





Malennett.
9th Bty.

Diary for 1917.

20.5.17

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1917.

Jan 5th 17 Friday my
head.

Had arm put in another
flat iron splint for the
purpose of getting the
bone as close together as
possible.

Not feeling over well
& arm swelled a
good deal.

12th Friday

Swelling gradually
going down & feels
b. t.

20th Saturday.

Arm healing very
well. Had tube
removed.

Feb 6th Tuesday

Wound practically
healed. Another
Xray which gives
an excellent result
& means no bone graft.

Feb 20th Tuesday
Arm quite healed &
splint removed but
still have the sling.
I naturally feel very
timid after having a
splint for four months.

24th Saturday
Wound broken out again
but very slight.

28th Monday
Wound healed again.
Boarded & thanked
out for Hastings.

March 3rd Saturday.
Left (with much sorrow)
good old St. J. St. for
Hastings at 9 a.m. &
arrived there at noon.

4th Sunday
Prospects of the new
home not very good
but may brighten.

The Dr's here think my
arm a wonderful mend.

7th Wednesday.
Sorry to say I do
not like my new home
any better but the sisters
& nurses are very good
to us all.

8th Thursday
Went for a walk
along the front with
Pte. Duvalant & then
to an Orchestral
concert on the Pic-
Theatre.

10th Saturday.
The weather has been
too bad to get out
much, the front &
pictures being the
limit.

March 12th Monday.
Boarded & marched
out for Brighton with
recommendation for a
transfer to Hauefield.
Obtained three days
leave to go to
Baterham to stay
with Mrs. May.

13th Tuesday.
Caught the 8.20 a.m.
train for baterham
arriving there at noon.
Went for a bus ride
to Enoydon with
Miss May in the
afternoon & enjoyed
it very much.

14th Wednesday.
On the morning I
went for a walk
along to the baterham
Barracks where the

Grenadier Guards are
stationed in peace time.
~~At~~ present it is full
of new recruits.
In the afternoon I went
with Miss May to Reigate,
(on the bus) which is
a very pretty place
but the weather was
very bad & dreary.

15th Thursday.
Left baterham at
9.15 a.m. took train to
Knaydon & then the bus
to Wandsworth, where
I visited my mate
Mich Morgan whom
I was wounded with
& who unfortunately
has lost his right
leg. From there I
took the train to
Victoria Street Station

I had my first glance
of the Great City of
London. Went to Ed.
Grs. Horseferry Road,
made out a free allotment
I went & saw Will
Kullen. From there I
had my first tube
ride from St. James's
Square to Charing
Cross & caught the
4.10 p.m. train there
for Hastings, arriving
there at 5.50 p.m.

16th Friday.

Went for a walk
to the Hastings bath
& baves with Cite.
Durrant & in the
evening got ready for
departure to Brighton
to-morrow.

17th Saturday.

Left Hastings 8.15 a.m.
I arrived at Kitchener's
Hosp. Brighton at 11.15
but find a vast
change, the Aust. staff
having left & taken
over by the Canadians.

Everything is upside
down owing to the
change & I am in the
convalescent Huts & as
it is snowing we all
find it bitterly cold.

22nd Thursday.

Boarded & marked
P. W. Hanfield for
Aust. board so I am
naturally hoping for
that day to come.

27th Tuesday.

Have received orders
for departure to
Hanfield to-morrow.

March 28th - Wed.
Left Brighton 9.15 train.
arriving at London Bridge
Station 10.20, from there
we (a party of twelve)
took the tube to St
Paddington where we
again took the train
to Penham, where a
motor amb. met us
& conveyed us to Three-
field Hospital, about
2½ miles away.

29th - Thursday
I like the place very
much & it reminds me
of my old Brighton home.
Col. Butler of Hobart
is my cth. C.

30th - Friday.
Have taken the sun
out of the sling at
last. Met Sgt. James from
Hobart.

31st - Saturday.
My Aust. board papers
made out & recommended
for discharge. Getting
hot air treatment &
massage.

There is a Miss Roscoe
here who teaches French
& I am making use of
the opportunity.

April 3rd - Sunday.
Went before Col. Gordon
for my preliminary
board & it was finally
recommended for six
months furlough in
Aust. & treatment.

6th - Friday.
Went for a walk to
Richmansworth &
Chile End with S's
Kinton & Hodson &
Pte. Tilly.

April 9th Monday
Took a party of eight up
to the Savoy, London,
where there was a
free concert & afternoon
tea given for all
wounded soldiers &
sailors. Arriving home
via Northwood at
8 p. m. started Electric
treatment.

10th Tuesday.

Before Col. Ryan re
my trip home but he
considered I looked
too healthy to send
home. I marched
me C. W. for active
service in "Blighty."

13th Friday

Visited Miss Roscoe
Horn Hill Court, had
a very enjoyable day
& arrived home 8.30 p. m.

15th Sunday.

Went for a walk to
Denham & to Habbidge
with S's Hinton &
Hodson & Pte Cilley.

16th Monday.

Had orders to go on
furlough to-morrow
but got it cancelled
till Friday.

20th Friday.

Exactly two years &
six months to-day since
we left Hobart & I am
about to start my first
furlough (4 days) so
am naturally ^{excited} to start
with, all my uniform
has been lost owing to
a mistake in the
pack store & I was
put into anything till
I got to Horseferry Rd.

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where I got a complete change, my furlough pass & the old necessary.

Have to report at Penham Downs May 5th.

It was four o'clock before I had got clear of Bd. Qu. so that the first day was practically gone. I met Jack Brown all from Lindisfarne at the furlough office so we went & booked our room at Faulkner's Hotel, had tea & went to the play "Seven Days Leave" which we liked very much.

21st Saturday.

Jack. Sgt. Jones (over on leave from the battery) went to the Com. Bank

in the morning, had dinner up by St. Paul's Cathedral & then I left them & went to the York Hotel to see the sisters from 3rd. I. I. H.

Had afternoon tea with sister Slater & then went for a bus ride to Kensington. Walked up through the Men. gardens to the Albert Memorial & then through Hyde Park, catching the bus back at the main entrance at Buckingham Palace, & finished the evening by going to "Lugetta", a beautiful play with Ealy Deslys acting as Lugetta.

April 22nd - Sunday.

Went to church at Westminster Abbey with S. Slater & after for a walk down Rotten Row.

Swarms of people come down here of a Sunday morning after church & dozens of horsemen ride up & down the Row.

Met Ray here & afterwards went to dinner with Re & Jack at the Trocadero, in Piccadilly.

After dinner I went to the York Hotel again & then went for a taxi ride round & through Regent's Park & Hyde Park, with S's young son Mac Donald & Harry Taylor of the battery.

23rd - Monday.

In the morning I went to Horseferry again to get some more beehive ash & in the afternoon from there to Dartford to see Alf & some more mates there. Jack Brammall & Sgt. Jones came too.

In the afternoon Jack & I went for a taxi ride with S's King & Drunbury to Richmond Park & along the Thames Embankment. In the evening I went to the Coliseum with a friend of Ray's from the bomb. Park.

Oh if this would only last, but no doubt it would in time get monotonous. One could

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spend three months in London & then not see it all.

24th Tuesday.

Dodged about different parts of the city till 12.00. when Jack Quarmall & self went to Horseferry to proceed with a party to Windsor castle. Took the tube from St. James's Sq. to Paddington & caught the 1.15 train arriving at the castle about 2.15, were received by the King & Queen & Princess Mary & then taken all over the castle.

When we had seen all over we were given afternoon tea & then taken round the grounds & through the Royal stables, catching the 4.35 p.m. train back to Paddington. Of all

the trips I have had I think I enjoyed this one as much or more than any.

In the evening Jack & I went to "London Pride" with S's Redman & Rodan.

25th Wednesday.

Keith Roxborough is down on three days leave from Handcott & is staying with us.

In the morning we went through Westminster Abbey & in the afternoon went for a walk through Ball Mall & round Buckingham Palace & in the evening I went to "General Post" with Sister & Sister. I must not forget to mention we used to breakfast in bed, some swank.

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26th Thursday

In the morning we all went to the Bom. Bank to get a little more of the necessary & in the afternoon took a taxi to Hyde Park & on to the Serpentine for a row & had a great afternoon. This place is absolutely swarmed with people on holidays, Richmond is another & better boating resort still.

Left Kings Cross station with Arthur Alex (who arrived from Euance on leave last night) by the "Flying Scotsman" at 10.30 p.m. & luckily had a carriage all to ourselves & slept all the way to Edinburgh.

27th Friday

Arrived in Edinburgh at 1.30 am. went straight to the Register Hotel, booked up, had a bath & breakfast & then made straight away for the castle. After being taken over here by an old Scotch doddie guide, whose talk was double Dutch to us, we took a bus for the North Bridge & learned when we arrived that the Australia was in Port & after having dinner caught the Pinnacle & spent the afternoon on board the Aust. Flagship.

We saw all over here & then before leaving had afternoon

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tea with the crew
arriving back in Edinburgh
at 7.30 p.m. After tea
we went to the Palace
Pictures & then made
for "blanket bay."

28th Saturday.

In the morning I went
to Viewforth Terrace &
visited Mrs. Fraser &
in the afternoon went
to Liberton for a tram
& bus run, finishing up
by going to the Kings
Theatre to see "All
French".

29th Sunday.

We caught the 9.15 a.m.
train at Dalmain for
Glasgow, arriving there
at 10.30, had a cup
of tea etc. at the
Station Soldiers tea
rooms, then to the

Grand Hotel in Sauchiehall
Street, Charing Cross,
booked up for the
night & caught the
train for Lock Lomond,
arriving there after a
very enjoyable ride
down the Clyde about
2 p.m. Here at Balloch
(the little town at the
mouth of the Clyde,
or rather southern end)
a party of six of us
got a motor boat &
took a run round the
Loch all through the
Islands, the trip lasting
two & a half hours.

On our way to the
Loch we met a Scotch
gentleman who lived
at Dumbarton & he
came along with us,
explaining the different

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places &c. as we went along. After we had finished our motor run we had tea & then caught the train back to Glasgow, arriving there at 7.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. Then had dinner & took a stroll round the city, but were not so much impressed with this city as with Edinburgh.

30th Monday.

As Arthur & I had to get back to London by the night express we caught the 9.15 train back to Edinburgh & spent the rest of the morning with the Barber & at postcard buying. As soon as we had finished

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dinner we took a taxi & went for a run past Holyrood castle, round Arthur's seat & Salisbury, then to Biddington, Porto Bello & back to Edinburgh. Then I left Arthur & went up to Mrs. Fraser's again & had forty winks, being dead tired. In the evening Isobel, Nellie & self went to the Kings Theatre & saw "Drie-a-Drie" which I liked as well as any I saw in London.

31st May. Tuesday.

Spent nearly all the morning in bed & met Nellie & Isobel & went ^{home} with them to dinner. In the afternoon Mrs. Fraser & self went for

a trip to the Braed Hills & then visited Miss Annie McIntosh from there home to tea. After tea I went ~~for~~ to the Palace Pictures with a friend of Antheus, Miss Kennedy.

The gay life, after being so long in hospital made me feel very much out of form & bed was always very welcome & also hard to leave.

2nd. ~~Friday~~ Wed.

The Fraser family & self caught the 10.30 a.m. train for Abendoun, arriving there via the great Forth Bridge (which undoubtedly is the finest work of engineering I have ever seen) about 11.15 a.m.

This little place reminded me very much of some of the little Tassy sea-side resorts & we spent a most enjoyable day, arriving back at Edinburgh at 7.20 p.m.

After this I went with Miss McIntosh & saw "As Brisk as Ever" at the Empire.

3rd. Thursday.

The bed got the better of me again but managed to meet Nellie & Isabel at 12.15 & went up to dinner with them.

After dinner we went to Holyrood Castle, where the Royal family stay when visiting Edinburgh. Then I met Annie McIntosh & we went for a trip

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round the Bnaed Hills
& afterwards went back
to Mrs. Grassers before
leaving for the ten
train for London. When
we arrived at the
train I found it packed
so had to get a seat
the best way I could.

Now I felt when the
train left I hardly know
to think that the holiday
I had waited 2½ years
for had come to an
end & then of the
great time I had had
was finis.

The train was crowded
until we got to
York, when most
of our passengers
detained & we
were able to get
a few windows.

4th Friday.

Arrived at Kings Cross
Station at 7.30 a.m.,
tubed to Charing Cross
& had a bath & breakfast,
then went straight to
Horseferry with a letter
from Alf & tried for
the week end extension,
but could not even
get a hearing of any
description.

In the afternoon Arthur
Alex & I went to Louthall
to see Mick Morgan
& found him trying his
new artificial leg,
arriving back in London
at 6 p.m. & met Jack
Drammell, Roy Tracey
& a clergy. so we all
went & had tea
together & then made
for the Palladium, a

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fire Variety show,
including Mad. & da
Crossby the Aust.
singer.

5th Saturday.

Arthur Rex left at
7.30 a.m. on his return
to France & Jack &
I spent the morning
dodging round till at
1 p.m. when I caught
the train at Waterloo
bound for Perham.

We had to change at
Andover for Ludgershall
where we detrained
& marched to Perham
about 1½ miles arriving
there at 4 p.m.

I had previously heard
that this was the
worst camp in the
whole of England &

as I did not know a
soul & had to take
to the old army bed
& life again I naturally
thought it was.

Although tired out after
the fortnight's fling I
hardly slept a wink,
the contrast from
the sheets & the cold
being too much for
the first night.

6th Sunday.

Parade for classific-
ation again & I was
marked C1 which is
unfit for active
service, home service.

Went to a sacred
concert & tea in the
F.M.C.A. at 3 p.m.
& in the evening wrote
letters etc. The camp I
am in here is C & 1

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Command Depot. No 1
Camp.

7th. Monday.

Moved to another camp
but in No 2 camp.

Met Harry Hawkes, an
old battery man, also
Purse Chané an old
Queen's College boy &

learned that Bent-deckey
of the battery was over
at Tidworth so made
straight for there in
the evening, a distance
of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

When I arrived I found
him out but had the
good fortune to find
Harry (him & both
Knights (both Lieuts) there
& they soon started to
look for a job for me.

8th Tuesday.

Practically did nothing
all day but went for
a stroll into Ludgers-
hall in the evening
& met Ted Dweeney,
Corkery & Sawdry
from the battery.

9th. Wednesday.

Bent de Cley came
over from Tidworth
in the morning &
in the afternoon I
was given a passy
in the Pay Office ^{here} by
Capt. Major H. Quant &
I liked it very well.

After tea I went over
to Ashursthone Barracks
Tidworth to see how
things were progressing
w my new passy, &
then went to the Pictures
with Bert.

10th Thursday
The office hours are
very easy, being 10.12 a.m.
to 2.4 p.m.

In the evening I went
to a concert (the
"Dazzlers") in the
F. Ch. b. St.

11th Friday.

Over to Tidworth
again & find two jobs
for me but did not
decide for certain yet.

12th Saturday.

Put in a very quiet
Saturday, the worst
for many a day &
a vast contrast to
the way I spent the
few beforehand.

13th Sunday.

Went to church &
communion in the
morning & in the

afternoon strolled over
to Tidworth again but
found everybody I
wanted to see was out.

The weather has been
very warm all the
week & the country
round about beautiful,
the trees getting their
new leaves again.

14th Monday.

At 3.30 p.m. I got a
telephone message from
Shurthorne to proceed
to there at once &
on arriving there
learned that Harry
Min had got me a
new vacancy in the
oxy-products depot &
that I was to be
stationed during the
day at the Railway

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Station, where the depot is, & from all accounts it seems rather a prosperous opening; thanks to Harry.

15th Tuesday.

Started my new occupation & I think will like it very much.

16th Wednesday.

Had a letter from Ray Brownell & find he is only about seven miles away, so we are hoping to meet some week ends.

Very busy with my new books &c. My destination is Ashworth Barcachs St. Q. M. S. Branch, Sidworth, & it is A. S. Q. S. for the whole

Salisbury
of the Plains.

17th Thursday.

Went for a walk with Bent. de Mey & John Cheeseman in the evening, during the day, toil.

18th Friday.

Came routine & in the evening went for a stroll to Penham with Bent.

19 Saturday.

Made out my first weekly report re the By-products. In the afternoon went out to Ludgershall with Bent & Corp. Sam Stamford & came back via Penham & found Gen Whistlaw who had just arrived

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in from furlough, &
looking rather sorry
for himself.

20th Sunday.

Put the afternoon
in with Den but
owing to rain could
not go out.

21st Monday.

Den came across &
we (Dent & self) are
trying to get him over
here for a time.

Liking my work very
well.

22nd Tuesday.

Went for a cycle
with Dent in the
evening via Perham
& Ludgershall.

23rd Wednesday.

Like a good boy,
stayed at home &
did some writing.

I am very fortunately in
a nice little cubical
room with Dargt.

Hartley & find everything
very convenient.

24th Thursday.

In the evening Dent
& I went to the
Lantern Theatre here
& had an enjoyable
evening.

25th Friday.

General routine &
in the evening went
over to see Den Whishaw
at Perham, but found
he had been transferred
to Parkhouse.

26th Saturday.

Chairly hot day. Wrote
letters in the afternoon
& in the evening walked
to Parkhouse to see
Den but was again

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disappointed, he having
obtained leave & gone
to Salisbury. Met
Libson & Lake & another
about boy there.

27th Sunday.

Church parade to
F. M. C. A. at 10 a.m.

A very heavy thunder-
storm which lasted
all day, with the
exception of a few
small breaks.

Walked over to Park-
house in the afternoon to
see Den & we met George
Chirkell.

28th Monday.

Weather very sultry.
Den came over in the
evening & we got one
step nearer his
transfer to here.
Went for a stroll after.

Public Holiday, many
visitors down from
different parts.

Tuesday 29th.

Went for a walk with
Peter Scott & Bert Dunbar
in the evening. Went
to Tray room at Ash
Hospital with Jack
Knight & made
enquiries about my
arm & massage.
Recommended for
another X-ray.

On my way home from
the depot I went to
the Lidworth market
with S. Sgt. Scott &
had afternoon tea.

Wednesday 30th.

May 31st.

Thursday.

In the evening I went to the theatre with Peter Scott & Bert Dunbar & on my way home learned that Bert was Mr. Byers nephew.

1st June Friday.

After making out my weekly report I went for a bike ride to Parkhouse to see Den Whishaw & found that his O.C. had refused his transfer to Okharpur, but is keeping him there for a time.

Saturday. 2nd.

Caught the 2.35 train for Andover, arriving there about 4 p.m. wished breaking a camera, had tea & a look round &

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caught the 7.40 p.m. back, arriving home about 9.30 p.m.

At 12.30th I went to the X-ray dept. at Delhi Hosp. & had two photos taken of my arm.

3rd Sunday

Went to the Hospital at Delhi Barracks & saw the result of my arm, which was good. I saw a Colonel there & after a good examination he decided that the best way to do would be to break it down, (which would mean an Anæsthetic) & then have hot air & massage.

In the afternoon I went to Spa Uprawn (pen boat) with Peter

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Scott & saw Ray
Brownell, arriving
home, after a twelve
mile cross-country
walk, at 9 p. m.

4th Monday

Made a cross-country
trip to Eversly with
Bert de Mey & John
Cheseman, and had
a look at
House presented by
Queen Elizabeth to

5th Tuesday

Made the best of
the evening again &
went for a walk
with Bert de Mey
round by Tidworth
House.

6th Wednesday

Went for a swim
with Peter Scott,
Bert Dunbar & Charlie
my first for
over 12 months.

7th Thursday

Self arrived over
from Penham &
we spent the
evening together.
He is looking O. K.
after his trip to
Scotland etc.

Friday 8th

Bert de Mey, John
Cheseman & self
walked to Ludgishall
& had tea with
Dr. Williams.

After tea Bert
gave a lantern
slide lecture on
N. S. Wales which

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passed very well.
Coming home at
11.15 we had our
names taken by
the M. I's & Bent
raising a little
argument was put
under arrest &
spent the night in
the guard room.

After rather an
exciting evening
we arrived home
at 12.30 a.m.

9th Saturday.

Saw the Col. first
thing & he made
matters straight
re last night's
little stunt. Bent
& John have also
been let off.

Marched into Delhi

hospital at 12 noon
& find I have to
wait till the 12th
to have my
sleeping draught.
Full details of
the great battle
between Messines
& Ypres.

10th Saturday Sunday

Same hospital routine.
In the afternoon I
went for a stroll
with Peter Scott
& Bent Durban but
as we are only
allowed out from
2 till 4 p.m. one
cannot go far.

The leave from
this hospital is the
worst on record
& considering the

June.

beautiful weather it
is absolutely absurd.
still it is the army.

11th Monday.

One day nearer my
little act. Went for
a walk down to
the depot & got flats
& to-days intake.

12th Tuesday.

Exactly 2 years & 9 months
since I enlisted.

Had my trip to the
operating theatre &
had three adhesions
broken down, which
made the arm very
tender.

13th Wednesday.

Arm very sore & stiff.
Dr. W. Kilham & Dr.
Bolbourn over from
Parkhouse to see me.

Rumours of a big air
raid on London at
mid-day.

14th Thursday.

Full details of the raid
on London, evidently
great damage done &
heavy loss of life.

Went for a walk to
the railway station.

Arm fairly sore still.

Friday 15th.

Got my first letter
from home via
Mr. Bishop. Very
hot day.

Saturday 16th.

Asked to be returned to
unit & marked out
for Tuesday. Went
to an open air
concert, given in aid
of the J. M. C. D., with

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Peter Scott.

Sunday 17th.

Writing letters etc.

Very hot still.

Heavy thunderstorms
in other parts of
England.

Went to church
at 11 a. m.

Monday 18th.

Got a budget of letters
from home, & spent
the best part of
the day answering
them.

Another Zepp raid
on the east coast
and one Zepp brought
down in flames.

Travels, Canada
before the C. B. prior to
leaving to-morrow.

Tuesday 19th.

Left hospital at 5 p. m.
but still have to carry
on with the treatment,
& go in for that of an
evening. Working late.

Wednesday 20th

Got a letter from Alf
to say he was leaving
for France again.

Den Whishaw & Vere
Walton came over from
Parkhouse to see me.

Thursday 21st.

Working late & then
wrote letters.

Friday 22nd.

I got a great surprise
when Leary Goddard
arrived in to see
me from Windmill Hill
camp & I got most of
the latest Hobart news.

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Saturday 23rd.

Another visitor, Jack
Disby (Hobart) from
Pembam & we went
for a walk & met
Purse. Brave &
Geney Toddard again.
Indulged in strawbe^{ies}
& cream down in the
village. & almost
imagined we were
back in Lasey again.

Wed 20th Continued.

Paraded before Capt.
Boyd, Camp Command-
ant, re my capture
by the M.P.s on the
18th. & was at first
remanded but after
some trouble Lt's
Thorn & Knight got
the matter cleared
up. This is my first
time "on the mat" since

being in the army, &
that was caused through
the old usual "Singed my leg."

Thursday 21st.

{ Had a letter from
H. saying he was
leaving from France
that day }

Sunday 24th.

Got a letter from Ray
saying he had passed
as a Flight Lt. etc. &
was going on a few
days leave.

In the afternoon
Dett de Lacy, Peter Scott
& self went for a
walk to Slings via
Parkhouse, & back
home again via
Parkhouse & Skipton.

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Monday 25th

Cent came down to the depot in the afternoon & with Peter we went & bought a basket of strawberries & three cups of cream & made besets of ourselves.

Ben & Vere Walton came over in the evening & we went to the theatre, but we did not stay right through owing to a very poor play.

Tuesday 26th

Same old routine.

In the evening Ben & I went for a walk along the Shipton road via Tidworth House.

Wednesday 27th

Peter & I rode cycled to Eversly, about 5 miles, & a very pleasant ride too, there being some very pretty avenues etc. on the way.

Thursday 28th

About 4 p.m. we had a very heavy thunderstorm & I think the heaviest I have ever experienced, together with a very strong wind blowing.

Friday 29th

Overslept, consequently no breakfast.

After finishing work at 1.30 p.m. I walked to Parkhouse to see Mr Whiskaw & Vere Walton.

Mr has made application for the ~~St. John's~~ ^{Inf.} School & is now

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waiting orders.

Saturday 30th.

Ben, Jack Dickey & Jerry Goddard came over & we spent the afternoon & evening together. We said good-bye to two baskets of strawberries & four cups of cream.

Sunday 1st July.

I left barracks at 9:30^{a.m.} & walked to Haver, arriving there at 11:10, & met Ray & Allan Brown just outside the aerodrome. Ray had arranged a fly for me, but owing to the wind all flying was cancelled for the day, much to my disappointment.

July.

I stayed the day with them, arriving home at 8 p. m.

Monday 2nd.

Rather stiff after yesterday's 14 mile walk.

In the evening I went to the Lawrieon Theatre, with Ben & Vere Walton, to see "The Bell of New York," which was not so bad.

Tuesday 3rd.

Ray flew over the depot about 11 a. m. & gave a little exhibition. Received a letter from Macgarvey saying with bad news from the battery, two killed & six wounded.

Wednesday 4th.

Nothing doing.

July
Thursday 5th.

Went for a walk with
Peter Scott round
Lidworth House & along
the Skipton Road.

Made application for
forty-eight hours week
end leave in view of
going to Bournemouth.

Friday 6th.

Den Whiskaw & Vene
Walton cycled over from
Parkhouse. They have
just been on 48 hours
leave to London.

Saturday 7th.

Peter Scott, Bert Dunbar
& self left by the 12.10
train for Bournemouth
travelling via Andover
& Southampton, arriving
at 3.15 p.m. This
being the end of baby

week our first thing to
see was a great baby
procession along the
front. The weather
was fine up till about
10.30 p.m. when it
turned into a heavy
thunderstorm, fortunately
we did not get very wet.

Sunday 8th.

Up at 7.30 & went to the
front for a bath before
breakfast. In the
afternoon we went
for a trip round to
the Chines & just
as we arrived there
it started to pour
with rain & we got
wet through. I did
not clean till late in
the evening so over
day for a look round

July

was spoilt, nevertheless
we enjoyed ourselves.

Monday 9th.

Left Bournemouth at 8.7
a.m. arriving home at
11.27 & found work
rather hard to tackle
for the first hour or so,
but feel much fitter &
ready for another few
weeks bare work
before some more leave.

Tuesday 10th.

Took a stroll to Park
House with Peter Scott &
Bert Durban. Weather
clearing up again. Good
news from the Russian
front. Great excitement
over the London air
raid on Saturday.

Wednesday 11th.

Weather beautiful again.

Went to a concert
at the 5th Cavalry
Reserve Riding School,
with Peter & Bert.

Thursday 12th.

Very hot day. Nothing
to report.

Friday 13th.

Same as yesterday.

Saturday 14th.

Peter went to Bournemouth
again. Went for a walk
with Bert Selley & a
French Viscount & we
said good-bye to a
basket of raspberries &
three cups of cream.

Sunday 15th.

The Church of England
Picture House was burnt
down at 3 a.m.

July.

More wet weather, a
thunderstorm at 9.30 am.
Walked to Parkhouse &
had tea with Den
Whiskaw.

Monday 16th.

More rain, crops looking
very well. Raspberry
season now & we are
losing no time with the
raspberries & cream.
Went for a walk with
Bert & Dunbar.

Tuesday 17th.

Very hot & sultry again,
rain at 10 p.m.

Wednesday 18th.

Very heavy rains.
Went to the pictures with
Peter & Bert.
Aim improving a little
but still fairly weak,
still having treatment.

Thursday 19th.

Den & Vere Walton came
over & the first item
was raspberries &
cream & then to the
pictures.

Friday 20th.

Den came over to
arrange about a trip
to Amesbury to-morrow
to meet some of his
relations there.

Saturday 21st.

Left by train for Amesbury
at 1.45 p.m. arriving
there at 2.10, met Den's
Cousin & went & had
dinner alongside a hedge.
After dinner we walked
to Stonehenge about two
miles. Stonehenge is a
mystery similar to the
pyramids in Egypt.

July.

It is surmised that they were built about the year 1649 B.C.

After seeing Stonehenge we came back to Amesbury & had tea, then hired a car & motored to Old Varem, about seven miles.

Arriving back at Amesbury at 9 p. m. we had supper in the edge of a wood & left for home at 10.30 p. m. after a very enjoyable day.

Sunday 22nd.

Paraded to the M.C. re my arm & he was very interested with the progress.

After dinner I walked to Ludgershall with Bert & my home via Perham Downs.

Monday 23rd

Len Bennett came over from Perham Downs to see me & we spent the evening together. A mail in from Australia at last, but only very little delivered yet.

Tuesday 24th.

Received home letter after waiting over a month.

Cycled to Ewerley with Peter Scott, lovely evening.

Wednesday 25th.

Another heavy thunderstorm at 4 p. m. but fine evening. Went for a walk with Bert & Barbara.

July

Thursday 26th

Very hot. Went for a walk with Peter Scott. Received a very nice birthday parcel from Mrs. May.

Friday 27th

Nothing doing.

Saturday 28th

The Twenty three today, feel about eighteen. In the afternoon Bert de May, Peter Scott & self went down the village, bought two tins of fruit, four cups of cream, & then borrowed some plates & made for some trees to start work.

After doing justice to these we had a stroll round & then came home & said good bye to

28th cont.

a cake sent by Miss May.

Last night I went to the station with Peter to meet a troop train, fresh troops from Aust. & arriving in at 11.30p. We had to make two trips to Parkhouse with the baggage & so did not get to bed till 2.30 a.m.

29th Sunday.

Church parade 9.30 a.m. Walked to Parkhouse to see Gen Whiskaw in the afternoon.

Monday 30th

Very wet day. Received orders to proceed to Lark Hill on Wednesday to relieve Sgt Symms at the depot.

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there, while he has ten days furlough.

Also received orders to move from our cubical to married quarters.

Tuesday 31st.

Very wet again.

Nothing doing except to get ready for my trip in the morning.

Wednesday 1st August.

Left Tidworth station

9.40 a.m. changed at

Ludgershall, Andover &

Salisbury & arrived at

Amesbury station about

12 noon, had dinner

there & walked to

East Hill, arriving there

about 2 p.m. nearly

wet through.

When I arrived here

I was made acting Sgt

so as to mess at the Sgts. Mess.

Thursday 2nd.

The work is rather different at this depot & more interesting. The machinery for extracting fat from the by prod. is being in working order.

In the evening I went to see Sgt Elliston at Durnington Camp. He is in the C.I.C. there & just finishing his course.

Friday 3rd.

Still wet & wintry.

Very busy all day, although I like the work better than a Tidworth Depot.

August

Saturday 4th.

More rain.

Very busy all day,
working till 8 p.m.
no bon.

Met Lill Barnett &
Jack Loane for the
first time since
leaving Lassy, both
seem very well.

Sunday 5th.

Working till 12.30
much against my
wish & also the
men at the Depot.

In the evening I
went for a walk
to Rylestone camp
with Lill Barnett
& two other 40th.
Batt. chaps.

Monday 6th.

Working hard till
5.30 p.m. After tea
I met Fred Millan
& Cyril Maddox &
went for a stroll
round camp.

Tuesday 7th.

Walked to
Durrington & back
in the evening &
afterwards wrote
home.

Wednesday 8th.

Very wet again.
In the evening I
walked to Highle-
dere with Fred
Millan, & Cyril
Maddox & a
N. Australian Sgt.
known. Got wet
through, on nearly
so, coming home.

August

after we returned
from there I went
to the Durrington
officers cadet school
I saw Guy Elliston,
who has just finished
there & goes to
London to be
gageted as 2nd Lt.
to-morrow.

Thursday 9th

Came old routine.
In the evening I
met George Langdale,
Clive Jones, Skipper
Bath & Dick Freeman
over at the R. B. D. D.
camp, they all
look very well.

Friday 10th
Working till 8.30
p. m. I then
turned in.

Saturday 11th
Very bad news
from the Russian
front still.

Sunday 12th
Working again till
12.30.

After dinner Fred
Mellar, Cyril Maddox,
Loc Brown & myself
walked to Durrford,
about five miles, had
tea there & then
back to church
at Amesbury.
Slightly tired when
I arrived home.

Monday 13th
Terribly wet again,
heavy thunderstorm
at 5 p. m.

August

Tuesday 14th.

At 5 p. m. I hired a bike & rode to Whitthorne, about nine miles, & made application for six days leave to begin from Friday next, arriving home at 9.30 p. m.

Wednesday 15th.

Rung up the office in the evening & found out that my leave was granted. Terrible thunderstorm at 7 p. m.

Thursday 16th.

Sgt. Symms arrived back at 5 p. m. & takes over from to-morrow morning. Went to see some of the boys at 26 R. B. A. A.

Friday 17th.

Left Lark Hill at 9.30, per a cooks cart, for Tidworth, arriving there at noon, got ready for my leave & left by the 4.10 train for Waterloo, arriving there at 6.30 p. m. Had tea & a bit of a look round & caught the 10.30 train from Kings Cross for Edinburgh. The train was crowded so I did not get much sleep.

Saturday 18th.

Arrived Edinburgh 8.15 a. m. & went up to elms. Hills to breakfast. After that Annie Macintosh & self

August

went for a walk down town had dinner there at the Palace Restaurant & as it was raining all the afternoon we went to the pictures.

Sunday 19th.

Had a sleep in as I was rather tired when turning in after my trip up the night before.

In the afternoon I went to the North Bridge had a good look round but could not get on board the war boats.

Monday 20th.

In the ^{morning} I went to the Arcade & had a parcel made up to send to Mother,

& then went to the top of the Scott Monument. Who should I meet at the very top but Jack Doley & Fessy, over on leave from France, so we had a good old yarn etc.

In the afternoon I went to the Portland Hills with Annie Macintosh, had a great walk & gathered some Scotch Heather.

Thursday 16th.

I received a letter from the Red Cross Society to say that our poor old Brother Jay had been officially reported killed in action on Aug. 5th 16.

A great loss but one
we can be more
than proud of.

Tuesday 21st.

Went to Peebles, a
very pretty place
on the river Tweed
about thirty miles
S. of Edinburgh.

Wednesday 22nd.

Went to St Andrews
to see the Fraseres
& spent a most
enjoyable day, arriving
back in Edinburgh
at 7.15 p. m. Then I
went up to Mrs.
Hills & had tea
before leaving for
the 10 o'clock train
for London.

When I got to
the train at 9.45

another boy & I got
a carriage to ourselves,
drew the blinds &
put the lights out
till the train got
underway & so
that we had a
seat to ourselves
& got a good sleep,
arriving at Kings
Cross at 7.50 a. m.

Thursday 23rd.

Took a tube from
Kings Cross to Charing
Cross, had a bath
& breakfast at
Faulkners & Hotel
& then had a look
round the gay city
& had a trip to
Mr. Bishop's & the
bank. Then I
went down to
Richmond, came

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back to London at
5 p. m. had tea &
caught the 5.50 p. m.
from Waterloo, arriv-
ing at Sidmouth at
8.4 p. m. after an
excellent six days.

Friday 24th

Found work very
hard to take after
leave so to break
it gently I went to
the theatre with
Peter Scott & Charlie
Devens & saw
"Under cover" which
was very good.

Saturday 25th

Went for a walk
with Peter in the
afternoon & went
to wrote letters
in the evening.

Sunday 26th

Raining all day like
the usual weekends
here. Spent the day
reading & letter writing.

Monday 27th

Rain again & very
chilly. At 7.30 Peter &
I went to a concert
in the Reg. Institute.

Tuesday 28th

Still wet. Jim Goodwin
came down at 9 p. m. &
gave me a kind with
my french.

Wednesday 29th

Medical inspection at
2.30 for re-classification
& I was marked B1A.
Rode to Parkhouse
& saw Vere Walton &
Les Honeysett. Had
a kick at a football.
After I came back

August & September

Peter, Frankie Devereux & self went to see the "Merry Widow" at the Garrison Theatre, which was not bad.

Thursday 30th.

Peter left for Ireland on six days leave, lucky beggar. Very wet still.

Friday 31st.

One fine day for a change. Maloney & Co. hand over the depot to Army Waste Products from to-morrow.

Saturday 1st Sept.

Business rather upside down at the depot owing to new regulations.

Gen Whistlaw & Vere Walton came over to see me in the evening.

Sunday 2nd.

Beautiful day. Walked to Parkhouse & had tea with Den.

Monday 3rd.

Another fine day. Had news from Russia.

Tuesday 4th.

Still fine. Hall of Lega reported.

Wednesday 5th.

Same as usual.

Thursday 6th.

Italians doing very well but the Russians still falling back.

Friday 7th.

Notified that I am to be made acting sergeant, thanks to Harry Ihin & Jack Knight.

Saturday 8th.

Rode to Pewsey (9 miles) with Ben & de Meg. & enjoyed it very much. In the

September

old church there there is
a lock taken from the
ruins of the convict
settlement at Port Arthur,
also the altar rails are
from the deck of a
Spanish warship captured
by Nelson in 1797.

Sunday 9th.

Church parade 10 a.m. Writing
letters etc.

Monday 10th.

Had a kick at a football in
the evening, the arm stands
well.

Tuesday 11th.

Walked to Ludgershall with
Bert de Key & John Chesseman,
had tea with Dr. Williamson &
then Bert gave a lantern lecture
on Australia, in the Scouts
Hall, which was very good.
Arrived home 11.30 p.m.

Wednesday 12th.

Poor old Quip's birthday, also
the 3rd. anniversary of
my enlistment.

Thursday 13th.

In orders that I am to be
act. sergt. from the 7th.
inst. Letters from home
dated July 1st, 7th & 11th, also
a small parcel of soap.

Friday 14th.

General meeting at the length.
Mess. New President & Committee
elected. I find the mess
very comfortable & food good.

Saturday 15th.

Rode to Parkhouse & saw an
Aust. rules football match (in
the afternoon) between Hdt.
Cos & N^o 4 Camp Parkhouse.
Parkhouse winning by about
four goals.
In the evening I went to
the theatre with H. Roxborough,
Bert de Key & John Chesseman.
saw "Who's the Lady."

September.

Sunday 16th.

Went for a walk with Keith
Doe in the afternoon & with
Peter in the evening.
Church 9.30 a.m.

Monday 17th.

Many happy returns Mother, may
this be our last away. My
birthday cake arrived so I was
able to celebrate it.

Went to a lantern lecture
given by Bent in the
Himal Bhavnagar J. M. B. D.

Tuesday 18th.

Neuralgia all day.
Went to Berham to the
dentist & had filling removed
& a dressing put in.

Wednesday 19th.

Neuralgia still bad.

Thursday 20th.

Dentist again, face swollen,
& abscess formed.

Friday 21st.

No bon to-day after
parading the floor for
two nights with neuralgia.

~~at~~ Letters from home
July 16th.

Saturday 22nd.

Better to-day. Walked
up to the tower & then
to Skipton with Fred
Millan & Cyril Maddox.
Tried the camera for
the first time.

Sunday 23rd.

Walked to Ewerley &
Bolingbourn Decis with
Fred Millan.

Monday 24th.

Face practically well
but a little sore.

Dentist again. Met
Sgt. Bradshaw, an
original battery man.

Tuesday 25th.

Had photo taken with
Q. March & also Ad. Gns.
Lungs.

Wednesday 26th.

Went to "Eben Dapleau"
with Peter at the
Garrison Theatre, which
was very good.

Thursday 27th.

Received three cases of
Sturmer apples from
Moore & Co. in place of
three cases of eating
apples sent from home,
which went astray.

They were in fairly good
order but a very
poor sample for Cos.
apples.

Friday 28th.

Another raid on London.
Had a letter from Ray

who is still well & has
three hun planes to
his credit.

Saturday 29th.

Letters from home, July
22nd.

Walked to Penham with
Peter & Keith Cox in the
afternoon, beautiful
weather.

Still another raid on
London, which from all
accounts did a good
deal of damage.

Sunday 30th.

Went for a walk with
Rob Mieves & Peter Scott.

Another raid. People
are getting very excited
about the matter as
naturally they should be,
& I think reprisals must
soon begin or trouble
will come of it.

October

Monday 1st.

Another parcel from home.
Got a parcel & some paper
away to Alf.

Another big raid, four
squadrons at different
intervals but the damage
does not seem to have
been as great as expected.

Tuesday 2nd.

Another mail in but no
luck for me so far.
Weather still beautiful.

Wednesday 3rd.

Mail from home.

Weather breaking.

Thursday 4th.

Very wet & cold.

Friday 5th.

Hail storms.

Saturday 6th.

Went to a soccer match

between A.D.M.C. & 6th Cav.
Res.

Went to the theatre
with Keith Roxborough &
Peter Scott. "The Barton
Mystery," not bad.

Sunday 7th.

Church parade 9.30 a.m.

Went to Parkhouse to see
Gen Whiskaw & Vere
Walton in the afternoon.
Very wet & windy still.

Monday 8th.

The usual. Still wet
& cold.

Tuesday 9th.

Ditto.

Wednesday 10th.

Met Paddy Oard from
Belbinn, he is looking
fairly well.

Thursday 11th.

Went to the G. of E. pictures
with Peter.

October.

Friday 12th.

Weather trying to clear
for the week-end.

Saturday 13th.

Received the news that
Alf had received the
Military Medal, great
rejoicing.

Watched a football match
(rust mules) between Hd. Qrs. &
St. & S. C. Parkhouse; won
by Hd. Qrs.

Went to the theatre
(The Carnival) with Keith
& Peter, very good.

Sunday 14th.

Went to the Garrison
Church with Lou Orchard.

Alar Brown came
down from London to
see us. He is now 1st
Lieut. in the St. & S. C. & is

about to leave for Egypt.

Monday 15th.

All the troops from
Cenham Downs are moving
to camps round Warminster
& Heytesbury. Peter has
to go to Warminster
in charge of transport.
Lamb Hill troops are
also going there.

Tuesday 16th.

Peter Scott left at 10 a.m.
for Warminster.

Went to C. of E. pictures
in the evening with
Laurie Hartley. Very
wet & cold again.

Wednesday 17th.

Put in for week end
leave to go to leave
London with Keith
Roxborough. Still wet.

October

Thursday 18th

War news bad on the Riga front the Germans practically masters of the Gulf.

Keith Fox did very well in his exams gaining 82 out of 100 marks.

Friday 19th

Left Lichworth with Keith by the 4.10 p.m. train arriving at Waterloo 6.30. As soon as we arrived at Faulkners (where we stayed) we met Bill Taylor of the battery over on leave & in fact ten days over.

As soon as we had dinner we went to see Romana at the Lyric & while we were there there was an air raid & the Jepps dropped a bomb outside

Swan & Edgars in Piccadilly & quite close to where we were. It did not disturb the play much.

Saturday 20th

Three years since leaving home so we made the best of it. Bill Taylor left for France at 7.30 a.m. & at dinner time we met Les Hinesworth & Tom Deegan of the battery, also on leave.

In the morning we both went to the Horns Bank & Horseferry to do a little business & in the afternoon we went first to the War Chest Club to see the King & Queen & then to Piccadilly to see the damage the bomb had done; windows smashed

for yards round & a fair
amount of damage to
draperies &c.

In the evening we had
dinner & at the Pic-
nill & then went &
saw big jag at the Hip-
podrome, very good.

Sunday 21st.

In the morning I went
to see Will Fuller at
House ferry.

Les Dinworth left for
Lance at 6 a.m.

In the afternoon I
went to Hyde Park,
Kensington Gardens &
Shepherd's Bush.

Monday 22nd.

Left Waterloo at 10 to 9
& arrived at Tidworth
at 11.20 a.m. Found
work very hard to take

Tuesday 23rd.

Got a letter from Ray
containing the bad news
about his brother Laurie,
awful luck for him, &
a terrible shock for
his poor mother.

Wednesday 24th.

Very wet & cold
again.

Thursday 25th.

Went to "Peg of my
heart" at the Garrison
Theatre with Den
Whishaw. Very good.

Friday 26th.

Bob Sniches ordered
to march out to-morrow
to 1st Command Depot.

Saturday 27th.

Bad news from Italy,
big offensive by Austro-
German army.

October. Lat. cont.

Went to the pictures (B of E) at night.

Sunday 28th.

Twelve months to-day since I was wounded, pleasant memories, (I don't think). Den

Whishaw came over from Parkhouse in the afternoon, we went for a walk & then to a concert given by the School of Instruction at the Theatre.

Monday 29th

News from Italy very bad & must make a great effect on the people. Wrote thirty letters & Xmas cards for home.

Tuesday 30th.

Same as usual. Did a little work at French.

November.

Wednesday 31st.

Went to the B. of E. pictures at night with Kenneth Symms. Still wet.

Thursday 1st.

News from Italy very bad.

Friday 2nd.

Same as usual.

Saturday 3rd.

Two letters from home, August 2nd, also two papers.

Sunday 4th.

Den Whishaw came over & we went to the concert at the theatre in the evening.

Monday 5th.

Jack Knight (Trent) had a smash up with his motor bike. Very much bruised about but no bones broken, his opponent

November.

suffer rather more having
an arm broken.

Tuesday 6th.

English & French troops
arrive in Italy, news
from there still very
bad.

Wednesday 7th.

Beet de Mey & I went
to Ludgershall & had
tea with Dr. Williamson.

Thursday 8th.

Beet de Mey marched
out to Det. School
at Woolwich.
Chess meeting at 9 p.m.

Thursday 8th.

Friday 9th.

Had a letter from Guy
Elliston who is in
hospital at Wandsworth,
result of gas.

Saturday 10th.

Received two letters from
home with the news of
the new niece.

Went to the theatre
"The Thief" ~~at the~~
with Frank Lynns,
not bad.

Sunday 11th.

Went to Salisbury for
the first time with
Frank Lynns & spent
an enjoyable day,
arriving home at 10 p.m.

Monday 12th.

Nothing special to note.

Tuesday 13th.

Of year. To day since I
arrived in Blighty, how
much has happened since
then, I'm not sorry I
was wounded.

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Wednesday 14th.

Went to the theatre with Den Whislaw & saw "The Rosary" which was very good. Den is on draft for France.

Thursday 15th.

News very bad from both Italy & Russia. ~~See~~ The speech made by Lord George in Paris causing much discussion.

Friday 16th.

More good news from Palestine. Weather very cold.

Saturday 17th.

Letters from home, dated Sept. 15th. Went to the Hippodrome in the evening with Lts. Hartley & Tilly.

Sunday 18th.

Church parade 10 a.m. Went to Salisbury in the afternoon with Bob Roberts, Bill Grant, Bert Smith & Brook Hawlen.

Monday 19th.

The usual again.

Tuesday 20th.

More home letters, Aug. 28th. News of General Sir Stanley Maude's death in Mesopotamia.

Wednesday 21st.

The same old game. Still worrying away at my French.

Thursday 22nd.

Went to the theatre to see the "Carnival" with Brook Hawlen & Billy Grant.

Friday 23rd.

St. M. M. published in Syac Orders.

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Saturday 24th.

Had a stroll round with Den Whiskaw, Rene Walton, & Chook Fowler, then we went to the theatre in the evening.

Sunday 25th

church parade, 10 a.m.
& Went to the concert in the theatre at night.

Monday 26th.

Den, Rene & Les Honey left for Quance at 10¹⁵ p.m.
I went & saw them off.

Tuesday 27th

Went to Sudgershall to tea & spent the evening at Mr. Williamsons.

Peter, Scott came over from Warminster & stayed the night, bunking with me.

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Wednesday 28th.

Some more letters from home, Sept. 23rd.

Thursday 29th.

Went to the theatre with Chook Fowler, Lavender & some others & saw "baste", which was very good.

Friday 30th.

Made my application for the det. school & have to see the Dr to-morrow. We had a Saturday dance at the Sports. Chess & it went off splendidly. The first dance I have had since I was in Egypt.

Saturday 31st Dec.

Harry Thin Esq. took me to the Dr. & with a bit of luck I got A class, many thanks to Harry. Then

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I went to Hextesbury with
Col. Sedden in his car &
saw Major Lee, who gave
me a very good recommenda-
-tion & came back by train
from Bedford, via Salisbury
& Andover, arriving
back at 11:30 p. m.

Saturday 2nd.

Went to Salisbury
in the afternoon
with Roberts, Grant,
Howen, Smith &
Durington & spent a
very enjoyable afternoon.

Sunday 3rd.

Bitterly cold, a very
heavy frost.

Tuesday 4th.

Freezing, had our
first fall of snow.
Went to the theatre with
Brook Howen & Co. &
saw "The Dunshire Girl"

Wednesday 5th.

Went to B. & E. pictures
with Geo. Riley & Laurie
Hartley, my two room
mates. War news
very bad.

Thursday 6th.

Handed in my applica-
-tion for St. John's Road.
Got a very good
recommendation from
Col Wall.

Friday 7th

Jim Goodwin left to
go to an infantry
school, very sorry
to lose him.

Saturday 8th.

Went to Salisbury to
a social evening
at a Y. W. C. C. with
Roberts, Bill Grant & Co.
I won two prizes for
quill making.

December

Sunday 9th.

Church parade 10 a.m.
Went to the theatre to a
concert by A.T.M.C.
at 8 p.m.

Monday 10th.

Went to the theatre
with ~~with~~ Lieut. Tilly to
see a Variety Company,
only medium.

Capture of Jerusalem
reported by General
Allenby.

Tuesday 11th.

Very cold morning
& heavy frost.

Wednesday 12th.

Everything as usual,
very heavy frost.

Thursday 13th.

Anxiously waiting the
results re. the school.
Voting for the referendum
in full swing.

Friday 14th.

Results re the school
out, no luck for me,
very disappointed.

Saturday 15th.

Very cold. Went for a
stroll with Brook Fowler
& to the pictures & theatre
in the evening, quite
a luxury.

Sunday 16th.

Very cold, our first
heavy fall of snow.
but taking photos with
Brook Fowler in the
afternoon. A.T.M.C.
concert at the theatre in
the evening, very poor.

Monday 17th.

Breezing, more snow.

Tuesday 18th.

The place looks very pretty
after the snow but that
is its only beauty. Everything

December

is like a sheet of glass.

Went to the theatre with Laurie Hartley, medium.

Wednesday 19th.

Developed some photos in the evening & did a bit of French.

Thursday 20th.

Still very cold & everything frozen.

Friday 21st.

First referendum figures to hand, majority of No's.

Saturday 22nd.

Did the gym with Chook Fowler & Geoff.

Tilly & then the pictures.

Sunday 23rd.

A lot going on Xmas leave. Referendum figures looking bad.

Monday 24th Xmas Eve.

Working fairly solidly all day. Went for a walk down the village after tea & then had a bit of a sing song along at the mess.

Tuesday 25th.

A happy Xmas to all. Went for a walk with Purse Roberts in the morning & at 1 p.m. we sat down to a splendid meal at the mess. We also had music so that everyone had a most enjoyable time.

About 6 p.m. Keith Cox. arrived over from Hertsbury to see us & in the end we went to the Hippodrome to the pictures.

Wednesday 26th.
Working till 12.30.
Keith Cox. left us at
2.15 p.m. & then Harold
Kowler, & Steve Ward
& myself took a
stroll to Sudgershall.
In the evening we
went to the theatre
to see "Mr. Wu" which
was very good.

Thursday 27th.
Getting ready to go
on leave to Scotland,
to-morrow.

Friday 28th.
Left Midworth by the
12.10 p.m. train & arrived
at London at 3.15 p.m.
& met Peter Scott &
another left.
After having tea at the
Strand Corner House we
split up again to do our

little odd jobs. I went to
see Mr. Bishop & three
letters had just arrived
there from home.

We met again & had
dinner at the Strand
Corner House before
Peter & I left for
King's Cross station en
route for Scotland.
Leaving there at 10.45,
after a long run, we
arrived at Waverley
Station, Edinburgh, at
9.30 a.m. 29th.

Saturday 29th.
Our first job when we
arrived was a bath, shave,
& breakfast, then we went
up to see Miss Macintosh
& had dinner with her.
Then we met a friend
of hers, Miss Stapleton,
got seats for "Jack &

the "Bear Stalk" at the
King's Theatre & then
had a run round till
tea time, had tea at
the "New" cafe before
going to the theatre
at 7 p.m. & 1 day gone.

Sunday 30th.

Went to St. Giles
Cathedral at 11.30 a.m.
& in the afternoon
went to see the
Krazer family.

At night evening & after
having tea at Mrs.
Hills stayed the evening
there.

Monday 31st.

Caught the 10.7 a.m.
train for Glasgow with
Peter & Annie Macintosh.
Peter caught the 12.30 train
for Inverock & after
having dinner Annie &

I went to the 1st Gallery,
catching the 5 p.m. train
for Edinburgh where
New Years Eve was
celebrated in a
very lively fashion.

At midnight I was
down round the Tron
Church where the crowd
gathered to see the
New Year in,
turning in at
1.15 a.m. on the 1st.

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