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Saturday March 6,1915.

Sent my Diary leaves home by registered mail this morning from Pont-A-Mousson.

Sunday March 7,1915.

The weather seems to have become warmer and it gives one the feeling that Spring is comming very soon.

Monday March 8,1915.

There is very little to write about today excepting a little pleasant excitement between Salisbury and Fallon from which a bet was made. A little argument was started by someone I dont remember who started it. The topic of the bet was when the war would end, the were very many voices in the argument and many clauses were inserted in the agreeament and I will reproduce the compact as it was written in our sectretaries book.

BET: Made the eighth day of March 1915 between Edward VanDoren Salisbury and Nugent Fallon: To wit-

Salisbury bets a dinner to as many of Squards B.&G. as on this day is, of the American Ambulance, as can be present that the war will end by March 1,1916, the end of the war to be a Declaration of Peace between England and Germany.

Fallon bets the other side, that the war will not end by that date March 1,1916.

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The dinner to be given in New York at a time to be arranged by the looser, Date to be communicated to Halcot N.Glover, secretary, and by him transmitted to the various members of the section: notice of sixty days to be given.

Signed: Edward Vandoren Salisbury
N. Fallon

Agreeament by other members of the section

Leif N.S.Barkley agrees to put up in New York or suburbs all members of the section as can be present for four days and nights.

Leif Barkley

Rev. Samuel C.Benson will say Grace before the dinner

S.C.Benson

M.W.Davis will provide auto,oil and gas and tires for a seven days trip for six men in addition to himself.

M.W.Davis

Halcott N.Glover will write and read at the dinner as soon as he is drunk enough a poem celebrating the occasion.

Halcott N.Glover

Carlisle H.Holt will furnish Bail for anyone who may be arrested also to act as toastmaster at the dinner.

Carlisle H.Holt

Edward May will furnish breakfast after the Siance.

Edward May

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D.D.L.Mc Grew does undertake to laught at anybodys jokes and will also introduce every man to a cocktail that he likes- known as a Mocking-bird.

D.D.L.McGrew

Robt T.W.Moss will give the section lunch the day following the dinner.

R.T.W.Moss

William Martin will give the matter full publicity in the Press.

William Martin

Herman A.Webster will etch and print a Souvenier Menue limited to number of men at table and plate destroyed.

Herman A.Webster

This bet created more fun and laughter among the men than any other on thing that I know of. Some or all of the men were told what to put down and left no choice of what they could do.

Teusday March 9,1915.

Dr.Gros, Kipling and Cocoran came up here about noon. Kipling has found some new junk to hang about his waist and has added a large Gold Wheel to his sleeves, What next? Dr.Gros gave us a fine talk with Kipling butting in every few minutes. Dr.Gros and Kipling left here about 3 P.M. for Paris and left Cocoranhere all night with us.

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I think without a doubt he is the most unmittigated ass that I have ever seen.

Wednesday March 10,1915.

Salisbury left here this morning to take Cocoran up to San Paul where his section is located. Last night the Squad was told to report to the Felix Foure at 8:15 A.M. sharp. We went in convoy and carried wounded from the Felix Foure and the hotel Dieu to the station . It looks as if the French are evacuating all men who are able to be moved to other places to make room for the wounded that will certainly come in when Spring realy sets in. Salisbury returned to night rather than stay all night with Cocoran which he had planned. He says that the conditions in the squad at San Paul are "rotten" due directly to Mr.Cocoran. Holt is one of the drolest chaps that I have ever met. He is long, lean, lanky and a New Englander with a hook nose and almost angular features which constantly remind one of the pictures of Uncle Sam. He has knocked about a bit and to-night was telling us some of his experiences of a trip he took around the world some three years ago on $800. He started from Boston with another fellow and returned by the way of San Francisco, in his travel from Frisco his money gave out and the only thing that he had to eat from Frisco

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to Boston was sixty cents worth of sweet chocolate.

Thursday March II,I9I5.

Budd arrived here from Paris this morning on his way to San Paul in Freemans car#I0I but the car was in such bad condition that he had to leave it here and Ned took him on in our Staff Car leaving #I0I here to be repaired. I immediately started work on it with Huffer and Calver as assintants, we took off the crank case and piston heads and also the connecting rods, upon examination we found that #2 piston had been without oil for some time and had naturally frozen up in doing so I found that it had also scoured the cylinder, thre was nothing that I could do to a scoured cylinder but I took out the bushing in the connecting rod and after much tedious work I finally succeded in scraping it so as to allow the piston to work freely on the rod after this we assembled the motor but after we finished we could not make it fire but after a long while I found that one of the wires was on the wrong plug after changing this over the motor ran perfectly.

Friday March I2,I9I5.

Salisbury returned this morning with Bud. Budd, Freeman and Doyle started for Paris almost immediately and all were very much pleased that #I0I was running so well. All men started painting "G" cars to match "B" cars so we are all tired to-night and I am nearly sick with a cold.

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Saturday March I3,I9I5.

My cold is much worse this morning and my head is nearly splitting but I shall try my old stunt of working it off.

We were all hard at work this morning painting our cars when Mr. Andrews,our inspector, rolled in with Freebourne in the Peugeot and I am sure a favorable impression was made because we were complimented on our work. The guns were plainly heard here to-night and there must be heavy fighting going on by the rapidity with which the guns were firing.

Sunday March I4,I9I5.

Shall not write much to-day as my cold makes me lFeel all in. Some of the fellows went to Church to-day and to tea afterwards.

Monday March I5,I9I5.

My cold is a little better this morning but not much. The company of Territorials, part of the IIth Reg., Reserves, mostly of the class of I892,including the waiter we have had sent in to our Mess to-day five bottles of Wine and it certainly shows the spirit with which we have been received here.

Tuesday March I6,I9I5.

Feel very bad to-day but am on the improve. Carried one sick to-day it was a stretcher case. The boys

are taking long walks but as I am trying to get over this e cold I am simply laying around when not on duty and have not taken any of the walks yet but hope to soon.

Wednesday March 17,1915.

Martin went to Paris to-day with #62 to have it equipped with the third stretcher also he is going to bring back stretchers enough to convert all the cars with the third stretcher here. Spring is really opening up so we may be ordered away very soon. The sixty men of which I wrote on the 15th left the camp to-day to be equipped for the Trenches and they were certainly a sober and serious bunch of men and I dont blame them at all. There seems to be a Jinx following this section because one after of the men go on the Malad list and now it is Salisbury with a tooth ache the cause was clearely apparent the gum showing a puss formation,he took the 8:20 P.M. train to Paris to have it attended to and he may be back to-morning but I doubt it. My cold continues to improve and with the improvement comes an extra dose of cough and I dont like it at all. Huffer and I planned to go as near the Front as the officials would let us, we planned to take a train as far as it went then get off and walk until stopped and return the same way but our plans are all stopped now as Salisbury has gone to Paris with that tooth this leaves us short handed. we will have to wait until our next Dog Watch which will not be for three days, my

French is improving I think a little.

Thursday March I8,I9I5.

Something that I forgot to mention was the rumor that we were to move very shortly and be attached to another Army , this may or may not be true time only will tell that. I worked on #63 this morning and part of the afternoon replacing the linnings in the Transmittion, it is the first time that I have done it and I hope it is the last to, in the course of the work without any excuse what so ever I dropped a cotter pin down into the case of course it had to go into the lower half and it looked for a while as if we would have to take the whole thing to pieces but with the aid of many wires and using the magneto as a magnet we recovered the pin much to my Joy. had my hair cut this afternoon and it was almost long enough to braide, the barber told me that General Joffre passed through here to-day. We carry patients here every day but I wish we would be transfered to a section nearer the Front but that will come later or as soon as the government feels that we deserve the confidence that will have to be placed in us. A few German Prisoners passedthrough here to-day on their way to contration camps, was on dutytonight but no calls came in.

Friday MarchI9,I9I5.

I sent my receipted bills hame this morning to give the folks a fair idea of what my expences were also

how much my uniform costed. I was measured for a pair of shoes this morning rather than send home for them because not being accuanted with the conditions here they could not know what kind to send me also perhaps they probably would not fit after they came. I am on duty again this afternoon and I wish that Salisbury would come back from Paris because no doubt he will bring back some mail. my cold is much better and the only thing that makes me feel bad is my cought and that will probably dissapear in a short time and I will be all right again. The English and American newspappers that we receive here the awfullest Liars that on can imagine but they are interesting however. Salisbury did not come back as expected but Marten and May rolled in with #62 all fitted up,for the third stretcher, he also brought back mail which was very gratefully received, I had two letters one from Aunt J.- and one from Jane F-. If the people in the United States knew how much mail was thought of here they would write more often. Marten also brought up some American Tobacco and although very poor was the best that I have smoked in a long while, hope some more comes.

Saturday March20,1915.

The morning broke with the sun shinning as clear as a crystal but quite cold yet, we dont mind the cold if the sun will only shine it cheers one up so. Was on duty until 12:45 P.M.,then Webster and I took a walk,

it was Market day again and I dont understand where the weeks go. On our walk we went through some beautiful country and saw a fine old church, I took a picture of the interior, hope it comes out well. Salisbury has not come back yet and we have heard a rumor that he is to be replaced by a man that no body in this section likes , I understand that he says that he can get us to the Front within seven days but I dont believe that he can, hope that Salisbury retains the section. Bigelow left us in response to a letter that he received from an aunt in England who with a few other women are getting up an ambulance section to be located in Servia, he left to go directly to London where he takes the boat on the 27th for Servia. I should liked to have gone with him because I think that the chances in Servia to do humane work is much greater that here in France. Servia has practically no facilities for treating their wounded, I may go yet who knows? The life in Servia would be a tought one but I guess that the thought of doing so much good would amply repay one. As I understand it the people that have charge there want only men that are willing to take a chance on both fife and limb. The whole of Servia is full of disease and the people have nothing with which to fight it, it must be an awful state of shaos.

Sunday March 21,1915.

Another wonderful day sun is shinning and the day

is fairly warm. All duties were suspended with the excepting Guard Duty and as my watch does not come until night I went to church at the English-French church to hear Mr. Wheatcroft preach. After Church Moss and I went for a walk out into the country, we went out the Western gate of the City and visited an old Monistary made years ago out of stone, I couldnt seem to find out how old it was as nobody seemed to know. On our walk we went through the country from which most of our vegetables come. The whole town near the Monistary is all of stone and in a very good state of repair,it is all very interesting but wish that I could find out more about it. Got a substitute for my duty to-night so Webster and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Wheatcroft. Salisbury returned to-night but had no mail with him.

Monday March 22,1915.

May received an offer from the Embassy to take a position with them in Paris and as he has accepted some he will leave to-night to report.Another fine day here. The papers say today that the Germans made an airoplane raid on Paris last night but that very little damage was done but one cannot tell just how much damage was done because the papers never get anything strait and never devulge anything that they do not feel like giving much information. Practically nothing of importance happened to-day and all the work I did was to take a man from the Jeanne Hachett to the Felix Foure and return to have an exray photograph to locate a bullet. Supper was very much delay-

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ed but nobody seemed to know why but after entering the dinning room we found a feed which fairly stood head and shoulders over anything we had previously had, the dinner was in honor of Fallons birthday.

Tuesday March 23, 1915.

Mr. Andrews came in this afternoon and after inspecting us declared that we were the only section that he would recomend and send to the front imediately, of course this naturally made us feel good but we have been keeping ourselves in readiness to leave our barracks with thirty minutes notice, he also said that we were the only bunch that he could rely upon in a case of imergansy as he said "not a quitter in the bunch". Things never come seperately but in bunches, it has started to rain and is cold,this will probably last until the end of the month and to make matters worse the General commanding this devission has issued orders that no more coal will be issued so naturally we are all nearly frozen to death but we shall have to stand it. Got a letter from Aunt J-.

Wednesday March 24,1915. Still

Still cold and rainy,we are all shivering and our bones ache from sleeping on the concrete floor. Doily and Nitingale came in today and upset us all with a pack of LIES, they told us that a General Friend of theirs had offeredus a place with their devision which was to move almost at once and that we could have been attached to them but the Hospital officers had refused it. This of course

upset us after working so hard to keep ourselves in the eye of the Government. Salisbury telephoned to Paris and they told him that Andrews would be up in the morning and explain the whole thing. We put two of our men in the Hospital today with seveve colds and sore throat, Webster also has a cold but I hope he can break it up before it gets to great a hold.

Thursday March 25,1915.

At 10:30 A.M. we received word that Doily had hit a wagon or something and had smashed his radiator and we have sent three men with the only spare radiator we have also sent him some small supplies that he may need. After the men had left here we received word from the A.A.Hospital that the men had gone off without any authority and we were to send them back to Paris to the Hospital. We were of course not able to stop them at that time so when Andrew came, He was soaking wet, he imediately got in touch with the General and from the expression on his face the things that he told him about Boily were not complimentary. The weather is still very rainy and cold. We are busy nearly all the time now evacuating to the trains.

Friday March 26,1915.

Martin and I both had a day off today and as the rain had stopped, although very cold, we took some exercise in the form of a bicycle ride. We borrowed two bicycles from the army and went on a ride that totaled

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60 Kilometers . We went from Beauvais to San Joust and back and I dont know how we managed it because we had to pass a gre at many sentinals, they would stop us and question us but after finding out who we were they all simply turned their backs and we went on. When we got back to Beauvais we found that the berth that Boily had for us was all fiction and had absolutely no foundation,. I am so tired that I can hardly stand up and tomorrow I probably shall be so lame that I cant stand up but I had a good time so shall not kick any. We left at 12:50 and returned at exactly 7;00 P.M.

Saturday March 27,1915.

The weather still continues to be cold but no no rain. I feel very stuffy in the chest and I expected to be lame from the ride of yesterday but I am not lame at all, this shows that my daily exersize is keeping me in good condition. Webster and McGrew both went to the Hospital to doctor their colds today. We worked on our cars today and they are in good condition now.The outcome of our four men in Hospital was an inspection of our quarters by a Captain of the French Army. He was very much vexed that we were not more comfortable and decided that we were to have coal in the barracks and he issued orders to that effect, we are all most grateful to him. Jesperson went to Paris the other day and we are looking for him back anytime now, he will probably bring the mail.

50 kilometers. We went from Compiegne to San Jean and back and I don't know how we managed it because we had to pass a pre at every junction, they would stop us and question us but after finding out who we were they all simply touched their berets and we went on. When we got back to headquarters we found that the party that got lost for us was all right and had absolutely no foundation. I am so tired that I can hardly stand up and tomorrow I probably shall be as lame that I want to lay up but I had a good time in spite not that day. We left at 12:30 and returned at exactly 7:00 P.M.

Friday March 17,1916.

The weather still continues to be cold but no rain. I feel very stuffy in the head and I expected to be lame from the ride of yesterday but am not lame at all. This shows that my daily exercise is keeping me in good condition. Mother and Mother both were very thoughtful to doctor their boils today. We worked out here today and they are in good condition now. The outcome of our four men in Sanitat was an inspection of our quarters by a Captain of the French army. He was very much vexed that we were not more comfortable and decided that we were to have coal in the barracks and he issued orders to that effect, we are all most grateful to him. Interpreter went to Paris the other day and we are looking for him back anytime now, he will probably bring the mail.

Sunday March 28,1915.

This is Palm Sunday and I would liked to have gone to church to see the exercises but of course it was my day on duty and I could not go. Went up to Mr .Wheatcrofts this evening and had a fine French supper. Jesperson returned from Paris and brought the mail I got a letter from Aunt J-. Salisbury received a lettergram from Post at Neuilly ordering him in to Paris at once we are all wondering what for. The four boys at the Hospital are all about the same and do not know when they will return to duty. We are doing nothing again as the Hospitals are all out of wounded they having been sent south to the convelesent camps.

Monday March 29,1915.

Guard duty has been changed to twelve hour watches on account of the men in the Hospitals. I was sitting in the guard room today when in walked Walter Lovell and I was awfully glad to see him but upon second thought I dont know whether I am or not. Two men will be discharged from the Hospital tomorrow so they told me when I was over there today, Huffer and Walden. It is awfully cold.

Tuesday March 30,1915,

Was on gard today but have had nothing to do but was my pillow case,(apology). We have a bag of coal now and we built a fire to try and dry out our quarters and

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give us a chance to disenfect our beds with gasolene to kill any live stock that is in thenm . Lovell is sleeping in Wards old bed. This is the end of the month and we are still in Beauvais with no imediate prospect of a move. Salisbury and I are trying to work out a scheme that will improve on the third stretcher scheme that we now have. We are trying to make the rack mare easily let down and put up and carried in less space also where wecwill be able to carry the third stretcher folded even when we only have two in the Ambulance. Instead of making the frame in one piece it seems advisable to have it in two pieces and let it fold against the sides near the top.

Wednesday March 31,1915.

The last day of the month is here and a good on at that the air is clear and cold but we dont mind because the sun shines and the weather tells us that Spring will soon be here. Two men came up Paris today, Curtin and Boyce, to take the places of men that have gone away also with instructions to Salisbury to send McGrew and Lovell back to Paris for work on another section,also that Webster and Barclay are to go to San Pol to take the men stationed there back to Paris. The section at San Pol was commanded by a man named Cochoran who nobody had a good word for because of his ill maners and his dictitorial ways.It seems that he has directly disobeyed orders given him by the French and they have asked the Hospital to withdraw the whole section as they express it they do not obey

orders. This is a blow to us in a way because the War office after getting this report will look upon us as of the same crowd. Lovell asked Salisbury to telegraph Paris and get them to countermand the order to ship him away which he did. I dont think that McGrew liked leave the section as he is going to ask to be sent back when he gets to Paris.

Thursday April 1,1915.

Webster and Barkley left for San Pol this morning in our Staff Car with Fallon driving, they will be gone for 10 or 12 days. McGrew left on the 2:15 train for Paris and I think it is the last we shall see of him. No answer as yet to Lovells telegram. We are putting our third stretcher scheme into operation and it certainly does seem very practical. We finished #64 today and it works without a hitch so Salisbury is going to send it down to the committee at Paris as a good model, Huffer her regular driver will take her down. Fallon returned from St Pol carring Shattock,about 8:00P.M., who has been ordered back to Paris. When about 10 kilometers outside Beauvais they heard an awful noise inside the motor, after investigating they decided that they had run out of oil and after putting some in they drove in to Beauvais with the motor knocking all the way, they should have gone into a military telephone and let us go out and tow them in. When they returned they told me about it but I thought that it being the first day

of April they were fooling me but after an inspection I found that they had run short of oil all right. Fallon told us that the road all the way to San Pol was filled with the army, Guns, Infantry and Arabs all working their way to the Front. I suppose that Salisbury will take me off the third stretcher work and put me on the Staff Car but I hope not. All accounts of the section were turned over to me yesterday and I worked until late straightening the March account out. We heard today that Kippling has been put out of office but it is not confirmed.

Friday April 2,1915.

Huffer left this morning for Paris with #64. Walden went to Paris last night but will return in a day or two. We finished fixing over two cars for the third stretcher today and we all worked like beavers, Fallon went to London on an urgent call tonight on the 8:02 train, that is the last we shall see of him because he will go back home to U.S.A. Evidently some big move is on because it takes from three to five days for a telegram to come from Paris, Lovell can stay here with this squad.

Saturday April 3,1915.

Work on the cars was continued today so nothing of interest has happened. I haveput the books in order so now it will be easy to keep them straight. My new duties require me to keep account of money received,expended, how many men each car carried and whether they were wounded or

sick, keep account of all gasolene and oil used and the mileage of the cars so a report could be made to the Hospital once a month. Also to make a report to our French Captain Neumanger of what number of cars are in sevvice with their numbers and also to requisition from him things that will be needed to,keep the cars in service every seven days,my evenings are aometimes the busiest part of the day for me.

Sunday April 4,1915.

Was again put in charge of the morning watch so could not go to the Easter service at the Cathedrial which I wanted to do. One of the boys got gloriously drunk tonight and did not return to barracks, I think that Salisbury will send him back to Paris just as soon as he shows up. Rains very hard here all the time and even Easter was no exception. Iam wondering how the people of the states would enjoy not being able to show off their finery on this day. The Easter here was entirely different than the ones at home and even here it was more sober and somber on account of the war, everybody dressing in black.

Monday April 5,1915.

Finished my own car today then washed it all up clean. Walden returned from Paris with the car that Huffer took down#64 he had with him a man with a load of oil for Dinnings section at Pari Plage. He also had some mail for us and I got a Letter from Aunt J-, he also had some rumorswhich everybody returning from Paris has only

his was to the effect that the War office of the French Government had asked the A.A. to recall all sections and that they were going to do it however we shall not think anything more about it untill Andrews gets here which will be tomorrow. I wish that my money would come as I am broke Calver left on the 8:20 train for Paris sick, it does seem as if no one could keep well, I think that he will be all O.K. in a few days.

Tuesday April 6,1915.

I straightened up the supply car today and it took me nearly all day and then I cleaned up the store room. Andrew did not come today but they will come no doubt tomorrow. We now have another bag of coal and am getting warm again. It is cold and rainy outside again and it gets into my bones.

Wednesday April 7,1915.

Still raining and very cold. Andrew came in today and informed us that he had a place for us down in the Vosges and that there was nothing to the report that we were to be called back into Paris and disbanded. I received a letter from Dad this day by Andrew and a little later got a letter from the mailman from Aunt J- which had been forwarded from the Hospital in Paris, they evidently think that we are going to be stationed here for some time to come.

Thursday April 8,1915.

All we talk about nothing and think about nothing

else than the place down in the Vosges which Andrew has for us. Nothing doing here at all.

Friday April 9,1915.

Two men came up today from Paris to fill in the Squad so that we can move when we are given word. One of the boys has a baseball so we played with it part of the day and after that I cleaned up my car until it fairly shines.

Saturday April 10,1915.

Went up to Mrs Wheatcrofts to bid her good by for the entire squad as we have received offical word to be ready to move at a moments notice. Salisbury is in Paris pushing the good work along.

Sunday April 11,1915.

Good old Ned returned from Paris on the noon train with word that he and I are to take #10 and return to Paris this afternoon the whole section leaving here early tomorrow morning. I went over to the Major to get a pass but it being Sunday I could not get one until the morning and this will make us a day late all around but it cannot be helped.

Monday April 12,1915.

Looked upon Beauvais for the last time at 8:00 A.M. for the last time I hope, after a fine ride I arrived at the Hospital at 10:15 A.M. and received a great reception. We are to go to a town in Loraine called Nancyso I

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understand but shall believe it only when told so by Ned, Although I have been here only half a day I shall be very glad to see the section come in.

Tuesday April I3,I9I5.

The whole section left Beauvais at 3:30 P.M. and arrived here at 5:30 P.M. and a dirtier crowd I never saw in my life, dust all over them in layers. They made excelent time. I am ordered to look after all supplies and outfit the section for a three months stay in the field without a return. We shall start overhauling in the morning to be redy to move on Friday morning.

Wednesday April I4,I9I5.

This book will be very much neglected in the next few days as I shall have all the work I can do getting the section out. It is like pulling teeth to get anything out of the Hospital people but with Neds help I shall manage somehow.

Thursday April I5,I9I5.

Ned is a peach of a commander and I think that every last man would quit the section if he were taken away from us. Webster comes back tomorrow and he will leave with us. We are informed that we will not leave until Saturday morning as the Minister of War will hold a review of us on Friday.

Friday April I6,I9I5.

The review took place this afternoon and in my estimation it was a Farce We were supposed to go through

a very simple manuever with our ambulances but it got mixed up to such an extent that it became very complicated and omly by sheer good luck it ended up in good line formation this is by no means a credit to Kippling. Most fo the officers stood out in prominence but our good old leader kept himself in the back ground as possible and made us all very prowd of him. The review took place in the court yard of the Place Des Invalides. We leave early in the morning for Vittel to receive our final instructions.

Saturday April 18,1915.

Left at 9:00 A.M.(late) for Vittel. SectionVIS: 86 Salisbury, Webster, Glover and Huffer,:75 Willis: 6 Holt: 7 Mc Connell: 8 Harle: 9 Barcley: 10 Davis: 60 Roeder: 61 Lovell: 62 Martin: 63 Curtin: 64 Walden. Beautiful ride to St Dizier through the battle field of the Marne, all in ruins now where we slept. 62 developed engine trouble but I found that it was only a plugged gasolene line, 75 ran out of oil but no damage done. Had a fine supper there Distance 230 Kilometers.

Sunday April 19,1915.

Left St Dizier at 6:20 A.M. for Vittel. Lovely country roads and beautiful scenery but very dusty. Arrived Vittel, which is a watering place in peace time at noon. Fast time after a slow start, no orders until tomarrow. Slept in our cars in a stable. Cleaned our cars for an inspection by a Capataine.

Monday April I9,I9I5.

Went sightseeing this morning and had my hair cut. This must be a lively place in Peace time as it has all the ear marks of a Monte Carlo, in the town are all kinds of gambling houses and there is a spring here wich contains medicinal properties for lumbago and such like. There are several Hotels and one in particular reminds one of Saratoga Springs at home. There is also a large house in which are hot baths situated directly over one of the largest springs. Filled our cars up with oil and gas, slept in cars again. Orders to leave for Jazanville in the morning, then direct to Nancy.

Tuesday April 20,I9I5.

Left at I0:00A.M. for Jazanville a suburb of Nancy and arrived there at noon. Our cars are parked on a platform in the freight yard, the yard is interesting on account of the war material there but I cant say thatt it is beautiful. Again we cleaned our cars for an inspection by a Lieutenant Herringsfield who in peace life is an expert of the Hotchkiss Auto Co, all he wants to find out is if they will run. He evidently passed them O.K. We were told that we would work in the town of Dielouard which is directly under the German guns. Slept in a pile of straw on an office floor.

Wednesday April 2I,I9I5.

Went into the town of Nancy this morning to do some

shopping. A Toube flew overhead this P.M. and circuled about like a hawk followed by little puffs of smoke from the exploding shrapnel shells of the French anti air craft guns. Many of the shrapnel balls come bown near us some landing as near as 20 feet away. The town of Nancy was the capitol of Lorraine many years ago and is very beautiful. There is a large square that is the pride of the town, around this square is located all or nearly all of the government buildings, directly back of the square is a hill onwhich is the fortifications of the town one has to walk through a reservation, beautifully wooded and kept, to goto the fort. There has been a sargent attached to our section by the French Government who speeks English and I think it well that he does, he is going to stay with us because I dont think that they trust us yet but will wait until we get under fire then will see how we act.

Thursday April 22,1915.

Left for Dieulouard at 10 A.M. arrived there at 11:00A.M. and we find that it is only about 8 kilo from the trenches. The town was bombarded by the Germans this afternoon near the old R.R.station killing two children. I am billited with Martin in #91 very comfortable.

Friday April 23,1915.

The Germans woke us up about 4:30 A.M. by shelling the town but not very near us again the shells struck

near the R.R? station. This didnt last long however because they transfered their range to within 200 yars of us I am not ashamed to say that it was uncomfortable for us for a little while . We leave tomorrow for the station where we do our work Pont-A-Mousson.

Saturday April 24,1915.

Arrived in Pont-A-Mousson at 8:00 A.M. for the days work but it was rather quiet, all that I did was to take three wounded to Toul a distance of 33 Kilometers. My wounded were quite bad so they said two wounded in the head and one in the lungs so when I got back I had to wash the car inside also the blankets on account of the blood. There has been no fighting here today so returned to Dieuluuard for the night leaving only three cars in P.A.M. for service.

Sunday April 25, 1915.

Went to Nancy to purchase supplies for the section. absolutely a dull day.

Monday April 26,1915.

Arrived at P*A*M. at 8:00 this morning and aat around until noon then went up to the first line Gun trenches to get a Blesse with two Franchmen. My idea of warefare trenches has been very vague indeed, I shall not try to discribe it because I certainly shall never forget it, it was horrable. This man had both his legs shot off by the expoding of a German 77mm shell and was bleeding badly. I picked him up myself to fullfill a promise that I

near the B.M. station. This dient last long however because they transferred their range to within 300 yards of us I am not ashamed to say that it was uncomfortable for us for a little while . We leave tomorrow for the station where we do our work Tent-A-Museum.

Saturday April 24,1915.

Arrived in Tent-A-Museum at 8:00 A.M. for the days work but it was rather quiet, all that I did was to take three wounded to Ypul a distance of 22 Kilometers. My wounded were quite well as they said two wounded in the head and one in the lung. So when I got back I had to wash the car inside also the bonnet on account of the blood. There has been no fighting here today we returned to Dienouard for the night leaving only the car in P.A.M. for service.

Sunday April 25 1915.

Went to Zonnebeke to purchase some wire for the section. Absolutely a dull day.

Monday April 26,1915.

Arrived at T.A.M. at 8:00 this morning and was around until noon then went up to the first line Dug trenches to get a Dispatch with two Frenchmen. My idea of warfare from that time has been very vague indeed, I shall not try to describe it because I certainly shall never forget it, it was horrible. This man had both his legs shot off by the exploding of a German 77mm shell and was bleeding badly. I picked him up myself to carry it promise that I

made to Aunt J- and I am following his progress to know how to report. He was a blond Frenchman with a scraggly head of hair, was covered with mud from head to foot, about 23 years old I should judge,about 5ft 7in tall, gaunt cheeks that told of exposure and very pale. In the afternoon went up on the roof of the Hospital to watch an artillery duel between the French and Germans and when one watched the shells explode it made on think. Stayed here all night and will be relieved at 8:00 tomorrow.

Tuesday April 27,1915.

We were awakened by shells bursting and upon looking out the window found that a French and a German airoplane were fighting it out but neither got the best of it as two more French machines came up about that time and chassed the German over his own lines, it was very interesting however. Mr Andrews came up this afternoon and brought some mail with him, it probably will be a long time before we see him again as the French will allow no one to visit us excepting him and he only occasionally.

Wednasday April 28,1915.

Was on Dieulouard duty today but was called to P*A-M to take three Blesse to Toul. One was wounded in the lungs by the blowing up of a trench by the Germans another was or had one of his legs blown off and the other had a slight wound in his foot, they were all from the 167 regiment.

Thursday April 29,1915.

I was on long service today and made one trip to the nearest R.R. station with three Blesse, they were very bad and it took me two hours to do 15 miles. Webster started back to Paris today but returned to camp because he will have to make a formal application to the War Office with a good excuse then if it is accepted and returned he must wait eight days before he can go/ We were shelled all day long by the Germans and when one breaks near one does nothing but wonder when then they will alter their range to the very spot on which you stand but is all in the game and we all are very prowd to have the honor to be the first section to be given the confidence of the French people in such a way.

Friday April 30, 1915.

On 24 hour duty again at P-A-M. everything quiet until after we had our lunch then the Germans started to bombard us again and being an inquisitive American I walked out into the middle of the street against orders to see where the shells were landing because I knew that they were very close, just as I arrived in the middle of the street I heard another whistle and imediately explode landing not more than 200 feet away from me and you can bet it didnt take me long to get up off my face and make the bulding. After a short time a shell landed directly on the parapet of a French battery which was remaining

silent for some reason or other probably not to revel its location but I dont know of course how much damage it did. One car has gone to Montauville to get wounded from the infantry trenches and another has gone to Toul with some.

Saturday May I,1915.

The French started an artillery attack in advance of an infantry attack, it started about 3:30 A.M. and lasted over a period of sixteen hours and at times so I am told the French were firing at the rate of between 78 and 84 shells a minute on a front of 3 kilo., a continual roar of exploding shells and shells on their way schreeching through the air on their way to create destruction. We have heard that the French have gained three trenches and a block house near Bois Le Prete. we were busy all day long and in the afternoon I carried three men to Toul. Slept in Dielouard.

Sunday May 2,1915.

The Germans made a counter attack which they always do this evening and it was one of the most spectacular things that I have ever seen huge searchlights criscrossing each other making the night as light as day for an instant then going out and leaving it pitch dark, at intervals the trenchmen would send up rockets in a manner with which we shoot skyrockets, filled with some kind of a brilliant burning powder, making a dazzling light there by watching the progress of the attack. The artullery wasscontinually belching forth making long flashes across

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Saturday May 1,1915.

The French started an artillery attack in advance of an infantry attack, it started about 3:30 A.M. and lasted over a period of sixteen hours and at times so I am told the French were firing at the rate of between 75 and 84 shells a minute or a mount of 3 mile., a continual roar of exploding shells and shells on their way accompanying through the air on their way to create destruction. To have heard that the French have lost three trenches and a block house must be pretty serious but we were busy all day long and in the afternoon I carried the car to Toul. Slept in Bleiswerd.

Sunday May 2,1915.

The Germans made a counter attack which they always do this evening and it was one of the most spectacular things that I have ever seen huge searchlights sweeping each other making the night as light as day for an instant then going out and leaving it pitch dark, at intervals the trenchmen would send up rockets in a manner with which we about experience, filled with some kind of a brilliant burning powder, making a dazzling light there by rendering the positions of the attack. The artillery was continually belching forth making long flashes across

the sky, I could see the rifles as they fired also German shells were bursting all around us. I had to wait nearly three quarters of an hour before I could get my men and therefore I had a chance for the first time to see or be the very heart of an attack. After returning to my sleep I was again called up to go to Clois Bois for three wounded and the communicating road was under heavy fire. On my way up there a shell burst near the road but I didnt think that it hit as near me as it did but after my duty was finished and I was back in the Caserne I found that the top directly over my head had been torn away and that a flag that I had on the car had been cut in to by a fragment of shell. I have heard about a man being so badly frightened that his knees knocked togather but I never took much stock in it but I certainly do now because that is just what mine did. This was the first night that Ned had slept with us in P-A-M and after a while he got me quirted down so that I went to sleep despite the guns firing and the shells exploding around us. Barcley, Harle and Ned went up to Montauville about 2:00A.M. but they did not wake me up and I slept until nearly 5:45. They told me that four big shells landed in Dieulouard but no damage.

Monday May 3,1915.

Stayed in Dieulouard all day having my top repaired and a new flag put on. Was ordered out to get Holts car which had refused to run and which he had aband-

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ened about I4 kilometers out on the Toul road, He walked in all the way back to the Barracks. I found upon examining it that he had a short circuit in the timer cover with a few other minor complications which I remedied and drove it back. There are a number of German Prisoners here in town now digging some drainage ditches and they appear very happy indeed.

Tuesday May 4,I915.

We are on duty again at P-A-M and there was practically nothing doing until night when I received a call at 9:30 P.M. for wounded at Clois Bois. The night is so black it seems as if I had just gone into a Dungeon but every little while a streak of lightning flashes across the sky and I think that we are in for a storm. On my way back from Clois Bois I picked up two m ore Blesse one was hit by shrapnel and the only thing that held his brains in hi skull was a bandage as soon as I arrived at the dressing station the Doctor started an operation on him and he told me that he might be able to save him but I think it is a hopeless case. Lay down again for more sleep at I0:45 but was called at I:00A.M. to go to Clois Bois after two more. One of the French Peugots was wrecked by a shell on the Montauville road but it can be easily put into shape again. More or less artillery fireing all night.

Wednesday May 5,I915.

Returned to Dilouard this morning and cleaned and oiled # IO also repaired the springs of #9-86. Websters pass came this afternoon and he is at liberty to go now and I am glad because enough friction has been caused by his trying to steep over Neds head which he had no business to do. The Germans dropped twelve shells into town but they must have been small because I slept through them and never heard them. One of the German wounded at the dressing stations got hold of a bottle and smashed it over his head killing himself.

Thursday May 6,1915.

Went to Pont A Mousson for the day and night a number of calls came in the day but the night was quiet and rainy. The only thing of interest was that two men who were of the same company and wounded within a few minutes of each other asked to be carried in an American Ambulance and this showed that some of the men were glad we were here, the call happened to come to me. I found that one of them was only slightly hurt but the other had both legs blown off and had lost so much blood that he died before I could fix him up with turnikeys. I feel very badly about this because his asking for an American makes it a little closer than "in the days work". The Germans bombarded the place again for about an hour but did no damage of importance as near as I can find out.

Friday May 7,1915.

Was on duty at Dieulouard all day working on two different cars that we have not succeded in getting adjusted to this air. One of the volunteer women nurses at P-A-M is grieving the loss of a mother and the wounding of a father and sister when the town was shelled again today. Idont understand why the Government allows the people to stay here. I think six of the new German high explosive 210s landed here today and they do damage anything that they come near. I met a German prisoner today that spoke English very well and he was interesting indeed, he told me how the Germans were saving their stock of horses by chaining the soldiers to the guns, after the horses get in to the danger zone, and making them by the use of CatNine tails drag the guns to the front. I asked him if he would return to his own lines if the French would let him and he told me he certainly would not because he was practically sure of his life now ond if he went back he would not be. He was a chef in a hotel up in the thousand Isles before War broke out and hadnt been haom for eighteen years so he went hame to visit his people who were both living and when there War started and of course he was put in the Army and had been at the front nearly all the time. He says that the food here is much better than in Germany and the only disagreable thing that he has to do is to sweep the streets and perhaps digba ditch once in a while but

that is only play beside the work they do on the other side I tried to find out from him how our Prisoners were used in Germany and he either did not know or would not tell me.

Saturday May 8,1915.

P-A-M again today but very quiet only 8 Blesse carried all day. The only thing that interested us today was the firing of shells at the Airoplanes and we do hardly look up at that now it is so common. One of the French officers told me that this was very likely a calm before a storm and if so we will have plenty of work to do soon. Returned to Dieulouard for the night.

Sunday May 9,1915.

Warm day and as I had day off service I cleaned my motor and running gear. We were told that a Captaine of the Auto service would inspect us in the afternoon at 1:00 we all swanked up but following the usual custom of the French Offical he did not show up until 4:00. He looked us all over and after seeing the motors in such good shape he was very pleased and complimented us. He we do not doubt that he did it ordered the French Cars that we have been working with us away and we are to have the whole place to ourselves and that will mean that we will have all the work that we can attend to.

Monday May 10,1915.

We have been told that an attack is on for tonight and with the French cars gone it will keep us busy.

In the evening a few guns fired but nothing of any account but the men around here are about half drunk which sometimes when they are going to do anything special. Only one call during the night and Holt took it.

Tuesday May II,1915.

The attack did not take place as mostbtimes is the case when we hear about it first. The weather is hot but rather enjoyable. In the evening Andrews, Dr.DeBouchet and Freeborne arrived bringing us mail and spare parts.

Wednesday May I2,1915.

Again we heard of on attack that was to take place and contrary to most such it did really come off. The morning was very quiet but at 3:45 the guns commensed to open up and in a short time many more joined in so I think it is the start of a fair sized attack. Wounded men have begun a steady stream in Montauville. Our work is in full force, all the stations are full and every place where there is a roof is filled to overflowing. We have worked all night and still we havent them all cleared out of the Trenches. The French captured some prisoners and whill waiting for a load of wounded I went over to see them. A French soldier was showing me one of the German rifles and while he was showing it to me it accidently went off all the prisiners went white in the face because they though that they were going to be killed as their officers had told them they would be if captured. The French gained

three trenches but as many counter attacks are expected the final outcome is still in the balance, also our work is only begun if they do counter.

Thursday May 13,1915.

The Germans made the inevitable counter attack in huge formation and in doing so regained the three trenches that the French took and in addition to that they took another one so up to date it has all been a loss for the Trenchmen of the French, possibly it may yet be turned. Wounded are still pouring in and we are still on duty although we had a little evacuating to do but are on active again. We ran out of stretchers about 2:00 this afternoon and the wounded are lying on anything that we can get ahold of. Holt and I went to Toul late this afternoon with some wounded officers and had to return the whole distance in the pitch darkness being not allwed to use lights. Were directly sent to Montauville for more duty and it seems as iftthe wounded would never stop comming in, I am very tired and sleepy. The firing still is intense and we will work all night again.

Friday May 14,1915.

Raining hard but I got about 2½ hours sleep and am all O.K. again, worked all day evacuating and once in a whill back to the dressing stations. Went to bed at 7:30 and slept until 3:00A.M. when on duty again as

the Germans blew up a French trench and started an attack but we got very few wounded out of it. The Germans landed four shells in Dieulouard killing one officer.

Saturday May I5, I9I5.

Worked all day between Montauville, Clios Bois, P-A-M and Bellville evacuating. The French started an attack this afternoon but the Germans antisipated it and beat them to it and they have continued to attack all the rest of the day. The wounded from this attack very much shades anything that has happened before in this section since I have been here, they just pour in in streams and every place is full of them, the evacuating station in Bellville is over crowded and they are lying on straw in old barns and every other place where there is a roof left also they are lying in the barn yards. Had orders to stop in Dieulouard for the night but as I reached there I received orders to go directly to P-A-M for more duty. The Germans started on reprisals and bombarded P-A-M, Blenod, Montuville and Dieulouard today. Mountaville is crowded with wounded and there are no stretchers as yet.

Sunday May I6,I9I5.

Still carring Blesse from Mountaville, Blenpd, etc.,The Germans again bombarded P-A-M starting at 4:30 in the afernoon and continuing until midnight. On one trip I picked up one woman dead in the street lying amid the bricks and debris. The glass and bricks are flying

all over the town and great holes gap at one as they go along the streets. As we continually travel this road it is a miracle that no one has been hit out of the whole section

Saturday March 6-1915

Sent my diary leaves home by registered mail.

Sunday March 7-1915

The weather seems to have become warmer so that one might think that Spring was here.

Monday March 8-1915

There was very little doing here at all today excepting a little pleasant excitement between Salisbury and Fallon. Out of a little argument about the termination of the war a bet was placed and signed by the two men with clauses by other men which I will try and reproduce as is written in our secretarys book.

Bet, made 8th March 1915, between

Edward Van Doren Salisbury and Nugent Fallon: to wit

Salisbury bets a dinner to as many of squads B & G, as on this date is, of the American Ambulance, as can be present that the war will end by March 1st 1916, the end of the war to be, Declaration of Peace, between England and Germany.
Fallon bets the same, that the war will not end by that date.
The dinner to be given in New

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York, at a time to be arranged by the loser, Date to be communicated to Halcott N. Glover, Secretary and by him transmitted to the various members of the section: notice of sixty days to be given

Signed Edward Van Doren Salisbury
N. Fallon
Halcott N. Glover (Sect).

agreement of other members of section

Leif N. S. Barclay agrees to put up in New York or suburbs all members of the section who can be present for 4 days and nights.
Leif Barclay

Rev Samuel C. Benson will say grace before the dinner
S. C. Benson.

M. W. Davis will provide auto, oil Gas and tires for a 7 days for six men in addition to himself, following dinner.
M. W. Davis.

Halcott N. Glover will write and read at the dinner as soon as he is drunk enough a poem celebrating the occasion
Halcott N. Glover.

C. H. Holt. will furnish bail for anybody who may be arrested
Carlyle H. Holt.
also to act as toastmaster at the

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dinner.

Edward May, breakfast after the Séance.

Edward May.

D.D.L. Mc Grew. Does undertake to laugh at anybodys jokes. Will also introduce every man to a cock tail he likes - known as a mock ing - bird,

D.D.L. Mc Grew.

Robert J.W. Moss. will give the section lunch the day following the dinner.

R.J.W. Moss.

William Martin will give the affair full publicity in the Press.

William Martin.

Herman A. Webster will Etch and Print a Souvenir Menu, limited to number of men at the table and plate destroyed.

H.A. Webster.

This bet created more fun and laughter among the members of the Squad than any other one thing I know of. Some or in fact most of the men were told what they must do and not told to put something down which they could do.

Tuesday March 9, 1915.

Dr. Gros, Kipling and Cocoran came up here about noon. Kipling has found some new junk to hang

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about his waist and has added a large gold wheel to his sleeves. What next? Dr. Gros gave us a fine talk with Kipling "butting" in every few minutes. Dr. Gros and Kipling left here about 3 P.M. for Paris. Cocoran stayed over night with us and I think without doubt he is the most unmitigated ass I have ever met.

Wednesday March 10, 1915.

Salisbury left early this A.M. to take Cocoran up to San Pol where his squad is at work. Late last night we recieved orders for the section to report at the Felix Faure at 8½ sharp this morning. We went in Convoy. We carried from the Felix Faure and the Hotel Dieu to the station. It looks as if the French were clearing all possible patients from the Hospitals in this section of the country for accomodation of the wounded which will come when the spring realy sets in. Salisbury returned tonight rather than stay over night with Cocran as he had planned to do. Salisbury says the conditions prevailing in the squad at St Pol are "rotten" owing directly to Cocoran. Holt is one of the Droles Chaps I have ever met. He is a long, lean, lanky New Englander with the hook nose and almost angular features which constantly remind one of Uncle Sam. He has knocked

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that #101 was running so well. All men started this P.M. painting "G" cars to match "B" cars so we are all tired tonight. I am almost sick with a cold.

S-turday March 13-1915.

Thursday ~~March 11, 1915~~ this

Budd arrived this morning in Freman's car (#101) which was in such bad condition that Salisbury had to take him on to St. Pol in our own Staff car leaving #101 here. I started work upon #101 with Huffer and Calver as assistants, we took the crank case down, cylinder heads off and Pistons out and found #2 piston had been without oil for some time and was badly burned its being dry had scored the cylinder so that nothing could remedy it but after much tedious labour I finally scraped the bronze bushing in the piston down to allow the piston head to move freely. After finishing we reassembled the motor and could not make it run so after much brain puzzling we accidently discovered a wire which had been connected to the wrong terminal. The car runs perfectly now.

Friday March 12-1915.

Salisbury returned today with Budd. Budd, Freman and Doyle started for Paris almost immediately and all were very much pleased

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Saturday March 13-1915.

My cold is much worse this morning and my head is nearly splitting, I think I have fever but will try and work it off. We were hard at work painting when our inspector of sections Mr. Andrew, piloted by Freeborn in the Peugeot rolled in and I think a favorable impression was given as no one knows when he will show up. The guns are plainly audible here tonight and there must be heavy fighting by the rapidity with which they are firing.

Sunday March 14-1915.

Shall not write much today as I am all in with high fever. Some of the fellows went to church today and to tea in the afternoon.

Monday March 15-1915.

Cold slightly better today but not much. The companie of Territorials, part of the 11th reg. reserve, mostly of the ~~call~~ class of 1892, including the waiter we have had, sent in to our mess today

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five bottles of wine and it certainly shows the fraternal spirit and feeling with which we have been received.

Tuesday March 16-1915.

Feel very badly yet but am on the improve. Carried one sick stretcher case today. The fellows are taking long walks but when I am not on duty I am trying to kill this cold so I haven't taken any as yet.

Wednesday March 17-1915.

Martin took #62 to Paris today to be equipped with auxiliary stretcher and to bring back the rest of them so they can be equipped here. Spring is realy opening I think so we may be moved almost any minute now. The sixty men of whom I wrote on the 15th left today to be equipped for the trenches and they all looked hard and sober or I should have said Grim and sober. There seems to be a streak of hard luck or some bug-abear following this section as far as health is concerned because first one then another of the men feel badly, the latest to join the "Malad" is Salisbury with a tooth with its root split, this was clearly evident by a large gum puss

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sack forming with absolutely no puss in it so he took the 8:02 P.M. train for Paris but will try and return tomorow noon which I think it doubtful to do if he has as much trouble as I do. My cold still continues to improve and with the improvement comes an extra dose of cough which is very disagreeable. Huffer and I were going to take a train tomorow and go as near the front as it were possible to go then walk as far as we dare then come back to the station, we planned that we would be able to walk, after riding as far as we were allowed, about twelve or fifteen miles but Salisbury spoiled our plans by being ill and leaving us short handed so we will have to wait until our next dog watch which will be in three days. I think my French is improving slightly.

Thursday March 18-1915.

Something I forgot to mention was the rumor that we were to move very shortly but contrary to all the other inside information which people gather from time to time we will be stationed with another army, this may or may not

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be true. I worked on #63 this morning and part of the afternoon replacing linings in the transmition, it is an awful job, I never did it before and I hope never again, in the course of our work I dropped without any excuse whatever a nut which fell into the lower half of the case and for a time it did look as if we would have to take the whole thing to pieces but finaly with the aid of wires and the magneto we recovered the nut much to my joy. Had my hair cut this afternoon, it was almost long enough to braid. While at the barbers I was told that General Goff passed through here today. We carry wounded and sick every day but I wish we could get nearer the front but if we all are patient we will get there soon. A few German prisoners passed through today. Was on duty tonight but no calls came in.

Friday March 19-1915.

Sent my receipted bills home this morning so a fair idea could be gathered of what expenses one must encounter upon first being outfitted by the different people before one can start out into the field

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for active service. I also was measured this morning for a pair of shoes rather than send home for them because I knew if I did send home that the people would not send me the proper kind being totaly unacquainted with the conditions and then again they might not fit properly and one must have shoes in this work that do absolutely fit. I am on duty again this afternoon. I wish that Salisbury would return because I expect some mail from Aunt J. and mother and father, wish Uncle Chas. would write me. My cold is much improved and I now feel much my old self with the exception of my cough which I hope will disapear in very short time. The English and American newspapers here are the most uninteresting things I have ever read and what is more they are awful liers. We expected Salisbury back tonight sure but he did not come. Martin and May did come back tonight with #62 all fitted with the rack for his third stretcher he also brought back the mail out of which I received a letter from Aunt Johnnie and also one from Jane Foster both were received with very much joy, if all my friends knew how much joy news from the United States

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afforded me they would write me very much oftener than they do. The boys brought back with them rations of American tobacco, it was very cheap tobacco but was most acceptable.

Saturday March 20-1915.

This morning broke with the sun shinning clear as a crystal but the air is rather cold but we are very glad to see the sun. I was on duty until 12:45 then Webster and I took a walk. It is market day again and I don't understand where on earth the weeks go. On our walk today we saw some fine country and a fine old village with a wonderful old church of which I took a picture of the inside and I hope it comes out well. We are still looking for Mr. Salisbury but as we have heard some very disconserting news about our commander being replaced by a man who nobody likes but imparts the information that he can get us to the front within seven days, I hope Salisbury still retains the section. Bigalow left us this morning in reply to a letter from his Aunt in England who is forming with a few other people a service Hospital with Ambulances to be located in Servia

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he left directly for London to take his boat on the 27th for Servia. I think this is a wonderful chance to do very fine humane work and I should like to have gone to because the chance to do fine work is more likely to present itself in Servia than here because we or France has many more men and facilities to attend to their wounded than Servia I may yet go there who knows? The life in Servia would be an exceedingly tough one as I understand the people who are running the relief want only men who will take a chance on life and health. The whole of Servia is full of all kinds of disease and they have practically no facilities or means with which to fight them, it must be awful.

Sunday March 21-1915.

Another wonderful day sun is shining and the weather is fairly warm. All duties were suspended today excepting guard duty in the Basvine and my watch is not until evening. I went to church in the morning and saw a very pretty service. In the afternoon Moss and I went out for a walk traveling about six miles I should judge, we went out the western gates of the

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city and through some very pretty woods seeing on the way a quaint old church and an old village of stone from which some or most of the vegetables come from. In the evening Webster and I both got substitutes to take our guards and we made a call upon Mr. and Mrs. Wheatcroft. Salisbury came back this afternoon but brought no mail with him.

Monday March 22-1915.

May just received an offer from the Embasy to take a position there so he will leave tonight to accept. This is another fine day and warm. There was an aeroplane raide on Paris yesterday but the papers say not much damage was done but one cannot tell how much was done as the papers never get anything straight. Nothing of any importance happened in the afternoon. In the late afternoon I took a man from the Jeanne Hachette to the Felix Faure to have an X ray for a bullet and then back again. Supper was delayed until 6 o'clock no one seemed to know why but upon entering the diningroom we found a fine feed set for everyone in honor of Fallon's birthday.

Tuesday March 23, 1915.

Mr. Andrews our inspector came

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in this afternoon and pronounced us the only section he would be willing to send upon a trip to the immediate front with the army because we are keeping ourselves in readiness to leave at 30 minutes notice and he also said that the men are men whom he would be able to rely upon in a case of heavy shelling, as he expressed it "not a quitter in the bunch" and he has told the war office this so I think our chances are very good. It has started a very cold rain and will probably keep up throughout this month and the man commanding our army has issued orders that no more coal be issued and we are all nearly frozen and have very bad colds. Received a letter from Aunt Johnnie was very much pleased. A letter from Jane Foster was very civily polite and distant I am so sorry.

Wednesday March 24-1915.

Still cold and rainy it is awful sleeping on a concrete floor. Doiley and Nitingale came here tonight and upset us all very much with a pack of lies, he said that a General friend of his had offered us a place to advance with his

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army and the advance was to take place very soon and the Hospital would not let us go for some reason or other. This naturally stirred us up very much so much so that Salisbury telephoned to Paris and they said that Andrews would be up and explain it all tomorrow. We put two men in a Hospital here today with very bad colds and sore throats. Webster is starting a bad cold and I hope we can break it up before it gets to great a hold.

Thursday March 25-1915

At 10:30 A.M. we received a note from Dailey that they had hit a wagon of some sort and smashed their radiator badly and three of our fellows left with our extra radiator and some small supplies to fix them up. After they had gone we received word from the A.A. Hospital to stop them as they had not received any permission and had no right to make the trip but it was too late and Andrews was soaking wet when he arrived from Paris so he Telegraphed to the general of course we do not know what he said but

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by his expression I imagine he was not very complimentary to Dailey. Still awfully cold and it is raining very hard. We are surely doing some work now, not very interesting however.

Friday March 26-1915.

The rain has stopped but the days are awfully cold and we have two men in the Hospital with promise of more if the weather does not get warmer. Martin and I took our exercise today by riding a bicycle 60 Kilo or 37½ miles this afternoon, from Beauvais to San Just and back. Dailey returned in the afternoon and we found out that his birth with the third army was all fiction with absolutely no truth in it. I am awfully tired and expect to be very lame tomorrow. We left at 12:50 and returned at exactly 7 P.M.

Saturday March 27-1915.

The weather is still cold and I feel very stuffy in the chest. I expected to be awfully stiff from our ride of yesterday but I do not feel lame a bit, this shows that our daily exercise is getting us in good fisical condition. Webster and Mc Grew went to the Hospital today to doctor their colds. We worked on

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our cars this morning and they are all in good shape now. There was a captain around to see our quarters today because there are so many men in the Hospital and he wanted to know whether or not we were comfortable, he decided that we must move but did not say when, he was very much vexed because we were not issued any more coal to keep warm with. Jesperson went to Paris the other day and we are looking for him back today at least we hope so because he will no doubt bring the mail with him, he has not been back since the 6th of Jan.

Sunday March 28-1915.

Was on duty this morning so I could not go to church as I should like to have done to see the exercises it being Palm Sunday. Went up to Mrs. Wheatcroft's to dinner tonight alone and had a very good French dinner. Jesperson came back this afternoon from Paris and brought some mail with him I received a letter from Aunt Johnnie and was very much pleased. Salisbury received a telegram from Post at Neuilly to come immediately but did not say why we are all wondering what he is wanted for. The four boys at the Jeanne Hachette

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are all about the same and do not know when they will return to the Caserne, they say that the food there is just as bad as when we were all there. We are doing absolutely nothing now as the hospitals are nearly all empty the convalescents all being sent south as fast as possible to make room for the fresh wounded.

Monday March 29-1915.

Guard duty has been changed to twelve hour watches because of so many being in the hospital I was sitting in our room this afternoon when in walked Walter Lovell he being sent here to replace a fellow who has left I was awfully glad to see him but upon second thought I don't know whether I am glad or not. Learned a bit of French today. Went over this noon to see the sick boys and they say two will be discharged tomorrow, Huffer and Walden, I hope so. It is awfully cold.

Tuesday March 30-1915

Was on guard today but have had nothing to do except clean up and wash my pillow case apology. We have a bag of coal now and I built a roaring fire to try and dry out our sleeping quarters and we also

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disenfected our beds and aired our blankets. Walter is sleping beside me in Wards old bed. This is the last end of the month of March and we are still here in Beauvais and no immediate prospects of a move. Salisbury and I are working out a scheme wherely our third stretcher rack can be worked more quickly and still be carried more compactly and conveniently also a scheme to carry our third stretcher even when we are carring only two stretcher cases and can do so without letting down our third stretcher frame. Instead of having our frame in one piece it seems advisable to have it in two.

Wednesday March 31-1915.

The last day of the month and a fine one to although the wind blows and it is cold but we don't mind it because the sun shines brightly and gives promise of Spring. Two men came up from Paris, Curtin and Boyce, to take the place of some of the boys who have left. They brought up a letter from the Committee at Neuilly instucting Salisbury to send Mr. Grew and Lowell back to Paris for work on another section and Webster and Barklay are to go to St. Pol to get the section now there back to Paris. The

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section at St. Pol was attached to the 10th French Army and was commanded by a man by the name of Cochrane, whom nobody seemed to like, because of his ill manners and dictitorial way of handling men. It seems that he has directly disobeyed orders given him by the French and in turn the Army have asked the Hospital to withdraw the whole section because as they express it, "the men do not know how to obey orders", this does not give the French War office a very good opinion of any section because they may and probably will judge us by that section or if they do not judge us by them it leaves a "dark brown" taste. Lowell asked Salisbury to telegraph Paris and see if they would not countermand the order that would take him away from this section, he did so. I don't think McGrew liked to leave the section because he is going to ask to be sent back here when he arrives in Paris.

Thursday April 1-1915

April Fools day. Webster and Barclay left this morning for St. Pol in our Staff Car with Fallon driving, they will probably be gone for 10 or 12 days. McGrew

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left on the 2:15 train for Paris and I am wondering if it is the last we shall see of him. No answer to Lovells telegram as yet. We are putting our third stretcher scheme into operation today and it certainly does seem very practical. We finished #64 today and it is very compact and efficient so much so that Salisbury is going to send it down to Paris to show to the Hospital Committee as a good stock sample, Huffer, #64's regular driver will take her down. About 8 P.M. Fallon returned from St. Pol caring Shattock who has been ordered back to Paris. When 10 Kilometers outside of Beauvais they heard an awful noise in the motor and they decided that they that a bearing had burned out on account of no oil, so they put in some oil and drove in here to Beauvais with the car knocking all the way. they aught to have telephoned in and let us tow him in. When they got back they told us that they had burned out a bearing but we thought they were fooling us because it was the first day of April but I went out and started here and sure enough they had burned out a bearing. Fallon told us that all the road to St. Pol was literally filled with the Army, guns, infantry, cavalry and Arabs and that they were all working

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their way up to the front. I suppose Salisbury will take me off the new stretcher work and put me on the Staff car but I hope not. All accounts of the section were turned over to me yesterday and I worked until late last night straightning the March account out. We have heard today that Kipling has been removed from his office but the report is not authentic.

Friday April 2-1915.

Huffer left this morning for Paris with #64. Walden went to Paris last night but will return in a day or two. We finished fixing over two cars for the third stretchers today, we all worked like beavers. Fallon went to Landon on an urgent call to-night on the 8:02 I think that is the last we will see of him because he will go back to the U. S. A. Evidently some big movement is on because it now takes anywhere from 3 to 5 days to get a telegram from Paris. We received a telegram from Paris today saying that Lowell could stay here.

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Work on the cars was continued today and as we were all working nothing has happened of interest. I have

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put the books in order so now it is easy for me to keep accounts, my duties now require me to keep account of money expended and received, wounded and Malad carried, supply car requisitions, gasoline and oil used and mileage run also to make out reports once a month for the Hospital and a report of changes in the squad, number of cars in condition to run, how many things we will need to continue the cars in service, gas, oil tires etc, once every ten days on the 7th and every ten days to Capitaine Neumager who is chief of transportation so my evenings are sometimes the busiest part of the day.

Sunday April 4-1915.

Was again put in charge of the morning watch and could not go to the Easter service in the Cathedral as I should have done. One of the men, Boyce, got gloriously drunk tonight stayed out all night, I think Ned will send him back to Paris when he shows up again. Rains very hard here most every day and even Easter was no exception, I wondered how the people of the states would enjoy a rainy Easter, they could not show off their finery as they now do on Easter. The East here was

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very much different from the ones we witness at home probably more sodening the war because everybody was very sober and somber looking.

Monday April 5,-1915.

Finished my car today and then washed it all up nice and clean. Roeder I should have said Walden returned from Paris today with #64 he brought a man with him who was on his way to Dunnings section at Paris Plage with a load of oil. Walden brought back a little mail with him, I received a letter from Aunt Johnnie and he also brought back some rumors which he heard in Paris, one report was that the Ambulance had been asked by the war dept to recall all the sections as they had no further use for them and this put our hopes very far below Par but Andrews is comming up tomorrow and we shall know all the facts then so I shall not worry. I wish my money would come because I am broke. Calver left for Paris on the 8:02 train. It does seem as if no one could keep well, Calver will probably be O.K. in a few days.

Tuesday April 6-1915.

I straightened up the supply car today and it took me nearly all day to do it but I finally finished the day by cleaning the

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store room. Andrews did not come up today but probably will tomorrow. We now have another bag of coal and are quite warm. It is raining and cold again today, it chills one to the marrow.

Wednesday April 7-1915.

More or still raining and cold. Andrews arrived this afternoon and informed us that he had a place for us down in the Vosges district and the rumors we heard were nothing but false reports made of whol cloth. I can readily see how things get started that are absolutly false now. I also received a letter from Dad by Andrews and a few minutes after I received a letter from Aunt Johnnie from the mail man that had been forwarded from the Hospital.

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All we talk about and think about is the place that Andrews is going to put us in the Vosges. Nothing doing at all today.

Friday April 9-1915

Two men came up today to help us get the cars back to Paris but no word from A.- Played base ball part of the day then cleaned my car so

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she fairly shines.

Saturday April 10-1915

Went up to Mrs Wheatcrofts to bid goodby for the whole section as we received an unoffical word from Paris to be ready to move upon an instants notice. Salisbury is in Paris helping or rather pushing the good work along.

Sunday April 11-1915

Good Old Ned returned on the noon train from Paris with word that he and I are to go back to Paris on #18 this afternoon the section leaving tomorrow morning early. I tried to get a pass but it being Sunday I can't do so until morning, this will make us a day late anyway but it can't be helped.

Monday April 12-1915

Looked upon Beauvais at 8:00 A.M. for the last time for a long time I hope, arrived at the Hospital at 10:15 a fine ride and reception. We are to go to Nancy I hear but shall not believe anything until I hear directly from Ned. Have been here only half a day but will be glad to see the whole section down here.

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Tuesday April 13-1915

The whole section left Beauvais at 3:30 P.M. and arrived at 5:30 P.M and a dirtier crowd I never saw the dust is all over them in layers. They made excelent time. I am ordered to look after all supplies for the section and to outfit for at least a three month stay without a return. We will start overhauling and cleaning in the morning so to be ready to leave early Friday morning

Wednesday April 14-1915

This book will necessarily be very much neglected in the next few days as we will have all the work it is possible for us to do getting ready to leave. It is like pulling teeth to get anything out of the crowd at the Hospital but with Ned's help will manage somehow.

Thursday April 15-1915

Still busy getting ready. Ned is a peach of a commander and I think that every last man of us would quit if he was taken away from us. He is my ideal of a section leader. Webster comes back tomorrow and will leave with us. We were informed today that we will not leave until Saturday because of a review

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to be held before the French Minister of War.

Friday April 16-1915.

The review took place this afternoon and it was a farce, we were supposed to go through with our ambulances a simple maneuver but it got mixed up to such an extent that it was very complicated but by sheer good luck it finished up properly and in line formation, this does Kipling no credit. Most of the officers stood out in prominent places but our good old leader kept in the background as much as possible and made us all proud of him. The review took place in the court yard of the Place Des Invalides We leave tomorrow for Vittel to receive our final orders.

Saturday April 17-1915.

Left at 9 a.m. for Vittel. Section vis: 86 Salisbury, Webster, Glover and Huffer - 75 Willis - 6 Holt - 7 Mc Connell - 8 Harle - 9 Barclay - 10 Davis - 60 Roeder - 61 Lowell - 62 Martin - 63 Curtin - 64 Walden Beautiful ride to St. Dizier, through part of the battle field of Marne and through deserted and ruined villages, where we slept. 230 Kilos. #62 developed engine trouble but it was only a plugged gasoline line, 75 ran out of oil but did no damage. Fine dinner

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Sunday april 18-1915.

Left St. Dizier at 6:20 a.m. for Vittel. Lovely country roads and scenery, beautiful day but very dusty. Arrived Vittel, which is a watering place in Peace times, at noon. Fast time after a slow start. No orders until tomorrow. Slept in our cars in a Garage. Cleaned our motors and bodies for inspection by the Capataine.

Monday April 19-1915.

Went sightseeing and worked around cars. Had my hair cut. This must be a lively ~~time~~ town when it is open because it has every indication of a sporty place. Cars were filled with Gas and Oil. Slept in Cars again. Orders to leave for Nancy and Janville in the morning.

Tuesday April 20-1915.

Left at 10: a.m. for Janville which is a suburb of Nancy. Arrived at Noon. Our cars are parked in a freight Yard which is interesting but not beautiful. Again we cleaned our cars and motors for another inspection by Lieut. Herringsfeld who is in peace times an expert of the Hotchkiss Auto Co. to see if they were in excelent running condition for a hard service. Evidently they were all O.K. because

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them all. We will go directly to Pont-a-Mousson for service. This is directly under the fire of the German Artillery. Slept in straw on a floor of an office.

Wednesday April 21-1915.

Went to Nancy shopping this morning. A Taube flew over us this P.M. and circled overhead like a hawk with puffs of smoke all around it from the aeroplane French guns. Some of the balls came down on the rails about 20 ft from where we were. There is a beautiful Square and beautiful buildings in Nancy. A French sargent has been appointed to our section, fortunately he speaks English and will stay with us.

Thursday April 22-1915.

Left for Dieulouard at 10 a.m arrived at 11. about 8 Kilometre from the trenches In the afternoon the town was bombarded by the Germans and a few shells fell near the R.R. station killing two children. Billited in #91 with Martin very comfortable.

Friday April 23-1915.

Germans woke us up at 4.30 a.m. by again shelling the station. Eight large shells fell within 200

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yards of the station. Leave tomorrow for our daily station Pont-a-Mousson where we do our work.

Saturday april 24-1915.

Arrived at Pont-a-Mousson at 8 a.m for the days work, did nothing in the morning but took 3 Blesse to Toul, 33 Kilos in the P.M. Practically no fighting today. My three men were wounded two in the head and one in the lungs so my blankets and car was covered with blood which I washed off. Back to Dieulouard to slep leaving three cars here all night

Sunday april 25-1915.

Went to Nancy in the Staff car to purchase food supplies for the section absolutely a dull day.

Monday april 26-1915.

Arrived at Pont-a-Mousson at 8 a.m. sat around until noon then was sent up to the first line gun trenches to get a Blessé with two Frenchmen. My idea of warfare trenches has been very vague indeed. I will not write what the feeling was nor what I saw because I shall never forget it, it is horible. The Blessé had his leg shot off by a shell from a German 77. and he

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was bleeding ~~the~~ badly. I picked him up myself to fulfill a promise to Aunt Johnnie and I am following his progress closely to know what to report. He was a blond French man with a scraggly beard, covered with mud from head to foot and about 23 years old and 5 ft 7 in high, gaunt cheeks that told of exposure and pale. In the afternoon we watched from the roof of the Hospital an Artillery duel between the German 77 and the French 75. we could see the shells burst and it certainly made one think. Stayed in the town over night, will be relieved at 8 tomorrow morning.

Tuesday April 27-1915

We were awakend by shells bursting and upon looking out the window that a Taube was being fired at by French machines It is an interesting sight, they did not however hit it but three French Airoplanes chased it over the lines. Mr. Andrews came up this afternoon with some mail and we are always very glad to see him. It will probably be a long time before he comes again as the government do not allow any one to visit us excepting him and he only occasionally.

Wednesday April 28-1915

Was on Dieubouard duty today but

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was called to Pont a Mousson to take 3 Blessé to Toul, one was wounded in the lungs and about the chest by the blowing up of a French trench by the Germans, another's leg was entirely blown off and the other was slightly hit in the foot. they were all from the 167 regiment.

Thursday April 29-1915

I was on long service duty today and made a trip with 3 blessé to the nearest R.R. Station, they were all badly hurt and it took me over two hours to make 15 miles. Webster started back to Paris today but returned because he must spend 8 days after an application is made and then the application must be accepted by the War Dept and it takes a good excuse to get a permit. We were shelled all day and some times when a shell breaks near it makes on a little nervous because one never can tell when the range may be changed and which way it will be altered.

Friday April 30-1915

Am on duty (24 hour) at Pont-a-Mousson today. Everything quiet up until noon, just as we came out from lunch guns began to fire so being an inquisative American I walked out into the middle of the street to watch the Germans guns fire, every one else started indoors

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the proper thing to do, as I reached the middle I heard another shell whistle and it burst within 200 yds of me, quite close enough. A few more came over and burst quite near one landed upon the trench of a French battery located only a short distance from here but I don't know how much damage it did. I saw it burst from the roof of the Hospital, the French were concealing their position so did not return the fire. One car has gone to Montaville to get wounded from the infantry trenches and another has gone to Toul with 3 blessé for the train.

Saturday May 1-1915

The French started an artillery duel in advance of an infantry attack. The duel started at 3.30 a.m. and lasted for over sixteen hours and at times the French guns were firing at the rate of from 78 to 84 shells a minute, a continual roar of shells bursting, the noise was deafening. We have heard that the French attack gained 4 lines of trenches and a Block house near Bois Brûlé. We were all busy practically all day and in the late afternoon I carried 3 wounded men to Toul. Slept at Dieulouard.

Sunday May 2-1915

The Germans made a counter attack this evening and it was one of the

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most beautiful sights I have ever seen, huge searchlights playing all over the sky, criscrossing each other making the night as light as day then suddenly going out and as dark as a pocket, then at intervals the trench men sent up bombs filled with some kind of a brilliant burning powder thereby seeing the progress of the attack. The big guns were belching forth continually making long flashes as they fired. I could hear the crack of the rifles also the German shells would come over us and burst. I was called up from my bed in Pont a Mousson to go to Clos Bois after those wounded the place was under fire, and as I had to wait about 3/4 of an hour I saw and heard the very heart of the battle. On my way up there a shell burst near the road making a tremendous report but was not on the road. I never noticed that any of the fragments came near me but they must because my flag was broken and the top cover over the drivers seat was torn up. I was rather nervous but not to much so until I landed back at the Caserne in Pont a Mousson then I shivered all over and shook until my knees knocked together and I could not stop them. This was the first night Ned had slept with us here and he got me quieted after a while. After a while I went I went to sleep despite the big guns firing. Barclay, Harle and Ned went up to Montsauville about 2 a.m.

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but they did not waken me so I slept until about 5:45 A.M. They tell us that four of the German shells landed in Dieulouard but did no damage.

Monday May 3-1915.

Stayed in Dieulouard all day. Had my top repaired and got a new French flag. Was ordered out to get Holts car which would not run, he stopped about 14 Kilo on the Toul road and walked all the way back, I found a short circuit in his timer cover and a few other complications but repaired it and drove it back. There are a number of German prisoners in Dieulouard

Tuesday May 4-1915.

We are on service in Pont a Mousson again and I shall remain over night. The day has been very quiet practically nothing to do until night then received a call at 9:30 for one Blessé at Bois Bois. The night is so black it seems as if I had just gone into a dungeon, every little while I can see a streak of lightning flash in the sky so I guess we are in for a bad storm. On my way back I picked up two more Blessé in Montauville, one of them was so badly hit by a shrapnel that a bandage was the only thing that held his brains in but the Dr started an operation as soon as I arrived and he told me he might be able to save him although to me it is rather doubtful. Went to bed again at 10:45 but at 1 A.M. was again sent to Bois Bois and brought back two Blessé. One of

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the French Peugots was wrecked on the road to Montauville tonight but can be repaired easily. More or less artillery fire on both sides the entire night.

Wednesday May 5-1915

Returned to Dieulouard this morning and cleaned and oiled #10 also repaired #9 and #86 springs. Websters pass came and I am very pleased as enough friction has been caused already by his stepping over Neds head which he has no business to do. The Germans dropped twelve shells into town to-night but they must have been small because I did not wake up, no one hurt. One of the German wounded died today.

Thursday May 6-1915

Went to Pont a Mousson to day for the night, a number of calls in the day but the night was rainy and quiet. About the only interesting thing was that 2 comrades asked to be caried in American Ambulances and not French so the call came to me and I found that one was only slight ly hurt whereas the other had both legs blown off and had lost so much blood that he died before I could get him to the Hospital as is sometimes happens. I feel very badly about this. The Germans bombarded the place again this afternoon for about an hour but did practically no damage.

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Friday May 7-1915.

Dieulouard all day, worked on two different cars adjusting them to this air. One of the volunteer women nurses at P.A.M is grieving the loss of her mother and the wounding of her father and sister by a German shell when they bombarded the town today. A few shells of large size 210 M.M. landed here today I think only about 6 I believe. We talked with a German prisoner who talked English and he was very interesting and was very glad he was taken prisoner because he is sure of his life now and the food is much better here so he says. The prisoners clean the streets and do the hard labor in the towns.

Saturday May 8-1915.

Pont a Mousson again but very quiet only 8 Blessé carried. Only the firing at airoplanes interested us today but that is so common that we hardly look up. A French officer told me that this was probably a calm before the storm so we probably will get a lot of work soon. Returned to Dieulouard for the night.

Sunday May 9-1915

Warm day and as we are on day off I cleaned my motor and running gear. We were afterward informed that a Captain in the Auto service would inspect us in the afternoon at 10 o'clock but as all French people adhear to a custom he did

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not show up until nearly four but after seeing us all dalled up he seemed very pleased. The French cars that are stationed here have been ordered away to different places leaving the a.a. to do all the work but the hospital has been asked for 13 more cars. If a large attack takes place we all will have our hands full.

Monday May 10-1915

Another fine day. We have been told that an attack is on tonight so with the French cars gone it will keep us busy, in the evening a few cannons fired but nothing great. The men around here are all about half drunk and this a good sign of an attack. Only one call during the night and Holt took it.

Tuesday May 11-1915.

The attack did not take place as most times the truth. Today is very hot but rather enjoyable. In the evening Andrews, Dr Le Bouchet and Freeborne arrived bringing us mail and spare parts.

Wednesday May 12-1915.

Again we hear of an attack tonight and contrary to most alarms it did take place. The morning was very quiet but at 3:45 the guns commenced to boom and many more joined in so it is the beginning

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of a fairly large fight. Wounded men and prisoners began a steady stream to Montauville. Our wark is in full blast, the hospitals in P.-a.-M. are full to overflowing including halls and every avaliable place a man might be put. We worked all night. One of the guns of the French guard around the prisoners went of and they all thought they were going to be shot as they have been led to believe by their officers. The French gained 3 trenches but many counter attacks are expected so our work may continue for some days. After the attacks are finished we have all the wounded to evacuate to the train in Belleville.

Thursday May 13-1915.

The Germans made a big counter attack and regained the 3 trenches that were taken and another one so up to date it has been a loss for the French but it may be turned yet. Wounded continually pouring in and am still on duty. We evacuated a little during a lull. We ran out of stretchers at 2 P.M. and the wounded are lying on anything that can be gotten. Holt and I went to Toul late in the afternoon and returned 33 kilometers in the black darkness without lights. We are directly sent to Montauville again for more wounded, will they ever stop, I am very tired and sleepy. The

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firing still continues steadily with no let up so we will work all night again.

Friday May 14-1915

Raining but I slept about 2½ hours so I am O.K. again, worked all day evacuating and once in a while back to the dressing stations. Went to bed at 7:30 P.M. was called again 3 A.M. the Germans blew up a French trench and started an attack but we got very few wounded. The Germans landed 4 shells in Dieulouard killing one French officer

Saturday May 15-1915

Worked all morning between Mountauville, Blois Bois, P.A.M. and Bellville. The French started an attack but the Germans beat them to it and kept on attacking all day. Continuous stream of wounded, the stations at Bellville is now full and the Blessé are lying in piles of straw in the courtyards. Stopped in Dieulouard for the night but never lay down but was hustled back to P.A.M. for more work. Germans bombarded Blenod, P.A.M. and Dieulouard. Mountauville is crowded with wounded and no stretchers yet.

Sunday May 16-1915.

Still carrying Blessé from Montauville

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bois Bois etc. The Germans again bombarded P.a.M. starting at 4:30 P.M and never stopping until midnight. On one trip I passed a man and a woman dead in the street lying among heaps of debris and glass with holes in the streets and in buildings. The streets at times are full of flying stones, glass, dust and smoke. It is a wonder none of us have been hurt. The man and woman dead are not more than 200 yds from our quarters.

Monday May 17-1915.

Thank heavens I had a good slup. During some period of our work the French have driven the Germans out of the captured trenches and even out of the Bois Le Prêtre and nearly to Nonoy before the could be stopped. Sleping in Dieulouard to night so will begin to catch up on my slup.

Tuesday May 18-1915.

Weather rainy and dismal but things have quieted down again and we are evacuating. In these last 6 days we have carried 1686 Blessés and traveled between 5000 & 6000 miles. The Germans threw some of their large shells into P.a.M. and did a great deal of damage, one house tumbled within 300 yds of our Caserne, one of our streets is impassible owing to shell holes and debris.

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Wednesday May 19-1915.

Weather continues rainy and bad. In the afternoon I went to Dieulouard and slept. It is remarkable how we all have escaped being hit in these last few days. We have been under heavy fire continually and bursting shells is a very unpleasant sound but the shells passing in the air is very musical.

Thursday May 20-1915.

Cloudy but no rain, had a wonderful slep. Several trips to Montauville and Belleville but very easy ones. On one of my trips to Clois Bois the road was under fire and several shrapnel shells broke all around me and over me. The new men arrived today with 6 new cars. Walked all through the battery of 155 M.M. at Clois Bois, it was very interesting.

Friday May 21-1915.

Hot & rainy nothing much doing and very little fighting. The new cars arrived today with Dunning, Herbert, Schroder, Smith Metcalf and Ferguson driving. Metcalf and Dunning do not look well to me they look like trouble. Slept in Dieulouard and sat up until 10:30 talking with Holt and two French soldiers, Caporals of the 168th 3d Btd., they both have been in active service since the beginning of the war and have

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not been wounded although their Bat'd has been reinlisted three times. They are very bright fellows about 23 or 24 years old.

Saturday May 22-1915

On duty all day at Montauville, hot and sultry, practically nothing doing. Called from my bed at 5:30 for Blois Bois, two couchi 2 assis.

Sunday May 23-1915

Nothing doing all day. This day is some kind of a Fête day with the Catholics and in the early morning the Germans threw a note into the first line French trench asking to observe a day of truce and they would do the same so the Colonel in charge answered the same way that they would observe the truce if the Germans would not leave their trench under any considiration nor fire a shot if this was violated the truce would be over, and that the French would do the same. The truce was held all day. Hot and muggy. Slept in Dieulouard and talked until 10:30 again. Italy declared War on Austria and everybody here is very much pleased over it.

Monday May 24-1915.

Returned to P. A. Mousson in the

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morning and did nothing all day but evacuate. All night in Montauville slept in the Marie on the soft side of a board.

Tuesday May 25-1915

Went to Dieulouard in the morning and had a bath the first I have had since I can remember it. Returned to P.a.M. in the afternoon for a much needed quiet ½ day. At night talked again with my friends in Dieulouard.

Wednesday May 26-1915

Returned to P.a.M. in the morning and evacuated all morning. In the late afternoon the Germans favored us with about 15 shells killing 14 and wounding about 30. Tiré a friend who speaks English was wounded on the knee. Holt nearly cut his throat on a broken telephone wire ~~shed~~ stretched across the road. This is one of our great dangers. Curtin left for Paris and America in answer to three cablegrams I am awfully sorry, fine chap. A number of airoplanes were in the air at once and the German shells were breaking all over the sky but no damage was done.

Thursday May 27-1915

Quiet morning morning and very

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hot. Went for a walk with Holt along the canal and from there a fine view of the German lines of trenches was seen. On our way back to the Caserne we met some soldiers one of whom gave me a beautiful ring of aluminum made from a German shell fuse. Late in the afternoon the French started an attack and gained three trenches with very few wounded. After midnight I was called to Bois Bois and didn't get back until nearly 6 A.M. as it was from a counter attack of the Germans we carried a number of wounded. Contrary to rule the two nations used rifles and it sounded for all the world like a big bunch or bunches of firecrackers going off.

Friday May 28-1915

The French held their position and captured some prisoners also some wounded Germans came in and on one trip to Belleville I had five German wounded in my car. We worked like beavers all day long evacuating.

Saturday May 29-1915

We were just getting quietly to sleep when in came a rumor of another attack so out of bed and service again. We went back to bed about 11:00 P.M as nothing had started by that time. I think

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La Croix des Carmes et la lisière du "Quart en réserve" récemment conquise

Les 8 et 10 juin, de brillants assauts nous ont amenés aux lisières du bois Le Prêtre. Enlevant sur certains points deux et même trois lignes de tranchées allemandes, nos troupes sont enfin arrivées à l'extrême limite du bois désormais célèbre. Voici le point dit : "La Croix des Carmes". Au premier plan la tranchée française d'où partit l'attaque du 8 juin ; au fond les tranchées allemandes conquises. Au-dessous la lisière du "Quart en réserve" enlevée le 10 juin après de rudes combats.

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it must have been only a rumor because nothing happened. Worked all morning evacuating. The last time the Germans shelled P-a-m they killed 31 people is the official report, these were all killed within 500 yds of us.

May 30-1915 Sunday

The attack planed for last night came off this afternoon and we all worked for all we were worth. Many wounded

Monday May 31-1915

We worked all last night and all day evacuatating. During last night 77 or 80 m m shrapnel was continually bursting over the outer road we kept going until it got rather hot then we took the back road and they then transfered their fire to that so there was practically no difference Lovell went to sleep on the Belleville road today and nearly wrecked his car.

Tuesday June 1-1915

Got some sleep last night and feel fit today. Awfully Hot. Lovell took over Herberts car today and he will enjoy it, it is practically new. Did some Belleville work from Dieulouard.

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Wednesday June 2-1915.

The weather is certainly wonderful but a trifle hot. Evacuation work still continues but not very heavy. French have just started an attack.

Thursday June 3-1915.

Worked a good part of the night on account of the attack. Half of the section went calling on Becker tonight I did not go because I was on Montauville service all night. Had a few calls but snatched a little sleep between calls so feel fine. Last week was our record week caring 2319 wounded for a distance of 9000 Kilometers.

Friday June 4-1915

Cleaned up #10 and greased her thoroughly the first time for some time. Everything as quiet as a town in Maine. Tonight after supper a couple of German airoplanes flew very low, they evidently were trying to discover the locatation of some French batteries and everybody in town who had a rifle to a number of shots at them but needless to say never touched them.

Saturday June 5-1915.

About 10 P.M. the Germans shelled

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the town with fairly large shells both contact and shrapnel. One sentinel was killed and a number were wounded but as to fighting it is absolutely quiet and we all are getting a much needed rest. We heard this evening that the Germans dropped 12 shells into Dieulouard at one time then later 10 more. During this only 2 people were killed and very few wounded.

Sunday June 6-1915.

Absolute quiet reigned last night. Practically no work today. Tonight I went down to the Place to see the big French Autobusses evacuate a big number of civilians with their luggage and it was awfully interesting about 150 left. It is a mighty good thing because the town will certainly be distroyed sooner or latter. The sun is frightfully hot and reminds one of the tropics.

Monday June 7-1915

The three hospitals which were realy first operation hospitals were closed today by an order from the Medcin Dev. the reason is to dangerous so we now have to go directly to Dieulouard. About 4 P.M. the Germans began firing on or at the bridge but before they got their range set several

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landed on P-a-M. proper and by the hole one made in the yard of Ambulance I they were not too small. Mr. Connell who was on service then had a very narrow escape. One of the stretcher bearers was killed and several slightly wounded. After dinner several of us went down to the river bank to watch the shells land and it was indeed a pretty sight to see a big shell strike in the river and explode sending a geyser of water at least 100 ft. Many people were on the banks of the Moselle after the firing picking up the dead fish. After the Germans finished shelling this bridge and not hitting it they turned their attention on poor little Boosville setting it afire with shells and after it was once well started they continued to pour continuously shrapnel over the town so no one could get to it to put out the fire. As it is thought that town we come it was rather uncomfortable for a time. Two people were burned to death.

Tuesday June 8-1915.

Ambulance I is going to open again for very urgent case but will be located at the old Nativité. The French started an attack this afternoon and immediately the Canon firing

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started we were all ordered to Montauville to await blessé and to amuse themselves the Germans fired shells into the one road of the town doing considerable damage and giving us all with our cars a very narrow escape.

Wednesday June 9-1915

We worked up until 1.30 a.m. and it was the hardest driving I have ever expirenced, no lights and a terrific lightning storm and very high winds and pelting rain. The credit for caution is due everyone because no one had an accident. Harle bent a mudguard by pushing a wagon along but no damage. Worked all day from daylight on evacuating the Dieulouard hospitals to Pelleville.

Thursday June 10-1915

Good news, a fine slup. It is about time the Germans threw more shells at us. Nothing doing.

Friday June 11-1915.

Something is going to happen because we have had two whole nights slup without being called. Nothing doing.

Saturday June 12-1915

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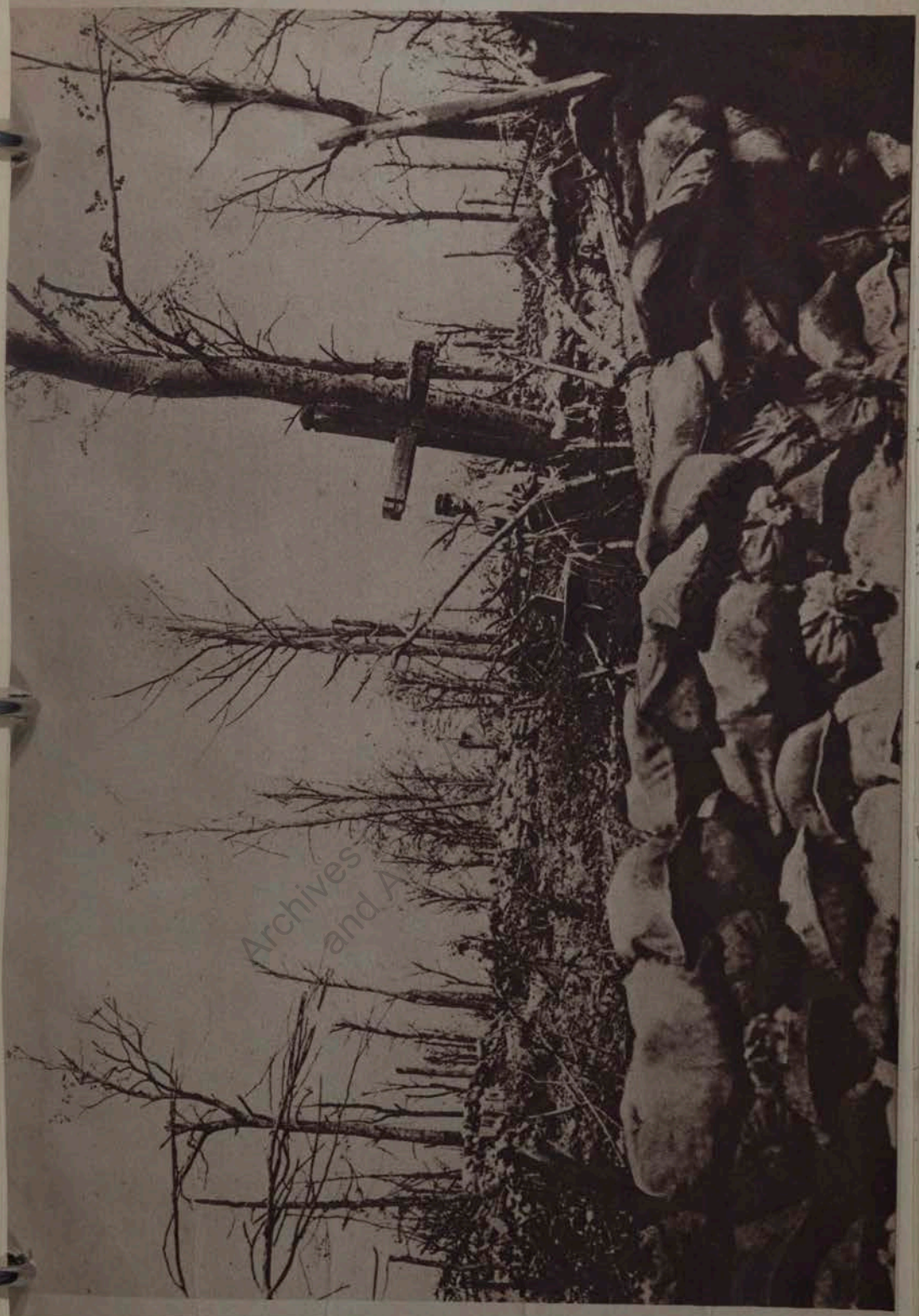

BOIS LE PRÊTRE

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Quiet night and morning until 11:00 a.m. then work, work, work and no stop. The Germans again shelled us using large shells and the buildings they hit were awful wrecks, they also blew of the corner of our Caserne with one of the 10 shells, it hit the corner near the roof and the third floor simply fell on the second. It is a miracle none of our boys were hit as many of them were standing in the street not 25 yds away when it landed but they all heard the whistle and and for cover before the debris fell. Martin and I were just at the corner of the street in a car and we made the Garage in record time. The damage in wounded and dead was very small only one person being killed, a woman, and no wounded.

Sunday June 13-1915.

Went to Paris today for the Pierce Arrow. It was not ready so all I did of interest was to work on it and ~~bring~~ returned it, back on the 28th of June. The trip was not at all pleasant. This diary will lapse until then.

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June 29-1915

Harle has been sent back to Paris a very sick man. There has been practically no work so I am told since I have been away but today the guns are firing again but we have received no wounded to amount to anything

June 30-1915.

Andrew has been here for a few days but left this morning for Paris. At 7 P.M. the Germans shelled Montauville but did no damage to amount to anything because most of the shells landed behind the houses on the soft ground.

July 1-1915.

I made two trips during the night so there were not many wounded although the firing has been quite heavy. The ambulance division of the tent section has in some way fastened them selves on us but they will stay in Belleville and not with us. Quite a few wounded came in today and the artillery fire is getting heavier every minute.

July 2-1915.

The artillery of both sides are working over time for some reason We got quite a number of Blessé during the night and the Germans

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shelled Montauville again this morning landing in the road mostly. No one was hurt.

July 3-1915

Everybody working hard to get a celebration ready for tomorrow. I took a couple trips to Belleville in the morning. The Germans are still keeping up their fire.

July 4-1915.

A beautiful day and everything has gone well up to 3 P.M. when the Germans opened up everything they own in the way of canon and rifles. The French guns going of and the German shells exploding the noise was deafening and we are getting all the 4th of July sensatation we want, practically all of us has nearly been hit either by shrapnel or pieces of shell today We finally squeised in time for our big feed tonight although it was done in sections because many were out and others had to go out but it was a succes after all. Willis got 23 holes in his car Walden 5

July 5-1915.

The Germans fired 6 small shells into P-a-M. this morning but did no damage. Blenod also received its share and 2 houses were destroyed but only one person

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was killed, a man driving a horse or two horses both horses and man were killed instantly. In the German attack yesterday the French lost three lines of trenches which were very important to them also three full companies of soldiers were taken prisoners. The French lost in one afternoon what it had taken them four months to win. If the Germans had made another attack with the same weapons, deadly gasts, and burning oil, imediately they would have surely landed in Montauville. We have had orders from the Medcine Chef to have all our goods, personal and otherwise, packed and in readiness to move in 10 minutes notice.

July 6-1915

Last night about 9:30 the Germans made another attack and from our Caserne above the rifle fire we could hear the yelling of the soldiers something we never have heard here before and we all rushed into the street expecting to see the French retreating down our valley with the Germans behind them but it was a little distance away and they had not broken through. A good bit of work for us tonight.

July 7-1915.

The Germans are using very

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heavy guns and the explosions are terrific. The Germans made another attack using gas and gasoline in the middle of the worst thunder storm we have had. I worked from 10:30 P.M. until 6:30 a.m and evacuated practically all day. The men wounded today are all frightfully mangled with very big shells, we had a surprising few who were slightly wounded. Evidently the French have lost more ground. Had about two hours sleep. German guns still continue to thunder I should think they would melt.

July 8-1915

At 9 P.M. another German attack took place or started but the attack failed completely owing to the French artillery which has been arriving ever since the 4th of July. I worked up until 4:30 a.m. then turned in. Twelve shells were fired on Dieulouard today killing one soldier and a little girls.

July 9-1915

The Germans began another attack at 6 a.m. and we all were called and worked up until 11 P.M. and out again at 8:30 a.m. We were entertained today by seven airoplanes, 4 French and 3 Germans, fighting with rapid

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fire guns high in the air. All finally went away so probably no one was hurt.

July 10 - 1915.

The Germans shelled the St. Martin section of P-a-M. today knocking of a tower of the church part of the convent and destroying a couple of houses. I don't know how many people were wounded. At 9 P.M. another German attack started but was completely stopped by the French in fact they lost a little ground. The French made an attack directly after but did not gain nor loose. We worked all night again.

July 11-1915

Evacuated today. nothing new.

July 12-1915.

At 5 P.M. the Germans made an attack but gained nothing and we were all finished by 10 P.M. so we got a nights slep after all. We are all getting a bit tired.

July 13-1915.

About seven o'clock the Germans fired about 8 or 10 shells into P-a-M destroying parts of two houses and wounding three women. The Germans made three attacks tonight

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1501 Thomas Terrace

but we had very little to do. although they were completely repulsed.

July 14-1915.

This is a French holiday but every thing was quiet until night then the French artillery opened up on the Germans I suppose in a way of greeting. We heard hundreds of grinades go off but the two men on service were able to take care of it. Andrew and Geo Freeborn came tonight and both seemed to enjoy the attack. Rained all day.

July 15-1915.

The only thing that happened was four shells entering P-a-M but no damage to speak of was done.

July 16-1915.

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A Great Many Photographs Have Been Received from German Sources Showing Thousands of Allied Prisoners Captured. Here Is a Picture from France Showing German Prisoners Captured by the French at St. Etienne au Temple.

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The End of the Day's Work. French Soldiers on the Battlefield of Bois-le-Pretre, Where They Had Fallen in a Heroic Defence of a Strategical Position.

Convoy to Havre
Passport to Paris
Wounded at Paris
1st morning in zone Dieulouard
Trip to P-a-M.
Amunation Food & Supply trains
Night attack
Telephones
Stockings in Winter
Priests.
Leave of absence
Mignot
Armored Motor cars.
Sapeurs
Dressing stations
Stretcher carts
Barbed wire
(anchors - ball & chain shot)
Red Cross dog
Chlorine & Liquid fire
Sounds of shells

Illuminating rockets
Bayonet poisons
Grinades
French names & papers
Story of English soldier
Trees
Distance between trenches
Searchlights
Lice & vermin (Black flies)
Wounds
French courtesy
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✓ Walter Lovell

✓ D.M. Walden

✓ G. Ward dec. WWI

✓ Curtin

o Boyer

✓ E.W. Shattock SSU

✓ H.B. Willis

✓ ~~[illegible]~~ M.H. Davis

✓ J.R. McConnell dec. WWI

✓ J.W. Harle

✓ G.H. Roeder

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o Dunning

o Herbert

✓ B.M.P. Schroder

✓ P.D.H. Smith

o Wetzel

✓ D.B. Ferguson dec. WWI

41 names

of which 14 no record
27 listed

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✓ Edward van Dreen Salisbury (Ned?)

○ Augent Fallon

✓ Halcott N Glover

✓ Leif N S Barkley (Barclay?) dec. WW I

○ Rev. Samuel C Benson

✓ Carlisle A Holt

○ Edward May

✓ DDL McGrew SSU 3

✓ Robt W Moss

✓ Wm T. Martin

○ Kipling

✓ H A Webster

✓ Dr Gros

○ Cocoran (Cochoran Sect. leader)

✓ OW Budd SSU 1

✓ J.F.W. Huffer

○ Calver

○ Freeman

✓ L.C. Doyle (Doily?) SSU 3

✓ Andrew

Geo. Freebourne

○ ~~Martin~~ Bergelow (Eng. Amt - auch in Serbia)

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