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Fredrick King

~~Cabin 68 - Toronto~~

~~Hotel de Ville~~

~~Hotel Vendôme~~

~~18 me Bonaparte PARIS~~

~~Hotel Plaza~~

~~Hotel Sela Poste. Bellegarde, Ais.~~

JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 1917 -

Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917.

An ordinary first day out - The usual feeling of long days ahead and many of them - It is new + strange tho' to be going out for war work when war - hospitals of uniforms - seems remote - We have been assigned places in lifeboats & shall have drills I suppose later on - The day has passed without incident - A crew of 254 - the boat makes about 16 knots they say - She is an antique with little or no public cabin space + 200 or so ambulance bays to serve the last to unprecedented proportions. No lights at night + all portholes blocked up. Very hot + stuffy + our cabin being below + over hot pipes for the atmosphere of an engine room - G. is an unselfish & well disciplined companion quite the reverse of me. Only about 25 females of little external charm - Food pretty good. Bulk supplies unnecessary - Very few stowage + no luxes. Main gun under

Tuesday June 5. Res-balen Day. Under  
if there are risks or whether every one will  
do his duty quietly. I rather imagine  
there is no trouble.

Shu shifting - Some tried sleep on  
Deck but early flushing of the Deck  
broke up that small comfort they  
desired. I lay in a coma in  
my bunk gasping like a stranded  
Salmon. We are going E-SE  
I have been since leaving (by our compass  
of course they show no chart) + sketched  
the Madras currents at this rate -  
This accounts for the heat I suppose.

I like all members of the party & get  
along well with them. I think that  
is as well as my own Circumstances  
will permit - They are interesting  
men many of them & all agreeable.  
The boat is overrun with Ambrose  
boys mostly in college who are out

in their first adventure - full of spirit  
& enthusiasm - & ignorance!  
Bugg's report finished. The establishment  
of dispensaries recommended as the most  
economical way of helping solve the  
problem. A link to be done of  
course this French authorities.

Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>

Sea like a mill pond - but  
ought to be more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  over.  
At east long ... Hours it  
cooler than our cabin is more  
habitable than before.  
Mr. Bicknell spoke to us about  
Belgium & Poland relief work -  
also San Francisco & Messina

Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup>

V. Shack spoke about the  
Belgian refugees in Holland - The  
danger of pauperism - The lack of  
system in the packing of clothing -  
Maj. McCully spoke about concrete construction.  
He is a recognized expert in concrete

As expected - June 7<sup>th</sup> - I am  
to be with - Erickson & Taylor  
in Paris conferring with existing  
Committee - A temporary job  
of 6 weeks or so

Friday June 8

Sports to be held this pm.  
in spite of rainy weather. Lots  
of entries - I have lost  
my voice this a cold which  
is the more painful.  
Athletic games in the pm. Some  
good athletes among the college boys.  
Lots of enthusiasm with consequent  
celebration at night.

Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>  
Nothing of interest.

Sunday June 10

Murphy spoke to the boys last night  
- the ambulance boys & crew I mean -  
about their work in France.  
He hit the right note - spoke  
as if he were one of them - &  
told them of their responsibility; their  
duty to their uniform; their privilege  
in helping France; the necessity of their  
behaving politely & respectfully to the  
French; the difference in manners &  
customs; the dangers & temptations;  
etc. The result was that an  
unanimous petition was sent to the  
Captain to close the bar for the  
rest of the trip. (Some of the boys  
have been getting tight & making a  
row at night). Here an able  
fellow, Murphy, with a pleasing manner

✓ address - A man's man  
He left the army 10 years ago  
✓ from nothing he made a name  
for himself. Class of 1903 at  
West Point so he must be

well under 40. I think he  
will get along well with  
the different factions in Paris &  
ought to be able to do great  
valuable work.

Mr. Eudick is my pleasure &  
I like him very much. However  
I shall have great opportunity  
of getting to know him better.

Taylor, too, I like. He is quiet  
& reserved but all right.

I shall say. I am glad to be  
going to work with them - long to be  
separated from Gordon. We are



in a zone dangerous about 450 mile  
from Bordeaux. No one seems  
particularly anxious. Tho' there was  
some excitement when we steamed  
75 mi. gun went off after lunch:-  
by mistake, it appears. While  
Raimy was taking notes. I suppose  
one always feels that one will  
escape - one's chances are good  
and so forth. Anyhow it's  
so entirely out of our hands  
that there's no use fussing. If  
we do get sunk there's always  
a chance of escaping in boats  
or being picked up. It's  
certainly not pleasant but it  
can't be helped. A beautiful

Day with brilliant sky &  
glazy sea. It only seems  
could come back & we could  
pause to enjoy the beauties of  
life! Parts closed last  
night & ~~temp~~ & course.  
A series at 4 with Dr. Niel  
to speak.

W. June 13<sup>th</sup>.

In Paris after 3 exhausting  
days! It is unexpressedly sad  
- more so than I had expected.  
Such a change since June 1914 -  
Empty streets; sad faced people;  
Mourning everywhere; quantities of  
wounded.

To go back Monday found  
slowly. I expected to see a perspective

appear in any other cap - A  
day of tension & apprehension to  
our so nervously & weakly constituted  
as I. But that a blessed relief  
to slip into the estuary beyond  
the phase! I had little to  
lose - no deer on board - & yet  
I am glad, I don't know exactly  
why, that my miserable life was  
spared. The Fleet apparently  
near the steamer haphazard - no  
orders; no adequate drill aboard  
no discipline - inadequate crew  
If the Germans wanted to get  
a Fleet ship they could easily  
enough it seem to me -  
A steamer from S. America in  
sight off Pondcamp with 200 lost  
2 days before we got in, we saw

an empty - at home  
any from it. No sleep  
a heavy night is in fact  
in about 11 were called at

4 to have on paper looked  
at. In fact got above  
or about home about a

pleasant view of them. Only  
undoubtedly seen finished; cultivated  
field - heat will keep back.  
Command with activity - new docks  
being built re

Budapest, for the benefit of  
Rural parts, is remarkably dead.

A depressing air of incompetence  
+ confusion - coupled too with  
exhaustion - Cost was well

On this - etc of color ✓

mount - It seemed like getting  
into the no hope that atmosphere  
again - as if I'd been left  
it the 3 years in France  
was a dream. he looked  
from the quay - few vehicles;  
few people - And there were  
before us many armed soldiers -  
bliss; cigars; umbrellas - the  
nationalities - Russians; English;  
American sailors; Chinese; Senegalese  
to make crew.

Just a cattle in the  
G.P.O. in the ~~particular~~ old  
familiar stone small peculiar  
to French Bureau De poste!  
the window into the Cathedral.

An imposing smell of musk &  
jasmine & orange - the great  
unwashed - The train cracked  
& bumped - Just a  
night as never before.

Peruvians going back to the  
~~Peruvians~~  
front after their 7 days strike  
they get away 4 months. Going  
back again after 3 years of  
it! All ages; all classes;  
all professions. A delighted  
assistant in my compartment -  
a professor de Perceval at the  
univ. of Bordeaux. His wife  
& children sat next to me -  
It is all like that. All

then they were going back to  
purch. death - leaving their families  
again; all says si ce  
pouvaient finir cette guerre - -  
And in this long night journey  
I realized a little more what  
the war has meant & what it  
means -

Paris - the Cullen!

Friday June 15-

Too long yesterday to go on -  
Too tired to write. Too many odds  
& ends - I've seen Seminars -  
Dined with him twice in fact.  
He seems depressed & weary - No  
border - He talked wisely of  
secret affairs that he knew as  
a member of the military mission  
& wished that things went so

Sales factory as appearance - not  
that they are satisfactory even externally.  
Wednesday night Pershing arrived  
at 7 at this Hotel. A  
fair crowd but little cheering.  
The French did not have a noise.  
It was a great occasion - the  
arrival of an American General  
in France. He's got a stern  
face - Pershing. Lots of staff  
officers in unbecoming U.S. uniforms  
rather self important & self conscious.  
No one speaks French of course -  
Gen. Pelletier - one armed - is attached  
to Pershing. A much more sturdy  
& picturesque figure -  
Goodwin & Simons I crunched  
with E.W. today & I did not



again tonight. She was much  
friendly - much so than before.

Monday - June 18.

Friday night I dined with Ed.  
✓ met the Royal Tyler - She  
is charming - an Italian - very  
Grosley (Ed. home for Tubercle  
wound - children -) A pleasant  
evening - Interesting talk of  
Rome ✓ Spain then the details  
is serious - Army mutinous &  
pro Boches

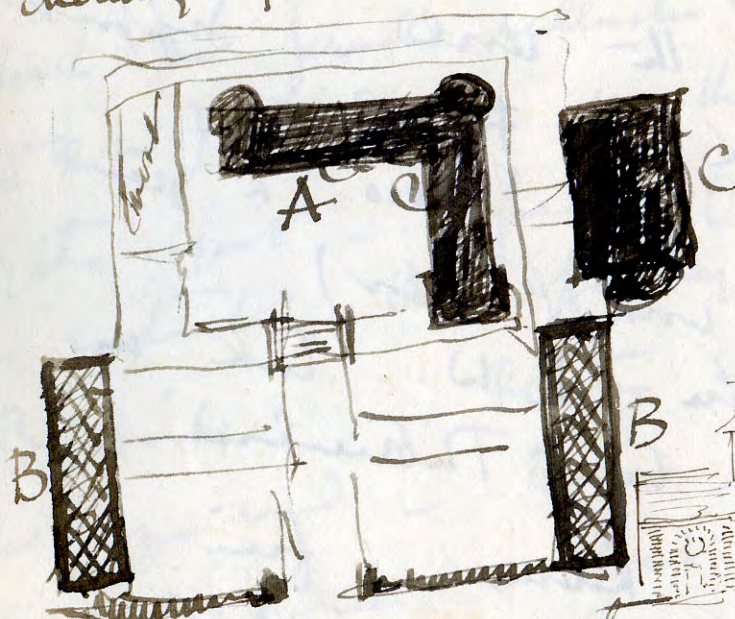
On Sat. we visited Dr.  
Blehin's Hospital (former Orger's)  
of the Av. de Bois - 350 beds  
Small rooms - Fine apparatus.  
He has about 150 patients &

the Fr. Govt is letting many  
come to Paris just now

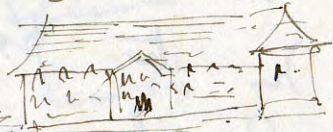
Apart of the patient. Dr. [unclear]  
(brother of Carl) is [unclear] a [unclear].  
All the pathologist of great reputation.  
Bleak has a fine head & wonderful  
eyes - Supreme in his line (but  
with no general culture according  
to F.W.) He speaks of the [unclear]  
of the [unclear] - Special [unclear] & [unclear].  
is [unclear] the efficiency of the  
British. Plaster splints  
is [unclear] used - Broken limbs  
Suspended from - sort of  
Cannage on the bed with  
weights to. Prevent stiff joints  
- starts [unclear] [unclear] - The  
men looked very well to [unclear]  
comfortable & cheerful [unclear] of  
their [unclear] [unclear] - We saw  
Bleak take a piece of

shell out of a man's collar - saving  
his life. Just speed & skill -  
This done a wonderful work - saved  
1000s of lives - & has probably  
the best hospital of this kind  
(suspect) in the world - Support  
from Red X; & Fr. Girl -  
Bentley Gable just \$10,000 - a year  
for laboratory work (Taylor)  
in the pub. E.W. took us  
to Crosby - has Tuberculosis  
near St. Denis 2 houses - fine  
grounds - Clean as possible &  
most efficient. Women & children  
about 60. All hospital cases.  
Cheaply looking car in One Gingham.  
Mrs. Tyler in charge of it all  
under E.W.

Yesterday, Sunday E.W. invited  
 me out to lunch at Plum  
 Menu de Beane, Henri II  
 chateau was Melon, A  
 cherry place in brick & stone



A = chateau  
 B = stone  
 C = Plum  
 Chateau 1052



Originally a monastery. In process  
 of repair now. Beautiful things

Drawings of A Diner - Letter re  
 re exquisite tapestries furniture  
 all part of the whole - not  
 exhibits. Makes me think how

hopeless it is to try to do anything  
at home!

Mr De Beem speaks  
~~English~~ <sup>English</sup> perfectly & is a charming  
cultivated lady & Jewish extraction -  
knows everything worth knowing - or  
at least can talk intelligently on  
topics of art - literature - history  
& politics - A treat for me  
to listen -

The French Ambassador, (Nomen  
Petrov) recently returned from Petrograd  
was the only other person there so  
we had a party ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> course - He  
talked of Russia of course; of the  
whole lack of rationality; the  
hopeless ignorance of the present  
who can understand that there are  
other countries in the world - The  
Russian mind for German means

"one who can't speak Russian"  
The ignorant Russian don't know  
the difference between Englishmen  
French or Germans - All  
they want in Russia now is  
to be left alone - Moscow don't  
care about Peterburg or vice  
versa; nor one promise  
about another; nor one village  
about the next. It seems a  
hopeless condition. He  
spoke of America as the  
salvation of Russia.  
On all sides I get the  
idea that Russia will be  
quit this summer if we hadn't  
come in - from drought &

Copied 2<sup>d</sup> the Ambulance; from  
Summers - all sides its the same  
thing. France is all in - She's  
giving everything - everyone - army  
& civilian - is worn out &  
needs to quit - Or we need  
now with America it will come  
at all right - But its  
hips stuck - German strong  
is our - wonderful growth &  
supplies. The British are  
magnificent - superb army &  
organization - wonderful spirit  
in England - Better for them  
here. Ready for whatever sacrifice.  
Why hoarding here, + food speculators  
and others. An awfully pleasant

day - yesterday. E.W. has <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~ <sup>must</sup>  
kind, though I feel that she  
considers me dull and as such  
not worth while - People without  
special abilities or people without  
superior intellect are merely boxes  
to her and as I fall, without  
discrimination, into both these afore-  
mentioned classes I am not  
a desirable which is quite  
just. At this time, however,  
I am associated with Mr. Redick,  
who holds the golden key more  
or less to funds she needs for  
her sonatina, and therefore  
of possible value. I have no  
education, no knowledge, no wit, no  
aptitude for anything except sloth, no



Social gift - all of which is as  
patent - or nearly so <sup>to her</sup> to me.  
So there's no reason why I should  
be wanted by anyone least of  
all by her.

The organization of the Clearing House  
seems good; the personnel weak  
at least in the lower grades.  
Too many white spots & silk shirts  
& perfume for these times -  
I may do them injustice. It's  
much too early to judge.

Today we visited -

1. The ~~Bank~~ <sup>Am.</sup> Fund for Fr. wounded,  
Mrs. Lathrop in the Alex. D'Elle -  
Very good. Mostly volunteer workers -  
Americans. Pretty efficient looking -  
place.
2. Mrs. Bliss's Distributing Agency  
or whatever it's called - Greeley & Dodge

run it. Very neat & nice place  
They distribute articles to hospital  
all on France - Supported by Mrs.  
Bliss out of her own pocket.  
Wish they say but it looks  
well now.

3. Surgical Druggs - Mrs. Austin.  
250 workers - 55 paid. Most efficient  
I had say - Mrs. Austin struck me  
as most competent & serious.  
Tonight I dine with Winthrop

Thurs - June 21

Tuesday or so :-

1. Orune de Mrs. Fenwick (French)  
run by her estate.
2. France American surgical Druggs  
or supply (Mrs. Consett).
3. Jaccaci - Mrs. Hill - Refuges & supplies

Wednesday June 22

By the way - Hospital about closed.

Dined with G & Bill's Castle

Thursday

Mrs. Scott. Vestian -

La Rome. Blind

Hydes Hospital 20 bed Luxe.

Guoroi Helophone - Mrs. Mygatt

Tonight I am to dine with

Durley Angus. Later going to the

Grand Hotel to see the Centurion

& Mme Comed. (which I didn't

do owing to a bad cold).

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

La Phare - Mrs. Holt's airport club -

Durzee Seamus.

Dined with Mrs. Ford V.D.M.C. & Dr.

Rich when I met by accident in the

club as I was walking out to a lonely

dinner G. bus laid up. I myself have

a rather cold the 2<sup>nd</sup> since sailing.

Arriving to a degree -

Ellis' dress arrives first. Draw <sup>now</sup> the

the cleaning house -

Sat. June 23.

Tonight I am to dine with

Ellis who looks very well. He's in

Beane in the Legation there looking after

the American prisoners in Germany  
of whom there are about 100  
more to follow but not for some  
time. The British prisoners depend  
entirely on food sent by their  
friends. The Germans give nothing.

Dudley Morgan gave a little  
account of his experiences in Belgium.  
The Belgians are in slavery with  
no rights at all tho' the Germans  
go thro' the form of having trials.  
Deportations were stupidly & cruelly  
done. He knew of concrete  
instances of gross injustice to  
say the least.

My life is spent chiefly in writing  
about for orders - rather dull. The  
Chambers House is the one of the  
Red Cross & Beatty is now Director  
General for France; Harjes High  
Commissioner. Our offices are where in

Arch Ryals in the same building  
↳ the Miller. Very nice. Mr.  
Eudritt head the Dept. of Finance  
↳ Taylor that of Civil Affairs viz:-  
Civilian Relief - ) an unkin  
is a general way for both. Taylor  
says he wants her eventually in his  
dept which is my inclusion: this  
I shall like to Reconstruct work  
of course I shall have quite a  
lot to do with it thro' Taylor.  
I spent a pleasant afternoon  
wandering thro' the Luxembourg Gardens -  
catching the little birds in the bushes or  
Pescade & Lazz. Nothing to do but  
enjoy the surroundings "drink the sun".  
in a certain melancholy - Lots of  
people in the gardens but not the  
number of Black-headed gulls perching  
with their offspring in a totally unself-conscious  
way that there used to be.

I saw Miss De Vartey yesterday for a  
minute - She left today for America  
to take up his Diplomatic post again.  
I'm very much to have come & speak  
of him like this. He looked well but  
rather sad I thought - No wonder -  
Jesse Carter blew in from Rome  
fat & white spotted & ~~was~~ -  
He wants to get an <sup>seeing</sup> ambulance for the  
Italians. A bully returns I think  
but we are ~~as yet~~ disorganized.

Monday - June 25.

Sat. night G. & I visited the  
Cave du Nord, the Gare de l'Est &  
" de Lyon to see how many  
prisoners slept about on the pair.  
And the stations than during allmo-  
day from 200 to 400 but in  
summer the soldiers prefer to sleep  
out in the open rather than have  
the trouble of getting the necessary food.  
No decent system of giving information -  
Some red trouble - lack of proper method

a organization - Rather an interesting  
evening - In line out from 10 to 1.30 -  
talking with officers, agents, & police - At  
the Gare de l'Est we saw a "cross  
section of bitterness" - a poor woman,  
whose husband has been arrested for  
mutilating her, weeping - begging for  
release - He has been wounded in  
the head & has some other crazy  
or not responsible.

Sunday I went to church; lunched  
with B.W. at in the Bois; with a  
report on the previous night's researches  
and dined with Ellis. A quiet-  
& pleasant day which I enjoyed. I was  
made for an obscure people, existence  
in a dull provincial town in the South?  
Ellis had an interesting 17 day, in Vienna  
when the contrast to Berlin was marked -  
The war is not so present - the  
atmosphere is lighter & sager. The Austrians  
frankly hate the Boches - don't hesitate  
to say so. Ford short & quiet  
exhaustion; - his first visit was in general.

Today I visited with G. the Buis etc  
De Blensi which provides comfort  
& food to the wounded who get  
fresh milk treatment in the military-  
hospital where my tent is run by milk  
& a man is nearly a number.  
They do a lot of good - perhaps not  
vital. I lunched with the

Ch. & Jean D. Bismont. He runs  
ambulance section for the Fr. Red Cross  
& wants to cooperate with the A.R.C.  
He has 36 taxis & surgical cars (operating  
rooms) & also provides Donkeys for the  
soldiers. Sound excellent. Both

very charming in the French style -  
The Ch. is going to take me to the Front  
on Sunday to see his work there.

Buyer to be most interesting  
We went (E.T., r1) to the G. Palais with Beny  
to see the military school there - Most  
excellent. The men are taught to read; also  
Eng. shorthand & typing.



Wednesday June 27.

Lunched with Ellis - Out this afternoon  
with E. W. to see Lee Hotel; restaurant  
& miscellaneous bureau & grocery shop there  
I met Mr. Cameron. John called  
on Helen - Black who was a little  
relief of his own for the benefit  
of 500 odd soldiers on the front.  
He wants no help - only to be left in  
peace.

Yesterday, Tuesday, I dined with Apple-  
Taylor & Goodwin & went to see "M. Chase" -  
a very poor comedy of the usual type.  
Brennan pleased me much, however, as  
of old. Visited the Ocean Shore Hotel.  
& the B.A. Comité - little else.  
I am sick of the Pullman & want to  
move. Expenses huge & returns inconsiderable.

Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>

I seem to have let some days slip  
by without keeping up my diary - for  
the best of reasons. My days have been

Talk -  
I visited the Ourni de la Cour Carillon this  
an - initial work; much in scope  
but whole. The rest of the day  
is quiet inactivity.

I really haven't done a useful thing  
since I've been in Paris - My time  
has been pleasantly empty spent but  
certainly not particularly usefully. I have  
Paris - I don't think I ever saw it  
look more beautiful - the river - the  
bridges; the ever changing place de la  
Concorde. It's just a delight to  
wander through the streets.

Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> JULY

Rain + cold ushered in what should be real  
Summer! Seminars + G. I went out to the  
Tues to lunch at Val Mont. Mr. Mess T,  
Mrs. Blacque + Mrs. Joffroy ourselves. In the real  
"Colony" - A house in Swiss taste with manicured  
grounds that remind one of an Hotel Swiss hotel -  
T's arroy kind - ordinary but simple with great wealth  
without show. Eat + drink of the best - he  
walked on the place + admired the Concorde  
bridges + Swiss statues + greenhouses with orchids  
+ apricots. An atmosphere of gossip +  
rather low grade mentality - a contrast to E.W.'s  
mildness + a more human one.

July 2. !!

July 3rd 1917.

Winthrop, Beaumont, and I left Paris yesterday morning in a big, old Peugeot, for Soissons by way of Meaux. A beautiful day; the country too lovely for words; the woods still in their spring freshness; nature claiming her rights as it were. As we tore along the white ribbon of road it seemed impossible that war was raging only a few miles away. However as we drew near to Soissons we began to see some ruined houses, abandoned trenches and lots of graves by the wayside. Soissons is badly knocked up; the Cathedral pretty well ruined; many houses completely destroyed and many more partially ruined. But the thing that most impressed one was the emptiness of the place; une ville deserte. A few soldiers; not a civilian, not a one. Soissons is about 12k. from the front and still subject to long range bombardment at too frequent intervals to permit the civil population to return in safety.

From SOISSONS we ran east to Vailly, three kilometers south of which Beaumont has a field hospital of 350 beds. We lunched with the staff of the hospital, which is, by the way, in construction, at the edge of a thick wood; and a delicious lunch it was, too, with two meat courses, though it was a meatless day, and three kinds of wine, and salad and cheese and fruit, served with occasional changes of plates; altogether luxueux. The hospital has a main reception tent, divided up into compartments, where the wounded are classified and distributed according to their condition. Behind this tent are three smaller ones in which the cases are prepared for operation; in the rear again are the three operating rooms, the sales de radio graphie, etc.; and then the necessary kitchens etc. and the wards holding 20 each disposed to one side. All very complete and well arranged it seemed to me. After a long visit we left for Oeuilly by way of Vailly again to see the canteens which serve the very front

line trenches. The road from Vailly to Oeuilly runs roughly parallel to the famous Chemin des Dames, where fierce fighting is going on, at a distance of from 3 to 5 kilometres; so we heard a loud cannonade and passed a number of French batteries blazing away, while overhead a line of little white puffs of shrapnel showed us the course of an, to the naked eye, invisible avion. Very thrilling as a first experience. We passed through a company of Poilus wearing gas masks and looking like nothing human. At Oeuilly we inspected the canteens which supply hot coffee to the troops: moving kitchens really. Beaumont has 11 only; there should be thousands.

Next to Fismes along the ever camouflaged road and then on to REIMS! We came into the town from the west and could see the Cathedral from a long way off, eight kilometres or so, its towers pink in the late afternoon sun. It looked as of old and I wondered why people had raised such a row over its ruin. It wasn't really till we got actually into the Place that we realized what had happened. The main shell is standing intact; towers, buttresses and all but the detail is gone. It is as if a gigantic file had been passed over the surface; the facade looks like a badly focused photograph; a mass without definition. All the glass is gone; most of the tracery is blown out; some of the vaults have big holes through them so that, since the roof is burned off, one sees the sky overhead. The masonry is badly burned and calcined; it's altogether a deplorable sight. Big shell holes of about 30 feet in diameter are here and there in the place; the Hotel du Lion d'Or is badly shell marked but the statue of Jeanne d'Arc, pedestal, rail etc., is absolutely unscathed; not a scratch. Really miraculous.

We went on to St. Remy which is in pretty good shape com=

paratively. One of the windows in the apse is completely blown away but apart from this the church is uninjured. As we were leaving St. Remy we heard the strange, to me, sound of an arriving shell; a long whistling note followed by a loud explosion. Half a kilometer away they said. Three shells we heard before we got across the river on our way back to Paris; it was rather a relief to get out of range. And yet there are about 7000 people still staying on though the Huns drop shells every day in the town and there isn't a street that hasn't got at least one house completely wrecked!

Reims is a city of the dead; absolutely silent except for the occasional shots from the French 155s or the rarer Boche shells; grass growing between the cobles <sup>b</sup> in the streets; now and then a solitary figure stealing, with a hunted look, out of one doorway and darting across the street into another. I never felt such a depressing atmosphere, such desolation. It was all too sad for words. Reims will remain forever a monument to the senseless barbarity of the Germans; the epitome of frightfulness.

We left the town about six and passing by Dormans, Château-Thierry and Meaux got back to the hôtel in Paris in just under three hours, racing like mad all the time. A mighty interesting day which brought me, for the first time, within the fringe of battle and showed me to some degree the destructive power of modern artillery. Next Saturday M. de Beaumont is going to take me to the Champagne secteur to see more of his formations. It's quiet there now so I imagine my experiences will be dull compared to my first visit to the zone des armées.

July 4.

The American Embassy in Paris.

July 9<sup>th</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>.

I lunched with Miss Emily Thebener and met  
the Goss & Mrs. Fredrick Palmer. Very  
pleasant & quite interesting. At  
3 Ch. De Beaumont called for breakfast  
& we took us to Chalons for the  
night at the Hotel Gde Montre Meri Dei  
A former - lucky radiator - held us up  
for 1/2 an hour - rather a lot  
light. Chalons lies in a very bare  
country. We expected an air raid  
as Espinoy had been bombed the  
night before but nothing happened. Beaumont  
is most amusing talking in a strange  
way - his scepticism - about Russia & the  
war in general. He told us among  
other things how smothered with Danes

in Roumenie I think, he saw 3  
Russian soldiers fall into the river  
down - then he asked the officer  
why he didn't do anything to save  
them the answer was "il y en a  
tant!" he wandered around  
in the dark through the gardens & then  
set in the court of the hotel & listened  
to Beaumont.

July 8.

We left about 9 with M. de St. Blanquet  
& ran first to Sr. Rémy ex Chaupagne  
where are a group of Donkeys and a  
certain supply base under M. Rousseau  
Hot shower baths are supplied for the  
soldiers - excellent. We met 2 commandants  
attached to the General of the 4<sup>e</sup> Armée  
whose headquarters are at Sr. Rémy -  
Thence to Mergemoulin where are Donkeys  
Laundries & a certain under Sr. Blanquet,  
Léon de Guise & M. de Sr. Chanost - Four  
lines about 3 k. away - Troops seem  
going in route - 1500 actions - 2 or  
we lunched in Sr. Blanquet's boat port

a English good lunch it was. Next to  
Nantua - to see the Groupe Complémentaire  
de Chirurgical et under the charming  
M. J. Aubry as <sup>elder</sup> ~~elder~~ Recruteurs -  
A field hospital in a chateau - he  
has a lot of grand blessés - poor patient  
Dards with limbs gone - Cheerful &  
brave & pathetically interested in the course  
& progress of our troops. Those who are  
well - better - are anxious to show their  
wounds & stumps & their medals - Interesting  
& painful. This section been Snippets  
in a box or for gas so they  
have in nests. The new gas is invisible

& very deadly -

Especially he went west to St. Hilain  
& a kilometre beyond where he left the  
car & went up this the - bought to see  
a certain a premier lignes - he must have  
gone about 2 k. This the - zigzag of  
tranches - finally arrived at the centre which  
seems out coffee, cross, bundles & lemons  
to the men in the trenches - he talked  
to a lot of pupils - how common are



ground force was better; believe it or  
no the Chinese it best for man's  
True morale = great interest in American help.  
Wonderful spirit. I hope of my bet.  
to them - There is a feeling of equality -  
I covered ships ~~then~~ when you know that  
any moment a shot shell may finish  
you off - all of you - The  
certainties do give them a lot of comfort  
I got them they need it!

It was a "quiet day" - his column.  
To me it seemed a fierce bombardment  
the big base ~~was~~ in rear of us making  
a mo; the shell whistling overhead.  
I was tempted - being a coward - was  
tempted to jump into the motor &  
put miles between the Germans & myself.  
An interesting day - I was much impressed  
with the certainties that shall be  
multiplied eventually throughout all  
Army Corps.

The Champagne is flat & bare & was  
won from the battle of 14 - 15 -  
Villages totally destroyed; lines of abandoned  
huts; few remnants; baked wire -  
Spans by the 1000 - Desolate & depressing

Most supply camps - munitions dumps  
artillery parks - barracks for troops ex  
répos - 1000s of Camions. Dead  
activity - Roads in good shape - gangs  
at work everywhere with steam rollers.

Fields being cultivated but no women  
within 12 k. or so of the front -

I doubt the whole business worthwhile.

July 10.

Lunched with Alfred Greenough tonight  
on the Hamard on 2 days leave. He  
knows nothing of interest about home  
matters -

Mr. Endicott tells me  
he hears from reliable sources that a  
new German retreat is frustrated -  
De suis sceptique.

July 11

met with C. G. J. - Mrs. Cameron,  
the Misses, the Chamberlain - Miss Charles -  
Pleasant - amusing - W. C. - talked  
about the R.C. Church in New York  
says he liked it too much to go  
into it!

Newborn arrived by arrangement as  
he was in the city next month - took  
the precaution of health - went to go  
into the - an - Tribune N.Y. force  
by all means - no definite

information available -  
went to see "Madame et son Filles"  
with Taylor, Hoppin & Co. Taylor says  
is a good party - the play is  
funny à la Comedie Française.

July 12 -

"La nuit folle" with Wendell - A new  
affair in complete on the same theme

July 13

A new dog - getting established at

the new building - luncheon  
with Hans Muller & Mrs. Cameron  
and dined at the Beaumonts -  
Monsieur - Madame - & Marguerite  
out in the delightful garden. Charming, esp  
of Courmoulin, let's hit. So write to me!  
July 15.

To Varan with Melnick, Rabot, & G.  
A walk in the Marne & lunch with  
the 5 women - Very delightful -  
Applied to Versailles for let -  
show thru the allees after worshipping  
the Louis XIII wing - Back to  
Dine at Visin's with Mrs. Charles &  
little Evelyn. Lots of talk about  
the French fashion & desire to quit.  
Prize of Legat George as the one big  
show, best, understanding men of the  
day. Discussion of the "Bonnet Rouge"  
& its suppression re re.  
The American staff here is pleased with  
itself - its Americanism; regardless of Fr.  
etiquette; jealous of the British. Some of the

Officers speak French but do any know  
anything of French in conventional way &  
methods of thought - Nor do they want to.  
The trouble with our Officers is that they  
are mostly specialists with no general education  
or cultivation; self satisfied & self confident  
scornful of an other civilization than their own  
unwilling to take advice or to profit  
by the experience of others. They  
will learn to appreciate the British before  
they get through & perhaps the value  
of history & political development.

July 16

A delightful evening stroll with the symphonette  
G. thro' the Tuilleries under the Arc  
de la Courbe over the Pont des Arts &  
back along the river to the left bank.  
Exquisite fading light & a varied cloudy  
sky. A sense of repose & peace.  
Paris is very quiet; the atmosphere of  
the left bank seems to have spread  
all over the city.

July 18

Nothing much.  
I dined with Mrs. Thekunen at the  
Jallie Helene Fisk; Miss Fraser, Emerson  
and his step son Muffet, and Alec  
Sedgwick. Pleasant enough.  
Miss Fisk Fraser being home shortly -  
after a year at Kaitiaki.

July 19.

Long & wavy day.

I called on Mrs. Thomson she was a  
little nervous of her own few possessions.  
A friend, wife, middle-aged, person, an artist  
full of anecdote, who wants Red & help.  
McCullough is back the feud with Ford  
gone on. M.C. is a vain, small minded,  
good natured little ass and Ford is a cold,  
calculating, middle class & taste individual who  
knows what he wants, but is without tact.  
He pushes ahead on everything ruthlessly.  
Who will win out, Ford loses. The Dept.  
is important meanwhile. It doesn't look as  
if any reconstruction work will be done &  
our activities may be confined to hospitals & castles.

alone. I am ~~happy~~ disjuncted with my  
inactivity - Bound to death. To sit  
round all day doing nothing I can get on my  
knees a bit -  
What the eternal question - When will the war end?

I heard this from today -  
Absolute Confidence here I hope  
But my Aunt's ~~brother's~~ charwoman's sister's son  
Heard a policeman on his beat  
Tell a maid in Downing Street  
That he had a brother who had a friend  
Who ~~had~~ <sup>KNOW</sup> when the war was going to end!

July 24.

Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> - G. & brother, I went out to  
St. Germain by train - It takes an hour in a  
crowded train - Lunched at the terrace in a nice  
little restaurant the Pavillon Henri being closed for  
the war period - A cool fresh clear day -  
Alvin - we lunched leisurely - so hot! -  
& smoked leisurely - then started about this the  
foret - Quiet & peace here. A  
from Thursday day set at the next table at  
lunch - To think of the years ahead!  
Back to Paris and a quiet dinner at the hotel.  
& find I like dining at home better and better.

Thursday July 24.

A new Dept. is formed called Architecture. Ford  
at the head; Emerson his assist & a  
third to boss the drawing and direct  
the day work of the Bureau. Mr. Meen  
attending to all the detail. How I loathe  
detail! I am lazy, indifferent & incompetent -  
I hate responsibility & trouble. And yet there  
is a sort of conscience about things. I love  
to let others do my work. I don't  
seem able to grasp things easily - my mind  
is dull & sluggish -

The time is very depressing. I see no  
light. Russia has disheartening - Retreat; disorder  
making. Nothing can be expected in that  
quarter. The Germans are attacking the Chemnitz  
Des Dames furiously; the promised English  
offense doesn't come off. My hopes of  
the end coming in the spring are vanishing -  
A year from next fall? Why on earth should

I think so?

Goodwin has gone to Norway with Wybo -  
I don't know when he'll be back. I miss his  
broadening perspective & his unsympathetic (to my  
blue moods) attitude.

Hydr was cut down today from his section when  
he is bound to death. He'd have little light



on any subject beyond expressing his coaching -  
It is quite general - & the war.

Bill Emerson I like immensely; Ford well  
enough. His wife is very friendly to me - almost  
as if she were making a point of it - but  
I rather think it is her general manner.

Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> July

Rumours of a Smith Commission in  
the American staff rather upset me.  
I should like to be in the Regular Service  
but I doubt if there is a real chance  
of getting as good a job as mine in  
the Red Cross. And in the Red Cross  
I don't amount to anything - a mere  
drumsticker and a poor one to boot!  
Ford is wholly out for himself - pushing and  
selfish to a degree. I never saw a  
more unattractive individual negatively.

Wednesday, it was I think, Hoppin took me to  
the Foreign to see the Marquis de Prada as a  
box had been given him by Duplos who played the  
hill role. A play of mistresses & villainy which  
bored & disgusted me. Before the acts he visited  
McAllen Duplos in the cage - A box on the  
stage. Now she was quite pretty & attractive -  
Her hair was dyed raven & her heels were high.

The Russians go on retreating falling back  
to the Dniester. Certain regiments in Galicia  
are offering a determined resistance to the enemy  
but a large part of the army continues  
to obey orders.

The French - the  
gallant 152<sup>nd</sup> Foot - keep the Croon plateau  
against the furious Hun onslaughts - The Germans  
hope to head the march of the French, knowing  
it to be less of terrific attacks in front  
and clever propaganda in the rear.  
The submarine has fair success - 22 boats  
lost since 1 Jan & 7 on the previous week.

Altogether things don't look very bright  
these days.

Thursday Augt 2<sup>nd</sup>

I have been reflecting the day terribly &  
in a few of the habit growing on me.  
Of interest let's think what's happened -  
Friday & Saturday nights air raids -  
Pompoms rushing thro' the streets making  
a hellish noise with their engines -  
The sky alive with airmen lighted up  
and searchlights searching the sky -  
No Boches! They dropped some bombs

in the outskirts doing no damage.  
Air defenses are admirable; I doubt if  
the Germans will try again soon.

On Sunday <sup>August</sup> Q. - Hubert & I motored  
out to Fontainebleau to lunch with  
E.W. at the Savoy - Helen Byrne  
arrived by train ~~rather~~ overdressed - a  
pretty girl in a ~~whimsical~~ islandish  
sort of way. A pleasant time -  
E.W. a great one full of stories -  
She took us to Courances after lunch  
(after a terrific downpour) Mene de Jancy's  
chateau "restored" in the 60s in depth with  
gilt - (externally; we didn't see the inside).  
And later with the delightful gaze at  
Le Breau - charming little library in  
yellow & green and a beautiful L XV  
dining room. Beautiful carving - pale leaf.  
Not altogether sympathetic.

Back to Paris for dinner -

Thursday I dined with Beaumont &

met the old <sup>d. medals.</sup> ~~subscribers~~ who live opposite  
the W. on the r. de Varenne and are  
also landlords to Olympe Codrue.

Delightful people of a former age -  
"La Democratie en France est la  
Cervelle" the old man kept saying.  
Their children, Tillotson, <sup>near Argen</sup> together with  
village reburch is totally destroyed.

The lines ran right in front of the  
chateau wh. was, however, always French.  
Now Kingston N.Y. has adopted Tillotson!!

From Beaumont, he went about 11  
to the <sup>D. Dulod's</sup> ~~Julys's~~ where I met  
2 daughters - Beaumont charming  
r. amusing as ever - His wife is  
at Brides -

Yesterday we moved her to 18 v.  
Bonaparte - Happier with us -  
Gr. grows more indispensable - His style

perhaps is the N.B. opinion of  
Hansford tho' he reports me rather well  
his opinion - However I feel do it I knew  
him better in these 2 months of intimacy  
than in our previous 3 yrs of  
living together.

Tuesday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>

Blank days - Rather busy

Friday lunched with Mrs. Walsby - the  
Marquis de Chambon - Discussion of him  
& perhaps few of Ribot after with  
Carpenter.  
The second Balkan question spoken of.  
German divisions - then  
taken.

Sat the 4<sup>th</sup> to Haver to  
inspect roofing felt. 5 hrs each way - Took  
my papers because Haver is with some of  
Annie. Rain & cold. Sunday - peace in  
civil - Monday nothing - Ellis to dine.

How I've caught up to date!  
The apartment is delightful. There want  
to go out! It's so sympathetic + quiet -  
I could sit in the office when there was no room, no  
desk nothing! I was bound all day without

accomplishing anything worth while. Ford is  
an inhuman sort of person - out for himself.  
Intelligent but not my profession.

The English government has failed - I had  
hoped that THIS time...! Russians retreat  
you mean or. Ellis thinks if they  
get to Odessa - the Germans - they'll get  
cannst supplies to get 'em forward.  
And they'll get to Odessa if they want  
to.

Will the Russian divisions be  
hurled against the W. front? And if so  
can they beat back the Allies? In

spite of the confident Ally speeches in  
the "4<sup>th</sup> year" I feel that the Germans  
might still win - It's bitterly  
disappointing the situation. Even the

English can't advance - can't force the  
Russ to withdraw. And all the time  
the submarine sinks its toll.

Switzerland Ellis says is pro German  
since the German - Swiss form 3/4 of the  
population. Possibly the Germans will attack  
then Switzerland as the Swiss will not  
resist. I wish I could see some light any

where. Just all our dearest  
friend so like the French Republic?  
I had hoped that we might end soon -  
I know it can't now. It's certain that  
America must pay an enormous price  
before Germany gives in if ever she  
can be made to. It's not a  
pleasant outlook.

Saturday Aug 11 -

I wonder what has happened to Roy.  
I had hoped to get a cable - I shall if  
he gets his commission - What then?  
G. I am to be sent to Noxon  
next Wed. or Thurs. for a few days to  
study houses + report on the possibilities  
of repair. It shall prove an interesting  
as well as instructive trip.

Yesterday Ford + I lunched with Demersques  
and discussed the Reconstruction problem. He took  
us to the Pavillon Chinois at the entrance to the Bois  
but stopped his taxi outside the gates to save  
the Supplement - And bless us for \$2.90 for  
lunch! I rather think he may have some

axe to grind in the business. He is  
busy & full of ideas but rather boastful  
& aggressive. Ford tugged his R's & spoke  
his penultimate phrases and laughed his  
mirthless laugh at inappropriate moments.  
He certainly has NOT a luminous mouth!  
and is probably the most unsympathetic  
individual - without being the least dis-  
agreeable - ~~person~~ I have ever come across.  
His teeth in his human jaw would make  
an orthodontist squin but his  
few slightest Censes must be the delight  
of his optician.

Emerson has gone away south with Copp.  
We await his return for our departure.  
I dined with Miss Truckenman Miss Dorsey (M)

Today has been without accomplishment.  
Glas (of the Toronto) is here for a day from  
his section 67 called on us this fore.  
I made us very sleepy with his droning talk.  
Swissers to dine full & - as usual - the group  
of H.Q. & the boulevard.



Wednesday - Aug 15.

Got out of town to Droyn and  
Aske to study 3 villages - A week's  
trip - I know more about the  
business than I get back -

Millthrop is joining the Army - Mr. J.  
Archer H.Q. - Perkins wants me to  
take on the Centurion Dist. Mr. I  
don't want to do. I don't want to leave  
my present job - I don't think the  
Centurion work could pay where - Lots of  
tripping to the front - I feel I don't  
know the job really any how - I don't  
want to have to do it.

In review: -

Sunday: Got out by foot to St Cloud  
on foot to Villa & Army; lunch & on  
(walking) to Versailles - And home by rail

A clear; cool day -

Monday: Chedwick, Patten & Hopper  
to dinner - Much talk & speculation.

Tuesday: Beaumont; Sumner & Wetherby  
to dinner. Missy's note to B. who, I  
hope, escaped boredom.

Thursday 16

To Compagnie; lunch Mym; visit to  
Pallan - Mole C. Mont. Rooms  
at M. Velle 25. Pl. d'Armes. Meals  
at Mrs. Montier on foot. Halesy Chaffin  
M. Mrs. A. Verus staying in house.  
Went out to Y & saw the main  
Leclerc.

Friday 17

Measured up Y; lunch with Leclerc.  
Visited Bois de Crix - Arrondissement  
arrived. Leclerc & his wife  
described the German occupation; the  
deportations - the taking of young girls -  
"La jeune fille" - Some of the  
people that up in a house at Rouy la Grand  
for 3 days without food water etc.  
then found one being buried. At  
night the old in the place.  
The books showed no particular animosity  
to the French - Just hatred of England

She persisted at Feb. 17 - French  
prisoners passed upon - knew an  
Englishman - the British took us  
English. Every pile that passed  
and - on next day!

Leclercq's wife was taken to  
Kaukanga and my later relatives  
the Switzerland -

Sat. 18.

Crix - M. Guerin (Acting man).  
Dined with M. Pointier, wife in  
a shell - he reached - last  
with just your people. One-to-do -  
Mr at Crix during occupation.

Sunday 19 -

Finished up Crix.

Monday 20 -

Meeting - Big floor. Main kitchen.  
Acting man 2 for election & low  
with people. 30 people returned out of

Tuesday 20 - Augr.

Finished up history. Lunched with  
 you in p.m. to Compiègne for  
 the night stopping at Amel on  
 route. Heard of the great French stroke  
 at Verdun the Italian success.

Wed 21 Augr.

Left Amiens - T. Co. - at Compiègne.  
 He loves the Belgians; thinks the English  
 are always warring & have no purpose  
 and don't care for the French.  
 He has some sympathy for us.  
 Stopped at M<sup>r</sup>. Thibaut to lunch with  
 the D'Écarts. Very pleasant.  
 Fine fine children here. He looks like  
 an idiot. D'Écart's brother Beaumont;  
 & sticks better of Verne. Mrs D'É.  
 My wife - speaks English well -  
 Daughter - charming - exquisite youth!  
 Mrs D'É gave us a letter to the  
 Caken D'Amiens so we stopped and

Saw Champ - a LXIV - XV Lehigh-  
chatter. Very funny - Fine  
rooms & beautiful things - The C. D. A's  
might be Jews? A daughter is  
Gen. Townsend's wife -

This is Sunday Aug 26 and  
I am "writing up" the diary. I  
don't take with me because I am  
in the war zone - The  
week in the page doesn't even  
& interest - to get in touch -  
Close touch - with people who had  
been under the yoke of the Boches &  
to feel the brutality of their system.  
One feels a thirst for revenge -  
to make the boches suffer for  
what they've done.  
Too many letters to write!

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Usual routine, Simmons, McCornack  
& Stoen to dinner

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Nothing. Lunch with Stoen - little  
chance of getting into the army!

Sally

Wednesday - 29

May Cross; Miss Cheney, Hup Breibner  
to dinner. I was feeling rather sick  
& the evening dragged - for me.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

In bed all day - indigestion.

Friday Aug 31 -

G. goes to Tours in auto! I watch  
him depart with jealous eyes.

The Germans seem ended. The Russians have  
no health left in them.

The Fords to dinner.

18 boats sunk this week - a gain.

But the submarine can't win - tho' a menace.

If only the war could end... I am so

tired of it - even I! I want to go home;

to get away from the atmosphere  
I feel lonely + homesick. I leave the  
R.C. - the office + workers. And I  
see nothing but long months ahead  
stretching on indefinitely. The end  
is no where in sight.

I still like to be in the Rolls  
gliding along taking breakfast - ah!  
the good old days! After the war  
financial ruin I suppose - no more  
Rolls! J'ai vit .....

## - SEPTEMBER 1917 -

Sept 24<sup>th</sup>! Almost a month  
to write up.

Sept 4. With Ford Humphrey to  
Dijon + Dré.

Sept 5. To Chapuy back to Paris

Sept 6. News that must go to  
London to put up 3 German barracks  
Loss + grief.

Sept 7. Left Paris in a Ford with

Rufus Thomas A. 93 of Boston, a friend of  
Ellis; who has been 10 years in  
Central America with the United Fruit Co.  
A silent man who found a delightful  
companion. Lunch at Orleans  
after some Spanish talk & running out of  
gasoline. Rain in buckets in the  
morning - clearing after lunch. Rolling  
open unbroken country. Overstayed horses  
with saddles a foot run in to Jimmie  
Got to the camp at once on arrival  
at Izambar saw Maj. Clark &  
Mr. Frank who showed me the  
foundations - forts and some German prisoners.  
Great relief.

Sat. Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Work begins. Germans pretty good.  
Ceptho American foreman.  
Then followed a succession of working  
days - high clouds - nothing of  
interest or all.



Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>

To Boulogne for lunch - Mr. Jacque  
Revisited Cathedral and  
Coeur saw Hotel l'Allemant for  
first time - Beautiful street facade  
of adobe to make use - Beautiful  
wonderful piece. A very pleasant  
day. Thomas agrees that  
real thing - European is superior  
to American - more thought; more  
perfection - Heard Saxe Wintburn was dead -  
Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> came the  
6 quakers from Paris to put up  
the benches - Also Mrs. Gros (Dr)  
I was offered a commission in the  
Armed - Satisfying - If I  
don't get the Intelligence I certainly  
shall accept. To be out of the  
R.C. & in the army - with all the  
restrictions & disputes - Quelle joie!

Tuesday the 18 the barrels  
came on board before in earnest.  
6 Quakers, 13 men from Chateaufort; Chiefmaster  
Joseph - his aide; Alys (archibona),  
Laurent (muri) Thomas 1 = 25!

Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>  
To Arrive via Bourges. Arrive a  
tiny filthy hole - foul hotel with foul  
clients. The camp is large - about  
150 Americans as guests. Mrs. Royce  
is cheap. No sanitation, unspeakable  
conditions. As the fr. don't find extra  
ordinary - How they accomplished that  
they do without any mesquite foundations  
is a mystery. We begin with  
clean kitchens & latrines . . . .  
Women mechanics - every one diseased  
live with the men.

Thursday the 20 To Tours  
via Selles & Montreuil + Amboise  
A Condy run along the Cher

most of the way - Ambrose after  
9 days seemed as fine as ever -  
the view particularly of course.  
Tour is a delightful place - a  
metropolis after 2 wks at London.  
The camp is small & good -  
Codrington most. Few French &  
about 200 Americans. N. full  
of enthusiasm. Doing well. Hobbs to  
get his brief this month. He can't  
of course - Lt Selth for his C.O.  
He came to dine at the Officers  
& Thomas liked him so much - I don't  
wonder that his contemporaries do too.  
He is young for his years & irresponsible  
but his enthusiasm is most attractive.  
I hope he gets this all right.

Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> - back  
to London at 7 am - stopping

as how at Loches - most interesting  
Medieval - some prisons. Fine  
new - from the the  
Montreuil when there's a fine  
chateau - to be visited in peace  
time. Hope! The Jitney  
ran well - average about 47  
k. for the 120 k.

Sat the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
To Paris by the 3 o'clock to  
see Emerson who leaves on Sunday for  
Bordeaux. Delightful, to come, arrived  
in Paris - Quai Poincaré - a drive in Capucines  
along the river to the r. Brestart in  
the golden evening light - Paris! Paris!  
How I love it! It's been a  
wonderful Sept. A succession of  
fine days. The English

have had a success near Ypres -  
take 3200 prisoners but in last  
Hopper the Hun won't return before  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year -

Sunday Sept 23

En circle! To the office & then to  
the Constitution to meet the lawyer Mr.  
Reed - Sumner's boss - I don't know  
whether he'll take me -

Out to lunch at the Grand Tucks - And  
such a lunch! The Swiss chateau is  
kept up to perfection - grounds manicured  
so different from the French!

The Dr. Watsons; the Sam Abbotts - memories of  
Rome 10 yrs. ago - the Rev. Beckman,  
Sumner's - Dr. Watson is a pearl  
grey suit looking like a grocer & his  
wife like a cook - a Kansas city cook!

Back to Paris in the Tucks' car -  
lovely kind people.  
Thomas to dinner & cocktails from  
the Tours girl!

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and on the train  
to London - writing next to impossible  
owing to the jiggling of the wagon -  
Computer error. Leave. I go back  
to finish up - to pay the contractor  
& other expenses and expect to return to  
Paris tomorrow - to a new field of  
experience I hope.

Mr. N. Cullum, it appears, resigned  
in a huff last Thursday during the R.C.  
night & left. He ought to have been  
fired 2 months ago for if ever there  
was an incompetent it was he. A  
vain, small, stupid, senile kind of middle western  
utterly unfit to handle a delicate problem  
like reconstruction - or anything else.

- Paid off the men the barracks  
being finished -

Tuesday, 25.

Came back to Paris at the 5.45.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Catching up at the office  
Lunched with Simmons.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Lunch with Waltham who was in  
uniform to the first time - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.  
Personnel Dept Signal Corps - Hopkin goes.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Simmons called me up about me &  
see Miss Read. Made out my papers;  
Tad Murphy who was my man; got  
letter from him, Perkins & Emerson

I hope the Misses Jones  
with Milburn for the Michel - answer

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup>

G. back from Lucia to my delight.  
Mail from America brought the disheartening  
news of K's attack & took the joy  
out of life.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

Lunched in the bar with G. & Simmons  
& Wendell. To tea with Miss Tuckerman.

Mr. Council to drink  
OCT 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday  
Lunch with Stearns now has. Sister.

S. won't come here to live.

# OCTOBER

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

To dine with Lelouch at White  
D'Leve. Mr. but -

Thursday -

Barry. Only here to dine

Friday. the 5<sup>th</sup>

I took my physical exam - Lt. Mess from the  
Dr. said he thought my eyes were bad  
me up. A relief. G-1

had friends to the R.C. Thomas to dine

Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>

G. has gone to the Aviation to work ;  
I shall have gone too, but for an air  
afternoon engagement with <sup>VAUDOYER</sup> Vandoye to visit  
Bligny. We are going to do some work  
for Lyster but the Intelligence calls for us -  
I feel as if we were in the threshold  
of a great adventure. The freedom  
of the R.C. is left behind & we are about  
to become slaves - absolute slaves in the  
army. At present I feel enthusiastic ; & also



want to get out of the R.C. where the  
atmosphere is depressing. One-organization  
I think - Anglow nothing seems to get  
done; a sort of paralysis exists.  
I don't think Murphy was big enough to  
swing the job; he's got a great  
social gift; a great ability to handle  
men; a good deal of good sense & judgment  
but I don't think he's got enough  
brains. He was too much influenced  
by Beatty & by Preston. Perkins  
had say was more able - more understanding  
of the difficulties. But at present  
in the output there are too many chiefs -  
too many cooks. It would be better  
to do <sup>something</sup> ~~more~~ even at the cost of making  
mistakes. - At present nothing  
is being accomplished.

News of an English success - capture of  
Brookseinde crest with 4500 prisoners.

Sunday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Out to lunch with Simmons at the Truck.  
Wet & cold. Out by motor and back  
by train.

Monday. Oct 8.

To work at 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Convent in C.S.  
& rather dismal quarters. Read dinner  
& <sup>suspects</sup> subjects - among them Meyer C.!

Tuesday - the rest of the week  
making out card catalogues - Labours  
- dull. Thousands of names. However

much more interesting than the R.C.

How glad I am to be away from 4. P.  
Cleveland. If 2<sup>nd</sup> stayed I should be

how mounting barrels in Belgium - a  
job I know enough about to be intelligently  
glad I have escaped. Tuesday night

Mrs. Churchill came to dinner with Mrs. Reed.

Thursday we had the Emersons and

Friday Mary Tiffany & husband. Mary is

good form but ... a ... things -  
her just tough ... happens she is -

Sat. Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

We are about to leave for the

Grass. A morning of card cataloging,  
r then lunch with Nat Suckling - WPA -  
and Col. Morrell at Larue's.

Major Reed is in town tho' I haven't seen

him. Col. Surmy - our superior -

came in the other day. Very affable.

At present it is gratifying to be in touch  
with the army. Later I know it

will be quite the reverse!

Weather like March. Alternate rain &  
sunshine; stillness & violent gusts of  
wind. Altogether disagreeable.

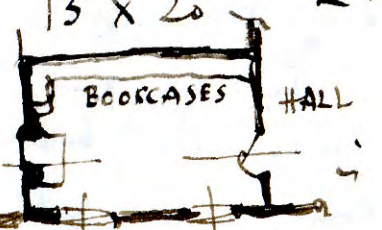
The English pushed ahead again yesterday a  
little. The Germans are getting in a bad  
way. They say they are going to make a new  
peace down after successes before Ymas.

But whether can come of it yet. The French  
want first in how with American help in  
advance.

Sunday - Oct 14.

At the Brean - Mrs. Tyler, Nordalci  
G. A. Very delightful day. A  
look with G. - a show in the  
for with W. G. Mrs. Tyler very  
intelligent; very much an expert of  
political situation in France. Quite  
a good deal of discussion of French  
peculiarities - Individualism. Distrust of  
each other. Unprofessionalism. No unity  
at all. Hopeless Government in its  
form of intense antagonism - in its  
rotten specifics. Wealth by savings -  
"Economic" But so intelligent!

The Brean has an exquisite R.M.  
Library about 13' x 20' L. XV painted  
yellowish green. Altogether charming  
The Dining Room is very fine LXV  
pale leaf carving - a room from Dixie  
stuck - Painted grey. Some very good



Furniture mixed in with complete modern  
stuff - No restoration - A very natural  
house - Lots of V.C.'s painting -  
For some time birds - Miss Deholf's Versailles  
room - 2<sup>nd</sup> (compared) I liked very much.

Monday, Oct 15.

We took, with Mr Tyler, a 7.40 train  
which was an hour late & we went to  
the office - Mr. Debut made any difference.  
A routine day.

Tuesday Oct 16

Wednesday Oct 17

Italian lessons with Mrs. Scivello began.  
She is to come 3 times a week & we  
hope to learn something this winter.  
To dine with Mordecai in the Anne  
Hoch. A most apartment in an hotel  
style with many rest objects & art &  
heavy silver. An atmosphere of good  
food & ease - an end. Whiting  
Werner - brother's bride includes - W.W. very  
nice - a good work - He talked quite

sensibly - quite different to his usual  
literary compositions. Moody and  
- fatious - Withup restin again -  
Gordon's impatience to usual.

Thursday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

Across the river to lunch!  
G. has been making a résumé of  
a English - document a German piece  
manuscripts - very interesting - I saw a  
a work. At present any piece -  
while the German had any alleged territory -  
will be a German piece. And any  
peace conference will be dangerous because  
if terms are not reached it means  
we refer to go on fighting. That is  
the expected piece to meet France  
conference one Dutch - in the <sup>German</sup> ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
take up arms again.

The Chamber is in secret session <sup>discussing</sup> ~~discussing~~  
Ritter's statement that the Germans offered  
to give up part of Alsace Lorraine.

The Malay - Dandel now goes on; Bolo  
- Tunnel opens the further points -  
A queer country.  
12 British ships down this part week -  
About the average; but destruction is  
ahead of production still - Shell  
leads of course in disaster!  
The Germans have control of Basel the  
Gulf of Riga. What are we going to do?

October 19. & 20<sup>th</sup>

A cable announcing Ruz's coming -  
I expect him in a week or 10 days.

Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>

To Versailles - Reservoir for lunch.  
Long day - some windless. G & M  
visits the Villa Mairea - Anne Morgan -  
Egipide Wolf - Mrs Dixhuitième -  
Pelt. Rather charming.

Oct 26 - Friday.

A dull week - Work Station  
No society - McCormick came here  
on Monday to his Commission

Seen distant but Col. Nolan who  
happened in today on my evening  
Col. Swamy also appeared & a  
Genl. Quelenque - inspector General  
Miss McCormick, Miss Richards  
Miss Vanman and R. Pearce are  
to come to dinner.

A great French victory at the Chemin  
des Dames on Wed - 11,000 prisoners.  
17 big English ships sunk this week  
An Austrian Fleet begun -

Oct 31. Wednesday,

Since Sunday when had the Italian  
debâche to disengage us. The French  
Causarship keeps us in course with the dark  
but I imagine that Udine has already fallen  
or that the Austrian advance is unbroken.  
I feel that probably Italy will be crushed  
like Roumania and all hopes of the  
end of the war crushed - Can the allies  
win after all? One feels a sort of



ref against the Italian for running away  
but can one name them? The French  
reports are said to have sent troops.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

When I got in last night from a  
dinner with Sumner, Lily & a nice  
French aviator Lt, who is leaving for Italy  
at once, I found Marked here. He's  
finished at Tours & goes off on Sunday  
to London. He's apparently done well  
at flying & got thru the first  
stage - Cordon - without mishap. He looks  
thin & has a bad cold but his officer  
uniform becomes him. He won't have his  
Commission for some weeks on account of  
office delays & red tape though he has  
earned it with his breast.  
The Italian retreat continues. Udine lost &  
150,000 prisoners reported lost to the Boches.  
Not very encouraging!  
14 British ships sunk this week.

I am making a study of "l'affaire  
Malvy" - reading all papers + writing  
notes on all the people involved.

Very complex indeed but the next few  
days, or weeks, ought to clear most  
of the mystery up. I wonder how  
many of the traitors will really face a  
firing squad?

What a clean woman Mrs. Leoni  
must be! To stand up to the  
Dev against Humbert et Cie. I wonder  
if he'll get into prison himself - or  
if Malvy, Caillaux, Leymairie, Ladoux etc  
will all be whitewashed by the Timonians  
Ministry.

To the theatre - Plus ça Change -  
with N. Spicely + Rainier.  
wonderful good - piece amusing -  
rough - witty.

Sunday Nov 4.

Last night to the Capucines - a  
rehearsal not very good - a theme - with

G. N. v. Simmons + Clarkson Potter?  
The Day has been cold + dreary - To the  
office + Bolo in the am. Reading writing  
+ taking an afternoon - Now out  
to dine with Olds, the solemn bore of  
Tommy's acquaintanceship.

McCormick has disappeared - not to one's  
reput exactly. He is so boastful +  
full of himself + a fool to boot in  
many ways. N. off to London.

No news of Roy.

We are to move from 27 v. Consterline to  
30 Ave. Marceau on Thursday.

When will we get commissioned if ever!

Friday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

Capt. Scott - son of the Genl - has been dining  
here full of stories of the British front  
when he has just been Admiration  
for the British organization, discipline, science,  
tactics + morale knew no bound. He  
said ~~he said~~ he'd never dreamed it possible

that such a perfect army <sup>could</sup> exist!  
I never heard such praise - from what  
probably was a British hater!

I imagine he is a very able young officer  
who knows his job even if he does  
think the French are like the Mexicans  
and is vague about the existence of  
Brussels! He said the British  
"had" the Boche who must retire -  
must abandon Ostend as the British  
long range guns now command the  
vital railways - The British  
take no prisoners. He told some  
pretty awful stories - How some  
Tobacconists who were stuck up to their  
necks in mud were murdered by  
the Germans who in their turn were  
captured & lined up 70 of them &  
shot. Again how a British

Raising party was ordered to bring in 3  
prisoners - brought in 4 by mistake  
which mistake was soon corrected by the  
bayonets!

The English use  
a new toy "the fence" a round wooden  
bar charged with 12 lbs of gun cotton  
which they drop down into a dugout  
when the Hun won't come out - It  
will roll round any corner + do  
the trick of destruction very thoroughly  
indeed.

Now they use also in  
dugouts; they got 800 Germans in  
one recently at one crack - 800!  
Fiercish warfare?

Steel told us yesterday of a German  
captain - all shot to pieces - who walked  
into his operating room - the Airmen officers  
resent this - caught sight of the American  
uniform + turned his back on them in  
hate; his jaw was blown off so he could speak;

was put on the operating table & died  
before Steel could begin - Gott  
strafe Amerika!

It seems to us the lowest ebb of  
Fortune just now. Italy breaking up;  
Russia gone altogether with the  
Maximists in control. Separate peace  
with Germany &c. &c. Rotten  
political state here with German  
agents at work and the Govt. afraid  
to punish the big traitors. Caillaux  
& Malvy seem to be getting more involved  
every day but will undoubtedly escape  
while a few underlings will get  
shot. And as war begins once  
again. Leymarie, known today  
as inculpé & perhaps the Poin-  
caré scandal will drag in others.  
The Caillaux - engineered raid on Daudet

and the Action Française has turned  
into a force putting the Govt into a  
ridiculous position. Painlevé seems  
weak & irresolute.

Walter Gray is here this week painting  
the Salon. Promise my love.

He is delightful - as nice as can

be. Not much news - Pennington

has arrived. It means that a  
batch of letters should be coming in soon.

Nothing of Roy; nothing of our Com.

missions! We move to 30 Av.

Marceau on Monday - a long way from

here - to better offices tho' we have  
nothing at present, apart from the CW, to

complain of.

Only 8 big ships lost. The Italians  
returning on the Plain. 200,000 French & British  
said to be in Moscow

Nov. 15, Thursday.

Sunday G. I took the 8 am  
train to Saumur to J. B. who met us  
at the station at 1 & took us across  
the 2 bridges the island to the Caserne  
where he is very fairly comfortable. He  
was in good form looking well in a  
Saumur uniform; working hard - intelligent  
& Diligent, as he always does everywhere.  
I hope he will get a good job that will  
keep him fairly safe at least.

A long afternoon & we walked down  
the river - in rather up - for a couple of  
miles & came back on the heights by  
the chateau into the old streets to the  
Romanesque cathedral, We

caught a 9 o'clock train to Tours where  
at midnight the hotel de St. Louis was  
shut up tight & we had to resort to  
the Metropole. Monday again was  
fine & we took a motor to Blois.



→ spent the afternoon then pottering about  
seeing the (outside of) the chateau - the  
church etc. - A delicious lazy time

in the quiet, dead, attractive spot.  
And so home in the evening to find the  
upsetting mail - the horrible news of the  
KPs' Daxime refuses.

Another France travelled in our compartment  
as far as Tours - we found out who it was  
by a bust in the Tours museum - it was  
quite amusing in a burst of whole  
acrobatic to the guard (H) over the question  
of heat - with the lack of it  
"C'est du mysticisme - c'est la <sup>transubstantiation</sup> ~~transubstantiation~~

We are in our new quarters at 30  
av. Marceau - very nice offices - but the  
work mostly dull. Constant interruptions  
by Generals & smaller fry.

The Paulsen's ministry is out: Clemenceau  
or Briand? I wonder.

The ship on 1600 tons sunk  
The Huns are across the Plain but the  
pressure at Anzio is the dangerous thing -  
if only the H's can hold....

Sunday Nov 25.

In retrospect.

Nov. 17. Ry arrived at 7. am. after  
a long trip. First ship broke down  
so he went back to MS. & ~~had~~ had to  
start all over again!

He went out to Chemnitz on Thursday  
and came back on Sat. to the Anzeis  
A.D.C. Very good job! He

was probably the attaché for the  
B.I. office with us.

Wednesday bought the beer & the

English success near Coimbra -  
Russia were then on -

Hebrew talking - well.

Nov 24. Col. Alan Suray, Maj.

Reed + Marcus in town. My Commission.

My arrival any day - Alan very nice  
to us. General improvement in morale.

Today Sunday - best in the office  
much with - Stover - no time  
to go into detail -

Tuesday saw Clemenceau's great triumph  
in the Chamber. Every Frenchman  
a soldier! One and - victory!  
Every citizen must be able to say  
"J'en étais". An traitor

to be tried by courts-martial.

The socialists may smother Clemenceau but  
I don't see - I think the country is  
too solid behind him and too sick  
of Défaitisme.

Man asked me my opinion of Herbert  
Parsons - <sup>fully</sup> ~~fully~~ <sup>fully</sup> ~~fully~~ Amusing.

Sat. DEC 1

Another week has slipped by without my touching this book.....

Ellis is in town - is to drive here tonight. He is very interesting about Switzerland & doesn't think the Germans will conquer there certainly not if the Swiss resist. The Germans want control of the St Gotthard but by peaceful means. Ellis says if

the Allies will give Switzerland sheer for his opinion will swing to the Entente and he is here to see Howe on this very subject. Switz. is very

short of food - much worse off than France - & the Germans offer to feed her - & they can do it if the Allies don't jump in first. The

Germans are supposed to be preparing a new great blow somewhere & much

alarmist talk is about

Russian news awful. Separate peace  
concluded by Xmas?

will - Byng checked - 14 books  
back - Maloz held for "Haute Cour"

Goodwin got his commission on  
Thursday, character is heavy was rather  
displeas'd that I didn't get mine  
at the same time - displeas'd to get  
his, I mean, before I did.

Maloz is having an interesting time  
with Col. House seeing Balfour St.  
Gense re - He will look of  
subject matter for a day if he  
has the energy to keep one.

Thi  
Sat. Dec 7.

Sun. Lunched with Druce, Fitz Foster & etc.

Mon. -

Tues. Lunched with Foster

Wed. Dinner with Emersons.

Thurs. 16 ships back. Byng forward back.

Fri. Genl. Goodwin for the night

Arrive from the Marquis de Medici.

Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

She is coming! I'm getting  
tired. Last night a dull  
Hunted dinner with Billy Hoffman  
and Faye about the my people  
out of 60 I knew! Today  
at the office - lunch with the  
about 5 o'clock - afternoon party  
at home - Rain, cold - dinner.  
The Habes - and giving a piece  
Austrian - and sleep but having the  
French - Bitch at time to help  
them. The Bitch has lost  
Boulder wood and about 1/2 of their

Casbah gains. The Germans will  
get 50 divisions from Russia to  
then spirit the Allies but where?  
Macedonia? Italy? Switzerland?  
Flanders, Champagne Alsace?  
Not possible! It will take them  
3 months to move all these troops  
to the West - that is by March -  
before we can get in at all  
in force. What will happen.

Tues. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Last Thursday got my commission. Quite  
unexpectedly by mail - A relief - but now  
the army has got me in its relentless grip.  
Reed spoke of sending me to S. Nazaire or. I will  
be at all pleasant - but must responsibility  
with too little training - I wonder what will happen!

Cabot Ward is head of the line of l. I  
don't yet know whether he is our boss or not.

Little news from principal fronts.

Russia has signed an armistice with  
Germany - Not it means I don't know.

Cailhau has been accused in the Committee  
of 11 then voted to raise his parliamentary  
immunity. A discussion takes place in the  
Chambre on Thursday. An interesting political  
moment because Le Tyge intends to "set"  
Cailhau or resign.

Great need for a generalissimo to meet  
the forthcoming German drive. All countries  
are now worn to exhaustion - all but

America who as yet is unready.

Dined on Sunday with Mrs. Watson -  
Chambours there. He wd. like to see Joffre  
made Commander-in-Chief.

Monday night spent the evening with the Wards  
& Ross.

Very busy days - routine as usual.

The Cambrai battle was, in spite, a pretty  
bad mess. The English paying too heavily for  
the gains they were able to keep.



Thurs. Day - Dec 27

Another long hiatus - Tant pis.

Sat. saw Caillaux refer himself ally in the chamber wh. votes to raise the parliamentary by 400 000 to 2. He will of course make it a political issue and opinion seems to be in well informed circles that he will get himself cleared that the old Tige will fall & be replaced by a Briand - Barthou ministry. The Tige may have been entêté & tried to pull off the coup on insufficient evidence - Anglors the Socialists are supporting Caillaux heartily, led by Renaudel - the "veterans" as Herrans calls him.

The German offensive - one hears - is looked for March somewhere between Reims and Verdun with divisions elsewhere.

It boots down.

Russo-German peace negotiations at a stand still; the Germans have of course succeeded in demoralizing the Russians to such an extent anyhow that they fear nothing from them.

On Xmas - to Church (Dray) - to  
lunch with E.W. - Tylers incl. little Petek!,  
Berenson - Mrs Winifred? After lunch  
the inevitable Rosie came in.

To tea with the Tylers and to dinner  
with the Fairchilds - E.W. Sumner & A.  
very nice evening. However the next  
day found me with a stummickake  
- as Daddy says - wh. today has been  
succeeded by a cold & bed by 5  
in the p.m. Very delicate by the way.

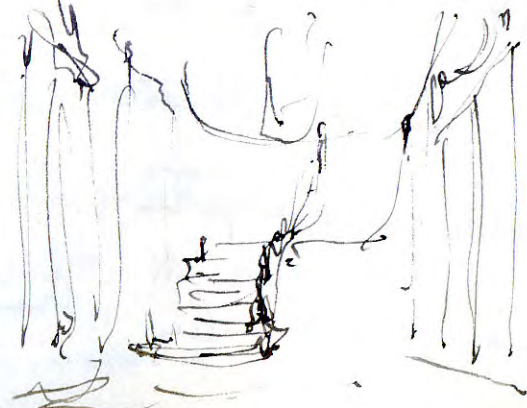
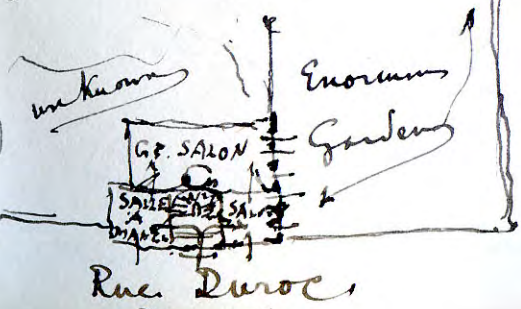
Newbold arrived unexpectedly on Mon. night  
for 3 days been; he had a bad bronchial  
cold & went to hospital yesterday to  
get over it. He was commissioned  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> for LT & expects to  
do "bombing"; he LOATHES Issoudun  
wh. must be very ~~felt~~ damn rotten;  
no decent place to sleep or eat or sit;  
hospital poor. "American organization".

I think any of "these Rere Latens" can show us; I wish we were a bit more humble in our attitude

Our Rudolf is due on Sat - la chère!  
He's finished his "school" & goes to the front (I think) for fuller training -  
Poor R.!

Pretty quiet on all fronts. One hears talk of bad food situation in Bochie but I am sceptical of any good news.

Last Sunday I went to tea with the Allen & later to the Beaumonts to hear "cabrique music". Few people; house charming; Beaumonts exotic but fascinating (to me)



1918

JANUARY.

The 10<sup>th</sup> A long silence - letters  
from home said the 27<sup>th</sup> came today  
the rest of my last entry!

The news came in with Lt.  
Cromps' Wilson's speeches stating  
war aims - The Brest-Litovsk  
Conference is on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Russia's  
military strength as here is dissipated.

Unusual cold for Paris - As low  
as 14° - in the low 20's for days.

Snow on the streets; cars out of  
business altogether. Very nasty.

Office more or less busy; Cabot's band

is organizing and may talk us of  
our work. Future Dept's uncertain

11.000 tons sunk in week ending today.

60.000 last week ; 102.000 the week

before - Pretty bad. Last Monday

the figures for 27.000!

They say Haig is out ; a new  
administration at the Admiralty to institute  
more efficient measures.

Great German preparations going on ; also  
allied to meet the varied German.

Have in line with us again for a week.  
He goes to Port Arthur soon as espionage  
office -

Rudolf Hess at Saumur -

Michael still in hospital

is trying to rent the flat. Don't

look hopeful, however, I am glad to say

Larry with his got his Commission when  
gone to Key West for the winter.

The L. & C. - aviation Club - more  
sketchy to Tours (to the displeasure of the  
personnel of course who fear boredom &  
discomfort but without cause.)

Dined with the Hoppins on Wed -  
Anne Morgan the fourth. Rather pleasant,  
in the club. Frances Hoppin says  
differing is widespread among the four  
(she works at the 15<sup>th</sup>) & she doubts  
if the war can go thro' a winter  
after this. I do too. Return  
the hope about "resources" I feel that  
the people won't - can't - stand much  
more of it - even in Germany.  
Leandals quiet; Bob is to be

tried in early February. Caillaux is  
being examined by Capt. Rep. Bouchardon.  
Stats becoming Maloy learn news.

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

A week or so I can remember: -  
"Mon. Dinner at Maxim-Grimm" - a fine  
"Thurs. night Bruce's dinner here and  
talked for 3 steady hours on the Czech  
Slovak question - the liberation of Bohemia  
Bohemian history - another oppression -  
very interesting indeed. He spoke of  
Poland Russia - the Young Slavs -  
We must get it done with him."

Wednesday in Blank: Nechid came back  
from London - has gone to stamps  
Thursday dinner with the Wendells  
to La Fosse chaise with Rigame -  
Friday evening with the Bruce  
Saturday to Les Bains de la Fosse  
in use - false & rosant - to me

Group has been met with us for  
to see - getting ready to go to Puntarica  
Major Bill is here - usual office  
work - Nothing new - Talks of  
offensive soon. A report says  
that for the past 4 days, not a sinking  
what the U-boats are needed.

Our army is disappointed - Not  
equipped nor trained nor numerous.  
We can't do anything this spring and  
I don't think the war will last  
this another winter.

Very mild day for the first week  
in the 40's & 50's - Some very high -  
on the lower ground - See if  
we can't have a flood.  
We don't want the flood.



Today has been devoted to the office - lunch  
with R. + Tommy Thomas - to tea at  
the Orlovskis - a crowd of people - young  
girls - chicken necked shirts - army -  
razz - A pleasant walk home  
of the sunbaker - a balmy evening.

Thursday Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

The diary has become so neglected  
that I am taking it to the office to  
see if my spare moments can't keep  
it up to date or a real diary.

The events of the past ten days -  
if any - are completely obscured by  
last night's extensive air raid  
which began about 11.30 lasted  
over 2 hours. 20 Coaches are said  
to have been over Paris when dropped  
60 bombs. Much anti-aircraft firing  
was heard. One bomb!

Lead fell - loud hissing. It  
fell nearby at 7 rue Bonaparte  
but did not do any damage - Bombs  
fell on the rue de Meis; on the  
Ave. de France Ance - 2 upper stories  
wrecked but glass in rest of block  
was broken! In the neighborhood  
of the Grand Lyceum all windows were  
smashed. Bombs near Les Halles -  
St Eustache. Papers say 20  
killed - 50 injured.

At all events a large number of clothes  
got sent to Paris & aided the city  
again - again or will drop  
bombs all over. One it reports  
has been shot down; the French

machini en femme altera in the  
Place de la Concorde; aviators back  
Lent.

An alarming, long &  
trying affair of uncertainty. We  
all here & kept quiet in our beds  
awaiting results, feeling comparatively  
secure in our reg. dechaussée.  
A perfect night; clear & cold with  
the moon bearing face.

I dined with Paul Moreillon and his  
wife in the wild of Paris but got  
to early asleep before the surprise  
started their racket.

Nothing must have happened -  
Mrs. Sussery & Mrs. Parker & Mrs. von  
then from Paris - Beatrice Brummer  
went to Spain - John expelled because  
the P. & G. had been indicted & Mary

Did not appear:

260,000 tons sunk in January -  
rather better. No German news yet.  
Rusia Bolsheviks worse & worse;  
strikes reported in Austria & Germany  
with general unrest. No sign of  
peace & little hope in sight for  
a long time. One cant "Dope"  
an end - It may be years.

No mail from home; general gloom  
& discouragement.

## FEBRUARY.

SAT 18<sup>th</sup> The toll is 45 killed + 207  
injured. Bombs fell at 5 rue Bonaparte,  
rue de la Muette, rue Vanneau, rue d'Athènes;  
all along rue Reaumur, at Gde Ance & round the  
Étoile & in the northern quarter. All round  
Paris. Very extensive & complete riot in  
- & riot - the reports on these nights show the

Boche see fit. Flying at 6000 meters they  
cant be seen. I wonder if the allies  
have enough mechanics for repairs.  
Probably not and the Germans can have it  
all their own way.

Coppen Mills Capt. is here studying the  
sect. Economics as he is when charge  
of our section at Hq. Poor old  
"Uncle Bill" is "sick" again. I wonder  
if the General will give him the sack  
this time? It is to be hoped not as  
C... M... could not run the job.

Not very satisfactory anyhow.

The Bruner is gone in the evening  
LeRoy off to Chammont in the morning.

2nd

Though the night was bright &  
clear the Boches continue to expect  
him. Did not see fit to visit us.  
A day of routine in the office opening

nothing of interest.

Bols comes before the military court  
tomorrow -- at last!

The Germans are raising the British  
lines perhaps for a long time  
wanted Messerli? Shikes in  
Germany one - said to have been  
suggested by the government to impress  
allied labor.

Feb 3

Lunch at the Athlete Club and a  
walk with the Brees in the Montparnasse  
region - A pleasant cloudy evening  
+ good sleep!

Ellis in town for a few days.

Feb 4

To lunch with Ellis at the I-A. Club.

In the evening to dine with Gery & Phil  
to the Dame de Chambre, a dig-  
piece - Newbold spent the  
night with us. He told me he is  
engaged to Colette d'Alton - 26.  
centaine & penneles - The storm prevented  
the Count - has not been approached &  
yet - I do not feel alarmed -

Feb. 5.

Lunch with Ellis & Benes at  
the house. Benes' summary of the  
situation in Austria as follows: -

1. widespread misery
2. Bolshevick movement growing in Germany  
Austria & Hungary
3. Strong nationalist movement in  
subject states - Bohemia, <sup>Moravia</sup> Moldavia, Transylvania

On Jan 6 a Congress of 250 Czech  
Deputies was held at Prague under the  
leadership of Kravan and voted the

Following resolutions -

1. That Austria had ceased to exist as a State.
2. That Bohemia was independent.

The Commission suppressed reports of the Congress but no arrests were made.

Bismarck says the Austrian Govt is NOT seeking a separate peace but a general peace as is the case of a separate peace Austria was broken up. Therefore Austria will stick by Germany to the end. Bismarck's ideas are spreading and the national movement in Bohemia is gaining in force. In May a general outbreak is expected. In Prague about May 15. a general 24 hr strike was held as a protest against Austrian rule in the war. The German



Opposition has been delayed by the  
strike in Germany but if it comes at  
all it must come soon as the  
people will grow impatient and  
truce as regards food must be looked  
for in March or April.

Feb 6. News from town.

Feb 7. The Tuscania sunk  
2100 above. 500 saved. The 1<sup>st</sup> - hamp  
the books have got.

Am on the Herald's publication &  
the Am. troops being in line raised  
by Campaign my friend it was proved  
yours or New York.

Lunch with George & Letour the 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Who visit particular exciting.

Feb. 8 To lunch with the Gers.

Feb 9th fine at file - construction -  
The girl a loss Ravens' Planets

also there. Pleasant to always see  
the Goss.

Georg goes to Charentz in the  
morning and N. back to Etampes.  
Bo's trial continues; it looks as if  
he will surely go ~~away~~ <sup>away</sup> ~~to the~~ <sup>to the</sup> ~~gallows~~ <sup>gallows</sup>.  
Maly is shown up as criminally negligent  
in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup>

Feb 9. Sat.

1000's Gamble to dinner and a  
discussion of the mysteries of the I.B.

Feb 10. Sunday.

Work. Lunch at I.A. Club -  
A walk to the El. De Nat. Wonderful  
weather - Day after day of fine weather.

Long, Volney, Peace with Ukreini  
signed by Central Powers

Feb 11

Rouline, Maj. Hubert Parsons stopped in  
in the afternoon - To drive with Summers

Feb - 12. Mardi-Gras / Twinkles  
Birthday ought to have made a complete  
holiday but dear! A fine  
Sunday warm day again.

Major S. Woolsey has given lots of  
passionate "defeatist" talk which ended  
by cheering me up somewhat! The  
Russian "peace" is discrediting though it  
is discounted. Also the talk of the  
German Mission & the British shortage in  
resources, France's exhaustion, America's  
failure etc etc is discrediting.

The NY papers give a very depressing  
account of the "hunk down" of the  
Dept; the suffering in the Federal Camps  
due to lack of clothing etc.

I hear rumors of a request from the  
Berne Legation that I be sent there as  
asst. military attache' but I doubt if  
anything comes of it.

Feb 13. —

Feb 14. The day + happens to be  
a quiet evening.

Great feeling of unrest. The "SEK"

is going to be suppressed this day.

Will this office go too? All over work

seems to be taken away from us more

more. Uncertainty about Uncle

Bill. Great depression. . . .

13 ships sunk. Polo sentenced  
to death

Feb 15.

Uncle Bill has not been fired!

Men, means + Camps are to be  
taken tonight to hold a consultation  
to decide on fate.

Great uncertainty + consequent unrest.

To see M. Legend prefect of police

Questions about a Dictaphone.

Feb 16.

Col. Mac, head of Campaign here in the  
office all morning and in the afternoon  
was joined by Col. Walker Col.  
Droke for a great conference on espionage.  
All the chiefs in <sup>most</sup> ~~most~~ attendance but  
not in the details anything about us  
as far as know.

All work is falling  
away from us and we may be sup-  
pressed altogether — and dispersed  
to the four corners of the earth!

Feb 17. Sir Wm Robertson has resigned  
as Col. & Insp. Staff — is succeeded  
by Wilson. Very serious change  
wh. may have far reaching results

A false air alarm. I had  
Cannonading but no boche! Locusts come into our  
allies

Feb 18 and Feb 19.

Quiet days. Little to do.

Feb 20. Wednesday.

The Bolsheviks give in to Germany  
with the fall of Dniepr & Lutsk.  
Gives up Poland. In the same month  
Islands - £ 800,000,000 indemnity.

Sir O. Roberts accepts command of  
the East of England. Sir Henry  
Rawlinson becomes representative at  
Versailles.

As to our developments. Col. Gilmore (?)  
is made chief of Intelligence Service of the  
Res. Capt. Ward asks to be relieved.  
Trotter made leave. This time  
we shall "go on the top".  
"Uncle Bill" Reed has got the  
"hook" according to Gump Horner who

came back to town for a conference  
today. He is to be relieved  
from duty on the Gen'l Staff and may  
get sent home. Nice man -  
ambitious feeling. A Col.

Preston Brown (B) may take his place  
as Chief of Intell. B. All this  
change is bound to have for making  
needs for us.

It appears to be  
the regular army asserting its rights  
regarding efficiency. Civilian officers  
are to be given no liberty of action -  
their work multiplied if possible. Intensely  
discouraging to us - the service.

Feb. 21.

Lunch with Hon. John Monroe Do  
is a s/lieut in the French artillery.  
He was in town en route to Tours where

He is to train artillery officers.

Feb 22.

A Holiday. The morning in the  
Office but not with G. to lunch  
at Versailles. Crashed but then  
to go to St. Cloud. Then picked  
up the train. A new new day but  
good for exercise. To dine  
at Louise's.

The Germans are taking possession of  
Russia; they are occupied Minsk and  
Hapsal; Petrograd will soon be in  
their hands.

The English have taken Tschiko.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

The end of the month. Nothing to note.  
Germans progress in Russia but slow.



begin the offensive on the western front  
I wonder if they will offer Alsace Lorraine &  
peace will follow.

Very little work in this office - Rather  
discussing. We belong to C.H.Q. & the  
SOR takes all our work.

March 1.

To see Sacka Country's "Dukran  
with the Bruce - Very good.  
Young Priests - Cherms -

March 2<sup>nd</sup> To lunch with the Gays -  
Same sort. She like doing in  
the front - Kind of a semi character  
but no opinion - no sign of an  
extension one. Common here shows  
up a Rumi - Japan is probably  
going into Sibus. Rather -  
Spain's Spain closed from last  
night. I would like since  
he sailed with Truman!

Mar 3. Sunday.

A rest.

To dine with the Hayes at Forts  
to see Cannon.

Mar 4.

Sun & rain & slash.

No news from anywhere -  
was asked to decide the  
Polish question! That is if the  
forming of a Polish Division  
in the U.S. for their service  
will have a good effect probably  
in Poland.

Mar 5.

Bad weather still keeps New York here  
with us. Gen. Egger the Swiss  
and me. Little news.

Mar 6.

How is spending a week permitted in  
Paris - Messrs. has going to Bern  
with Embassy of notes on other countries  
as he has been with today, and having  
about anything - German of business  
is in charge of Paris C.E. we shall have  
a lot to do but as I don't  
want to put myself altogether under Ward  
I don't want to go to Paris unless  
he is under him with an  
impression ! England I'd like a  
change of scene much as I've 18  
the prospects !

B. hills think given is coming in 3 months.  
A compromise price. Perhaps. Gen.  
Spies as the Turkish says there is no  
real sign of German Russia yet doubt  
if we will come. Why not at  
there be any allied Russia ?

March 7.

Tyler is back from Nede (near the HQ.  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> British Army) with much  
interest. He described some  
naughty microphones he - shot a  
scientific use! He says  
an attack - "the" offensive rather - is  
expected just south of S<sup>th</sup> Quentin  
in the Chemin Des Dames -  
A large concentration of troops exists  
in the German VI<sup>th</sup> army (v. Bülow)  
back of Reims.

Baker is in the water -  
American troops are to be used with  
the British to bring the British force  
up to full strength. Allied reserves  
are to be "pooled".

Mar 8.

to lunch with How & Reed.

Mar 9.

Yesterday Clemenceau made a speech  
to the Chamber in answer to the questions  
put. He gave a most success.

Very simple & straight forward - hitting  
hard at Renoult - the bourgeois!

The old Tiger took the train as he left  
the Chamber - Renoult his rich motor.

The Gotha came again last  
night at a rate of 12. Cost on  
3 hours - less damage 13. killed

35 wounded. Bombs round the  
Grand Nord - none of the left bank.

Air defenses were good & the dark  
night made targets obscure.

Sunday - March 10<sup>th</sup>.

# GERMANY'S ROADS TO THE EAST.

## KAISER ON "WORLD- HISTORIC SUCCESS."

### FINLAND TO AFGHANISTAN.

The deep significance of Germany's latest moves in Scandinavia and in the Black Sea is emphasised by the Kaiser, who, in a message to the President of the Prussian Lower House reported by Reuter, says:—

"Our victory in the East is one of the greatest successes in the world's history, the full significance of which only our grandchildren will rightly appreciate. That, as far as human judgment can foretell, the Germanisation of Baltic lands (Finland, Esthonia, Livonia, and Courland) is now made secure for all time, is a great joy and satisfaction to me. May God soon give us final victory. I am full of gratitude to the Army and to its great leaders."

To the King of Württemberg the Kaiser telegraphed:—

"Heavy fighting is still before us, but our German courage and perseverance will not forsake us."

If the war were to end with Germany in her present position she would have:—

Control of the Scandinavian route to Russia in Europe and to Siberia, which avoids the use of German ports by the Allies.

Control of all the railways to the Balkans, Turkey and the Black Sea, which gives her

Control of the lines to Armenia, Smyrna, the Mediterranean ports of Alexandria and Mersina, and Northern Palestine and Northern Mesopotamia;

Control of the Trans-Caucasian and Trans-Caspian railways, which run to the frontier of Afghanistan, to the north of India, and within 300 miles of China's western border;

Control of the caravan routes to Persia, through which, it may be regarded as certain, she will seek to build a branch from the Baghdad railway to the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean.

To enable her further to tighten her grip Germany has concluded with Finland a trade and shipping agreement by which she obtains the most favourable terms.

This from the Daily  
Mail of 10<sup>th</sup> March says up.  
The German success  
with East.  
What can the Allies  
do about it?

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

The vessels to

India - to be sent

to the East

the register!

Tues - 12 -

29 killed ; 50 injured - 66  
Crushed to death at a metro station  
29 children - 27 women !

A nice bit of Gillette work  
Bombs mostly on one side - around  
the Minister de la Guerre - Guy  
d'Orsay - plus Choppe re.  
Big bombs. Arms are said  
to have come in on the bus de  
Boulogne & when plane very low.

A low fog on the city - a  
night as black as pitch.

Wed. 13.

To lunch with Elli who hopes to get  
me for Berne but with our confidant -  
Sticking to Dennis Foster afternoon  
with accounts of his experiences in Munich

light in the rain. A big torpille  
fell at 101 rue de Lille right near his  
house. Some all windows were smashed to  
bits.

Jim Miller was killed 2 days ago  
in a fight over enemy lines - No  
details - I saw him less than a week  
ago - Young Tommy Hiltbank has  
disappeared - perhaps a prisoner.

Thurs - 14 -

15 big British bombs down. up  
3 on last week's report -  
The Germans are in Odena.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

A big explosion at Commenge at 145  
O. wrecked the street near Paris  
breaking windows all over. 30 are  
reported dead. Grinde factory  
blown up - Goche ?



Sat. 16<sup>th</sup>

To lunch again with Ellis.

The fire still rages at Courneuve & more  
explosions are feared. Home at 6:15.

Nothing further has gone off.

It is feared that the line of the  
train may be very heavy.

To dine with the Sewells.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Lunch at Mrs Sherman

Dinner at Blair Fairchild

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

To lunch with E. Wheeler & Dickinson

afterwards to see her new pavilion at St.

Brie 20 k. north of Paris near Chisley.

L. XVI - my wife - just repaired



Pavilion Mount - nice details.



Let's a lunch approach

Mr. Paris shows some more views.

The dinner with the evening

Mar 21 -

Swimmers & Tyler are Captains!  
To lunch with Verden & his sister -  
My British - They are with the border of  
Gales. Very nice they are too.

The storm has begun - A great  
attack with British to burn La Fere  
& La Neuve - almost - 50 miles front.  
An attack on the Meuse. It looks like  
the real thing.

Mar 22, to dine with E.W. an alert.

Mar 23

The British have been driven back to  
Ham and Marquix - To the N.  
The line is intact & holding at  
La Fere - The Germans claim 1500  
prisoners & 200 guns. Two days  
for any opinion. The British  
shall be all right - The Boches  
have 50 Div. against the English.

An alert was given here at 7.30

and the raid cost him 2.

Arms at 6000 m<sup>x</sup> - in pairs -

Ten killed - Same as most in the  
N. Yth City - very noisy -

\* it's a long range cannon firing  
123 k. !!

Mar 24. Sunday

Wonderful weather. Paris bombarded

by long range cannon - 120 k - 28

shots. Bad news from the

Southern. British pressed back.

Mar. 25. 3 shots each this

morning - A high wind.

The French have come in and

defending Moyn. The British are

not well with N. but Moyn

is lost - British days ahead

Mar 26 -  
Very bad. The Germans have  
about 100,000 men. Amis still  
falling back.

Mar 27  
Germans take the city of Amiens.

Mar 28.  
Amiens falls.  
Terror and anxiety.

Mar 29 Enemy left Amiens at  
5 am. Amiens menaced.  
Reverend Father up to Amiens  
Long range gun bombard Paris.  
St. Germain hit. 75 killed - 90 hurt  
Mr. Henry Adams is dead!

Mar 30.

Line in front of Avenue - French  
artillery in Area front repelled.

French fighting at 1st round  
Mortars. Foch generalissimo

17 shells fell in Paris - one  
in Bouci - Dr. Raspail &  
Mrs. Renne, and in a line  
on street.

Auxiliary front - creeping -  
Shells - Paris disturbing -  
small affair. Length of  
strike low.

Mar 31. Easter.

To leaf Church. Along creek W  
line of Velle & Army with French  
Phil.

Line below. A few shells  
in Paris - a day remains low.

Monday APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

Line holding well. Great  
anxiety & concern - will be for  
weeks - months. All hands  
in nervous - account & base  
force in my attack; <sup>moral</sup> spirit is  
wonderful -

Paris in shells against the front.  
Candour our enjoying the fine weather  
holiday. In hoping to get  
land to send me to report  
to Gen. White on italyan affair.

Tues. 2.

Quieting down. Little change

Wednesday - 3 another "quiet" day  
Germans preparing for another attack

Thursday 4.

Nothing to report this morning.  
The Germans are bringing up their  
heavy guns; re-forming their divisions;  
preparing for another fierce onslaught.  
Ost is a hard time is that  
No other haven for the men to  
create attack - Ost is a disconcerting  
feature. Can they hold?  
Duhung on that. It's time  
to ~~wait~~ - almost unbearable.

Apr 4.

Oh so quiet

Apr 5.

In the night fighting again. Germans  
make gains over Americans in  
fierce attacks - huge concentrations.

Suspense & anxiety great.

Apr 6.

Nothing much doing - no relief -

Apr 7.

Local fighting.

Apr 8.

Germans are massing - Advance near  
Coney. Great anxiety -

Can they be held. Some people  
are pretty confident; others doubtful.

Apr. 9. German begin attack at  
La Borne Canal.

Apr 10 German extend front north  
& Amunther as far as Messines -  
Make big bulge into area of 245 R  
& 246 R. Germans took Messines  
but were driven out. Amunther



pretense sharp into the German lines  
- will be abandoned - A  
Just thrust for Calais.

Apr 11. Arrived here sure up -

Apr 12. Germans advance to Herouville.

Very critical - serious

More action on American front.

Long axis.

Apr. 13.

Not a cheerful birthday.

machines is my trying what the news

is not encouraging -  
Long Roy - PLE

Denier with Denier

Apr 14. Sunday

A long Roy - Not much news.

Apr 15.

Long expects to go to Rome in a  
week. Plans with the prospect.

The Germans are still pushing forward

the English are not strong.

Apr 16.

Denier with Greeley  
The Germans have taken

Baillone.

April 20

The Germans seem held in the north  
for the moment. Ypres is broken & abandoned.  
Louvain.

The French 20 days ago  
made a successful local counter attack  
near Maastricht which got them a few  
prisoners. However the situation is  
just as critical as ever as the  
Germans are in superior numbers  
along the front and can draw huge  
reserves from Russia.

The cannon fire against Paris  
yesterday.

April 24.

The Germans have begun a new attack  
in force between Hangeard and the Somme  
using tanks. No news yet.

Apr 25.

Col. Nolan in town.

Apr. 26.

Mr. Kemmel was taken yesterday by the Boche  
& recovered & his party held by the  
Germans. A certain amount of confusion  
at Villers-Bretonneux was  
at 12 hours.  
Lost & then retaken by the British.  
Hanzard itself appears to be in Boche hands

Apr. 27.

Mr. Kemmel is lost. Very serious as it  
affects the position at the extreme northern  
front. Villers-Bretonneux seems to  
be held by the British. Hanzard is  
part is in French possession.  
Hanzard is attacked on the same as was  
in force. Against Kemmel the Boche  
has 9 divisions. Cummings' always  
spent of "superior numbers".

April 30.

The enemy was checked in his  
attempts advance in Flanders - yesterday.  
He is said when used 10 divisions.

— MAY —

May 3. The front has been "quiet"  
for the first few days. Some trouble  
brewing. The British have  
attacked on Zeelbrugge seems when been  
successful.

Will Richards, Jack Higginson & Mick  
Tully in town. Red X  
San Steen at lunch.

May 8.

The German, Skis being remaining  
the Division - waiting for good weather.  
Ypres is apparently abandoned. No report  
yet officially announced. Genl Maurice

attach 24 Geny for Delicate mistake  
went. The result will be  
interesting.

Capt MacCall - Vernon to dinner  
last evening. Audi Soudillon  
late in the evening going back to  
London.

MacCall is in town.

May 16

Don off tomorrow to GHQ. then  
to Bellemeade! Southy to Paris.  
How soon I feel later?

May 17-20 at GHQ.

Ran into Rudolph in cruise  
Delightful surprise -  
Arrangements to go to Bellemeade via  
Polaris.

May 21

Back in Paris writing - French  
anthe. john - Campy mesa mess  
y arrangements for Dr. Hae mad.  
OW Dr. Grougou also is amused  
I don't know how long. In the  
kees up.

May 24.

In going to Le Béreau to spend  
Sunday while waiting for my French  
order - Dr. Lallier is getting the  
thing straightened out - said it would  
take a day or two -  
In fact, came in Monday.

May 25

Le Breau + JPK. -

May 26.

To Paris at 6. - Use Campanda.  
Lyon beautiful.

May 27.

Auxerre by G. Bertho. The best  
persons begin in the Chemin des Dames.  
I leave at 9 pm for Pontarlier.

May 28.

Pontarlier at 10.30. A long hard journey.  
Black met me - Mend with him.  
+ 2<sup>d</sup> Lemmer. Very pleasant time.  
Mention came to Besancon for the  
night - Dined with "M<sup>r</sup>" Lemmer.  
The Germans across the Aisne.

May 29.

Went over papers with "Black".  
The German news Times &  
Soissons. Rhein circled.

May 30.

Started in the side car & got  
to St Laurent and camp.  
Had lunch - Car started the  
engine - Delay; finally got to  
St. Claude. The car was  
climbed the pass to St. Germain  
so when to stop the repair  
shop it was then repaired.  
German still pursuing - news  
fragmentary.



May 30.

Tried again the pass but the  
car ~~was~~ not so it. So I took  
the train leaving Dawson to bring  
the hatbox, rotten, cycle along  
as best I could. A n. a. n. p.  
train. 4 hrs to go 40 k.  
Finally got here at 9 p.m. - 7 hrs  
from Mr. Clark - to find Dawson  
already arrived.

June 1<sup>st</sup>

Met Brian's Uncle - Both  
very nice men. Started in on  
station work. Wk. is my purchased  
job. To dine with Uncle.

June 2<sup>d</sup>.

A year ago I sailed.  
Thinking of being there! What a  
fool.

How different a year ago No.  
How with the Germans at America's  
creation thing.  
Means renovated.

June 3 - 4.

The station - re  
further down at 6 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
left side.

Dined with Bernard on the 4<sup>th</sup>.  
at Chapin - his wife &  
I children.

June 5.

I've been "writing up" back numbers.

A poor business.

The Germans seemed keen for the moment - I haven't got today 14th. Commission - from Rheims to Douaen along the Marne with Thiercy up to just W. of Soissons & along the Aisne & Ribemont. Royals.

They have suggested 50 divisions in beer & means 40 yet untouched.

What the situation is really no one but the high command knows.

Paris is very disturbed - Before the Marne all over again.

Will the Germans be able to push on & take Paris? How are reserves?

camps. The worst moment surely  
of the war.

I still think the Boches will  
drive in our salient at Juvinc  
is tonight. New line from Amiens  
to El. Thierry. Pause; & then  
drive with their remaining strength  
to Paris.

If Paris falls what then?

Can France lose Paris?

The anxiety rages of these days...

The first offensive was at Paris

Paris means so much. It's France.

It is so dreadfully far away out  
of touch. No news for

ages. I am so out of it

all - Sitting calmly on the Swiss  
border - discussing possibilities -  
when my place is in the line - to share  
the burden -

• Howell I like very much as first  
acquaintance - Tallish & thin - about 35 -  
tanned, with dark eyes & greyish hair;  
a big nose & a small mouth & moustache -  
Rather pleasant. Helian & Belgian blood  
to explain the British - Speaks good  
French & German. Capable & intelligent -  
I hope to get to know him well -

Brevard is a nice little fellow. Very  
tall & small - Nicked from Arventières  
where he had spinning mills - I say  
that wife & 5 (I suppose blond) children  
He speaks good English & better German -  
Is quick & keen - Thinks he  
ought to be named of the Boche  
mission he must seem to be . . .

So I am lucky in my confidences -  
Things in demand of them that  
I'm going to do. The station  
control is a little longer -  
Information?  
How?

I don't care if I get like on the  
best of them with my confidences (a  
little) that I get out of  
them.

I must wait & see I suppose.

June 10 -

On Thursday I will talk with  
Auermann then I saw Capt's  
Gaillard & Desormes Mr. Duteuil  
Commissioner of the forest.  
Rather interesting.

A long run from here to 50 & 2002  
was partly along the Rhone -

I wrote some reports on the result  
of my visit.

Fri. Sat. nothing much done.

Sund. H. & Bremond, his wife & Ferdinando  
("Peggy" the Swiss who is 'brill') climb  
the Credo - shift, too, but beautiful.

Not clear enough to get much of a  
view - well, see Geneva faintly, the  
lake not at all.

A new offensive began between Mont. Savi &  
Meyn - German advance in the center  
about 4 & already to the 23d.

Communism & best of it.

I feel more confident this time - But  
I guess they may push me to Ks  
again!

Repatés come this after-noon - occasionally  
Grand-Blessé. On Sat. there was a train de fous.

The same assigned - that honors!

August Wilson, says at Bern, came  
this last night lost his overnight  
bag to one Careless in Swiss  
to a drunken porter to get on the train.

June 14.

The Germans seem held to the N. of  
Carpignan - just S. of Ribicourt.  
A tremendous Messin. Very bad  
times. A Fran question is  
the worst crush our forces -  
The reserves?

Our own troops are doing fine -  
100,000 men here - 95,000 the  
best units seen.

In her reading "Les Hommes dans la  
guerre" - a book of German propaganda  
written by a Hungarian "suppressed" in  
Germany, Austria & forbidden in



Travel.      Arrive pictures - brutal -  
powerful -      Haunting -  
No news from anywhere -      Paul -  
Dull here      These days.

June 23.

Last Sunday I went to town with - Brewster.  
Ran in woods.      Got meals -      In  
near      Fossil      me Duquesne -  
Two early risings.      but a good enough  
Dine -      B - very nice  
On Wed.      To Ennis -      Saw Curtis  
Fisher (Br) -      Also      The Campbells  
Wrote 2 great letters -  
The Austrian Opera before with 150.  
"Soped" -      Little success.  
Notes have been an oddly well -  
Not any yet.      Alfred's trips are  
quite new Catalog to study      In my mean  
Met Gerson, an an note to      Stiffen

No Austria purposes.

Carroll came thro' East night.

We may be on the edge of a volcano

No news from Rome - This July

as can be.

"Absolute quiet" on W. front. full-  
fast week.

Tommor I go to Divonne with House to  
meet Lemmer + Black.

June 30. The frontier open from 7 to midnight  
July 3.

A long Capse.

Divonne was very pleasant. I spent  
noon with fine view of Mt Blanc with  
range. The lake of Geneva is

lunch with - Lacaze, Lemmer, Quincy  
House. Reay, Deloyette.

A good letter success East week.  
The Austrians down creek to their old  
positions across the Plain. Not a

victory for the Nation exactly but a severe  
check to the Austrians.

Things are unaltered but in Austria.

The week has seen some local Fr., Br. &  
American successes - A few hundred prisoners  
at a time. Nothing great but

still good. Rome is being bombarded.

Paris not. But Götter come very near  
almost.

In respect of Col. Gordon and Say.

Last week I had a very letter from him  
Tuesday - 4 I.B. came through today  
to go to Gallard at Annecy & then  
to Annecy (in Lyons) to examine prisoners  
returned from Germany.

Over a million Americans in France.

Edg. Knicker is here - to take

Arnold's place in his absence & 2 weeks.

I like the latter very much.

The Browns are delightful - 5 children  
well! To think he is only 32  
years so much!

The first week also marked the  
"Staley affair" - Not an experience -  
unbelievable - "And I cannot get  
worse further?"

Poor Albin Becker shot himself last  
week at Brest - wasn't -  
It was sad! His poor wife -  
And Jimmy Arthur has been killed.

July - 19<sup>th</sup>

On Monday the new German offensive  
started from Chateau Thierry to Argonne  
80 k. Success so far has been limited  
to a slight advance <sup>across</sup> the Marne  
near Douaumont and the taking of Chateau  
v. No gain in Champagne -  
The Germans claim 18,000 prisoners.

Yesterday the French attacked from Fontenoy  
sur Aisne to Belleu. 45 k. front.  
Last night's communication reports an important  
advance, the capture of several thousand

prisoners, the retaking of 20 villages -

A reserved communiqué -

Etienne de Boer is held - if any other  
party could succeed on moderate terms --- 10 -

12 k. say advance. Our boys

"en union avec les forces américaines" - are  
in it.

Weather roasting hot. Little to do but worry.

Sims - a friend of Harris is here on Sunday  
night & gave me some dope about Berne -

Schelling's activities - The CBS shutcomings re.

A change will come sometime.

Vera Whitehouse with Kerney - Mrs. James  
appeared on Tuesday to go this with me a

pass - A row one or less, but I got her

our thanks to being on good terms with Baudouin.

Otherwise nothing. Not even letters.

July 1918

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Friday, 11 p.m. — The battle begun yesterday between the Aisne and the Marne has continued all day with the utmost violence. The enemy, bringing up large reserves along the whole line, tried to stop our progress. Despite his efforts we have continued our advance on the greater part of the front.

On the left we have held our positions on the plateaux south-west of Soissons and in the Chaudun district.

In the centre we have gone nearly two miles at certain points beyond the line Vaux-Castille-Villers-Hélon-Noroy-sur-Ourcq.

On the right, our troops in heavy fighting have captured the plateau north-west of Monnes, the height north of Courchamps and advanced beyond Torcy.

The number of prisoners counted at present exceeds 17,000, including two colonels with their staff officers. We have taken more than 360 guns including a battery of 8-inch guns.

Des Américains, ainsi que des Américains de race noire, des Anglais et des Italiens prirent part au combat contre les Français.

Wolff after

COMMUNIQUE OFFICIEL

Paris minuit. — Communiqué du 20 juillet, 23 heures :

Le résultat de notre contre-offensive victorieuse ne s'est pas fait attendre.

Les Allemands, violemment attaqués sur leur flanc droit et au sud de la Marne, ont été contraints de battre en retraite et de repasser la rivière. Nous tenons toute la rive sud de la Marne.

Entre Aisne et Marne, les troupes franco-américaines continuent à progresser et ont refoulé l'ennemi qui se défend avec opiniâtreté. Nous avons atteint Ploisy et Paroy-Tigny, dépassé Saint-Réfy, Blany et Rozet-Saint-Albin.

Plus au sud, nos troupes tiennent la ligne générale Priez-plateau nord-est de Courchamps.

Entre la Marne et Reims de violents combats sont en cours. Les troupes franco-britanniques, attaquant avec vigueur, se sont heurtées à des forces importantes. En dépit de la résistance acharnée de l'ennemi nous avons gagné du terrain dans le bois de Courton, dans la vallée de l'Ardre et vers Saint-Euphraise.

Le chiffre des prisonniers que nous avons faits depuis le 18 dépasse 20.000.

Plus de 400 cents canons sont tombés entre nos mains.

July 21.  
Great news.  
The Germans  
have been driven  
back & their  
offensive changed  
into a forced  
retirement.  
Chateau Thierry  
is retaken &  
the line  
pushed to  
5 or 6 k.

to the N.E.

Communiqué officiel du 21 juillet,  
14 heures :

Ce matin les troupes françaises sont  
entrées dans Château-Thierry.

Des combats violents sont en cours  
au nord et au sud de l'Ourcq et entre  
la Marne et Reims. Malgré la résistan-

ce acharnée des Allemands nous avons  
continué à progresser.

à sur la Wolff

Dans la nuit, sans être gênés (vies) par l'ennemi, nous avons retiré notre ligne de défense dans le terrain nord et nord-est de Château-Thierry.

Mrs. Gray arrives  
with our news & causes  
another trouble -  
writes the whole day.

July 22.

We are still going ahead though I'm inclined to believe the "stabilization" is beginning & we cannot hope for anything further. The Liverpool success, however, is good enough - the best news this year - R. helps in a degree to offset the memory of March & May. Since came this stopped over a train. Col. Van Dusen is coming here tomorrow to study the situation as the Swiss Service has found unsatisfactory.

July 23.

Got Mr. Gray up to Erian - T.G. & went on with Brewster to Erian in his car. Dined with Curtis, Innes & Fuller at the Splendide. Stopped at Thomas to pick up Brewster at Dr. Maupetit's - the actual end of Amusement. Very interesting in my opinion to get some there since there is something to be done. Here nothing. Hope Moore & Van Dusen are coming here soon - rumors to that effect.

was news good.

James - American

forces advancing.

July 24.

Knohlauer, La folle & I went to lunch  
at Billiet's, found what we needed.  
Good eat, & too much.

July 25.

Shit was advance - not much. It  
is quite possible that the Boche may have  
to wait - but his line is broken to  
railings, & supply his troops & then present  
position. However an offensive will  
soon be begun by the Boche & it doesn't  
do to let myself fancy that the corner  
is turned at last.

July 27. Further open

July 28 Further closed at 11. pm.

Mr. Gray (went back to Paris) passed with

Smith. T.G.



**Les Allemands battent en retraite**

PARIS, 27. (23 heures). — Du ministère de la guerre, officiel :

Sous la poussée continue que les troupes françaises et alliées exerçaient depuis plusieurs jours contre les forces allemandes, celles-ci se sont repliées aujourd'hui sur tout le front au nord de la Marne. Nos troupes, talonnant les arrière-gardes, ont atteint la ligne générale Bruyères-Villeneuve-sur-Fère-Courmont-Passy-Grigny - Cuiselles - La Neuville-aux-Larris-Chaumuzy. La rive droite de la Marne est largement dégagée. Nos éléments continuent leur progression à plus de quinze kilomètres au nord-est de Château-Thierry.

Sur le front de Champagne, le chiffre des prisonniers que nous avons faits dans la région au sud du Mont-sans-Nom dépasse trois cents, dont neuf officiers.

Paris, minuit. — Communiqué officiel du 28 juillet, 23 heures :

Au nord de la Marne nos troupes ont continué leur marche en avant.

Dans la région de l'Ourocq, malgré la résistance de l'ennemi qui s'efforçait d'empêcher le passage de la rivière, nous avons réussi à jeter des éléments avancés sur la rive nord.

Nous avons pénétré dans Fère-en-Tardenois.

Au nord-est de la forêt de Ris, nous avons atteint Champvoisy.

Sur notre droite, nos troupes ont enlevé Athenay, Olizy-Violaine et rapproché sensiblement leur ligne de la route de Reims à Dormans.

En Champagne, deux tentatives ennemies, précédées de bombardement, dans la région au sud des Monts ont été repoussées.

July 28.

Wie die Semmes sehen in der Karte?

Das ist I think in ihrer present position  
is, I believe, correct. In the

Frankfurter-Zeitung, actually, was in  
for the first time (1) the French standard  
of the Semmes River of the 15th and (2)  
the surprise attack of the French before  
Dunkirk & Meuse.

July 31<sup>st</sup>

Not much more news about the  
Affair. The Germans are working  
with more vigour & though the  
German papers are preparing the  
people for a retreat to the  
Vosges it has not yet taken  
place.

"Black" is due here this evening  
and I may go with him to-  
morrow to Chamouix for  
a day - in fact I think

I shall unless something un-  
foreseen turns up.

House got back last night;  
Knothametz is, I believe, to leave  
tomorrow for London.

August 18<sup>th</sup>

We left at 5. got to Chamounix  
at 1. - a beautiful day and a  
fine view of the Mt. Blanc - magnificent.  
We met an English Capt. in the train -  
Halcoucke - who joined us.

I don't remember whether I'd been  
to Chamounix as a child - the shops  
with their little wood animals, vegetables  
seemed familiar but it may  
be Zermatt that I mean.

Black has a good deal to tell.

Mr. Gall about the Belfast service getting  
the rope in the Champagne operation.

It appears that one of their best agents  
(an Alsation n.c.o.) was able to supply the  
service with the entire plan in detail  
by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Corps de main were pulled  
off the hour attack discussed; counter  
act. preparations were begun an hour before  
the scheduled German landing. The

Germans cut this with their plan but  
got stuck in about the worst defeat  
of the war. The present retro-

ment is nearly all due to this  
defeat on the 15-17<sup>th</sup> - the rest is

a calamity. Black has seen

van Deman & heard of the intervention.

Question in Sibiri. V. D. Don't trust

The Japs - thinks they have an agreement  
with the Boche in regard to control in  
the far east - However the allies are  
intervening with the Japs - will  
therefore keep them - the allies - in order -  
What reward is to be given the Japs for  
these public though, it's settled - Java?  
At all events a new front will be established  
before the new year - an allied army  
supporting the Czech-Slovak nucleus & in  
this way it is hoped to force the Germans  
to send divisions from the West front.  
V. D. is under way of inspection - coming here  
the end of the week - I hope we can  
start a series of our own & do real  
work. As it is I am "attacked"  
to Broadway here also a matter of  
fact don't give me anything I can  
set nothing in my own.

Augst. 2  
 back de Bellemeuse. — No pas en  
 5 na Ammanasse  
 De Colmanne's qui les news

Paris, 2 (23 h.). — Les attaques menées depuis deux jours par nos troupes et les unités alliées, sur le front au nord de la Marne, ont obtenu un plein succès. Bousculés sur toute la ligne, les Allemands ont été contraints d'abandonner la position de résistance qu'ils avaient choisie entre Fère-en-Tardenois et Ville-en-Tardenois et de précipiter leur retraite.

Sur notre gauche, nos troupes sont entrées dans Soissons. Plus au sud, elles ont franchi la Crise sur tout son parcours.

Au centre, progressant largement au nord de l'Ourcq, nous avons dépassé Arcy-Sainte-Resitue et pénétré dans le bois de Dôle. Plus à l'est, Coulonges, à quatre kilomètres au nord du bois Meunière, est en notre possession.

Sur notre droite, Gousseaucourt, Villers-Agron et Ville-en-Tardenois sont à nous. Sur cette partie du front, nous avons porté nos lignes à cinq kilomètres environ au nord de la route de Dormans à Reims sur la ligne générale: Vézilly-Lhéry.

Entre l'Arde et la Vesle, nous avons occupé Gueux et Thillois.

## Après la prise de Soissons

### Les Français avancent sur la Vesle

PARIS, 3. (15 heures). — Du ministère de la guerre, officiel:

Au cours de la nuit, les troupes françaises ont poursuivi leur avance vers la Vesle. Sur la gauche, les Français bordent l'Aisne entre Soissons et Venizel.

### Un récit humoristique de la retraite allemande

BERLIN, 3. — De l'agence Wolff, officiel:

Groupe d'armées du kronprinz Rupprecht:

Au sud-ouest d'Ypres, nous avons repoussé hier matin une forte attaque partielle anglaise. Au surplus, l'activité de combat s'est bornée à des reconnaissances. Le feu de l'artillerie s'est ravivé par intermittences.

Groupe d'armées du kronprinz allemand:

Les grands succès de l'armée du colonel-général von Boehn, dans la bataille du ter août, ont valu une pleine réussite aux mouvements effectués hier. Le feu de l'artillerie ennemie a été dirigé sur notre ancien terrain de combat jusqu'au matin et, sur certains points, jusqu'à 11 heures de la matinée. Les détachements d'infanterie et de cavalerie de l'ennemi n'ont suivi nos troupes d'avant-terrain, qui reculaient lentement, qu'en hésitant et avec prudence. Dans de petits combats, nous avons infligé à l'ennemi des pertes importantes.

### Aux lisières de Fismes

PARIS, 3 (23 heures). — Du ministère de la guerre, officiel:

Au cours de la journée, nos troupes, refoulant les arrière-gardes ennemies, ont continué leur marche victorieuse sur un front de cinquante kilomètres environ dans la direction de la Vesle. Sur notre gauche, nous bordons les rives de l'Aisne et de la Vesle depuis Soissons jusqu'à Fismes dont les Américains tiennent les lisières. À l'est de Fismes, nous avons atteint la ligne générale nord de Courville à Brancourt-Courcelles-Champigny: nos reconnaissances de cavalerie opèrent le long de la voie ferrée de Soissons à Reims.

Sur certains points, notre progression a dépassé depuis hier dix kilomètres: plus de cinquante villages ont été délivrés dans cette seule journée.

Augst 4<sup>h</sup>.  
 Perhaps it is the  
 Aisne they are  
 going to?

August 9<sup>th</sup>

Yesterday the Franco-British forces  
began an offensive S-E of Amiens  
and the 23<sup>rd</sup> communiqué (British)  
shows a considerable advance - 10 k.  
to Franerville - 8 k. for a 20 k front.  
The Germans are, it appears, well  
backed. On the whole the  
Germans still resist.

I understand that Genl. Gorman  
"planted" a quantity of gas shells in gas  
reservoirs in the position in Champagne  
A. he used on July 15. The  
Germans came on in the French  
tanks fired these gas shells  
exterminating the men by the score.  
Believe again! - -

Lucenay came this Morn. He says a "Guit" in Paris reports  
that Kerman is to become C-in-C. ✓ P.  
to take 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. It sounds most  
improbable.

Paris has seen bombardment of "Bentha"  
since Monday.

August 10.

The Franco-British advance approaches  
Chaulnes. 17,000 prisoners - 300 guns  
great booty. Results may be far-  
reaching. I feel inclined to believe that  
Montdidier must fall & the German line  
be rectified thro' Roye to Albert.  
The allies left in front were protected  
by the Somme. Perhaps they will  
develop a supplementary attack on  
the Montdidier - Roye front? At



all events. The initiative seems to have  
passed into the hands of Foch & there  
is every reason to feel cheerful and hopeful  
things have not looked as bright since

I can remember.

Still to dine last night en route  
to Paris. Black for the night.  
Van Reman has gone to S.H.Q. from  
Bern & won't come here for some time.

My family go to Paris next week for  
48 hrs.

Maley's sentence has caused most feeling  
in the C. G. T. - an attack on the clause  
concerning the reds says. Foch's  
communication as Marshal meets with  
unanimous approval. Pétain next?

10-8-18  
 SATURDAY, 2 P.M.—Our troops, operating on the right of the British forces, continued their successes last evening and during the night. We made progress east of ARVILLERS and captured DAVENESCOURT.

Attacking south of Montdidier, between AYENCOURT and LE FRETOT, we captured RUBESCOURT and ASSAINVILLERS, and reached FAVEROLLES.

11 P.M.—On the AVRE battle front, our attacks were continued during the day with growing success. MONTDIDIER, which was outflanked on the east and north, fell into our hands this morning. Continuing our victorious advance on the right of the British forces, we carried our lines 10 kilomètres (6½ miles) east of Montdidier, along the front from Andechy to LA BOISSIERE and FESCAMPS.

Furthermore, again extending our operations in the south-east, we attacked the German positions on the right and left of the road from SAINT-JUST-EN-CHAUSSE to ROYE along a front of over 20 kilomètres (12½ miles). We captured ROLLOT, ORVILLERS-SOREL, RESSONS-SUR-MATZ, CONCHY-LES-POTS, LA NEUVILLE-SUR-RESSONS, and ELINCOURT, accomplishing an advance of ten kilomètres at some points.

In three days' fighting the French troops have advanced over 20 kilomètres along the road from AMIENS to ROYE. The number of prisoners taken by them during the same time exceeds 8,000. Among the immense amount of material abandoned by the enemy we have counted two hundred guns up to the present.

**BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORT.**

SATURDAY, 10.8 A.M.—Yesterday afternoon and evening the advance of the Allied Armies continued on the whole front from south of Montdidier to the Ancre.

Attacking south of Montdidier during the afternoon the French troops captured LE TRONQUOY, LE FRETOT, and ASSAINVILLERS, and are threatening Montdidier from the south-east.

Over 2,000 prisoners have been captured by our Allies in this sector.

Canadian and Australian divisions have taken BOUCHOIR, MEHARICOURT and LIHONS, and have entered RAINECOURT and PROYART.

In the evening English and American troops attacked in the angle between the Somme and the Ancre and met with immediate success. By nightfall all the objectives had been taken, including the village of MORLANCOURT and the high ground to the south-east of it.

Counter-attacks launched by the enemy in this sector were beaten off after sharp fighting.

The prisoners captured by the Allies since Thursday morning exceed 24,000.

8.43 P.M.—The attack launched yesterday evening in accordance with the Allied plan of operations, by the right of the French First Army south of MONTDIDIER, was developed by our Allies this morning with complete success.

Enveloped from the north and from the south-east the town of MONTDIDIER fell into the hands of the French before midday, together with many prisoners and quantities of material.

During the remainder of the day the advance of the French First Army has been continued in co-operation with the French Army on its right, and the right of the British Fourth Army.

Pressing hard upon the retreating German troops south of LIHONS British troops have overcome the enemy's resistance and made substantial progress.

The general line reached by the Allied troops now runs from north to south of LIHONS-FRESNOY-LES-ROYE-LIGNIERES-CONCHY-LES-POTS.

The number of prisoners is increasing.

Aug 11 -  
 These will  
 be story -

deux kilomètres jusqu'aux abords de Canny-sur-Matz. Plus au sud, nous avons conquis et dépassé le village de La Berlière. Entre le Matz et l'Oise, notre avance s'est accentuée au nord de Chevilloncourt, Macheumont et Cambron-ne sont à nous.  
 Trente-cinq mille prisonniers et plus de cinq cents canons capturés

PARIS, 11. (23 h.). — Du ministère de la guerre, officiel:  
 Au cours de la journée, nos troupes ont continué à gagner du terrain entre l'Avre et l'Oise en dépit de la résistance opposée par l'ennemi. Au sud de l'Avre, nous avons occupé Marquvillers et Grivillers et avons atteint la ligne Armancourt-Thilloley. Nous avons progressé au nord de Roye-sur-Matz d'environ

Monday the 12

Ellis & Capt. Gerardi came through last evening (unexpectedly). Very pleasant talk. Ellis says Col. Gordon has asked that I be sent to Berne - I don't know that I'm altogether pleased at the idea....

German resistance is strengthening principally at Liège. Once they could be attacked.

The press reports speak of the fall of Roge & Chaulnes as "imminent". Were the success so far is good enough - even if it is not extended.

Ellis says that the German morale is "at least" distinctly - fighting here as in the best America is. Pro.

German Juis' officials are now being found in the suburbs.

Tues. the 13.

Tyler called me up at 4 yesterday to tell me that René Simons died at Marseilles yesterday morning. of South pneumonia after 3 days illness.

A tremendous shock & a bitter blow  
because I was so fond of him -

He had the great - the greatest - quality  
of kindness, & I never knew a friend  
of unselfish friendship. His inclusion  
of me - when you were there - my job  
in the army I owe to him -

The death of the Captain of "Pope  
Simon" - a proof that he  
was - to all the unfortunate -

It was impossible to associate Scott  
with the friendship of Scott with him.

He was unimpaired - a necessary part of  
Paris - it was necessary to me Paris  
itself. Dear thanks of Paris  
with all kinds - . Would they read

To go out with one visit up all  
major to talk groups & to get in function  
(sometimes colored) on all subjects -  
He had a great social gift - highly  
developed.

I remember <sup>him</sup> <sup>some</sup> <sup>time</sup> <sup>ago</sup> when I first went  
to the Beacon Arts - to Wadsworth  
atelier was under his wing - - - -

He was made him in a way;  
passed him - found, gave him ~~best~~  
exhibition which was rare - his  
the "fight" with board.

It's an irreparable loss to all of us.  
Poor Lily! ... Not in become of her?  
I wonder.

Reminds us a week in New York &  
March & April when things looked so  
black. His faith in the French  
was so profound & his intelligent optimism

was most comforting & reassuring in  
my hour of doubt...

I can hardly get myself to grasp  
the fact that he is dead; I often  
feel it must be some hideous mistake.

A line from Ethel Grant "couldn't  
do visit Paris" - Dr. Geo. Munro  
regret - but with a heavy heart.

Monday Aug 18.

The days in Paris were not our best  
most spent on Rachel's affairs....  
A young Lieutenant Stearns was in Paris  
who had been with R. in Marseilles -  
I saw me through the details -  
It appears that R. was taken to the Buloz  
hospital on Thursday - not very ill as a  
great letter to Lily showed - telling her not to  
worry - & that I was over the doctor  
became alarmed. That day the breeze

delicious - in the evening unseasoned -  
Oxeye was tried; on Monday at 7 am.  
Ladies. His mind ran on his service;  
he did not realize he was dying; he  
did not speak of his mother.

I saw a good deal of poor Lily; we went  
to the flat where she spoke so of poor E.  
Her papers were few - she read me  
some of her <sup>letters</sup> to her - so well written,  
so full of kindness & tenderness - much  
mention of her friend ..... He had a

heart. Lily says there is a  
will - but the army has all his effects -  
The papers he had with him - She  
must be provided for in some way -  
Her grief is great & genuine; the passion  
comes out strong. I suppose she will  
get on it in time but she was,  
I think, very devoted to him - I wish she  
had more to be.

R.S. (Marseilles, Aug. 12, 1918).

--O--O--O--

He is dead that was alive.  
How shall friendship understand?  
Lavish heart and tireless hand  
Bidden not to give or strive,  
Eager brain and questing eye  
Like a broken lens laid by.

He, with so much left to do,  
Such a gallant race to run,  
What concern had he with you,  
Silent Keeper of things done?

Tell us not that, wise and young,  
Elsewhere he lives out his plan.  
Our speech was sweetest to his tongue,  
And his great gift was to be man.

Long and long shall we remember,  
In our breasts his grave he made.  
It shall never be December  
Where so warm a heart is laid,  
But in our saddest selves a sweet voice sing,  
Recalling him, and Spring.

E.W.

*E.W. but there has to be  
Some understanding & appreciation. The  
translation of spirit. La folle & made for  
Lil - literally.  
People in Paris seemed surprised - or*



# CAPTAIN RONALD SIMMONS DIES ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Mrs. Edith Wharton Pays Stirring  
Tribute to Officer Who Was  
Always Ready.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

SIR,—Captain Ronald Simmons, of the American Army, died suddenly on August 12, in his thirty-fourth year, "on active service."

"Active service"—it is the phrase that best pictures him to the little group of friends among whom, in Paris, he had lived and worked for the last four years. Never was there any one who loved better to spend his tireless activity in serving others.

Ronald Simmons was born in Providence. He had lived in Paris, as a student at the Beaux-Arts, for several years before the war, and during those student years had made countless friends in many circles of Parisian life. For any one so shy and self-depreciatory he had a surprising gift of getting on with all sorts of people, and his military chiefs can attest to what degree his tact and good humor, and his exceptional understanding of French character and the French point of view, enhanced his usefulness in his branch of the service.

His friends would like to dwell on qualities more deeply concealed under his incurable modesty: on the responsive warmth of his sympathies, his joyous sense of humor, his sensitiveness to all things fine and rare, and the strange maturity of his judgments.

In 1914 he gave up everything to devote himself to various war charities, among others to the Comité des Etudiants Américains of the Beaux-Arts, which he made his own by his unflagging devotion, his administrative capacity and his ingenuity in devising new ways of interesting people in the work. As a member of the Committee of the Tuberculeux de la Guerre he collaborated with me till that charity was absorbed by the American Red Cross, and again and again I had occasion to profit by his wise advice, his tact and patience and discernment.

When America declared war he immediately volunteered, giving his whole energy to the task allotted him, but he was never too absorbed or hurried to find time for his friends, and whenever there was a problem to be solved, a difficulty to be met, a service to be rendered, it was still our old habit to "ring

villes, le 12 août 1918) ...

--o--o--

is, lui qu'animait la vie.  
itié le comprendra-t-elle?  
-main toujours tendue,  
ndamnés à ne plus donner,  
à ne plus vibrer.  
t, oeil au regard si prompt,  
oir vous êtes maintenant brisé,

t-il commencé sa tâche;  
ourse avait-elle éprouvé sa  
vaillance,  
iez vous donc  
ardien du Passé?

point que làbas, jeune et sage,  
son destin.  
e sa bouche aimait à parler,  
e fut son don le plus précieux.

us garderons son souvenir,  
trines il trouvera sa tombe.  
glacera jamais  
repose son coeur brûlant,  
profond de notre tristesse  
ix s'élève  
ter, Lui et le Printemps...

a d u c t i o n .

rather not as optimistic as I've  
feels them to be.

Am with Roy & Gordon all the  
time - stayed at 15. on Tuesday.  
Ellis in town - lunch & dinner with  
him & Tyler. Jones has been  
very busy - the war is far from ending.  
I've looked with an unbiased eye &  
find him unsatisfactory as ever.  
Lunched with Campbelle & a Miss  
Wood - a surprise - a friend of C.'s  
Gordon - Delosime - great talker &  
wisdom. By the way let's do  
~~the~~ work - quite likely.  
We may all get promoted any time  
now. Back here yesterday morning  
in the old familiar scenes - Mr  
Mack acting - no new news.

Friday - the 27<sup>th</sup>

The French have advanced to the Orsi  
from Dogn east to Quincy, & to

The Dilette near Longchamps.

The English have taken Albert with 5000 prisoners

They about 100,000 prisoners since July 18

(a 2/3 lost in March - June with the books)

Mangin faces east, threatens the rear of the  
German in the Vesle.

Van Dornett has retired. He has

Passes from to Bernes to take charge of M.I.

Hopeful - God's will to "pass" Colonel.

Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>

A delightful day yesterday with the  
Brenner horses. To Anney in

By car to lunch - exquisite day - clear,  
hot with sun, cool in the shade - breezy  
air. To Tallon's after lunch -

Went to the bank by Seyssel with a  
business & the Met Plane. Madame B.

looked very charming - must agree with  
you altogether - I am not guinea! -

French - British advance on the  
front from Anas (almost) to Noyon -  
Roya taken. Great news.

To come with the Bretons, at  
Orkney - San Artel

Henry last night on his way to Paris.

McPherson & back part  
Hunting to success? Self to success?

Sat 31.

By air.

Sund. Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

To Thoiry with the  
Bridals & Brist.

Tues. S. 3.

To Ensis.

Thursday - Cherix - ~~to~~ Friday Bulletin  
Lat. Breunns - R. son.

Monday Sept. 9.

The allies are now on the AS  
Hindenburg line - or practically so.  
It is glancing the English across  
its last week. I shall say that  
The British will hold this line till  
the spring. No' way think they must  
retire to the Meuse before winter.  
The German people are impatient but still  
not joining to. The army is well  
organized, undrilled, but the allies have  
let a hard time + cant I think push  
on.

Fritz.

We took St. Michael yesterday!  
The 2nd salient + 25,000 prisoners!  
Our first great success.

Alors, péniblement, le scribe de l'état-major se remet à sa table à écrire. Il rédige son communiqué :

Les Français et les Américains ont attaqué dans la boucle de St-Mihiel. Dans l'attente de cette attaque, l'évacuation de ce saillant, exposé à un mouvement enveloppant de deux côtés, envisagé depuis des années, a commencé depuis quelques jours. C'est pourquoi nous n'avons pas continué le combat jusqu'à la décision et que nous avons exécuté le mouvement projeté sans que l'ennemi puisse l'empêcher....

(signé) Le quartier-maître général Ludendorff.

A la lecture de ces lignes, un autre communiqué revient à la mémoire. Il date de quatre ans et un mois, le 12 août 1914; son signataire était le général von Stein, chef du quartier général :

Les renseignements venant de France, disait-il, ont alarmé la population allemande en prétendant que 20.000 Allemands sont tombés devant Liège et que la ville n'est pas en notre pouvoir. On espérait donner crédit à cette insinuation par la décoration théâtrale de la légion d'honneur à la ville de Liège. Les populations peuvent être convaincues que nous ne taisons pas les succès et que nous n'exagérons pas les succès. Nous disons la vérité. Nous avons la pleine confiance que la population nous croira....

La population a cru, en effet. On en voit le résultat.

F. F.

It was help the  
much such the  
Kaiser, v. Payer also  
has been talking  
about.

The German  
was Mr. Martin of  
the Council of Finance  
at the very time

lost. - but - few words about Austria.  
He was Austria present because he  
believed that in case of administration in the  
European Revolution Bolshevism was next  
to the effect of the (I understand?).  
He thinks the Berlin together - Frankfurt  
which has no real influence in the  
and the Jewish - anti-Semitic feeling  
in so strong. He thinks that the

abundant as yet have no influence; a  
worse political situation must exist before  
there is any hope of reform.

On board, a book of German trans-  
lations came this - books - from the  
U.S. too. The French are humped at

the idea of uniting them out but its  
first purpose is to inform the collect  
clubs to send to the Germans even if  
they are "agent" as is Dr. M.

This morning via Rotterdam & Paris.

Tonight we get Voska the  
Greek-American. Hope to get him  
to join the staff from across the way.

Frid, Sept 20 -

Sawett of the Hague & Paris the  
new ambassador to England with a part  
of 20 came through this morning going to  
the Prisoner Conference at Bern - Christ

Hester & Charlie Russell -

Rare words with the Captain.

Campy last night. No one has  
recommended me for a <sup>promotion</sup> ~~commission~~ - 1st.

lieut - I shall probably go to

C.H.S. - early next week - possibly via

Portcharter with Howell? - for a conference  
& examination. I cannot find

under a Russian one being promoted -

to a captaincy, perhaps, yes, but as

I don't desire one a 1st lieutenant.

I don't feel any satisfaction or interest.

Between a 1st & 2nd lieut there is

a mere 300 francs worth - worth

nothing.

I would long

for the war to end - to end -

I don't though. long permitted to return



October 2<sup>nd</sup>

In rather better spirits than  
yesterday.

Saturday week I started out with  
Major Vischer (Mt Benne) Horre & Knoblock  
for Pontchartré & motor. A beautiful  
run over Col de Faucille (or a  
child as 'Gex') - picnic on the top.

On Sunday Black & I left for  
Paris & finally got to G.H.P. at 11 pm  
on Monday - the floor of the G.H.P.  
but - very thankful!

Talks with Meneo & Lempereur, a  
physical exam; then I went with  
P.S.B. & L.H. at Genl Hinds' house.  
Genl Wastfeld & Genl ? (!) & lots of Colonels  
including Shedd - ; I had no Pen

less.

Victims & Successes

Come so far its hard to keep up.  
3 Turkish armies destroyed; Bulgaria  
out of it; Cambrai St. Quentin  
taken; the Belgians close to Roulers  
& Menin — vite!

Yesterday to Erin with Horne  
& back to car with Leornier &  
Black — Yotka here on the way to  
Paris.

Oct 4.

Prince Max v. Baden is the new  
Chancellor. Will the reform be made  
Cameron or will the rules be such  
to meet the wishes of the war & go the  
limit to save themselves?

Adventures & news are extracted -  
Cambrai, however, seem hard to take. The  
Germans on both sides of La Bassée  
will take up their positions. are

Anglo-Strung - like the mass of Sr.  
Gobain fall? The Americans in

the Argonne seemed stopped - I don't  
believe many divisions of ours are  
engaged - I look for some other big  
push on our part - Champagne

in Alsace - At St. Mihiel we  
had only 156 men killed so that  
our 1<sup>st</sup> army is pretty much intact  
so far at present enemy Douner.

Turkey must follow Bulgaria's lead -

The Frankfurt Z. & the Berliner T.

almost admit it - Et ca va  
tre mal en Autriche.

I see Storm has married a  
Roman driver's daughter - Incredible -

L.R. writes optimistically from  
Lampes.

Sunday Oct 6.

Soon after writing the above I went to  
the station where Davis gave me  
a fat envelope of letters - home news.

I thought - I opened the  
envelope & the first thing that

caught my eye was my own letter

to Hubert with "Success" written  
across it! ... Also letters

from Peter & explained that  
I gave hope that he may be a

prisoner - On the morning of

Sept 26 at 11 am. New Longway

(W. K. K. K.) began that time in a

running boat of 37 minutes - returned

3 to 1 My own.

Since then

I have been quite sized. I will not  
abandon hope - I would very send  
good news - Oh I despair before in  
know content? There is a chance -  
His mother! - I was so fond  
of the boy - he was so full of life  
so young - I'm glad he had  
his affair with Colette - He got no  
pain out of it. In vain.

I blame myself - I don't have sent  
him home - The fool I was to think  
a year ago last August that the  
war would end found him in training  
still! Oh did not I make him  
go home? I am responsible -

Perhaps he is safer -

Austria sends a queen with a big  
million for an armistice in the days  
of the famous 14 pts & the press

Bureau & Keene talks of Germany & Turkey  
doing the same thing. Does it  
put Wilson in a hole? Is it  
sincere? Certainly not -

I know tho; from so accustomed to  
the idea of the war it's doubtful  
that peace will surprise me -

Perhaps it may come as suddenly as  
the war itself began?

Not yet.

To lunch with the Brewsters  
r cash - check with the children  
in a war room behind the church  
at Chatham - Done with things -  
a comfort to my aching heart -

And with them - to dine with  
the Brewsters at Billiat.

Oct 19

No entries!

No news of Kuhlman.

Two days of sickness.

Arnold's Capital & surroundings - quite  
unpleasant -

Last Saturday went to Linn

↳ put Sunday. Rather bored

Must say we are nice

Breuer - Arnold will have sickness

Arnold has been very ill but is better  
again.

Oct 20

What a week!

Geneva, Bruges

Little, Roubaix  
the whole Belgium

Cost estimated.

Incredible!

However the war will not end this

year - not till the Spring. The

Boche has been able to withdraw  
or has escaped disaster. He may  
go to the Rhine but must  
surrender - not yet. Turkey  
must first quit, Austria  
beck up before we see the  
end. To give up Alsace Lorraine  
& to lose Prussia Poland is  
something Germany can't face  
at present - absolute disaster  
must come first. Max  
must go & William too.

No news of Newbold yet.  
It's horribly long.

On this I had the pleasure of  
seeing H.P. Dawson, his British



valer Mrs. Garrett, Sir Anson  
Remond, Brit. Minister to Rome.  
H.P.D. claims a hostile car at Rome  
wasn't heard of these days.  
Sir H.P. said - It might be wise  
to look up my "conquette" - with a  
view of using Mrs G. & I  
throughly enjoy the scene.  
Great Dulness - nothing to do.  
Bored to extinction. No "raise".

Oct 30-

Very little to report.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> Austria asked for a separate  
peace "without waiting for other deliberations".  
Turkey is said also to have done a complete

"Kamarad".

Dutasta told an informant that peace  
will be here by Nov 15 - England takes  
the German fleet; France occupies a  
strip of territory 30 k. wide east of Rhine;  
all guns & munitions seized. Germany

guis is completely. Austria allows  
allies to establish a south German  
front. On vna. It

is good "sope".

The last ten days haven't offered much.  
No news of poor N. It's hard to think  
of anything else. Roy has had a

severe case of grippe - lung affected -

He goes to the Gays on Saturday &  
I hope to see him as I expect to  
leave for Paris on Friday.

Madame Brewster & child left last  
week for Paris. B. is at the hotel.  
He hopes to go to Anvers in a little  
while.

Curzi has gone to the British I.S. up  
in that office - a good job. I don't  
think. Campanari was here yesterday

I don't know what for. Campy  
& his wife spent a night here in their

any to Nice  
his stead.

Col. Cox says in

B. I go at some time every day  
to pass the time - Duval, Chablon  
Billiat -

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Since July last only - so much has  
happened that it's hard to know where  
to begin. I went to Paris on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

meeting Béné with the train - absolutely  
convinced that Germany will accept the  
conditions of the armistice whatever they  
found.

Meeting Béné made

me think of going to Prague since  
that moment I've been doing anything  
or better to arrange it - with Gordon.

Not in work yet so. I went to

G.H.P. to see Annes - in the meantime

Tyler saw Earl Mar. in detail

with Benes in the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Gordon - has worked Anshin class -  
we may go - a good chance.  
I met By in Paris. No second party  
will this September. Stayed  
in the P.L.G. at 3. the Anglo-Vietnamese -  
D.C. (merciful) in England - pleasant  
compact, warm, comfortable for.

Thursday & Friday (about) were days of  
excitement + strain. I can foresee  
the future at all. I feel utterly at  
sea.

Back here on Saturday night with  
Brennan - on Sunday night Black  
Wepherd says that Germany had  
accepted - but from Belfast - not 5  
on Monday morning. The armistice was  
signed - celebration lunch Knoblock Howell & Brennan

was to answer to a Bolshevik revolution.  
Complete mobilization - took place - the  
train stopped for 3 days - no papers  
no news.

However yesterday the  
Bolsheviks gave in & today things are  
normal. The Federal Council seems

to have acted with firmness - the army  
is loyal; the French part of Switzerland  
opposed the movement with unity &  
energy. The whole thing was a

German maneuver - to try to drag  
Europe down into anarchy in the  
collapse of the Empire - The danger  
is great still but as far as

Switzerland is concerned the crisis is  
past I understand. Or so at  
least is the general impression

I gather.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

The week has been dull and long -  
I don't remember such long days.  
The papers are kept - in comparison  
with former days.

One day to Annemasse - Tuesday - to  
lunch with Gaillard & Resnais.

The letter has now gone, I hear.

A final break with Dutheil.

On Friday I went to Geneva with  
Joseph Baudet after getting Mrs

Mrs Desclaux let us go -

San David King, Edouard, Guinand

Casaret, etc. I change for

Geneva in Dray rather direct -

Out of season.

I am still waiting. G. writes  
that chances are fair for Prague. Beneš  
has written Adlai; Adlai opposes;  
Hugh Gibson views our names with  
sympathy. But I wonder - & doubt.

It ~~will~~ be a good way to wind up  
the war - having seen nothing of it  
we ~~shall~~ remain political agents?

Three or four months, & then release?

And what then?

What will life

be like I wonder.

101 Park Avenue

And the round of games as in the  
old days. Cross currents & struggles;

Compromises on all sides?

I suppose so.

The fact is the

future & there can be no escape.

At all events I am too old.

Bolshevism? To a certain extent,  
cutting reduced incomes & increased  
expenses. A new sense of values.

I hear that on Nov 11. all promotions  
were stopped. It probably includes mine.  
I don't think I care things then or  
mine a feeling that I haven't been  
treated very well by G.O.P. - not that I  
deserve anything but certainly as  
much as others. Main on front  
I've fished Caricature.

It's a period of waiting - a trying  
moment - for undoubted; in a hard  
unfamiliar decision.

Young Folter is reputed killed.  
Out of his squad but 2 are left.  
Charlie DePhon & Archie Post are  
dead & how many more of one's friends



Would then one get the lists?

Sunday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

On Friday evening Anne wrote me  
in the wire that I was ordered to  
Paris to the Peace Commission (?)  
(to report to Tyler) - also my  
promotion had come -

I was now waiting for the order - by  
wire? A. Anne said was coming  
at once but A. this am.

She called me up & said  
had it come through - &

There will be a delay of days yet  
perhaps to which I must set  
resigned things to the first burst  
of enthusiasm I was myself leaving

Bellegarde tonight !...

Le Roy has gone to the G<sup>th</sup>  
Army corps (G-2) but there is not  
word. Ligne -

The conditions of the armistice seem to  
be carried out slowly. Bismarck  
is said to be trying to negotiate  
a separate peace with the Allies?  
Wilson is due on the 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>.

December 18<sup>th</sup>

On Wed. the 4<sup>th</sup> I left Bellegarde forward  
with Brevant, in the Rocket & ran  
to Lens via Bourg a Breux, Chalons,  
Langres, Auxerre. Very pleasant.  
On the next of 13 Paris there I  
was truly surprised to go to Prague

without, however, any decision - being yet  
arrived at.

The President arrived on the 14<sup>th</sup> - a  
magnificent reception - We had a  
fine view of him from the White Seclusion.  
4 P.M. onwards.

Letty was in town for the day from  
St. Michael - It may be sent to Sertha  
Agron with Miles.

J.M. is ill in town - heart attack  
may be over tomorrow he writes E.W.