

YOUNGUN IS Andrew Balneaves
"DOUGH(Y) IS John Balneaves
"DOE I"

COPY OF ENTRIES IN DIARY FROM 1/1/1918
TO THE END OF 1918.
16585 Pte WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

MUM's Brothers.
"HARRY & SANDY, DAD'S Brothers"

an 1. Walker Camp. Belguim.
old morning, Paraded to dentist to get
ooth filled. Struck a fat dentist, very
ood and got word when got back to camp
hat Youngun and I had to go on leave
ext day. Had a busy time cleaning up.

an 2. Quite excited. Left camp about
.30 am with full pack for reinforce-
ent camp, called at Stores on way for
ew clothes. Arrived at R. camp and were
old we would be there for night. Drew
lankets and got into bed, just about
sleep when we were told to parade at
nce. Got dressed in record time and
ent to Poperinghe. Waited in YMCA there
ntil 1.30 am in morning.

AN 3. Left Poperinghe 1.30am.
managed to get a fairly good seat but
ery cold in train. Arrived at Calais
bout 6.0am, marched about 4 miles to
camp just in time to see a crowd
eaving for boat. Put day and night in
his camp. Food not too good, but a
ood YMCA in camp.

AN 4. Left camp 12.30am for boat.
elayed a bit an way and left Calais
2.45pm Arrived Dover 5.5pm. Waited a
hile for train and arrived in London
(Victoria station) at 7.30. Went to sol-
liers Club and booked bed and had a good
tea. Went to look Sandy up but he was
not at home or at work, so left ~~W O S D~~
for him to come round to us next morn-
ng.

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JAN 5. Out of ^h about 7 after a good
sleep. Had a good hot bath. Met
Sandy and received a letter from
Annie. Sandy had breakfast with us
and we had a stroll round to do
messages and draw some money. Sandy
left us at dinner time and Youngun
and I went out to hospital to see
Doughi. Arrive there just as he was
leaving for Brockenhurst. Went to
Paladium theatre at night and came
home to the Club for another sleep.
Having plenty to eat, sugar tea and
butter scarce in London.
Sandy, Youngun and I went to Oxford
Street to Flemmings for tea and had
quite a decent meal for 2/3 each.

JAN 6. National day of Prayer.
Sandy, Youngun and I went out to the
East End to the slums and through
Chinatown but everything very quiet
Sandy left us again at dinner time
to go and see his young lady. Youngun
and I had two dinners this day and
then I wrote a letter. Left ST. Pank-
hurst station for Dundee 8.45pm.
Raining when we left London.

JAN 7. Arrived Dundee at 9.30am
afetr a good trip in the train. Slept
nearly all the way. Had some Tommies
company part of the way. Had a wash
after leaving the train and went into
a shop for what we thought was a tart
The Scotch called it a bridie, and
we had one and a good cup of tea.
We then got a car for Broty Ferry
and enquired where Mrs Mitchell lived

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Had no trouble finding it and gave them a surprise. We were soon made quite at home and in the afternoon Dorothy, Youngun and I went to the pictures. When we came out it was snowing and very cold. Had a good bed and a hot water bottle. (Trey Bon).

JAN 8. Out of bed at 9.30 am. Very very cold day. Youngun and I had a walk round Broty Ferry but did not stay out long. It was too cold. Went out to a party at night. Dancing and games. Had a good time but could not do much dancing in big boots. Coldest day I have ever felt.

JAN 9. Out of bed about ten, had breakfast and went for a walk with Mrs Mitchell. Visited the cemetery to see May Mitchell's grave. May had been a great favourite with everybody. Afternoon, went in to Dundee had a look through museum and had tea in shop Annie's father worked in, in years gone by. Party at Mitchells at night. Had a real good time. Met a few more people. Had wire, Doie coming tomorrow.

JAN 10. Up at 5.30am to meet train with Doie on board, but he did not arrive. Went home for breakfast and met another train at 10.0, still no Doie. Waited till 11.30 train and he still not come. Went home for dinner and met train in afternoon, when he arrived looking fit and well. Party at friends place and had a fair time.

JAN 11. Had a good sleep and after breakfast went out to get our issue of sugar. Have no trouble getting a pound each, 3 lb in all. After dinner we went to the ice and had our first skate with ice skates on, and did well. Very like roller skating. Went to the theater to see "Old King Cole" and enjoyed it.

JAN 12. Left "Broty" about 9.0am for Balquhadlie, got as far as Forfar when porter told us that the train did not go any further so we had a look around the town and hired a car to take us to our destination where we arrived about one o'clock and sat down to a real good dinner. After dinner Uncle John took us to the curling pond and we had a curl with

on the old scotchmen. ENJOYED IT.

JAN 13. Balquhadlie covered with snow. Did not go out in the morning but went to church in the afternoon and had a look round the church yard. Talked to Uncle John and Aunt Jane and had a look at some old family photos. Aunt Jane has a photo of Annie when she was a wee girl.

JAN 14. Still snowing but cleared about 10 when we went out to shoot a hare. Both Youngun and I shot one each. Have dinner and go curling in afternoon. Met "young" game keeper who gave us permission to go anywhere and shoot anything, also lends us a gun. He came home with us to tea and was very good company. Wrote to Annie after he left at night

JAN 15. Bad weather. Wrote to Annie again in morning and started out in the snow shooting after dinner. Snow drifting and very cold. Shot two hares and one pheasant. Had good afternoon. Played cards at night. Uncle John very fond of cards.

JAN 16. Left Balquhadlie at 9.0am. Very sorry to leave. Uncle John and Aunt Jane very homely people and have given us a very good time. Hot water bottle every night. Too good for soldiers. Carry with us 2 hares and a pheasant for Aunt Elizabeth also a parcel each for ourselves from Aunt Jane, also a pair of warm slippers.

JAN 17. Arrive Broty Ferry at dinner time. Harry at Aunt Elizabeths. Have a good dinner and prepare for more skating. Go to the pond which is crowded and have a good time. Home for tea and meet a few more people and have music and games until seven o'clock when we leave for London. The crowd down at the station to see us off. Very, very sorry to leave.

JAN 18. Arrive London about eight o'clock after a very cold journey down. Could not sleep because of the cold. Had wash and went to see Sandy and get watches but shop not open. Met OWEN CAIRNS and went to see about Croxson's photos. Raining and thing very sloppy. Wakened Sandy at 4.30 and he and Youngun and I went out to tea. Got our packs out and sent

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parcels home, then Youngun and I went to the New Mexican theatre, but it was very ordinary.

JAN 19. Wakened at five (far too early) had breakfast and took the tube to Victoria station but train did not leave until eight. Arrive Dover about ten and wait on boat. Leave Dover about two and arrive Calais four fifteen. Go to number two camp and leave next morning for station at eight. A wee bit sick coming across in the boat.

JAN 20, Leave camp Calais at 8 am.

for station where we waited until dinner time for train. Had some fruit and tea from YMCA and leave about one o'clock on train. Arrive Poperinghe about 5 pm, Walk to reinforcement camp at OUDERDOME with a cold in chest.

JAN 21 Parade sick and get E.D. so do not have to join unit. Sent to Ottawa camp, 2nd Bde. school. Meet M. SINCLAIR and T. TELFER at reinforcement camp.

JAN 22, Parade sick again and get some medicine and do some fatigue work around camp. After dinner more fatigue work. Pretty easy time.

JAN 23 Parade with details and have recreational training and drill Same in afternoon, Very tame stuff.

JAN 24. Parade again with details in morning, more drill. Afternoon get ready for guard. Good guard, 2 hours on and 2 hours off. No prisoners. Write a letter to Annie.

JAN 25. Still on guard. Very fine day. Really Spring weather. Off guard at four p.m. Write again to Annie and a few more letters. Harry back from leave but did not call on us.

JAN 26. Parade with details. Rifles inspected by amouner. More recreational training in morning. shooting in afternoon. Fired five rounds, not too good. Nervous. Out on Picquet at night, but very easy affair.

JAN 27. Warned to go with musketry party YUMBRES (LUMTRES). Leave OUDERDORN 2.30 pm. Entrain but not leave until 5 pm, arrive Lumtres 12.30, get a fairly decent billet.

JAN 28. Nothing doing so Youngun and I take a walk up to the school and meet BILL DAVIS who invites us up to his hut for dinner which consisted of pork, potatoes and turnips Vry good. Invites us up for tea, which was a nice piece of steak. Shifted to another billet in afternoon.

JAN 29. Parade to rifle range and start shooting, but my shooting very poor. Home at three o'clock. Have a look round town.

JAN 30. Rifle range again and still my shooting bad. Home at 2.30 and after tea have a look through a paper mill. Quite an interesting evening. Many, what I think, improvements on machinery to our N.Z. machines.

JAN 31. Still shooting. I try Youngun's rifle and shoot well. My rifle must be defective. Home at 2.30. Have steak and chips for 2FR Bed early, weather good all week. On the mat for not shaving every day. Penalty one hours pack drill from a PIG of an OFFICER named MOORE

FEB 1. Weather misty. Parade to range but too misty to see target. Waited until 12 noon then came home and Youngun and I had a look through a lime kiln but it was not working. Plenty of Aussies about.

FEB 2. Weather good but frosty. I shoot with Youngun's rifle and do good shooting. Shoot with gas mask and get nine bulls out of ten. Moving tomorrow, weather still good.

FEB 3. Up at five. Leave LUMBRIES for ST OMER, at seven, full pack less blankets. Fine morning, going good. Arrived at St Omer at 10 am. Had a cup of tea and biscuits at Lord Robert's Church Army Hut and entrained at 12 noon and arrived at HAZE - BROOK where we changed into another train and arrived at POPERINGE at 4 pm. Marched to Ottawa camp and arrived at 6 pm to find two letters from Annie. Harry away to school at MOREBUOUE.

FEB 4. Parade with details and told will most likely be here for three weeks. Disappointed, would sooner be with Company. Walk to Walker camp to see if any mail. No luck Harry has some letters away to Morebuque.

FEB 5. Cold morning but good day. No bread issue for two days and cannot buy any from the Froggies. Pay day but drew no pay. Youngun received N.Z. mail

FEB 6. Rain through night but fine morning. Had bath and change of clothes. Wonderful weather for this time of the year. Football in afternoon, enjoyed it immensely. Wrote to Annie, Sandy and Elsie. Expect to get Annie's letter away tomorrow.

FEB 7. Raining. No parade. Lecture at nine o'clock by Lt. BUTCHER. Very interesting and sensible. Route march in afternoon but very muddy C. HENRY go on leave. Lucky begger.

FEB 8. Still raining. More lectures Met DUKE who has two parcels for Youngun and I.

FEB 9. Weather a bit rough. Have gas drill in morning then full pack inspection by the Major. Recreational traing until 2.30 pm. Met DUNCAN RANKIN in A S C canteen. Papers from home to Youngun.

FEB 10. Still a bit rainfied. Church parade. Have pass for RENINGHELST this afternoon. Walked to Reninghels and bought writing pad. Met ANGUS McIVOR and GEORGE KELK. Weather cold Got watch from Duuke who had been given it by Harry. Wrote to Annie.

FEB 11. Nothing unusual. Plenty drill. Good weather. Went to pictures at night, enjoyed them.

FEB 12. Still good weather but rain through the night. Having good food and good time generally. Walked to Transport lines for tin hat and 4BR (?) but Transport moved to CAFAY BELGSE.

FEB 13. Wet weather, lecture in morning. Go to CAFE BELLS (?) in afternoon for gear. About six kilo's. Motor lorry one way, but walk home. Wrote to Annie.

FEB 14. Bath in morning and go to Div theatre to hear a lecture on a trip from Cape to Cairo. Very interesting old man. Walked to RENINGHELST to get some milk.

FEB 15. Cold morning. Parade in the mud. Youngun not too well. Buckshee parcel, with tin sugar, coffee and tongues. Write and thanked MRS. MAIR. for buckshee parcel.

FEB 16. Frosty morning. Parade sick with sore ankle, get M D. Full kit inspection by C.O. Recreational traing in afternoon. Received from Sandy.

FEB 17. Church parade. Good frosty weather. Go to Poperinghe and buy three metres lace at 8 francs a metre for Annie. Met JOE FENTON, Younguns friend who gives us tea and 1 1/2 loaves bread and 2 tin jam.

FEB 18. Still frosty and fairly cold Harry waiting for us when we come off parade. He had been at the DRS. Registered parcel to Annie.

FEB 19. Cold morning. Harry still at Reinforcement camp. Wrote to Annie, BOB McALISTER and Aunt Jane.

FEB 20. Still frosty and misty. Company on the range but Youngun and I did not shoot. We were working on the range. Harry still at Re. camp. Buckshee parcel of biscuits.

FEB 21. Fine morning. have bath and foot treatment. Pay day. Draw fifteen francs.

FEB 22. Parade 9.30 am full pack two blankets. March Cafe Belge have dinner and march to YPRES where we arrive at 3 pm. Billet in old barracks.

FEB 23, Fine day nothing doing Leave YPRES at 6 pm in train. Arrive CAISTRE about 10.30. March to billet near HONDEGHEM and arrive at 12.30 Very tired.

FEB 24. Cleaning gear all day. Get word to shift to another billet where we arrive at 7.30pm. Go out for something, and find a place with Madame and four kids.

FEB 25. New billet fairly good. Received letter from Annie and answered it also wrote to W.TURNBULL about job in artillery. Not much drill.

FEB 26. Start work. Inspection by Major GABETIES, who seems fairly reasonable but firm. Expect letters tonight ~~No-letters~~ Get eight letters from Annie. Delighted. Two 5/- books YMCA tickets. One letter from mother and one from KATE.

FEB 27. Fine day Drill with N C O with R S M. Walk to HAZEBROUCK to see Adj Div Train about job in ASC Get a good hearing, Adj. being in N.Z., agent for Loan & Mercantile at Kurow. He lived in our old house in Kurow. Write to Annie.

FEB 28. Dandy day, sig training in morning and write to Annie in afternoon. Harry dislocated his knee at football. Bed early after finishing letter to Annie.

MARCH 1. Very cold day. Battalion parade full pack. Harry get two days E D. Received tin of chocolates from Annie and a parcel each from Aunt Jane. Go to pictures. Met BOB CAMERON.

(Was 2nd wedding ann)

MAR 2. Another very cold day and another Battln parade.

MAR 3. Church parade in Cinema. Training in Battalion. Private RODERICK of Transport shoots Lt. McLEAN, Transport officer and Captain HULL, Quartermaster and then SHOOTs himself. ALL DEAD. Write Annie.

(Hull, Hill, or Hall)

MARCH 4. Full pack parade rehearsal for inspection by General RUSSELL. Football in afternoon.

MARCH 5 Pay day. Inspection by Gen Russell. Wet afternoon. Not too fit. Touch of bellyache.

MARCH 6. Parade with Sigs in morning and in afternoon parade to see football match between 1st and 2nd Otago. Won by 1st Otago 9 to 3. Very good clean game.

MARCH 7. Parade with RSM in morning and bath in afternoon. Write to Annie and go to pictures. Weather good.

MARCH 8. Parade with RSM and write to ANNIE in afternoon. Paper from Annie.

MARCH 9. Sigs training in morning Go to football match in afternoon between Welsh and a N Z team. Welsh won by 13 to 9. Referee very funny, but best team won.

MARCH 10. Church parade in morning Go to HAZEBROUCK in afternoon. Beautiful weather, met BOB CAMERON Wrote to Annie. Start of Summer. Advanced clock one hour.

MARCH 11. Sig training in morning. Write to Mother and Kate. Weather very good. Buchshee parcels. Play cards at night.

MARCH 12. Sigs training in morning. PARADE WITH Company for open order attack in afternoon.

MARCH 13. Big stunt. Batt stunt in morning, Brigade stunt in afternoon Hazebrouck at night with Frenchie, buy writing pad, 2.50.

MARCH 14. Shift on. March off, full pack 9.30am. Arrive (rubbed out) at 3.0pm. Billet in fowl run. Fairly tired.

MAR 15. March off full pack 9.0am through ARCQUES to MOULLE. Going round ST.OMER. Arrive at 3.30 pm. Get good billet.

MAR 16. Nothing doing in morning Parade at 2.0pm to go through tear gas. Wrote to Annie.

MAR 17. Parade at 8.15am to go through chlorine gas. Church parade 2.15pm. Expect letters tonight. Write Annie. No letters. Magazine from Aunt Jane. Write Aunt Elizabeth.

MAR 18. Parade with Sigs. Home 10am Parade afternoon, do buzzer.

Told we three going to Battalion. Write Annie. Receive three letters from Annie and one from mother.

MAR 19. Shooting morning but do no good. Raining nearly all day. Stunt in afternoon. Write Annie.

MAR 20. Stunt with live ammo. Long day. Write Annie.

MAR 21. Clean range in morning. Mad minute. Get off 19 in minute. Wind up. Wild and wolly rumours flying. HUN said to have broken through. Ordered to be eardy to move at a minutes notice.

MAR 22. Up at 4.30 am go by motor lorry to HONDEGHEIM. Arrive 3.0p m Get paid. Cannot get a paper, so do not know what is doing.

MAR 23. Parade with Batt. Sigs for stunt. Weather very hot. Youngun not too well. Get letter from Walt TURNBULL. Go to cinema and Thieves very good.

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MAR 24. Parade for inspection in morning. Church parade in afternoon. Youngun away to hospital. Beautiful day.

MAR 25. Leave HONDIGHEM at 7.30 march to CASTRE, entrain and arrive at CULLY SA SOMME at 9.30. Sleep out under trees. Railway very busy carrying troops South. Meet six hospital trains with wounded. Leave our valices.

MAR 26. Leave AILH(?) SA SOMME, March through AMIENS, get lorries and arrive near COLINCAMPS have tea and march to meet the HUN. to a gap in the Lines.

MAR 27. Go into trenches, reserves for Dinks. No wires laid so go in as riflemen with machine gunners. Very wet and cold and no sleep. HUN expected to attack, but no appearance. Saw two hun prisoners.

MAR 28. Go to Company H.Q. Still raining and not much to eat. Go with rations to another platoon and get lost. Guide does not know the way. Arrive at destination covered with mud. Go to R.A.P and have a sleep.

Mar 29. Leave to relieve Dinks at ENGLEBELMAIN. Arrive at village and find potatoes. Have a real gorge of chips, very good after being so short of food. Have a real good sleep.

MAR 30. Nothing doing. have more chips. Go in to line at night. On battalion on a visual station.

Relieve 1st Canterbury..

MAR 31. Very wet but quiet. Bread, one two pound loaf to ten. One meal a day. On S O S guard. A few machine gun bullets about.

APR 1. Make tea from iron rations Bread 2 to 2g, but have some biscuits. Still one meal a day. Fairly hard times but cannot expect anything else under circumstances.

APR 2. A. BRASH wounded. Fairly quiet. Shoot at Hun planes. Bread one loaf to nine.

APR 3. Very quiet day. More shooting at aeroplanes that fly very low.

APR 4. Come out of Line into village. Feet very sore, very wet and muddy. Stay with Battalion. Out on lines.

APR 5. Still wet. Heavy bombardment Out on lines all day. Get six letters from Annie. BATT hit with shell. Shift to new posy. Get cellar to sleep in.

APRIL 6. Boil potatoes for meals. and have a good feed. Go through as Battalion SIGS. No word from Youngun

APRIL 7. Go in to Line. Heavy bombardment between eight and nine at night. Bivvy fall in on our heads at midnight. Make a new one and have a good sleep.

APRIL 8. Very wet; better food Bombardment at night.

APRIL 9. Still very wet. Very heavy bombardment. W. McALISTER very badly wounded. Think he will die. OWEN CAIRNS get a good buckshee.

APRIL 10. Very wet Fairly quiet.

APRIL 11. Fine day. Get things dry. write four letters.

APRIL 12. Fine day, not much doing. Go to MAILLY MAILLET to Canteen but nothing doing. Some shelling.

APRIL 13. Come out of Line to paddock EFCHEW (?). Get a very cold bivvy. Get letters from Annie and YMCA coupons.

APRIL 14. Nothing doing but very cold. Get more letters from Annie. and one from mother. Still no word from Youngun.

APRIL 15 Go to canteen at Bus Get some cake and chocolate. Go to ACHEW to YMCA but sold out.

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APRIL 16. Go to Stores to get address changed. Saw DUNKE also saw JACK SMITH FROM Kurow. Get some chocolate.

APRIL 17. Fine day. Write letters and have a good clean up.

APRIL 18. Fine day. HARRY go back to transport lines. Go in to Line with 14th Company. No bon. Send this back with Harry. Reach reserve Line behind COLINCAMPS. Not a bad possy.

APRIL 19. Go for water to COURCELLES Met BOB BALLOCK.

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20th JUNE then carried on
No explanation.

JUNE 20. Sig Training. Nothing much doing. Write to Annie, Mrs McGregor and mother.

JUNE 21. Sigs Training. Youngun and I go for bath. Get one letter from Annie, and one from ELSE, and also one from Mrs MARR Waikaka.

JUNE 22. Went to AUTHIE in morning Had tin peaches. Tried to get my watch fixed but no luck. Met BOB CAMERON. Moved to Purple Line at 5pm Youngun and I get bivvy by ourselves Not much sleep. Our guns very active.

JUNE 23. Div sports near ST LEGER Youngun would not get out of bed to go. Met quite a lot.

June 23 Cont. JOE and BILL not in attendance. Had pears and cream for tea, Received three letters from Annie and one from mother.

JUNE 24, IN bed until 11 am. Played cards and wrote to Annie in afternoon. JACK GRIERSON visited us at night.

JUNE 25. Gas guard from 3 til 6 in morning. Nearly hit by own premature burst. Two pellets hit within a yard of me.

JUNE 26. Youngun go to 10th Coy. Sorry, Having good time here. Write to Annie.

JUNE 27. Write long letter to Annie JACK GRIERSON visited me, also HARRY

JUNE 28. Gas drill an hour in afternoon. Write letter with helmit on to Elsie.

JUNE 29. Brekfast in bed. Go round Companies. Write Annie. Canteen evening. Meet Youngun and Harry. Shooting competition won by a batmar HUN bombard at night. Saw YANKS.

JUNE 30. Out bed 9.30. Write Annie and Jane. Practice Fuller phone, in to BERTRANCOURT for water. Get a few white red currants and some roses. Go canteen and YMCA. BILL and JOE at AUTHIE. Hun planes bombing in vicinity at night.

JULY 1. Very warm day. BERTRAN-COURT for bath. No change. Write Annie. HUGH McCULLY. See JACK SMITH and BOB CAMERON. Heavy bomb on right.

JULY 2. Write Annie. Show poker for early releif so have to stay withT Lamb who also lost. Show Lanc Fusileers over lines. Go for bath at Bertrancourt. Leave Windmill at 9 for ROSSIGNAL FARM. Arrive about ten. Youngun, who had left early has the bed made.

JULY 3. Nothing doing. Go for bath in morning. Get change clothing. See BILL PEARSON Meet Frier. Go on shift. Write Annie.. Get about 4 hours sleep. Letter from Aunt Jane.

JULY 4. On shift 12 to 2. Have talk to LES WALKER. Go to pictures in evening. Very good and very funny.. Saw row in 'two up' ring over a two headed penny.

JULY 5. Sigs training in morning bath afternoon. Get parcel from Annie, and Kate. Write Annie.

JULY 6; Sigs training in morning. Watch cricket match in afternoon. Great fun watching Maoris cheating with double headed pennies at 2 up. Very good weather.

JULY 7. Church parade. Detailed to take boxes for table for Parson, out to paddock. Whisky boxes, and straw envelopes drop out in front of crowd. Very hot day. Write Annie.

JULY 8. Sigs training in morning. Harry get teeth out. Go with BOB and Sgt EDWARDS to Reserve Line near GOMMECOURT. Home tired. On shift at six.

JULY 9. Write Annie while on shift. in morning. Go to pictures in after noon. Leave for trenches in evening. Guide our Company. Hun plane burn our balloon. Get place to sleep in tunnel. Very cold about 50 feet under the ground. Raining slightly.

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JULY 10. Write Annie. In bed until twelve. Go to 10th Coy. After dinner go out on line to 19th. Carry water for cook, Play cards with Youngun. Harry gums very sore. Showery.

JULY 11. Write Annie. In bed all morning. Youngun and I salvage wire Find a small pineapple dump. Meet BOB CAMERON. Thunderstorm just after tea. No mail yet but cobbers get N.Z. letters. Expect some to morrow.

JULY 12. Up at dinner time, have shave. Go to see Bob Cameron. Youngun, Harry and I salvage. Get four letters from Annie, one from Elsie and one from Kate. Also one from BOB McLISTER. A little dissatisfied with letters, but only my own selfishness. Write Annie.

JULY 13. Up just before dinner Have a hunt for fire wood. Harry away to see dentist. Chop firewood. Fine day again. Salvage wire. Find old boot with skeleton foot in it. Write Annie.

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JULY 14. Harry away to doctors for three days. look for firewood. Writ Annie. Letter from Sandy. Write him and Kate. Dinks do stunt - 33 prisoners.. Canterbury ditto - no prisoners.

JULY 16. Up late. Get wood. Write Annie. Have bath in shell hole. Duff for dinner. Guns active. Rain in morning. Very hot afternoon.

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JULY 14. Harry away to Drs for 3 days. His jaw is slightly septic. Get photo of bivvy ^{at} INGLEBELMAR Harry get parcel from mother, socks handkerchiefs and sweets. Write Annie, send photo to Annie.

JULY 15. UP AT TEN, GAS DRILL $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Look for firewood. Write to Annie. Letter from Sandy, write him and Kate. DINKS do stunt, 33 prisoners, Canterbury ditto, no prisoners.

JULY 16. Up late. Get wood. Write Annie. Have bath in shell hole. Duff for dinner. Guns active, rain in morning, very hot afternoon.

JULY 17. Write Annie. Shift up to Line. Weather muggy. Get bed in dug-out. Very ^{Hot} Harry arrive back.

JULY 18. Up early. Not too well. Too much dugout. Reel in wire, carry it to new posy. Go up to front Line, visit all companies. Youngun and Harry make bivvy for three while away. Help to finish it, very good posie. Weather good. Youngun get parcel, mostly eatables Get letter from Aunt Elizabeth.

JULY 19. Guns active through night ~~Not~~ much sleep. Weather good. Fix lamp on tree. Write Annie and Elsie Heavy bombardment on our right. Go to Brigade for wire.

JULY 20. HUN withdraws about 500-800 yards. Very busy. Take wire to W. D. Get wet. Go to Brigade with Youngun for wire. Harry and Youngun take wire to foreward post. Two Companys advance and occupy ground left by HUN. Harry & Youngun man the foreward Sig station. They have a rough spin. Get letter from Aunt JANE. Troops advance through ROSIGNAL WOOD. Take three prisoners

JULY 21. Still busy. Go to Brigade for ~~more~~ wire. Shift to new GHQ. Have three trips. Plenty shelling, Harry and Youngun rejoin from F/S very tired. Harry get parcel from home - eatables.

JULY 22. Out at four to mend wire. Fairly lively. Harry & Youngun go to lay wire forward. Silly idea but Orders. Write Annie. Go up to wood to lay line up railway sap. Sgt. WILSON died from bleeding. SMITHY and I found him but too late to save him. Home late very tired. Saw lot dead Huns. Wood an awful place. Two bombing sections to advance on the Hun tomorrow.

JULY 23. Go again through Wood to lay and loop wire. Home at half past eight. Go with Youngun to cook-house. Get wet through. Rain in trenches. Trenches very muddy, Stunt postponed.

JULY 24. Very busy, Youngun and I patrol line in Wood. Plenty breaks. Home late for dinner but get line good. Stunt at five. All objectives captured. Three prisoners so far. One a boy who cried when he was searched. Harry and Smithy on lines forward. Shelling heavy. One prisoner a big Dutchman. No time to write. Harry out until after midnight.

JULY 25. Youngun and I go up thru Wood on lines and find Signaller with wire on wrong terminal. Go back over loop. Late for breakfast Hun bombard very heavily. Prepare to leave, change over with Dinks. Bombard by Hun again at quarter to seven. Hun attacked at seven but was severly thrashed. Not a Hun escaping. Thirty odd prisoners taken by 2nd Otago. Leave trenches and get a ride to ROSIGNAL FARM. Make tea for all hands when they arrive. Harry and Youngun arrived at 2.0am 26th. DICK TRAVIS KILLED. Divisional regret. Yanks go in with Dinks. Good stamp of men.

JULY 26. Waken at nine for breakfast Very tired. Go to sleep again until dinner time, afterwards have good bath. DICK TRAVIS funeral. Raining heavily. Plenty Yanks about. Very tired. Goto bed early. See FRIER SMITH.

JULY 27. Write Annie and Sandy also Aunt Jane. Youngun and I go to canteen, get paper, also wet through Weather thundery.

JULY 28. Write Annie. Dodge church parade. On shift from 2 til 4. Make 5½ francs at Crown and Anchor Have yarn to YANK. Go to pictures but engine breaks down.

JULY 29. Write to Annie while on shift in morning. Sleep all forenoon. Go for bath, afternoon. Not too good. Have sore throat. Bed early, head sore.

JULY 30. Not feeling too well. Go to Dok (?) for pills. Having a good time. Name in for school course at ARGOULE. Write Annie. Expect letters Meet SID WILKINSON. Weather good.

AUGUST 1. ~~XXXXXX~~ Leave ROSIGNAL, FARM at 9 am walk through ? to stores to get new hat and putties, also rations Get ride in lomber to AUTHIE, then ride in motor lorry through THIEVES to DAULENS. Meet HAMILTON at this place. He is on his way to N.Z. Entrain at seven for destination. Get to ABBEVILLE at 2.30 next morning. Ride in open truck all the way Wait an hour on arrival for canteen to open. Get biscuits and tea also chocolate. Youngun asleep when I get back. Bed hard, Meet CHARLIE DUANE going to same school.

JULY 31. Go to COUIN for watch repairs. Cost 5 francs. Cold better Write Annie. Go to school tomorrow. Either four or six weeks. Weather good.

AUGUST 2. UP early. Raining heavily Get breakfast at Canteen. Leave at 9.30, go about an hour and a half then detrain and have to wait until 5.15pm for train to NOYLLES. See Chinese funeral. Get nothing from people. Could get no dinner. Walked out of village but no luck Left at 5.15 for ? by train then on to PETIT CHEMINS by motor lorry arriving at 8.30pm. Have tea and get to bed in barn.

AUG 3. Up early. Have good breakfast. Go to be examined and then have bath. After dinner have examination in buzzer and flag. Eight words a minute, flag very rough. Get letter from Sandy. Dink band playing in evening. Write Annie. Bath in ARGOULE. Write Harry. Very showery Go to aerodrome, but no planes in it. Some aerodromes handy.

AUG 4. Up at seven. Go out for day. to BRON. Get dinner. Buy postcards Go to Canadian Camp then to BERNAY then on to FOREST MONTIERS. Waiting now to catch lorry home. Beautiful country, heavily cropped and ready to cut. Tea of eggs and chips and tea at BRON on way home also muscat. Home 8 pm Very tired. Mistaken for Americans all day. Had to walk all way home - 7K to BRON, 4.8 to BERNAY, 2.8 to FOREST MONTIERS.

AUG 5. Up early, start work in earnest. Lecture first hour then on to heliograph for rest of day, Very interesting. After tea go to aerodrome and see Handley Page planes also big bombs, about 11 feet in length. Planes huge things. Came home for Lamp parade but rain put it off. Write Annie.

AUG 6. Still on Helio. Have test just before dinner. Both pass. ^{11:11}Rian-
ing on and off all day. On lamp and telescope and compass in afternoon. After tea go to NAMPONT. Talk to a Yank. Great skite. Home after 8.30 just in time for lamp parade. No letters yet. Could not get a P C at village. Have tin of pears cost 5.50

AUG 7. Good lecture in morning. Pass sending test on lamp and helio. Youngan go to try for a ride in a plane. No luck. Write Annie, Sandy and Aunt Elizabeth. Weather fair.

AUG 8. Get bike in morning and go to make a station about a mile away. Rain come on so come home in time for dinner. Lecture on compass in afternoon. Write up notes at night. Get letter from Dough, addressed Harry but with my number on it. Dull day Give five minute lecture on Lucus lamp.

AUG 9. New Instructor. Lecture on Dill's all morning. Practical fault finding in afternoon. Weather good. Sent letter to Harry. Write Annie. Concert on, but no time to go - writing up notes.

AUG 10. Morning, flag drill and flag reading. Afternoon, bath and go to see BOB CAMERON. Get letter from Annie. Write Annie. Some letters missing. Buy 4 eggs for breakfast, 4½s each.

AUG 11. Write up notes. A scorching day. After dinner go to a village about six kilos away called LIGESCOURT. Very poor place. Come home and find 11 letters - seven from Annie. Write Annie. Get word Chicks ill, very sorry.

("Chicks"- younger brother)

AUG 12. On Fullerphone lectures and instruments. Write Annie. P. Weather still very hot. Get bed but sleep cold. Still a lot of writing to do. Good news in papers lately.

AUG 13. Still on instruments, get through tests fairly well Still plenty of notes to write up. Yuougun get letters. Get letter from Annie and one from Aunt Jane also 2 books of Y M C A tickets from Annie, bad girl. Write Annie.

AUG 14. Still very warm. Still on instruments. Give lecture on buzzer exchange. Get tin each, fruit at Canteen, very good. Write Annie.

AUG 15. Still good weather. Start on course (buried cable) Very tame. Write Annie. Go to ????? to try to get prof strides. Get paper, fruit and go to Canadian concert which was very good. Get no trousers. Get home about ten after coming through lucerne crop up over our knees.

AUG 16. Very hot . Get joining cable. Write up notes. Very busy and still well behind. Get photo of five kiddies. Very nice. Write Annie.

AUG 17. Half day visual training! flag. Write notes, afternoon. Go to bron (I think) at night to get photos taken but could not find place. Have tin fruit, slight rain, looking very dull. Write Annie.

AUG 18. Get Pass and 30 f. Start out for RUE. Go through, BROM BER COURT AND ARRIVE RUE 8.30 after getting a ride from an R A F car about 4 kilos. Have look round. Get postcards, buy tea. Youngun get wine 7.20, but throw it away when get back to bron (?) Get home at 8.0 pm Very tired. Write Annie

AUG 19. Fine day, ^{LECTURE} for 5 minutes on "Theory of Earth"???? for locating faults" Go to Bron but too dull to get photos taken. Write Annie.

AUG 20. Drizzeling rain. Write Annie (work) on power buzzer and amplifier Very solid. Get letter from Harry. Have a bath. On lamp parade. Rain goes off during day, misty at night.

AUG 21. On power buzzer. Go out in afternoon. Not bad signals. Write notes. Write to Annie. Go for some lamp practice. Have drink of milk. Get word our crowd 'over the top', all objectives taken. Very hot weather.

AUG 22. On loop wireless. Go out at dinner time, have fair sigs. Go to Brom and have photos taken. Get paper. Still very hot. Write Annie. Sleep outside, too hot inside.

AUG 23. On PBA. Very hot weather. Write Annie. Lamp parade. Write notes. Have tin fruit.

AUG 24. Principly revising of weeks work. Half holiday. Write Annie. Go to Bron, get papers. Good news. No photo proofs.

AUG 25. Exam at P B A, fair, I think Go to airplane to try to get a ride No luck. Go to Brom to see photo proofs, not, but we look very rough. Write Annie. Heavy thunder storm and much lightning at night.

AUG 26. Loop set in morning. Read test lamp. Write Annie.

AUG 27. Pigeons lecture. Flag Drill, buzzer tests, stations flag. Have bath. Get two Venus pencils. Write Annie.

AUG 28. Get two letters from ANNIE Get results of Sundays exam - get 95 marks. Go to Bron to get photos but not ready. Get papers, good news. Get letter from Aunt Benie, Mr. McGregor and Mother also Gordon

AUG 29. On ground cable. Not bad work. Word of another exam monday. Write Annie.

AUG 30. Go to bron ? Get photos. Not bad weather.. Veryhot.

AUG 31. On flag in morning. Study in afternoon. Good news in paper.

SEPT 1. Parade in morning. Write Annie in after noon then more study Youngun go to cricket match. Still good news in paper.

SEPT 2. Exam day. All excitement. Manage to answer all questions but do not expect all to be right. Lamp parade test but do no good.

SEPT 3. Results of lamp parade get 97 out of 100 but not satisfied. Get paper, get letter from Line, Harry still going strong on 29th Aug.

SEPT 4. Still good news. Go to Bron get some good citrn (??)

SEPT 5. Get some pencils from Sandy Write Annie. Food getting worse, but manage to buy some potatoe chips at night.

SEPT 6. Lamp parade but do no go. Write Aunt Jane.

SEPT 7. Work in morning , half holiday in afternoon. Swat for mon days exam, Weather stormy.

SEPT 8. Parade in morning. Stormy. Still on the swat for exam. Go to Bron at night.

SEPT 9. Exam day. Great excitement. Paper not very hard. On flag drill in afternoon. Go to AvonBron (or whatever) but not much news. Get three letters from Annie. One from Rube. Write Annie.

SePT 10. Parade to get tooth out. Had to go to ABBEVILLE in motor ambulance. Would not pull it but left my false teeth to be repaired Home at 1.30. Saw 2 Hun field guns passing thru ABBEVILLE. Write Annie

SEPT 11. Weather stormy. Go to ARGOULLE to get boots then on to BRON to get paper. A long way, get some very tired. Have eggs and chips on the way home. Still have toothache, get some no. 9 s from the medical hut which made my scoot thru the night. Trouble in morning. Crowd refuse to go on parade in rain. Reported to O C who gives a dressing down to us all.

SEPT 12. Wet weather, go to Bron to get paper and go to concert, very good, a concert party from ETAPLES. Get paid, Crowd very rough all night Get results of first papers. Get 76 marks. Just missed 'distinguished' by 4 marks. Write Annie.

SEPT 13. Big scheme. Out on Company with a Tommy and feeling very hungry Go to Bron. Good news in paper. Yanks take 8000 prisoners. Write to Annie. Troops very lively again.

Sept 14. Go to ABBEVILLE. Bonny run, just one hour to do the run, (33K) Get teeth and go down to the town and get some postcards. Have 2 boiled eggs, tea and bread for dinner. Buy 2 prs of grapes to take home to Youngun. Very good. Get home a little after two and then go to the drome but could not get a ride on plane. Write Annie. Get four letters from Annie and 2 books of coupons.

SEPT 15. All excitement. Get ready to move. Leave PETIT CHEMIN at ten, march to LIEGES COURT, get train, arrive at CANDAS at 1.30 - wait for another train. Some guns here captured by our 8th Coy, also some Hun prisoners. Leave CANDAS at 3.0pm on top of trucks. No room inside. Good weather and good country. Train goes past ACHEW (?), over ground near COLINCAMPS Sugar Refinery over ground we had been holding.

SEPT 16. Arrive BAPAUME 2.0am

Wander about looking for re-inforcement camp but could not find it. Youngun and I make camp in old shed and sleep until six, then move on to Battalion. Harry safe. Have wash but feel very sleepy. Get parcel from Annie. Good cake, handkerchiefs and YMCA tickets, Go to bed early but get flooded out during night. Terrific thunder and lightning.

SEPT 17, Up late. Rush to get on parade. New C.O. Major HARGEST not very hard on us. Have some drill then go over to 1st Otago and hear about IVAN MCGREGOR getting wounded See DUNKE. Write to Grave Registration for particulars of BILL McALISTER. Write Annie. Write to mother.

SEPT 18. Signal training in morning. Reeling wire in afternoon. Bath. Have afternoon tea at YMCA. Wind up at night. Fritz attacked 37 Div but got well thrashed. Go to bed and have good sleep.

SEPT 19. Write Annie. Harry leave for school. See J.TELFER's grave. Go to tailor. Rianing again. Harry returned to camp, does not go until tomorrow. Staying at re inforcement camp. Send cable to Annie.

SEPT 20. Youngun and I go out to rifle range on bikes, lay out the wire and work the phones. See lot of Fritz ammo left behind. Salvage wire on way home. Get a good reel.

SEPT 21. Mrs Olsen returned. The Sigs pleased. Youngun and I send lamp to the crowd in morning. Holiday in afternoon. Get patch on back in afternoon.

SEPT 22. Parade in morning full pack Major BISHOP picks us to pieces. Church parade afterwards. After dinner follow a G S waggon to get some syrup. Only get one tin. Write Annie.

SEPT 23. Rehearsel for inspection.

Practice march past, stunt. Go over to entrenching Battalion and meet BILL HENRY. Hear of C. HENRY's death Buy Bengal razor for 8 francs.

SEPT 24. Up early for General RUSSELL's inspection - full pack and everything shined. Major Bishop well pleased, Get Christmas cards at canteen, Meet ERNIE DUNCAN. Write Annie, Rube and Elsie.

SEPT 25. Parade in morning and then have buzzer practice. Holiday in afternoon, Write Annie. Get letter from Aunt Jane. Go with Taylor to see Uncle JOE FURNESS. Just the same old stick. Send Christmas cards away Write Aunt Benie and Mrs McGREGOR.

SEPT 26. Parade as usual then go to sports ground, ready, but sports washed out because we have to shift UP. Get ready but do not move until five o'clock. Go to HAPLIN-COURT Wood. Reach there about 8. Youngun and I get shed for ourselves. Make a fire and have some coffee-a-lait, biscuits and salmon.

SEPT 27. Up at seven, get some mushrooms. Have no fat so cook them in water. Get some biscuits and salmon at YMCA. Have mushrooms for supper. Write Annie. Get one letter from ANNIE also photo letter for Harry from mother.

SEPT 28. Get more mushrooms. Goto YMCA but while there hear that a shift on so go back. Have dinner at eleven and start away at quarter to twelve. March to HAVRINCOURT WOOD, have tea and then march on to relieve 42 Div. Get lost on way and arrive after many escapes from machine gun bullets, about half past two in the morning. Attack to start at half past three.

SEPT 29. Make a level place at three in the morning and put down the bed but no sleep. Stunt started at half past three and prisoners and wounded started coming in almost at once. HARRY LESTER wounded. Go up forward with wire to establish Headquarters. Get breakfast at about ten. Take up gear to new possy. Have a look round for some where to sleep. Find a dug-out with five revolvers, a pair of glasses and a machine-gun sight. Gave revolvers away all but one. Make bed early but just got into it when called out to lay wire forward. Youngun with me. Cold, dark, wet night and have an awful job, but get through and get home just after midnight absolutely done and soaking wet.

SEPT 30. Have to shift out of dug-out to let Canterbury in. Find another. Find an old Fritzy gas mask. Send it N Z museum. Get a fair bivvy and get to bed early for a good sleep.

Stunt a complete success. Paddy McQUILLAN killed. Battallion take 600 prisoners. Find out that where we were supposed to take wire to on Sunday night - junction of a Royal and fatease (?) trench, was occupied by the Hun, (at the time)

OCT 1. Get up for breakfast, then Youngun and I go for a walk up the line 14th Coy firing captured 'Whiz-Bang' at Fritz. Get home for dinner. After dinner go to Canterbury H Q. for wire. Long way up but get home to hear of another shift to our left. Later, shift was washed out. Heavy bombardment of Fritz line on our left. A beautiful barrage.. Meet JIM CAMERON AND BOB CAMERON.

OCT 2. UP for breakfast. Write Annie also send post-card of big gun. Write Aunt Jane and Sandy. Go up to put phone in R A P and then further on to mend line. Get home for tea. Write Harry. Good fire in Bivvy and a good place to sleep. Get word about Bulgaria.

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OCT 3. Nothing much doing. Go out in afternoon to YMCA and get biscuits and some cigarettes for Youngun. See three dead Huns on way out.

OCT 4. Up at eight. Go round companies with Bob. Get word of Turkey's surrender. Troops in good spirits. Write Annie. Roll in wire.

OCT 5. Up at eight. Great dinner of sausages from canteen. Cavalry passed up. CAMBRIE is burning. Hun is supposed to be going back. No word yet from school.

OCT 6. Up to Brigade with BOB. See Frosty. Write Annie. Great fires in front but not much Hun shell fire. Simmy make porridge. Very good with milk.

OCT 7. Up at 7.30, get paper back from school, get 78 marks. Youngun and I go to Stores for a change of trousers. Coming home met some Jocks. Get word of a shift. Stay behind and go up with the Boss and BOB. Very dark. Have to lay wire to the companys. Hard job but with the aid of my compass and a torchlight manage it. Very dirty place to sleep in. 1st Otago and 2nd Canterbury going over in morning.

OCT 8. Leave Ridge to fix Brigade wire. Have to go accross canal and find break just outside Brigade.. Go back to find Battalion had shifted forward. Plenty Hun prisoners. Bob and I follow on and reach sunken road where are a few dead. Stay here until after dinner and then push on with POTTER to another sunken road where Youngun and I make a bivvy but get word to shift forward so give up our bivvy. Then get word to stay until 2.0 am. Get in to a hole until 2 am. 1st Otago and 2nd Canterbury doing the Stunt..

~~OCT 9. Leave at 2.0am March to road and wait for zero 6.30 and~~

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OCT 9. Leave at 2.0 am. March to road and wait for zero 6.30 then follow up to hillside before FONTAINE. See great fight in air, two Huns and one of ours. Shift on after dark to railway house and make bed updtairs. FRANK CUTHBERTSON killed. Both railway lines systematically wrecked.

OCT 10. Up at 6.30 with just one fright through the night. Have breakfast then move off carrying two blankets, reel of wire and three flags with rifle ammo and equipment. Go to FONTAINE ESTABHGNS then look round for Companies. Civilians in this town. One old man cried with joy. Shift forward to a farm to estab forward H Qs by visual. Nearly hit many times by little shells, very hard day. 1st Otago go through us at dinnertime. One Hun very drunk. Go bck to BOUVOIS at night. Get good billet in doctor's house. See great explosion at Front when signalling from top of building. Angry at 10th and 14th coy when sending them message with flag, under fire.

OCT 11. Up 7.30. Still tired, have a look around town. Get a lot of stamps in priests house also a few postcards. Clean up a dining room and have a mess of six, very good couch and furniture. Get letter frrom Harry who is not too well.

OCT 12. UP at 7.30. fix bell in C O's room. Get buckshee parcels also parcel from Pardre. Have great feeds all day. Get parcel from Aunt Jane.

OCT 13. Church parade. Up early to get mushrooms but no luck. See BOB PRIDE. Write Annie, Aunt Jane, Aunt Elizabeth and Mrs Ireland. Sent Annie parcel of postcards.

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OCT 14. Up at 7. Full pack inspection (Cancelled) Inspection by Prince Of Wales. Dinner at 12.30. Parade for inspection. Get new boots, new tunic and fuse tunic. Lay wires to Companies. Go out on break on 14th Coy. No letters yet.

OCT 15. Up at 7. Lay wire to 10th Coy. Gas parade at 11.30. No letters although everyone else is getting N.Z. letters.

OCT 16. Bob and I go out and steal about a mile of D 3 wire from the Tommies. Carry it to 4th Coy. Write a few lines to Annie.

OCT 17. Youngun and I go to 4th Coy to roll the wire we stole on to small reels.

OCT 18. Write to Sandy and Harry to ask about my letters. Youngun and I go into CAMBRAI. Get lift in lorry nearly all the way out but have to walk most of way home. Parts of the town badly burned and every house looted. See some civilians.

OCT 19. Not much doing. Get four letters from Annie and one from Mother. Buy three handkerchiefs from French for Annie at 3.75 each. Register them. Send Annie more cards.

OCT 20. Attack by 3rd and 4th Armies this morning. Warned to be ready to shift at an hours notice after 4 pm Miss church parade because of dis. in wire. Write Annie. Get A one cert from school.

OCT 21. Still in BOUVOIS. Batt parade in morning. Wet day. Training inside. Get word do not shift until tomorrow. Fix wire to 8th Coy. Have a yarn to HOGAN who says that IVAN MCGREGOR is going home to New Zealand. Get French 10 franc piece from sis. Write long letter to Annie and one to Mother.

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OCT 22. Up early to get ready to shift, but do not shift until after dinner. Have Batt parade then march off in small rain. Very muddy and hard walking. Roads very muddy. Get to a Chateau where two Companies- 4th and 8th billet with for the night Brigade arrive with wire and Youngun and I have to go out and mend a break at two in the morning. Guns very active, a few dead Huns about also a few dead Tommies. Fritz is putting a few shells about,

OCT 23. Up at 6.30, have breakfast then start for Line. 1st Otago and 2nd Canterbury attack at 9.30, we carry on at 12.12. A little shell fire and plenty of machine gun fire. Just get to our position as barrage opens out. Get into communication with Companies by visaul. Go out forward with Bob to get in touch with forward Coy. Batt shift forward to farm. Youngun and I left behind to look after wire. Get our coco au lait and have toast for supper. Stunt successful but both flanks in air. 1st Otago and 2nd Canterbury to go through us again.

OCT 24. Up at 6.30. Steal a tin of pork & beans then get forward to Battalions. Have breakfast and go forward to clean out posy for HQs. Get it cleaned and then lay Hun wire to 4th, 8th and 24th Coys. Home for dinner then go out to reel in wire behind us. Get word of shift, Dinks relieving us. March over to NOUVELLE Get one room for Sigs. Fritz shelling town. Bob and I sleep in a bed and under a white sheet. Bob very restless. Get letters for Harry, also two parcels for him. Open one with raisins, chocolate and biscuits from home.

OCT 25. Up at 7.30 breakfast at 9. Go to next village, VENIGES AU BOIS where there are a lot of civilians. Get a wooden reel for wire. See a few dead Huns. Dinner. Then go out for wire after reeling up all our loose stuff. Get about two reels also two empty reels. Home then reel the wire. Plenty of spuds for tea. Dig spuds and get some cabbages for tomorrow. Three civilians in village, give them some bread, chocolate and biscuits. Still good news in papers. See paper of 23rd.

OCT 26. Still on salvaging but wire getting scarce. BOTH YOUNGUN AND MYSELF RECOMMENDED FOR M M but do not expect to get it. Get five letters from Annie and one from Bruizer. (?)

OCT 27. Up at 8 am. Go to church parade. After dinner go with Youngun to a village about 6 kilometers away, CROISE, where a supposed English settlement is. Did not see any civilians there but on way home saw lots who had been under Fritz's gas for 22 hours. They had just arrived from Forward. Write Annie.

OCT 28. Up at 7.30. Out on parade sending lamps to Coy Sigs. After dinner Younun and I go to Brigade to get tape and cells. Write Annie, Bruizer and Jim Cameron, and send card to Chicks. Fritz shells village but missed our billet. Gets a shell among a crowd of Tommies a 100 yards away.

OCT 29. Up at 7.15. Breakfast. Out sending lamps to Coy Sigs. MADE A LANE JACK TODAY. Dig trench in afternoon. Fritz shelling us. one shell landed just outside. Write Annie.

OCT 30. Still digging trench then go for bath. Get biscuits and chocolate at YMCA. More digging in afternoon. Get two letters from Annie, one from Elsie and one from Kate. Get Hun propaganda..

OCT 31. Buzzer practice in morning Then go out to send lamp. After dinner out on Brigade line. Get word of armistise with Turkey. Look for spuds but no luck. Write Annie Good news about AUSTRIA.

NOV 1. Lamp sending in morning. Route march in afternoon - two hours marching. Write Annie and Elsie. Sent Chinese souvineer to Annie.

NOV 2. Flag drill in morning then buzzer. Write Annie. Raining in afternoon so route march postponed and gas parade instead. Meet TOM ELLIS who used to work for McGIBBONS.

NOV 3. Up at seven. Church parade. then get ready to shift. See DOCK SINCLAIR. Ready for Stunt. 1st and 3rd brigades going over at 5.30 in the morning. Shift into tents for night. Dish out rum for Sigs. Very dark night and a little rain. Boss tells us of our stunt -- 3rd Corp on our left and 5th on our right, both too slow and 1st Otago had to throw in a Company on our right flank and 2nd Canterbury likewise on 1st Canty left flank.

NOV 4. Up at 5.30. Breakfast. Get ready to move. Start at eight. Move up about 3000 yards then await developments. See plane come down. Have dinner, see Hun prisorers go down. Move on. Roads very heavy. Lots of dead Huns. 3rd Brigade appears to have had opposition at railway. Bridge blown up. Get to a village about seven where there are civilians. Go for the tea. Hun shell- ing heavily. Shell through the room I am in. Have three hours sleep then on to MAISON ROUGE where Younun and I lay a line on to Brigade line. Have another two hours sleep. 3rd and 1st brigade take six batteries. Dinks out flank LE QUISNOY with prisoners. French people very pleased to be liberated.

NOV 5. Up at six. Move on without breakfast to go to Foresters house but when we get past Foresters Post word came that the house had not been taken. Plenty dead Huns and a lot of horses lying about. Get into communication with 4th Coy by lamp. Started raining. No coat. On duty until after twelve when HQs shifts up to house. A shell landed close to posy - killed horse and mule. Go up after crowd, have to wait at blowout to watch gear. Get some gas. when on 1st Otago phone. Sent back halfway then wait for Boss. Make tea from iron rations. Go back to cookers, get stew and tea then march to MASON ROUGE - very muddy. Have a few hours sleep in loft, very tired and absolutely wet through. Our battalion the only one to take objective. Flanks in air. Relieved by 42nd Div. Saw a big sawmill at ??????.

NOV 6. Up at eight - wet socks and wet boots. Have a little tea and then march to QUESNOY.. Quite a few dead horses on side of road and a great moat around the town.. Roads damaged at gates. Get billet in house. Clean it up and get fire going. Have some tea and bacon for dinner. Go to bed - very tired. Get dry socks. Youngun gets letter for Doughy in sealed envelope. Put wire from Orderly room to COs room.

NOV 7. Up at seven. Put phone in COs bedroom and mess room. Heard that HUN envoys had arrived to parley peace. Fixed phone. Write Annie.. Heard Harry in hospital. Station still burning. Get coal. See Yank tank corps marching. Very good. Get biscuits at YMCA.

NOV 8. Up at 7. Get potatoes from garden outside town. Doughy joined us at night but had to go to the 14th Coy until morning. Great news of Hun internal troubles. Great talk to Doughy. See gambling dive.

NOV 9. Up at seven. Have bath. Have a good look at instruments to indent for shortages. Still good news about the Huns.
YOUNGUN AND I AWARDED M M.

NOV 10. Up at seven thirty. Church parade at eleven. Dinner of spuds and stew. French President visited LeQUESNOY. Bob Cameron and I get on top of building to see his entry into square. Bob came home with me. Fiddling with Hun revolver. Nearly SHOOT BOB. Great scare.
(Bullet went into chair that Bob was sitting on)

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Up at 7.30 Get ready for march. Hear about Hostilities ceasing at 11.0am Good. Leave Le QUESNOY at 12 with full pack. March through SOLESNES . French people greatly excited VIESLEY about six. Very tired after marching about 17 kilometers. 5th Div band came in to our billets. Dough sore foot & gets ride on limber.

NOV 12. Up at seven. Breakfast, then full pack up again for BOUVOIS. Hard march about five kilometers. Get billets in barracks on third floor.. Dough rides on limber. Lay a line to CO room to Orderly room. Write Annie. Dough tells about his girl. Bed at six o'clock. Cold night. Great rumors about what is doing.

NOV 13 Up at 7.30. Cleaning up. Buttons and gear in morning. Had a look Panniers in afternoon. Cold day. Letter from Annie. Get word about GERMANY. Troops not pleased. Demonstration in front of church at night. Troops go to see General RUSSELL, who speaks to them. Tanney (?) get letter from Harry.

NOV 14. Harry returned, quite well. Youngun get letter from Aunt Jane. Lecture from CO about going to Germany, but do not leave until 2nd December and supposed to go by train

NOV 15. Parade in morning and then come home for bath but go to see DOC instead. Nothing doing in afternoon but march to see football.

NOV 16. Get cleaned up ^{for} presentation of M M but washed out. Parade for Educational scheme. Write Annie. Go to find Corporal BAILEY then go to CAUDRAEY (?).

NOV 17. On duty from 8 til 11 am. Send parcel to Sandy, Letter from Aunt Elizabeth. Boss tried to get me away early but Doc could do nothing.

NOV 18. Div route march all morning with full pack. Write Annie in afternoon. A little snow in morning. Have dance in evening then go to pictures.

NOV 19. Parade to a lecture on the Educational scheme but could hear nothing. Youngun and I go for a bath.

NOV 20. Weather good but cold. Trouble over our billets. Officers too particular.

NOV 21. Go for bath. very good Write Annie, Dough gets some biscuits from DICK BURGESS.

NOV 22. On duty. Write Annie Get letter from Sandy.

NOV 23. Inoculated in morning. Write Annie. Go to see Kewis (?) Very good.

NOV 24. Excused duty, do not go to Church. Go to Canteen in afternoon. Meet JIM STEWART, take him around to see bock (?) HENRY.

NOV 25. Route march without equipment in morning. supposed to wrestle in afternoon but dodge it, Write Annie.

NOV 26. Full pack route march but go it on my head. Nothing doing in afternoon but football between our battalion and 1st Wellington who were lucky to win by 8 to 3. Get glasses from Boss at night.

NOV 27. Get word in morning that all parades cancelled, that we are off to Germany in the morning. Go for firewood then pack Signals gear. Go to pictures and then have to go to see the Boss who tells me that I am not to go to Germany but that he has fixed that I go back, perhaps to (illegable). VERY EXCITED. Lend Dough my revolver for the trip.

NOV 28. Say good bye to Youngun, Dough and Harry. Do it hard after always being with them. Parade at eight to find that I am the only N C O and have to take charge of 45 men who are very stupid. March to CANDRY to reinforcement camp. Raining hard. get billet in old factory.

NOV 29. Up at 6, breakfast at 6.30 Parade at eight, move off at 8.30 to station but do not entrain until eleven. Go to CAMBRAI where we are put into a big college. Have tea, biscuits and jam. Supposed to leave about eleven but do not. Am in charge of my own 45 men and a Div. Train and three Medical. No cop.

NOV 30. Leave CAMBRAI at 3.0am. Get in truck with MAORIS who have a very smoky fire. Have some biscuits at 10. Very sick, head sore and vomiting. Very slow train. Come through PERONNE, AMIENS, ABBEVILLE, to ETAPLES where we arrive at 9 pm. Get tea and draw two blankets and hear that we are to go to BLIGHTY in a few days.

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