

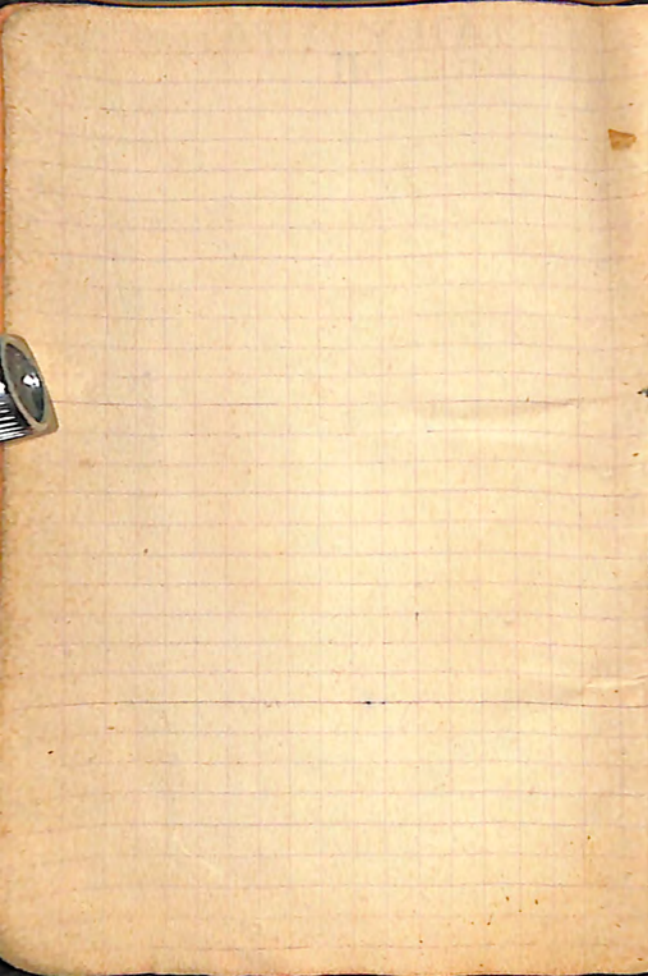


DAILY DIARY

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JULY 1944

Wed 19. Worked on 81 mm mortars in the morning. Went over to the 155 F.A. to watch and check the 155 mm. How. M.I. during the test firing at the range. After which we came back we had two bottles of coke given to each one of us. At supper time two bottles of beer was given out to each person. The division band had played for us in the Co. area.

Thurs. 20. Worked on 60 mm mortars & a 155 mm How M.I. in the morning. Had sent a package containing a ring & a venis medal of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius to Betty

Fri. 21. Went out to the 143rd in the morning with the inspection team and had checked 60 and 81 mm mortars with Weidinger. At night went to a movie saw "Knapakadual Diary"

Sat. 22. Loaded the artillery truck with some of the extra equipment which had been piled around. Later polished the area. In the afternoon took down the pyramidal and a side-wall tent. Later took a clean bath down in a creek with Weidinger, Adams & Bronz. Went to a movie saw "Lady on the Docks". Started to pull out at 12 M. from Praetium area and went north of Naples to Qualiano. ar. @ 3:45. Some area as Lost May the 7th.

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SUN. 23. Got up at 7 A.M. and ate breakfast
Right after that unloaded our trucks and
then pitched our pup-tents & pegs right across
in line with the others. At 11 A.M. went to
Catholic Services which were held in our new
Co. mess. In the afternoon worked on a
couple of 60 M.M. Mortars. At night on
guard H.P.-3R.

☐ Mon 24. ate breakfast just as soon as
I got off guard. Later cleaned & oiled
the tools. Sent a package home & toys &
a knife, fork & spoon set. In the afternoon did
the barve again in the morning. Sent ~~pkg.~~ home.
Wrote air-mail letter to Betty

★ Tues 25. Fixed ramer rods for the
155 mm. How ME. Had chicken for
dinner and pork-chops & chicken for
supper. Rec'd a V^c from Home.
Wrote V^c mail home

WED. 26. Worked on a 57 M.M. A.T. Gun,
cut off the edge of the wheel segment with the
acetylene torch. Later worked on 60 and 81
m.m. mortars in the morning and afternoon.
At night went to a movie saw "Cover Girl"
Had ice-cream after supper.

Thurs. 27. Worked on 81 M.M. Mortars in the morning and afternoon. Had four bottles of beer after supper. At night went to a movie saw "Two Girls and a Sailor"

FRI 28. In the morning and afternoon had worked on 81 M.M. Mortars

Sat. 29 Had waterproofed a 3/4 ton vehicle which I had been assigned to drive during this next move. Had worked on it all day. It had a bad carburetor and had it changed.

Sun 30. Had worked on the trucks for a few hours in the morning and had it finished later got payed in the morning. Got some P.X. supplies. Ate dinner at the Co. area, also had ice-cream. Rec'd an air-mail letter from home. In the afternoon had left the Co. area with the rest of the jeeps and 3/4 ton trucks to a staging area. At night seen a movie there "Once Upon a Time"

left -
Co. area

Mon. 31. Left that area later in the morning after breakfast to another staging area. At night nearby seen a movie called "Sahara"

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Tues. 1 Had made our own meals for breakfast dinner and supper at the same assembly area. In the afternoon had slept from 1 until 4 P.M. At supper time Medinger had came over from another assembly area from where he's at and ate supper with us. At night I went over to his place and from there we went out and walked around.

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Wed. 2. In the morning sent a "V" - mail letter home. In the afternoon rec'd an air-mail letter from Betty. Later in the afternoon went down town with Medinger and Berza. Had walked around. Didn't stay long. Had returned back at 9 P.M. Had gone to sleep on the blankets which I had heaped on the ground. At night some the 1/2 ton truck down to the docks and had it loaded on the boat at middle of the night. All the others who had already loaded up before me had left back to the area and left me back there. So that night I had slept in the boat with St. Moore in one of the state rooms.

Thurs. 3. Got up at 8 A.M. and ate breakfast below deck. had a very good breakfast. Later I went back to our rooms. Then had taken a shower and had went back to sleep again on the bunk. Later Lt. Moore woke me up just before dinner and had got dressed and went to eat dinner below deck again. Later in the afternoon I took off and

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Kitch-hiked back to the area north of Naples
had gotten to the area around 4:30 P.M. then
after supper took off for the town with George
and Melvyn and came back at 9 P.M.
at night was on guard 3 P.-4 P.

Fri. 4. Got up at 8 A.M. Something had
stung me on the side and it had swollen
so I didn't go anywhere all day. Had
shown it to the medical officer and he told me
to wait around for about an hour, so I did. The
swollen part had seemed to have gotten smaller
later on, so I didn't think much of it. At
night seen a movie "Rationing"

Sat 5. Got up at 7 A.M. and rolled
up our bed rolls. Then ate breakfast
and then lined up into groups during
formation and then left our area
in trucks and boarded at 10:30 A.M.
Later had unrolled further off shore on the
William Floyd.

SUN 6. After breakfast went on top deck and
layed out my bed roll on one of the life-rafts. Later
Chadler had met someone of the merchant Marines
who was from Spenturn. Then he had called out for
me and had brought him over. Pete Siska and
I had talked about the home town and had talked
about the guys who we knew back in school days. I
gave him my present and home address. He wrote
to my home address later. Later in the afternoon

I had met him again. He had to go on duty, as signal lookout on the wingtop outlook post, so I had went up with him and had talked with him about different things. I told him about John Gaulick and that he was somewhere on a boat. He knew who I meant because he had watched him play ball many times. He told me that he would look up in the chum and see if he was in this fleet. Later at night after supper Pete had dropped around again and we had talked till it was pretty late at night. He had found out that John Gaulick was somewhere's around here, "439 the USS Edison and that tomorrow, after he gets to know in what direction he's at, that he would flash a signal to him with regards from the two Auburn Boys and signing of with his and my names.

Mon. 7. In the morning after breakfast had taken my bed roll off the rafts which had to be taken off and put on the sides of the boat. After in the afternoon had layed out my bed roll again with the few other fellows on the two rafts which were not taken off. Then over the top of our bed rolls we had layed out our shelter halves to keep out the sunlight. Wrote a V-mail to Betty.

At night was on guard on the boat had 3 P. - 2 B. It was clear & cool all night.

★ **Tues. 8.** After breakfast had laid down on the bunk and read till noon. Just before noon Pete Broka had come over to where I had been lying. He had brought over some "V" mail forms which I had asked for yesterday. We talked for a while then he had left to eat early dinner and go on watch on top. Today was our last day to write any letters until we had reached our next stopping. Wrote a "V" mail letter home. At night Pete had come over to where my bunk was. Just at that time I had finished reading a story. Pete and I went below deck and we had a couple cups of coffee and had talked about different things while on the boat.

WED. 9. Had washed up and shaved after breakfast then had read true stories till noon. In the afternoon had read some more then later Pete had come over again and we went down below and got some coffee and had played checkers till near supper time. At night one of the boys played an accordion and practically every one listened to the songs he played.

Thurs. 10 In the morning after breakfast had played (rummy) a game of cards with the three other boys. We and another kid had won every game we played, also the same in the afternoon.

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FRI. 11. At 4 A.M. looked like it was going to rain so I as well as the others had taken our bed rolls below deck and had spread them out on the bunk. It was hot and stuffy below. After breakfast had taken the bed roll up again to the original place up on the raft. Had read a magazine in the morning and in the afternoon. After supper a terrific wind, which lasted only a few moments, had ripped the shelter-halves off from the top of our bunks on the raft, so later we had put up the remainder of the shelter-halves up the best way we could again.

SAT. 12. Got up around 7 A.M. for breakfast then after washing up I had joined to a game of rummy with the three of the boys on top of the raft on the boat where we have our bunk made on. Also had played a few games in the afternoon. Later after that I had read a few interesting stories, even the same after supper time.

SUN. 13. After breakfast had read till noon. In the afternoon finally we started to move at around 2:30 P.M. and around 5 P.M. had passed the Isle of Capri. After supper I had been on guard on the boat, had 4th P. - 2nd R.

MON. 14 In the morning got up around 7:15 A.M. and then went to eat breakfast below deck. After breakfast washed up and shaved. Then went back up to my bunk on the raft and layed down and read and had studied the useful words and phrases in French from the French Language Guide Books. Had also studied for a while the same in the afternoon and have accomplished a few important useful French sentences.

Souther France Invasion on St. Raphael.
Tues. 15. Got up around 7 A.M. then ate breakfast. After cleaning up and shaving had went up to my bunk on the raft and had studied a few useful French words and phrases from the language guide. Later in the afternoon had passed Lendinaria and Corsica. At night we had almost reached our destination. Had an air raid at night. A surprisingly thick barrage had shot the enemy planes away.

Wed. 16. Got up around 6:30 A.M. and ate an early breakfast and right after washing up had went back up to my bunk on the raft on the boat. Later we had got near a smoke screen, almost near land. At noon ate dinner on the boat. Were unloading right near the beach of France. Had gotten my vehicle out from the boat down onto the barge. The vehicle didn't start so at the beach

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the bulk-lifter had towed it out for a while and then it had started, so I and Westlock had gone on our way to our designated area. Just before our barge had landed on the beach, it had wrecked with another barge, an English barge. Finally the anchor that had stuck into the side of our barge had been taken out and we were on our way again to the beach. I was the driver and he was the assistant driver of the 3 1/2 ton truck. We had reached our temporary bivouac area. Ate a little supper from K rations and had made some coffee. The beachhead landing wasn't here wasn't as bad as it had been in Salerno. There was just a slight resistance. Had slept in the house that night. Had layed out my bed-roll over the stretcher and had gone to sleep. In that night, Landed in Southern France

Thurs. 17. Had gotten up around 7 A.M. and had breakfast, then had taken out the water-proofing from the vehicle that I drove. In the afternoon had washed my fatigue clothing and underwear. Then later had put the wet clothes away in a bundle because we had to move right away. Had moved through St. Paphiel and through Fregus.

It had begun to rain when we got to the next area. I had met Melinger there so I had drove up the truck up against a stone-wall and had spread the pop-tent canvas over the sides of it. Had it arranged so that the three of us had our beds made under it. On one side with my bed, roll and stretchers and Melinger with the same on the other side and also Cahill with his cot.

Fri. 18. Just before dinner Cahill and I took a walk through the pine woods where most of the shorts had landed with supplies and paratroops. Both of us picked up one short apiece (real silk ones). There were many gliders everywhere about 20 miles inland. just N. of our area.

Sat. 19. were in the same area and had worked around on few things. In the morning Coyburn, Melinger and I had drove up to a certain area with a German vehicle to where a german 20 M.M. anti-air-craft and personal gun was. We had a wrecker along with us to have the gun lifted up on to the german vehicle which we drove up. The motor had failed when we got there. We had the gun loaded on and the wrecker pulling the german truck back to our area.

SUN. 20 Was on guard that night. Had brought my bedroll and stretchers to the no. 1 post and sleep with the other guards on that post. till it was time for me to go on post. It was a 24 hrs post. The next day we were going to move so I only had to pull two shifts.

Mon. 21. After breakfast got everything packed and loaded. Around 6 o'clock after 9 o'clock we left that area about 8 miles S. of Dagnignan and drove about 45 or 50 miles further north to the area just out side of Castellane. Waited there with our vehicles until around 4 P.M. Then drove around another 30 miles more north (around 75 miles from Switzerland) drove through the Alps all day.

Tues. 22. We had woke at 6 A.M. and left that area at 8:20 A.M. and drove about 30 or 40 more miles to an area near Ayres le Ballech. After supper had taken a walk down the road from our area with Kramer. later returned and talked with the guard on the post till 11:30 P.M. and then went to sleep.

★ Wed. 23 Had taken the loose wheels
 out of the M3 105 M.M. pack How. and
 repacked them with bearing grease and
 then placed them back in and tightened
 them. Later had worked on the M5
 motor, power-unit with Case. and had it
 finished by noon. At noon had rec'd
 a V-mail from Frank F.; Herb. Dault
 and two from home. ^{8-2,4} Wrote V-mail
 home & Herby D. At night
 all of us were woken to unload supplies
 from 16-18 trucks.

Remainig signs peace pact with R.E. & U.S. 9-24
 ↪ Thurs. 24 Later in the morning cleared
 up the scattered things around the truck.
 Later wrote a V-mail to Frank F.
 After dinner around 3 P.M., Goldman and
 I rolled up our bed rolls took along our
 steel helmets, rifles, gas mask and
 field bag with us and loaded it on the jeep
 and rode on it with Willie and Capt. Howard
 also went along another jeep with us with
 Major Becker and Baritty. Went North 64
 miles to Crest to look for an area. Arrived
 there around 6 P.M. There a German Medical
 Co of men was captured when we came there.
 Later returned back S. 3 miles and ate supper
 met left cargo there and Daltor. Started back
 to our old area at 8:00 P.M. and arrived
 at 10:40 P.M. Unrolled our bed rolls went to sleep
 Wrote V-mail to Frank F.

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FRI. 25 After breakfast repaired broken pieces of shield in 57 M.M. A.T. gun with MacFarland. After dinner Harmon and I rolled up our bed rolls and took along our personal belongings and loaded on the jeep and rode with Willie and Capt. Swank 64 miles north to Crest. Also went along with us in another jeep Goldman, Huebky Childers and Col. Green. We left at 1:15 P.M. and arrived around 3:30 P.M. About three miles south of Crest the M.P. didn't allow any vehicles to go any further north, but we went on to Crest and passed it to the division C.P. At that time a notice came that jerries got into Crest. At the division C.P. we ate our supper there. Later it was announced that the notice was false. It was our own tanks as part of the reinforcement that entered Crest and went up the both banks of the Quici. We then started towards Crest and back south about 3 miles where the M.P. was holding back all vehicles and let them know there that it was alright to go through. We stopped over at the 46 D.L. which was about 10 miles south of Crest. Drank some cocoa and then later proceeded back to the Courra. Started at 8:15 P.M. and arrived at 10:10 P.M. and went to sleep. Moneille complete in allied hands also Grenoble

Sat. 26 After breakfast worked on the 105 MM How M2 with Sgt. Roy Burns. In the afternoon also worked on the 105 MM How. Later it rained and hailed. After supper time had went to bed early.

Bulgaria ~~Belarus~~ & neutrality

Sun. 27 After breakfast did a little detail later repaired a 60 MP Norton. A noon after eating three girl scouts (French) were passing by on way to Marseille one frenchman who hangs around our kitchen called for them to come over. They did. Frank and I offered our own spits and cups to them with food. In the afternoon I went over to the automotive and got a wrecker and we took the two 105 MM M3 packs How. off the 2 1/2 ton vehicles. Both had left trails bent. Roy Burns, Wallenburg and I had sightened both of the trails with the hydraulic jack and applying heat from the acetylene torch. At night was on guard 2 P. - 3 P.

Mon. 28 In the morning took a monometer test on the recoil of the 105 MM M3 How. Later packed up the trucks and the trailer. In the afternoon had packed up our personal belongings and had started to move at 11:30 AM and at 5:05 AM. met the other boys Neimayer and Surcan coming back from the other area

We met on top of the hill. Got off the truck and got on the $3/4$ ton truck Roy Burns and Jimman took off with the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trailer to the other area some 54 miles north west about 10 miles south of Crest. We went back (Shelby, Wellenburg, Heirmeyers, Garga and I) to the old area and loaded with supplies there and went back to the area near Crest. Started out at 2:40 A.M. and arrived at 5:10 P.M. ate supper then pitched a pup tent and layed out the bed - roll on the stretcher. Later took a shower at a little waterfall about fifty feet from the pup tent.

Tues. 29. In the morning cleaned out the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton artillery truck and unloaded the trailer. Then painted the 60MM mortar tube sigal and plate. Later layed out the electric wires from the trailer which told M5 power plant is mounted and led it out to the artillery truck. In the afternoon helped Burns and Jimman make a table for the small arm section. After supper went to the small river with Kramer and took a bath. Later went to French house about a 100 feet from our pup tent and had visited them. The two old people spoke English very well with us. The inside of the house was very beautiful, luxurious and very clean.

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Wed. 30 In the morning Wallenburg
and I had changed a flat tire on a 57 M.M.
A.T. Gun. In the afternoon took off an-
other flat tire off a 57 A.T. Gun. Later rode
with Veltri to Aspres de Bauch about
some 60 miles south to get a counterbalance
 recoil cylinders for 155 M.M. How breech block
Just as we rode about 10 miles south of
our area an accident of an $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton
ammunition truck with eleven fellows
happened. It swerved off a bend, struck
down a pole, plowed into the ditch and
tore through a stone wall. The fellows
were thrown into the air and the truck
turned over a couple of times. Veltri
and I had stopped at the time the ambulance
had arrived and we had helped put on
the stretchers the ones that were hurt bad.
Seven out of eleven were badly injured.
Later we left and some thirty miles later
another $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton had smashed into the
side of the bridge. Later about 20 miles,
near the top of a mountain a $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton rolled
over a side of the cliff. The ambulance was
there when we had passed. Veltri went to
Dop about 20 miles from Aspres de Bauch
and got his picture. Later at the Co. I got
the counterbalance recoil cyl. and we went back
to our other part of the Co. near Crest about
10 miles S. got Arrived there 10:05 P.M.

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Thurs. 31 In the morning Wallenberg and I had put on a new tire and tube on a 57 M.H. A.T. Gun. Later I had taken off the damaged sight quadrant from the 105 M.H. How. #2. In the afternoon I had changed a flat tire on a 105 M.H. How. #2. At night went to a French home with Gruner and Wallenberg and had a pretty good time. Later at night on the last shift from 3:20 A.M. till 6:30 A.M. I was on guard at the gate entrance.

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 1. Packed up in the morning and got ready to move at 1:15 P.M. Moved about 50 miles north to Romanos. Got into that area around 4 P.M. Senzaci, Stouy, Brothers, Cahill and I had brought over some stuff to the French home near by and they had started to cook supper for us. Had a chicken and a rabbit fried, potatoes, tomatoes, coffee and wine. Also was with us Lt. Moore. After we had finished eating, we went back to our trucks and layed out our bed rolls and went to sleep.

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Sat. 2. Went into that French house again and ate breakfast there. Had fried eggs and coffee. Later we packed up in the morning and had started to move at 12:00. It had rained hard. We arrived to our area after going for about 30 miles. Pitched our tents in the rain. Later had supper at 6 P.M. Later DeMasi and I went over to a near-by farm-house and got some wine there. We talked for while and had drunk a quart of wine. Later we returned and had went back to our jump tents:

SUN. In the morning got on the quadrangle range sight on the 105 M.M. How M. 2. In the afternoon worked on four 60 M.M. mortar clips to take and bore plates. After supper went out with Veltre to Lafayette met Loung there going to 46 Ord. so we went along with him. From 46 Ord. we went back to Lafayette and went into one of the French home and talked and drank some wine. Later got a lift back to camp.

Mon 4. Labor Day - In the morning helped Wallenburg change a blown out tire. In the afternoon had helped out the small arms section clean out coconline from mortar tubes.

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Tues. 5 In the morning packed up our personal belongings into the trucks and started to move at 8:20 A.M. Moved north about 67 miles stopped at noon at a temporary area. At 5:30 P.M. started to move again another 42 miles and arrived at the area at 7:15 P.M. At night felt kind of sick so I went and made out a place to sleep for the night early.

Wed. 6 In the morning after breakfast went to lie down on my cot because I had still felt kind of sick. I went to sleep till supper time. Got up for supper after Coy. Comm. had woke me up. Had washed and shaved after supper and went to bed again.

★ Thurs. 7. Got up and packed up our personal belongings; after breakfast around 9: A.M. had started to move from St. Croix to Arbois about 40 some miles north. Arrived there at 11:10 A.M. It had rained during the whole trip. Later at dinner time it had stopped. Pitched my pup. tent, put in the cot and rolled out the bed roll. Rec'd 3 "V" mails from home 8-13-15-16 Wrote "V" mail home. at night on guard.

FRI. 8 In the morning Kallenberg and I had cleaned off the commdane off the new 81MM mortar bipods also the same in the afternoon. It had rained often and when it had stopped for a while we began to clean them again until it began to rain again. After supper had put up an aerial on our art. truck for the radio. Listened to the news for a while then later went to bed early. Got paych in the morning

★ Sat. 9 Today is exactly one year since we landed in Salerno. I was with the Co at the time. Lt. Murphy, Gubbert, Kupfer, Worsham and I had made our landings there at noon while it was still excitement brewing. The rest of the Co. had later come in at night about 6 P.M. In the morning today had a thing to do. In the afternoon had rearranged my barracks bag. At around 3 P.M. Cahill called all of us boys around him and he offered a toast of real old German Whiskey. He passed it around twice to all of us. We drank a toast to the boys who are now somewhere over there where they had fought for their lives at the bloody Salerno, the Volturno, Rapido, Cassino and others. Wrote "V" mail Home

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Sun. 10 Got up at 4:30 A.M. and packed up our personal belongings and loaded up the trucks. After breakfast I drove the $3\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck for Garga because he had been sick at the time. I pulled Story's office truck to get it started. Then hooked up a Russian 100 M.M. mortar behind the truck and had it towed to the 46 ORD Co about a mile and a half down the road. Shelby Kunnigshurg and Garga rode down with me. We unloaded at the 46 Ord and waited there for our convoy of trucks to pass by. Capt. Luzzo told us that they had already left so we followed him for about 30 miles north to Besancon into a place with buildings which the Germans had recently evacuated. We didn't stay there long. Later we moved from there in the afternoon about 10 miles south from that area to another in the woods. After arriving there we had set up ready for work then had pitched our jeep tents.

Mon. 11 After breakfast had pointed a 81 M.M. mortar bipod. Later had repaired the tired gear shaft on a 155 M.M. How. M.F. In the afternoon had put in two rivets on 2 81 M.M. bipods. At night was on ammunition detail. Had unloaded ammo till 11 P.M. about 25 miles north from Besancon. Rec'd 2nd Vth mail from Pete S.

Tues. 12 On the morning had gotten up at 5 P.M. and packed up our personal belongings into the trucks and had started to move at 7 A.M. had arrived at the designated area at around 9 A.M. About 28 miles north of Besancon about 12 kilometers south of Vesoul. Later after setting up and getting through with some details had started to work on an 81 MM bipod. In the afternoon had painted with Junior mending the inside tarp of our 2 1/2 ton artillery truck. After supper Cahill and I went to a nearby town of Grandville about 500 yards from our area. There we had gotten a drink of strong grape alcohol. Later we left with two quarts of milk.

★ Wed. 13 In the morning had repaired a 57 M M A.T. Gun with Wellenburg. In the afternoon Garza and I had taken some weapons to be worked on over to the 46 Ord. about 12 miles further north a little past Vesoul. After unloading the truck there we immediately returned back to the Co. Loaded up some more supplies that had already been repaired and hauled them off to the supply section.
 Rec'd a V-mail from Home 8-20
 Wrote V-mail home

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Thurs. 14 It had rained for about three hrs. after breakfast. Around 1:15 in the afternoon had started to repair an 81MM mortar bipod and also base plate. Had started to clean the tools that were soaked with water after having finished working on the mortar. After supper started to pack up the truck and also our personal belongings, so we would get an early start in the morning for the next move. At around 8:30 P.M. everyone got excited each one grabbing his rifle because a jerry had refused to halt by one of the guards. Ringing of shots spitted down the road towards the fleeing jerry. He didn't get very far in a few seconds he was a goner.

FRI. 15 Got up at 3 A.M. loaded up the trucks and packed our personal belongings and had started to move at 7 A.M. Got to our designated area at 8:15 A.M. About 2 miles north of Grandeville past the big town of Vesoul and about 8 miles this side of the Saone River. When we got there we located our spots to unload. Then we had pitched our pup tents. Leta Cahill, Adams and I layed out the telephone wire to the C.D. Leta in the afternoon worked on two 81 MM tubes and on 81MM base plate. At night on guard 1 P-3 B. with Wallenburg late DeMasi 2nd

Sat. 16 In the morning had finished my last relief on guard from 5 A.M. till 6:30 A.M. After blowing the whistle and waking up the Co.; went to eat early breakfast. Then came back and layed down on the stretcher in my pup-tent and had dozed off until 12 noon. At dinner then had gone over to the artillery truck with the rest of the boys. Later had inspected three 81 MM tubes and base plates and four 81 MM mortar bipods. Had retained 2 mortar bipod and one base plate to be worked on and sent the rest unserviceable ones to the 46 Ord MM. Co. It had started to rain at 5 o'clock. Rec'd an official Election War Ballot from the board of elections for the General Election.

Sun. 17. In the morning started to rain after breakfast up until late in the afternoon. After dinner had packed up our trucks and personal belongings and had started to move. It had rained at the time we were packing and there was mud around knee high. Had went along head of the convoy and was put on near the designated Kiwaac area for the supply and had guided the vehicles as they came in. Had moved north about 10 miles into the town of Superior and our section had been in the factory area. At night had had some potatoes and had coffee.

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Mon. 18. In the morning had worked on 81MM bipod and in the afternoon had 1-81MM mortar and a 60MM bipod repaired. Had Peck a "V" mail 9-2 letter from home and an air-mail 8-28 letter from Betty. At night had gone to Supercut and had bought some post-cards of the city with Fredinger. Later had returned and had gone into the artillery truck with the rest of the gang and had talked and drunk a little. McFarland and I were the last one's out of the artillery truck. We had talked and drunk more and around 10 P.M. we had gone back into the garage where we had slept for the past nights.

Tues. 19. In the morning had hardly a thing to do for awhile. Later had changed a flat tube in a tire from the wheel with Griffin and McFarland. In the afternoon had gone to a movie with Lorenz and Wollenburg and saw "Ghost Chasers" and few short reels of sport and comedy. Wrote "V" mail home

Wed. 20. In the morning had worked on 81MM and 60MM mortars and Wollenburg & Fredinger helping. In the P.M. took a bath in a bath tub at marina springs bath house in town of Superior. At night on guard

SEPTEMBER

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Thurs. 21 In the morning had repaired an 81mm mortar bipod. In the afternoon had packed up our artillery trucks and our personal belongings and had moved 12 miles north to another town of Pombeyres Les Bains. Started to move at about 3:20 P.M. and arrived to the area at around 4:30 P.M. After arriving there we had immediately set up our shops and a few of us had pitched up our pup-tents. After our supplies had gone to town and had seen the F.F.I. clips off the hair of the women who had fooled around with the Germans. Sixty four had already had all their hair cut off in that town of Pombeyres Les Bains.

FRI. 22 Had cleaned out the truck and the trailer with Mr. Fortank, Medinger, Wellenburg, Roberts, and Case. Later had checked and cleaned an 81mm mortar tube. In the afternoon had worked over at the small arms and had helped them clean the 60mm mortar tubes and boxes. After work went over to the beer joint across the street with Roy Burns, Brothers and Medinger.

Sat. 23. Had rained till noon. Just before noon a 105 MP. How. came in with a broken trail. In the afternoon Medinger and Case took it to the 46 Ord Co. At night seen a movie "The More We Merrier".

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Sun. 24 In the morning had started to go toward the church, but the schedule showed that the scene for military would start later, so in the meantime we had stopped over to the Cafe and drank a few glasses of beer and also had played a few games of billiard. Later we had returned back to the Co. and had worked on the 60 mm. mortar bipods. Had rained a little in the afternoon. Later around 4 P.M. Wallenburg and I had gone over to the church. At night went to a movie and saw "Summer Storms".

Mon. 25 Had rained continuously all day. Later in the evening had a 105 M.M. shot exchanged. At night went out with PeVine and Melinger to the Cafe in this town of Plombieres les Bains and drank beer and schnops (white lightning).

Tues. 26 In the morning exchanged a battery in the 45 Power Plant and later in the had checked, cleaned and painted a 60 M.M. tube. At night went out with Wallenburg to the Cafe. At supper time at supper at the Restaurant.

Wed. 27 In the morning worked on 7 M.M. bipod and tube and two 60 M.M. tubes. In the afternoon on 37 M.M. A.T. Gun. At night on guard 1 P. - 2 P.

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THUR 28 In the morning went over to hot water springs bathing horses and took a bath in a tub. Went over at 8:45 A.M. with Wallenberg. Rec'd a "V" mail letter from Frank F.

FRIDAY 29. Had worked on a 60 mm mortar tripod and checked, cleaned and painted the tube also two 81 mm base plates. At night went to the Cafe with Phil and had stayed till 9 P.M.

SAT. 30 Got paid after dinner. Later had worked on odd things. At night went to the Cafe with Medinger in Plombiere de Baines and had stayed till 9:30 P.M.

O C T O B E R

SUN. 1 In the morning had packed up our trucks and loaded up our personal belongings. Later had went to the Cafe across the street and had a few beers and schnaps (white lightning). Later with Lorenz, Medinger and Lesse had some coffee made at one of the trench houses. After dinner had started to move the truck on the 3/4 ton truck. Had moved northeast from Plombiere de Bains past Gemierement to St Hubert, about 15 miles had gone to 46 Ord. Co with Case, and later come back with a 57MM A.T. Gun.

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Mon. 2. In the morning had repaired a hand brake on the 57MM A.T. Gun. In the afternoon had cleaned out the artillery track with McFadland.

Tues. 3. In the morning around 10:30 A.M. had worked on a 57MM A.T. Gun that had come in for repairs. In the afternoon Staudt had rewelded the lug on the trail of the 57 A.T. Gun. After he had finished I hove it back behind a 3/4 ton truck to our section. At night on guard 3P.-1P.

Wed. 4. In the morning had taken down the inventory of artillery parts with McFadland. Later around towards noon had helped on the monometer test of the 105 MM. Park How. with Melinger, Roy Burns and Kriffin. After dinner had taken inventory of the artillery parts with McFadland again. Later around 4:30 P.M. got into the 3/4 ton truck with Cahill, Brothers, Morn, Flower, Kültner, Klawacki, Kriffin and Lane and rode over to Plombiere Les Bains about 18 miles south at our last known area. Had stopped at the Cafe there and drank some beer and schnaps. Later went to a Cafe and ate supper. After that had stayed at one of the French homes and had plenty to eat. Later went back to our area at 9:30 P.M.

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Thurs. 5 Had taken the rest of the
★ inventory on the 155 MM. parts in
the morning with McFarland. Later
had worked on 81 and 60 MM mortar
also the same in the afternoon. Had
9-9 rec'd a V-mail letter from home
Wrote "V" mail home.

FRI. 6 Had put out 2 tubes and
★ base plate for 60 MM mortar.
Later had packed the package
with post-cards and had sent
154 post cards to home and 40
to Betty G. Had rec'd a V-mail
letter from home. At night
seen a movie in our Co area
in a building where the kitchen
is located. Saw "Slightly
Dangerous" with Lana Turner and
Robert Young. Had seen our first
movie in our Co area only 2
miles from the front.

Sat. 7 A 81 mm mortar pipe
★ came in the morning and had
P.S. worked on it. Later had taken
a shower and the 2. M. shower joint
At noon rec'd a ~~pkg~~ from home
Later at noon rec'd a V-mail letter from
home 9-14 Wrote V-mail home & P. Broka

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SUN. 8 In the morning Medinger and I had brought over the M-8 how from the back of our area to near-by our artillery truck to work on. Had tried to pull back the tube in recoil with the 3/4 ton truck but couldn't hardly pull it back. so we had a 10 ton wrecker pull it back but in counter-recoil it had slowed down so we had taken the tube out and then the recoil mechanism from the carriage. Had bled the oil out with the oil bleeder, then had put in more oil with the oil pump jack then had taken a Monometer test of the recoil mech. In the afternoon Medinger and I had filed the bolts for the M-8. I had threaded the bolts with the ~~die~~ while Medinger had tapped a hole in a plate. Later I had worked on an 81 mm mortar at night on guard duty - 2R.

MON. 9 Had worked on 81 mm mortar in the morning. In the afternoon got a hair-cut. During the rest of the afternoon did a few odd jobs.

Tues. 10. Medinger and I had made some bolts for the M-8. I had threaded five bolts while Medinger had made two plates for sets of two bolts each. In the afternoon had repaired a 60 mm mortar. At night seen a movie "Lily Mars"

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WED. 11 In the morning worked on 81
 and 6046, mortars with Melinger.
 In the afternoon J. Moore let eight of
 us go take a ride to the rear. So we
 took a train 9/14 ton. 11/3 Boston was
 driving it. There was Adams, King, ~~King~~
 Robert, Henigberg, Cabill, Gray and I.
 We all took off for Besancon, about
 76 miles length of the line from where
 we were at. First we had stopped at
 Ploubeire, Les-Baines, drank a few
 beers and schnapps and also bought
 along a bottle of white wine. Then we left
 there and had stopped at L'Esperance. Camp
 for a while and then proceeded towards
 Besancon. We had arrived there at
 4 P.M. Had tried to buy something to
 send to home something like a souvenir
 anything that was worth buying.
 The prices were so high that it was
 impossible to pull so much out from
 a small pocket. From there we had
 started back at 6:45 P.M. and had 8 P.M.
 arrived back to our Co. area at 10:20

Thurs. 12 Practically had found
 something to do all day especially wrote
 again all night Melinger and I had
 printed 51 pictures. We had split up the
 amount.

FRI. 13. In the morning had worked on 60 mm mortar and tube and also on 81 mm mortar tubes. Later was changing a flat on M-3-105 MM How. Later in the afternoon had taken a shower. At night on guard 3 P.-3 R. after supper seen a movie "Hail the Conquering Hero" Ella Raines.

SAT 14. Have worked on an 81 mm. tube and had flats. At noon 9:25 rec'd a V-mail from home. At night had printed about 110 pictures with Medinger.

Sun 15. Had washed my coveralls and field jacket in the morning. In the afternoon had taken the M2 and M3 How. over to the lot with Medinger. Had rec'd a "V" mail letter from home. Wrote a "V" mail letter home and also had sent a copy of Beachhead News.

Mon 16 Had chopped some wood for our stove in the morning. In the afternoon had changed the black block, and a left trail from one worst hit to the one that hadn't but a bad trail of the 155 mm. How. M1. Wrote an air-mail letter to Robert C. and also sent five Beachhead News & pictures of Lufail.

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Tues. 17. In the morning and afternoon had worked on the 155 M.M. How M I with Roy Burns, Melinger, Case and Roberts. Had put on the breech block and a right tract. Finally had finished in late afternoon. Read V.F.W. magazine

Wed 18. Went to the 40th Ord with Case and Griffin; brought over the 105 M.M. How ~~and~~ a 57 M.M. A.T. Gun in the afternoon. At night on guard 4P. - 3R.

Thurs 19. Had worked on an 81 m.m. mortar in the morning. At night seen a movie which was shown in the kitchen of the drop called "Background to DANGER". Had air-raid last night after show.

FRI. 20 Worked on three 81 m.m. mortar bipods in the morning. In the afternoon went over to the 46 Ord. Co at Rembiremont with the bunch of boys and from there each one of us drove a jeep back to the Co. area. At night printed pictures with Melinger.

Sat. 21. Had worked on the 81 M.M. Mortars in the morning with Melinger. At 1: P.M. packed up our personal belongings and started to move at 3:00 P.M. from Elorjea to Docelles about 5 mile north. Arrived at area at 4:00 P.M. and made out our sleeping quarters in one room with Melinger, McFarland, Case and Roberts.

Sun 22. In the morning six of the fellows were transferred from our Co to a replacement depot, Roberts, Keringberg, Shelby, Bennett, Hobart, and Glasofer.

Later in the morning had worked on an 81mm tripod. In the afternoon had gone over to the 131st F. A. with St. Moore and Medinger and Meirmeyers. Had put on a sight mount on one of the How. and adjusted the equilibrators on the other 105 mm. How. When we returned we worked on 81mm mortar tripod. At night had made some glossy prints with Medinger.

Mon 23. In the morning had filed 81mm mortar disjoints and base plates. In the afternoon had the 81mm tube spot welded and painted. At night Medinger and I had printed 68 prints of pictures from the negatives we selected as best. Had church services before supper time.

Tues 24. In the morning had helped the small arms de-convoluted sub-machine gun and so did the rest of the artillery section. Also did the same in the afternoon. Just before supper we had Co formation by platoons and Legionary merits and Bronze medals were awarded to some of the boys.

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Wed. 25 In the morning had changed the carriage of the 57MM A.T. Gun to the 6 lb. gun trail and the carriage from the 6 lb. gun to the 57MM A.T. gun wheel trail with MacFarland and Griffin. In the P.M. had worked on 81 mm mortar. At night on guard 1 P. - 1 R. At night Lt. Murphy had come over to our room in the cellar of the house where MacFarland, Casey, messinger, Weir messers and I sleep. We all talked a little and had him sign our autograph books and we also signed his. The next day he was going to be transferred to the 2nd Rep. Depot.

★ Thurs. 26. In the morning had worked on the 81 mm mortar and MacFarland on the 60 mm mortar. Afternoon rec'd a "V" mail letter from home and also an air mail letter from Betty Q. In the afternoon had worked on another 81 mm mortar tripod. Wrote "V" mail home.

FRI. 27. In the morning had worked on 81 and 60 MM mortar tripod. In the P.M. had worked on a 105 mm. How. Rec'd a package from home.

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Sat. 28 In the morning and afternoon had worked on the 105 M.M. How along with Mac, Griffin and Wallenburg. At night have seen a movie over at the Field Detilley and saw "Home In Indiania" a Technicolor picture.

★ Sun 29. In the morning had worked on an 105 M.M. How M2, checking and making sure every part was in working condition before being issued out. Later at 10: A.M. had gone to church with Hixty & Wallenburg. To a church in town of Dacella where we are now located. In the afternoon had taken a dropnet hit How. over to the 46th Det with Mac Fuband. Wrote an air-mail letter home.

Mailed an air-mail letter to Betty
Mon. 30. In the morning had worked on a 60 M.M. Mortar Lipol. In the afternoon had gone over to the 46th Det Co. with ease in a jeep to see if the 105 M.M. How 10 M2 that we had brought over before were ready yet to take back to the co. One of them were ready so we returned back to the Co. and got a 2 1/2 ton Truck and returned back there and got one of the 105 M.M. How.

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Tues. 31. Had painted the insignias on a german
souvenir helmet for Kedingler in the A.M. at
Pm repaired an 8 1/2 in. mortar Lijed. Later
went towards the 4th Ord. Co. with Case +
Melinger. Case had left in P.M. at the barber
shop, then Case had proceeded to the 46th
to get the 105 M.M. How M. 2. The barber shop
was packed so we walked back to the Co. area
at night had printed quite a few pictures
with Kedingler - at noon got payed
and had a bond sent an allotment of 30 sent
home.

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★ Wed. 1. In the morning and afternoon
had painted a few insignias. At noon had
received a 1" mail from home.
Wrote an air mail letter home.

★ Thurs. 2 Had worked on four mortar
tubes in the morning. In the afternoon
had filed a base plate and also two
8 1/2 in. trigger mortar tubes. At
night went to a movie saw "Submarine
Alert"

★ FRI. 3. In the morning & afternoon had
painted my tool box and had marked the
tools. At night wrote 4 Christmas Greetings
to Betty, Robert C., Melvyn, Baulich, Sonny, Len
and home. In the morning had crawled the
new combat field packet from the supply

Sat. 4 - In the morning had worked on an 81 m m. motor and 60 M.M. In the afternoon had worked on odd jobs at night went to a movie and saw "Barnstorm in the West".

Sun 5 - At 6:30 A.M. went on K.P. at the kitchen. Had K.P. all day.

Mon 6 - Got up at 6:30 A.M. again and went on K.P. over to the kitchen finished K.P. at 8:30 A.M. Then just before noon had gone on K.P. again and at the around just before supper also. Had finished at 6:15 P.M. and then went to a movie which was shown near our area, called "Jack London".

Tues. 7 - In the morning had modified the Laniard bracket & shaft Assy. of the 105 MM Low M2. Had done three in the morning and four in the afternoon with McFarland and Griffin. Also had repaired and 1 M.M. motor light.

Wed. 8 - In the morning had woke up and found our sleeping place all flooded with a 1/2 foot of water which had soaked all of our clothes. Had worked on the Laniard shaft bracket Assy. in the A.M. & P.M. 60 M.M. motor light. At night saw a movie "Sensations of 1945".

Thurs. 9 In the morning and afternoon
 Medinger, Wallenburg, Griffin & McFarland
 and I had worked on eight of the laminated
 bracket and shaftassy for the 105 H.M.
 4.2. How. In the P.M. rec'd a
 Christmas Greeting Card from Robert C.

On guard at night 1 P. & 2 R.

FRI. 10. In the A.M. had modified fine Frackit
 and shaft laminated assy. with McFarland,
 Griffin and Wallenburg. Griffin did the
 brazing and had also worked on one of the
 shaft's. All the other's had worked on one. I had
 finished one for one of the story's and had also
 worked on another one for our stock How.
 At noon rec'd a pair of winter over-shoes
 and also a heavy knitted wool sweater
 which is to be worn with the new combat
 field jacket. Went to a movie after supper
 and saw "Song of the Road".

Sat. 11. Had worked on an S/M 21. tipot, tube
 and base plate at A.M. In the afternoon
 had rebuilt the enlarger but in spare time. Had
 rec'd a "V" mail letter from Frank F.
 At night went to a movie near our area and
 saw "Bathing Beauty" a Technicolor picture
 starring, Esther Williams and Red Skelton

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Sun. 12. In the morning had worked a bit with Melinger on the 103 M.M. M.S. How. In the afternoon had rebuilt the enlarger with Melinger in spare time. After supper time we had tried it out in our artillery truck. Had worked pretty good except that it was a little too bright around the center. Later around towards 8 P.M. we went to a movie and saw Andy Hardy's picture "Blond Trouble".

Mon. 13. In the morning McFarland and I had repaired a bent trail on a 105 M.M. pack How M.3 which came in this morning. In the afternoon McFarland and I rode over with a 2 1/2 ton truck to the 46th Ord and got the 105 M.M. How M.2. from there and brought it back to our Co. At night went to a movie near our area with McFarland and Melinger and saw "Uncertain Glory" starring Orson F. Lynn.

Tues. 14. In the morning had repaired an 81 M.M. mortar base plate and a 60 tube. In the afternoon replaced a sight quadrant at the 131st F.A. "B" Coy with Roy Burrows and McFarland. At night saw a movie "Lilferdown about".

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Wed. 15 - In the morning had checked all of our stock guns with medizigs. In the afternoon had checked and repaired 60 M. M. Mortar. At night medizigs and I had tried out our enlarges.

Thurs. 16 - In the morning had cleaned out the truck with the boys. In the afternoon had brought over a 105 M. M. How. M. 2 to the 46. Ord. M. M. Co with Wallenburg. At night went to a movie and saw "When Our Hearts were Young and Gay". After returning from the show we heard the 36th program over the 7th Army Station. At the liberated city of Luperon the division Major General Daldquist and General Patch had cited the famous 36th for their great achievements in France from until the landings in St. Raphael up to until now. It was a recorded program which had been taken on the 11th of this month.

At night on guard 1 P. - 3 P.

Fri. 17. In the morning at 6:30 had woken every one up during my last shift on guard. Later had work on mortars and the 105 M. M. Park How. M. 3 in the afternoon. At 4 P. M. packed up everything right after eating. Later the moving was cancelled so we unpacked again. Had beer during supper.

Sat. 18. - After breakfast and after the formation we waited around for orders to move. In the meantime I had cleaned up and shaved. Then had rolled up my bed roll and folded up the stretcher. At 10:15 we had started to roll and headed north from Socalla for a few miles and had arrived around Level. After arriving we had unloaded the supplies and then had found a place to put our bed rolls. Three of us had found a pretty good one some including a stove which was left behind. Ezra Dotson, Neidinger and I immediately had put our bed rolls into the place before someone else would beat us to it. It's the best lay out so far. At night had painted some pictures with Neidinger and Dotson in that room of ours.

Sun. 19. Had worked on 80 m. m. mortars and later in the morning Coy Burns and I went over to the supply and opened up the crates that contained the new modified 81 m. m. mortar. We had taken a look at it then closed the box up. Later around 10:30 A. M. some of the boys and I rode over to Breyeres and attended the church service there. In the afternoon had worked on 81 and 69 m. m. mortars. At supper time had steak with the small arm section. At night painted pictures.

Mon. 20. - In the morning had repaired
 a 60MM & 81MM mortar bipods. Later
 had fixed an operating handle of a 105MM
 how. In the afternoon had taken a
 shower at the shower point. Later
 had painted the insignias on the helmets
 for the boys. At night had printed 124
 pictures with Wehinger & Eaton.
 Rec'd a package from Betty

Tues. 21 In the morning had worked on
 the M-3 105MM. How. along with Wehinger
 and Wallenburg and Case. Also the same
 in the afternoon. Later had worked on
 the 60MM mortar bipods. After finishing
 work I had then painted some insignias
 on some of the german helmets for the boys
 & send them home as souvenirs.

Wed. 22: In the morning at 9 o'clock
 were given shots in the arm again.
 I had rec'd two and it didn't feel so
 bad then, but later the arm had begun
 to ache and had become very sore.
 Some got terribly sick with a fever. Later
 had worked on the mortars until then at
 57 M.M. A.T. Gun. At night had printed
 quite a few more pictures with Ezra
 Eaton and Wehinger and had
 made around 80 of them.

Thurs. 23. - Thanksgiving day. The axer had still been terribly sore since the shots we had taken yesterday. After breakfast had painted a few coveris german helmets. At dinner time we had turkey, beans, potatoes, stuffing, cake, cranberry sauce, pie and coffee. In the afternoon we had packed up our vehicles and some of our personal belongings and got ready to move tomorrow. Had rec'd a V-mail letter from Peter Braka in the afternoon. At night in guard had 2 R.
1 P.

Fri. 24. In the morning after breakfast had packed up our personal belongings and had roll into our vehicles. Had eaten dinner then had left the area of Laval and arrived to our destination area in Vainemont at around 1:15 P.M. Had unloaded our tracks and got situated. Mohniger, Ezra Dutoon but I had gotten a room to stay in and I had my bed roll layed out on a spring bed.

Sat. 25 In AM had mended the wires to the room in the house. Later had worked on the mortars and came in P.M. At night our section had moved from Vainemont to Sully-Haus.
At night on guard -

Sun. 26. In the morning had unloaded
 over trucks and then unloaded and
 arranged our bed rolls. In the afternoon
 had worked on the 8 1/4 M. Mortars. Later just
 before supper time had cleaned up. After supper
 had rec'd an air mail letter from Peggy. I
 wrote an air-mail letter home.

Mon. 27 - Had worked on 8 1/4 M. Mortars in
 the morning. At 1300 had Company formation
 and Capt. Swenk cited the company for
 their great achievement for 24 months under
 his command and also at the time of
 different campaigns that we all went
 through. Capt. Swenk had relieved his
 command and Capt. Euzgo had taken
 over, so we all had our organizational
 property check-up before Capt. Euzgo
 came in command. In P.M.
 met Ireland and I had taken a 105 M.M.
 How M. 3 over to the 46th Ord Co. at
 St. Die. Later we had returned at 4 P.M.

Tues. 28. In the morning there had been
 located a time bomb in the C.P. One of the
 frenchmen located it and McFarland went
 down to see it. Later the bomb disposal man
 came down and had taken it out. According
 to the time it had been set eight days ago. In the
 afternoon had worked on a 105 M.M. how M. 2. along
 with Perry, Brown, Lee, Wallenburgs and Singer.

Wed. 29. - Mailed air mail letters & P. M. In the morning and afternoon had worked on 8/M.M. bipods (mortar).

Thurs. 30. In the morning had worked on 8/M.M. base plates and trigger mortar tubes. In the afternoon got payed and had an allotment of 30 dollars and one bond drawn out from the total pay.

December 1944

★ Fri 1. Wrote air mail letter home St. Had worked on the mortars in the morning and afternoon. at 3 P.M. Craig got orders to go out to the new area. Six of us went on that detail, S/Lt. Powers, Horn, Remeriz, Harvey Smith, Porcho Mpan and I. We had arrived to the area at 4:30 P.M. and unloaded and found us a place to sleep in a warm building. Had arrived past the town of St. Marie. After we got there we got situated and then made our own supper out of 10 in 1 rations in St. Craig

Sat. 2. Got up at 6:30 A.M. then we had made our own breakfast and after that we had waited for our vehicles to come in. After they had come in we had unloaded the trucks and then got situated into our place at night was on guard. 3 P. - 2 R.

SUN-3. In the morning had loaded the finished
 mortar tripods on the 7/8 ton trucks and taken them
 off to the supply with medals. After returning
 had taken the 5 P.M. A.T. bus over to Stault's place
 to get the lunet bracket re-welded. Had taken
 it over and back with Wallenburg. In the afternoon
 had taken a shower over at the C.P. building.
 and had put on clean clothes. The tex had
 accepted out my barracks bag and re-
 arranged the clothing into it. After supper
 had rec'd a letter from home. 11-10

Wrote air-mail letter home.

MON-4 Had worked on mortar tripods
 in the morning. In the afternoon had
 painted a few insignias on the souvenir
 jerry helmets for some of the boys. Also
 had traded a few candies & the small kids
 for some souvenir booklets on the history books
 on jerris. At night after supper got on the 2 1/2
 ton trucks with the rest of the boys and rode over
 to St. Marie to a movie. The place was so
 crowded it was impossible to get in the first
 part of the show, so we returned back to our
 area in St. Croix. When I got back I
 found a letter from home.

11-14 Wrote air-mail letter home

Tues 5 At night seen a movie in the
 Co. area and saw "Moonlight in Havana"
 Rec'd a pkg from home & Y.F.W. magazine
 Wrote air-mail letter home.



Wed-6 In the morning had worked on 81mm m. mortars. In the afternoon had m^y important work to do so I had polished off and painted insignias on two jersey helmets for Colonel Green of the D.C.D. Had rec'd "Y" mail letters from Robert C. 11-22 Had wrote an air-mail letter to Robert C. and home including photos

Thurs-7 Had worked on 81mm m. m. had plate and in the afternoon had worked with the others on the 105MM How. #3. Later had worked on an 81mm m. mortar bipod and table.

Fri-8. In the morning had worked on 81MM. bipod. Later had buffed a couple of jersey coveris helmets then painted the insignias and then shelled them. Later in the afternoon had worked on another 81MM. bipod that had came in. At night on guard 3P. - 1P. Had tetanus shot morn at 9A.M.

Sat-9 Had worked on 81 bipod and base plates in the morning and afternoon. Write letter to Betty



SUN 10. In the morning had taken over to the supply with ~~me~~ and all the finished mortar bipods, ~~base-plates~~ and base-plates. Later had worked on a 57 M.M. A.T. Gun. In the afternoon had worked on some more Mortars

Mon. 11. In the morning had worked on M3-105 M.M. How. with McFarland Weidinger and Wallenburg. Later another M3-105 M.M. How came in so McFarland and I had taken it apart and had filed the clamp joining the two recoil cylinders together. In the afternoon a 155 M.M. M.I. How. came in to be worked on and to be completely repaired with care. At night developed films with Weidinger.

Tues. 12. In the morning and afternoon had worked on 60 and 81 M.M. bipods and also 81 M.M. base plates. At night on guard 1 P. - 1 P.

Wed. 13. Had worked on the Mortars later in the afternoon had worked with care and Weidinger on the 155 M.M. How. M.I.

Thurs. 14. Had worked on Mortars in A.M. & P.M. Later on 155 M.M. How. M.I. with Weidinger Rec'd V-mail from home - seen show - Whistling in Brooklyn

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FRI. 15 - In the morning and afternoon
me, Farland, Medinger and I had
worked on the 155 M.M. How M.I. Gave a
thorough 6 mo. check-up. Rec'd "V" mail
letter from home 11-22

Sat. 16. In the morning and P.M. had
been working on the 155 M.M. M.I. How. At
night there was a dance put out by our Co.
so me and Medinger had gone to it. Had
plenty of drinks there while it lasted. The
party started at 8 P.M. and finished off
at 11 P.M. without any fighting.

★ Sun 17. Both morning and P.M. had
been working on a 155 M.M. M.I. How.
At night on guard 2R-2P.
Wrote air-mail letter home

Mon. 18. On H.P. all day. In spare
time had packed up three packages
of conveners. At night went to a
movie and saw "Shine On Harvest
Moon". Rec'd a "V" mail from home

★ Tues. In the morning had sent out the
logs. to home, Robert C., & Quillo. Had work
on the 155 M.M. How M.I. all day.

Wed. 20. Had worked on odd things all morning.
at P.M. had teeth filled at the dentist.

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 D Wed 20. Rec'd a pkg from Home and 11-1
 Robert C. Write a letter home
 and Herby 2.

Thurs. 21- Got cleaned up around the
 truck and rearranged some things to be
 ready to be loaded up for the next move
 Later in the morning had taken a shower
 In the afternoon rode over to St. Die with
 McFarland, Chestang and Adams to see
 Humphries at the hospital there. He had
 been shot in the leg on Monday and now
 has a cast from the severe injury. After
 we came back I had taken a shower
 again. At night had visited one of our
 French friends. ReVine, Brothers, Kuman
 St. Moore and I had attended at their
 party. We had eats and drinks and
 played different kinds of games. Had
 a real enjoyable evening. Had left
 there at midnight and they presented each
 one of us a small bottle of schnapps
 Later had gone over to Louie's place and
 drink there until 3 A.M. all of you Case,
 Young, Arthur, Brothers and I.

FRI. 22. In the morning had started off 9 A.M.
 and said farewell to our French friends whom
 we had visited last night. Moved from
 St. Croix to Straasburg. At night on
 guard 2P.-3R.

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SAT. 23. In the morning & P.M.
had worked on the 155 M.I. How.

Sun. 24. Worked on the 57 M.M. and Hostess
11-6 Rec'd package from home. Dinner time
Col. Green gave a speech and commented on
on the fine work and hoped for everyone the
best of time under circumstances during this
Christmas eve and tomorrow at Xmas Day.

Mon. 25 Christmas Day. - Had gone to
★ church in the morning at 11 A.M. in
▲ Strasbourg had gotten out at 12 noon
and arrived at the G. area. Had turkey,
dressing, potato salad, cranberry sauce,
spaghetti, apple and peach dessert,
apple pie, raisin pie, cake and coffee.
In the afternoon played cards & passed
the time away with Case, Wallenburg
Madrigal and Royburn... Wrote
air mail letter home & Robert C.

Tues. 26. Got up in A.M. and after breakfast had
loaded up the trucks and personal belongings. Had
started to move from Strasbourg at 2 P.M. and
arrived at Ditzviller a little south of Saarburg
at 6 P.M. Unloaded our personal belongings and
made up our beds.

Wed. 27. Unloaded vehicle & worked on Hostess P.M. &
A.M.

