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CALENDAR FOR 1915.

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CALENDAR NOTES FOR EIGHT YEARS.

(Copyright.)	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920
January 1..	W	Th	F	S	M	Tu	W	Th
February 1	S	S	M	Tu	Th	F	S	S
Ash Wed....	Fb 5	Fb 25	Fb 17	Mr 8	Fb 21	Fb 13	Mr 5	Fb 18
March 1....	S	S	M	W	Th	F	S	M
April 1.....	Tu	W	Th	S	S	M	Tu	Th
Good Fri....	Mr 21	Ap 10	Ap 2	Ap 21	Ap 6	Mr 29	Ap 18	Ap 2
East. Mon....	.. 24	.. 13	.. 5	.. 24	.. 9	.. 21	.. 5	
May 1.....	Th	F	S	M	Tu	W	Th	S
Whit. Mon...	My 12	Jn 1	My 24	Jn 12	My 28	My 20	Jn 9	My 24
June 1.....	S	M	Tu	Th	F	S	S	Tu
July 1.....	Tu	W	Th	S	S	M	Tu	Th
August 1...	F	S	S	Tu	W	Th	F	S
Aug. Bk. H.	4	3	2	7	6	5	4	2
September 1	M	Tu	W	F	S	S	M	W
October 1..	W	Th	F	S	M	Tu	W	F
November 1	S	S	M	W	Th	F	S	M
Adv. Sun...	Nv 30	Nv 29	Nv 28	Dc 3	Dc 2	Dc 1	Nv 30	Nv 28
December 1	M	Tu	W	F	S	S	M	W
Chr. Day....	Th	F	S	M	Tu	W	Th	S
Golden No...	14	15	16	17	18	19	1	2
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Solo Cycle.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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EXAMPLE.—On what day of the week will March 18th 1917 fall? March 1st being Thursday 15th is also Thursday and 18th is Sunday.



MAY, 1915.

16 **Sunday** [136—229]  
*Sunday after Ascension.*

17 **MONDAY** [137—228]

18 **TUESDAY** [138—227]

19 **WEDNESDAY** [139—226]

MAY, 1915.

20 **THURSDAY** [140—225]

At last the eventful day has arrived: we leave for France, we had a pleasant voyage arriving Boulogne 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday proceeded to rest camp.

21 **FRIDAY** [141—224]

*Easter Law Sittings end.*

Delightful camp to Kilboon from Harbour. Everything peaceful. We left at 12 midnight for *Pont-des-Briques*

22 **SATURDAY** [142—223]

*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 4.50 a.m. S. r. 4.2, s. s. 7.52.*

we entrained 2 a.m. in cattle trucks 44 men to each. We were able to sleep. Cassel was reached at 7.30 a.m. We had a rest and food marched at 11 a.m. for ZEBBERS-CAPPEL arriving 4.30 p.m. Dead tired delightful place.

MAY, 1915.

23 Sunday [143-222]

Whitsun Day. Ember Week.

Very morning a light under  
ledge, spent day laying  
telegraph wires.

24 MONDAY [144-221]

Whit Monday. Bank Holiday. Empire Day.

we had 10 mile march  
boiling hot. Heaps of men  
fell out, it seemed quite  
unnecessary.

25 TUESDAY [145-220]

Whit Tuesday.

No parades. Done some  
washing still lovely  
weather.

26 WEDNESDAY [146-219]

Queen born, 1867. Ember Day.

Another lovely day  
nothing doing

MAY, 1915.

27 THURSDAY [147-218]

Revielle 3.0 am breakfast  
4.30 parade 5.30 marched  
through St Marie Cappul  
arriving 10 am a distance  
of 12 miles. Another barn  
for billet.

28 FRIDAY [148-217]

Ember Day. O Full Moon, 9.33 p.m.

lovely weather.  
nothing doing

29 SATURDAY [149-216]

Ember Day. S. r. 3.54, s. s. 8.1

nothing doing  
had a walk into  
Steen woerde quite a  
lovely place. Had some  
decent beer for which  
we were thankful.

MAY-JUNE, 1915.

30 Sunday [150-215]

Trinity Sunday.

Ravello 3.0 marched away  
5 am to DICKEBUSEH a dist  
tamed 16 miles. Arrived Chad  
tired billeted in a barn.

31 MONDAY [151-214]

lovely day here they are  
selling aeroplanes all  
day long. Quite exciting.  
Parade 6.30 to dig up  
trenches digging SE of APPRES.

JUNE 1 TUESDAY [152-213]

Trinity Law Sittings begin.

parade 6.30 trench dig  
ging to finish trenches.  
Heavy firing on our  
right.

2 WEDNESDAY [153-212]

Finished trench digging  
very glad

JUNE, 1915.

3 THURSDAY [154-211]

King born, 1865. Corpus Christi.

We moved our head quarters  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile nearer fire  
line. The farm we left  
was burnt down during  
the night.

4 FRIDAY [155-210]

( Last Quarter, 4.32 p.m.

On duty in reserve trench  
but came back to HQRS  
during after noon.

5 SATURDAY [156-209]

S. r. 3.49, s. s. 8.8.

On telephone at HQRS  
our guns fired on german  
aeroplane but rather  
shots.

JUNE, 1915

6 Sunday [157—208]

*1st after Trinity.*

*C. P. Coys go in trenches  
at Bl. A. 204, we are left  
behind ~~at~~ <sup>our</sup> reserve dug  
outs for W.P.A.R.*

7 MONDAY [158—207]

8 TUESDAY [159—206]

9 WEDNESDAY [160—205]

JUNE, 1915.

10 THURSDAY [161—204]

11 FRIDAY [162—203]

*S. Barnabas.*

12 SATURDAY [163—202]

● *New Moon, 6.57 p.m. S. r. 3.45, s. s. 8.14.*



JUNE, 1915.

13 Sunday [164—201]

2nd after Trinity.

Nothing doing to day  
the town has been shelled  
awful, hardly a house  
intact. Place full of spies.  
we hear.

14 MONDAY [165—200]

We marched to huts at  
VLANBERTINGE reach there  
at 4.0 pm. They shell  
the place regularly so we  
made dug-outs we had  
to use them at 11.0 pm

15 TUESDAY [166—199]

At night we made dug out  
at Oppens. We left our  
huts 4 miles behind.  
so we were well under  
fire now.

16 WEDNESDAY [167—198]

3 AM Terrific bombardment  
starts by sea guns the  
shells are coming from

JUNE, 1915.

17 THURSDAY [168—197]

We marched back to huts  
wh at a drag it was. Hot  
tea was waiting for us and  
we swanted it!

18 FRIDAY [169—196]

Nothing doing to day  
but we are day tired all  
the day believed me to be  
killed I am reported as such

19 SATURDAY [170—195]

S. r. 3.44, s. s. 8.18.

7.30. We marched back to  
trenches a shell burst over a  
log lying out 17. We eventually  
reached trenches nothing doing

all directions. But still  
I curled up and managed  
sleep for an hour or  
two. (A 1)

JUNE, 1915.

20 Sunday [171-194]

3rd after Trinity. ) First Quarter, 2.24 p.m.

We are in dug-outs behind  
the firing line a few shells  
fall near but nothing  
doing.

21 MONDAY [172-193]

We proceeded to support  
but things were fairly  
quiet.

22 TUESDAY [173-192]

Longest Day.

7.30 pm trouble starts. Strip  
bombardment all night we  
had several wounded in  
our trench post devils.

23 WEDNESDAY [174-191]

Prince of Wales born, 1894.

Very quiet hard to  
realize what a hell it

JUNE, 1915.

24 THURSDAY [175-190]

S. John Baptist. Midsummer Day.

Quiet morning we were relieved  
at mid night by D.C. We got  
away with out a shell or hat  
lost.

25 FRIDAY [176-189]

We had hot stew on our  
journey here, was good. Reached  
POPERING about 6 P.M.  
Best billet we've had so  
far.

26 SATURDAY [177-188]

S. r. 3.46, s. s. 8.19.

Quite a different class of people  
here seem much more  
prosperous. Inhabitants bring  
round chocolate and  
biscuits.

was a few hours before  
The road on our left is  
shelled to ruin and other  
transport.

JUNE, 1915.

27 Sunday [178-187]

4th after Trinity. ○ Full Moon, 4.27 a.m.

Orderly on an worse luck.  
Very day too. Have tried  
to get into town but cant.  
I dont think many shells  
have fell here.

28 MONDAY [179-186]

Done telephone duty  
other wise every thing  
quiet. A spy was  
arrested here to night  
but I believe released.

29 TUESDAY [180-185]

S. Peter.

Every thing quiet spent day  
playing (spontaneous) Coys  
went trench digging. C coy  
had a few casualties.

30 WEDNESDAY [181-184]

Fancy 24 today had  
several letters. Dont sure  
to have so many friends

JULY, 1915.

1 THURSDAY [182-183]

Nothing doing a lovely  
day. Chilled for four  
hours what luck

2 FRIDAY [183-182]

Still at the rest camp

3 SATURDAY [184-181]

S. r. 3.50, s. s. 8.18.

Lovely day every thing  
quiet

rain slightly but not  
long. C 1.45

JULY, 1915.

4 Sunday [185-180]

5th after Trinity. ☾ Last Quarter 5.54 a.m.

We had voluntary Church service morning and evening.

5 MONDAY [186-179]

Dividends due.

Rumour we leave for trenches soon but I don't think it's true.

6 TUESDAY [187-178]

orderly man on the greaser. orders to stand by to leave soon.

7 WEDNESDAY [188-177]

nice day, we leave for trenches to-morrow after noon. Nothing

JULY, 1915.

8 THURSDAY [189-176]

We left for trenches about 3 pm had tea on the way. Oh it was good. We finished the journey carrying telephones. We arrived dark times about 11.20. I was lucky in being able to sleep.

9 FRIDAY [190-175]

Midsummer Fire Insurance ceases.

Quite a nice day quiet. A bombardment took place but was soon over. We are quite comfortable in our dug outs.

10 SATURDAY [191-174]

S. r. 3.56, s. s. 8.14.

Fairly quiet day but rather noisy to wards night. So far we have had no casualties here. On phone duty from 9 pm until 3 am Friday, what a long night waiting at all.

straight away. We only had one shell over so we were very lucky indeed.

JULY, 1915.

11 Sunday [192-173]

6th after Trinity.

Calm morning but towards noon enemy started bombarding. They fell awfully near and was hit about 4:0. Laid in R & B dressing station until 12:45 am. They had sent shells over at intervals but all were quiet <sup>now</sup>

12 MONDAY [193-172]

● New Moon 9.31 a.m.

was taken to poping by ambulance, moved to HAZELBROOK arriving about 7:30. Wounds were then dressed and we went by hospital train to Boulogne, and then on to general hospital at CAMIER. My wound was very <sup>poor</sup> and the journey had been awful along one. We were placed in nice beds in tents, when I left popping

13 TUESDAY [194-171]

Ramadan begins.

I was X-rayed but luckily the wound has cleared. Quite a nice place comfortable and plenty of good food. It's quite nice to be in a bed again among the stunts

14 WEDNESDAY [195-170]

Everything still nice and quiet. Rained hard during the day. I am longing

JULY, 1915.

15 THURSDAY [196-169]

S. Swithin.

Everything as usual. I ask to get up and am allowed to hobble now. Feel quite fresh considering

16 FRIDAY [197-168]

City and Boro' voters must pay Poor Rate before 20th or lose vote.

"Oh what a day it is, my St Swithin has started with a vengeance, we all put the foot devils in the trenches. Letter received"

17 SATURDAY [198-167]

S. r. 4.3, s. s. 8.8.

nothing much to write as every thing is much the same here it has stopped raining.

to get up, also got a nice letter from distant friends

JULY, 1915.

18 Sunday [199-166]

7th after Trinity.

Quite a lovely day makes  
one glad to be alive.  
Only I wish I was  
some where else it would  
be twice as nice

19 MONDAY [200-165]

First Quarter, 9.9 p.m.

A lovely day I begin  
to feel much better  
already. Only I wish I  
was going home instead  
of getting better here.

20 TUESDAY [201-164]

I see by the papers we  
have had a few casualties  
but nothing much. An  
American staff are taking  
over this hospital today

21 WEDNESDAY [202-163]

Quite a nice day I  
am ready to move

JULY, 1915.

22 THURSDAY [203-162]

Been pouring with rain  
all the afternoon we  
are to move to the  
conspicuous camp in  
a day or two.

23 FRIDAY [204-161]

We were inspected by the C  
O today several were put  
back their wounds not  
being healed. Several of us  
however are waiting to go.

24 SATURDAY [205-160]

S. r. 4.12, s. s. 8.0.

A lovely day but nothing  
out of the way happened  
we are still waiting to move  
We heard that General French  
is expecting this camp to move  
from here soon  
I expect to the base  
some where

JULY, 1915.

25 Sunday [206-159]

8th after Trinity. S. James.

A lovely day we went to morning service just as gathering there song and was awfully flat with "I" around

26 MONDAY [207-158]

○ Full Moon, 0.11 p.m.

We move to C.C. by motor. Awfully nice night. The beds are nice but not quite like those in hospital

27 TUESDAY [208-157]

Could not sleep worse with the food here is rather poor but still one must be thankful. In having my wound dressed last night

28 WEDNESDAY [209-156]

my leg is discharging a bit but nothing much due to healing up to quite well

JULY, 1915.

29 THURSDAY [210-155]

lovely day but I have to do a really mean job. I do hate that job. We have C.O. inspection several returned to base.

30 FRIDAY [211-154]

We have Mrs. Lena Dakin's concert party to night. We had a wee march of a mile this morning. Nervously waiting for a letter but I suppose its my fault or

31 SATURDAY [212-153]

Trinity Law Sittings end. Annual and Nov. to July Game Certificates and Gun Licences expire.

S. v. 4.22, s. s. 7.49.

Had a wee route march in the morning but am down hearted no letter. I think I shall absent. I don't think

Boots gave us an amusing and instructive lecture. We all thoroughly enjoyed it etc

AUGUST, 1915.

1 Sunday [213-152]

9th after Trinity. Lammas Day.

I was on fatigue so that I was unable to go to church. But in the evening we had a nice service in Y.M.C.A.

2 MONDAY [214-151]

Bank Holiday. ☾ Last Quarter, 9.27 p.m.

Quite showery weather we had a little route march in the morning. I am thinking of home and hoping they are all having a good time.

3 TUESDAY [215-150]

Sharp shower at intervals had a fatigue Q.M.S. But went away an wrote letter to D. Oh I love work received letter from Mrs. so pleased with myself.

4 WEDNESDAY [216-149]

Nothing unusual happened next V for a slight route march. A lovely day.

AUGUST, 1915.

5 THURSDAY [217-148]

On fatigue for a little while in the morning. Nothing doing after that, had a little game from Preston. We had a game of football in the evening.

6 FRIDAY [218-147]

A rather miserable day trying to rain we are all looking forward to the sports tomorrow.

7 SATURDAY [219-146]

S. r. 4.33, s. s. 7.38.

We had sports today in miserable weather. I ran in the 100 yds but was too slow for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, getting old that's what it is. I saw one of our lads. He told a tale of the gallant lads I'm sorry the poor old chap got hit.



AUGUST, 1915.

8 Sunday [220-145]

10th after Trinity.

We had a short service in  
Lippinham Church and in the  
evening I and a bat washed  
along to the bridge at ETAPLES.

9 MONDAY [221-144]

We received the notable sum  
of £500. to day what wealth  
to be sure. I received parent  
for £100, a, awfully pleased  
with it.

10 TUESDAY [222-143]

● New Moon, 10.52 p.m.

In the evening we had a motor  
trip to Paris. A lovely day  
we enjoyed our selves very  
much. A aeroplane came down  
on the river the people flocked  
to see it. We returned 8 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY [223-142]

Half Quarter Day.

Dining Hall fatigue until tea  
time and then went to the

AUGUST, 1915.

12 THURSDAY [224-141]

Grouse Shooting begins.

My first day in the officers  
mess, one has to keep on all  
day, but there it's worse up the  
line. I think it only lasts while  
one of the chaps are sick.

13 FRIDAY [225-140]

It has been a lovely day and  
I am now waiting to go  
to bed. I have just written  
to M. D. & C. My leg is still  
discharging a bit.

14 SATURDAY [226-139]

S. r. 4.43, s. s. 7.25.

Quite a nice day I have been  
busy all day in the mess  
room. But we get a good  
feed what goes a long  
way in the army.

officer mess and waited  
dinner. It's good grub one gets  
and one gets his share of it in  
the army fare. I am going

AUGUST, 1915.

15 Sunday [227-138]

11th after Trinity.

I had two letters from Daisy from Haslingford. Watch cricket match in the afternoon and wrote letters in the evening.

16 MONDAY [228-137]

One or two sharp showers during the day. I don't get out much now as in the mess it's all work until 10 or 11 at night.

17 TUESDAY [229-136]

I had the offer of a trip to Paris Plage but no good going with no money as it I want to get a little before I leave here.

18 WEDNESDAY [230-135]

D First Quarter, 2.17 a.m.

nothing doing to excite any one, excepting a football

AUGUST, 1915.

19 THURSDAY [231-134]

I leave the officer mess the former chap having come out of hospital. I don't mind as it was awful hard and long hours. I don't think I could have stood it long.

20 FRIDAY [232-133]

Black Game Shooting begins.

Our camp played 15 over reinforcements winning 1.0. In the evening we were entertained by a ventriloquist from BRADFORD in the Y.M.C.A. lovely day.

21 SATURDAY [233-132]

S. r. 4.55, s. s. 7.11.

I was disappointed not getting letter. I dreamt in the night about letter, it seemed awfully real. Never mind I'm bound to get one in the morning. fine day <sup>we heard that a</sup> <sup>channel boat</sup> <sup>had sunk</sup> match in the evening fine day. A good match our camp just winning

AUGUST, 1915.

22 **Sunday** [234-131]  
12th after Trinity.

Orderly man at dining hall all day so did not go to church at all. It was a nice day. We had no Sunday papers <sup>or mails</sup> that's the first time without a paper here.

23 **MONDAY** [235-130]

Orderly man again very lush in art but I don't mind. Received parcel from Flora, she's a dear. We had a pay day when we received the bonus of 5%.

24 **TUESDAY** [236-129]

S. Bartholomew (Massacre 1572).  
○ Full Moon, 9.41 p.m.

We are having glorious weather. A debate was held in Y.M.C.A. "Should we use gas?" It was passed unanimously.

25 **WEDNESDAY** [237-128]

There was nothing much on to day spent a day playing Pontoon.

AUGUST, 1915.

26 **THURSDAY** [238-127]

Our coy went to Paris Plage but foot me was on fatigue all day, instead. up all night I with me jock foot little kid. Ventriloquist in the Y.M.C.A.

27 **FRIDAY** [239-126]

Very hot again to day it is to much, to work hard in, so I'm glad we have it easy. We jock went to blighty lucky kid I wish it was me. Spools are being held to morrow.

28 **SATURDAY** [240-125]

S. r. 5.6, s. s. 6.56.

We had some splendid sports in the after noon at night time the camp's famous mouth organ band entertained us.

AUGUST-SEPT., 1915.

29 **Sunday** [241-124]

13th after Trinity.

Received parcel from dear old  
Pain. We went to service in  
"tipperary hut" in the morning.  
quite enjoyed it.

30 **MONDAY** [242-123]

It rained during last night  
and the weather is much  
cooler. I was orderly man  
or rather on fatigue all  
day.

31 **TUESDAY** [243-122]

Reported sick so escaped  
all fatigues. The wind is  
quite cold. Did some  
washing in the after noon.  
received parcel from M D O G

**SEPT. 1 WEDNESDAY** [244-121]

Partridge Shooting begins.

☾ Last Quarter, 2.57 p.m.

Nothing unusual happened

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

2 **THURSDAY** [245-120]

The new hut for the TANCA  
was opened by a concert  
party given by the gnomes.  
It was quite a good show  
for amateurs.

3 **FRIDAY** [246-119]

All the week it has been  
cold and wet making every  
where miserable. I heard  
from home of Ada's wedding  
on the 19 Sept.

4 **SATURDAY** [247-118]

S. r. 5.17, s. s. 6.41.

We were down to go to  
Paris Plage but convoys  
came in and so we were  
disappointed. Perhaps we  
shall go to day Sunday.

It was awfully wet all  
day.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

5 Sunday [248—117]

14th after Trinity.

Most lovely day after a very wet and cold week. I did not go to church as I was on fatigue all day.

6 MONDAY [249—116]

We were inspected by O.C. and was marked down to go to the base the following day. Received parcel from D.

7 TUESDAY [250—115]

At 2 pm we were marched down to the base, I was lucky as I got in the same tent with Chums. It begins to seem like the old life.

8 WEDNESDAY [251—114]

wiell 5 am breakfast 6.30 my word one notices it after a few weeks of ease. We were paraded

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9 THURSDAY [252—113]

Jewish Year 5676 begins.

● New Moon, 10.53 a.m.

I do my first parade, we went and bathed at Paris Plage it was delicious I could have stayed there all day.

10 FRIDAY [253—112]

We marched to the drill ground and do a bit of trench digging to keep us fit. In the afternoon we drew for so we (Daves and I) had a royal tea in the Tipperary Hut.

11 SATURDAY [254—111]

S. r. 5.28, s. s. 6.25.

We had a route march full pack (I don't think). I had a pair of socks for ammunition. In the evening we went to the Tipperary Hut.

before O.C. and after wards drew our equipment, it is all equipment brought from the trenches, one wonders what became of the original owner.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

12 Sunday [255-110]  
15th after Trinity. Ember Week.

We have had a lovely week of fine weather. Today we had a gun air service and after wards went for a walk in the evening.

13 MONDAY [256-109]

So day we marched to the drill ground and went through the old drudge of squad drill etc. We are all longing to get away from here.

14 TUESDAY [257-108]

We had rather a wet morning so didn't do any parade. In the afternoon we had a little musketry for about a hour. Received no letter from D. but cigarette from Nabe.

15 WEDNESDAY [258-107]  
Ember Day.

The troops marched to ETAPLES to wash their

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

16 THURSDAY [259-106]  
D First Quarter, 7.21 a.m.

to-day we had a lecture in the morning and in the afternoon went trench digging. That's all I did "went" I didn't do any work.

17 FRIDAY [260-105]  
Ember Day.

We spent on the drill ground from 8 a.m. until 2.30. After wards we were paid out 5 f.

18 SATURDAY [261-104]  
Ember Day. S. r. 5.39, s. s. 6.9.

Paraded 7.30 for route march and got back 12 AM. I broke my duck by falling out the first time, it was only laziness though.

clothes. I dodged the parade though I was not having any.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

19 Sunday [262-103]

16th after Trinity.

An open air service was held this morning. In the afternoon we went pinching pairs at a little village called Enoch Ada's wedding day.

20 MONDAY [263-102]

This morning we were on fatigue gathering brush wood. In the afternoon we fired on the miniature range.

21 TUESDAY [264-101]

S. Matthew.

We had a comfortable day rigging tents. We put up 125 not bad for us, who love work, hoping for a letter from D.

22 WEDNESDAY [265-100]

On the road to Paris Plage to bathe. When we were picked out for a draft to the 9TH

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

23 THURSDAY [266-99]

○ Full Moon, 9.35 a.m.

Paraded 7.30 for training ground we were missed about there until 2 pm. Talk about fed up with the army.

24 FRIDAY [267-98]

Autumnal Equinox.

We had a comfortable route march of about 10 miles. It was awfully close but cool. Divas of troops are arriving from England.

25 SATURDAY [268-97]

S. r. 5.50, s. s. 5.53.

I was on guard from 8 am until 8.30 Sunday. Quite a cushy job and I rather enjoyed it being my first.

We did not go up eventually as only a few were needed. I was disappointed as I wanted to get out of this hole.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

26 Sunday [269-96]

17th after Trinity.

came off duty 9 am ordered  
for draft 12 am. We paraded  
full marching order 6 pm.  
Entrained 8 pm in trucks  
35 in each.

27 MONDAY [270-95]

We reached Poperinge 3 am  
and marched to our rest  
camp. We are under canvas  
quite a surprise this, things  
are looking up.

28 TUESDAY [271-94]

My first night up here  
under the old conditions.  
We can hear an occasional  
shell but very far off. The  
General thanked the troops  
for their gallant work on 25

29 WEDNESDAY [272-93]

S. Michael & All Angels. Michaelmas Day

Only wet day one is

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30 THURSDAY [273-92]

I returned to the signaller  
to day. We heard that we  
are out of the trenches  
for some time now

OCT. 1 FRIDAY [274-91]

Pheasant Shooting begins. ☾ Last Quarter, 9.44 a.m.

In the morning we have  
play signalling, afternoon  
the buzzer. I can't hardly  
read at all now out of  
practice I suppose.

2 SATURDAY [275-90]

S. r. 6.2, s. s. 5.37.

Had a easy morning doing  
visual signalling with lamp  
and telescope. In the afternoon  
the Ligs played the transports  
beat them 3-1.

liable to get miserable.  
But we're not down  
hearted yet.



OCTOBER, 1915.

3 Sunday [276-89]

18th after Trinity.

We went to Bath 8 am, on return were ordered to prepare to go back to trench. We had one casualty on journey. Arrived destination 8.30 pm. fine

4 MONDAY [277-88]

Charles Letts's Diaries for 1916 published.

We have had a very quiet time here to day only hoping it will last. Nothing of importance has happened slight showers in the morning

5 TUESDAY [278-87]

Dividends due.

The enemy bombarded a position on our left for 3 hours but ceased about 8 am. Quiet after wards.

6 WEDNESDAY [279-86]

after a quiet day we were relieved by the

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7 THURSDAY [280-85]

Slept until 11 o'clock and had a very quiet day. No auto but fine.

8 FRIDAY [281-84]

● New Moon, 9.42 p.m.

We moved up into reserve dug out cookey so far. 6 chaps on the phone.

9 SATURDAY [282-83]

S. r. 6.13, s. s. 5.21.

Quite an uneventful day so far. Could do this for the duration.

2 WR, came back by limber to VLADET INDIHE. We were put in Auto

OCTOBER, 1915.

10 Sunday [283-82]

19th after Trinity.

We had a fine dinner of beans & spuds which we found in the garden. It was "bonne."

11 MONDAY [284-81]

fine and calm two of the chaps went out to pick some blackberries we had them for dinner they were fine.

12 TUESDAY [285-80]

Michaelmas Law Sittings begin.

All was quiet until evening when we had a short bombardment. We had a lonely dinner of blackberries.

13 WEDNESDAY [286-79]

We moved up to the trenches. They are poor ones and I believe likely to

OCTOBER, 1915.

14 THURSDAY [287-78]

Michaelmas Fire Insurance ceases.

fine day had a few whizz bangs over, other was quiet. Could have done with some water.

15 FRIDAY [288-77]

First Quarter, 1.52 p.m.

Had a ordinary number of shells over. In the morning we lost two casualties other were coolly.

16 SATURDAY [289-76]

S. r. 6.25, s. s. 5.5.

In front of us are the sandstone of wurttemberg I suppose it doesn't matter who really they are all the same to us.

got flooded. We didn't get comfortable until mid night.

OCTOBER, 1915.

17 Sunday [290-75]

20th after Trinity.

ENEMY exploded mines bringing several poor devils. The ground fair shooch. In the afternoon we had three hours artillery duel. I had 3 letters to ~~send~~ <sup>send</sup> Capt.

18 MONDAY [291-74]

S. Luke.

we captured two prisoners who reported the enemy were attacking at dawn. Nothing came of it though. Hoping to be relieved soon

19 TUESDAY [292-73]

Quite a quiet day nothing at all exciting we had a tank over head. He stuck it for quite a long time in spite of rifle bullets

D.B. 20 WEDNESDAY [293-72]

Daisy's birthday  
I wish her the

OCTOBER, 1915.

21 THURSDAY [294-71]

We had a few whizz bangs over in the trench but had only one casualty by a sniper "they are swines"

22 FRIDAY [295-70]

After a quiet day we were relieved by the buffs at 10 o'clock. We reached the train about 1 o'clock.

23 SATURDAY [296-69]

○ Full Moon, 0.16 a.m. S. r. 6.37, s. s. 4.51.

We reached this hotel at 5:30 dead tired we had a fine sleep on some straw just like a feather bed.

very best. A quiet day here

OCTOBER, 1915.

24 Sunday [297-68]

21st after Trinity.

Out all day laying  
lines to the Coy. Very  
cold day but fine

25 MONDAY [298-67]

A dreadful wet and cold  
day. We had nothing on  
at all in the way of  
parades. Clear <sup>up</sup> about 6 pm

26 TUESDAY [299-66]

Nothing doing we were  
on ~~Wagon~~ isolation. We  
went up to receive  
our pay.

27 WEDNESDAY [300-65]

Wet again we spent  
the day playing Bragg.

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28 THURSDAY [301-64]

SS. Simon and Jude.

A wet day we are  
having miserable weather  
now. But still we ought  
to be satisfied being out  
of the trenches.

29 FRIDAY [302-63]

We went for a 2 mile  
route march in fine  
weather. We all enjoyed  
it very much as we  
had no packs to carry.

30 SATURDAY [303-62]

Aug. to Oct. Game Certificates expire

S. r. 6.50, s. s. 4.37.

A fine day, we had a  
little sparring match in the  
evening. Later we moved up  
to C. Coy where I found <sup>from Lally</sup> a ~~part~~  
that is all one can  
do out here.

OCT. NOV., 1915.

31 Sunday [304-61]

22nd after Trinity. ☾ Last Quarter, 4.40 a.m.

It has been wet and cold to day, church service being voluntary. C. Coy played D and ended in a draw 2-2.

NOV. I MONDAY [305-60]

All Saints. Stock Exchange closed.

We came from H10005 to C. Coy, we are fairly comfortable.

2 TUESDAY [306-59]

All Souls.

Discovered a way into the hen run we shall have some eggs now.

3 WEDNESDAY [307-58]

Another wet day what rotten weather!

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4 THURSDAY [308-57]

wet day again rather (about mud). Received parcel from Lib & Nancy

5 FRIDAY [309-56]

Today we had a longish route march of about 9 mls, it was inclined to be wet but we all enjoyed it very much.

6 SATURDAY [310-55]

S. r. 7.2, s. s. 4.25.

Nothing doing so far

NOVEMBER, 1915.

7 Sunday [311-54]

23rd after Trinity. ● New Moon, 7.52 a.m.

A nice fine day we are hoping it will last so as the ground can dry up.

8 MONDAY [312-53]

Nothing doing to day its fine which is a good thing.

9 TUESDAY [313-52]

Mohammedan Year 1334 begins.

Battalion route march but I myself was on an inspection of recent drafts. Simply poured with rain in the evening.

10 WEDNESDAY [314-51]

Nothing doing we all had a bath in a water proof shed.

NOVEMBER, 1915.

11 THURSDAY [315-50]

Half Quarter Day. Martinmas.

I did not start to day as it was my night on duty, we were paid 10 on account.

12 FRIDAY [316-49]

A brigade route march was arranged for to day but was cancelled at the 11th hour on account of the wet.

13 SATURDAY [317-48]

▷ First Quarter, 11.3 p.m. S. v. 7.15, s.s. 4.13.

Terrible quiet morning of gale blowing as usual. It turned out a lovely moon light night.

After we went to the cottage for a sing song.

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14 **Sunday** [318-47]

24th after Trinity.

Orders came that we had to remain on the phone all last night & today. I call it. However to day purely voluntary.

15 **MONDAY** [319-46]

No news to day the signallers played Brigade football ended 3-3.

16 **TUESDAY** [320-45]

We had a rifle inspection by the adjt we have for the trench on 1 of the mts.

17 **WEDNESDAY** [321-44]

A very quiet day we leave for trenches to morning.

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18 **THURSDAY** [322-43]

At 2.30pm we left HOUTKEREN for trenches travelling via bus. Cold and windy and we found it awfully muddy in our trenches.

19 **FRIDAY** [323-42]

Quite a quiet day. practically no shelling on either side.

20 **SATURDAY** [324-41]

S. r. 7.27, s. s. 4.4.

In the afternoon we had a few shells over the R.B. relieved us at night and we returned to Canal - Bk.

NOVEMBER, 1915.

21 Sunday [325-40]

25th after Trinity (last). ○ Full Moon, 5.36 p.m.

Except for the usual artillery exchanges the day was quiet.

22 MONDAY [326-39]

Relieved R B. every thing quiet.

23 TUESDAY [327-38]

Things were quiet for us the usual shelling passing over us.

24 WEDNESDAY [328-37]

Our artillery was quite active during the relief. We all

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25 THURSDAY [329-36]

Today we were warned for a line man's course at St Jan an - bomb things were quiet where we were.

26 FRIDAY [330-35]

We returned to our camp by transport. It was awfully cold and the camp was like a ploughed field.

27 SATURDAY [331-34]

S. r. 7.38, s. s. 3.56.

Things were quiet for us to day in the evening we went and had sardines and coffee at Marie's excepting some militia baton but none came. Cold but fine.



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28 **Sunday** [332-33]

*Advent Sunday.*

At 1. pm we set out for St. Jean our luck was in as we got a G.S. waggon we went to with in 200 yds of our destination.

29 **MONDAY** [333-32]

*( Last Quarter, 10.11 p.m.*

We began our course by tying knots etc. In the evening we went to Watford to the cinema. It was good.

30 **TUESDAY** [334-31]

*S. Andrew.*

The ground had become soft ~~out~~ owing to the weather being milder very unpleasant under foot.

**DEC. 1 WEDNESDAY** [335-30]

*Queen Alexandra born, 1844.*

rained but very mild.

DECEMBER, 1915.

2 **THURSDAY** [336-29]

Had a easy day found a letter awaiting me I was glad as I had been looking forward.

3 **FRIDAY** [337-28]

Up till now our work had been all the same, days all alike. In the evening we had a second trip to the pictures. Was home.

4 **SATURDAY** [338-27]

*S. r. 7.48, s. s. 3.52.*

We were working on lines up till mid night. Awful working in the dark in the mud.

DECEMBER, 1915.

5 Sunday [339-26]

2nd in Advent.

At 9:30 we had a bit  
inspiration after wards  
we were on fatigue for  
a few hours.

6 MONDAY [340-25]

● New Moon, 6.4 p.m.

At 9 am we set out for  
YPRES. We packs went on  
a waggon. We reached  
Canal Rd at 2 pm a distance  
of about 14 miles.

7 TUESDAY [341-24]

We got to P07172E  
about 5 pm last night  
tired as usual. In the  
afternoon we laid a  
short line.

8 WEDNESDAY [342-23]

We didn't get up  
until about 12 o'clock

DECEMBER, 1915.

9 THURSDAY [343-22]

I received parcel from <sup>my a.</sup>  
in the afternoon we  
walked back to Belle  
Woods. The bath was  
received.

10 FRIDAY [344-21]

Grouse Shooting ends.

A quiet day I got  
two nice letters from  
D.

11 SATURDAY [345-20]

S. r. 7.56, s. s. 3.49.

The roads were  
shelled heavily by the  
enemy. They quieted down  
to wards dusk.

a very quiet day.

DECEMBER, 1915.

12 Sunday [346-19]

3rd in Advent. Ember Week.

A quiet day we went for a stroll to Bole hdqrs.

13 MONDAY [347-18]

▷ First Quarter, 11.38 a.m.

The Germans sent over a few big shells. Other wise things are quiet.

14 TUESDAY [348-17]

The enemy shelled our position heavily with 8" shells. We were lucky in not having a casualty.

15 WEDNESDAY [349-16]

Ember Day.

A quiet day we left

DECEMBER, 1915.

16 THURSDAY [350-15]

we had to go to RB HQ for the night but shifted to our own billets later on in the day.

17 FRIDAY [351-14]

Ember Day.

A quiet day fine but dull

18 SATURDAY [352-13]

Ember Day. S. r. 8.3, s. s. 3.50.

We were paid off to day. Ordered to stand by to move up as reinforcements

Marched at 5.30. Travelling by bus we reached Mont-henque about 4<sup>am</sup> Friday.

DECEMBER, 1915.

5 Sunday [339-26]

2nd in Advent.

At 9.30 we had a bit of inspection after wards we were on fatigue for a few hours.

6 MONDAY [340-25]

● New Moon, 6.4 p.m.

At 9 am we set out for YPRKS. The packs went on a waggon. We reached Canal Pt at 2 pm a distance of about 14 miles.

7 TUESDAY [341-24]

We got to POTI 1725 about 5 pm last night tired as usual. In the afternoon we laid a short line.

8 WEDNESDAY [342-23]

We didn't get up until about 12 o'clock

DECEMBER, 1915.

9 THURSDAY [343-22]

I received parcel from <sup>Mr. G.</sup> in the afternoon we walked back to Bed Hays. The bath was achieved.

10 FRIDAY [344-21]

Grouse Shooting ends.

A quiet day I got two nice letters from D.

11 SATURDAY [345-20]

S. r. 7.56, s. s. 3.49.

The roads were shelled heavily by the enemy. They quieted down to wards dusk.

a very quiet day.

DECEMBER, 1915.

19 Sunday [353-12]

4th in Advent.

Germans attacked our  
 positions with gas  
 but turned out after  
 failure.

20 MONDAY [354-11]

Quiet day glad we  
 did not have to move  
 from here went down  
 the cottage for a  
 gamble.

21 TUESDAY [355-10]

S. Thomas. Michaelmas Law Sittings end.

○ Full Moon, 0.52 p.m.

Nothing doing I had a  
 nice parcel from Warr  
 Also letter from Eva.

22 WEDNESDAY [356-9]

Shortest Day.

A very quiet day.

DECEMBER, 1915.

23 THURSDAY [357-8]

We are looking forward  
 to getting a "little bit  
 of good" for the  
 25th. So far having  
 it quiet.

24 FRIDAY [358-7]

A very quiet day we  
 were hard out of  
 I suppose for a little  
 jollification I expect.

25 SATURDAY [359-6]

Christmas Day. S. r. 8.7, s. s. 3.53.

A fairly good time  
 we had chicken and  
 plum pudding from  
 home. We also had  
 an issue in rations  
 so far we've had it  
 very mild.

DECEMBER, 1915.

26 Sunday [360-5]

1st after Christmas. S. Stephen.

We had a very quiet day but in the afternoon we had a nice sing dinner and sing song after wards was some

27 MONDAY [361-4]

Bank Holiday. S. John.

Went down the village in the evening and had a game of cards.

28 TUESDAY [362-3]

Holy Innocents.

A wet and miserable day in the evening I went down the village.

29 WEDNESDAY [363-2]

( Last Quarter, 0.59 p.m.

A mild day preparing

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30 THURSDAY [364-1]

Left Houthengue at 2.30 pm by bus. Arrived camp Houthengue 5.30.

31 FRIDAY [365-0]

Shifted to new camp in the morning left for Poperinge at 7 pm. A good many shells full sound popping during the day.

JAN. 1 SATURDAY [1-365]

to leave tomorrow. We were cold. Chicks for dinner



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MARCH, 1917.

<sup>4th in</sup>  
<sup>Lent.</sup> Sunday 18

A church parade at  
9 am battle order.  
We after wards had  
a C O parade for about  
one hour and did  
ceremonial drills.

Monday 19

The same old parade  
nothing else doing.

MARCH, 1917.

Tuesday 20

Had a run this  
morning just to give  
one an appetite for  
breakfast.

Wednesday 21

Same parades still  
having very cold  
weather.



MARCH, 1917.

Thursday 22

The most exciting thing that happened today was that we were paid out 10f during the afternoon.

Friday 23 •

Left SOMBRIN about 11 am for POSSIBEX arriving between 2 + 3 o'clock. The roads were awful. Went to the Cinema at night.

MARCH, 1917.

Saturday 24

Usual parade No 1 platoon of 4 Coy played 13 of D. for the final during the afternoon. The former winning 4-0. rather wet.

<sup>5th in</sup>  
<sub>Lent.</sub>

Sunday 25

Church parade for volunteers at 11 am also signalling parade till one. Cold day. The clocks were advanced one hour at 11 pm

MARCH, 1917.

Monday 26

Pouring wet morning  
we did no early parade  
about 9-30 we did  
buzzer work in one  
of the huts.

Tuesday 27

Physical jerks at 6-20  
then a second parade  
at 9-30. A miserable  
and wet day nearly  
got wet through

MARCH, 1917.

Wednesday 28

We had swills at  
6-30 am packed up  
and left for DAINVILLE  
at 11-30 arriving about  
3-30 pm. Lovely day  
quite the best for some time

Thursday 29

A cozy time  
we were paid out.  
in the afternoon,  
a wet cold day.

MARCH, 1917.

Friday 30

Spent most of the day playing NAP.

Saturday 31

Nothing doing

APRIL, 1917.

Palm Sunday. Sunday 1

Voluntary church services but I did not go.

Monday 2

Nothing much doing.

APRIL, 1917.

Tuesday 3

No parade until 2:30 pm  
we went out to  
practice through  
throwing live bombs  
pouring wet night

Wednesday 4

Rather a miserable  
day the batt was on  
practice work. We were  
paid out in the after  
noon.

APRIL, 1917.

Thursday 5

About 2:30 pm we  
left to take over dug out  
in the line. I was on  
the go right up till  
mid night finished  
up dead tired.

Good  
Friday. Friday 6

A miserable day  
raining on and off  
In the after noon I was  
able to walk round  
quite old lines they  
were in a state

APRIL, 1917.

Saturday 7 ○

Our artillery still  
bombarding about 7 pm  
we paraded and  
marched to the caves.

It was a peculiar  
sensation being down for

Easter  
Sunday.

Sunday 8

Had a good night sleep  
quite warm but a sound  
from above although  
we knew our artillery was  
still battering away. Water  
dripped down which  
was hardly pleasant.  
Left for the line at 6 pm

APRIL, 1917.

Easter  
Monday. Monday 9

Spent last night in one of  
Fritz's old dug outs. Practically  
no sleep. We attacked at  
25 minutes to 8. Took  
1st line in 8 minutes 2nd  
in 10. Had a few  
casualties which I  
suppose one must expect  
I saved my run some  
bit it was time to go  
over. BT - casualties

Tuesday 10

Last night wasn't  
too bad considering the  
strange surrounding  
Fritz so far hasn't counter  
attacked.

APRIL, 1917.

Wednesday 11

Heavy bombardment at dawn we heard that we might be wanted. I was glad it was cancelled as we were done. Got relieved about noon. Proceeded to reserve after wards relieved.

Thursday 12

~~Leave~~ left for WANKATIN about 3 am had a half way. We were all on our knees. Lucky we got a motor side better cold.

APRIL, 1917.

Friday 13

Left WANKATIN at 6:30 pm for NOVELETTE. In good luck I was lucky and touched for a ride with the blankets.

Saturday 14

I had to parade at 7 am to go with billing party to BERLEN COURT. Nice day we found good billets.

APRIL, 1917.

<sup>Low</sup>  
Sunday. Sunday 15

Had a quiet day  
just a voluntary  
church parade I suppose  
sawly all the better  
rested as much as  
possible.

Monday 16

We had physical games  
for half a hour  
I was lucky in missing  
all parades after wards

APRIL, 1917.

Tuesday 17

Spousing with morning  
we had no parades on  
I did nothing all day.

Wednesday 18

The most important  
thing that happened was  
that we drew bread for  
to morrows ration although  
we have only been with out  
10 days it seems longer

APRIL, 1917.

Thursday 19

Nothing else on except  
signalling parade  
which was enjoyable  
finishing just before  
dinner.

Friday 20

Long distance signalling  
nice day finished  
for the day at 12:30 pm

APRIL, 1917.

Saturday 21

Physical job before  
breakfast. Paraded 9 am  
for battery scheme  
home again about 100.  
Nice day.

<sup>2nd after</sup> Sunday 22  
<sub>Easter.</sub>

There was a company  
parade to day repetition  
of yesterday. I went sick  
had A/C therefore missed  
everything. Nice dry day



APRIL, 1917.

Friday 27

Another lovely fine day  
very little to mention except  
that Fritz shelled a little  
in retaliation for our  
strafing. 2 M + F.B. getting  
good rations and got nothing  
much to grumble abt.

Saturday 28

We went into the line  
to night every thing was  
as quiet as one can  
expect these days. I  
was pottering about up till  
day light next morning

APRIL, 1917.

<sup>3rd after</sup> Sunday 29  
<sup>Easter.</sup>

We have not much to  
grumble about of course  
there are shells but one  
cant expect any thing  
different there were no  
casualties I believe.

Monday 30

Another lovely day.  
we hadnt nothing more  
exciting than the concussion  
of shells putting our candles  
out.

MAY, 1917.

Tuesday 1

At 4<sup>am</sup> we had a protracted barrage we had a few casualties as Fritz put up one as well with 5-9°. It only lasted ten minutes.

Wednesday 2

We were relieved out of the line about 11pm and went back into reserve. The artillery had been fairly lively all day the weather was grand shelled with gas and <sup>high</sup> shells.

MAY, 1917.

Thursday 3

About 4am the artillery put up a barrage and our boys went over except two batts. We had the opportunity of being in the rear this time. Moved up in support at <sup>midnight</sup> were shelled by <sup>high</sup> shells.

Friday 4

Another lovely day we were relieved about 10pm and went back into reserve.

MAY, 1917.

Saturday 5

Another lovely day  
absolutely did nothing  
all long long. Was  
told in the afternoon  
that I had been  
awarded military medal.

<sup>4th after</sup>  
Easter. Sunday 6

I did a lion from 9 till  
1 am this morning. I then  
went to trip and stayed  
there till 3 in the afternoon.  
The weather was much  
cooler

MAY, 1917.

Monday 7

frily shelled continuously  
during the day with  
5-9<sup>s</sup>. About dusk it  
started to rain making  
it a very miserable  
night.

Tuesday 8

We were with drawn  
from old trench as  
things were getting to  
warm. The roads were  
very heavy on our way  
back.

MAY, 1917.

Wednesday 9

Had a good time  
under canvas things are  
much quieter here. Nothing  
much doing.

Thursday 10

In the afternoon I  
left for BOISLIEUX ST MARC  
to work out a scheme  
with O.B. Lovely weather.

MAY, 1917.

Friday 11

Had a good night's work in  
time for breakfast, I did not  
go out to day. So stayed  
in camp.

Saturday 12

Today I went out by  
sea as far as RANBART  
we did nothing though  
as weather was bad.

MAY, 1917.

Rogation  
Sunday. Sunday 13

This being a day of rest  
we did the same, having  
no parade. So far we  
have been living like  
Islands having a fine time.

Monday 14

We had another parade  
about 10pm today but  
I was content to stay  
in camp and read.

MAY, 1917.

Tuesday 15

I had a pleasant trip  
up in a balloon today  
it was fine. After wards  
we left for the batt, I  
went to transport camp  
and slept there for the  
night.

Wednesday 16

Today I rejoined the  
batt at NEAVES VITASSO.  
we were supposed to be  
in reserve I believe. I  
was busy in the evening  
laying lines

MAY, 1917.

*Ascension  
Day.* Thursday 17

Rest most of the day  
laying out lines. The  
weather was very bad  
and awful for the  
chaps in the line.

Friday 18

A little better to day  
the ground is drying  
up fine now.

MAY, 1917.

Saturday 19

Did nothing all day  
except a cycle ride to the  
transport camp. Got  
wounded to neck about  
9 pm and was soon  
away to the field ambulance

*Sunday after  
Ascension.* Sunday 20

About 2 am we left <sup>in a</sup> the  
field ambulance for the  
43<sup>rd</sup> CCS arriving just before  
dawn. Every body was new  
to us after wards in the  
evening we left for the base

MAY, 1917.

Monday 21 •

We were able to have  
a good lay in, ~~in~~  
~~the evening we left try~~  
we arrived at Le Tripp  
about 6 am. After a bath  
one felt lovely and clean.

• Tuesday 22

This is my second  
day in bed, it is  
fine to lay in clean  
clothes again and to  
feel clean in ones body.

MAY, 1917.

Wednesday 23

Asked to get up as I <sup>d</sup>  
enough of bed. Went  
along the cliffs during  
the day it was fine.  
Disappointed not going  
to Bligny

Empire  
Day. Thursday 24

Spent most of the day  
on the cliffs I'm afraid  
I did nothing but sleep  
but went with the intention  
of reading.

MAY, 1917.

Friday 25

Things much similar as yesterday, went to the cliffs with a nice book but fell asleep on the grass, woke up just in time for dinner.

Saturday 26

Spent morning on the cliffs, the afternoon at the cinema. Awfully hot inside one couldn't really see the films.

MAY, 1917.

Whit Sunday. Sunday 27

All the week we have had the best of weather. I feel quite fit excepting my knee which isn't right yet.

Whit Monday. Monday 28

A miserable wet day there was a concert on in the YMCA but one couldn't get in it was too crowded. Came back and had a sleep instead.



MAY, 1917.

Tuesday 29

Was informed by the ADST  
that father had passed  
away. He promised to  
recommend me for leave.  
It came quite a shock as  
I never dreamt he was  
so bad. Saw the Co  
after dinner and left  
the hospital in ambulance  
about 9pm. Train left  
Le' tri port at 10.20pm for Haïve

Wednesday 30

Our journey to Le' Haïve was  
much to grumble about  
even ~~and~~ bread & butter was  
given to us twice on the  
journey. It took practically  
thirteen hrs. We were <sup>not</sup> long  
before we got on the ship  
the ESSEQUIB. When full we went  
out the harbour and waited  
there until 9.30pm before moving

MAY—JUNE, 1917.

Thursday 31

Friday June 1

DECEMBER, 1917.

Monday 31

NOTES FOR 1918.

Friendship  
It is for aid &  
comfort.

Through - all the  
relations & passages. Of  
Life & Death.

It is fit for serene days.  
Graceful gifts & country  
samples.

But - also for rough road  
and hard fare.

Beneath. the moon he told

his Core  
The colour left her cheeks  
and on the shoulder of

his sword  
It showed up plain  
for weeks.

MEMORANDA.

gods. Sunshine ~~of~~ The whole.

O Father give our hearts that Peace.

Whate'er the outward be.

Will all. Eifer discipline shall

And we go home to thee

MEMORANDA.

They Peace.

We bless thee for they  
peace of O God.  
Deep as the unfathomed  
Sea.

Which falls like lumber  
on the road.  
Of those who trust in thee

That-peace. which suffers  
and is strong

Trusts where it cannot see  
Deems odd - the trial way  
<sup>too long</sup>  
but - learns the end  
with thee

That-peace. which flows  
serene & deep  
a river in the soul  
Whose banks a living  
nature keep

MEMORANDA.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes on the left page, including phrases like "I hope", "we seem to be for the", "of a God", "the importance", "I think", "on the road", "I have", "that", "and", "I", "seem", "the", "with", "I", "A", "and", "and"]*

ADDRESSES.

Name.

Residence.

In this sad world  
where mortals rest  
we were but: Strangers,  
Should we not turn to  
those we trust to save  
us from our dangers,  
For any where our  
trouble seems to find  
an end, is in the  
fairly land of dreams  
or with a friend

A ~~best~~ widespreading  
hopeful disposition is  
our only true umbrella  
in this vale of tears

The world is a beautiful  
Mansion  
And life one golden hour  
The Heart is a beautiful garden  
And memory its flowers

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