

EXPLANATORY

I am not writing this to make excuses for all the mistakes in this autobiography of my experiences in the army. I wrote it for the pleasure I got out of doing it and the memories it brought up, because I have forgot so many things.

All the papers that I have stuck in are placed as near as possible to the incidence they refer to, and to show how the army worked at that time, all the amount of paper work that was made unnecessary.

The idea of having all officers make a monthly report of what they did, even if you were in the same place for months, etc.

I would liked to have my Commissions in this, but they are too large.

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Louis L. Bowie, Capt.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office of the Surgeon General,
Washington.

June 30, 1917.

From: The Surgeon General, U. S. Army.
To: Dr. Louis L. Bowie,
Buckeye, Iowa.
Subject: Commission in Medical Officers' Reserve Corps.

1. I am directed by the Surgeon General to inform you that at your recent examination for appointment in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps, held at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, you were found qualified and your name will shortly be submitted to The Adjutant General of the Army with recommendation that you be commissioned a member thereof.

1 Enc.

R. B. Miller
Major, Medical Corps, U. S. Army.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Surgeon General.
Washington,

Sept. 4, 1917.

From: The Surgeon General of the Army.

To: Lt. Louis L. Bowie, M.R.C.

Subject: Medical Reserve Corps.

1. You have been appointed a First Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps and you are urgently requested to advise this Office of your acceptance on the enclosed blank.

2. It is possible that the formal notice of appointment has not reached you from the Adjutant General's Office. If this is the case sign the enclosed acceptance and the Department will request orders placing you on active duty. The regular appointment issued to all officers from the Adjutant General's Office will reach you in due course of time.

By direction of the Surgeon General.

R. B. Miller

Enc.

Medical Corps, U.S. Army.

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D I Washington, D.C. 5:25PM 10/2/17

Lt. L. L. Bowie, M.R.C.

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Be prepared receive orders to report Camp Grant

Gorgas.

7:10PM

to Surgeon General (Central Dept.)
to Adjutant General (Washington)

¹⁰¹ Report 120 pages
J. B. Harrison, ~~Dir~~
Oct 1 - 1917.

From: L. L. Bowie, 1st Lt. M.R.C.

To: Surgeon General, U.S. Army, thru Dept Surgeon, Central Dept.

Subject: Personal report.

1- Report my departure from Milo
Dova, on Oct. 8 1917, pursuant to Telegram
this order, A. G. O. War Department
Washington D.C. dated Oct 6 1917 and
arrival at Camp Grant, Ill. Oct 9-1917

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SPECIAL ORDERS, }
No. 233. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, *October 6, 1917.*

Extract.

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112. First Lieut. *Louis L. Bowie*, Medical Reserve Corps, is assigned to active duty and will proceed to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and report in person to the commanding general thereof for duty. The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

TASKER H. BLISS,
Major General, Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

H. P. McCAIN,
The Adjutant General.

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Milo, Iowa Oct. 6th, 1917

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D T Washington, D.C. 5PM Oct. 6th, 1917

Lieut. L. L. Bowie M. R. C.

Milo, Iowa.

You are assigned active duty, proceed to Camp Grant Rockford, Illinois and report to commanding General for duty. Travel directed necessary in military service.

McCain.

6:30PM

Received Oct. 6th 1917 - 7 P.M.

Col. Pullen

~~16th~~ ~~Regt~~ Brigade,
Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.,

Oct 16-1917.

From: L. L. Bowie 1st Lt. M. R. C.

To: Quartermaster, Central Department,
Federal Building, Chicago Ill..

Subject: Copy of Telegraphic Order.

1. Milo, Iowa Oct. 6th, 1917 ^{33 Cont.}

D. T. Washington D.C. 5 P.M. Oct. 6th, 1917
Lieut. L. L. Bowie, M. R. C. Milo, Iowa.

You are assigned active duty, proceed
to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and report to
Commanding General for duty. Travel
directed necessary in military service.

Mo Cain

6:30 P.M.

Copy of diary of L. L. Bowie, 1st. Lieutenant, Medical Reserve Corps
U.S. Army .

The Germans and the British began fighting in April, 1914.
The United States was furnishing the British with arms and
ammunition all the time. The British were carrying it in their own
ships, until the Germans sank too many of the ships, and then we
began hauling equipment to England in our boats. The Germans
sank one of our ships in early 1917 and we immediately declared
war on them, I think it was on April 6th, 1917.

The Medical Journals all began shouting that the armed
services were needing doctors very quickly, and the news papers were
putting out the slogan, "this is the war to end all wars"

I thought if that was the case, I would volunteer, to keep the
children from having to fight later on, if ever. I reasoned that
being an M.D. that I would not have to get up close where all
the fighting would be going on. (and there has been two wars since
that time)

The latter part of May or the first of June I went to Des
Moines and took my physical examination for a commission in the army.

Received the commission as a 1st. Lt. in August, 1917.

We moved to Milo, Iowa in Sept. so Geraldine could be near
her grand parents while I was away.

Orders for reporting for duty at Camp Grant, Ill. were received
October 6, 1917.

Oct. 8, 1917 left Des Moines for Camp Grant, Ill. over the Milwaukee
R.R. It was a cold dreary day. Arrived in Rockford, Ill. at
7.30 A.M. Oct. 9th. Had been raining there a few days, the streets
were muddy, no hard roads, reported to headquarters and was sent
with an orderly to carry my suit cases, went to three places
before getting a place to rest, another fellow in the room with
me. The room was in the Sanitary Train area. Was off for the
day. So went to town and got some bedding as there was not
enough covers on my bed during the first night. Had my first
mess in camp tonight and it was very good.

Oct. 10, 1917 Rained all night and mixed with a little snow, ~~Report~~
Reported to the Col. for assignment. No heat in the barrack
All the heat we had was from the cook stove. The dirtiest bunch
of doctors I ever saw. Not one clean one.

Oct. 11, 1917 Took setting up exercises for the first time.

Cold and no sun yet. Reported to Colonel Phalen. Assigned to the V Depot Brigade, An orderly helped carry my bags, about three miles, from the north to the south end of the camp. Officers all in one large barrack. Doctors and other officers all together. Good eats and a better class morally. No privates in the depot brigade so we had nothing to do.

Friday Oct. 12, 1917 Went to town today and bought two more double blankets. Had heat on in barracks a short time this P.M. turned off again and cold again tonight. No sun yet.

Sat. Oct. 13, 1917 First good night sleep since arrival, Ice on ground this A.M. and ground frozen a little. Walked 6 miles Received surge suit from home today. Some heat in barrack again.

Sunday Oct. 14, 1917. Slept nice and warm last night, Best since arriving here. No sun again today. until after noon, and weather warmer this P.M. Big crowd on camp. Went up town for church and nearly wore my arm off saluting. All the Lt. tell the same story. Walked over to the depot to see the Chicago depart.

Took in Redpath Lyceum and got caught in a rain. The other fellows nearly walked the feet off me.

Oct 15, 1917. Warm day. We cannot go up town during day and must stay on grounds. also take our setting up exercises.

Capt. Hutchins of Detroit is to take charge of us. Went on a hike at 2 P.M. 5 miles. Awfully tired and legs sore. Heard Capt. Picard, a Frenchman, speak on conditions in France, he was very good and gave us some fine pointers.

Tuesday Oct 16, 1917. Up at 5.45 for setting up exercises at 6.00 A.M. Took an hours hike from 7.30 to 8.30 A.M. rest class 10.00 to 11.00 A.M. Walked to Col. Phalens Office, he is the division surgeon, located in the base hospital, clear across the camp to get instructions on examining recruits, after walking back we had the rest of the after noon off. Needless to say we were all tired Feeling fine.

Oct. 17, 1917. A rainy, nasty night and forenoon. All indoor work Quiz on register of patients, and setting up exercises in forenoon. Took overcoat to town to have it shortened and took in a show. and caught in a heavy rain, walked thru mud the last six blocks because the sentinel would not let the driver go farther.

Oct. 18, 1917.

Rainy in A.M. with cold north west breeze in evening, Was called this morning for not standing at attention when the colonel in charge came. I was reading a news paper & I heard some one shout attention. I just keep on setting. The colonel walked over to me and asked me how long I had been in camp. I should have stood up when attention was called. The colonel was very nice and he had a smile on his face when he left. He knew that I had not been in the army very long. 2nd lesson in French today

Oct 191917 Ground frozen. 31 degrees in our barrack this A.m

Took a hike and was let off for the day. Went up town and got a hug me tight sweater and stayed for ashow.

Sat.Oct.20. Cloudy and warmer. A five mile hike and some drill, then off for the day.

Sunday Oct.21. Cooler. Got first letter from Geraldine. Up town to Sunday school and church. Invited out for dinner but declined, Did not want to bother any one.

Monday Oct. 22. Took a 12 mile hike , not tired.

Tuesday 23. Snowing this A.M. Ground completely covered. Plenty of heat. Another letter. No hike. French and other lessons on the salute. Took my first tripple shot of vaccine made me feel a little tough.

Oct.24. No sleep ,feeling tough. Nothing doing to day. A holiday to boost Liberty Bonds.

Oct.25. A nice day. Good nights sleep, No hike. Some of the infantry officers are quite excited about being assigned to colored brigade. Got a talk on care of feet by a specialist

Friday Oct.26, Rained all night. Called 20 Min. later now. Marched to central auditorium to meet the Commanding General

He told us how to treat the colored troops, He also told us that we could not wear any clothing except what was regulation

Oct.27. Rainy and snowing this A.M. Went to Chicago in the P.M. arrived at the Aunts about 4 P.M They were living in Oak Park. Had a good supper ready for me.

Sunday Oct.28. Came from Chicago, arriving at 10.45 P.M. Caught a flivver at the depot and got in the camp grounds just two minutes before the dead line .It was the last bus to be admitted to the camp that night. A letter from Geraldine was waiting for me. Monday Oct.29. Snowing again this morning. Not enough heat in the barrack. Snow blew in and wet our cots.

Oct.30. A cold night ,Ground frozen so it would hold one up. Snow cover. Took my second shot of tripple vaccine.

Oct.31. Ground still frozen with a snow cover. Not feeling very bad from the shot. Lined up for my first muster and all the medics got a call down. Got our first work . One of us was assigned as medical officer of the day.. Went to the division officer office ,Col. Phalen, He gave a talk on reports

Nov.1,1917. Took a 12 mile hike today.. Went to central Y.M. to hear Gov.Lowden . Then we had a talk by Gen. Barry, the commanding officer of the camp. Too far back and could not hear him, but did stand in the mud and snow an hour.

Nov 2. Took a five mile walk on a good road today.. Had a sprained ankle and sore all over from the day before mess.

Received books from the A.G.O.

Sat. Nov. 4. A nice warm day. clear, one of the best we have had.

Medical officer of the day, Nothing to do.

Oct 5. Another clear day. Drill until 10.00 A.M. Then went to Division H.D.Q. to see some pictures.

Oct. 6. Nothing to do in A.M. Gas instruction at 1 P.M. also taught how to use the gas mask. 3rd vaccine shot. Packed up and moved back to barrack No 107 and again with the bunch. Go to hospital for lecture on venereal diseases.

Oct 27. Nothing all forenoon. None of the infantry officers have a thing to do. Vaccine did not bother me at all. Picture taken again. More gas instruction this P.M. Took in a concert at the central Y.M. this eve.

Oct 28. Another nice day. Only from home a month and how I wish I could be there with them. Took a hike and did some drilling.

Went to base hospital for gas instruction at 1.00 P.M. then back to central Y.M. for talk about Gov. Insurance. Took out policy for 10000 dollars. Back at 4 P.M. for conference in barracks.

Nov 9. Another fine day. . Could not sleep last night, worrying about Geraldine. Hike this A.M. 1.30 P.M. Gas class, and Exam. over it. 4 P.M. Conference on paper work. Letter from Dr. C.M. Wray telling me that his sister was a nurse at the base hospital here in the camp.

Nov. 10. Slept a little better last night. She will never know until later how much I have worried. Took hike this A.M. to get away from inspection. Went to town this P.M. and got in a jam of cars and missed out on mess.

Nov. 11. Went to church this A.M. and was invited out for dinner at a Mr. James Mable. A lovely family and a good dinner. Arrived in camp in time for supper. Wrote a letter to Mr. Iler.

Nov. 12. Finished my Smallpox vaccination and got my card. Wrote a letter to Geraldine. Marched to Hdq. and stood in a mist to hear J. Ham Lewis talk, but could not hear a thing.

Nov. 13. Lecture by a Frenchman at 9 A.M. Then to base hosp. for a lecture on T.B. Very good.

Nov. 14. Went over to see Capt. Hutchings about going to a training camp. As all the M.D.s were after me to go, it would help me a lot. He advised it.

Nov 15. A clear warm day. Had pictures of the brigade taken. Lecture in A.M. by a British officer on machine gun fire.

Walked over to see Col. Phalen about going to a training camp, he advised it and told me to make out an application for it. I did. Heard an Irishman talk on his experience on going in and out of the trenches. very interesting. Made us think the war would last a long time.

Nov 16. Lecture in A.M. by a British officer on gas and the use of the masks of various kinds. Went to dental office and got an appointment. Wrote a letter asking for transfer to a training camp.

- Nov. 17. A fine day. A lecture on signals and cooperation by a French officer. ~~Went~~ ^{Went} to Chicago to see the Aunts. While there I asked a little girl if she had a brother, she said no, she had a dog. A little fellow asked me if I was a real soldier.
- Nov. 18. Sunday. A fine day. Visited with the Aunts and took AN early train for camp. Along letter waiting for me from Geraldine.
- Nov. 19. Cloudy. Made out pay voucher. Went over to Milford with a fellow to look over a Ford. Car no good.
- Nov. 20. Nice clear day. Got tooth filled in A.M. Singing school at 2.30 P.M. following a speech by congressman Medil McCormick of Ill. He had just returned from Europe. He says America will not send many men to France before 1919. He said they needed ships and material more.
- Nov. 21. Official order put out today for four day vacation at Christmas time. Coming home from talk hit retreat time and had to stop twice to salute. My first experience. There is something inspiring about it. Over to hospital for a talk tonight. Temporarily attached to the 344th Infantry Reg. for duty. All the camp working roads today. Went up town to look for a room for Geraldine this eve.
- Nov. 22. A cold north east wind. Began work with the 344th Inf. Went to rifle range, an M.D. must always be there for fear some one might get injured.
- Nov. 23. Cold and spitting snow. Held sick call for the Reg. Got called for leaving before noon, but nothing serious. We will have to stick around more closely as the Capt. is going to report on us. Over to hospital to hear Dr. Billings talk about the Russian Red Cross and conditions there.
- Nov. 24. Over to 344th. Reg. Made a sanitary inspection of all the regimental barracks and guard house. They were not ready for inspection and got a calling down. Did not get back in time for dinner. Up town to a show in P.M. A little girl got killed by auto. Another auto upset and injured two soldiers seriously. One of our doctors talked too much, so the whole company will have to stand inspection Monday.
- Nov. 25, Sunday. Up town for church. Back to barracks and wrote letters all after noon.
- Nov. 26. Over at 344th. all day. Took sick call in A.M. and made out form 52. sick report, the hardest one to get right. Taught bandaging to the hospital corp and band, also talk to Company F on the use of gas mask and the effects of the gas. Very tired tonight.
- Nov. 27. About 1/2 in ch snow. Sick call and sanitary inspection in A.M. Singing school in P.M. Evening lecture on Tetanus. Sanitary detachment of the 344th. Reg. ordered to be ready

Nov. 27, continued,

to proceed to front any time. Long letter from Geraldine invited out to Thanksgiving dinner with Co. B. 344th Inf.

Nov 28. Took care of operative ward this A.M. Not much in P.M. Boys at the infirmary are getting ready for a dance. Made out personal report. Have to make one at the end of each month.

Nov. 29. Nothing doing today. Had an excellent dinner with the 344th company. This was Thanksgiving day. Went to the Y.M. at 2 P.M. to an entertainment given by the 311th engineer company.

Had boxing, wrestling, several of their own songs and fine musical talent from Chicago. The first day I have been away from home since our marriage, a little bit lonesome. Hope Geraldine is not worrying as much as I am, never again will I leave home for so long a time.

Nov 30. Cloudy and colder. Just escaped from going on a ten mile hike with the whole regiment and cooking dinner in the open. I worked on form 53 and held sick call. Got called on military courtesy and got called for it, so studied all P.M. on it. Ordered to accompany the regiment to Chicago tomorrow as medical officer to attend the camp Custer and camp Grant football game.

Dec 1. Up and breakfast by 6.30 A.M. To Chicago with 344th Inf. Reg. Colonel Simmons in charge. Arrived Chicago at 11.00 AM. I fell out and went shopping. Got Christmas presents for Geraldine and the children. Sent Geraldine some flowers. Stayed at Y.M. hotel. Saw Blanch Ring, What Next, at the Olympia Theater, was good. Stopped at Congress Cabaret to see what was going on. Was stopped by a private who wanted me to go in and make them let him dance. I was not looking for trouble.

Dec. 2. Sunday, Back to camp this A.M. Had to run all over town, from the Y.M. building to the North Western B.R. trying to find the special trains they promised they would furnish for us, then to the Ill. Central B.R. on the Lake Front and take a regular train. Wrote letters this P.M. Went to central Y.M. this eve to hear Rev. John Gordon and his choir. Were very good. No heat all afternoon. Used overcoat in side.

Dec. 3. A fine day. Got more medical work than any day since arrival. Worked all forenoon. Picture taken with 344th Regimental medical detachment. Have cold today due to the cold barracks yesterday.

Dec. 4. Good day. Did not do much. Music class. Fire drill after being in bed, had to get up a couple times and dress for it.

Dec 5. Out to firing range all day with the whole brigade, the first time a whole brigade had been there at once. Cold and snowing in the P.M.

Dec. 6. Coldest day of the year. 17 degrees below in room, ice frozen and bulging in bucket in room. Nothing doing in A.M.

HEADQUARTERS, 86th DIVISION, NATIONAL ARMY,
Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois,

Special Orders,

No. 106

December 16, 1917

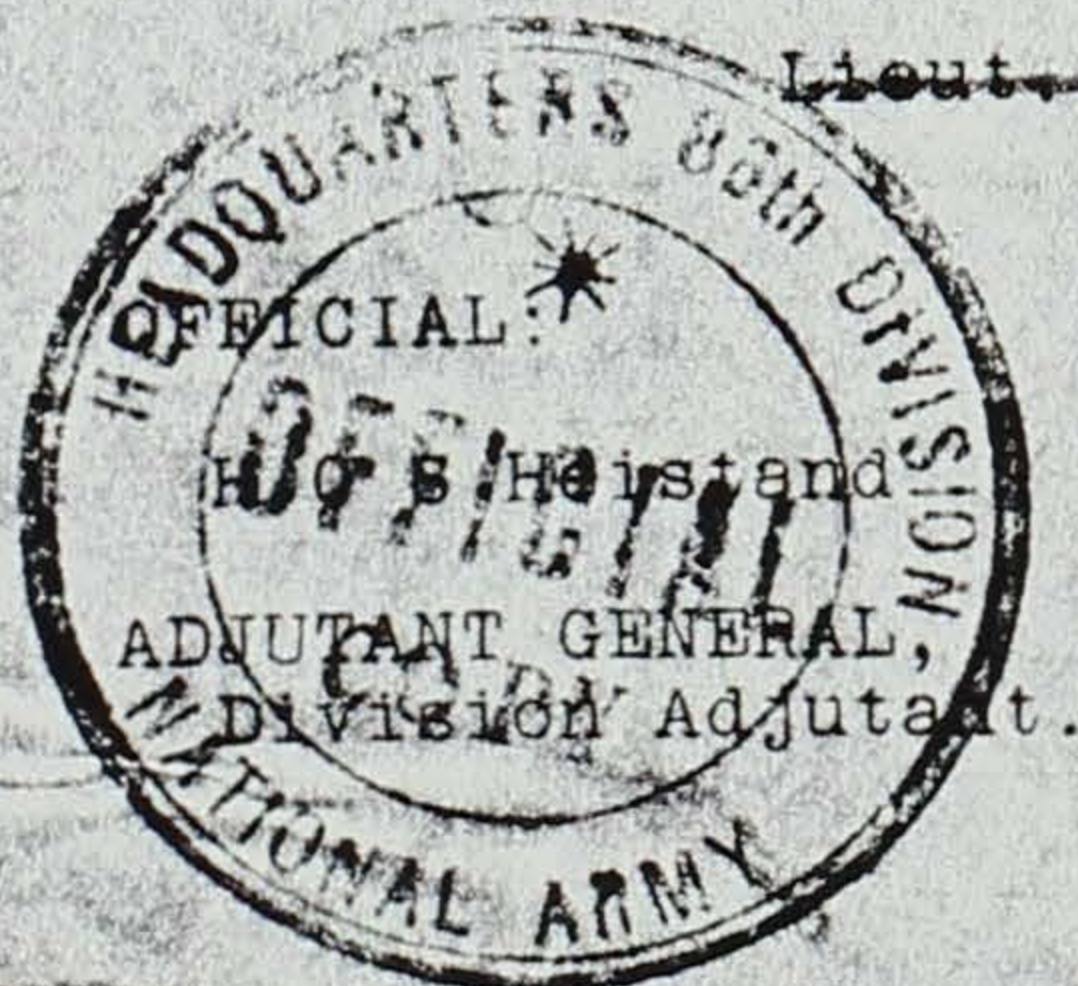
EXTRACT

13. Leave of absence for ten (10) days, under exceptional circumstances, effective on or about Dec. 16, 1917, is granted First Lieut. Louis L. Bowie, M.R.C., Medical Det., 183 Brigade.

~~By command of Major General Barry~~

~~ROGER S. FITCH~~

~~Lieut. Col. Field Artillery, N. A.~~
~~Chief of Staff~~



By Command of Brigadier General Kennon
Charles E. T. Lull
Major, General Staff Corps
Acting Chief of Staff

CG 183 Brigade

Dec. continued ..Picture taken again for the Adjutant General's office, and if good for Christmas also.

Dec 7. Up at 6A.M and started on hike at 7A.M. 20 miles, feet got a little sore, but not tired.

Dec.8. Saturday. Coldest day so far. Nothing doing in A.M. Up town to get a few things I needed. Nearly froze getting back to camp.

Dec. 9. 10 below zero . windy and snowing in P.M. Loafed all day. Fairly comfortable in barrack.

Dec.10. 5 below this A.M. Called over to the Division Surgeons office to learn how to fill out forms 52 and 53, both medical forms that were coming into his office not filled out correctly by the Doctors in the various companies in the division. Latrine rumor, that the Depot brigade was to be sent over seas at once.

Dec. 11. To division surgeons office to work on form 52 again. In P.M. sent to the machine gun En. to instruct the Capt. there how to fill out form 52, as his reports were not right. Some of these officers were the ones who told me to get a transfer to the training camp at Indianapolis, Ind. where they were supposed to have received this instruction I was now giving them. I was very glad that I was turned down and not sent there when I requested it. I will always think my request never got any further than the Division Surgeons office. To base hospital for a lecture in the evening.

Dec 12. Broke one lens in my glasses last night. Received orders today, along with 3 others to report for duty with the colored brigade. Do not like it. Find that we are only attached there for duty. Are still assigned to the 161 Depot Brigade. To town in P.M. to get my glasses.

Dec.13. One inch of snow. Nothing to do. Over to see General Barnum, the commander of the colored brigade. He said he did not have any place to put us, and for us to stay where we were. Saw Col. Phalen, the division surgeon, He said we would be carried with the 183rd brigade. Saw General Barnum again and he told us that he would carry us as members of his brigade, so that settled it for us. I then presented a request for leave of absence for over Christmas to him. One of the negro stories heard. A sentinel stopped a jitney driver in the camp after hours and told him, and told him, Prepare to receive a powerful command (turn round about and get going)

Dec. 15th. Clear 12 deg, below. Gen. Barnum approved my request for leave of absence. Up town in P.M. Shows all rotten. this week.

Dec.16. Sunday. Went up to town for church.

Dec 17. Received a 10 day furlough and left for home at noon. Got home the next A.M.

Dec. 27th Arrived back in camp at 7A.M. Worked all day with depot brigade, inoculating and vaccinating and examining new recruits, worked 2 hours in the evening also.

Dec. 28. 6 degrees below zero. Vaccinated and inoculating all day. Lights out this eve and could not write. 115 new men to mess with us and no extra help,

Dec. 29, 15 below. slept last night with underclothes on and over coat on the bed. Worked all day. Missed supper but made good use of the jelly I got from Geraldine.

Dec. 30. Sunday. A regular blizzard all day. Not much snow. Hard to keep warm in barracks. Every one quarantined because of Measles. Took sick call in A.M. The men who came in from Columbus Ohio were treated awfully the few days they were there. Slept on concrete floors, in the "Latrines" and only two meals a day. Some had no under clothes and shoes did not fit.

Dec. 31st 1917 Quite a lot warmer. Had to move and did not get orders stating where to until noon and then had to get there in time for mess. Got mess kit and made it in time. Am at 1297 barack. Inoculated 662 men today myself. Staying at infirmary tonight.

Jan 1st 1918. Warmer today. 2 inches of snow. Inoculated 665 men today and made calls to barracks. Stayed in the infirmary last night. and was busy most of the time. Not much better than night calls at home. Am all in tonight. Camp full of Measles and Pneumonia.

Jan, 2. A light snow. and not so cold. Inoculated all day. Col. Brooks, the camp commander, will not let Capt. Osborn go until Jan. 5th. Had four Cpts. today but Brooks wanted Capt. Arscott and got him. To work with him.

Jan. 3. Moderate and snowed a little. Inoculated 350 today. Did not do much in the P.M. Latrine has not worked since we moved in. No hot water, Sewer frozen and water all over the floor. Up town last night and got hair cut and ordered pants.

Jan. 4th. Fairly warm. removed from inoculation and placed in charge of the S. and H. cards. 9 medical records. Ran all over the brigade grounds looking up the fellows who Leo (an Italian M. D.) had made wrong. Worked until 9,30 P.M. making sick calls. Lot of the men still sick.

Jan. 5th. Warm again today. One private told me today that he fainted when he went out to the latrine. Work all day until 9 P.M.

Jan. 6, 1918 Sunday. Snowed all night and day, not very cold. Worked all day at the infirmary trying to get the S. and W. report cards corrected.

Jan. 6 continued. Streets hard to get through. We called an ambulance and they did not want to try it.

Jan. 7. Snow drifted terribly. Hacks and ambulances could not get through. Worked all day.

Jan. 8th. Clear and a nice day. Did not work so hard. Received transfer orders to report to the ambulance section of the 86th division.

Jan. 9. Attached to the 344th ambulance company, an animal drawn out fit. Two things ~~things~~ I do not like about this assignment. Work with mules and ride a horse. Hope the Major does not keep me. Held retreat tonight. Went up town this P.M. wool pants, A good fit and warm. Nearly upset in the snow but finally made it.

Jan 10. Officer of the guard for my first time, only 5 posts to look after. Have one sergeant and 5 corporals with 5 men in each shift. So cold we only worked 2 hours a shift, instead as a rule we worked 4 hours per shift. Made my last round to each post after midnight and then went to bed.

Jan 11, Friday. Blizzard all day. Hunted two hours for one guard last night, found him loafing in a latrine getting warm, I did not report him. Went up town and got picture taken. Went to a show and then went home early while the drivers could see the road.

Jan. 12. A worse blizzard than yesterday, roads all blocked, and no trains running. Took reveille this A.M. inside, too cold to go out side. Stayed in all ^{day} and wrote letters. A great way to spend Geraldine's birthday. I would have rather been with her.

Jan. 13. Sunday. No mail yesterday or today, a clear cold day. Received word that I ^{am} assigned for good to the 344th Company Ambulance. Guess I am stuck with it. Went out to the toboggan slide back of the Field Section and tried it out, but it was too cold to stay very long.

Jan 14. A little warmer. Took reveille and retreat by myself for the first time. We paid the men today. Had charge of the company all alone today.

Jan. 15. Put in charge of the property and supply officer of the company. Lt. Berge in charge of transportation, began creating trouble immediately for himself and every one ~~about~~ about him. Will be a lot more about him as this goes along. Received word from Geraldine that she had been sick all last week. Also from Archie that they had lost Everett Dec. 30 1917. It is no fun being in the army. Wish I could see Geraldine for a time and be ~~sure~~ sure they were all O.K.

Jan. 16. A nice clear day, cold. Nothing doing all day. Our Sergeant Segal and Major Kreml at the divisions Surgeons office. The Major is not big enough for his place and should be replaced.

- Jan. 17. A clear warm day. Nothing doing all day. A good letter from ~~A~~ Geraldine. This Ambulance batallion is sure a hell ~~be~~ hole for scrapping, and the Major is the worst of all.
- Jan 18. On duty as officer of the guard. The coldest day we have had. Have not heard any more of the Sargeant and Major scrap.
- Jan.19. Off duty all day. Went up town to call on a Miss Alice Bowie to see if we could scrap up some relationship But none found. She had seen my name in the city paper and sent me a card asking me to call at that time, Stayed in town and took in a show and then could not get out to camp until midnight..
- Jan.20. Sunday. A nice clear day. Walked to depot brigade to get a shirt ~~el~~ had loaned a fellow. Nothing doing the rest of the day.
- Jan.21. Took about 25 men on a hike early and then when we got *there* gave them instruction in bandaging before noon. Nothing in P.M. A social at the Y.M. in the evening. Had a good time. Was fun to watch the old bald headed Majors flirt with the nurses.
- Jan 22. Took a hike and then examined the men to find out much they had remembered about bandging. We also held short arm inspection. Every thing clear.
- Jan.23. Snowing all day and did not do a thing.
- Jan 24. Warmer. Nothing doing in A.M. Lt. Berge did get Mad in the P.M. and got things stirred up. The Major gave us quite a talk, following retreat. Hope it did some good. Wish I was away from Berge, he does not have a lick of sense, but I am stuck with him. We would like to have him transfered.
- Jan.25, Warmest day since Christmas, Sold government insurance all day and looked after cleaning the barack. The Senator Chamberlan expose of the army heads has brought more strict regulations clear down the line. Lt. Finch is leaving. Got his discharge tonight. Would like to get one and get out of this Ambulance Batallion.
- Jan.26. Saturday. Capt. Cooper is away and I am in charge of the Company, for the first time, and was to consult Capt. Janney of Co 342 when I got in a jam or needed advice. Started as officer of the guard. Worked until noon and it was storming so that we had to take charge of the camp, so Lt. McDill (who was in the first year of medical school with me) took my place. Had an awful time getting enough men and Non-coms. for all the detail work, but we got thru O.V.
- Jan.27. Sunday. Up town to church and out to dinner, Is very fine to get out of camp and get a good home cooked meal.
- Jan28. More snow last night

Jan.28. continued. Growled at ~~our~~ on sanitary conditions today dishes dirty, rooms untidy, bread in coal etc. Office work in P.M. showed that previously there had been no system. Could not find what was wanted. It is great to be boss and stand responsible for every thing, even financial.

Jan 29. A fine day, one of the best of the year. Up town in P.M. to get the company mess fund transferred so I could pay the mess bills. A good talk by COL. Phalen (division Surgeon) on tropical diseases and his experience in the Philippines. Sent our ambulance sled after the colored medical officers, and it up set, one of them said (what, no arm in this here bus) The driver yelled at him to keep quiet or the mules would run away. He should have been reported for talking to a commissioned officer..

Jan 30. A good day but cold. Had a big snow fight, a rounded pile of snow had been piled up by the Supply and ammunition companies, and the Field hospital and Ambulance companies tried to take it. This was done for a movie operator. We won out and got the fort. Looked over mess accounts in the evening.

Jan 31. Cold. 14 below in A.M. and 3 below in P.M. Muster passed off fair for me for my first time. Mess bills all paid except one, will have to look it up first. I suggested to the Major that the hour for posting guard be changed from morning to evening. He made the change. Reason, the men can get more rest and sleep.

Feb 1st. Nothing doing today.

Feb.2. Saturday Fairly warm. Up town to a show. Nothing else.

Feb 3 A nice day. To town for church and out to dinner with Mr Ch--- who knows Marguerites parents. A good dinner and fine people. have two girls 8 and 10 years of age.

Feb 4 Lt. Cooper back and am Iglad and relieved from command. Am sure now that I can command a company successfully. Loafed in office and looked over a few mess accounts, Don't like Capt. Cooper very well as a boss. 18 below today.

Feb 5.. Cold and windy. No out side work. Splint drill inside.

A fine talk on the brain by Major Spitzka (the man who revised Grays anatomy. Another coon story, the colored man on guard duty and a Capt. approaches the guard, what, who comesthere. Answer, a friend, a Guard, advance and be recognized, coon recognizes him and says H-- you are no friend. A poor story.

Feb.6. A clear warm day. Some snow melted. Nothing doing all day. On duty as officer of the guard for the next 24 hours. A good letter from Geraldine made me feel better.

Feb.7. A dandy day. Nothing happened on Guard last night except a mule ran away from the engineers who were putting a light over the fire alarm box at the guard house. The mule was an excellent runner, Went to bed at 8 P.M.

Feb. 8, Friday Rainy all day. Up town on Company business again. Stopped to see the internal revenue man. Will not have to pay tax on 1917 salary. The best letter from my good wife today. She is certainly a jewel if there ever was one.

Feb. 9. Held a regular inspection over at the depot brigade. Saw the fellows still left there, and they said it was a mighty ~~problem~~ to get a transfer to the orthopaedic department, or any transfer as they are being turned down. Went to the Y.M. in the evening and heard the girls orchestra from Rockford.

Feb 10. Sunday. A fine day. Thermometer up to 40 degrees. Went up town to the Congregational church. Out to dinner with Mr. Lathrop, Head of one of the big factories here, He has a swell mansion on the Rock river and every thing served in style. Lt. Bolio went with me. Went to Y.M. at 6 P.M. for Presbyterian vesper services.

Feb 11. The warmest day since I hit camp. Rain from 4 P.M. on. Pay day for the men. No work. Heard Mr. Sherman of the Y.M. tonight. He had just returned from the front lines in France. He gave us a very good idea of the English and French people and conditions in the later country. Latrines in the streets. Nearly 20 per cent of Gen. Pershings men have Syphilis. A good letter from Geraldine.

Feb 12. Another warm day, rained all night and snow going very fast. Water main broke about 4 P.M. and no water for supper, nor steam heat. Took my first horse back ride today.

Feb. 13. Taught the men how to roll and what to put into a blanket roll. The first good hike for nearly a month. (the snow and weather too bad for them) Heard Mrs Roberts at the Y.M. in old costume songs of different kinds.

Feb. 14. Another warm day Temp. got up to 50 degrees. Rained from 4 P.M. all the rest of the evening. On guard duty at 6 P.M. Just got into bed and not asleep at 11 P.M. when they came in for us to get all men out to the river to build a dyke around our mumping station.

Feb. 15. A lot colder, drop of 40 degrees over night. Got dike built and saved our water supply. Took all of our men over then all the engineer men were sent back, leaving the engineer officers to boss our men and officers. Only had one fight over it. The plans were in Washington for the dam over a year ago there, and yet we had no orders to go ahead and build the dike. A little more red tape. Also out at the rifle range the LT. in charge was getting the foot bridges, got one and started on the other when an inspector came along and made him stop and wait for orders. When the orders came the bridge

Feb 16. was down the river. More red tape. Off guard at 6 P. M. and went to a banquet and dance of the 341st Amb Co. the Indianapolis bunch.

Feb. 16. Snow during the night. Had a good time at the dance

Feb. Some fast girls came out, three came in and asked where they could stack their dry goods. Met some fine college girls with Mrs Mosely. Nothing doing all day

Feb.17. Sunday. A clear fine day. 10 below. Up town to church and to dinner with Mr. Burlingame. Fine people and a good meal. Lt. Gore and wife also were there.

Feb.18. A fairly nice day. Was quarantined before noon at the base hospital because of a mistake, but released at 4 P.M. Stag banquet at company 6 P.M. Went to the Y.M. for entertainment at 7 P.M. A good picture of the French shown. A long hike with packs in the afternoon.

Feb. 19. A cold foggy, misty day. Over to the Q.M. department and got two O.D. blankets for 9.00 dollars. My first long ride on horses. Big military funeral for Brig. Gen. Sibley in P.M. Body on caisson and taken to the depot. All officers in camp required to attend. We marched and stood in the cold about two hours.

Feb.20. Zero. Nothing exciting during the day except had an officer thru the building and he gave us a growl as usual

Feb 21. Went home on three day leave.

Feb.22. Arrived home in the evening and gave them a surprise as I did not have time to notify them I was coming.

Feb.23. A grand day at home, wished that I did not have to leave.

Feb.24 Sunday. A nice warm day. Drove to beach. we all went. Rode train all night and arrived in camp about 1 A.M

Feb. 25. Rained all day. Up town in P.M. to see after company money. Central Y.M. at 4.00 P.M. To hear Gen. Barry give a very special confidential talk on his observations of what he saw about the war in France. Colder this eve. and a gale blowing.

Feb. 26. Went out on first drill of spring with ambulances and pack mules, Went up thru town. The Major went along. I do not know what for, unless to show off as he likes a parade. The mules acted very well.

Feb 27 A dandy day. On guard all without overcoat.

Feb 28. A good day but cold. A long hike in A.M. Litter drill And first aid in P.M. Major Kreml gave a banquet for the officers of the Battalion and invited Col Phalen as a guest. A star affair with plenty of entertainment. Col. Phalen thinks the division will not go over before the middle of the summer.

March 1st. Friday A fine day. Snow melting fast. Nothing doing in A.M. Rode up town today on my horse to go to the bank. Got another new man today making our full quota of officers. Major Kopetsky took charge of the whole battalion, Sanitary train. Is eating with us.

March continued. The new man ranks below me. On guard duty to night by choice, so I can get away Sunday to go to Freeport to take the Masonic Rite up to the 32nd degree.

March 2. All snow gone. On guard all day. To movie in evening. A great way to spend my birthday. I feel that I would be worth more to the government out of the army, but they don't

March 3, Sunday. Up at 5 A.M. and left on buss for Freeport, IL to get all the degrees of the Scottish Rite Masonry up to the 32nd degree. A nice fine day. Was 280 candidates. Got back to camp about midnight. Had a large banquet at 6 P.M. served by the O.E.S. The dining hall would seat 600 hundred and it was full.

March 4. Another fine day. Major Kopetsky over with us for reveille. He is getting a line on things. Very sleepy.

March 5. Officer of the day under Major Kopetsky. Did sanitary inspection for the Field Hospital Battalion also. And report to Major Kopetsky instead of Maj. Kreml. The company took another long hike.

March 6. Colder and ground frozen. Hike in A.M. Pay day in after noon. To Y.M. in evening to a program given by the school children of Rockford. Very good. We have a Priest eating at our table and we call him the G.A. God's Adjutant.

March 7. Wrote checks and settled mess checks, bills. To Q.M. and got shoes. A movie in evening. Letter from Geraldine telling about her experience assisting Dr. Price at the confinement of Mrs. John Clark.

March 8. Cold and windy. Ride one hour in the A.M. Men cleaning up rooms and grounds. Went central Y.M. to Liberty Show in eve. A good vaudeville.

March 9. Major Kopetsky inspected. Was very critical on some things, Kitchen was O.K. To town in A.M. to deposit some company money. Stayed for a play. Not very good.

March 10. To town for church, No invitation for dinner so went to movie and then back to camp.

March 11. Looked after grooming the horses and building roads all day. Rode a little time in the P.M. Fire at 4.30 P.M. and every one called out. Only a latrine on fire. By the time I am thru this army I will be a good mule skinner.

March 12. A dandy warm day, Acted as overseer for out side police work. Seems as if every thing went wrong. Capt. Hutchins was transferred to the Depot Brigade. We are glad he is gone.

March 13. A rainy day, Went to the Q.M. and got a surge suit 7.62 dollars that would have cost 30.00 or more in town. To central Y.M. for a gas lecture by an English expert.

March 14. Snowing all day. Our company doing all the ambulance

March 14, continued. work because the motor ambulance cannot get thru the mud. Company relieved from guard duty and put to work on the roads.

March 15. A fine day. Made more roads. Talk by Lt. Col. Koptzky in P.M. He told us that promotion depended upon us, and that we were to have our overseas by April 15th. Banquet with Company No. 342.

March 16. A fine warm day. Major Kreml found all sorts of faults of trouble during the inspection. Walked up town this P.M. and got a phonograph for the company.

March 17. Sunday. A nice day so Lt. Polio and I walked to town for church. He got his picture taken and to movie and then back to camp. Over to the Y.M. in evening and heard Dr. Fredrick of Indianapolis talk. He was fine.

March 18. Worked on roads all day. Got myself a slicker for 3.85.

March 19. A fine day, mud drying fast but not too soon. On guard duty all day. The Col. came to inspect the guard and see how I got along. Was supposed to call out the guard for him, but I did not know it nor did I know how to do it. Nor did my sergeant on duty with me. He was very nice about it and told us how to get it done. Fare well song by Gen. Barry, who was turning over the command of the Division to another General. at 4.30 P.M.

March 20.. Cleaning up the grounds all day. Or as they say in the army policing the grounds.

March 21.. Policing the grounds all day.

March 22.. A fine day. A big ride in the A.M. Went to see the division officer in the afternoon, and to the Q.M. dept. on business for the company. Geraldine came in the evening for a few days visit. Was I glad to see her.

March 23. A fine day but cooler. ~~Officer of the day up until 4.45 P.M.~~
Up town all day with Geraldine until 4.45 P.M. and then had to go guard duty, as no one take over for me, and I had helped them out all winter so I could not come down with her this evening.

Sunday March 24. March continued, 23rd. Up town after inspection and with Geraldine all day. Took in a good movie. I had to take over as officer of the day at 4.45 P.M. I could not get any, **ONE** who I had accommodated many times when they wanted to go out in the evening with their wives, so that kept me on the camp

March 24.. Sunday. The officer of the day runs from 5.00 P.M. to 5 P.M. the next day. Geraldine started to walk out to Camp. Got lost or was directed wrong and walked more than she should. Went up town with her in the evening and went A.W.O.L. by staying all night. The Captain told me he would not report me off duty.

March 25.. A fine day. Got out from town in time for reveille. Did

March 25 continued. did not⁴ing this A.M. Men hauling cinders
 Geraldine came out for retreat this eve. We went up town together
 Did not go any place. Stayed in her room at the Y.M.C.A. and
 visited. I stayed and helped her to train at 4 OOA.M. in the ~~noon~~
 morning. I wondered if I would see her again or is this to be
 the last time. As good, noble and true as she is, I cannot think
 it possible that I'll never see her again and cause her so much
 suffering. She is the bravest woman in the land. YES, I ~~will~~ ^{will}
 see ^{her} some time I know.

March 26, Tuesday Lonesome today. I did manage to keep jolly
 until she left and do hope she never suspected that I wanted to
 cry. If she never suspected it so much the better. Litter
 and tent drill in A.M. Mounted ambulance in P.M. Then to the
 central Y.M. to the famous Paderiski not play the piano,
 but hear him talk on the war situation as he saw it.

March 27. On emergency ambulance work all day, a new thing to have
 an M.D. go on every emergency call. To avoid criticism of
 the ambulance service. One call today. I slept in the room
 in the P.M.

March 28. A fine day. No drill and nothing of importance happened.

March 29. Did police work in the morning. Up town in P.M. to get
 pants cut down to fit. On guard for Lt. Lowell in the evening

March 30. On guard all day for Lt. Lowell. A good long letter from
 Geraldine. TO a movie in eve.

March 31. Sunday. Easter Sunday. Four of our boys picked ~~over~~
 for over seas duty went A.W.O.L. last night. Three left
 today. A nasty windy and just a miserable day. Had muster
 in the morning and could not go to church. The Major over
 slept and did not get to it until 11.00 o'clock. Lt. Bolio
 and I went up town to the congregational church in the
 evening and got into a sib story. The pastor was saying
 fairwell and was leaving to go to France. We walked back
 to camp.

April 1. All men returned, were arrested, tried and sentenced.
 Fitted out with clothing and will be sent out tomorrow.

April 2. A fine day. Shower in P.M. Our men (15) left for Fort
 Logan at Houston, Texas at 1.15 P.M. A good lecture by Dr.
 Evans of Chicago, the city health officer, to the men in the
 after noon and the officers in the eve.

April 3. Camp inspector around Looking over the books, not kept
 correctly but every thing accounted for.

April 4. Went to the remount station in the morning, Found I could &
 get wheel ~~mules~~ mules in exchange for our pack mules. So
 informed the Major, and he said get them. I did. go back
 and ordered them.

April 5. Went to the remount station and brought our mules back.
 They were good ones and not bad tempered. Capt. Cooper
 and I rode up town on our horses.

1st Lt. Bessie

Headquarters, 311th Sanitary Train,
86th Division, H.A., Camp Grant, Ill.,
April 11, 1918.

Memorandum to C.O. School for Bakers and Cooks.

1. In compliance with Memorandum 451, Headquarters,
86th Division, April 9th, designate the following named officers from the
311th Sanitary Train for instruction as Mess Officers in the School for
Bakers and Cooks:

1st Lt. Joseph R. Dillinger,	F.H. Section
1st Lt. Louis L. Berie,	Amb. Section.

2. These officers will report at your headquarters at
8:00 A.M., Monday, April 15th, as requested.

Samuel J. Kopetzky

1st. Col., H.C., H.A.

(Copy to Division Headquarters)

" " Field Hosp. Section)
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HEADQUARTERS
FIELD AMBULANCE SECTION
311TH SANITARY TRAIN
MAJ. O. A. KREHL, COMDG.

April continued. The whole Battalion took a long hight hike from 7.00P.M. to 10.00P.M Cold and sore all over. A hot egg sand wich waiting for us when we got back

April 6.. A good day. Sore all over, would liked to have stayed in bed all forenoon. Inspetion At 9.30 A.M by division Inspector COL. Phalen and Major Kopetsky, the Major left out, It is very evident that the COL. is trying to force him out.

April 7. Sunday. A year ago we declared war on Germany. Up town to church, Presbyterian, Back to camp in time for dinner. Horses and mules got out and we had to go to the remount station for them.

April 8.. Cold and cloudy.. Had men from depot brigade working in in our area, doing police duty. Capt. Cooper had a few of them cleaning windows when COL Fitch, the chief of staff, came along did he give us a good calling down.

April 9. Cold and the ground frozen hard . Six months since I arrived in camp. On ambulance all day, only two calls, one not an emergency. Base hospital meeting tonight on the irritable heart. Had quite an arguement.

April.10.. Ground still frozen. Nothing much doing all day, Up town in the evening to a Rockford medical society meeting.

April 11.. Practice for march thru Rockford tomorrow. Ordered to report april 15th to school for cooks and bakers Is far from the practice of medicine that the army keep harping about. No medical work in this. If I could I would get out. But no chance of that.

April 12.. The best day of the week. Getting ready all fore noon , for the parade up through the town. Had every thing shining like a darkeys heel. I did not have to be in the parade so went up town to see it. The sanitary train was the best of the whole bunch, I mean the cleanest and neatest and marched as well as the other companies did .

April 13.. The finest day we have had. Inspection. by the C.O. Inspected all barack bags and found some very dirty clothed

April 14. Sunday. A good day. Up town to the M.E. Church. Talked to a class of boys 12-14 years of age. To dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame, very nice people . A good dinner and a good time. She gave me a box of home made cookies to take along with me when I left.

April 15.. Started to cooking school today. Monkeyed around in the kitchen. Did not do much , except get in the way of the cooks.

April.16. At school in bakery all day. Kert out of the way.

April 17. Rain all day. In class and kitchen , Do not think we will get much out of it. To show in the evening.

April 18.. A cold day.. In bakers school all day.

Learned how to knead the dough and rollup the loaves.

Aprill 19.. French class in evening. Kitchen all day.

- April 20.. A cold rainy day, some snow. Inspected kitchens in the depot brigade and O.C.T. A letter from Aunt Alice thru Geraldine, She, Geraldine answered. Also one from Fred Parker giving all the rot from Moorhead.
- April 21.. A cold damp drizzly day. Up to town and the Presbyterian church. Heard an anti saloon talk. To dinner with Mr. and Mrs B.D. Smith. A good dinner.
- April 22.. In bakery issue room all day. Received a box of cookies and a cake from home. Made me a little homesick. Heard Billie Sunday talk also Mrs Sunday talked a short time, He sure did rip the Kaiser and the Germans up the back.
- April 23.. Snow in the A.M. In kitchen all day. Heard in the evening a talk by Major Baum of the base hospital talk on the Gonorrheal cases. He said 98 per cent of the cases in the army were contracted before the man was received into the army.
- April 24.. In bake shop mixing dough. Left early and went to the Q.M. dept. and got another blanket and comfort.
- April 25.. Not much doing in kitchen.. Off for lecture by an English officer on discipline Notice that we may go to Sparta, Wisconsin on a practice march.
- April 26.. A holiday. Liberty loan day. Whole camp marched to Dev Division H.D.Q. to hear the 3rd Asst. Secretary of War. As usual our sanitary train was so far away that we could not hear. Worked on clothing records all P.M.
- April 27.. Inspected kitchens all fore noon. Up town in P.M hunting an apartment with LT. Bollo. Hard to find. To theater on camp to see a movie (Gerard's four years in Germany) Scens were all good and facts given
- April 28 . Rain all forenoon and part of the afternoon. Did not go up town. Wrote letters and did bunk fatigue.
- April 29. Bakers and cooks school all day. In kitchen 13 most of the time . French class in eve.
- April 30.. Cold and N.W. wind all forenoon with a drizzle, Muster today. Did not go to the Cooking school. Nothing special in the P.M.
- May 1st. Ice on roofs of water this morning. clear. Did not do much in the kitchen . Bought a mounted canteen and cup . Tried to turn in my and trade for a Kahki blouse but they did not have my size in stock.
- May 2. Worked on mixer for bread allday. Nothing special occurred.
- May 3. A fine warm day. In class room allday. Got new saddle and equipment .
- May 4th. Inspected kitchens of the 183rd brigade this morning and ran into Gen. Martin , our new commander, He stopped us and called and we that he was going to give us a H-- about something, but he asked us our business , he commended us and then told us to make the men come to attention where ever we went.. WE DID.

May 5th..Sunday. A fine hot day. Up town in the morning and back barracks at 3 P.M. To Liberty theater in eve. A program by a negro band.

May 6..Rainy in morning and evening. In bakery and trying to roll bread loaves, had to be just the right size in weight, 2 pounds four ounces. and they would come out weighing exactly 2 pound. Two good long letters from Geraldine. Lt. Berge sure is one big D--fool. Got married yesterday and telling every one what a fine wife he has. May be she is but he does not need to tell May 7 us.

May 7. Quizz all day. Had to read my answers to the questions by Col. Kopetsky before the medical society meeting in the chapel of the base hospital. Some honor but I did not like to do it.

May 8. Inspected kitchens all day. Found some pretty dirty. Am all alone in the barack this eve.

May 9. Rain all off and on. Inspected kitchens in afternoon. A good letter from Geraldine, including one from Inez.

May 10. Very cold for the day. One of the hardest storms I ever saw about 8.30 last night Hail and sheets of rain. Quizz all forenoon and exam. on baking in the afternoon. Boxing IN Y.M. in eve.

May 11. Exam. in cooking in A.M. Work getting ready to start to Sparta Wisconsin. Order came thru. this afternoon to leave camp at 7.00 A.M. May 14, 1918. Up town and got a few small things I needed.

May 12. Sunday. Had headache all day. Worked all day getting ready for our trip. Some job filling all the belts with medical supplies for the men. Got my medical belt today.

May 13. Worked hard all day getting ready to go to Sparta Wisconsin. 7.30- 9.30.P.M.

May 14th. Tuesday. Up by 4.A.M. and starting the day. Over to the barracks at once to see that the men were eating. Packed nearly all of my stuff except my overcoat, overshoes and basin and cap. On our way by 6.30 A.M. Made 16 miles today by three o'clock P.M. Every thing went fairly well, but two men fell out. Supper on time. One extra mule was being lead behind awagon decided to rolland he did, breaking the rope. No trouble to catch him.

May 15. Up at 5.30 and breakfast at 6.15. and on our way by 7.00A.M. Had some fun last night trying to hitch a mule to the water cart, finally made it by using a twitch on his nose. Using our pup tents for sleeping, slept fairly well even there was quite a little noise. In camp things went a lot smoother. No doubt we will make soldiers by the time we get back. As I was the supply officer I had to go out in Beloit, Wisc. and get eats for we officers. Not so bad

May 15 continued, only the crowd was so thick I had quite a time getting thru, and most of the stores were closed. Got enough for us. Camped 6 miles north of Beloit this eve, reached camp about by 2 P.M., giving us plenty of time to make or set up the camp. A few men have sore feet, otherwise all are fine.

May 16, A fine day. passed thru Janesville, Wisc. and are in camp 6 miles north of there. in a large pasture. Arrived in camp by 2 P.M. Most of my company, ~~most of my company~~ had diarrhoea, due to eating beans that were cooked the night before and carried for dinner lunch today. They were cooked in tin cans and left in them, it was hot and the beans did not keep safely. Did not get time to write to Geraldine today.

May 17, Friday. Up at 4.45 A.M. and broke camp at 6.12 A.M.. Our men running all night to the latrine, so they were not in very good shape for walking. Had quite a job to keep them all going, I filled our ambulance with the men then when I had another one to put in it I kicked the first one in, out and made him walk. Left only one man by the side of the road for the trailing ambulance to pick up. I did not eat the beans so was O.K. and had a man on my horse most of the day while I walked.

Reached camp at 1 10 P.M. with all men present. I thot we did an excelent job in getting all of them thru and the Col. in command not knowing it. We could have got a good calling down. Began raining just before all tents were up. I got a litter to put on the ground and slept on it. Fresh milk donated to us by the creamery. Went to bed and slept as soon as thru supper.

May 18. Up at 4.30 and on our way early, slight drizzle the first hour, then cleared and was good overhead. Roads awful. Men walked single file on side of road. Trucks stuck and had to be pulled out. Finally got to South Madison and camped on the Fair Grounds and every thing ready for company by 5.00 P.M. We did not allow visitors in until we were all set for them. Took bath in Lake Monona after dark and then went up town. No amusement there at all.

May 19. Sunday. Not up early, A fair day. To town to see about a motor ambulance. (we started out without one, and needed one) Returned to camp at 11.00 A.M. Stayed in in the afternoon so the other officers could go up town, one officer had to be in camp at all times. Letter from Geraldine. Last night went up town and ~~a~~ a business man took me all over the city and the university grounds. Rained like fury Friday night. Rained and hailed about 4.30 A.M. My tent faced the wind. I used my rain coat to hold up in front and did not get wet. Slept very good most of the night.

May 20. Monday. Broke camp at 8 A.M.

May 20 continued. Route thru Madison changed and had a real parade thru the city. Every thing went off real well. At one place the people had an effigy of the Kaiser hanging across the street.

The streets were full of people, just like it used to be when the circus came to town. In fact it was that way during the whole trip. We had three correspondents from the Chicago papers with us all the time we were on the road. This was the largest movements of troops by land since the civil war, so we were told. Reached camp about 2.00 P.M. Camped along side of a lake in woods. A very nice place for camping. Am still feeling fine.

May 21. Left camp at 7.12. A cold cloudy day. Very cold during last night. I rode all day with my rain coat on. Marched 17 miles today. My company camped on the school grounds at Poyndette, Wis. A town of about 700 people and a nice town. Nothing unusual there the day. Wednesday May 22, Had the worst storm I ever went or passed thru in my life last night about 8.30 P.M. The slate roof of the school house was blown off, but no one was hurt, but all of our tents were blown down. I saw it coming and undressed and crawled into my tent, but it did no good, all my clothing got soaked, except what I had in my suit case. I saw a car standing in the street, so I picked up my bag and ran for that car, it was not locked, I got in and changed to dry clothing, put on my rain coat and was then ready to get out and see how much damage had been to our ambulances, two were upset. The mules on the hitching line were all messed up. We finally got our outfit in as good a condition as we could, then I walked around the rest of the camp to see how they were. The school house was opened and heated for us by the town and a lot of the men had gone there to get warm and dry their clothing. While on this walk the adjutant for the Colonel asked me if any of my men were in the building, I did not know, but told him that I would go in and see. He told me if there were any, to tell them they were soldiers and get them out. I found a few of my men, I told them to get out and then told them that I had done my duty and that they could stay. Of course I did not say in so many words that they could stay, but they got what I meant, and stayed. Camp fires were all over the camp grounds. Trees were in the streets the next morning and we had to get them out, we did and got on our way fairly the next morning.

May 23.. Thursday. Camped 3 miles west of Portage this eve on a hillside. Not a long march. And every one drying clothing as soon as we set up camp. All our men in good shape. Went up town in eve to a reception given by the M. E. Church, A nice time

May 24. Friday. Reached Kilburn last eve and rested today.

May 24th . continued. Camped in the woods about one and one half miles from town. Took a trip in the Wisconsin river past the Dells. short distance but very beautiful. Booke camp at 10.00 P.M. for a night march. and pulled out at 11.42 P.M. In the lead were the foot troops and I had to stay to see that every one was out, which was 1.45 A.M. and then had to ride on and report to the Colonel in charge. It was some job riding along the side of the road trying to get around all the others. I never did catch up with the head of the column until they had reached the camping place for the day. The colonel was asleep so I reported to his Adjutant, then found where my outfit was to pitch their tents for the day. and then wait for them to arrive and show them where they were to camp. I slept on the ground until they arrived, which was about two thirty A.M. The men had quite a time in getting their wagons in and did not arrive until about 8.30 P.M. I had sent to town and bought lunch and coffee for our foot men and enough lunch for the others. I got to bed at 10.30 P.M.

May 25. Last evening a funny thing occurred, A fellow came out from the town of Tomah and began selling 5 cent cigars for 15

cents and 15 cent rings of baloney for 50.cents. We got wise and I put a great big fellow on him by the name of Burley on his trail, he ran him out and the last thing he did was to give the fellow a good swift kick.

Was buisy and no time to write for a day or two.

May 28. Tuesday. Rained all night and until 9.A.M. and were late getting away. Had to wait for the 381 Art.Co. ,the rest of us were ready on time. Only one large hill to go down, A lot of deep soft sand and very tough going, We wound thru the hills, the jack pines were so thick that we could only see about 3 rods into them. Arrived at camp Robinson at 4 P.M. Our destination. Lt. Berge butted into my business of getting our company located and got it all balled up, the Major sure gave him a good balling out. He deserved it.

May 29. Still rainy and misty Every thing fine and our company came thru in good shape. The artillery had to send one man back to camp Grant. Went into town (about 4 miles) took laundry and got eat\$ for our officers (my own Company) Got back about 1.30 P.M. . Resting the rest of the afternoon. Received two letters and a card from the best woman in the world.

May 30. Still cloudy and a little misty. Capt. Cooper went fishing when he should have stayed and help make plans for our return trip. The Major came to me to assist him in making the plans. We were to stay a few days only.

May 31. Friday. Rained off and on all day. Made arrangements for leaving tomorrow. And the arrangements were nearly all left to me, ordering rations, and forage and feed for the mules, Did not get through until 9.30 P.M.

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June 1 1918. 1268 lbs Oats at \$33.68

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I certify that the above forage was purchased by me June 1st 1918 and received and used by the Detachment of the 31st Sanitary Train, Enroute from Sparta, Wis. to Camp Grant Ill.

*Louis L. Bourne 1st Lieut M.R.C.
Supply Officer.*

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June 3, continued. I had to get hay and oats for our horses and mules, also pick up at the express office meat and bread; we had meat sent from Camp Grant every second day and bread every 4th day.

June 4th. Arrived in Kilbourn last night about 9.30, a man gave us his barn for our horses and for us to sleep. Camped by river side and it was a fine place. Got a cool reception and the mayor left for Portage, at 6.00 A.M. He was reaved because we left his town at 10.00 P. M. when we went going up.

June 5th. A cloudy day and threatening rain. Camped on the fair grounds. Portage gave us a grand reception and a dance in the evening on the new pavement. I went on to Poynette (where we had our cyclone on our way up) and arranged for feed, and a gentleman from Portage came for me to go back. I went and enjoyed watching the fellows dance.

June 6. A grand reception for us. We four were invited to dinner by the banker and did we have a good one and before we left his house the whole gang arrived. We camped on the schoolhouse grounds, where we camped when we had our cyclone hit us.

The bankers name was Mr. J. Jamison, after noon Mrs Jamison took pictures of us. She wanted to get the picture in full equipment on our horses. Another girl wanted to take one of me alone, I told her I would if she would send ~~one~~ one home to Mrs Bowie, She sent the picture. The ladies of the town gave the men a feed of pies and cake before we left. I went on that night and arrived at Token Creek about 8.00 P.M. and got a camp site of a Mr. Ellis Lawrence. also engaged hay for the next day

June 7. A fine day. slept until 8 A.M. Got our own breakfast, had eggs and got hot coffee from Mrs Lawrence. Mr Lawrence took pictures of the whole bunch. To get one when finished.

Left for Madison, Wisc. about 4.30 P.M. and arrived about 6.30 P.M. Saw the Chamber of Commerce. The Secretary took us around the town and then a lunch at the Park Hotel. We camped at lake Monona.

June 8th. Saturday. Hardest time of the whole trip. First a hitch on getting the grounds, then took nearly all day to get feed for the horses and settled, finally got it from a Jew. He asked me to have dinner the next day, but by the way he smelled I did not think I would be able to sit at the table and eat a thing. I promised him if I was not busy the next day that I would eat with him, but I knew that I would not be around when he came for me.

Then I was supposed to get meat and bread there, (it was sent to ^{us} by express, there were two offices in the city I stayed in town all day and called when ever they would have a train coming in, and no food for the men

Ambulance Company #364,
511th Sanitary Train,
Camp Grant Illinois,
June 16th 1918

From: Louis L. Bowie. 1st Lieut. M.R.C. Supply Officer Detachment
511th Sanitary Train.
To: Camp Quartermaster,
Subject: Loss of Express.

1. The beef shipped to the Detachment 511th Sanitary Train
Houston, Wis. to arrive there June 3rd 1918 was never received.

2. The shipment of beef for the same detachment to be shipped
to Brooklyn Wis. was never received.

Louis L. Bowie
LOUIS L. BOWIE
1st Lieut. M.R.C.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Form 1307

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

To Camp Quartermaster June 3 1918
Camp Grant, Ill.
Did not receive buf. today. Emergency
Still I beg. Wire Kilbourn.
Louis L. Bowie 1st Lieut.
Supply Officer, Detachment 311th
Sanitary Train.

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DATED Camp Grant, Ill.

TO Lieut. Louis L. Bowie

311th Sanitary Train

Kilbourn

Beef shipped to Main
and four thirty today

Smith for train

June 8, Continued. Then I went to camp and got my supper and asked the Major what to do, as there was another train to come ~~in~~ in that evening he told me to go up town and see about it. I put on my dress uniform and went up ~~to~~ to the office and the express man told me that it had been there and that he sent it down to the express office in South Madison, that he thought we would need it, he had called them there ~~after~~ after the office was closed. I called the express man at his home and he had called over to camp, which was not very far from them, he told me he had turned over the meat to one of my sergeants, I knew that it would ~~be~~ none other than my mess sergeant. I then went to the dance in the capital building. This dance was given to the men training at the University and when they heard we were in town they sent word to us to come. It was given by the employees of the capital ~~building~~ building. Every one very courteous and made us feel welcome.

June 9th. Sunday. Entertained us (a Lt. and two sergeants) Mr Mrs Potter at their beautiful home overlooking one of the lakes. The swellest feed and time on our trip. I told them that I would have to leave ~~early~~ early to go on to Brooklyn that eve. to locate a camp site there and arrange for every thing for the men the next day. He said he ~~would~~ would take me down, as he knew the people there, and then back to Madison and have supper. His next door neighbor had a son, an M.D., already over in France, and a young lady there at home who did not get out very often, and he took her to Brooklyn with us. I got to camp by ten o'clock and up the next morning early and away on my horse to get to our camp site and see that every thing was ready for the arrival of the bunch.

June 10. Entertained there at the home of H.J. Ellis, another fine feed. Was eating when the company arrived and did ~~not~~ meet the Major and was he sore, by that time I did not worry about his big mouth.

Rode on to Janesville (a distance of 25 miles) I knew that was a long hike for one day, and also too hot for them the next day. The commercial club put us up at the Y.M. but the company were camped on the fair grounds, I called the Major and told him it was too long a trip for them, he said he had promised the commercial club he would camp there and that he would come on. They did not get in until five o'clock and every one, even the mules, were all in. My meat did not arrive there and I had to call the Q.M. at Camp Grant about it, they gave me orders to buy meat, but it was too late in the day to get any thing, except what the butchers had left on hand

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Surgeon General
Washington June 28, 1918

From: The Surgeon General.

To: Lt. Louis L. Bowie, M. R. C.
Amb. Co. 344, 311th Sanitary Train
Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

Subject: Commission in the Medical Reserve Corps.

I am directed by the Surgeon General to inform
you that you have this date been recommended to the Adjutant
General of the Army for commission as Captain in the Medical
Reserve

Bert W. Caldwell

Col., Medical Corps, N. A.

Amulance Company #344,
311th Sanitary Train
Camp Grant Illinois,
June 17th 1918

From: Louis L. Bowie, 1st Lieut, M.R.C.
To: Commanding Officer, 86th Div. Camp Grant Ill.
Subject: Leave of Absence

1. Request leave of absence for five days to begin
on or about June 20th 1918.

2. Have business that needs my personal attention

Louis L. Bowie

Louis L. Bowie,
1st Lieut. M.R.C.

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Camp Grant, 11th
June 1918, 1918.

SPECIAL ORDER)
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No. 105.)

EXTRACT.

6. Under provisions of Par. 51, A. R., 1915, leave of absence
for five days, effective on or about June 20th, 1918, is granted to
Lieut. Louis L. Burie, U. S. Co., Ammunition Company No. 1, 51st
Infantry, 1st Division, 1st Army.

By Command of Major General Martin:

ROGER D. FISH,
Lt. Col. General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

R. D. SCHWALL
Captain, U. S.
Staff Adjutant.

Copy - Division Surgeon.
C. D. 11th San. Trn.
Lieut. Kovic.

HEADQUARTERS
FIELD SANITARY SECTION
11TH SANITARY TRAIN
MAIL & MESSAGE COMPANY

JUN 19 1918

P.M.

June 10. continued.

Had mess on time, the men rested and then went up town went up for a street dance and danced until about midnight.

June 11. Went on to a camp site three miles north of Beloit, along a river, a nice quiet place. nothing doing. The men needed the rest.

June 12. No express again today and had to get meat at Beloit as we came thru. Camped 5 miles north of Rockford.

June 13. Had to buy meat when we went through Brooklyn Making three times that we lost out on receiving our express shipments from camp grant.

Friday June 14. Left camp north of Rockford at 8.30 A.M. going thru Rockford and reached camp about noon. Were ordered to go to the rifle range at 1.30 P.M. with the rest of the sanitary train and to camp there that night, we officers were let go back to camp but the men had to stay at the range all night.

Before leaving this trip I must add a little more to the story. When we four reached the camp site north of Rockford a news paper man came out to interview me about our trip. how we got along etc. Had write an article in the paper the next day. The Major was mad as H* because he was not the one to talk to. Then he insisted that I go to the office of the paper the next day and try to get them to see him. They had their story and never did see him.

June 15. A fine day. we just cleaned up the barracks and rested. I was put on guard duty tonight at 5.15 P.M. and slept in the guard house. The guard would wake us, that is the officer of the guard, if we were needed.

June 16. A day too hot to live, No cool place, Up town to church in evening then back to camp and took my army cot out side and slept ther all night.

June 17. A lot cooler today. Took six aliens over to the national naturalization booth for them to get their citizenship papers. Got back at noon. Was told that I was to go to France at once. I did not want to leave Geraldine with out a visit home. She sure is a good wife and helpmate if there ever was one. Have requested a furlough but do not expect to get it.

June 18. Got a five day furlough and went home. and not did not keep this up.

July 4th. The whole 86th division had to parade up thru town this morning. I was lucky enough to get out of it, so went to town and watched the rest of the boys marching along. my outfit was the best company it

SPECIAL ORDERS, }
No. 160. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, July 10, 1918.

Extract.

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286. The appointment of the following-named lieutenants, Medical Reserve Corps, as captains, Medical Reserve Corps, with rank from July 3, 1918, is announced:

Charles Robert Reiners.
Harry Clap O'Dell.
Oliver Hazard Perry Pepper.
Bonnette Wight Hoagland.
Charles Francis Howland.
David John Jenkins.
Richard Henry Juers.
John Joslyn Kelley.
Herman Ferdinand Lampe.
Archibald Dixon Carpenter.
Alton Cook Campbell.
Mark Edgar Caldwell.
John Robert Elliott.
Erwin Huber Erney.
Jacob Carter Fisk.
Anthony Gruessner.
John Paul Ashworth.
Edmund William Bollo.
John Milton Berger.
Ollie Paxton Board.
Louis Lee Bowie.
Laurence Lewellyn Craven.
Claude Dickerson Halley.

[210.6, A. G. O.—Med. Dept.]

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

PEYTON C. MARCH,
General, Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

H. P. McCAIN,
The Adjutant General.

Capt Bowie

Ambulance Company #344.
311th Sanitary Train.
Camp Grant, Illinois.
July 18th, 1918.

From: Louis L. Bowie, Captain, M.R.C.
To: The Adjutant General, U.S.A., Washington D.C.
Subject: Acceptance of Commission.

1. The appointment to Captain, Medical Section,
Officers Reserve Corps, dated July 3rd, 1918., A.G.O. Washington
D.C., accepted this date.

2. Oath of Office, returned.

Ambulance Company #344.
311th Sanitary Train,
Camp Grant, Illinois.
July 18th, 1918.

From: Louis L. Bowie, Captain, M.R.C.
To: Surgeon General, U.S.A., Washington D.C.
(Thru Div Gen 86th, Div.)
Subject: Special Personnel Report, change of status.

1. Report my appointment from 1st Lieut, Medical
Section, Officers Reserve Corps, to Captain, Medical Section,
Officers Reserve Corps, per commission A.G.O., Washington D.C.
July 3rd, 1918.

Louis L. Bowie.

July 4th. continued. in the whole sanitary train. Several boxing bouts in the eve. I had to go on guard duty at 5.00 P.M. and stay at the guard house, as we always had to do when on duty.

July 7th. Had to miss a few days on this diary again.

Gersldine came to Rockford this to stay a few days, was I ~~be~~ happy to see her? She stayed until July 15th. and I believe without exception, it was the happiest week we ever spent together. even we both knew it might be our last, but we *did* not talk about that. She never showed any signs of breaking down. Wish that I was one half as brave as she.

Received notice from the Surgeon Generals office that on July 3rd. that I had been promoted to the rank of Captain. in the Medical Reserve Corps. Received the commission JULY 18th and accepted at once and put on my two bars at once. The commission date from July 3rd.

July 8-9-10 Geraldine being with me I lost out on some of ~~the~~ these days. But on one of these days it was a Sunday and we went up town for church and were invited to go to dinner Mr. and Mrs Chas. Burlingame at 137 Lawn Place, Rockford. Had a fine dinner and they were very good entertainers, they had a son who was already over in France.

On one of these days we had an inspection of the camp by A Col. Williams from Washington D.C.

July 21, 1918. Sunday. Up town to church and the Burlingame couple asked us out to dinner again. They said they liked to have the same people and get acquainted better

July 22. Lt. Col. Kopetsky was transferred to day and Major Kreml took over command of the sanitary train, too bad. Received enough men today to fill our company, the first we have been at full strength since I have been with it.

July 23rd. Hot as time. Drilling new men and giving first aid instruction from 7.30 A.M to 5.30 P.M. Sleeping out doors every night.

July 24. Rain in the afternoon and cooler. Work same as yesterday.

July 25. Rain this A.M. again. Some good letters from Geraldine She is having a good visit, for which I am thankful. Work the same as usual. Witness before a summary court against a sentinel who was absent from his guard post.

July 26 Drill in A.M. Hiked to rifle range in P.M. and camped on sand that was packed solid as a rock. Was terribly hot and five men fell out on the march.

July 27. Had to stay in camp at the range until 9.30 A.M. because we dare not arrive in Camp Grant until 11.30 A.M. These were orders from HDQS. Had inspection at 1.30 P.M. Went down town to get some more over seas stuff. Have all but a wool suit. On as officer of the day at 5.30 P.M. Our ~~conscience~~ consciencious objectors were moved and we not notified, Had to hunt and find them and then place guards around them. Still hot and dusty.

July Sunday July 28. Hot in AM. dust storm about 3.P.M. followed by rain. Cooler in the evening. Nothing special today, only has been three days since receiving letters from Geraldine, am worried for fear she may be sick.

July 29. Cooler today. A fine letter from Geraldine and all are well and she is having a fine visit and enjoying it.

July 30. A very cold day. Only 38 degrees above this A.M. Received news that Major Clark was to have charge of the Sanitary Train.. No one likes him and I do not see why he is given the command as he failed as company commander of a Field Hospital. Helped naturalize two men today. Got pay checks this eve.

July 31. Not much out of the ordinary. Regular work all day. Took charge of the company for batallion retreat and never made a mistake, it was my first try at it. Up town in the evening to Ringling show. just a mob going and coming back to camp.

Thursday Aug. 1st. Nothing unusual. regular work. Set up our dressing station for the first time and gave the men a drill. Over to the arena in the evening where Judge Landis swore in about 500 men making them citizens. He gave them a short talk.. Stayed there and saw some boxing bouts.

Aug. 2, Windy and dusty, cool. Put on examining board for the P.M. and any time needed later. We had six booths with 8 M.D.s and six clerks. They were sent thru our hands and then sent to specialists to check nerves and mental condition if we passed them. and then to the men who took finger prints, If rejected they were sent to the rejection board. We turned out nearly 800 men in the afternoon.

Aug. 3. Reported and began examinations at 7.00 A.M. Finished at 11.30 A.M. This was a bunch of colored men sent up from North Carolina. We run through about 1300. My job was to examine for Gonorrhoea, Syphilis, Hemorrhoids, Hernias, and Hydrocele. A nice job. I used rubber gloves. Nearly all these men had Syphilis or Gonorrhoea or sometimes both. One man had been down once before and rejected. Had one deaf and one partially blind to reject, Guess the south wanted to get rid of them. Most of the rejects went into Chicago and stayed there. Stayed in camp in the evening and all the others were away. One of had to be in camp, this was an order.

Aug. 4. Sunday. Rained off and on most of the A.M. In the afternoon went to Beloit, Wisc. to see Dr. H.C. Maurer, an old school mate or rather classmate, but he was not at home.

Aug. 5. The hottest day we have had, 102 degrees above. Examined colored people all day. My opinion of them has changed during the last two days. If the white people want to keep them from voting I am all for that. And to think our women cannot vote and they can. Am getting things packed ready to move.

Aug. 6, Tuesday. Still hotter today. Examined a bunch of slackers the first thing this A.M. One N.C.O. who would not talk or even take his clothes off. We wanted to bat him but did not dare.

Major Clark wanted us to return in the afternoon and examine 5000 negros. we did not have to do it because we were not ordered to do it from headquarters. He was wanting his company officers to get out of the work. We did not accomodate him. And besides we had work to do in our own companies getting ready to leave camp for overseas. Went to town in the evening to get the rest of my own stuff that I would need for over seas and ready for inspection by Thursday by our Major ~~by~~ and by camp inspection by Saturday.

Aug. 7. Wed. Still hot and dry winds. Received a big bunch of news papers from home today, lots of news in them but they cannot take the place of good letters from Geraldine. Inspected service records all morning to the Q.M. in the afternoon. Mailed my watch home as I went past the post office. Had to buy a new one and have it adjusted so that it would not vary 10 seconds in 24 hours.

Major Clark is out of the Sanitary Train for good, am very glad of that as he is not the man for the place.

Aug. 8. A little cooler today. No rain. Got my over seas coat at the Q.M. also a whistle and am nearly ready for inspection. and across.

My 12th wedding anniversary and how I would like to be home with Geraldine and the children. May be some day this thing will end and I can be home with the family and happy again.

Aug. 9. 1918 Quite a little cooler and cloudy. We (Lt. Lowell and I) had quite a time with the guard. Gen. Martin raised Cain ~~tm~~ to the Major. Two division Field officers of the day, inspected and released several prisoners. I got out of a night hike because of guard duty.

Aug. 10th. Saturday. A heavy shower this morning. Big inspection of equipment, both men and officers. Finished inspection about 3.00 P.M. too late to go up town and get back for supper, so took coat to batallion tailor. Men were short a lot and a lot worn too long. I stayed with the company and let the other officers go to town to visit their wives.

Aug. 11, Sunday. Warm last night, sprinkle here at camp but a heavy rain in town. Went up town to church. Went to the Christian Church. Did not go out for dinner. Back to camp about 4 P.M. and Major Kreml told me that I was to go France with a bunch of Negros some time this week. Later an order came thru all five of us, there was to be five of us to go with the colored bunch, to appear at Hdq. tomorrow morning at 8 A.M. to get instructions as to the personal and records we would need to get in order. If the others go I hope I do not have to go with the coons. Will a lot nicer to go with the bunch. Packing this eve.

Aug. 12 Monday. An awfully hot day. A very strenuous day. First to Hdqs. for our instructions then to gas school. then up town to settle with the bank. In P.M. again to Hdqs. and getting various certificates from the Q.M. and exchange that I did not owe them any thing. I am to go with the advance school party, nearly 300 hundred, some to go to school like myself, and others to see about the trip and billiting of the division. Expect to leave about 2 P.M. tomorrow if we can get the train. Some job to mark all baggage and get it packed just right. Must give the cubic feet of all baggage and weight all of it, then this is telegraphed to the port of embarkation for space on ship.

Geraldine if you read this do not repeat it as no one is expected to know. Wish I could see her again tonight, but may be best that we do not meet until my return. For I will return, of that I am quite sure.

Aug. 13th. Tuesday. Hot as blazes to day. Do not know yet if we will get away this P.M. Have every thing packed and ready. Must put weight and cubic feet on each piece

Shipped all surplus baggage home. Left Camp Grant at 6.15 P.M. over the C.M. and St Paul R.R. Arrived in Chicago about 9.15 P.M. Had to lay over there for the bunch from Camp Sparta arrived to join us. Left Chicago at 11.00 P.M. Have first Pullman with Capt. Whitman, Of whom we will hear more about as we go along.

Aug. 14. Not quite so hot today as yesterday. Only one diner on to feed the officers. Some jam for breakfast, I did not eat dinner as I did not get breakfast until 11.00 A.M. Arrangments were better for the rest of the meals. Detained at Greenville, Pa. for exercise. People treated us fine, gave us apples, candy, smokes, and reading material. Lt. Col. of the brigade staff is in charge of our party, nearly three hundred in all. We are a group to go ahead of our division, the 86th. as a school party, each section to go to there own school in France on arrival. so that we can get up on the latest in every thing in our special line, and then instruct the others when they arrive in France.

Aug. 15. Thursday. Nearly froze to death last night going thru the mountains. Have followed a river nearly all day. Reached Jersey City about 5.30 P.M. Were held up there over an hour while the commuters were coming across the Hudson river to get home.

The R.R. company ran out 16 trains in less than an hour. Every one knew just where to go for their train and no time was wasted.

No one from our train was allowed to get off, it was terribly hot in our coaches. Finally reached our ferry boat, had to carry our own baggage. Left the dock about 7.30 P.M. and rode around the Battery to Long Island City. were not allowed to land there and were taken out into the middle of the channel and waited nearly two hours. we given lunch by the Red Cross before being taken back into the center of the channel. Arrived at Camp Mills about

Ambulance Company of 344
311th Sanitary Train

From- Louis L. Bowie- Capt. U. S. A.

To- Surgeon General,
Thru the Division Surgeon.

Subject- Special Personal Report.

1. Report my departure this date for Camp Mills.

R. T. Per-paragraph nine S. O. No. 204 Headquarters.

Camp Grant, Ill, August 12, 1918.

Louis L. Bowie

Put this quit & place in the file with my
papers.

do not address me at this time. If you do
be court martialled & sent to Leavenworth for
my share.

END

April 15th continued.

11.00 P.M.P without baggage, it having been left at the station.

Went to bed with overcoat on, slept until two A.M. Heard some one rusteling baggage so got up and got mine and had a good sleep.

Aug. 16, Friday. Ordered to stay in camp. We had to eat in some Greek joints just out side the grounds. Loafed during the day. Went to New York City at 4P.M. not alone, Saw part of the city, Riverside drive, Gants Tomb, Woolworth Building, and others. Discipline of the men here is very poor.

Aug. 17. Ordered to stay in camp again this forenoon. Must inspect the men each day. Up town after 4P.M. Saw China Town and took in a cabaret after the shows were over.

Aug. 18. Kept in camp this morning until further orders, so we are all cleaned up. Stayed in camp all day and evening.

Aug. 19. Took a good bath and sent all laundry out. Other officers are getting their men equiped today. Went up town this evening and saw the Aquarium, 5th Ave. and some of the finest and largest churches. Also the church yard where Alexander Hamilton and Robert Fulton are burried. We then took in a vaudeville show in the eveing. Hemstead

Aug. 20. Tuesday. A fine day. stayed in camp all day. Up to Heamstead with Capt. Sprague in eve. to a movie.

Aug. 21. Another fine day. not extra warm. No news as to our time for sailing yet.. Drilled the men on going on the ship. Lt. Hogan and I took in Cony Island this after noon and evening. A very large place, located on the south side of Long Island, A nice bathing beach and acres of amusement places.

Aug. 22. Thursday. A fine day. A small sprinkle early this A.M. We practiced on going on boat again. Got our numbers. Mine is 38.

No more passes unless a telephone number is left with the detachment leader. Have inspection of our tents every morning at 9A.M. and must be back at 8A.M. each morning for roll call at 9(A.M. Stayed in camp all day.

Aug. 23. A fine day, warmer than usual. Nothing doing in A.M.

To Cony Island in after noon and went bathing for my first time, I held to the ropes and let the waves dash over me. This was in the Atlantic Ocean. Got tired in about 20 minutes. got out on the sand and rested and then in again. Saw Eddie Foy in a vaudeville show there in the evening. He had his whole family working with him.

Aug. 24, Saturday. A fine day. Had to take physical Culture and then an hour hike this A.M. And order for one every day from now on..

Am staying in camp today taking care of the infirmery for Capt. Leeson while he goes up town to see some relatives.. Did a small washing in the after noon and hoping I would get a letter from Geraldine but was disappointed.

Aug. 25. Sunday. Misty and sultry all day. No news as to when we will embark. Only that it was put off. Went to Cony Island in the P.M. and had another swim. Waves not so large today but a lot colder.

Aug. 26. Misty and close all day. No more news ~~as to see~~ as to sailing. Another hike this forenoon. No letter today.

Aug. 27. Tuesday. Took a hike to Long Beach, leaving at 8.10 A.M. 12 miles there. Arrived at 10.55 A.M. Every one was all in and feet aching. Came back by 2 P.M. (Went over to see the company, ^{and} my own, who had arrived in the camp. and stayed for supper, they ^{back} are in a new part of the camp and in acabbage patch. Received a good long letter from Geraldine, the first in two weeks, and was mighty glad to get it.

Aug. 28. Wednesday. A fine day only very dusty. Represented the Major at detachment command. Nothing new. Over to company for a letter but nonethere, The Major found himself a girl. got her a 450 dollar ring for his engagement. Is as foolish as L^t. Berge was over his. Cannot keep from talking about her all the time.

Aug. 29. Rainy in morning, clear at noon and a very hard rain at 6 P.M.

Aug. 30. Every thing flooded last night. Our men had to work most of the night draining their tents. Clear now. Had to dry our tents and bedding. Over to the Sanitary train H.D.Q. for instruction by Capt. Eddy of the H.D.Q. Staff, talk on school of the soldier, He urged us to put more pep into our commands. Another letter.

Aug. 31. Saturday. Another fine day. Were told we could go at noon Friday but when the time came we could not get away until 5 P.M. Went to trade but stores were all closed.

Sept. 1. Sunday. A fine day, Clear and cool. Could not leave until noon. Went up town in the afternoon, took in Newark and Jersey City. Show in the evening. Got pay checks today.

Sept. 2. Another fine day. Drilled all forenoon. Must get up at 6.30. A.M. and get shaved, breakfast and police around our tents. Roll up sides of tents, all before 7.45 A.M. Made up our packs and had inspection, then a one half hour hike to try them out.

I got a regular infantry pack carrier and made up, is alot easier to carry than a regular medical pack. No letter for four days.

Sept. 3 Tuesday. A fine cool day. Cool enough to see breath this A.M. Got check cashed and sent 100.00 dollars home, will send her the balance when I leave here. for over seas duty. Hike to the Belmont race track this afternoon. Some swell place, and all gamblers that visit the place. Men in uniform admitted free.

Received letter today written Aug. 20th. Washed shirt and unio. at noon.

Sept. 4 Wed. A cloudy and sultry day. Took a long hike to Long Beach. Got off the road and made it three miles longer than the shortest distance. In all we hiked 15 miles. Started at 8.10 A.M. and arrived at 11.55 A.M. Came directly back by bus. went to town and finally got into the big stores. Got Condit an air rifle, Louise a dress and Geraldine a silk waist. Geraldine will probably

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not like it that I got the gun for Condit.

Thursday Sept. 5. A fine clear day. Just learned that we are to go on board ship Sunday morning. Began packing and went to the Q.M. for a little stuff in the A.M. Meeting of all officers at 1P.M.

Were told the hour for leaving camp Saturday night and instructions about baggage and boarding ship. Leave Saturday night at ~~11:45~~ 11.00P.M. Do not know yet where we will embark. Are to have 100 Red Cross nurses with us. If absent tomorrow at 8.30 A.M from inspection we will be transferred from the division and kept here.

Two letters from Geraldine, NO 8 and 9, No 5,6,7 yet to come.

Sept. 6. Friday. Misty and cool all day. Did not do much only get stuff ready to pack

Sept. 7th. Saturday. Very cool last night. Formation at 7.45 A.M and got directions for the baggage. Must keep out two blankets for use on ship. Must be packed and all baggage ~~and~~ all tagged a certain way. Got the stuff away by 1.30 P.M. Could not leave camp only for supper and then only to the canteen,

Wrote a final letter to Geraldine on U.S. soil.

Sept 8th. Sunday. Nearly froze last night with only two blankets as it was the coldest night we have had. Up and breakfast before formation at 8.30.A.M.. Could not leave our street after that, had to police our tents for inspection. Had our physical inspection at 9A.M. Saturday. Left camp for train at 11.00 A.M. On train and on our way in 10 minutes. Went to Long Island City, took ferry no delay what so ever, for pier no. 56 New York City. The Cunard Line dock. Arrived there at 2P.M. and were soon aboard.

Before embarking the Red Cross served us lunch and gave us cards, ready to address and sign, to leave for mailing home when we landed. Supper on board ship, named Walmer Castle. Meeting of all Doctors at 1P.M. to divide up our work on the ship.

To bed at 10.00P.M. The nurses boarded shortly after we did.

Sept 9th. Monday. Eleven months since I landed in Camp Grant.

Slept a little but not much. Up at 7.00A.M. to see New York city, as we were to leave at that time.. Got away at 8.30 A.M. and went to the outer harbor, waited there until 12.45P.M. and pulled out far across. Our boat on the left and in the lead of its column. Two column. Two rows of patrol boats on each side of us. Hydroplanes and dirigibles above us all day. It was a fine day! Had boat drill twice today. Wear our life preservers at all times. This is a commercial boat, transport, and we have 1st. class accommodations. I have an upper berth. Ship is rocking quite a little but I am not sick yet. All dark on all the ships. Went due south all day.

Sept. 9, Tuesday. Slept fine all night. Ship rocking more today. Clock turned an hour for some reason but I cannot find out from our just why. We have to make up 5 hours and 10 minutes before reaching Liverpool, Eng. Feeling fine and not the least bit sick. Three destroyers still with us, and are to go all the way, I guess. Boat drill, nurses go first on the life boat, they are loaded before the life boat is lowered, the part of the men, also before lowering the boat, then lower the boat and the rest of the men to get into the life boat must slide down the rope, and the officers are the last to leave the transport boat. Some men are sick this A.M. Meals are good, have three a day and tea at 4,00P.M. Have piano and music every day, besides the Field Hospital band on board. Read a whole book today. Capt. Whitlock who I am unfortunately rooming together, with a third officer is trying to be sick this evening.

Sept 11. Wednesday. We ran due south the first day, north that night, and most of Tuesday. Running due East today. Are in the Gulf Stream and is a lot warmer than yesterday. Clear. Is fine resting on the boat deck. Have rested most of the forenoon after boat drill and exercise. A few too sick to go to meals.

I am still fine.. Our three cruisers are still with us.

Quite rough this afternoon. Met a Miss Otto, from Wareello, Ia.

She knew some people I knew or had heard of so we had quite a chat. Am on duty in the infirmary tonight. May have some work but not likely.

Sept. 12, Thursday. Did not have any thing to do in the infirmary. I Slept all night, A fine day. Still in the Gulf stream and still warm. Going due east. Not the least bit sick and ate a better breakfast than usual. Boat drill at 10.00A.M as usual.

Put on rain coat and went up on the boat deck on the windy side to get the breeze and watch the other transport ships, we have 14 in the convoy. Capt. Berhman was with me, He is from Waltham, Mass. Slept on the boat deck 2 hours and then watched the dancing. Mighty fine to have the nurses on board with us. So many boys 15 and 16 years of age working on this transport boat. The Captain of the boat can tell some good stories and is quite jolly. boat rolling tonight,

Sept. 13. Friday. Nice weather this morning, but windy and the ship rolling more than ever during the night, so bad that no one could not sleep. Still rolling very much this morning. Have to chase your soup all over the bowl to get it. Not so many sick as I expected. all out for breakfast at our table.

A lot colder to day, need overcoat on when out the deck, and even inside.

Sept 13 continued. Get a message each morning as to how the war is progressing. This getting to be a very monotonous trip. Are out of the gulf stream is the reason for the change in temperature, The English sure can fix up bread pudding under different names and make it taste pretty good.

Sept. 14. No storm yet but a very rough night, are rolling and pitching a lot. Had to have the troughs on the table this morning, in fact all day. the bow of the ship is scooping up a lot of water quite often. Am not sick but a little afraid. When I get back I think that I will have had all the ocean travel I want.

Must not forget to mention Col. Corny, who is in command of the vessel, or rather of all the troops on it, He took our sergeants out of the place assigned to them by the Port Officer and placed his hand in their places, because it is a better place

Our Col. Lull and Perkins tried to get him leave them alone as assigned. They expect to make a report of it to Washington

His Major in charge of the medical detachment is just like him. He gave us H-- for criticizing the cooking utensils for dirty. They are sure some team. I stood up on the top deck to watch our ship climb over the high waves,, 15 to 20 feet high.

Sunday Sept. 15.

No storm. Not nearly so rough. Going N.E. and are nearer ~~and~~ England than the U.S. Not so many sick to day. Church of England services at 10.30 A.M. in the dining room. When prayers for those left at home were given there were several wet eyes in the audience. The Americans are still followers of Christ if the officers of the army are any criterion. Had a large group of Porpoises follow us nearly two hours to day. They eat the garbage thrown out by the ship. Passed a boat going west today. The Colonel is the laughing stock of the whole boat for making such a fool of himself over the nurses.

Sept. 16. Monday. A fine day. not very rough as it was two days ago. No trough on the tables. A ~~week~~ week today since we left N.Y. City. Some of the men and nurses were out on the deck at 11.00 P.M last night, of course the lights were out, and the others got out and tramped over them. The Col. was there but he never said a word.

Sept. 17. Rolling about the same as yesterday. Small showers this A.M. and a little colder.. Worked in the infirmary last night, had about a half dozen in during the night, before 1000 P.M. and had a good sleep the rest of the night, altho we were near the propellar, and it makes a lot of noise. Every one becoming a little nervous, as we are nearing the danger zone, should reach tonight or tomorrow morning..

Sept. 18. Wed.

Are traveling slow and may not dock before Saturday, the purser says. Heard gun firing to the south east, in the morning, and we changed course and went due north all day. Is a lot rougher again this morning and still as cold as Greenland. It should be as we ran north east nearly all the time. Will not reach the danger zone before tomorrow. No submarine could operate in this kind of sea, too rough. A storm today and extra rough. Our ship dug up the waves and one of the others nearly stood on end. All came thru O.K. O.K.

The roughest day we have had. Are traveling slow and may not get in before Saturday Sept. 21st. The nurses ordered to retire by 10 P.M. from now on.

Sept. 19. Thursday. A fine day but very rough. So rough that no one slept during the night. I rolled from one side of the bunk to the other. Got an awful bump on my forehead. Sitting in the library, rolled me over backwards, and slid across the floor and landed with my head under the bench along ~~side~~ the side of the room, at the same time some of the others were doing just as bad, even the nurses. Another officer and I were playing 500 hundred with them around a table in the center of the room, the chairs were not fastened to the floor, a big wave hit us ~~broadside~~ broadside and over we went. I was dealing the cards when we were hit, and I just held onto them and never dropped a one. Several more sea sick this morning than has been. Lost part of my breakfast by my dish tipping. I do not care how soon we reach the dock as this is getting quite monotonous.

Sept 20. Friday. A cloudy, misty day. Met by the submarine chaser about 6 A.M. And we were glad to see it. Saw the coast of Ireland as soon as I got up. A very smooth sea. Chasers all around us and dirigibles above us. Do not feel the least bit afraid. for no sub. could shoot and get away. Part of our convoy were sent to Liverpool. but we with four others left them and are on our way to Glasgow, Scotland. We anchored in the mouth of the Clyde river behind a submarine net, waiting for the tide to come in so we can go on up the Clyde river. Some very beautiful scenery on each side of the Firth of Clyde. Hope the cable gram of our safe arrival is sent to New York City tonight so the card I left with the red cross will be mailed out to Geraldine at once.

Sept. 20..Saturday Made the run up the Clyde river, 20 miles, from 9 P.M. to midnight at high tide. Not much sleeping done as the men were getting the baggage up on deck ready for unloading in the morning. Up for a 5.30 breakfast. had to set our watches ahead because of fast time.. When coming up the Clyde, a man on a dock called out. Where you all from. One man answered, Indiana.

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and he was answered by, Atta boy.. Sounded more like the U.S. than Scotland. The whole line of the river was on each ~~nothing~~ side ~~washing~~ but factories building boats. Some Scott children at the dock when we landed, half hose and bare knees, Two women in pants and blouse also there, had the sad smile of one who had suffered a lot. Left the ship at 9.30 A.M. and walked to the train, which was only a few yards away, 300 hundred, Left the station at 10.10 for Romsey, South England, eight miles from Southhampton. Went through Dumfries, Carlisle, Leeds, and Chilton. Red Cross gave us coffee at Durbey, England. Arrived at Romsey England at 2.35 A.M. the next morning.

Sept; 22. Sunday. Before starting on the 22nd. will go back and say we had quite a time on the train, A good many of the men got all the rum they wanted for a dollar from a bootleger on the dock at Glasgow. So of course some of them became sick and drunk and the rest of, ^{up} had to take of them, no toilets on the train, each compartment opened on the side of the coach, no ~~leaves~~ ^{isles} at all so when they had to vomit we held them at the door and let them use it that way Was some rotten mess.

Continue with Sept. 22. Raining when we arrived in camp and had to walk one and one half miles to get there and slept on the floor if you could. Cannot eat any place out side of the camp. This a tent camp. We did not know what the English people were up against, No well dressed people, as we ~~we~~ dress at home. All the people have very poor teeth. and all the men seem to be gone. Raining part of the day. Slept. Until 10.30 A.M. Visited Ramsey Abbey in the after noon. It is over 1100 years old.

Sept 23. Monday. Up by 6.15 A.M. A clear morning. Did not do a thing this forenoon. In to ramsey with Capt. Behrman to get a hot bath and look thru the shops. Hotels all closed except from 10.00 to noon and then from 6 to 8 each day. This because of the sallons in them. Stores are small and musty and not kept up very well. Mostly poor stuff in them. I got a pair of wollen gloves and some hazel nuts. This is a more typical town than most because of its being small and out of the heavy traffic.

Sept 224. Tuesday. A fine morning and a little warmer Leaving here at noon today, go by train to Southhampton, arrive about 1.30 P.M., could not leave dock and had to wait until 5.30 before embarking. Saw the big Olympic, a sister ship of the Titanic. Do not leave until 8 P.M. and go to the Harve, France. Went to first class place for supper, was far from our first class places, we had to go round and in the back alley, for fear some German air plane might see us, Got two eggs, a piece of ham coffee and a small piece of bread 25 cents. Got shave and hair cut for 9 cents yesterday.

Sept. 24th continued.

Would not care for another. Are loading us on an old tub of a boat, just like some excursion boat. I have an old room, of which there were only one on the boat, as it is inside and I can stay dry, as this is a cold rainy night. In this room when I found it was some one's pack. and I decided he could not throw me out, as there was for two, there were no cushions, just hard boards to sit or lay on. No one bothered me all night. In the morning I found out the pack belonged to an English officer. Were several English and Australian officers, who carried a cane or swagger stick.

Sept. 25. Wednesday. Arrived in front of Havre about 4.00 AM and anchored out side the harbor and waited for the tide to come in, which was noon, and we unloaded about 4.00 P.M. Had no breakfast nor dinner. Marched about ~~4~~ 4½ miles along the shore and then up a long hill to get up to the camp, which over looked the city and channel. A few of the men could not make ~~it~~ and had to be helped, we were carrying our packs. Did not get anything to eat until 7.30 P.M.

Got our bed rolls tonight. This is a lot prettier place than any I saw in England. The women are a lot better dressed and look better. The children here know enough English to ask for pennies.

Got a copy of the Chicago Herald, printed in Paris. The english have taken over the casino and are using it for a hospital. Have some German prisoners here. An officers Y.M.C.A. here and we eat there.

Sept. 26. Thursday. I slept fine last night and feel dandy today. Got up at 8.00 A.M. The ten medical officers of my bunch got orders to go at once. Packed and had our equipment ready to go to train by 3.30 P.M. Had our pictures taken by the Signal Corps at two P.M. for the purpose of identification. Left for Paris at 8.00 P.M. No sleepers on the train, but did have a rest room. I slept a little.

Sept. 27. Friday. Arrived in Paris at 6 A.M. at Gar De Le Zane. Baggage not together, so Lt. Behrman ^{and} stayed in the depot and hunted for it. No ^{one} to help unless a tip is handed them. We got a sergeant, who could talk French to go with us and we went into the long room, where it was stored, found it and put it all together. We got away just before noon to see the city. Saw the Latin quarter, the Luxembourg gardens, which were very lovely, The music hall, Chamber of deputies and a lot of other places, but not as much as the others did, as they ^{were} off all day. Might say here now that it was Lt. Behrman and I that had to look after every thing from now on. In the evening we had an awful time with baggage, the R.T.O. was worthless as neither one would give us aid, which was the very thing they were there for. Left Paris at 8.30 P.M. for Langres, France, in the eastern part, and arrived there at daylight the next morning.

Sept 28, Saturday Reported to the commander of schools ,assigned
a room for all of ^{us} in a building used for a hospital ,but turned
over to us for school purposes . It was a girls school. This is
a lovely place, I mean the scenery and not the city. Is a fortified
place about 40 miles from Switzerland and 80 miles from the
fighting front. A fine officers Y.M. and club in an old store
building. All our different places are scattered over the city
and are hard to find.. Population of 9000. Made out our pay
checks vouchers and handed them in today.

Sept. 29, Sunday. Slept fine last night. Raining this morning. Had a dandy breakfast. Hot biscuits with butter and jam with other things. ~~B. Boated~~^{this} Loafed and saw the sights, Got the news from M.D.s who just returned from the front. Not $\frac{1}{2}$ the casualties are reported to the U.S.A. Hard work all the way along for the Doctors. They are gaining more recognition every day. Took a bath and went to bed.

Sept. 30, Monday. Raining at breakfast but broke later. Pictures taken again For identification card to be carried with us at all times. School called off for a few days, and we may go to the front today. Lecture by Col. Ashford on evacuation hospitals.

Ordered to pack and be ready to move to Verdun front at any time.

An awful cold the past two days but much better to night.
Received pay in cash this P.M. Had 100.00 dollars left all of my
deductions That looks a plenty for now, but as soon as I get a
few extras I will not need very much.to spend.

Oct. 1st. Tuesday. A fine clear morning and a fine day, only chilly.

Got the latest on gas, went thru gas chamber to test masks.

Received orders to get* go to the front at 4.40 A.M Oct.2nd.

Oct. 2nd. A heavy frost and cold. Up by three A.M. Breakfast at 3.30 and start to depot by 4.00 A.M. the wait for train until 6.00 A.M.

Left for Toul at that time and arrived there there* at noon. Waited there until 10.10 P.M and went to Par-le-duc, arriving there at one A.M. Could not get hotel room so loafed in the depot. Saw the cathedral at Toul, is quite pretty on the inside, climbed the steeple and looked the fort over with my glasses. Walked out to base hospital No 45, a Richmond Virginia outfit. Are located in a bunch of buildings of an old french school. No accommodations at all. nothing much but the walls.

Oct. 3, Thursday. Cool and cloudy. Left Bar-la-due about 6A.M. and arrived at our destination, Fleury-Sur Aisne at ten A.M. and took over an old ~~*French* hospital~~ Red Cross hospital N. 114. and worked with the 114th just back of the front lines of fighting.

Put on the job as a sanitary detail to clean up the old French mess they left when they moved out.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, September 30, 1918.

Special Orders,

No. 273

Extract.

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The following officers of the Medical Corps, now at the Army Sanitary School will proceed to American Red Cross Military Hospital Number One Fourteen at Fleury-sur-Aire, for TEMPORARY DUTY, and upon completion thereof will return to the Army Sanitary School:

Captain J. E. KELLER
Captain A. L. HAUSLOHNER
Captain H. B. SPRAGUE
Captain E. E. LEESON
Captain W. A. WHITLOCK
Captain E. L. BOWIE
Captain H. A. BENJAMIN
Captain JOSEPH GIESDANSKY
1st Lieutenant LEO. G. HOGAN

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.



Official:

ROBERT G. DAVIS,
Adjutant General

By Command of General Pershing:

JAMES W. McANDREW,
Chief of Staff

Oct. 3rd. continued.

Nothing convenient and the Latrines were a sight. To bed early.

Oct. 4, Friday. A nice day. On sanitary detail until about 3P 1 then ~~then~~ put in charge of wards D and E. To be medical only, but got post operative, pre operation, shell shock and every thing and worked all night. The next night the town was shelled and rattled our barracks. Had one man to a ward, ~~in the other wards~~

Oct. 5. Saturday. A fine day. Worked all day in the wards, had several cases die. Two gassed cases in the bunch. The people of the U.S. do not know what is taking place over here. It is simply awful and I cannot describe it. Tonighr all lights were put out for a while, and the search lights were flashing off and on trying to light up a German airplane that had crossed the fighting line. They flashed the search lights as they did so that the plane ~~it~~ could not follow any one light and get over it and drop a bomb. Our men are gaining ground, but at a great sacrifice, but not too great if we win, and we will not give up until we do win. Gained around two to four miles yesterday and today. How do we find out? From the ambulance drivers when they come back from the front with a load of injured. About 72 doctors and only 30 nurses, not nearly enough help. Sent out four hospital trains yesterday, all full of wounded. We received more men yesterday from the front than any twenty hours previously.

Oct. 6 A fine day. Still trying to get in 30 hours in twenty four but cannot make it. Still have my two wards to look after,, Had Dr. Whitlock assigned with me but he only worked one night and until midnight the ~~second~~ night and then claimed he was sick and left.

I then ^{had} two mens work today. He is the doctor who was in the state room with me on the Bat boat. and tried to be sea sick and wanted me to carry his meals to him. He never vomited once on the trip. While I am on him I will go a little farther and say ~~we~~ ^{he} ~~we~~ were next to me in our barrack. He got changed to day time and every day after dinner he would come and lie on his bed and groan, I got tired of him waking me up at that time of the day, as I was trying to sleep, so I told him off in no uncertain terms, and ended up by saying (for G-- sake if you wont work, keep quiet and let us who have to do your work for you get a little sleep)

Our Surgeon General Ireland visited ~~today~~ ^{for} Report ed that the centra powers had asked President Wilson an armistice, This was confirmed in the evening. Some happy people to hear that and we only hope that it is true. Officer of the day today.

Oct 7. Monday. A rainy day. In charge of the two wards until noon, relieved at noon and did nothing but try to sleep. Will say here that I went on duty in the two wards on Friday noon and only had

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two hours sleep until Monday P.M. when relieved. and we were working 13 hours a day while the day force only worked 11 hours.

I would not have got my relief if I had not asked the adjutant why we had to work such hours and the day force only worked 11 hrs.

He said we did not have as much to do as they did, I asked him if he had been around any time during the night and knew just how much work we had during the night. Some nights we got a short time off between 3 and 4 A.M. never more than 30 minutes,

I could not have got along so well but I had a registered Nurse who was the best ever, she did not get any more sleep than I did.

Also we had a company of engineers camped near us and every night they came over and helped get the boys moved and the clothing off of them. I had to see every man who came into the hospital and dress his wounds, if he was not too badly injured, or send him into the hospital for surgery, by the way we were always two or three days in the surgery dept. and the surgeons worked around the clock, we had ~~three~~ ^{behind} ~~operating~~ nine operating tables, and they were kept busy night and day.

All we fellows are ready to go back to school. Every one here feels that the request for an armistice is only another way to trick to bolster up the waning moral of their own people and army.

We feel there is no hope for peace for a while yet.

Oct. 8th. Tuesday Rain this morning. Still no orders to go to work any place yet. Have worked some on the old wards as my successor never showed up. Worked in the dressing room for slightly wounded this afternoon. Voluntarily until 4 P.M. and then got an order for nights to work in the dressing room for severely wounded. Guess there is no for the proper place yet. Am feeling fine. but our grub is awful and cooked worse. Men cannot work as hard as they are and keep up very long on such eat.

Oct. 9th. Thursday. Worked all night in the dressing station, not very heavy. Slept today until 2 P.M. and up in time to see our fleet of air planes start on a raiding party. Saw anti air craft shells bursting all about them as they went over the line, Saw them return two hours later, around 75 to 100 hundred of them.

Oct. 10th. Thursday. Worked all night and no rest. This hospital received over 700 hundred patients during the night. Saw a camara pistol last night. Small one shot affair, easily held in the hand and concealed when the Germans yell camara.

The finest day I have seen since I came to France.

Oct. 11th. This hospital is trying to do its work with only two thirds of a crew.

Oct. 10 th. continued.

We need eight orderlies to help us and only had three.

Oct. 11, Friday. A rainy day. I slept better today than ever during the day. Took 1280 . admitted 1280 wounded patients during the last 24 hours.

Oct. 12. Saturday. The heaviest run we have had was from 12 noon Thursday to noon Friday noon. Capt. Whitlock played off on me last night and left me all the work. Fortunately I had some good orderlies and not an extra heavy load. Was nearly as bad as Capt. Whitlock with my bowels but I stuck to it. Received orders to return to Longres, France this P.M. Major McCoy, the C.O. here is trying to keep us. He sure is no organizer. has no system at all in the hospital. The idea of him keeping Capt. Behrman and Capt. Housholder on MANUPE detail.

Oct. 13. Sunday. More rain and warmer. Left for Longres at 6.18 P.M. on the narrow gauge R.R. , changed at Braze and arrived at Bar-Le-Duc at 9 P.M. Left there at 11.30 P.M. and arrived at Vitry about 10.00 A.M.

Oct. 14, Monday. Hustled all over town for a hotel room but could not find one. Went to a canteen near the 'Gare' meaning a depot. and found an officers room, we all piled in, ate and then tried to sleep until eight A.M. Got a dandy lunch at the canteen. left for Chaumont at 8 A.M. arrived there at 1.30 P.M. Left Chaumont at 3 P.M. and arrived at Logres at five O'clock P.M.

Oct. 15 Tuesday. A cloudy damp day. Slept from 7 P.M. to 7 A.M. Cleaned up and got ready for work. Wrote letters and registered in with the Provost Marshall. Sent cloths and blankets over to hospital No. 24 for sterilization for cooties. You see when we were sent up to the front line we left all except a few things we could carry here at Longres. These trains and service are something awful.

I believe I was within six miles of Forrest but did not know of it.

Oct. 16, A rainy day. and cold. All of have colds and no heat in the room. Sent bedding and clothes to the sterilization room to get rid of cooties. Wrote Geraldine and a few other letters and went to bed early.

Oct. 17. Rain this day, clear and a fine moon this evening. Class work and study nights.

Oct. 18. Friday. Drew our mileage today for a trip to Ft. Cerry and back. L2 Dollars round trip. Heard today that our 86th division is to be made a replacement division. Nearly all our school party in and about here. Map reading today. Most of our colonels are here in school with us. A fine clear day.

Oct. 18. continued. Our Colonel in command here says we will not ~~be~~ have many more such days from now on.. Lecture by Col. Crile on shock treatment this eve was fine.

Oct. 19. Saturday. A full day today up to supper time and a lot of worked after that, Cloudy and foggy and no heat in our rooms but there was a fire in the fire place in the lecture room. Looks as though we may have to fight for some time if we wait to have the Kaiser displaced. Had my shoes half soled last eve for 12 Franks, about 50cents. A good job. Major Voss of the dental clinic is here in school. I knew him as a base ball pitcher in the University at Iowa City. He graduated the same year I did.

Oct. 20th. Sunday. A rainy nasty day. Took a walk this A.M. Out on a map problem. That of locating batallion aid stations, then took most of the afternoon to write it up. Finished to get my bath.

Am feeling fine but wish we could get ~~some thing~~ ^{some thing} besides tomatoes. Criticising and commenting on other solutions of our problem.

Visited the old Roman Fort west of the city, is nearly all gone although a lot of the walls still are standing. Fine looking moss all over the stone fences. Saw a biddy sitting in a front window of one of the farm homes.

Oct. 21 Monday. The best day since we arrived in Europe. Is more like a nice fall day in the good old U.S.A. Gas instruction all day. Went thru the gas chamber again with tear gas in it. We had to go into the chamber with our gas masks in our hands and put them on as quick as possible, the gas was pretty strong. Got mine on in six seconds. Some took a lot longer, and were eyes red when they came out. Sent Geraldine a package of lace by mail.

Oct. 22. Tuesday. Rainy again all day. Gas lecture and practice and one hour march with the masks on. A little hard to breath in the things. Two of our crowd, while in Paris, decided to take a ride, got into a cart, rode about three blocks and the horse stopped, they could not talk French so sat there until a lady who could talk English. She told them the horse was tired, so they climbed out.

Oct. 23. Wednesday. A clear morning and warm. Had lectures all day. Col. Kisinger, Corp Medical Officer of the 1st corps was mighty good. He was commander of the 42nd Div. Medical Dept. We worked until after 10.P.M.

Oct 24th. A foggy nasty day. Walked all day on a map problem, which was to locate dressing stations, Ambulance stations and Field Hospital stations for a whole division. I did not get them in the correct locations as they, the head men said they should be..

Oct. 25 Friday. A foggy morning as most of them ^{are here} over. Lectures in the forenoon and map work all after noon. In the eve. two Majors and I went out to a place, about blocks away, for supper. It looked like a grocery store from the outside. Not clean looking but the dishes were clean, put on a clean table cloth for us, Got a dandy steak and some fresh eggs, good French fried potatoes and coffee.

It was a shame to abuse our stomach by putting such a good meal in them. It sure was a change from our tomatoes and beans we get every day.

Oct 26 Saturday. Lecture this morning on brain surgery, He said older men should not be placed there, so am hoping I will not be placed there, It is one place I do not want to be in. Went to the engineers school this P.M. to examine dug outs and the camouflage work. Was sure great and especially the latter. Cants. Behrman and Sprague got some letters today. Am very much worried because I did not get one, but hope every thing is all right at home, and until know different. This suspense is sure awful.

Oct. 27. Sunday. A fine day. warm and sunshine. Capt. Behrman and I took a walk to see the Grotto Salinus and the source of the Marne river then across to see where the canal De Marne runs under the hill. A walk of 18 kilometers. Had a movie in our lecture room last night, a genuine American movie. The French take nearly all night for a movie, taking out for drinks every 15 or 20 minutes.

We walked down the old ancient Roman road toward Rome. Passed thru the large French Citadel with its moat and draw bridge.

Oct. 28, Monday. Another fine day, nice, warm and clear. Lectures in morning and map work in the afternoon. Were told today that we were to leave for our organizations next Saturday. No letter today. I believe peace is coming before Christmas.

Oct. 29, Tuesday. Another fine day, three in succession. Lectures all forenoon and one after noon, then a trip to the sanitary devises of this district. Stopped at the Q.M. and got some Gillette razor blades and a pair of drawers. the lecture in the morning was on the salute and our teacher did not give it correctly, and the Col. balled one fellow out for standing at rest when we had been given that for roll call.

Oct. 30. Wednesday. Only map work today. finished by two thirty P.M. Drew my pay check, had more than I needed to carry so sent part of it home. Went to the Q.M and got another blanket, not O.D. Hair cut this eve and got more pictures taken for our identification cards.

Oct. 31. Thursday. Had a diversion in the way of an air raid scare last night.

Capt. Boone

*W. H. B.
11/18/18
Cpl. Blair
N.C.*

HEADQUARTERS ARMY SCHOOL AMERICAN E. F.

France, 31 October, 1918



Special Orders,

No. 300.

*Sgt. J. W.
A. F. M. 721
11-5-18*

Extract.

Par. 12. Pursuant to telegraphic instructions from G.H.Q., American E. F., dated October 30th, 1918, the following named instructor and twenty-five student officers, Army Sanitary School, will proceed to the Central Medical Department Laboratory reporting upon arrival to the Director thereof for a three days' course of instruction, upon completion of which they will proceed to their respective proper stations and rejoin their organizations:

- Capt. Burnett, M.C., Army Sanitary School, (Instructor).
- Capt. Newton, M.C., 312th Sanitary Train, 87th Division.
- Capt. Corpe, M.C., 312th Sanitary Train, 87th Division.
- Capt. Burns, M.C., 333rd Field Hospital, 84th Division.
- Capt. Birmingham, M.C., 336th Field Hospital, 84th Division.
- Capt. Reml, M.C., 311th Sanitary Train, 86th Division.
- Capt. Crabb, M.C., 346th Field Hospital, 87th Division.
- Capt. E. Longacre, M.C., 345th Field Hospital, 87th Division.
- Capt. Wright, M.C., 346th Ambulance Company, 87th Division.
- Capt. F. S. Low, M.C., 343rd Field Hospital, 84th Division.
- Capt. J. D. McKinnon, M.C., 335th Field Hospital, 84th Division.
- Capt. H. S. Wilson, M.C., 335th Ambulance Company, 84th Division.
- Capt. J. D. Keller, Jr., M.C., 342nd Field Hospital, 86th Division.
- Capt. A. L. Hauslohner, M.C., 343rd Field Hospital, 86th Division.
- Capt. H. B. Sprague, M.C., 343rd Ambulance Company, 86th Division.
- Capt. E. E. Leeson, M.C., 341st Field Hospital, 86th Division.
- 1st. Lt. G. Purdy, M.C., 345th Field Hospital, 87th Division.
- 1st. Lt. L. W. Ballentyne, M.C., 336th Ambulance Company, 84th Division.
- 1st. Lt. S. D. Edelman, M.C., 334th Field Hospital, 84th Division.
- 1st. Lt. E. N. Mendenhall, M.C., 336th Field Hospital, 84th Division.
- 1st. Lt. H. C. Mohr, M.C., 335rd Field Hospital, 84th Division.
- Capt. A. Whitlock, M.C., 343rd Ambulance Company, 86th Division.
- Capt. L. L. Bowie, M.C., 344th Ambulance Company, 86th Division.
- Capt. R. A. Behrman, M.C., 342nd Ambulance Company, 86th Division.
- Capt. J. Giradansky, M.C., 344th Field Hospital, 86th Division.
- 1st. Lt. L. G. Hogan, M.C., 345rd Field Hospital, 86th Division.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service

BY COMMAND OF BRIG. GENERAL SMITH:



H. S.
Lieut. Colonel, Cav., U.S.A.
Secretary.



Oct. 31st continued. Had to put our candles out. We could see the star shells go up and immediately following the anti air guns would pop. Had our search lights going off and on all the time. Foggy all day and colder, Fog so thick you could cut it. Peace

seems a little closer tonight. Lecture after supper.

Nov. 1, Friday. Another cold and foggy day. Closed school this afternoon. Received several letters from Geraldine and some from Onica.. Packed and am ready to leave tomorrow. Movies this eve.

Nov. 2, Saturday. . Cloudy and cold. The other fellows awakened us when they got out at 3.30 A.M. We left Lanres about 10.30 A.M. for Dijon. arrived there about 10.00 P.M. and no hotels open or empty. Arrived at Chalindry about noon and waited until after 6 P.M. for a train. Only a trip of 45 miles. I finally got a room in a private house a good bed and clean. Capt. Leeson was with me. At Chalindry saw a public washing place in operation, a French funeral, a lady ringing the bell in the church steeple and a French boy butcher a calf. Saw also in the officers club room the rottenist pictures on the wall. Dijon is a beautiful city, the best I have seen out side of Paris. Have a university, The ~~*****~~ We use some of their buildings for our central laboratories over here. A good red cross hotel here and good meals. Paid 60 cents at Chalindry.

Nov. 3, Sunday. Worked two hours this morning and again two this afternoon. Did one transfusion in the P.M.

Nov. 4, Monday. Cloudy.. Work in forenoon and completed my course. Loaf in afternoon and waiting for the Major to go to Is-Sur-tille to the regulating station for orders. Lts. Fischer and Capt. Lasinski here for course in gas work. Training 12 miles from ~~from~~ Bordeaux.

Nov. 5, Tuesday.. Major is sure one dam fool, is mad and will not do a thing. Got a spoon for a souvineer. Loafed all day, left the private room and went to a hotel, got a dandy room with nice eider down affair on top of the bed.

Nov. 6, Wednesday. Got up at 4 A.M. to get the 5.20 train and missed it. Had all of our baggage, for ten of us, and get checked, these are so d--- slow, and then two freight trains pulled on the next to the depot and we could not get to our train. So the six of who were looking after the baggage could not get on, and we did not want too, had we left our baggage there we would have seen it again, the other 4, including our Major went on. We took a 1.18 P.M train but had made arrangements for it to follow. We arrived in Paris at 8 P.M.

Nov. 6 continued. Our baggage did arrive on a later train and Capt.

Whitlock looked after it. Rumored that an armistice was signed at 3 P.M. with Germany. Capt. Behrman and I took in part of Paris today. The Major told us that we had to go on to Bordeaux today. We told him that we were allowed 24 hours in Paris and that the others of our bunch would have to go without us. He went to the officer in charge of the Americans in Paris and got their time extended 24 hours, giving them 48 hours in Paris. He is a akunk. So Capt. Behrman went on our own thru the city, saw the Tulleries, and the Zoo. The Notre Dame church, and 4 funerals were going on as we went thru. The fine stained glass windows were all removed and stored in southern France. The others were covered by sand bags about 6 feet thick and one large one was covered by solid masonry and packing. Saw the presidents residence.

and chamber of deputies. the big Ferris wheel and the Eifel tower, and the museum with all its various armor suits and guns of all ages, Also Napoleons tomb. The Plas-De-Concord where the captured guns, air plans and tanks are on exhibition.

Saw the grand palace and the Champ Elly see. For the war to be finished the French are very quiet. No noise and no apparent excitement. Leave for Bordeaux at 9 P.M. tonight. Tried to buy a banana or pear, they only wanted 20 cents for each. Here is a good story I will put in here. Some men were standing on a street corner in Paris trying to get a taxi to take them to the Richmond hotel (the Y.M. C. A. hotel for officers) and they were only a half block from it.

Nov. 8 Friday. Left for Bordeaux last night at 9 P.M. and arrived in there at 7 A.M. This is an old looking city, not much to see here in the way of sights. Only one ruin of an old coliseum. We are going to stay over night. Saw Lt Carr and he told us that the train was to move ~~tomorrow~~ about Sunday or Monday to near Toures to the replacement camp of our corps.. Lots of grape orchards down this way. Only a temporary stopping of fighting yesterday so the Germans so the Bosche convoys could pass thru the lines. No armistice yet. The chambermaid at the hotel in Bordeaux tried to rape all of our party except Capt. Behrman and myself, but we were out so she could not get to us.

Nov. 9 Saturday. Cloudy and colder than it was in Paris. Arrived here at St. Andrs-de-Culsac at 8 A.M. this morning. It seems good to get back with the company, just lacks four days ~~from day~~ of three months since we left them at Camp Grant and yet all the old men in the company seem glad to see ~~back~~ me back again, and I am glad to be back,

Nov. 9, Saturday. I do not like the idea of our company being split up and sent to different companies all over France, but this is war so we will have to make the best of it. Am in a room with Berge and Capt. Cooper, 3rd floor of an old stone building, have a nice fire place and are quite comfortable. Right along the Dordogne river, it is as muddy as the Mississippi River. Nothing but grape vineyards down here. Fourteen letters from home and a few others were here waiting for me.

Nov 10, Sunday. A fine sunny day and warm here in the south of France. Too warm for winter clothes but we must wear them. Walked over to the old Chateau de Boullish, where Marie Antoinette was held a prisoner and that Napoleon lived in and owned, a relative of his is still living there. I met the lady, a real Countess, so we were told, If they are all like her I do not think much of Countesses. The castle is all under mined with long tunnels, etc. Has a four story front and basement and then a sort of connection to a circular affair that has in its center the private chapel. All of stone, then about it is a large lawn with a great many trees, mostly Sycamore and Birch. I heard the old piano played in this place. We are now using part of it for a hospital. I moved this eve as all of us could not sleep in the small room. I was sent up town and am in with a French family, and have a good bed by my self, This will not be for many days as we will be moved in a short time.

Nov. 11. Monday. The armistice was signed this morning at 6 A.M. and fighting to be stopped at 11 A.M. The British had just taken Mons.

We did not make much of it, too tired may be, but we gave Germany what she needed. Every one is now asking how soon we will be getting home all are anxious to go. I was in charge of the guard in town last night in St Andre and we had some fun. Only one fight among our own men, I do not know what for. I made the rounds of all the wine rooms, in our country they call them taverns, I sent all of our men back to their barracks at 9 P.M. but the Frogs were busy all night.

Just a little more on my evenings work. We did not get any orders regarding the time the men could be out from the barracks, They always had to be in by (9 P.M. every night, so the first wine room I entered four men were there and one jumped up and invited me to have a drink with them. I walked over to them and told them to get out and not come back, and if they did I would have all of them up before a corps martial the next morning. They did get out of town and I met them coming back, and then I did get tough, they did not try to get in again. There was one tavern out at the edge of the city, three thousand people, and there I found one of my own company men. and one from another company, Both very good men.

Nov. 11 continued. And I sent them to the barracks and told them that I would see them the next morning, I had a talk the next morning with the other company commander and we decided to not discipline

them at all. A little after midnight I made another round to see if all of our men were in and off the streets. As I was walking along I heard quite a noisy bunch on a side street, the French yelling Viva La meric, pretty soon I heard one lony voice yell, viva la ~~meric~~. I investigated and found one of my own corporals in the bunch. He came up to me and tried to salute but he was too drunk to give it and could barely walk. I walked him out of town and got him on the right road, it was not cold and I knew if he could not make it that he would could lay along the road as it was a warm night. We held a band concert in the evening, the French displayed the American flag and their own but no British. The French despise the English and say it was the Americans who saved the day for them.

Nov. 12. Tuesday. A fair day but cool. Some French still celebrating

The Sanitary train cleaned up the whole town today preparatory to leaving in the morning. One French woman and had her garden cleaned when she only had a Capt. in her house for only a short time. I settled with the wine woman for the men who did some damage to her room fighting there last night, or rather I made them pay the damage and got a receipt for the same. Had a great time last night, Lt. Berge took me in and introduced me to the druggist daughter, Madam Lobot, she is a fine singer, a graduate pharmacist and the wife of an M.D. She has two daughters 10 and 6 years of age, two cute youngsters. Capt. Bolio and I held them and tried to talk French with them. A daughter in law also resides there. Their husbands were both in the army. They both drink and smoke, but this is France. Oh yes, we were given tea and toast. It was the best they had to offer. Had an invitation to the hotel, given by the French officers to us who are billeted in town. Got it too late and could not go.

Nov. 13 Wed. Clear and cool. Did not get any breakfast. Left St-Andre-Du-Cubzac about 10.A.M. Arrived at Borden at 11.00 A.M.

Got coffee for all of us there. The American Red Cross furnished cigarettes. Six of us in one compartment. Is my first experience traveling with troops. We are side tracked for every thing to pass

us
Nov. 14. Thursday. Cool and clear. A heavy frost. We unrolled our pack and wrapped up in our blankets to keep warm. Stopped at 10.P.M. for coffee. Stopped at Chateaux for coffee. Stopped at Assoudun at two P.M. a half hour, do not know what for.

Nov. 14. continued. Arrived at St-Angin-Noyer at 6.30 . Registered and went to a barrack where we were all crowd in like sardines.

Got supper at the Y.M.

Nov.15. Friday. Up and breakfast by 7.A.M. and reported for march out to some billets, a 15 ~~Kilometer~~ Kilometer hike. The men got the billets ,we officers all went and we had to use our tents and sleep on the ground. Have sent all extra medical corps from all over France to this place. About 500 officers here at present. and no place to eat or sleep.. To be sure they are glad to be in the army and perfectly contented ? We fove did manage to get hold of some straw and made our selves fairly comfortable.

Nov. 16. Sat. Up when we got ready this morning. Has been lot of ice the last three days. All wedo is report at 9A.M. and one P.M to look for orders. No drill nor nothing else. The Sanitary Train is all shot to pieces and all of us are classified as unassigned

This what is called the replacement camp.of the whole of France. All other camps have been closed.

Nov.17. Sunday Clear and cold. Ice $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick on standing water Is fine to dress and undress and wash and shave in the ice water. and stand and stamn your feet to keep them warm while you eat with your gloves on. This sure does not seem like Sunday. Had a negro concert at the Y.m. last night, no good but it was the only place to go and get warm.. Line up for meals, every one will remember this hole . Some very poor managment back of sending us all here at the same time.

Nov. 18, Monday. A clear day, nearly as cold as athome at this time of year. These fire places ,all the heat goes up the chimnev. Nothing doing all day, only know that Mzjor Kreml has no authority over us until we are reassigned ,if kept together. Walked over to Theizel(a place near here)and spent therest of the time trying to find a place to get warm,am stiff all over, all miscles ache and sore from cold,but am not sick. If I stay in the cold much longer they will have to send me home because of rheumatism or some thing like it. Slept warm and dandy last night.

Nov.19, Tuesday. Cloudy and warmer. Up at 7.30 for pancakes, Is sure some dope on what is to be done with our Sanitary Train. It appears we are to be junked and only a skeleton kept with one officer,one sargeant and five men. left in the company. Stayed in Thesn all day with Capt.Cooper and stood in line for dinner from 12 to 12.20 and then had to hustle back for the 1 P.M. formation.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DEPOT DIVISION,
AMERICAN E. F.

No. 324.

November 23, 1918.

Ex t r a c t .

51. Pursuant to telegraphic instructions of November 22, 1918, Headquarters, S.O.S., CAPTAIN CHARLES RICKSHER, M. C., is hereby relieved from duty with Camp Hospital No. 26, and will proceed without delay to RIMANCOURT, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer, Hospital Center at that station for duty as consultant.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

52. Pursuant to letter of instructions dated November 4, 1918, from the Commanding General, S.O.S., CAPTAIN ERNEST E. LEESON, M. C., one (1) noncommissioned officer and five (5) privates (Skeletonized Field Hospital Company 341 of the 311th Sanitary Train) now at the Training School for Sanitary Troops, will proceed by first available transportation to JOINVILLE (Haute Marne), reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer, Medical Department Concentration Area for duty.

The enlisted men will take his authorized allowance of personal baggage, clothing, arms and accoutrements and will carry two days' travel and two days' reserve rations.

The Quartermaster Corps will furnish the necessary transportation and subsistence.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

53. Pursuant to letter of instructions dated November 4, 1918, S. G., S.O.S., CAPTAIN LOUIS L. BOWIE, M. C., one noncommissioned officer and five (5) privates (Skeletonized Ambulance Co. 344 of the 311th Sanitary Train) now at the Training School for Sanitary Troops, will proceed by first available transportation to JOINVILLE, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer, Medical Department Concentration Area for duty.

The enlisted men will take their authorized allowance of personal baggage, clothing, arms and accoutrements and will carry two days' travel and two days' reserve rations.

The Quartermaster Corps will furnish the necessary transportation and subsistence.

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54. Pursuant to letter of instructions dated November 4, 1918, C.G., S.O.S., CAPTAIN GEORGE F. DAVIS, M. C., one (1) noncommissioned officer and five (5) privates (Skeletonized Ambulance Co. 343 of the 311th Sanitary Train) now at the Training School for Sanitary Troops, will proceed by first available transportation to JOINVILLE, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer, Medical Department Concentration Area for duty.

The enlisted men will take their authorized allowance of personal baggage, clothing, arms and accoutrements and will carry two days' travel and two days' reserve rations.

The Quartermaster Corps will furnish the necessary transportation and subsistence.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

OFFICIAL:

GEORGE L. TAYLOR
Adjutant General
Adjutant.



By command of Brigadier General Cole:

O. B. MEYER,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Acting Chief of Staff.

Nov. 20, Wed. Cloudy and cold, misty. Walked over to ~~Thesn~~ Thesn and nothing doing. I made a decision last night that may be for the best and may not. I decided to be the Capt. to stay with the sargeant and the six men, left us in our company, It was either that or be sent as a replacement to any place in France or up in to Germany. I figured it out that we would be among the first ones to be sent home, Capt. Behrman also made the same choice. He stayed with his company. We could have made the officer we out ranked in our company stay with the six men. I kept my 1st. sargeant, who had worked in the office with us all the time, he was a very good book keeper and very co-operative. Will leave here as soon as we get our papers ready so we can. My back is so stiff I can hardly sto p over. See by the paper that the men in the States are to be mustered soon.

Nov. 21 Thursday. Took my usual walk to Thesntoday. Two months today since we landed in Glasgow in Glasgow, Scotland. Went to St. Aignan (we called it St. Agoney) Rode a truck up and back. Got a leather vest and a spoon for a souvenier. Nothing new today.

Nov. 22. Friday. Clear and the warmest day for a week. But the coldest morning. Nothing doing so Capt. Polio and I walked to Thenly and to Thesn, making 12 miles all told. Got the rest of the Company papers today so I now have full charge of our company, (six men)

Nov. 23 Saturday. Cloudy and warmer, Nothing doing all day. but wait. Walked too much yesterday. Treated one of the men for tonsill is.

Nov. 24. Sunday. Cloudy and warmer. Moved all our men over to Thesn. Capt. Cooper and I went over to see the old castle at Montrichard where Richard the Lion Hearted was kept a prisoner. Lt. Fisher was ordered to Mantes to a convalesent camp.

Nov. 25 Monday. Cloudy, rainy and warmer. Got orders to be ready by 10. AM tomorrow to move. Wish it was homeward. Got a good hot bath today, Lumbago a little worse today. Have not received a letter from home for several days. Had some more goats milk today.

Nov. 26. Tuesday. A rainy nasty day. Had baggage ready to go by 10. A.M Got it out at 11.00 A.M went to Thesn, stored for dinner and then on to St. Aignan by truck. Put our stuff off on platform and in rain and left it until we left about 10.00 P.M. Was all night going about 30 miles, changed at St. Pierre Des Corps. Stayed in coaches. A good American Red Cross canteen here.

Nov. 27. Wed. Another nasty day. Just saw in the newspaper that our skeleton organizations are to be sent home early. I hope so, for I am more needed at home than here. at present.

Nov. 27th continued.

Left St. Pierre about 10.A.M. arrived Oreleans just after noon, then on to Montargis, arriving there at 5P.M. where we had coffee, left at 6 P.M. and went on to Troyes

Nov. 28, Thursday. A cold cloudy day. Arrived at Troyes about 4A.M. then we switched around the rail road yards and separated. ~~Took until 7P.M. 7A.M.~~ Took until 7A.M. to get our cars together again and on our way. Ambulance Co.343 had one man left at St Pierre and all nearly left at Troyes.. A great way to spend this Thanksgiving day. Will have Bully Beef and bread for dinner, but still have many things to be thankful for.

Ate Thanksgiving with Capt. Davis at a hotel in Montierender only 30 Kilos from Joinville. Stopped here over three hours, do not know what for. Raining this P.M. Arrived in Joinville about 7.P.M. and slept in a dormitory of a convent. The men were in billets. Saw a train of refugees from the territory occupied by the Germans, they simply carried off and destroyed every thing.

Nov. 29. Friday. Rainy and cold. Ground not frozen yet here. Shave and wash in cold water. Moved out to Curel, about five miles from Joinville, today. I had thought that we had seen the worst over at Thesn and Monthou, but this beats those places, in fact we have moved ~~moved~~ from bad to worse. if there is anything worse than this I would like to see it, but not stay in it. Is dirty, no place for the men to stay except sleep in manure with its smell. Cannot get transportation for our eats, so we are told. The one big problem is R R. transportation and yet they have sent thousands of us from the west to the east of France since the close of the war. Just some more inefficiency in the war Dept.. Have a room with Behrman. bed large enough for one, so I had Peterson make me a cot and will use the one bed alternately with the use of our bed rolls. Our organization has always been the last to get any where and have and have always had to the tail of things. Are six Sanitary Trains in here now, these are the ones who have skeletonized. Nothing to do but just wait (we hope to be ordered home soon)

Nov. 30, Saturday. Rain last night but clear today. No ground frozen and warm. Picked a flower on the hill back of the town today. The women doing their washing in the creeks with arms bare. Our train to move out to a smaller place tomorrow, about a mile from Joinville. Some say it is worse than this one. We will wait and see. Col. Spitzka had a fuss with the 309 Bn. this eve over the mess, do not know how it will end

Dec. 1st. Sunday. Nice and sun shine today. Ground frozen a little.

Moved to L Antigue Le P~~op~~ Petip in the forenoon and thought we could get nothing wiser than Curel, but this place is still worse.

No good billet here except one and the Colonel has it. Our men have a better barn. Our landlady is deaf and dumb. We go thru the barn and chicken shed to get to ~~her~~ her living room and then into ours. Capt. Behrman on the right and mine on the left side of hers. Nice all over my room. No dinner today, may ~~get~~ a stove and get started tonight. Got our supper O.K. and I went to bed at 6 P.M.

Dec. 2, Monday. Ground frozen a little this morning, Clear.

Went up to Joinville this forenoon and got dinner at the officers ~~club~~ club, or mess, and walked back this afternoon. So one more day is passed, would not be so bad if we had something to do, and if our men were fixed up so they could get warm sometime during the day.

And the people at home are reading of what a fine Thanksgiving dinner the men were given, and how swell they are treated. Even Capt. Simmons, an old army man says it is a D--- shame. It is no wonder the censorship was established and is being kept up on the crabbing. Another evacuation Hospital corps has just arrived.

The Lord only knows what they expect to do with all the Drs. over here now. If they are needed why not put those who are already here. Are over two hundred in this area who would be glad to do most any thing to break the monotony of just waiting.

Dec. 3, Tuesday. Warm and cloudy. Nothing doing this A.M. except fill ~~out~~ out our mileage vouchers and mail to Chaumont, France. May get our mileage check before leaving here. Loafed all day. Took a walk this afternoon and got some chestnuts. We were roasting them in the fire place when the old lady, where we staying, came in with a few live snails and put them on the ashes by the fire and roasted them, she then cracked the shell tore it off with her dirty fingers and then, she offered us, Capt. Behrman was rooming with me, we declined with thanks, but we did not eat any more nuts after seeing that.

Dec. 4. Wed. A warm day, more like Sept. than Dec. cloudy and misty. We are spending our mess fund for extras to eat. To have dinner at three P.M. Took a walk over the hills while waiting, See by the papers that the major units of the 86th Div. are to be sent back soon. Hope we are considered a major unit. A later paper says we are under orders, but we have not received them, will not until it is time for us to move. Had a dandy dinner.

Dec. 5th. Thursday. Warm and cloudy. Went up to Joinville today and got three thimbles, one for Louise, Gladys and Onica. Rode up and walked back. Ran across an old iron foundry in the woods along the canal, passed several barges moving in the canal. That sure is a life that would be very monotonous for me.

Dec. 6th. Friday. A clear warm day. similar to Sept. days at home, only damper. Capt. Behrman laid up with diarrhoea so I went walking with Capt. White and Leeson, went up back of town thru the brush and over the hills just for a change. Repacked my trunk and am now ready to leave on short notice. Wish I could hear from home before we leave here. Being moved often the mail does not catch up with us as often as we all would like. Will no doubt get a lot of letters when it does catch us.

Dec. 7th. Saturday. Warm and cloudy. Up town this A.M. back by noon. No mail yet. Early this morning we heard a drum and went to the street. The town crier was reading a notice to the people about paying for potatoes for the army. All notices are given this way.

A story of two on the ~~way~~ Col. He was calling down one of the men who was drunk and the fellow said (That is all right Col. you are just as drunk as I am) and he was right. Another time the Col. said to one of the men (You are one of my friends and the man replied You are dam right I am) Both were drunk. Another time the Col. was full and was passing three men, they arose and saluted he walked over and says (how many of our are there) he was told and then saluted and said (there take that) It is so lonesome we can hardly bear it. I have never put in a worse time. No letters.

Dec. 8th. Sunday. Warm and partly cloudy. Mud always, never free from it in the winter season. Got word yesterday that a list of officers who were to accompany the organization to the U.S. was wanted at once, Of course that means we will likely sail sometime this month and may be sooner. Every one is having diarrhoea, last night I never slept a wink on account of my bowels cramping, did not trot though until this morning. We cannot get chlorine for our ~~water~~ water. Forty men and one officer to come into this small town today, and I thought we were filled up. Yesterday three evacuation units consisting of around 800 hundred men and officers landed in and around here. They left the U.S. Nov. 12th, one day after the armistice was signed. One officer and 40 men put in town with us today. They are mobile units who left U.S. since the armistice. Took off infantry and artillery who were on this post boat ready to sail and sent them over, Have over 2000 men and 150 officers in this area and nothing for us to do. Surely some one is making a mistake.

Dec. 9th. Monday. Cloudy and warm today. Some pretty sick yesterday and last night. Lots better today. Am eating toast only this morning. Went to bed at 3P.M. yesterday. No place here to be sick, no chair only a straight back office chair.

Dec. 10th. Tuesday. Cloudy and warmer. no freeze for over a week and farmers plowing. Feeling O.K. today. Up town today to see about mail. No return from my letter to the Paris bank, regarding the company money. A little mail for the sanitary train but none for me. The foundry where the Statue of Liberty was cast is only about three miles from here, I was thru it last Saturday. The model of the statue has been removed for safe keeping until after the war.

Dec. 11. Wed. Rained all after noon yesterday and all night and all day today. The hardest and longest I have seen over here. It is also a little cooler. Did nothing but sit around the fire. I feel better today and also have a hunch that all are well at home.

An inspector here today looking over our records to see if we were ready along that line, to return home. Guess we will leave here soon.

Dec. 12. Thursday. Received our pay checks this morning. ~~mine was~~ Mine was for 130.00 dollars, a little more than I expected, but we drew extra for the month for the month on the October commutation. Up town this morning and cashed our pay checks, Rained the rest of the day, Out of eats yesterday and for breakfast this A.M. Wrote a long letter to Condit today. Hard to get stuff to eat for one who has diarrhoea.

Dec. 13, Friday. Went to St. Dizier to collect our mileage. Met Col. Perkins of the artillery and got some news of the division. Gen. Martin is Commanding Officer of the 92nd Div. where he was going also. The 86th Div. has been under orders for weeks to go home. We got a truck each way.

Dec. 14, Sat. Walked up to Joinville this P.M. and sent a telegram to bank in Paris. Found we had 15 sacks of mail, so I got a truck to haul it out. Received two letters from Geraldine and one from Onica, Dated Nov 14, 17 and the 20th of Nov. Is a lot more mail to come yet, that is some where in France. Glad I got the ones I did for they told me that all were over the Flu.

Dec. 15, Sunday. Cloudy and warm and the sun did shine a few hours ~~today~~ today. Now that the letters have come I am ready to return home at any time

Dec. 15 continued. The other day in St Dizier we had blood pudding done in sausage shape, I could not eat it. Air men all seem to be in the sky today.

Dec. 16. Monday. Cloudy and warm today. Nothing of interest to record. Took a walk in the rain this P.M. The Major and I took a walk in the moonlight last eve after supper. Did not wear overcoats and gloves and were plenty warm.

Dec 17. A courier came for a list of our men yesterday, who are to return to the U.S. so it may be that in the next six months we may get out of this hole. Walked up to the foundry at Bussey this morning and it was sure great to see the boiling iron and see it poured out into the big kettles and then carried by a big crane and poured into the various moulds and how they would burn for a long time. Lots of women, girls and young of 15 and 16 year of age doing heavy work like that.

Dec. 18. Wed. Cloudy and a lot colder, rain all day. Took my boots up town this morning and got them half soled. Sent registered letter to bank in Paris about a check mailed to them Dec. 2nd, 1918. From reading from the (Stars and Stripes) a paper printed by the army or red cross, today, I am not so sure of getting out of here before Jan 1st, 1919.

Dec. 19. Thursday. A mixture of weather today, cloudy, rainy at noon, some snow fell but melted as fast as it fell, this was similar to May weather at home in May. Filled out pay vouchers today.

Dec. 20, 1919. The Col. and a few officers are going up to Toul to look over the battle field north of there. Leave this P.M. for four or five days trip. I do not care to go as it will not be very interesting to me as I was there when we went up to the firing line when we went to the front. They are having artillery practice near here for I can hear the large canons.

Dec. 20th, 1919. Received our orders to move to Bordeaux last night and today learned we go to St-Andus-De-Culzac near Bordeaux to await the first available transportation to the U.S. The men are crazy over this. Several units in this area are to leave, SOGS. T. Train goes with us. Some to breast and some to St. Nazaire. Up town this P.M. with the Major and found some more mail.

Dec 20th Continued. Two letters from home. No word from the check yet from Paris.

Dec 21, Saturday. Cloudy and cool but no rain. Wrote letters in the fore noon, and went to Curel officers Y.M. to read. A letter from Onica mailed to Langres just came today.

Dec. 22, Sunday. A rainy night and all day. Did not get out for a walk.

Dec. 23, Monday. Rained again today all day. Up town and tried to phone the bank in Paris about the check, could not get them over the American, we had our phones nearly all over France, nor the French line, and missed my dinner besides, No train for us yet. A letter from Geraldine and Onica and two from Mother yesterday, the first from her,

Dec 24, 1918. Clear and colder this morning cloudy in the afternoon, and rain and snow by 6 P.M. The 2nd. snow storm we have had. Ground frozen slightly this morning. Took a long walk over the Marne river. It is out of its banks. Rested this afternoon and this eve. received 4 letters from Geraldine and three from Onica. Could hardly have a better Christmas eve over here.

Dec 25th. 1918. Cloudy and colder this morning, some snow over across the river on the hills. It snowed very heavy last night. Ground not frozen this A.M. Orders for leaving came this morning. Leave for St. Andes De Cubzac at 8.30 tomorrow. Wrote letters most of the day. Took a short walk down the canal this afternoon.

Our Christmas Tree was lit up this eve and the KIDS went wild over it. The Y.M. sent over a box for each of us, containing two packages of chocolate and two of cigarettes.

Dec. 26, 1918 Thursday. Cloudy and cold. Up and ready for breakfast by 6.30, to be off at 8.30, and then got orders to postpone postphone until noon. Got lunch and away to Curel by 12.30 P.M. and waited as usual until nearly 2.30 P.M. Got a short distance south of Jonville and found snow all about Chaumont, arrived at Chaumont at one P.M. De John at ten P.M.

Dec 27th. Friday. Rainy and cold. warmer. Got a bed in the Red Cross barracks and had a good sleep. Did not get away from St. Pierre Started the 28th just above. Rainy and cold. Last night was the coldest I have put in over here, Just monkeyed along all day and did not arrive at St. Pierre Des Corps (near Tournes) until about 1 A.M. Dec. 28th

Dec. 28. Sat. Rainy and cloudy, warmer. Got a bed in Red Cross barrack and slept. Did not get away from St. Pierre until 2 P.M. Supposed to be on a fast train, but it stopped at every station and arrived Bordeaux about 1.30 A.M. Dec. 29th. Some Frog opened my compartment door and just walked in on us. Now I cannot see the famous courtesy the Frogs are supposed to have. One set his grips on my feet and then sat down on it.

Dec. 29, Sunday. Cloudy and rainy and warmer here. Arrived here at 1.30 and waited two hours or more for a truck to take us out to camp. Arrived at camp about 5.30 A.M. and got to bed at 6 A.M. Slept all forenoon, no breakfast. Have good quarters. Had a good dinner. Our own colored men are doing the cooking. One large dining room for all the officers. Cost 3 Franks per meal. Has rained here for six months and this camp is a sea of mud. Is only six Kilos out from Bordeaux. No one can go into Bordeaux without a good excuse. May be here 10 days to a couple of weeks.

Dec. 30th. Monday. Clear this morning, began raining at noon and kept it up all after noon. We had to move in the rain in the P.M. Could have moved in the forenoon just as well, but our Col. and Adjutant did not care if we did get wet. This is a new barrack and in the dry but the wood all wet. Will be D-- glad to get out, but the Colonel and some others are trying to work themselves in and Capt Behrman and myself out of this organization. We both stayed with it because we were pretty sure that if we stayed, we would be among the first to go home. I will be sure sore if they succeed.

Only costs 10.00 dollars for board here. The officers have always had to pay for their eats except when in some place where they could not find any place and had to eat with the men.

Dec. 31st. Tuesday. Did not sleep last night, only had my bed roll on some boards. It sure can rain here, clear one minute and the next minute it is raining cats and dogs. Men inspected for equipment this forenoon. They went thru the mill (the delousing station) this afternoon. All were issued new clothing and equipment and long pants. I went into Bordeaux in the P.M. and saw the bank (Cox and Company) about the company money that I still had.

The money had been sent London England and they could not do any thing about it. but said I could have it sent to my home address.

Back to the camp and I was sent thru the mill. Dance on this eve over at the other camp, but I would not walk thru the mud to go any place.

Jan. 1st. 1919 Wednesday. No rain today but partly cloudy.

Stayed in camp all day. Had a fine dinner, soup, roast pork and dressing, mashed potatoes, celery, cauliflower, peas, jam, grapes, apples, oranges nut and pie. Took in a football in the afternoon, warm enough to go without an overcoat. Wrote Cox and company of London England. Bordeaux sure celebrated the new year, all the whistles in town were turned on.

Jan. 2nd. 1919. It did not rain last nor to day. and is quite warm. a lot of difference from what we have at this time of year.

Another inspection of the men and the Colonel signed our books.

We are now ready to leave any time if the Field hospital bunch get thru transferring men and can get the passenger list completed. We are sure out of luck, with a Field Hospital Man in command and one as adjutant. Guess I will have to stay until I can ^{get} my company books ~~audited~~ audited and passed. I got H--- for their condition, but it was not my fault but the officer (Capt. Cooper) who turned them over to me.

Jan. 3rd. Friday. Rain all day. Reported to the Colonel doing the inspection with my council books, could have got by with my part of it but they would not pass Capt. Coopers part so I will have to ^{stay} here and wait for them to send for him to come back here to help settle his part of the accounts.

Jan. 4th. Saturday. A rainy and cooler day. Slept better last night than any time since our arrival here. Have been nearly worried to death. Just before noon we got orders sending us to join the 89th Division, we do not know where it is, but some where in Germany. Capt. Behrman, Davis, Beoner, Miller and myself were sent. Only the Colonel and two Majors are going back with the ~~our~~ organizations. I will have to stay here until the company book ~~is~~ is cleared.

Jan. 5th. 1919. Rain as usual. Our outfit left camp at 12.30 P.M. for the boat Capt. Behrman and the other officers who had to go to ~~Germany~~ Germany left for Bordeaux at 1 P.M. and I am all alone. Walked over to the Post office and sorted out the mail. two letters from Onica and one from Parkers.

banker Jan. 6th. Monday. Rainy and cool. Went into town to see Cox and company this morning. They sent for my money. Had dinner with Capt. White at the Y.M.C.A. and got my pay check for December 112.50 dollars

Jan 7th. 1919. Rainy as usual. Our barrack filled again today with officers from the 814 ~~Inf.~~ Pioneer Inf. Colored. Called over to the inspectors office. nothing doing as yet. Loafed all day.

Jan. 8th. 1919. Rainy and cool. Loafed all forenoon. tried to turn in part of ~~my~~ my ordnance equipment but they would not take it so I will have to carry it. Some funny things happen in this army. This barrack filled with officers outfit and they are a rough bunch. Started up town this afternoon, got as far as the H.D. Q. S. and found that I had better get a pass. Not having any business up there I did not go. Loafed in the Y.M. and heard it was just a prison life in Germany, That was very encouraging thing to hear.

Jan. 9th. Thursday. Wrote to Geraldine and packed spoons to mail home this afternoon, and then loafed the rest of the day.

Jan. 10. 1919. Laid in bed until 9 A.M. and read the rest of the day. This bunch of officers are always having a time cursing and swearing at one another,

Jan 11. 1919. Not much rain today but cloudy. Nothing doing, took in the movies at the Y.M. No mail. Some of the fellows in here are being held up and put on the casual list. This camp is plum full and more coming and no place to put them.

Jan. 12. 1919. Rain and warm. Nothing doing. Capt. Cooper has not yet arrived. yet, when he was sent for over two weeks ago, and I will not get out of here until he does arrive and get the company affairs settled. Hope he gets here soon, for then I might be able to get out. It is mighty tough to see others going home and I have to stay here and wait. Saw a good show at the Y.M. last eve. Went to Sunday services this morning. On Dec. 1st. I had high hopes of being home to help Geraldine celebrate her birthday.. They are shipping part of the 339th. F.H. to Marseilles to sail from there today, The 371 F.A. goes there tomorrow.

Jan, 13. 1919 Monday. Very little rain. and warm and dandy. ~~nothing doing~~ but there are a lot of Rumors floating about. The camp is full of officers waiting to get home. It looks as though they might send them home first and discharge them and save the U.S. money. Also the salvage dump is out in the open and every thing gets wet. Did my washing today.

Jan 14th, 1919 A fine forenoon and sun shining nearly all the time. Went in to Bordeaux to see Cox and Co. (a branch of the head bank in London. It is there now ^{the money} so I am ready whenever Capt. Cooper gets here. Spike Hennessey, the C.O. of the camp is sure a dam fool. He is a Catholic, and has now shut the officer during the day. He dictates just what the Y.M. shall do and how to do it. So many here that about 50 of us did not get any dinner today. Is a shame so many are sent here when they do not have the accommodations for them. And every one has to take a hike both morning and afternoon. I do not take them unless I want to, because I already have my orders to go to the 89th Division in Germany. I am not now on the casual list.

Jan 15th. Wed. Yesterday was the finest day we have had here since I arrived, and today no rain. Just waiting, but it is not as bad as at Joinville, or may be I am getting used to it. The 338th Field officers, detachment, got orders to move out at 6 A.M. tomorrow morning, suppose we will not get very much sleep. Visited the Chateau of the Black Prince this afternoon, but could not go thru it because too many Americans had picked souvenirs. View overlooking the Gironde River was beautiful, The American docks were just below the hill we looked from. These were the docks for Bordeaux, on the river about 12 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

Jan. 16, 1919. Yesterday SPIKE put out an order that no one could leave camp without a pass, so now I cannot go to the other camp near us, nor to Hdqs. I will not ask Spike for a pass, only loaf here until I am sent for. Half of our kitchen at the officers mess was burned yesterday afternoon, so all I got for supper was nuts and a cup of coffee at the Y.M. breakfast this morning.

Jan. 17, 1919. Friday. Capt. Cooper came in today and we will get our council books settled tomorrow, then I can get out Sunday or Monday.

Bordeaux Emb. Camp.
Jan. 21, 1919

Received from Capt. L. L.
Bowie Med. Corps. the
Council book and records
pertaining to the Co. Fund
of Ambulance Company #344

Wm P. McLean
Lt. Col. Col.
Asst Insp. Gen

Q. M. C. Form 51.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS, U. S. ARMY.

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which sum I have passed to the credit of the United States, and hold myself accountable therefor.

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Quartermaster

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receipt is issued.

Jan. 18, 1919 Rain all night but nice today. Up town to meet Capt. Cooper at 9.30 A.M. Went to Cox and Co. Bank. They skinned me out of 12 dollars for the exchange from pounds into Franks, and Capt. Cooper had 15 pounds they told him that he did not have, so he was beat out of that much. Another officer told me he had 52 dollars there and they stopped payment on his checks. Nearly every one tells the same story about them. I did not get my book completed today and see the Colonel in the inspection office and get his acceptance of it. May tomorrow or Sunday* Monday and then away to Germany. Lt. Moller and I worked all afternoon on it.

Jan. 19, 1919. A clear night and a frosty morning, just a little ice on the water. Went to see the inspector at 9 A.M. The commander in chief of the Services over Seas was here and the inspector was busy with him, so I will have to wait until tomorrow to get my book accepted or turned down. In the army they do take their time in doing things. Wrote letters this afternoon.

Jan. 20. Monday. Another night and morning. Ice enough to see on ~~stand~~ standing water. Got the book accepted by Col. McCleary, the inspector General. so all I have to do is get the money from the bank and turn it over to him, get my receipt from him and get my orders to get out of here. Have a cold in my head and feel dull but am dandy other wise.

Jan. 21, 1919. Tuesday. No rain this morning, but cooler. Nothing doing this morning. Finished the council book, turned the money over to the U.S. Finance officer, got his receipt for the same, and the book over to Lt. Col. McCreary, Inspector General and got a receipt from him. These people said they understood the situation regarding the situation over here about the inspection of the books than many one in the U.S. could, and they were very lenient with us, for which I am very thankful. A fine show at the Y.M. tonight given by the 141 st, F.A. Went to that and back to my barrack and did my packing.

Jan. 22, Wednesday.

Jan. 22nd. Wed. Rained all day. Finished packing in the forenoon and Got a truck and took my baggage to the Gare (depot) Midi-Bordeau Met Capt. Cooper and we ate our dinner or supper, at the officers club . I persuaded him to go by way of Paris with me on his way back to where he was stationed. We left at 8.30 P.M by way of Tours. We arrived in Paris one and one half hours late.

Jan. 23rd, Thursday. A lot cooler here in Paris than in Bordeaux. We arrived in Paris at 9.30.A.M. Luckily my baggage came thru on the same train, Got it out and we transferred to another depot. we arrived at the Gar De Orsey and leave from the Gar De lest.

Went to Red Cross Hotel Louvre for dinner and got a room.

Took the sight seeing bus in the afternoon , Saw the wonderful paintings of the war in the Panthion, it brings the war up to date and shows all the countries involved and the various battle places. The Champs Ellesyee is lined by captured cannons.

We passed the place where the peace conference is being held Expect to take in a show to night and leave for Toul tomorrow ~~morning~~ morning. Capt. Cooper and I took in the Follies Berquire, not much of a show but we got to see night life in Paris. Never saw so much drinking and so many prostitutes in one place in France.

We got ~~and~~ to our room and in bed by midnight..

Jan 24th Friday Called at 5.30.A.M And went to depot in R.C. car.

No metropolitan sub way cars running, Employes on strike. Took me until 7.45 A.M. to get ~~my~~ my baggage from the check room and rechecked to Toul. Had to get a Frog to help me then. Passed thru Chateaux Thiery and a few more of the towns that showed signs of being in the fighting area, Have a dining car on this train. Got coffee and bread for breakfast, but had a good dinner on the train, some good fish. Arrived at Toul about 3.30 P.M. and got a room at the officers club, YM . for the night. Two Y.W. women from Chicago were on the train, could not see why all the men disliked the Frogs so much , they were going over into Germany as teachers for the schools held for the men. They were like most tourists over ~~the~~ beauty of the country. A dandy day, like our first of November weather.

Jan. 25th. Saturday. A nice day. no sunshine but no rain, Cold. Up and shaved by 8.00 A.M. Baggage arrived. left Toul at 11.00 A.M. instead of 9.30 as we were supposed to. as scheduled, by the American Special. May the man be shot who named it that. There ~~was~~ was no heat and no provisions and no heat made for eats, We got into Traer Germany at midnight hungry but not cold. WE four ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ our compartment found an old stove along the R.R. track and an old piece of stove pipe and set it up in our room. Swiped some ~~coal~~ coal from the engine tender and kept warm altho it nearly smoked us out at times but we kept fairly warm. Hotels all full but we finally got in at the artillery barracks, used the cots of the ~~men~~ ^{men} who were out on patrol duty. Were given some German blankets that were too short even when we doubled up. I nearly froze to death. We passed around Nancy? France and over the Hindenberg ~~line~~ line at Pont Mosset and up to Metz and through Luxemburg.

Jan. 26th. Sunday. Up early and went to the Red Cross Hotel for breakfast of coffee, bread and honey for one and one half Marks. Not having any Marks I presented two silver Franks and was told there was no change. Paper money has a higher value here than silver here just now. I immediately got some change, A Frank is worth about 18 cents and the Mark only about 12 cents. We then went to the Red Cross officers club and got breakfast for 3 Marks. Wrote home and went to the Q.M. in the forenoon, Dinner there and to the depot to take a one thirty train for Kylburg, had to change cars at Erdorf and found a Bn. of Machine Gunners there where we rested until the local came along at 5.12 P.M. The Bosch trains are heated and run on time. Arrived at Kylburg, 89th Division HDQ about 5.30 and reported in. Got supper and ~~a~~ a real bed for the night. A reader and singer on the Y.M. circuit gave a very nice program tonight.

Jan, 27, 1919. Cloudy and cold, one half inch of snow this morning. Saw the division surgeon this morning and was assigned to Amb. company 356. in the 3L4 th. Sanitary train. Another mule out fit. Does beat hell that I cannot get any medical work in the army and must always be stuck into a mule outfit when I despise so badly. Took train to Bitburg and caught a truck from There to Mettendorf

Jan. 27th. continued. and got here about 3.30 P.M. Have a cold room but a good bed. May get a heated room later.

Jan. 28th Tuesday. A cloudy day and warmer than yesterday. We have breakfast by eight O'clock No reveille as our men are scattered from end to end of town, the town is about two miles long and two blocks wide. Gave a lecture on personal hygiene to the men from 10 to 11 A.M. Took the horses and mules out for exercise from 1.30 P.M. to 2.30 P.M. We hold retreat at 3.30 P.M. and we officer have tea at 4 P.M. My trunk came this afternoon, so I am all together again. With feather bed to put over us we keep warm, and I can sleep. We sure make these Bosche step lively. We gave them orders to clean off our drill ground and to clean the town at least once a week. They must salute all officers and hold no meetings except church. By the way they prayed for the Kaiser and his return to Germany soon in church last Sunday. Have a nice bunch of officers to work with. Saw Capt. Davis yesterday when I came thru Pitburg. All our men were assigned to Ambulance companies in the 89th. Division.

Jan. 29th. Wed. Cold and cloudy. No storm. Lecture again this A.M. on more personal hygiene. Hike two hours this afternoon.

Jan. 30th Thursday. Got my division insignia, and my clothes repaired by our own tailor. A hike this afternoon and our regular afternoon tea. A Y.M. C.A. chaplain took tea with us. Is still rumored that the 89th division is to go home this spring. I do not believe it, and I would likely be sent to some other outfit.

Jan, 31, 1919 Friday. Cold and cloudy and a little snow in the evening. Not much doing today for me except a sanitary inspection of the whole town. Some one had swiped some meat we had in the cellar of the hotel, So we made the old lady buy us some for our meals and informed her that she better not let it happen again or we would have her arrested and before our own court and fine her.

You have to keep an eye on these Dutch, you cannot trust any of them. Should have been at home by now, instead of over here. It may be an honor but I would rather be home.

Feb, 1st. Saturday. 1919 Cold and cloudy, No sun this week. Moved to the Priests home today, Have a stove and can keep warm. Inspected the mens billets today, All are well quartered and comfortable.

Feb. 1st. Saturday, Continued. This Capt. Reece and Lt. Deem are two tough nuts. Heard today we are to move to the Rhine river in two weeks. I do not believe it. Coal is hard to get here but we have plenty and I am comfortable.. Got my self an iron cross ring last night Broke my signet ring yesterday some way. Two stories or incidents . A boy wounded in the calf of the leg and pieces of the shell just beneath the skin was removed and the boy was asked if he wanted to keep it for a sovenier and he replied H---no , plenty of time to get a lot more. Another story, Two Alabama mentring to tell one another what the shells said as they came over said (yue al aint goin to git back to Alabam. For the explosion or burstin of the shell will get you. Another was between two coons , one says it says to him ,dig deeper niger,dig deeper. My stricker is a graduate of the ubiversity of Nebraska, and holds a B.A. degree. The natives say it will begin to warm up here in two or three weeks. The weather is now like our Dec. 1st. average and they say it is awfully cold.

Feb. 2, 1919 Sunday. Cold and cloudy, No snow nor rain, Looks as Thou that I got skinned in rooms, for my stove smokes all the time Will change tomorrow and put in one of our own. The company went to Bolendorf today to see and hear a Y.M. entertainment. An official announcement came thru today that the National Army Divisions would be sent home in order of sequence of their coming over. So we may get home this summer some time. Some of the boys think they will be home in two months, but my guess is about June or July. The**the*day The day I came thru bitburg some booze was stolen from the depot and our men were accused of the job and they had to go over and explain ,and I have to go over tomorrow and try to get it thru the block head that we did not take it.

Feb. 3, Monday. Colder and cold. Have not seen the sun over here yet. Went to Bitburg today to see about my tooth and pay checks. An order out now that every organization in the Division must send an officer to the ration dump to sign for what we get, We cannot send a sergeant. Will be some ride for some one, will probably be mee as I am the supply officer. Got my chombley cleaned today and no smoke but more heat. At last I am warm enough.

Feb. 4, Tuesday. Cloudy and cool. No snow. Loafed most of the day. Met Lt. Col. Perkins of the Artillery. He is now transferred to the 89th. Div. and in command of a regiment. A Dr from Bitburg came

thru today . he got a puncture and stoped on the wrong side of the to fix it. His driver was told to move over to the other side and he would not do it. we arrested him and after holding him for a time we releaced him with the promise that he would get the limit if he resisted again. I am now given the job of looking after all of our supplies and rations from now on. I have been doing it any way since i joined this Company.

Feb. 5th. Wed. Cloudy and warmer. Snow in the evening. Went into Bitburg Got our pay checks for the company, Bot an iron cross and found a girl who could talk english, She says too bad for Germany, etc.

She was so surprised to find so many soldiers in our army of German extraction.

Feb. 6. Thursday. About two inches of snow last night. Clear today and snow melting a little. An inspection by the Chief of Staff in the P.M. He told us to take a nicer and larger room at the hotel for our officers mess, and gave us h--- because we did not have the best rooms in town, our seagents and corporals had better rooms t than we did, but we had heat and they didnot. Gen. Wynn is relieve as C.O. of the Division and Brig. Gen. Hall is our nrw C.O. Do not know what, if any this change will make or has for us.

Feb. 7th. Friday. Clear and cold, ten above zero. To Bitburg for rations and other things. Had a hard time to get over the roads, the snow was drifted and had to run on low most of the time. Very cold riding. Yesterday during the inspection of the 355th. comp- Comp. Col. Lee. asked one of the men if he did not want to be good soldier He replied no, that he wanted to go home. Old H.CL. as the boys called him sure did fog for a while. We now use the best room in the hotel for our mess now and Lt. Wilson and Capt. reed moved to the rooms over the store with the store ke keeper. Sent our men after three more ambulances and to exchange escort wagons.

Feb. 8th. Saturday. Very cold. 12 below this A.M. Went to Trier, did not get started until 11.00A.M. Arrived at 12.45 P.M. Got dinner and went to the hospital with the service records of our men who were there, of course I was directed wrong as the office was in ward 3 and I was sent to ward three. Then I went to the finance office and got my mileage voucher in shape and handed in, and then to the sales commisary, as usual they work when they feel like too, and were closed. Got supper and started back about 6.30 P.M. Ran across Capt. Mondell, the old C.O. of the company, before I joined them, He was wounded Nov. 2nd. 1918 and was returning for his bed roll and other things. Got back to Mettendorff at 9P.M.

Feb. 9th. Sunday. A little warmer and cloudy. 6 degrees below. Loafed and wrote letters most of the day. Gee- how I wish I

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was home, where I am really needed. Have five of us officers here when not more than two are needed to run the company and look after the mules. There is an awful waste of talent and money in the army.

Our band was up from Echternach for a concert in the P.M.

Feb. 10 Monday Clear and cold. 6 below zero. Went to Bitburg and nearly froze. The sales commissary still closed, Found out the men in charge of it had been stealing. Are closed to take stock and see how much they swiped. Saw the dentist and told me I would have to have the tooth pulled. I know it is abscessed, He wants me to have it X-rayed. May have it done sometime when in Trier.

Feb. 11 Tuesday. Clear and quite a lot warmer, thawed some during the day. Men cleaned horses all day so we officers had nothing to do. One of our Italians could not read any English so when we asked him if he knew his rules he said no, No read a DeAgEng. Some time ago during a drive some of them were found shooting Cran, for some loaves of mouldy bread while shells were bursting all around them.

Another time a couple of them were up before the Summary court, one when asked, said no shake de fire, no slap a de face, it seems one slept by the stove and the other one was on night duty and had to keep up the fire and it was necessary for him to shake the stove. a poor joke.

Feb. 12. Clear and warmer, thawed quite a lot. not much doing all day. But a Lt. Col. from Trier was around after dark inspection billets. Exercised the mules this P.M. Dressed a finger for a German kid this evening and his dad gave me three Marks. The old maid here has refused to change coal with us any more, saying hers cost more than ours and that it was not an even exchange. It is all right with us but her room will be smoked up a lot more.

The inspector asked us if we went around at night to see if the men all had their windows open. Wonder if he thinks we are to such tricks this cold weather. Had to send an official post card to Geraldine today.

Feb. 13, Thursday. Clear and cold, but warmer. Took all the horses and mules up to Bitburg, where they have a pit to dip them for lice and mange, quite a time getting them to jump into the pit. took all day, Lt. Lt. Wilson took them up and I had to stay until all were done, got back at 6.30 P.M. It seems we were not expected at the pit today. Too damn many giving orders. Saw Capt. Behrman for the first time since I arrived up here in Germany. No mail yet.

Feb. 14 Friday. Partly cloudy and warmer. Just monkeyed all day.

Yesterday the Ammunition Train lost two horses by falling and breaking their legs, due to the icy roads, They were taking them to Bitburg to be dipped. There was no hurry, could have waited until

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the ice was gone. The horses were smooth shod. The lack of good common sense as shown in the army makes me tired. I should have received a letter today as a valentine, but I did not, I know some are on the way.

Feb. 15 Saturday. Cloudy and lots warmer and thawed a lot, Inspection today, Got in a good supply of food today. The old maid has agreed to exchange coal with us again and it keeps my room much warmer. Lt Wilson left for the Veterinary school ~~see~~ at Coblenz today. Sick all day, may be getting the Flu.

Feb. 16. Sunday Cloudy and rainy. Have the Flu, no doubt about it. No sleep last night. Had to go to bed at 5 P.M Temp. 102.2

Feb. 17 Monday. Warm and rainy. Sick as a dog all day. Temp. 102.5 Boys good to wait on me. Will not go to hospital unless forced to because they are full and have more than they can care for.

Feb. 18. Tuesday. Still warm and cloudy. No sleep last night, Temp. normal this morning and has been all day. Stayed in bed all day. Guess I have it whiped. Reported the Bosche refused to sign the new terms armistice terms.

Feb. 19, Wed. Cloudy and warm. Not much sleep last night but feel much better today. Up all day. A letter from today, the first since Christmas, also one from Onica. Several of the men down with the Flu Sent three to the hospital.

Feb. 20, Thursday. Rained this morning and a lot warmer this eve. Not much sleep last night but feel better today. We did not do much today except bring four Germans into our court, three for not cleaning up and one for not moving his stuff so we could use his shed for our horses. The natives are now bringing in ever green-boughs to cover their manure piles. Oh. We will soon have them tamed down. No one to the hospital today.

Friday Feb. 21. Cloudy rainy and clear, atypical day in April and as warm. Frost all out. Saw one fellow plowing today. Went to Bitburg and got rations, tried on a uniform and may buy later. Lot of Flu thru the whole division but very little pneumonia.

Friday Feb. 22, Saturday. Warm and rainy all day. No inspection except billets. Major Duncan up to dinner with us. He gave us (Capt Deem and I) a very gentle hint to get our hair cut. He also said he had some inside dope that we would be out of here before April first. These rumors are not always accurate. The whole bunch of our men were hoping the dutch would not ~~still~~ renew the armistice terms last Sunday. All seem to want to have one more crack at them.

Am better, but have a severe diarrhoea today. Am very slow in recovering this darn Flu.

Feb. 23, Sunday. Cloudy, no rain and warmer. Not much doing.

Feb. 24, Monday. Cloudy, rain and warm.

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Went to Bitburg for rations. An old lady told Capt. Reed today that she not have to clean up, So he conviened our court and fined her 200 Marks. Our Pneumonia patient at Capt. Reeces died today.

Got my new suit and it fits pretty good. Notice today that we are due to leave here June to June 7th. by way of the Rhine river and Rotterdam Another rumor.

Feb. 25, Tuesday. Cloudy and no rain. warm. Major Duncan up for a trout dinner today, caught in our little stream that runs thru the town.

A good letter from Geraldine, also one from Mother. and one from Parker giving all the news from Moorhead.

Feb. 26th. Wed. Cloudy and cool and rainy. To Bitburg for rations.

Two letters from Geraldine and one from Onica. Nothing of interest today.

Feb. 27, Thursday. Cloudy and rainy all day. Worked the Bosche on roads all day. Nothing else doing.

Feb. 28, RFriday. Snow all day, but melted as fast as it fell.

Took all animals up to Bitburg for a dip. Took three escort wagons as no trucks are allowed on the roads before Tuesday, Got a trench coat from Capt. Behrman as it did not fit him.

March 1st Saturday. Cloudy and warm. No rain. Inspection billets only today. Letter from home again. Made Herr Walzer work and clean up around his place. instead of him making his maid do it. He sure was mad, but he took it.

March 2nd. Sunday. A clear night and frost. Did nothing but loaf all day. Clocks set ahead one hour. A nice way to spend my birthday.

March 3, Monday. Cool and rainy all day. Up to Bitburg for rations Used the wagons. Got back at 7 P.M. Got the money for the men.

March 4th. Rain all day, waemer. Paid the men. Pulled a tooth for a German. Lt. Wilson returned from Coblenz

March 5th. Wed. Warm and a nice day. Lt. Deem went to Bitburg for rations. I did not do much all day. Looked the priest over in the evening.

March 6th. Thursday. Got a Ford ambulance for our own use today.

One of our best horses got kicked and a leg broken so we had to kill him.

March 7th. Friday. Cloudy, no rain, cooler. Up to Bitburg for rations and a few other things. Used a truck for the trip and did not get called for it.

March 8th, Saturday. Cloudy and rain in the afternoon. No inspection.

Took a man to Hdqs for trial by our summary court. Lt. Wilson returned from received notice of his promotion to a Caption.

March 9th. Sunday. Cloudy and rain in eve. All officers went to Echternatch, across the river into Luxemburg, Read the story by Ralph Conner called the Major while alone.

March 10, Monday Cloudy and warm. Up to Bitburg today for rations and see about our getting an exchange ~~stt~~PP started. Are to get a girl to run it. Was told today that I was to be sent on special duty as an instructor at the A.E.F University at ~~Beaume~~; ~~France~~ Beaume Cote D'Ore, France. I think it is all a joke.

March 11, Tuesday. Cloudy no rain. Went to Bollendorf with the men to see the 355 ambulance show and to see Major Duncan.

March 12, Wed. A fine day, the best I have seen here. To Bitburg for rations. Stopped to see Capt. Behrman on my return. Maj. Gen. Wynn out to inspect our lay out this A.M. He thought every thing pretty good Capt. Reece lied to him when he told him we were all out on duty when two of them were fishing, and they came while he was here. But they were ~~not~~ not seen by him so every thing was fine.

I received orders today, by phone, to report in the morning to the C.O. of the division school at Prum.

March 13, Thursday. Colder and cloudy. Snow in P.M.P. Packed and off for Prum by 9.30. A.M. Took a sergeant and 4 men with me. We are located in a catholic school. Is a modern equiped building, Have a nice steam room with a good bed, bath and toilet on this same floor. The sisters do all the work for us besides doing the cooking for us, I mean the students and the teachers. They seem to be very good cooks

March 14 Friday. A heavy frost this morning. Clear and colder. Went to Kyllburg and got supplies for my infirmary. Have a dandy room and place for my office. Lt. Cushing told about ordering a man to sleep with his own wife (the mans) and he would not do it. So took him into court and his wife said no they didnot and would not sleep together, so he was sent to jail and made to sleep on the floor for ten days. At least our man used his bed. Saw a ~~man~~ woman in the road pickion up horse manure a day or two ago with her hands.

March 15, Saturday. Clear all day and warm. Held sick call and made inspection of the building. Took a walk up the creek this P.M.P. . They call it a river, but I could jump across it. No mail this week but hope to get some next week.

March 16, Sunday. Cloudy and cold. Took a long walk into the country. Col. Reeves of the 353 Inf. insists upon having church each Sunday eve. and he has a choir organized. It is awfully lonesome here. Wish I was back with the company. Not much medical work to do and nothing else to do.

March 17, Monday. Clear this A.M.. A few on sick call today. Can not get any Marks here. nor a news paper. Snow enough to cover the ground this eve.

March 18th, Tuesday. Snowing this morning when I woke up, Warmer and thawed all day. Several on sick call this A.M. A movie in our place this eve.

March 19, Wed. Cloudy and cold. Went to Bitburg with ambulance and on to Mettendorff for dinner. Back to Bitburg and to Kyllburg for triple vaccine, Typhoid etc. Got back to Prem at 5.15 P.M.

March 20. Thursday. Cloudy and warmer. Filled out pay vouchers and killed time A new kind, and then killed time the rest of the time

March 21, Friday. Sunshine and snow nearly all gone. Got some real chocolate candy and it was very good, as it was the first we had for a long time. Rumors out now that we are to leave in May. A lecture tonight.

March 22, Saturday. Cloudy and warmer, no rain. Took A long walk. Rumore out now that we are to leave by way of Antwerp, Belgium.

March 23, Sunday. Snow in the A.M. Partly clear in afternoon. Took a long walk in the afternoon.. Got pictures in two letters from home Was surprised to see Geraldine looking so well.

March 24, Monday. Snowed all forenoon and also afternoon. very heavy. The heaviest I have seen on this side of the big pond. A letter from Lowery telling about the office at Buckeye.

March 25, Tuesday. Cloudy and snow, About half melted. Nothing out of the usual run, except Major English, from Division Hdqs. told us we would get to leave this area before or by May 1st.

March 26th, Thursday. Cold and snow mixed with rain. Guess the fellow was right who said they have five months winter and seven months of very bad weather. Got my pictures today.

March 26th, 27, One day missed.

March 28, Friday. Cold and snowed all day, some times so heavy could not see two blocks. Melted as fast as it fell. These pictures of the family make me home sick and the time goes so darn slow here.

March 29. Sat. Snow all day and a lot colder. Not much doing any where.

March 30. Snow al l day, and very cold, About three inches on the ground Did not get out of the building all day. My cough has left me at last.

March 31, Monday. Still cold and snowing. This is a grand and glorious country to live in.

April 1, Tuesday. A fairly decent day but did snow a little in the P.M. Went to Bitburg and Kyllburg in the old Ford, nearly froze, and the old thing would not run, only at times, but at that we made it back in time for supper.

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No vaccine yet. Three old letters and a recent waiting for me.
From Geraldine. The picture in today's letter is not very good.

April 2nd. Wed. A good day, clear and no snow. Capt. Bowland and I went to ~~Gereist~~ GERALSTEIN this P.M. Sure had some time with the old Ford. Ran out of cylinder oil and she would not pull. I ran her into the ditch because of the steering wheel or gear being so loose. Had to be pulled out. The driver then took over and he put us into the ditch again and thru the Capt. and me out. No one seriously hurt, only reason we were not, the car had no speed. We the car out of the ditch by our self and drove on, and tried to ~~at~~ drive up a hill bank but did not make it. We reached Prum before dark. We all had the same decision, that never again in an old worn out car. In one town where we stoped to inquire our way the youngsters ran out and threw six Bosch helmets into our car. Just what I wanted. Letter from Geraldine and Aunt Alice today.

April 4th. Friday. A fine day and I took a long walk in the afternoon. Talk in the eve by a Colonel from the G.H.Q. on our part in the war and inside done on why some things were done and in just the way they were done. Attendance to this talk was compulsory on all officers.

April 3rd. Thursday. A clear day. Nothing doing all day.

April 5th. Saturday. The best day we have had. A little snow in the woods on the hill side. A show this eve but not much good.

April 6th. Sunday. A fine warm day and clear. Took a long walk over the hills. Very little snow left.

April 7th. Monday. A fine day, warm, partly clear. Took a walk in the morning. Read (Keith of the border) in the afternoon, No letters.

April 8th. A dandy day. All the Germans are making garden. A 90th Division show this eve, one of the best we have seen,

April 9th. Wed. Had a case of Mumps today. Got my triple Vaccination for Typhoid etc. Went to Kylburg, Bitburg, Mettendorff, and Waxmiller, and back thru Neurendorff to prum. A beautiful drive up thru the valley. We have a new Capt. with our Company now, name M Mason, he is from Kentuckey. Think I will go back and let him come up here. No mail. we were back by six O'clock.

April 10th. Thursday. Cold and cloudy. Have a cold in my head and am coughing as a result of the ~~Flu~~ Flu. Stayed in all day.

April 11th. Friday. Foggy this morning, dandy in the afternoon, Gave Typhoid shots this P.M. Still have my cold and nearly cough my head off. A letter from home, mailed March 24th, Good time for coming so far.

April 12, Saturday. Typhoid shots finished today, no one sick from them, Had a terrible headache all day due to the cold in my head. Had some real girls to supper tonight, three entertainers, miss Wilcox, Ayres and Bully.

April, 13, Sunday.

Rained all day. Got word today to have our lists made out as to where each man to go in the U.S. and report by next Wednesday. Also that also that we leave this area about May 15th. and will sail before June 1st. The show girls gave us the bounce and did not show up tonight. Another case of Mumps.

April 14th. Monday. Rain in the A.M. and a lot colder in the evening. Nearly froze, Went to Kylburg after dinner, Back by 3.10 P.M. and vaccinated a few more men. Looked over the whole school today and found for mumps and found one positive and one questionable. Letter from Geraldine today And I am finding out now that she did depend upon me a lot more than I knew. Heard today that we were to move out of here May 3rd, Do not believe.

April 15, Tuesday. A cold squally day, all kinds of weather, a regular spring day. Nothing developed in a new way. The 89th division wrestling team and also boxing team gave us a show last night, could not get any heat in the building and so we all took more cold.

April 16, Wed. Cold and rainy and some sleet all day, Got word to close school next Friday afternoon. Looks like we will get away earlier than I thought. Sent handkerchief to Mother, Condit and Johns wife. Also got one for Lucile.

April 17, Thursday. Cold and rainy. I do not see how they can raise crops here at all. Took my typhoid shot, all three combined, as the British give them, last night and sure do feel tough today.

Packed my infirmary equipment this afternoon.

April 18, Friday. A good day but cold. Took my stuff to Kylburg in the afternoon. Mr. Erickson of the Y.M. C.A. took me in their Ford and we had an awful time. Left at one P.M. and never got there until five P.M. Spark plugs and carburetor out of condition. Got spark plugs and started back at 7.15 P.M. Got along pretty well until we hit a Dutch wagon in the dark woods going down hill into Frum and bent front axle and steering rod, managed to get back, but ran into a fence and stone wall before reaching the school building.

April 19, Saturday. A fine day. Left Frum before noon for Mettendorff. Found Capt. Reece fired and A Capt. Smiley in charge of the company. Capt. Reece goes to the 354th Amb. Company, Capt. Porter down, and he with the others put on a drinking party that lasted until two A.M.

April 20th. 1919 . Sunday.

Cloudy but no rain. Church all day, it being Easter Sunday, These people have to attend church too much and have too many holidays to get their work done. We are to have 60 men and a bunch of horses and mules dumped on us to look after for a few days. Have got 80 since I left. Will have 168 when we get the new bunch. Will sure have some time getting them cleaned every day. I was told that if I had been here when the change in the company commander was made that I would have got the job, Darn glad I was still at Prum.

April 21st. Monday. A fine day. Did not do a thing but kill time and hold a gonorrheal inspection. Here is one on Gen. Winn, the commander of the Division, At a conference on education matters it was found that this division only has around 700 hundred illiterates, while all others have nearly each. So Gen. Winn. says, there must be some mistake about it, that this division should not fall so far behind the others, and he ordered an investigation at once. The poor regular fool.

April 22, 1919 Tuesday. A fair day, partly cloudy. Turn in our ambulances and wagons next Sunday April 27th. Get harness ready and sacked and tagged to turn in. We place the wagons and ambulances on a main road and they are taken by tractor (six together to the place designated). Held inspection to see how the men were equipped, if as directed. Shortly got orders to set date and hour and notify division inspector, why don't he set the time for us to have everything ready, but that is the way in the army. No place could such funny things be pulled off, unless in the navy. No wonder nearly every man over here is against the regular army officers.

April 23rd. Wed. A fine warm day. Went to Yrier in able truck, for the 89th Divisions review. Was a memorable occasion for all of us who were there. Including Gen. Pershing, Secretary of the armed forces, and also a few congressmen. I was not in the parade, only waited on the grass, (it was a nice warm day). There were parts of company men from every one, they were slow in getting started, so we did not get back until 7 P.M.

April 24th. Thursday. Cool and no rain. Did nothing all day.

April 25th. Friday. A cool cloudy day. Got orders to go with the wagons etc. tomorrow to Jinsev and turn them over the wagons

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the wagons to the 3rd. army Q.M. and the horses to the 2nd. Div.
Packed this afternoon.

April 26th. Sat. Rainy and nasty. Have a motor ambulance for my use,
~~and before going two miles~~ and to evacuate any sick on the trip.

Left Mettendorff about 10 A.M. One horse kicked and broke the
tongue on one of our ambulances before we had gone more than two
miles. We got an old tongue and put it in and went ahead. Only
held up a little over an hour. I did not have time to get any thing
from hdqs. in the way of medicine and prophylactic, as I got my ~~order~~
the night before we were to leave the next morning, I took what ~~little~~
little we had left of what we had for use of our own company. We
had so very little left as we had turned in most of ours a day or
two before. Got some more from the 355th. Field Hospital. We did ~~not~~
not have time to get rations but we managed to make out the first day.

Got off the road and did not get to our camp site until 7 P.M.

Camped about 7 K. north of Bithurg. We were to bring a black smith
along with us along with his tools, so I had to go back for him to
tonight, I stayed at my room and got up early the next morning
and was in time to get the men out on time.

Sunday April 27th. A cold night, rain most of the time, rain and snow
in squalls all day. Camped about 3 K. east of Prum. The major got
the vet. and I a room apiece in a home near by. He also had them
cook our meals and we ate on their table in their kitchen. We do
not stop for noon meals. Very cold this eve. Found out the Comp.
commander had sent us out without all of our papers, etc. and now
I have to fix them on the road. Sure some way to send us out.

Had I known that I would have ^{been} lucky to draw this trip I would have
seen that everything was O.K. before starting.

April 28th. Monday Snow all over every thing this morning. Snow squalls
all day and very cold. Got a map of the Rhinland ~~when~~ when coming
thru Germalstine. Camped at Kellberg tonight. Had a good billet.

April 29th. Tuesday. Ice $\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick this morning and ground
frozen solid enough to hold our wagons up. Moved out by 6.30 A.M.P

Made only a short trip and got in shortly after noon, Camped at
Stumphfield. We stayed at Neider Adinan, a fine camp along the river
side with hills from 3 to 400 feet high. We opened the ~~infirmary~~
infirmary in Kellberg last night. and one in the town tonight.

Some of the 6th. Div. are still in here. Found a dandy place to
get our meals cooked today and a very cute girl about 3 years of
age.

April 30th. Wed. A rainy nasty day but not so cold. Camped on both sides
of the Ayr river at Ahrweiler, one of the most famous watering
places in Europe.

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11 Ammunition Ammunition

4 Tent & Wagons

1 Rolling Kitchen

11 Stained Co.

34 Hangers

50 Nose Bags

6 Spool Wire

15 Apple mix

33 Stained Co.

8 Hatchet & Stangle

10 Wrench

Wrench monkey

Driving spool

Stained Co.

14 gal. mags For oil

12 Stained Co.

11 Apple Sauce

8 Sponges

8 Sponging mix

20 Sponges

11 Side Sponges

9 Food bags

8 Surgical boxes

10 Whips

8 Sponges

10 King bags

13 Hanger & Hooks

4 Tongues

3 Chain traces

8 Brake blocks

150 ft. Picket Rope

3 Ant

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1 Emergency Horn Shells and fit

2 Comings

1 Clever

6 Cook Pox

1 Conveying Pole

1 Fork Sledge

1 Knife bread

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2 Small Socks

1 Metal Sore

1 Straining Sore

1 Steel

30 Set Lead Horns

32 Set wheel Horns

less one hold

back shop

I certify that I have inspected
the above mentioned articles and
found the same to be in the best
possible condition and properly
prepared for storage.

Louis & Bowie
Capt. M.E.

The above mentioned
property has been accepted
by the Quartermaster
Department this First day
of May, 1919

[Signature]

April 30th. continued.

It is the place ~~our~~ our Apollinaris water comes from. Stayed at the Palast Hotel there over night. It is the 4th. Divisions Leave area for three days, they have a large canteen for meals and a theater in the same large room. There is one large hotel ~~at~~ after another, A real town. The town is up the Ayr river about 8 miles from the Rhine, river. And the most wonderful scenery along the Ayr. Grape patches along the sides and blasted out of the hill sides. We might say terraced. Ate dinner in the casino, served by the Y.M.C.A. Sat up until midnight with my sergeant writing up lists of property and slips that should have been done in the office before starting on the trip. No heat in the room and we nearly froze.

May 1st. Thursday. Rain and cold all day. On our way by 6.30 A.M.P. arrived at Sinzig by 6.30 P.M. Could have gone on yesterday, but for orders from H.D.Q.S. (Division) Got our stuff all turned in by 1.30 P.M. 2nd Division was here to take our animals. No trouble to get stuff turned in. All the Capt. of the Q.M. dept. wanted was a consolidated report, and not of the extras. Stayed in a hotel and only had a feather tick as a cover and was too warm

May 2nd. Friday. Rainy and cold. Left Sinzig on a special train at one P.M. by way of Coblenz, along the Rhine river all the way, Very beautiful scenery all the way, large hills and castles quite often on the tops. There is a famous Fort across the river from the city of Coblenz. Also the statue of Wilhelm the second which stands at the junction of the two rivers, the Rhine and Mosel, Factories ~~at~~ all around the city. and along the Rhine. We stopped an hour at Coblenz and while there a train of the Polish army came in on their way to Poland. There was a long tunnel on the way down the Rhine and two between Coblenz and Trier. Arrived at Trier ~~at~~ at 7 P.M. and trucks were waiting for us. The men got lunch at the Red Cross and we left at 8 P.M. went by way of Echternacht, ~~Station~~ in Luxemburg, Rained all the way and we only slipped off the road once, Arrived in Mettendorff at 11.30 P.M.

May 3rd. Saturday. Partly cloudy and warmer. Took a good bath and loafed the rest of the day.

May 4th. Sunday. Warmer and clear. Received orders at noon to report to F.H. 355 for instructions. The Sanitary Train has to inspect the whole 89th. Divisions area before the troops leave, We ~~not~~ go to neuremburg first. We were divided into groups of three or four, and I am talking of my group. We first had to get a motor Ambulance, that had been turned in to the M.T.O.

May 5th. Monday. Up early. Clear and warm. Went to Neurenburg first and inspected there, the 3rd Bn 353rd Inf. in the forenoon.

May 5th. continued.

And got dinner there. We got our meals where we were at meal time. Our instructions were to see that nothing was left in the city or town that would indicate the Americans had ever been there, which meant that we had to go to every room and house and climb stairs, also go over the streets, and if we found anything, to see that the men cleared it up before we left. Then went on to Birresborn in the afternoon and inspected a BN of the 340th. Brig and then to Trier for the night. and supper. We ate with the officers at all the places we stopped.

May 6th. Tuesday. Left Trier at 8.30 AM and drove to Curtinweiler, South of Saarburg and inspected a company of the 355th. INF. and then back to Trier for dinner. Left Trier at 12 30 P.M. for Quint East of Trier, and inspected the H.D.Q.S Company of the 356 Inf. Then back to Trier and out to Walsfield and inspected two BNS, of the 342nd. F.A. and then on into Bitburg for the night.

Just a fair days work, but tired running up and down stairs all that time, and some of the buildings were three and four stories.

May 7th. Wed. Inspected 314 Am. Train Co. at Matsch, Rohl, Annhofen, Zemmer and Schleidweiler and back to Rohl for dinner. Inspected five companies of the 314 supply train at Bitburg and back to my own company in the evening. I know that I did not get all these names of the towns spelled correctly. But we were all tired and ready for a rest.

May. 8th. Thursday. A fine day. Tried out my automatic, Colt, and it worked fine. Did absolutely nothing the rest of the day.

May 9th. Friday. Another fine day, The two best we have had. Got the men all out ~~all~~ with their packs full. and then went thru the mens billets and cleaned them out, the same thing we did when on the inspection of all the other companies of the division. I had quite a scare this evening, A messenger came to me saying that he had a message for me from H.D.Q.S., that I was to report there, but on reading it over, I found it was for one of the other officers, a Capt Mason, who had come to us just recently. He was to report to the 3rd, Division, a regular army division for duty. He did not care, in fact he was happy, saying that he could stay and drink more liquor. To bed early. Our men all got poluted.

May 10th. Saturday. Another fine day. Up by 5.00 A.M. and breakfast and on our way to Erdorf to take our train for home. To show what crazy orders are issued, the following is an example. we were to leave one officer and 10 men behind to clean up and then wait an inspection by the S.O.S. men to show up, but if they did not, they were to wait until eight o'clock.

May 10th. continued.

sharp. The last minute an order came thru for them to stay they were to stay until they did arrive ,even 48 hours. The S.O.S men did arrive at 10.45 A.M. and then never stoped to inspect

If those ten men of ours had missed our train they would have never came back with us, but stuck in where ever they could have found a place with some other out fit, As it was they got to Erdorf before our train left at 12.20 P.M. We came thru Trier where we stoped and had lunch served by the Red Cross, sandwiches and coffee, the K.of Columbus was there and gave us all doughnuts also. Leave it to them to get in where they could make a good impression with thw men. We traveled down the East side of the Moselle river clear to Metz. This valley is sure a beautiful place. and especially in Lorraine, the trees all in bloom and fall rye headed ,with all the people out planting potatoes and farming.

Factories all around Metz. Went thru Com flans and Verdun at night and St Mihiel at four O'clock in the morning, I could see the last from the train. A very slow night for trains.

Sunday, May 11th A fine day and France looks fine this time if you with all the fruit trees in bloom and the lilacs full of bloom. Crops are far ahead of Germany. Rye in full bloom. Ate supper last night at Thionville and breakfast this A.M. at Goumdrecourt. Warm enough here to ride all day with out coats on. I thot I got bunked in coaches yesterday as I was out ranked by Majors and Colonels and made to ride in a box car, as it is we can have our bed roll and space to use it and sleep, while the others in the coaches must sit up and sleep if they can. We are being sent over the side roads and do not pass thru the large cities at all. Ate supper at, well I did not get the place in, where we did eat.

May 12th. Monday. Another fine day. stoped for breakfast at St Piere De Corps, (just out side of Tours) My third time thru this place. Slept fine last night after getting my bed roll from the baggage car. Only the rough roads and the constant jolting is making me pretty sore all over. My hips are so sore that I cannot lie on my sides. Only one more night of it. Went thru Tours and Le Mans, ate supper at La Chappelle west of Le Mans. This part of France is more grass and stock ,stock and fruit trees and also divided up into small parts by shrubs.

May 13th. Tuesday. Arrived at Brest about 8.30 A.M. . Unloaded and got breakfast and then hiked out to the camp(Pontana zen) about 3 miles. all up hill. A fine day and hot.

May 13. continued.

A fine day and hot. All have tents here, board floors and iron cots. Can easily see how muddy it was before the boards walks were put down. Have no idea how long we will be here. ~~The~~ The 353rd and 354th Infantry are still here but load today, They waited two weeks. They are a part of the 33rd Division. Hop~~e~~ we get out sooner. Is rumored we have first call over the o~~th~~ others because we came from the army of occupation. Wait and see.

May 14th. Wed. No rain yesterday and today until this eve. just before dark. Is quite rainy here the year roynd. All of us examined today for, cuties. and V.D. Caught one of our men for V.D. It was my job to take him over to the special V.D. camp where he had to ~~emain~~ remain, it was his own fault, for we had been having inspection for this, any time day or night, trying to catch them, ~~to~~ but he out witted us, I will not tell how. He was very much disturbed about it and cried when I left him. Got all our surplus or extra equipment needed. Several letters yesterday and today, Some very good ones from Geraldine, as tho all of hers ~~are~~ not good.

May 15th. Thursday. Got word last night about 9.30 that we would go on board the Agememnon, ~~forerip~~ formerly the old German ship (Kaiser Wilhelman). Up by 5.00 A.M., shave and baggage all ready by 7.00 A.M. Had equipment inspection at 8.00 A.M. and full pack by 11.00 A.M. Had dinner at 11.00 A.M. Did not get our list of shortages as our supply officer is too darn lazy to go after them stuff. Left for the dock at 1 P.M., a hike of two hours, had fine weather but hot. Out to our ship in a lighter as they call it, Have nearly six thousand men on board besides a large number of casuals.

May 16th. Friday. Have good weather all the time here in ~~Brest~~ Brest. Left the harbor at 11.30 A.M. Am ~~on duty~~ Am on permanent duty as traffic officer to help at meal time to keep the men from congesting the aisles and stair way. Takes two hours to feed all the men each meal. Relieved this eve for a time. Hope it is for all the time. Foggy and rainy this P.M. and too cold to be out on the deck. Have movies every after noon for the men and also a dandy canteen Not very rough this evening.

May 17th. Saturday. Cool all day and a stiff wind blowing. Aided in (cootie inspection and G.U. All day) Relieved from job of traffic cop. A lot of the men are sick today. Movies at two and seven P.M. for the men and then at seven P.M. for the officers. The weather wax quartette on board and sang for us this eve. Have a small daily paper. Boxing each evening

May 18th. Saturday.

Cloudy but a lot warmer this morning. Never saw a calmer sea as this is this morning, just as smooth as in the harbor, no pitch and no roll, only the quiver of the boat due to the machinery. Have some nurses on board and dancing each eve. Rain this eve and lots rougher

May 19th. Monday. No more ~~sick~~ ink. I mean that I must write the rest of this with a pencil. Rainy and wind blowing and the roughest we have so far on this trip/

May 20th. Tuesday. Very rough until midnight and then the sea calmed down and is nice this morning and also warmer. Got colder and had some sleet. Half way across today.

May 21st. Wed. A fine morning, warm. and the finest day and the smoothest on the trip so far.

May 22nd. Thursday. Another dandy night and smooth again today, warmer so I took a bath and put on a porous union suit, rain this evening and a little rougher.

May 23rd. Friday. A warm night and ~~warmer~~ ~~not~~ ~~rough~~ Cloudy this morning ~~this~~ and a heavy fog for an hour or two, could not see the length of the ship, had the fog whistle going constantly. Held cootie and V.D. inspection today.

May 24th. Saturday. Foggy all day. Rain when on the dock in hoboken, New Jersey. Up by 6.30 A.M. (but not necessary) just waited for time to get off. Were held up and did not dock until 2.30 P.M. and got off the boat by 4.00 P.M. Left on the dock until 6 P.M. ,then up stairs for lunch then on to the ferry boat at 6.30 P.M. On ferry until 10.P.M. Then debarked at Long Island city and took train for Camp Upton out on the east end of Long Island, arriving there at 1.30 A.M. on the 25th of May.1919 . By the way , we tried to get off the ferry at the wrong place, and then were taken out into the middle of Long Island sound and laid there two hours or more. before going on to Long Island City.

May 25th. Sunday. Got to bed by 2.30. this morning and up for breakfast at 8 A.M. Then reported and registered at the campsurgeons office. Got dinner at the Y.M. C.A. and a dandy dinner it was. Got our baggage this forenoon, my bed roll and mattress were torn.

May 26th. Monday. A fine day, clear and warm. Took the men to the (mill) that is thru the inspection room of the camp doctors. last eve at 8.00 P.M. and back by 10.00 P.M. Up town this afternoon to see about Post graduate work here in New York City, Did not get very far. and decided that I wanted to get home as soon as I could.

May 27th. Tuesday.

Clear and warm. Stayed in New York City last night and took in a show. Got back to camp by 11.00 P.M. Nothing new except we moved to the west end of the Camp this afternoon.

May 28th. Wed. Clear and warm. Nothing doing all day. This evening about 9.00 we got word from the H.D.Q.B of the camp to change all our destination reports. This camp just runs its self, for no one knows any thing and cannot tell us any thing. A very poor system if they have one.

May 29th. Thursday. Up and took charger of Reveille this morning. any one who wanted it was given a 24 hour pass at noon today. No new developements.

May 30th. Friday. A fine day. Saw two colored mens baseballs games this afternoon. Got orders for leaving Sunday June first. Will say that the Flu cough that I had in February stayed with me until I reached camp ~~reached~~ here This nice sunny weather has knocked the cough.

May June 1st. Saturday. Another fine day. Up by 6.00A.M. Ate mess with the company and went to the train about 8.30.A.M. and left camp upon at 10.00 A.M. Were delayed by engine trouble about an hour on the trip to Long Island City. Were ferried across the channel to the Erie Railroad docks in Jersey City, New Jersey. There we had to make up two trains, Our Sanitary train and two detachments took the first and largest. Have 410 men with us and nine officers. As a result of the split up I am in charge of the rations for our train. and the Commander of the other train has all the coffee money. We got Red Cross coffee this evening. One Y.M. man got left and his baggage is with us. We stopped at Fort Jervis for coffee this eve. The Red Cross gave us cake and oranges at Long Island City when we were there. We have the officers sleeper with us

Monday June 2nd. A fine hot day. Took a short walk (.15 minutes) at meadville Pa. and then had a red cross lunch. Got into Marion, Ohio about 6.15 P.M. and again we got a Red Cross lunch. The men are hard to control and the other officers do not seem to care, so I am having a time with the men at eating time. Changed time here at Marion.

June 3rd. Tuesday. Reached Chicago just before day break and only stopped a short time. Are going over the Burlington R.R. from here. Stopped at Burlington for coffee and lunch, and got a very good one. Left there at 11.00 A.M. and reached Des Moines after six P.M. Changed to the interurban and reached Camp Dodge about 9.00 P.M. in a heavy rain. Stayed in camp all night

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to Capt Bowie
A.A. Padmore, Capt., Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Capt. Quartermaster, U.S.A.

By [Signature]

June 4th. Wed. Up early and ready to put in request for a leave of absence and got it about 5.00P.M. Called Geraldine as soon as I could get the time to do it. Was darn glad to hear her voice. Called Mary and went out there for supper and waited for the train. Checked baggage and left Henry to look after it the next morning. Then went to Chariton, Iowa on the Rock Island R.R. at 11.30 P.M. and stayed in the depot until the morning morning.

June 5th. Thursday. Arrived at Milo about 6.30 A.M. Geraldine was at the depot to meet me, she had left the children in bed at home. This was the happiest day in my life. Found them all much better than I had expected.

When Geraldine received my telegram from New York after I landed she ordered a new Ford for us and had it ready when I arrived home.

June 20th. Reported to Camp Dodge following my 15 day Leave of absence, for discharge. Bought my last bill of groceries from the commissary, sugar 100 pounds for 5.75 # when it was 15.50 in the stores.

June 21st. Received my discharge just after dinner today. Also a bonus of sixty dollars. Drove down to Des Moines and parked my new Ford on 5th. street, to see Henry for a short time and while I was gone some one stole it. Never found it.

Some of us were bribed into staying in the Army Reserve Corps by an offer of a commission of the rank of Major, I being one of them.

Stayed in the Reserve corps and went to a training camp nearly every summer for two weeks, and until I got a commission as a Lieutenant Colonel. Was offered a recall in the army at the beginning of W.W. 2 but was turned down because they thought they found a weakness of my heart. muscles.

I wrote to the Adjutant General for a discharge and got it.

So ended my life in the service for my country.



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PRESIDENT
OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



*Given by order
when discharged
from the Army*

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

*Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity
and abilities of*

Louis Lee Bowie

I do appoint him

Major, Medical Section

Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States:

to rank as such from the eleventh *day of* August
nineteen hundred and nineteen *He is therefore carefully and diligently to*
discharge the duty of the office to which he is appointed by doing and performing all
manner of things thereunto belonging.

*And I do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command
when he shall be employed on active duty, to be obedient to his orders as an officer of his
grade and position. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time
to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of
America, or the General or other Superior Officers set over him, according to the rules
and discipline of War.*

*This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United
States, for the time being, and for a period of five years from date.*

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, this fourteenth *day of*
August *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* nineteen
and in the one hundred and forty-fourth *year of the Independence of the United States.*

By the President:

The Adjutant General's Office.

Recorded: August 14, 1919.

[Signature]
Adjutant General

[Signature]
The Assistant Secretary of War

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH CORPS AREA,
Army Building.

Omaha, Nebraska,
June 17, 1929.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

No. 141.) E X T R A C T

8. By direction of the President and under authority contained in letter AG 112.05 Org. Res. (4-8-29) Misc. M-D, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., dated April 18, 1929, each of the following named officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps is ordered to active duty, effective July 7, 1929. On that date each officer will proceed, without delay, from the place indicated after his name to Fort Riley, Kansas, reporting in person upon arrival to the Commanding General, Summer Training Camps, for training. Each officer will rank from the date set after his name.

UNIT TRAINING, 347th ENGINEER GENERAL SERVICE REGIMENT

NAME	GRADE & SECTION	DATE OF RANK	ADDRESS
George Colby Parsons, O-120269	Col. Engr-Res.	1-19-29	Box 644, Fort Dodge, Ia.
Thomas Radford Agg, O-198114	Lt. Col. Engr-Res.	6-8-29	707 Hodge Ave., Ames, Ia.
Louis Lee Bowie, O-120258	Maj. Med-Res.	5-9-29	Zearing, Iowa.
Ernest Emil Carlson, O-122017	Maj. Engr-Res.	5-24-29	Battle Creek, Ia.
Thomas Dyer, O-176280	Capt. Chap-Res.	5-24-29	Odessa, Mo.
Earl Brenton Smith, O-185575	Capt. Engr-Res.	5-23-29	Ia. State College, Ames, Iowa.
Carl Joshua Benning, O-176581	1st Lt. Dent-Res.	6-8-29	428 Landers Bldg., Springfield, Mo.
Ernest Frank Borchert, O-170807	1st Lt. Engr-Res.	6-23-29	415 Sheridan St., Holdrege, Nebr.
Leonard Lester Kingsbury, O-216898	1st Lt. Engr-Res.	6-23-29	7 So. 8th St., Marshalltown, Ia.
Joseph Edgar Smay, O-221223	1st Lt. Engr-Res.	6-8-29	Univ. Of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.
Wm. Donnelly Black, O-250775	2d Lt. Engr-Res.	7-7-29	900 Met. Life Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
Charles William Davis, O-239630	2d Lt. Engr-Res.	7-7-29	Corydon, Iowa.
Robert Kimball Hemphill, O-250781	2d Lt. Engr-Res.	7-7-29	RFD #1, Iowa City, Ia.
Nicolai Jens Jansen, O-239632	2d Lt. Engr-Res.	6-23-29	Durant, Iowa.

UNITED STATES ARMY PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

Name Lawrie Davis Lee
(Surname) (Given name) (Middle name)
(Please type or print plainly)

Classification _____

Color _____

Sex _____

Reference _____

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