.



"Gib & his 'mole-ole'"

one of the most pitiful & interesting sights of the Great War.

Went up to gun-position at 9.30 pm To bring
back three loads of empty cases -

Friday - 4¹⁵ -

Still holding position

Saturday - 5 -

Sunday 6¹⁵

Monday - 7 -

G. Highlanders Take Bullecourt on our
Sector - Reported to Gun pits this
day - Striped rather severely by Fritz
this afternoon.

Start to dig down another dugout -
Rain comes on + forced to relinquish
Attached to A Sob as No 1 -

Tuesday - 8¹⁵ -

Nearly caught whilst asleep last
night - Heavy shell fell within
few yards of trench + threw heaps
of dirt upon our tarpaulin
cover -

Raining heavily + continually

Wednesday - 9¹⁵ -

Weather fine again - SOS alarm - Fritz repulsed again.
fired 125 rds between 11 pm + 1 am

Thursday - 10¹⁵ -

Making ready to pull out tomorrow -



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(22 General Hospital
B&F France)

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Boxmoor ~~Herts~~
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England

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or
3rd York & Lancashire
Regt - Fullwell Rd
Sunderland

62 F. Watt. M. J. M.
43 Fobbe St
Essex

Sat 27th

Sun 28th

Monday 29th

These clear days have given us the sight of many combats between anti-air guns & tanks.

Tuesday 30th

Peasant folk say the ground has never been frozen to such an extent for twelve

or fifteen years.

On duty road project this day.

Snow falling lightly from midday.

Wednesday 31st

Snow still falling till midday - Beautiful sunshine this afternoon -

Battery moved through Strayelle -

Lovely sunsets these evenings being splendid - Through the tall limbless leafless trees - the sun was of brilliant hot light - reverses the trunks of distant trees with its diffused light -

The golden light being most beautiful as it caught - on the blue snow -

Be "one who dared do all that may become a man" - a man too fine to stoop to a meanness, too great-hearted to profit through another's hurt.

John W. Phillips

Dec. 25th 1917.

T.S. "Anchises"

Saturday 20th Jan 1953

Snow frozen & ground hard as stone
conditions much pleasanter than
mud.

Went for a closer view of
the old mill. Miller very
considerate & gave permission
to go to top most landing
simple mechanism very interesting
the prime engine cog & huge
spindles all of massive wood to midway
where the centre spindle & wheel
connections are of steel.
Primitive meal crushers & sack
lifts - each landing reached by series of
rude ladders. Circular outer
balustrade dilapidated condition
very fine view of snow bound
landscape beautiful sight
Miller was pleased to give this auto
& directed us to adjoining cottage
to get a safe & post card
from madam - very interest
& gave us what was
required - first visit to
home - this evening.

Jan 8th

Went to a Divisional Review
Never heard so much Australia
during any preparation
and terrible.

Interested in an old
tower like barn

Tuesday 9th

Continuous bombardment
along this line - Day
parade this afternoon

Went to Dardelle
this evening. Champagne

Wednesday 3rd.

Movement very slow very long train - Eight men
in a cigar box. "Sardinia Compacta" Rather
restless. night. Much interest taken in French
landscape & noticed a old chuch & ruined
castle on hill top. particularly beautiful
among the straight & bent trees trees
splendid with overgrowing very white
washed cottages below - villages very
beautiful the roofs muddy roof
contrasting with white washed walls Stopped
for an hour at 2 o'clock at Abbeville en route
to Calais. Only 35 miles from Somme Region
Passed through Calais later through
Boulogne 6.10 pm. Arrived Ballen 11.20 pm
detained battery proceeded to Lille

Thursday 4th

Arrived to Bwonac 4.30 am. Lises lined
& vehicles parked - 6 am. Slept in hay left
previously occupied by Germans & lately by
rats. a few French peasants still remain &
bake a loaf of homemade & a bottle of good
Coffee possible. went this evening to neighboring
village & had beer from a bottle of wine in one of
the many fine houses - very much taken with
the appearance & manner of French women
very neat in dress. "Jackets in manner
ever pleasant lodging houses very plain
& contrast well with English cottage
Building medium mostly brick & roof
tiled - Some of the tiles very beautiful in a
or wised specimen effect. - covered with
moss -

Friday continued
another letter from me in hospital & all
ended as not seriously hurt.

Letter from Chum this evening too
Sat 13th

Reported detail H. Q at 8 am for duty drank
21 bowls of ale this day heavy fall of snow

Sunday 14th
Ident to Hanzel this evening, rather quaint
little city with its picture square pavement
of cobbles

Monday 15th
Uneventful - a letter from Lily too

Tuesday 16th
Ground still white with thin crust of frozen
snow - ordered to report to detail H. Q.
This evening - Find transfer for 108 has gone
through - To form old unit in the morning
Bombardment still continuing into

the night - Wednesday 17th
Snow deep on the ground this morning & fall
still continuing - Received parcel from
Hamilton - Thursday 18th

Uneventful
Friday 19th

Intensely cold tried to make a memorandum
sketch of Pindelle - but one's hands are useless
because of cold - Snow still deep on the
ground -

N. I. O. enclosed from sections went to
details this morning, & even the Black P. mess
has gone - we hope for ever -
Heavy bombardment about 4 am

Bombardment still continuing with great thunder
relax of Shomale very beautiful against warm
morning light.

Evening hours this afternoon witnessed the
destruction of our captive balloon as we
returned - wonderful sight in the twilight
of the evening - terrific bombardment continues
shells can be seen falling on distant hills
Mr. M. Naught took charge of battery

Very quiet along line & there seems a great
stillness after such bombardment - Snow
falling thickly all day.

10m distant middle distance of foreground -
comes from the blue. Long distance -

Letter from Eric today severely wounded in
Popen -

Paper V. A. S. from Australia -
Fri 12th

Mr Sewell came this morning advised me to
transfer to 108th - Sorry with Mr M. Naught
the left & to 4th Div.

Most terrible - losses in pitiful circumstances
day in day out - we have wet feet.

Saw a beautiful cloud effect - golden mass
Cumulus must be a record of mud

Sun - 21st -

Mounted Snarks & pythons evening -
Shifted quarters to "Hotel de Pig Stye"
Paper from home. Two back letters from Eric
Plenty bombard tonight

Monday 22nd -

Temple bombardment continues. Pay parade

Tues - 23 -

Lovely sunrise - & sunset - this day much like
background in warlike picture
Feet & medical inspection

Interesting view of Taube planes under
fire from our anti aircraft guns -

Wed - 24th

Bombardment carries on day & night
with great intensity. Have been confined
to bed - this day because of dysentery

Thursday 25th

Out on first parade this morning
Cold fearful - everything frozen - Back
to bed all day - first sup for - two days
bread & milk.

News that we move tomorrow

Fri. 26th

Capt - Mayell to take Biz - to move off
Complete -

Strange sight of peasant - leading a boar
through baestie -

Feb 2nd

went to Dangehorn tonight distant five
half kilo's from Pradelle. The purpose
being a bath - but Holiday had address
of ladies who were white-women

Had bath & returned to Mammelle "Tobique"

where we supped from good beef steak &

chipped potatoes now & here was seen

Something not to be forgotten white wood

& some beautiful pottery work. The richness of

effect caused by the burnt lining on the

buff - velvet for subject the Adoration

particularly fine for rich effect though

execution crude.

The possibilities - for this medium should

not be forgotten - Suitable for wall

hangings. Rich borderings & letterings -

bordering a good handsome decoration

could be made beautiful - The possible

uses of enamelling - & gold can be

imagined if well managed

The hospitality of the ladies - who

these Belgian refugees was such

that we were forced - to have our

parting cup of tea (coffee being national

beverage) at 12-30 -

Feb 4th - Sun -

Learn this morning that we move
immediately for an unknown destination

but imagine to be the Somme.
The column of route was moving at
9.30 passing through the cobbled streets
& market square of Hambrich & long
onward through gabled villages.
The red tiled roofs beautiful with heavy
moss & the eaves hanging with icicles
midway to the ground.
Still onward & through many beautiful
pictures in the city are how grand
the moving column before the white
moonlight walls - & the magic beauty
of quaint little bridges - passing
over a deep walled rushing stream
passing to the downy old old
women - standing with clasped
hands and there were old men
moving in the moonlight at their
fervid labours - and the way was
through the windings of tall trees
black in the snow of moonlight.
In to the cold of the late night -
we passed through miles of plains
& the sight was with out any object
but for the

Monday 19th -
Went on duty through Albert to the
village of Melant the 7 P. compound

Tuesday 20th -
Guard -

Wednesday

Friday 23rd -

Leaves Arras - Left from Pont Noyelles
by motor transport arrived Arras 9am
The cathedral rising high above the city
buildings for there are few structures of
any size - Little to take ones attention
until we came to the magnificence of
such ornament decorating the eaves &
borders almost to a filigree of stone
yet for pure structural proportion for
pure Gothic grouping one may not
be wrong to prefer Salisbury or Winchester

Sat. 24th

Went to Becourt - Camp to get detention
man -

Sun 25th

Guard -

Thurs 29th -

Trusted second - illustration for Beattie
Stain

Painters cleaning parade 7-30 pm.
No one pressed - out no 1 -

Friday 30 -

about 30 odd men - remanded for trial
by Court martial

Sat 31st

Inspection by C. B. A.

Sunday 1st - April 1917.

Absentees from - harness - parade punished
with 28 days in 2 F I

Monday 2nd

Snowed heavily

Tuesday 3rd

Bty moved to Mamely en route for Bapume
front.

Wednesday 4th

Guns transported by - lorries - Snow again
falling thickly

Thursday 5th

Made our way from Mamely along Bapume
road snow falling thickly - Passed Poyens
the area of the big gassing - Passed the
shattered villages - Jerr and Workneout
over huge craters from mine explosion
Passed the delapidated walls of
Bapume - To busuacat horse lines

Fri 6th

Moved to front lines - C. B. A. moved to line

Snowing - sq. O. S. G. wounded in head

Sat 7th

Still snowing shells falling to flank of
horse lines go into action tonight

Received parcel from Gc - letter from belt
& Penhurst - 7 pm moved up to position
& dug in. guns - Got to bed at 2 am

on Sunday 8th

Sunday 8th

Opened fire - trouble in the pit - bad bottom
nearly stopped two 5 gm. whilst laying
400 with her.

Monday 9th

Warden man in a dugout - night shift - snow

Tuesday 10th

Itun has not yet found our pt - although
search shells came over at intervals

Wednesday 11th

Snow & rain have made our trench ~~parade~~
unputupable - A regiment of Bengals
& English Cavalry crossed the crest in front
of the battery & drew fire - A couple of lines
killed & numerous knockouts & blights
among the Cavalry which dispersed -
in every direction yet was much human
even in their plight - even as it was with
us a little later for he whisked some
decent plants - previously - close to our
huddled detachment now battling cover
behind a three foot ledge -

We all thought we were about to gather
a passage for a better land - shells fell
within a couple of feet of where we lay
throwing dirt & pieces upon & shaking
the earth about us - we never hope
to be so close to death for - long days
to come -

Two boys of the old R. A. killed today -
(Frygatt & Beeson) (Milsop, Archer & wounded)
bear later that B. G. G. was also killed
1 letter near 1 Kensington 2 Penhurst

Fri 12th.

night unloading ammunition -

Sat 14th

opened up in new position at daylight went on working all day. at sleeping hole - Scarcely time to eat a bite but was so pavenously hungry that I enjoyed greatly a bit of very dry bread.

Received Bulletin from Mr. Keller - one letter from Ge & one from Lkins

had a moments rest

Sun - 15th

No sleep. Standing to guns - 7 mty sending over very thickly falling on both flanks - of guns & front & rear. very lucky. again duds falling a few yards away one a few feet from where we are lying.

Bty standing down - so am fortunate for a few moments to make these brief notes -

I hear that 1st On Art - had been captured but later was retaken with some 1st On prisoners - Bty behind us (43rd) had twelve killed today including two officers - 7 mty making this corner very hot

Mon. 16th

Bty very quiet this morning 7 mty making this corner very hot

Monday 16th

Bty very quiet this morning. 7 mty still stopping. Rained disagreeably today. Parton time unloading amm in dark. Snow again little shooting this morning

Must be something coming, hear definitely that Wally Smith died of wounds

Thursday 12th

Snow fell heavily again today. So that the tarpaulin (on meadow) soon became a penes of tanks each with a capacity of twenty gallons. Now we have no use for "no wash" for a few days -

The pits on tanks are not waterproof consequently perforce we sleep in six inches of mud & Australian deflections from Dictionary English.

Good deal of shooting from R & T today cutting wire over the Plum Trenches No 2 complimented for good laying -

Bty shelled again with search fire. Major Edwards takes over Bty Capt - Keller returns to wagon line

Friday 13th

Shelled closely by Gens today one in telephone pit but defective fuse and no one injured - I'ds falling around guns & pits left Bty early with party of three to dig pits for guns in forward position along a hedge ridge in the village of Beoust - He we had the funny up 7 mty sending over every variety of projectile 5 9c naval 4v heavy lamp - high exploding shrapnel 4-2 Had very ducty line for a couple of hours - guns came into position about midday after great deal of trouble horses falling into shell holes ect - worked on all

Sun 29th -
Church service - football

~~Mon~~
Mon Tuesday 1st

Monday beautiful weather - Escort to base
for Capt Marial to W.A.C.
Bty gone into action again
Taking up ammunition at 10 pm
arrived home 1 am -
Fine fireworks display from 7th
beautiful bonfire -
One letter from Melbourne & Pershore
Wed - 2nd

Paper from Mr. Vidler
Thurs 3rd

at 3 am began the fight to take
Bullecourt - Remounted & went till
objectives taken but forced to fall
back from Bullecourt - (third objective)
owing to Germans failing to hold on left
flank then counter attack nine times
but was repulsed - each time -
Ammunition wagon go up Monday

Sat 12 -
wounded Monday ✓

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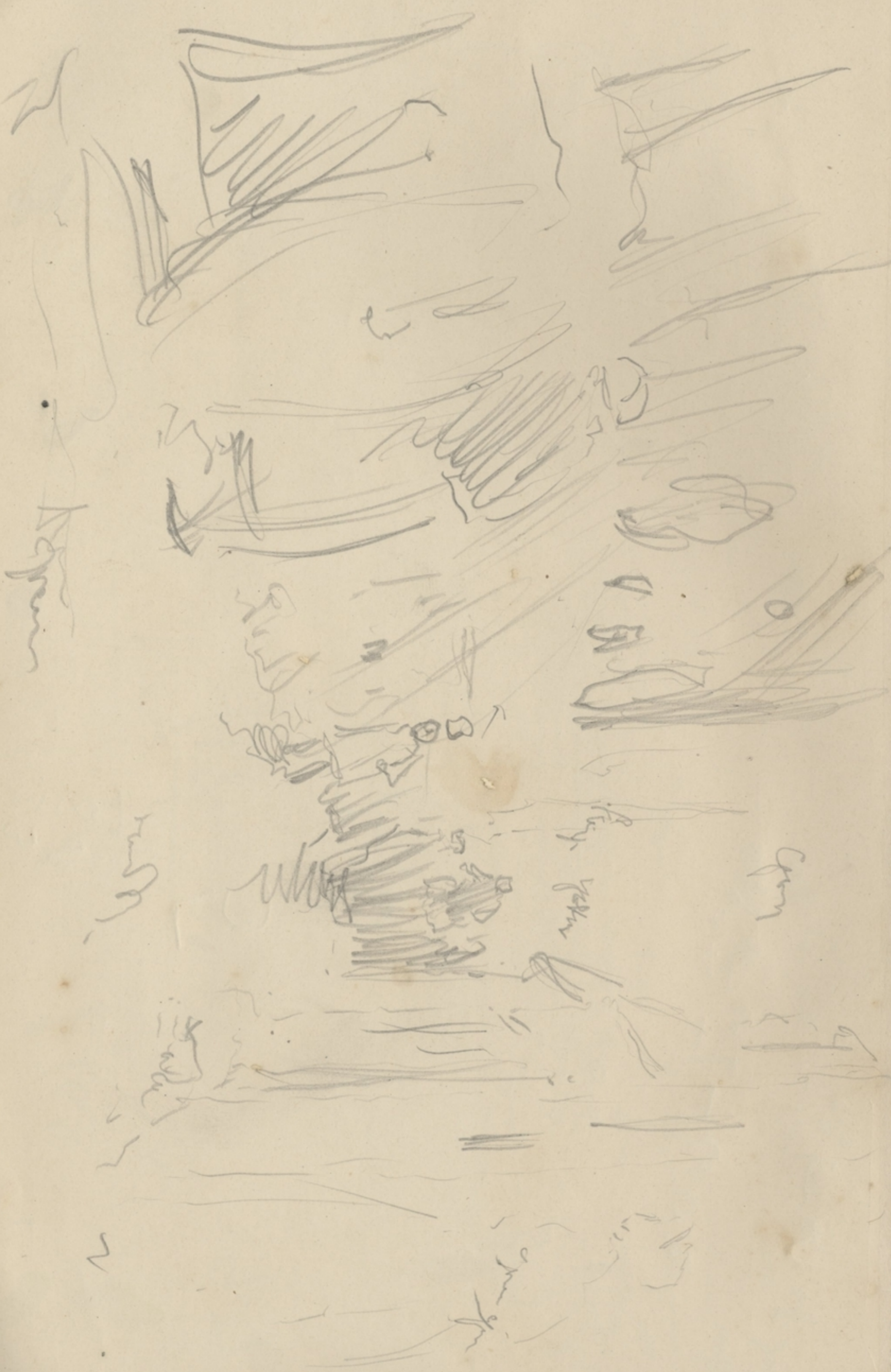
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Blue purple





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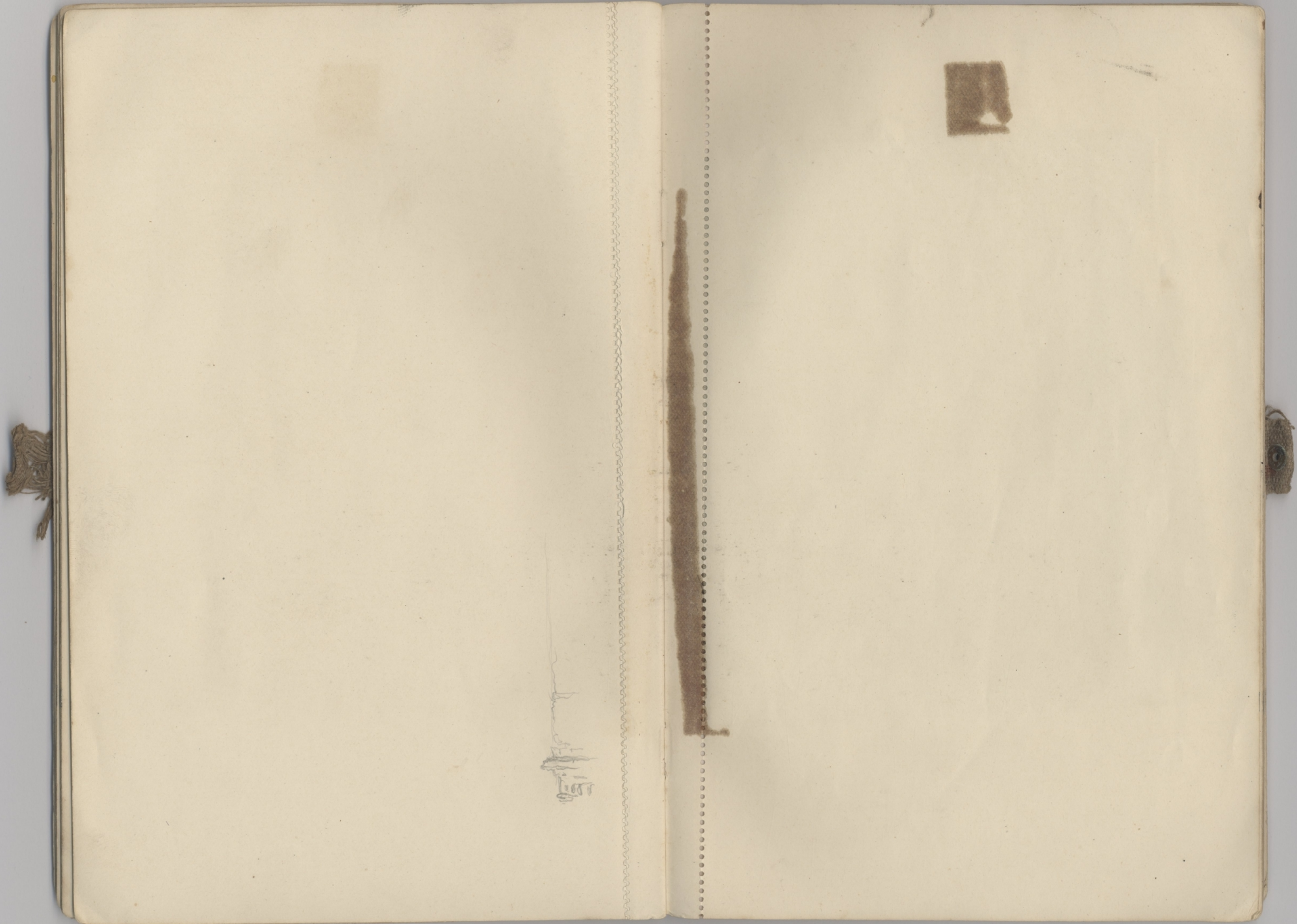
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Wednesday April 18th 1917

Am still sniping our positions with
wigglybumps & last night with
howlers. Mud terrible fired 207 lbs gun No 2
Thursday 19th

Heard Brockleberg was wounded. Received
copy of young man's over - fifty send-
ing over gas shells. Still hoping
good news here & hope the job
will soon end.

Friday 20th

Wirecutting

Sat 21

Sun 22

Monday 23rd

Beautiful quiet day. Witnessed a
few shafts in the air - Am brought
down - one of his balloons brought
down yesterday & one today -
Big explosion out left of our
sector. Haven't heard any definite
result. Heard 3500 prisoners

taken - Tuesday 24th

Letters from Mella. Penobscot

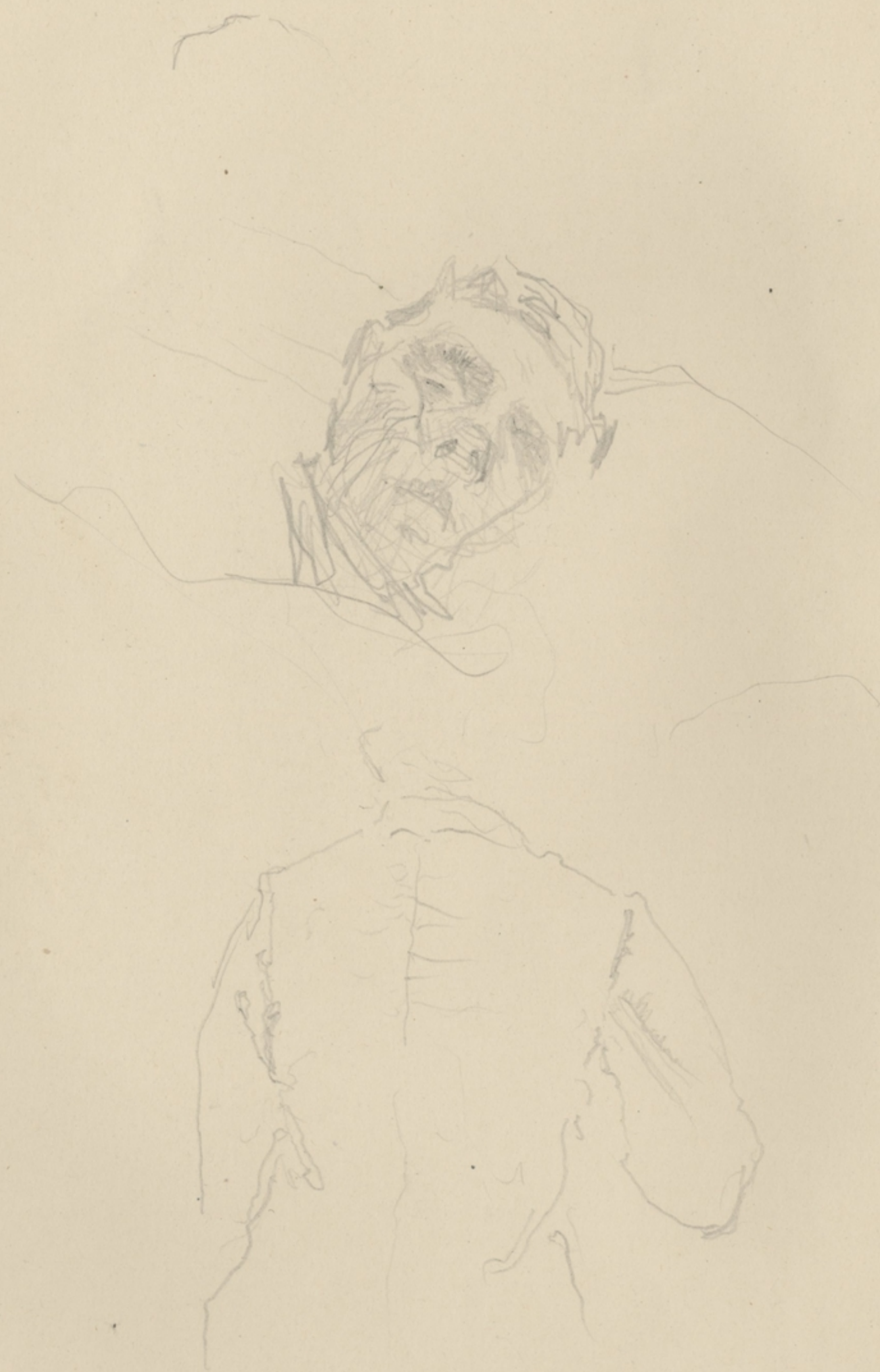
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Quebrada Day. Left position this
night at 8 o'clock for Wagga air
Walked back arriving about twelve

Thursday 26

Slept in dugout

Friday 27th
Three letters from A. J. L.



Colour.

The sea, as a body, has a local colour of itself; the colour often suggestive of the depth of water, but more often it is a series of planes whose colour usually partakes of the sky. For instance a blue sea under a generally grey sky is never seen, but a very blue sky generally means an intense ultra-violet effect on the mooring water.

Yet in tropical waters a green sea is generally seen under a clear sky - perhaps because the sea in these parts has a great depth of local colour.

A grey sky with an opening of blue will reflect on the grey water in a perpendicular and note of blue.

Again the cloud shadows cast on the sea by floating snow clouds, will cast long bands

blue sea.
 The path of a ship may be seen for
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House of Economy

She riseth while it is yet night
 To get her meat to her household
 & a portion to her maids
 She maketh herself a crown
 of tapestry
 & her
 clothing is silk & purple
 & her strength & honour are in
 her cloth & she shall
 rejoice in time to come

(Parable of the Talents)

PARING DAYS OF SILVER, ^{SILVING} ~~WINING~~
In the shades of Tall Trees ^{WINING} ~~WINING~~
STEENS YOUTH, THAT ^{LISTS} ~~HURS~~ THE PINING
STIPITROSBETS of golden so deep reeliniq
In bosomed hills of Winchester

FOR MYSTIC MEMORIES MARVEL NOT,

THAT THE LOVELY MAID OF SHALLOT,

AT THE SIGHT OF BOLD SIR LANCELOT,

EDDED HER LIFE TO ~~CAMELOT~~ TOWERED CAMELOT,

TALL WALLS OF WINCHESTER —

Humorous Pictures in a Dogout

1. picture of something trying to disguise itself as a human being
2. Dibs of two animals long-bearded trying to dodge a close shave
3. " Snow deep on the ground - shells falling heavily - trench friend irritated by trivial accident & rebuked with the exclamation "what will you do when the flies come -
4. " of two strange creatures "lying low" in an old trench - shells H.C. + P.S. falling as snow & every-day in France - One of the beings complacently knocking his pipe on the others' tin hat then seriously remarking: "I think we will eat that tin of ^{sausage} ~~sausage~~ of yours Ducky, before our look turns -"

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