

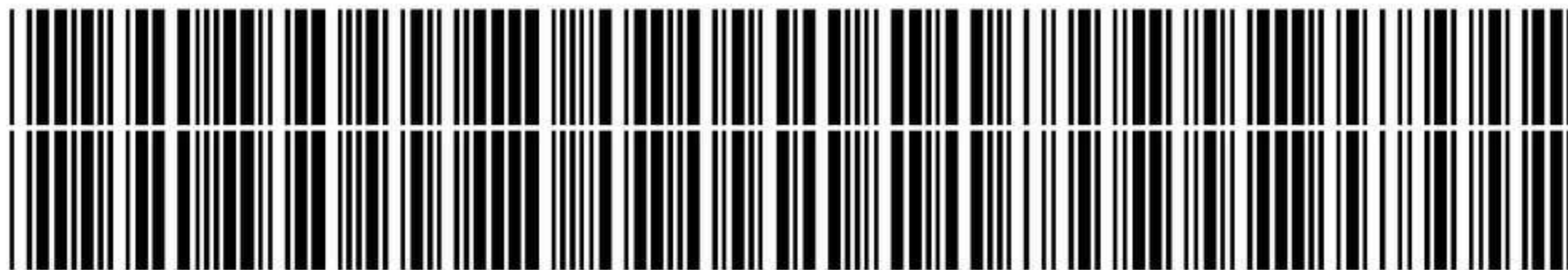
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DIARIES AND NOTES OF C. E. W. BEAN
CONCERNING THE WAR OF 1914 - 1918

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16 Sept., 1946.

OPEN

C. E. W. BEAN.

Oct 16. There to be at
the Mouquet Tower
at mines & the German
Prisoners - 2
French in train - 2

4th to 8th Oct.
to be done.
24th to 30th also.

(T) (C)
9 Oct. Wednesday. I left
~~By~~ ~~the ship~~ & crossed
to England. met Col. Welch,
O.C. ship. I had a letter
from old Jock to say that he
had been offered leave in
Australia (1/2 as he puts
it) & that he had decided to
~~accept it.~~ ~~accept it.~~ I also heard
that Billy Hughes was
coming over with the
last party of visitors -
bringing them himself -
in a few days time.

So I decided to finish
dictating my diary to
Crawford & cross at
once to England, see Jock
& return ^{with} ~~the day after~~
Hughes, if necessary.

At Boulogne on the
boat I had a wire from
Aust Corps that Billy
was crossing the next day

Cameo - all that we
 came for - but I stay
 a good part of 1 day &
 need rest.
 The British have
 passed Louvain & Roubix.
 And the Belgians are in
 Bruges. The French have
 crossed the Aisne at Valenciennes.
 Now the Hunbury Station, N. of Laon.
 The Americans (there are
 now 2 armies of them) are
 fighting very hard in
 Argonne - I fancy that
 in the future ^{at hand} ~~will be~~
 heavier now because of
 the Germans are broken there
 it seems to imply that
 that retreat. The 2nd American

good thing. Our troops
 have come out of the line.
 After the last stupid wicked
 fight at Montbrechain
 where Mahoney of the 24th &
 other good men fell for no
 reason except to increase
 the reputation of a division
 consisting of a few
 not ~~grudged~~ ^{grudged} if the fight
 had had the results
 which could have been
 won from it had the
 front been wider [after
 that stupid wicked ^{wasteful} ~~offensive~~
 little success, when the
 8th Bn went in support
 and, the in front of us, our

Paper announced the
 kills of British troops
 morning (French & British)
 English troops [an account
 found in 1st German had
 left kills in 1 early evening.
 The English made a
 request of the 1st French
 Corps & arrived to take
 from first. This was done
 at 10 am. The first
 flags, German had the
 during all night. This was
 1st occasion on which
 had heard of any marks
 German taken. 7.
 Oct 19. Sat. Rainy in

to assist a chain
 were with division.
 On the 8th when I went
 up to see the American
 divisions in order to
 obtain, if possible, their
 account of the fighting for the
 Bellicourt Tunnel, I
 found the 30th American
 Division at the Quarries
 at Templeux Gerard
 - engaged, that day,
 in a break through from
 the positions which
 we had reached at
 Montbréchain. Our field
 artillery was supporting

Oct 18 Frid. 20 Cannon -
a tremendous long train
- very full. The evening

Oct 17. Thurs. to Maracalla.
Jewelry in the theatre
it was announced by
"the evening paper"
"the occasion of Maracalla"
Jas Fikensen de vone
announces que les
Catholico out pris
Attache "the bank
Stuck up 1 Maracalla
People stood up & sang

gate clearing the way N.
of kills.

them, (only the 1st Div
art & I think the 3rd
(Army) Bde A.F.A. having
Come out for a rest.
They had had wonderful
good reports earlier in
the morning (I think
they are apt to jump at
these rather incautiously
at present) & these had
been whittled down a
lot later. They had as
a matter of fact got
their green line (the
red line was still far
ahead) & the tanks
were just going out to

The British and
Army, the Belgian
Army of 12 Divs, the
French Army of 5 Divs
up in the air, all
under King of
Belgium, like a

seen.

to be enforced not by
force of right but by force
of arms) that story
military weapon on which
this traditional policy
depended "I got it
from memory. But it is
I should not admit
of Germany's present
policy if I have ever

Premont, which in the
first flush had been
reported taken. The British
cavalry were at Vaux le
Petre, ready to break
through - it was a
real clean break through
(so some of our Australians
who were attached, told
us) but they were
held up by the British
division (I think the
6th) on their right -
which itself was held
up by the French of
St Quentin, who had

with the Bulgars on condition
that they give up their arms,
but refuse the Germans.
They are barbarians. You must
just strike! "Should France
be looking at me."
The spirit of the French
— on their course
wondering at it.
The "Frankfurter Zeitung"
has an article for the
Germans to read & take to
heart ~~copying~~ ^{copying} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~news~~ ^{news}.
It says the "Germans must
recognize that at this
critical point in their
history, there is wanting
to them the additional policy
(that the national aim is

not got ahead so far
as expected.

The ~~main~~ old general
- Lewis - was very
shy of giving me any copies
of official papers of theirs
but he was ready to
give me anything
unofficial. He asked
me in to lunch.
After lunch an Australian
youngster, ^{was} wall of the
(The Field ambulance, passed
me - he had been up
helping at their advanced
dressing station as their own
senior medical officer
there had been killed the

Oct 16. Wed. Saw 9000
the Amphibious, Temple
of New, the town bridge.
The old lady at town
bridge was just going away as
I got up to it - late in
after. She ^{was put out} at the late-
it was foggy - no views - made
me promise not to stay long
up here. Poor old thing she
was very short of breath & felt
I stayed a very short time &
gave her a hour - & she
was completely satisfied. She
went for me straight off &
Gemma: mustn't make peace
with them! Barbarians! Stood
right to make an ambulance

night before. Well. Took
a Ford car this morning
right up to Mouthechain
He arranged their medical
evacuations for them -
they had no idea of classifying
cases, he sd - not
even of introducing 1 simplest
form of classification
by putting stretchers &
serious cases in one
place + light cases in
another & so on. They
were very willing to learn
but were like children
in their simplicity.
Their officers at the

to blow up 1 bridge. He
 instructed him to kill -
 never - you must have
 to do it at all. After 3
 weeks they took the
 bridge and safe again. If
 whole German army, if
 it attacked. He seemed to
 appreciate spirit.
 He did not appreciate
 (I guess) his Australian
 method of house cleaning at
 Darius Pk Sta - ask conscripts
 of taking all interior of house
 out into 1 yard & burning
 it. [Probably it is in a
 very filthy state]. Change at
 Larwood. Ed kindly set a room
 at Nines at all.

General & headquarters
 Division 1 has by no
 wall about it he could
 only say to 1 Division
 stretcher bearers asked
 ration that day, when
 omitted to get up its
 day - the division
 their rations for one
 they completely missed
 whilst he was up there
 of the heads of the units.
 have & knew very little
 to a battalion as ours
 been of medical officers
 dressing station had not

* Gen Lewis seemed a kindly old Chap - rather like an old English gentleman called on to manage a war & managing it from his library - running in & out whenever a message was received but not with any obvious close grip on what was happening - not obvious to the outsider anyway. One of these divisions with its staff and our officers attached to it, before Sept. 29, was in some difficulty as to its rationing arrangements. Our man advised their "Q" man to go in & see the general - so in he went with some request for an arrangement about the rationing. "Rations!" said the old Chap - "don't talk to me about rations - I've got a battle on!"

It seems almost unbelievable to our people. Yet I think they might almost have done the same some years ago - Perhaps not - we always

were in exactly the same case - they had received no rations either. *

Wall ~~stayed~~ had missed his ambulance by staying up with them. So I gave him a lift to our place. On the way we called at HQs of American Corps, the 2nd American Corps, at Tin court, in Buire Wood, to get any reports possible from them as to Sept 29. We

had a pretty good appreciation of the importance of "Q" work.

been treating some of their
wounded from the front
thundering for sector. He said
to my spoke very high of
Anatomical & their share
from beside them. The Americans
were apt to advance very
fast & they complained that
the French on their flanks
sandy got left behind - but
Anatomical were always
dependable. The details were not
clear - I don't know what ground
there was for a statement or
where! but it was the opinion,
Anatomical.
Can English Engineers also
to me that Anatomical
came to Doreas the way
wondering when he would have

were referred to a
Lieut. Parkes, who
was a Press officer
- they have one attached
to every corps apparently
to get together what
material is suitable
for a press -
The edition of the Paris
"Daily Mail" which Bennett
our Despatch Rider brings
back from Amiens contained
an announcement that
the Germans had asked for
an armistice. Dyson
pointed out that this - the
biggest event since the war

of Germans were removed
 -ed to all very kind of
 their peace demands their
 army and burning houses,
 The Japanese making the
 their past days great humili-
 ations? Hitachi house, flying
 out looks all were burning
 /proceeding.
 A final note - which
 has been well to / trustish
 was placed in him. The
 German wants to save the
 face but it is just exactly
 what we cannot afford
 it to do.
 Two American officers in
 train. One a doctor who had

began, if there was
 anything in it, was
 printed with a heading
 just the same as that of
 the daily account of the
 fighting - covering only two
 columns. It showed an
 intention to refuse to
 regard this news as being
 important - indeed this
 is all the value that
 people give to German state-
 ments nowadays. The
 German is in the position
 of a man who has dealt
 in frauds before & been
 found out; & when his next
~~word~~ statement comes on

President's address
reply to the German Note
Nothing could have been
better - fact is still
/ Announces so as to give
up no title of military
advantages; Germany is
mentioned in 15 speeches
is with the expectation
agreement was a clear
Statement of use of make
no agreement with German
part so long as it is in the
possession of any authority
authorities in Germany to
settle questions of peace or war
& discuss / peace or war
without consulting / people;

the market very little
attention is paid to it -
people all realise that the
only thing that matters is
where our armies are & what
they are doing. The German
will change his tune simply
& solely in accordance with
our military position &
that is the only thing our
people look to nowadays.
Prince Max of Baden,
the new chancellor, has
made a speech. He was
appointed here as a pledge
that a new democratic
programme would be
carried out & that the

Government wd be
 responsible to the people.
 Unfortunately, some time
 ago he wrote a letter to
 Switzerland explaining to
 one who held the Conservative
 point of view that people,
 were blind - were mistaken
 in him. They thought his
 object was to reform
 - to give constitutional
 effect to the reform
 movement. As a matter
 of fact it would defeat
 that movement. I don't
 know - but I shd say
 this letter will ~~cost~~
 cause him a lot of trouble.

I saw a paper saying
 all sorts of things
 I saw a paper saying
 all sorts of things
 I saw a paper saying
 all sorts of things
 I saw a paper saying
 all sorts of things

Oct 15 Tuesday

Example.
 I saw a paper saying
 all sorts of things
 I saw a paper saying
 all sorts of things
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 all sorts of things
 I saw a paper saying
 all sorts of things

him for what Australia
had done - Army being
Australia asked them in
1 future, they said, they
were bound to give her
- and they thanked
Huyler too, personally,
for what he had done -
for his strong leadership in
the struggle.
He had a talk to
Pickton at New Columbia
& Pacific but I didn't
hear what they decided.
Old Poincaré said
to him, when he first saw
him on soft presentation
him or I should X of the region

of the ship, also very
sea sick, was James,
the Canadian war
Correspondent - Apparently they
have two. - besides the
one for their Press Association
& James for I govt. James
used to be in 1 Canadian
infantry. As they have a
number of units in France
outside the fighting line -
16 Forestry Companies &
a great number of
about 4000 men in
Railway construction companies
& many in the Royal Air
force - James ~~was~~ would be
neglected to some extent by
the Press correspondents who deal

Lunch at M. Picken. No
speeches time, I believe.
But the French war
Cabinet all necessary
him - in a copy - & he
was allowed to make
his speech to them. He
made a straight story
speech even than he had
written, so he gets
Munster - & I have got
the words. His answer
to, for the Museum.
They received his speech
very well. And at 12.15
of it I think it was M.
Blumenthal who thanked

almost entirely with
the Canadian infantry,
James (who succeeded
Rowland Hill) is charged
with writing an account
of these outside branches of
the Canadian force as well
as of the fighting corps.
He told me that
Canadians ^{had been} ~~was~~ very
satisfied to be fighting down
near (Australians in the
Somme. They went up to
the north from there; & he
gave me the successive stages
of the battle for Cambrai which
was headed all the time by
the Canadians - (I ^{noted} ~~copied~~ this

Another without touching
back without touching
on questions of million
reproduction & million
with not allons that.
I hope this cable will
settle matters (if I never
passes it) & yet allons
him a way out. He
Huybrecht it points
amount of the thing!
need for a strong political
support to the A.I.F. in England
- try Huybrecht take
advantage of the things
surely certain & important
him.
Huybrecht today had the

on the cover of another
notebook). The heaviest fight
was on Oct 6. when the
Germans came at them with
at least 6 divisions & with
the artillery of 10 (apparently
in a desperate attempt to
prevent the taking of
Cambrai.) The Canadians
were driven in a very
little. But this morning
before James left he heard
that the Canadians had
taken Cambrai - they
had thrust two divisions
down from the N of it, &
the British had thrust
up from the S & joined
them on the E side of town

Plan of what to do
 I saw once they get
 them back - 1 pro-
 -tion of equipment,
 1 making of opening.
 But at present. Millers
 Jealousy has forced
 far as to present
 Pearce & the A.I.F.
 has drawing up a
 proper plan of demerit-
 -ication because
~~they cannot~~
 decide how to classify
 men & send them

I had dinner in 1 train
 with others & then went
 straight down to Dartford.
 The factories ~~were~~ ^{beside} by
 were not so
 but I have no
 doubt they are

 A kindly sergeant guided
 me to the Hospital (with
 a lift in a Red + ~~one~~ Bus)
 & I found old Tock with
 all his things packed, due
 to start in one hours time.
~~Will~~ He had to go down
 to Bulford & get some
 instruments which he could

Oct 14. Monday.
Stuyvesant left Paris
tonight - I was up half
last night writing a
cable which I hope
will force Miller to
let the A.I.F. be responsible
for the making of a
plan for repatriation
so far as demobilisation
is concerned - which means
up to 1 time when I
then arrive in
Australia. Of course
Miller's civil dept
must decide I mean

induce the wretched staff of
that hospital to return to
him - & then was going
to Weymouth into camp
with his 800 returnees.
They make them up
into battalions, officers
& all, & send them out
organised. Very often they
have only heard the day
before they go - The evening
before, or the morning of the
same day - that they are
for Australia & the
surprise is overwhelming.
Herbert, our cook, went
a week ago & we have
in his place a brother of

many pep at once.
 "I'll see if anything
 can be done - 9/11
 by I get you some...
 he said. When they noticed
 broken standing
 skating with laughter at
 the far end of 1 room.
 "Of course you can
 get it, Hawkey," he said.
 "Your father can
 having tea out there
 now, any way, I'd
 like to see you to ask
 them."

Scott, our camp orderly.
 His brother is a delicate
 chap & was long ago
 marked for Australia
 after a very bad wound
 at Gallipoli & illness in
 France. But when he was
 at Weymouth preparatory
 to starting, & the urgent
~~the~~ need for men arose
 this summer, he was
 boarded & marked fit
 for service ^{in the infantry}. His brother
 was very anxious
 about him - he was in
 his old Battalion the 5th
 (it ~~must~~ ^{must} have been the
 5th he was in originally)

Henry Jackson, C.G.S.
 Stephen coming in lines
 for his journey said
 to Harker that he
 like to get some tea.
 Harker (also an Australian
 - by birth) sd stupidly
 that he did not think it
 could be done - His
 manner at that time
 Stephen thought up
 at once. "Oh if you
 can't get it I'll see
 about getting it myself."
 He said. After all,
 Harker is a member
 of the War Cabinet &
 Harker chuckles down

& I easily got him out
 as our cook, vice Herbert;
 but his brother is afraid he
 will not be strong enough for
 this winter - he has a weak
 back & Scott thinks the
 winter will be too much
 for him even under our
 comparatively comfortable
 conditions.
 Jack & I went up
 to London an hour after
 I arrived. The old man
 had bought two tin boxes
 from the Salvation Army for
 a most reasonable price
 & was especial proud
 of the deal - The men

their embassy of
invitation to a meeting
subject to the President.
listen at court, he said:
"Amiric: I have not
going to be any amiric."
So he may be former
than many think...
John Hughes got to
Vernonville from Beaurio
he was standing in the
Hall on the hall of some
place where they
forgot there. Hanky
was there - (the former
Secretary of the Committee of
Independent Defense) & his

at that hospital, as
everywhere else, are
immensely attached to
Jack. He started his
debating society for them,
as usual; ~~this~~ it went
tremendously well. He
spent about £1 a week
himself providing the
cakes & the tea - they
simply held the debate
in a ward after some
songs & they used to get
100 men to come. Jack's
idea is that this all gets
men to think out their
social relations & so
helps to prepare the

breathless & 1/2
have been to France;
Jenny had to get
front - but it seems to me
at opinion etc he brought
back was like the 1st
Officers, not 1 man -
possibly 1 staff officer
at that.

Billie had a car
recommending piece of
of London etc etc etc
Box & myself in our bedroom
this morning. He set
the French part had recently
discussed the terms on
of an committee of the
panels, & had instructed

world & society for the
best - as his Theosophical
friends believe, for the
return of Christ onto
the earth. The officers
men were all fond
of J. His latest undertaking
was to take a party of
Nurses (I am not sure
if an officer or two or a
patient did not go) to
Ely Cathedral; then to
King's College Camb. to
the afternoon Choral
service - it was without
organ, but he specially
arranged with their
great organist (is it

Everyone - Miller,
 Jerome (I think),
 Wade + others who have
 seen anything of
 American eyes about
 that point - it is more
 good but I am in a
 side of staff very bad.
 Your defects have shown
 up in fighting over
 Vandun also, Miller
 says.
 Jerome + Miller!
 French soldiers were
 anxious not to give up
 fight until they were able
 in Germany to give!
 Germans a taste of it

Dr Mann?) to play
 afterwards.
 So J's good work here
 is closed - but it will
 live for a long time in
 the men & women whom
 he has helped.

We Jack said that he
 meant to stay the night at
 Charing X Hotel. It was
 where he always stayed
 in town if he were late.
 I intended to return
 next day with Betty
 Hughes, so it was
 convenient for me too.
 But when we got to Charing

for the coming month, even
if not coming for special
decision before each
part, and be laid before
it by its section of the
staff, in good time; so that
it will have an opportunity
of objecting if it
desires to do so.
The British presence
tells us that Blisio ^{was of} ~~was of~~
~~opinion that the Amer-~~
~~ican troops should be~~
re-brigaded with the
French & English troops
as their administrative
staff was so defective

X they had no rooms.
Fullup. They advised
us to try the Golden X
hotel opposite. The Golden
X was full. ~~They advised~~
~~us to try another~~ The
Irish porter there said
he had been turning
people away all night.
He rang up Jacks
Theosophical Hotel for
us - the Gwalia -
that was full. He
advised us to try Crown
St. There were a number
of quiet hotels there.
The first we knocked up
was full - they recommended

think that an American
like Harnel needed the
consent of the Venetian
Council - I still say it
concerning the
the Council seems
to work with a set of
separate staffs each by
staff having its own
general staff here.
The Americans have
Bliss & his staff - the
French took this staff.
And that does his work
as far as with his own
staff. He often prepares
another for each other &
for their government. a

us to ask the policeman
at the end of the road - he
had brought several people
round & taken them away
again & might have
found something. The
Policeman was found by
us crossing the Strand.
He told us of two hotels
he knew of - the Buckingham
one run by the same
people - & here we
found at last, one
room at top of house.
I don't know why town
is so full - Americans &
officials leave ~~people~~ I suppose -
and the hotels mostly taken

says as far as he knows
 there was no mention
 nor idea of any attack by
 us up at American Lake
 - nor of any other attack.
 Fox never heard a
 whisper of any such
 plan.
 But there was a
 great deal of interest
 shown in the little attack
 which was coming off
 at Hamed. They all
 knew of it, & they seemed
 to regard it as a sort
 of test - & they were
 exceedingly pleased at
 the result. Fox doesn't

for public office.
Oct 10 Thursday:

This morning
 I had a ^{rush} round
 with Jack. One maid
 & a porter were running
 that hotel - poor little
 woman she had to do all
 the bedmaking, sweeping,
cook the breakfasts
 & wait, take the
 visitors their hot water
 & wake them up.

I fixed up with
 Dodds that the making of
 models might start at
 once - attached to the
 Engineer training establishment.
 Also the system of A.I.F.

Billy was with at Venetian
 afterwards for the ~~arrangement~~
 meeting when Jack asked
 for a free hand to attack
 Mr. Lawrence. Haig believed
 was opposed it because it
 involved weakening him in
 standards - according to
 Box they had to promise
 some divisions. Haig &
 (I fancy I was told) of some
 scale of them also wanted
 the attack, if made at
 all, the made on the
 point & rest on the flank.
 It was Jack's decision
 to make it on the flank.
 The time was given to Jack
 & then to be used. Box
 At this time, Box

publications. Old Dods
 is a very broad minded
 & far seeing in these matters.
 The money for the models
 will come out of a
 military training vote
 (which is the only way,
 we shall get it - we
 can get it now but after
 the war we never should
 & it will make all the
 difference to our Museum -
 Anderson & Sullatt
 Mr. Dyson & I & many others
 agree that this is what we found
 most interesting in the
 museums connected with
 war which we have

The Army doesn't get
 town water and good
 help for them.
 The cars got them, as
 French cars do, and
 French cars face. They
 will never drive slowly.
 On the way back he had to
 follow in the wake of Lt. George
 - who would not permit
 less 20 miles an hour.
 Lt. George stopped at Beaumont's
 to see the Collector & by
 managed to give him the
 slip there - Bill says to
 the chauffeur of the chauffeur
 stopped round another
 way, toward Chamonix
 in days -
 further is by the way.

visited especially as
 youngsters - Jack & I
 had ~~our~~ ourselves photographed
 together for him to
 take out to Mother &
 Father. One doesn't like
 being ~~made~~ posed - but
 the little old English
 photographer opposite
 Charny X Station was
 so pathetically earnest
 that we could not refuse
 to do as he told us.

When we turned up at
 the train at Charny X by
 which I was to return to
 France Box Murdoch &
 Eilmow were there but ~~not~~

Billy went up to Creay
& got there after midnight
(Abbeville was being bombed)
& they met two British
officers with cars with
numerous headlights,
each officer with a
W.A.C. in his car -
they asked these officers
how they were (the W.A.C.s
spending their time trying
to hide their faces, so
Bert said). Billy was
in the same spirit
all time - ~~remembering~~
cheerful - probably he
didn't know the number.
They got a crew & found

Murdoch told me ^{Hughes} ~~that~~
was not coming to the
front today but starting
on Saturday instead of
going straight to Paris.
A sudden war cabinet
had been called - so the
party was to go without Hughes.
Murdoch & Filmore also
were staying behind. Billy
told me that he wanted
another account written
of what the Australians had
done - as a matter of
fact I have one ready.

waved good bye to
Jock - & had lunch with
the others in the train.

conjectures it happened
 something of sort occurred
 certainly; because Billy
 suddenly informed party
 that they were going to
 the Army Hq. No. 1
 where were ST. Army
 Hq. No. 2? No one knows
 except the R.T.O. at
 Duple withed Army.
 There is only one car but
 in Duple officials or else
 someone from Embassy
 solved problem by
 putting Billy party in
 1 first French car
 headed for the typists
 clerks of U.S. party party.

Box, Newton Moore,
 & three Scottish & English
 journalists are crossing
 (Wills of the Graphic, Wilson
 of some Scottish paper & one
 other (a Scotoman) whose name I forget).
 We stayed the night at
 Boulogne though it seemed
 a great waste of time.
 Oct 11. Friday. Started
 early with the three cars
 (mine & two from S.H.A.) in
 order to reach the front
 if possible near Bohain
 where the American division
 who replaced us, & the
 British, are getting into

What are you going to do?
 he pretty sd: "are you
 coming to Venonville with
 no straight away, you will
 have to go straight there
 in order to be in time
 for 1 meeting."
 Billy read out ^{from K. George's}
 time like a flash the
 inference to be was not
 corrects - & that came
 the straight cannot
 independence at the
 man of the shows at all
 monuments. "It No" - to
 sd - "I'm going to Binkard"
 I don't want to go to Venonville.
 That is how Box

Country inhabited by
 French civilians. Moore
 was anxious to get to the
 Cateau (which has been
 passed) but this is off our
 old Australian front. The
 two G.H.Q. cars had constant
 breakdowns & 'Boddy's'
 I came to the conclusion
 that their two drivers were
 not playing the game -
 that they made the most
 of a breakdown in order
 to avoid work.

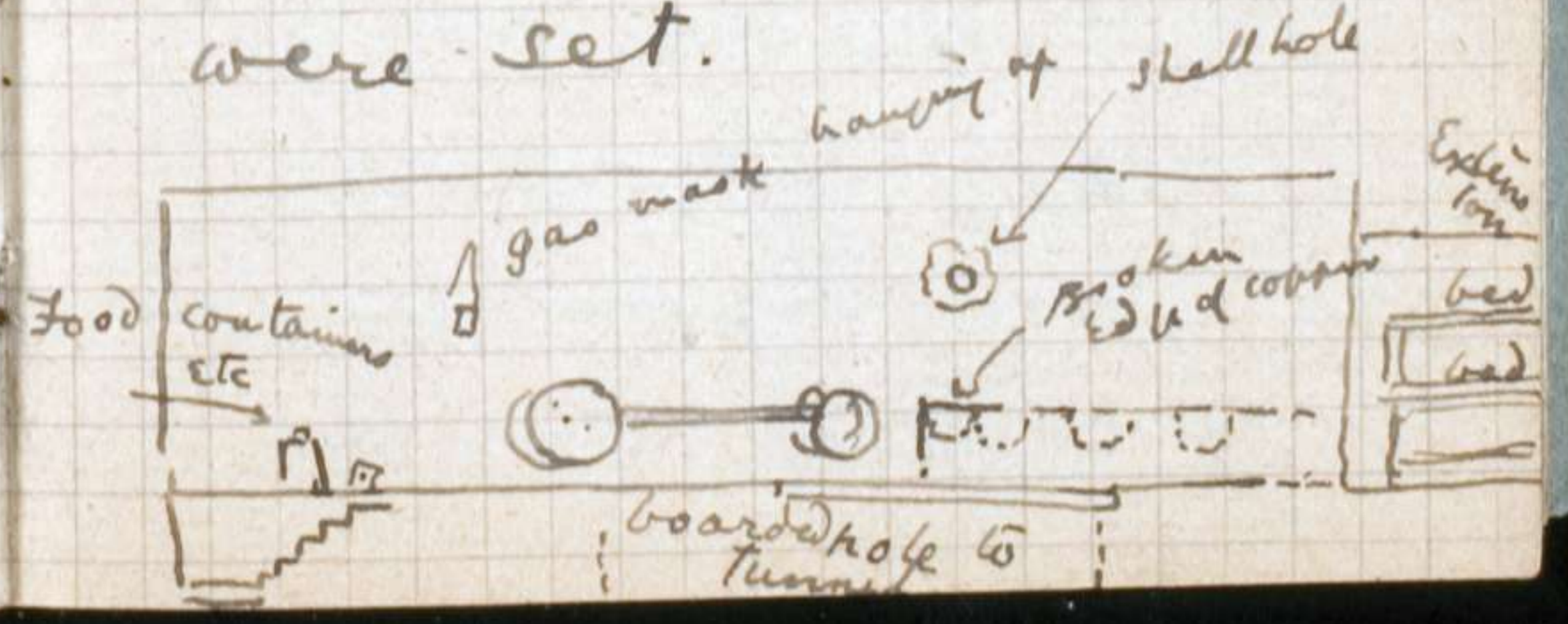
Breakfast at Tete de
 Boeuf, Abbeville -
 apparently just newly
 reopened - the German

morning of going over
 at Box + smart, who seen
 an empty camp, even knew
 of the special train for K. Boys
 from Victoria - Billy's
 announced that he was going
 by it - talk arrangements
 had to be completely upset
 in middle of morning.
 McKillop & Brian were
 with us so was George Hays.
 (I came over by staff
 from above as Billy was
 at Boulogne).
 On way over, at some
 point, so Box told me -
 probably on foot to Dieppe -
 all. Story must have spoken
 & Billy, who told "well now,

air-bombs have badly knocked
 about that corner of Abbeville
 where the houses are very
 old. One car had broken down
 & so the 5 of us came on in
 my car to Amiens (where the
 people are getting back
 in numbers) & to Peronne
 by lunch time. We made
 a late start after lunch,
 as Moore arrived late. I
 visited the Hindenburg line
 & Canal tunnel. We went
 to the Chamber of Horrors
 - still smelling sickly though
 the bodies have been removed
 10 days; & I brought back
 from there a food container

was to be at this point
 - and meeting. But Lloyd
 says didn't want him to
 be there - probably some of
 the great representatives
 did - my wants to talk
 this over amongst themselves
 about - the Dominion
 Prime Minister of the
 called in to a late sitting
 then business list not so
 critical. Hughes knew
 it Lloyd says was going over
 by a special train. But
 in order not to lose a chance
 Hughes himself arranged to go
 over by / staff train. It
 but only actually on / ~~train~~

- one of about a dozen -
 showing that the place was a
 kitchen; also it had been
 pierced by a fragment of
 the shell which killed the
 Germans. My previous
 description of the place is,
 correct except that there
 were three coppers & the
 table which I had thought
 to be standing there was
 part of the cemented slab
 in which the coppers
 were set.



under 1 Venardillo
Council. Any
really important matters
Action has to be sanctioned
by them. A big offensive was
contingent with the intention
without their permission,
Box dep. The council
at Venardillo in July was
called very suddenly.
It was called at request
of Jack who said that
not sit still any longer &
simply let Germans attack
them but he said leave to
attack or something was
Spring & breakfast.
Hayles very much

Returned & had dinner
with the visitors. After dinner
back to our home in the
ruins of Barleux - where
Bill Dyson for a month or
more has had his studio
in an old repaired hut, &
we our camp in the old
wooden ^{German} dressing station.
Not a bad home except for
the flies (the result of German
horse-standing nearby) &
the fleas from William's German
dog - a German messenger
~~carrier~~-dog which he
adopted & which is devotedly
attached to him.

Sat. Oct 12th

Came down in ~~the~~^{my} car
with Box & Sir Newton Moore
to Paris; the lorry had
arrived to take our camp
belongings to Eu or
wherever the Corps is
going to find room for us.
The camp is to move on
in charge of Crawford &
Scott; a Dyson is staying a
day or two with Wilkins
till Wilkins completes his
photos of the Hindenburg
line & the artillery etc.
I asked him to get the
artillery at all costs. It
may not be in for long.

he sd, when Paris is
at 1 dep'to of it
depression.
He ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{is} ~~smaller~~
of 1 conference. There
is 1 German, the rest
General staff finally
with a political
section from the country
from G.H.Q. (The Kaiser
being C-in-C. had the
political section at the
type in 1 field with under
I influence of Kuntze
(I don't know whether
it is actual under Kuntze)
or under (Kuntze only) -
The allies keep their
General staff very firmly

Billy likes to get these
speeches as a basis
for his own - & give him
ideas. That is all the
case from first to the end
& this. I have ~~not~~ got
Munster & Co. I have
I original for the war here -
- term. The speech was
ready at 7.30 pm
When we went out to
dinner.

The Venetian trip
in afternoon is a must
glorious one. Box stopped
at Venetian during the
July conference - back
back camp ~~any more~~,

& it may never fire
another shot after it comes
out.

At Amiens Cudge
told us that the opinion at
9.14.18 was that the war
would not last more
than three weeks longer.
They seemed confident, he
sd. of peace within 3 weeks.

Hair today has published
an exhortation to the troops
to disregard this talk of
peace as dangerous. The
present is the moment,
he says, for the most
intensive & unceasing
effort. One is inclined to be

Keith Murdoch wrote
Billy a very good speech
on those lines - with
a really fine copy sent.
I wonder what I'll do
sitting there w/ his pipe
in his mouth, hammering
out on his old Empire
typewriter a succession of
powerful paragraphs.
Billy cut a speech
to Stargo. He talks
all a beginning of it
(talks out much, treat)
& left a card. That is
intellectual language, so
Dean says - he gets this
of talking it by himself.
he was both King & J.

a little jealous for our
troops being out of it -
still, they had done their
bit if ever anyone did,
& they must have their rest.
Anyway, they were pretty
well played out - with
battalions getting down to
150 strong, or so, the end
has to come.

(7) [The Canadians have
had heavier losses I
fancy. James told me that
they had lost 40,000
apart from the taking of Cambrai.
I don't know what
our loss has been.]

came back with sticks
& set to work to look
me - saying, when
you begin to feel that
you are getting eyes & me
~~you~~ I come to you &
say "Well, 'd' it's out
of you will let me go
quickly - I will point
just as I come, want
make any funds" -
What would you
say to me? You'd say
Yes but how about my
wife my daughter? how
about my nose my
face? How about my
sweater & my furniture?

Hotel Crillon before
we did - beat us by
about 10 minutes.
Stuppes was late for his
appointment with the
French President, Mons.
Poincaré - to receive from
him the Grand Cross of the
Legion of Honour. But he
went off at once - at
5.30 p.m. The President
received him & made
him a speech congratulating
him upon what the
Australian troops had
done in the war, & conferred
the Cross upon him.
I had a room with Box-

in order to save Paris
 existence as units of the
 A.I.F.
 Hughes told me at
 same time what he thought
 of his own tenure & I remember
 reply. "Work here - support
 I go to your house and
 day & break it open, &
 smash all the furniture,
 & rape your wife & daughter,
 & make a heap of your
 belongings & set fire to them
 & break your nose &
 black your eyes & scatter
 your face - & then you
 go away & get away or
 fear of your friends &

the hotel being very full.
 Murdoch, and not Box, is Hughes
 chief confidant & adviser,
 though Box is very much
 in his confidence also.
 At dinner we had
 the three leading English,
 or British journalists in
 Paris - Adams of the
 "London Times"; Jerome of
 the "Daily Telegraph"; &
 Bruce of Reuters. They
 were very much disturbed
 - as was Hughes - by the pro-
 -bable answer of Pres. Wilson
 to the German appeal for
 an armistice. The Germans

A story myself -
I think the question
to speak of his decision
to stay for Peace Conference.
It might be 1st of Jan,
Politics, in Australia,
but he was taking
Chance.
Murdock had a
good talk to him on
how to do it. Murdock
thinks it is much
is not really 1st of Jan
1st of Jan - 1st of Jan
not white; he says.
I know he is thinking of
Murdock's relation to
1st of Jan is not white

appealed to him on his
14 points & subsequent
speeches. He answered that
he wanted to know who
the German Government
spoke for - & that it
was impossible to speak
of armistice so long as
they were on French &
Belgian territory. We got
this reply on the day that
I returned to France, Oct 10.
The papers ^{today} yesterday hinted
that Germans wd accept
these conditions. Hughes
is tremendously anxious
to ensure that Wilson shd

labeled the force in an
international appearance (in
Australia in 1900). Do
you think he is human
and to really ~~the~~
be changed as
responsibility of
the future of the world
reparation. I think
has a dream / scheme
But I think I ought
to be in order to
see that it is carried out
regard to interests of
men - it is after I
intend to do. I propose
to plan - some financial
outlet to be here - of interest

be stiffened up in his
attitude. It is a tragedy
if Wilson makes a weak
showing now, he says - this
schoolmaster, this theorist,
who has not the experience
of an actual international,
dealings that we have, whose
people has not undergone even in
the appreciate the sacrifice
that our little Australian
people has undergone;
who has not suffered under
the direct smashing brutal
blows of the German Kultur
as the French & Belgians
have - that he should

an opportunity of judging
Roosevelt & Bismarck.
"Bismarck is a man I
rather like with. He is
a man of kindness - a
man who thinks of others."
Kidd. "Roosevelt is a
far more capable man
- to have a habit, but
he is out for himself -
he is thinking of himself all
the time; like a Jew, Sheng,
... & so on. "Do you think
he has the kindness,
and humanity in his
nature to deal us men
at a fair like this? He
takes. "You see, he has

come in just when the
tide has turned after four
terrible years & undertake
the management of our
case & give it away for
us - this has roused
Hughes to a maximum of
indignation & energy.
France is the country to
act, he says. The protest
of Great Britain would
not go far in America
because America is
prejudiced against Britain,
but the protest of France
would at this moment
effect anything - even
separate the American

Cato Trophic.
 Billy says to the
 members in England. Billy
 has told him that the
 must be brought out
 line by Oct 15 & M had
 hurried over to the
 it is out by O.D. 75.
 Harold claims credit
 of the bringing out of
 Corps, but Stephen tells
 me that it was his own
 work really - & Stephen
 him. John and I have
 done it over in the
 it but for him.
 Billy said he had

people from their President,
 if necessary. Therefore he
 proposed to the English presence
 here to strike at once, while
 the iron was hot. Now,
 Clemenceau ~~was~~ ^{is} away
 as usual, we believe -
 or will be tomorrow. But
 this news will surely bring
 him back - if the German
 reply is an acceptance.
 And Stuppo wants to get
 Clemenceau to make a
 statement which will go to
 America & make certain
 that the President does not
 tamely accept the German
~~offer~~ offer & allow the
 Germans to get quietly out

works rather than accept
 / solution for which he
 was asked.
 Billy Hughes had
 talk with the morning
 in at 9 o'clock in a
 it was all important to
 get some plan of preparation
 (Box calls is demobilization
 - it is ~~not~~ both, really, -
 inextricably involved in
 back of the) drawn up by
 the A.I.F. at the London
 possible moment - but
 known in change - (Bridgman)
 is not the man for it at
 all. It was urgent, I say,
 if they didn't want a

of France & Belgium when
 (as he believes) their armies
 are within an ace of disaster.
 The position is this so
 Murdoch tells me: that
 Turkey - if this respite had
 not been given to her - wd
 have made peace on Tuesday
 next; & that Austria wd
 have followed two days
 later. And Germany has
 only taken 1 step she has
 taken because Austria &
 Turkey told her & if she did
 not then they wd make
 a separate peace. Bay
 Hughes way of thinking, Pres.
 Wilson, by his weak terms

Commission - he is
 by living in little things
 have kept it 4 years
 ago. four years ago
 Edward first opened them
 a mixed Commission -
 but we have from peace
 or an honorable solution
 it would exactly do it
 could today. The Kaiser
 had chosen to reject it -
 In stead he deliberately
 appeals to his army
 Shierke as the author -
 deliberately through the war
 in four years of war fills
 back to the brain with nearly
 inevitable horrors - he thrust
 that unthinkt misery upon

hinted at in his ^{reply} -
 has kept Austria Turkey
 & Germany together at this
 moment when they would
 have been separated.
 Hughes is convinced that
 we have got the Germans
 beaten - that we are
 on the edge of a certain
 & overwhelming victory.
 And by allowing Pres. Wilson
 to act as if he had the
 authority of the whole of us
 we are running the risk of
 being robbed of our
 victory by a visionary, a
 theorist, an impractical
 new-sprung statesman unversed

tomorrow. Bill asks
 Murdoch that he's got
 knock out something for
 him on 1 line at the
 suggests. But old Keith
 is clearly anxious to
 do it by himself. He
 had nearly finished it
 when we got back; so
 I think's very useful
 -ence to me or the
 suggestions. It struck me
 at one point as
 he the 1st Kaiser was asking
 now for a mixed commission
 It was well, at the moment
 to remember that Kaiser
 have had his quick

in the bitter school in
 which we have learnt.
 I went for a walk with
 Bob & Murdoch tonight,
 last thing; we walked
 up ^{towards} the Champs Elysees till
 Murdoch & I suddenly
 collapsed & fell on our
 noses over the low wire
 border of the grass plots in
 the dark. It was an
 interesting walk.
 Murdoch said the
 answer of Wilson had been
 discussed in 1 Imp. War
 Cabinet; no statement had
 been made upon it by any
 of allies publicly - no
 comment; Lloyd George

in fact we were outlooking.
This is a struggle in fact we
are all fighting in our own
way & have certain of
suffered no doubt & follow it
sort of "affecting" I think
it is the dead who rise up
between the survivors & any
sort of backsliding or
such as that follows
Relief of "affecting".
This afternoon we
got to Booth in the old
and spoke to Vankell to
take us for a drive to
Venailles with Murch
Stung behind to compare
Billy's speech at the luncheon

we asked what would be the
position of allies if Germany
accepted. "well - I cannot
see that we can do anything else
but stand by Woodrow Wilson,"
he said - "we shall have
to accept & stand by what
he says. There seems to be no
alternative" - or words
to that effect.

The alternative is
of course to hammer &
~~beat~~ Germans for all
we are worth & try to
smash them (as Hughes
expects) while terms are
still unfixed. After a German
reply there will be an

And it looks like it.
There is every little streak
in Paris. People are
interested in newspapers
- but so much ^{or more} to see what
I am sure have done - well
So much to see German
reply. Loan 1 ka few
have been taken, but then
is no rejoicing in Paris.
I get news here (believe)
that French will remain
So calm at a moment
Such as this - but
currents which are flowing
in the war are too deep
for the sort of superficial
expression which they need
to obtain in 1 hour war.
That was more like a game

American reply, presumably
& perhaps another German
reply after that. In any
case Foch will be called on
to fix the terms of armistice -
an armistice is a
military agreement &
Pres. Wilson can surely not
undertake to remove this from
the hands of an army command-
er & fix it over his head.
This gives at least three weeks
& it should be possible for
the allies to get Turkey &
Austria out of war in
the time.

Hughes was asked whether
if it were necessary to make
a big push - he wd consent to

Phillip says. There is
no fear of what Jack
will do. He will see it
and that's another
point in no good a point
if there were to continue
after a certain position
of anything. That is his
absolute responsibility
right.
The papers show
that the German reply
has been received in America
- or at any rate has been
published. It does
accept Wilson's terms.
"All over, for the showing"
said Box.

the Australian divisions
being used. He said that
if there were a prospect
of their being necessary for
a decisive blow - he would.
But he laid it down as
absolutely necessary that they
should have at least a
month's rest. The 1st
& 4th Divs, of course,
have had about nearly
a month's rest.

I thought this was right.
Box thought it would be a
very great shame if the
divisions were called back
to fight again this year
- (Every one that one comes

determined him in
 last words - so.
 further says that
 the French part has
 already made up
 its mind about
 armistice: it is
 intention is that
 is to be a matter for
 Jack - the C. C.
 that is the attitude.
 Also I think of
 armistice seem to have
 in the course of it
 as far as French
 position with them
 - they are alright, so

across, French, English,
 American, admits that
 they have deserved their
 rest indeed).

~~Doupi has been taken
 by British.~~

~~Oct 13th Sunday:~~

Hughes intends to busy
 himself tomorrow morning
 getting this statement from
 Clemenceau. "It is not
 I who am going to speak it
 - it is someone else" he
 told the three pressmen. And
 they were to come tomorrow
 & get it or find out if it had
 been obtained. But Hughes also

Pickon, The British
Foreign Minister - a
rich man of not very
great account - now
except Clemenceau
seems to count in
French ministry.
Pickon not among
a lunch with Mr. Pickon
Generals (Pickon) at
Lth. Hughes was anxious
to speak - Hughes lunch
at Embassy
"Pickon" - he sd, speaking
his slender tone of
English pronunciation - "Pickon"
- Oh his name -
he went do anything!

wanted to make a
speech himself. He wanted
to jump right in on some
subject. Murdoch advised
him not to do this - The
reason why Hughes wanted
to make this other speech
was in order to obtain
or strengthen his standing
w a view to getting a
place at the Peace Conference.
He is utterly against
Australia going unrepresented
there - & yet it will be
very very difficult to make
a place. There might be
one representative of the
Dominions at the Peace

Oct 18 Sunday
Box 2 of 1st
breakfast in our bedroom?
in (write in case
Millet (I don't know if
he speaks it so or Miller
(or how) of the French
framing of marine
- a most intelligent
shot, formerly a
journalist, who speaks
English perfectly. He was
formerly secretary to
something or other to

States with a view to
letting French undertake
their need for representation

Conference; but Canada
wd not allow Hughes to
stand for her. Canada has
no one here. The only
man on the spot is Smuts
& British Govt is almost
certain to suggest Smuts
as the representative of
Dominions.

Hughes is determined
to stay. He will combine
the Peace Conference with
the necessity for an Australian
representative of Strong
influence to back her in
the Repatriation of the A.I.F.
For ~~all~~ these reasons
Hughes wants to make his

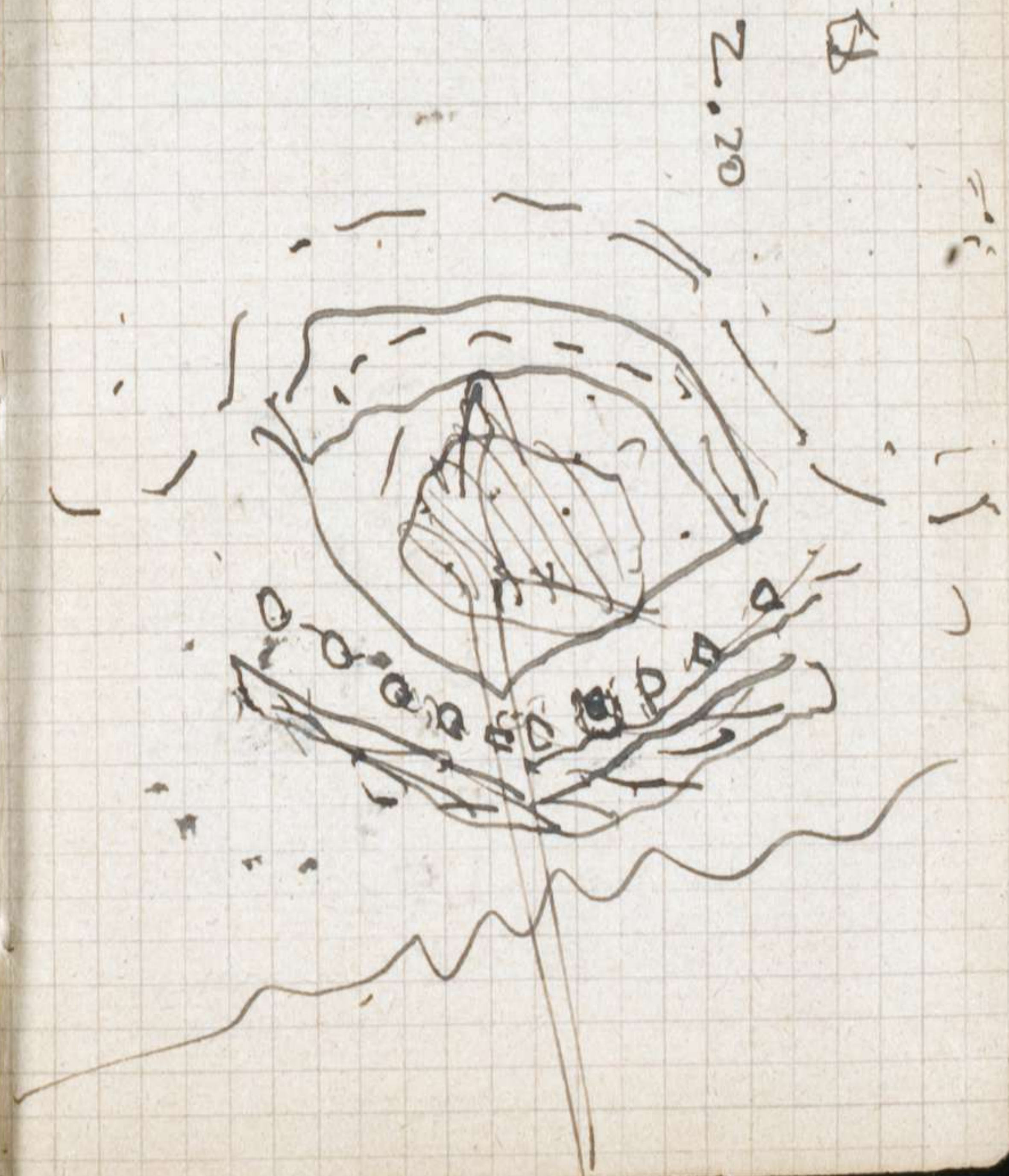
room for a mistake
I shd say the Hygiea at war
So every in his speak the
went all out for democracy
- that and help & keep
the English socialists in
is him - Box is afraid
of Smilie & his sort.
Murdock says it is not
make any difference
to Smilie when they
got a democratic program
out at war or not
- he is not sure. Murdock
wants Hygiea to explain to
I trust people what
British Empire is - how
the dominions are signed

voire heard.

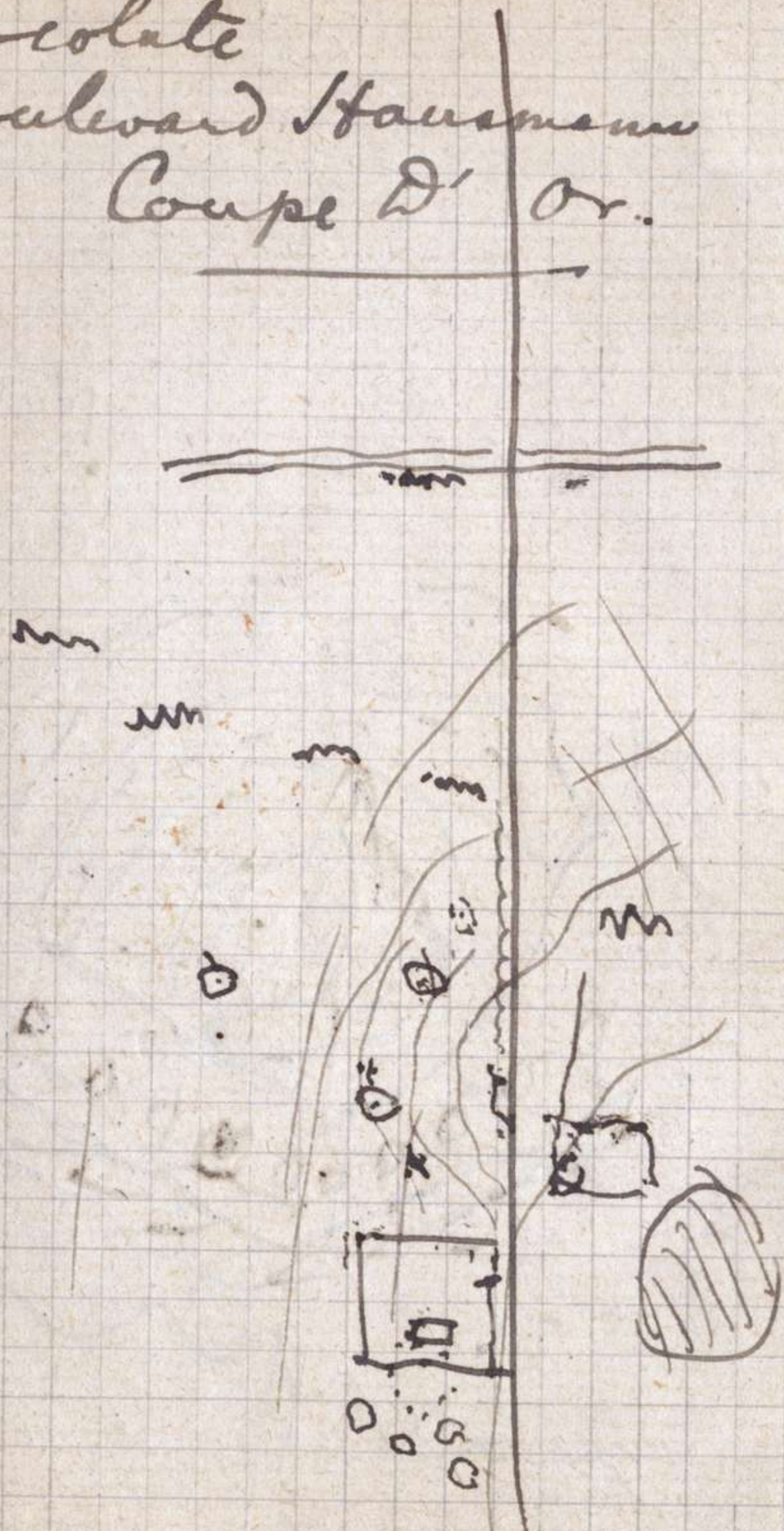
Murdock is against
his appearing to attack or
interfere w Wilson.
It seems to me to Wilson's
answer leaves a great
deal of room for conjecture
& it is quite possible
that within 1 month of it,
Wilson may really intend
to ask for all 1 terms that
we want. His question
to ~~Germany~~ ^{The Kaiser}: "Who do you
represent?" really involves
an answer giving us all
that we are fighting for in 1
war. It is unthinkable to
Wilson can merely take 1

What I suppose will be,
when I election will be,
What the Executive would
act on (the authority of
the Kaiser or of the
Reichstag or what) it
shows the ministers and
be responsible - the
actual form of a coalition
- The sections & classes
settled by law - before
he have away our
present making arrangements
in an armistice. You
can't fight 4 years of
terrible war & then give
away / result of being
the people or by leaving

Kaisers word that he has
revolutionised his government
& Constitution - the Kaisers
Government's word is not worth
that of a Jew pedlar, after the
peace of Brest Litovsk. The
Germans obtained that
armistice on 1 ground of
No annexation, no
indemnities - & when they
had Russia disarmed they
took both - as much as
they could get of them. No one
trust the German official
word for ten minutes today
Wilson would surely have
to ask what exact form
the constitution would take,



Chocolate
Boulevard Hausmann
Coupe D' Or.



~~Journal~~
CASH ACCOUNT—November

DATE.	PARTICULARS.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
	Widgewater		
	Glastonbury		
	Hinton		
	Avon		
	Tournemoute		30
	Finchhead - S of England	3000	1/1
	Linton		
	Southend.		6-7000
	Andover		Cont. ship
	Cambridge		
	Oxford.		3000
	Trooper D.A. Fraser, No. 862.	40 Lt.	
	Brother of Mrs Vincent of Dunlop.	1st Regt.	
	Miss Wilmet, Kelvin,		
	Balaclava Rd, Canfield		
	A. Cairns Survey Dept. G. G. G.		
	Phyllis: Mrs R.S. Morris		
	Tsingalla		
	Ceylon.		

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CASH ACCOUNT—October

DATE.	PARTICULARS.	RECEIVED.	PAID
	Breeches	2 16 0	
	St coat	3 5 0	
	1 shirt	12 3	
	Tie	2 0	
	Collars	3 4	
	2 shirt	12 0	

My bronze statuette
 for ~~£~~ worth at least £10
 (bought Jan. 27. 1915 at Cairo)
 from R. H. Blanchard, Sharia Kamel
 came from collection of M. ^{an} _{Shepherd}
 Fouquet. & dates prob.
 between 100 B.C. & 100 A.D.

The little blue answerer
 is prob. 18th Dynasty - 1310
 B.C.
 (given me by Mr Hornblower)

