

~~run down up at Camel Hill.~~

Came on to rain. Did very little.

1 July Sun.

Church parade. Reg. Bob and I walked down round Pippe and home. Photo not done. Got a letter from Colie.

2 Mon.

Had a run in the morning. Nothing doing in afternoon. Went to Pont de Pippe for bath.

3 Tues.

Rifle grenade instructions and fired a few.

July

4 Wed.

Had a run in morning.
Paraded on road to see King
George go past in car. Run
off Batt. sports afterwards.
Fall out off 3 miles.

5 Thurs.

Bombing in the morning
and instruction.

6 Fri.

Bombing in morning. Went
Pont de Rieppe for bath. got
P.Z. mail - 7 letters.

7 Sat.

On fatigue on water
pipe up to Messines.

8 Sun.

Church parade in morning. Went to Pieppe in afternoon, saw 4th Brigade just out of line.

9 Mon.

Went on Batt guard at 6 P.M. Doing nothing all day.

10 Tues

On guard all day. same of at 6 P.M.

11 Wed.

Drill in morning. Pont de Pieppe for bath in afternoon. Saw few a boys.

July.

12 Thurs.

Left Aldershot at 9 *
marched to Doulieu about
3 miles the other side. Saw
Will in Canteen. Camping
in shed but we slept out
in orchard.

13 Fri.

Drill & bombing in
morning. Went and saw
cricket match in afternoon.

14 Sat.

Drill in morning. Sports
training in afternoon.

15 Sun.

Had Church Parade
in morning. Boy sports

training in afternoon.

16 Mon.

Went for route march
round to near Estaires.
Lectures to P.C.O's and
officers by General Brethwaite.

17 Tues.

Had Batt. sports all
day

18 Wed.

Left billets for
batacombes at 7.30 arrived
2 P.M. Solid trip. Place
knocked about since last
visit.

July.

19 Thurs.

Left catacombs about 6 P.M. to go up on patrol. Look over from Aussies got a good possie in Fritz dug out. On patrol out towards canal for 4 hours. Saw no one. Got strafed.

20 Fri.

Slept most of the day. On patrol at night. Went a long way out and had a look at old buildings, good patrol. Went very close to canal. Got parcel from home - Birthday cake.

21 Sat

On patrol at night.
Fritz put up a straff in no
man's land, never got very
far out. Had to get home
early as our Artillery opened
up at 2 A.M. Fritz gassed
2nd boy. with new gas, got
about 60.

22 Sun.

Had a quiet day, wrote
some letters. On patrol at
night went out as far as the
out. 3 miles in

23 Mon.

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23 Mon.

Shifted camp back to
subsidiary line - berries no good.
Put on gas guard 2 on 4 off.
Ted left Blighty for R.F.

24 Tues.

Not payed in afternoon on
gas guard, was taken off and
put on again. Fairly quiet day.

25 Wed.

On gas guard all day
and night. Wrote a few
letters.

26 Thurs.

Got out behind machine
gun which played on us.
Taken off gas guard in

morning to go on patrol. On
Patrol and covering party, went
out along bank of land
running through Warrenton.
Very lively night. Working
party digging trench.
Wellington went over.

27 Fri.

Got mail - 7 letters as
usual. Things pretty lively.
Had to go on patrol and
visit the trenches we dug.
Rather a tricky job. Had
a close go coming in and
got slightly lost.

July.

28 A.M.

Fritz raided our left, things very lively, had the night off. All artillery very active in air. Fritz does just about as he wants to in the air. The sector about the hottest on British front.

(^{5th August}

~~28~~ 29 Aug.)

Had church parade in Y.M.C.A. in Romain in morning. I missed fatigue at night.)

~~29 Aug~~ (July.)

Not relieved from line, went back to Regina

camp, not far back. Thunder
storm going out - a pretty
wet day.

30 Mon.

Rain at night, went
for bath to Pont de la Bièvre
in morning. No fatigue.
Heavy staff all day.

31 Tues.

A wet day. Artillery
very heavy. Big offensive
towards coast from our
sector.

1 Aug.

Wet day, had kit
inspection. No fatigue.
Sent cable home, Reg. Bob
and self.

August.

2 Thurs.

Still raining, nothing doing. Went to Romain. Ben up the line upto waist in mud and water. Saw them out.

3 Fri.

Had gas drill etc. under roof of shed in morning. Went on guard at night. Still raining.

4 Sat.

On guard all day.

Raining a little. Compliments on good guard. Had a wet week.

5 Sun. (On previous page.)

6 Mon.

On fatigue at night,
carrying up wire to supports.
Ken Johnson killed.

7 Tues.

Shifted up into
line. Set up on Batt. gas
guard in bush. Col. Young
promoted to Johnson's place.

8 Wed.

On gas guard. Had
thunder storm at night.

9 Thurs.

Col. Young severely
wounded same place as
Ken. Johnson killed by sniper.
Things pretty lively, a clear

August.

day. On gas guard. Fritz
had a bombing stunt to
Bailleule.

10 Fri.

A very clear day, things
very lively especially in air.
Big reinforcement to arrive 24-25.
Bombing stunt at night
by us and Fritz. Very
lively on guard.

11 Sat.

A cloudy day but
things lively. Had little
rain. Put off gas guard
and went out to out-
posts by canal. Had
heavy thunder storm
going out. sat next to

going out, got wet to skin. Ground all mud and very slippery, got bogged. Had terrible trip.

One man wounded.

Rotten post, up to knees in mud and slush and no cover. Things very lively.

13 Sun.

Had to cover up possie before day break and then squeeze up in a hole until dark. Put in 18 hours without being able to move. The worst time I ever put in. Mud and slush to sit in.

August.

13 Mon.

Not relieved Sun. night
and had a rotten trip
going in, got partly lost.
Arrived at our bivie just
before day-break. Went
out to out post with
most rations at night. Got
some gas.

14 Tues.

Had a rough trip.
Tried to dry clothes and
got a sleep through day.
Had to relieve the out
posts again at night.

15 Wed.

In the mud hole, put

in a rotten day, no boss.
Had some close events. Our
artillery very lively all
night and away on our
left.

16 Thurs.

Had hell of a day.
Just stood down and got
covered up when our
chaps put up a dummy
stunt sometime as the one
on left. Fritz retaliated
and his barrage fell just
across our possie, got one
direct hit, lucky escape.
"Like murder"

August.

17 Fri.

got blown out of
possess. 3 shells inside and
others all round. Had
to take to new sap and
got strapped all day, put
in a rotten time. Got
relieved by Auckland at
night who were very welcome.

18 Sat.

Had a lucky trip
getting in, other parties got
smacked and we had
to go back and carry them
~~back~~ in, then had to walk
to Bulford camp. Got
there just after day break.

just about beat. Put in
most of day scraping off
mud and getting things
dry. Saw J. McBride at
night. Got letters (26th June.)

19. Sun.

Church parade in
morning. Went to Ballincollig for
bath in afternoon, got leave
there and had a good
feed and got a ride home.

20 Mon.

Told off to go to school
but it worked out as
the Brigade was moving
out for training.

August

21 Tues.

Batt. moved off at 6 AM.
from camp en route to
La Motte - had a big day,
solid going. Arrived at village
at 4 P.M. Had to sleep in open
all crops cut and stacked,
looked well.

22 Wed.

Cleaning up all
morning - had to ~~and~~
^{down} web gear. Went to canal
for swim in afternoon, about
3 miles. Not too good.

23 Thurs.

Had route march
with full packs in

morning. Down to canal
for swim in afternoon.

24 Fri.

Route march - full
packs - in morning. To
canal for swim in
afternoon. Got promoted to
~~Lie~~ Corp.

25 Sat.

Had drill in morning.
Sharpening bayonets in after-
noon.

26 Sun.

Church parade in
morning, Gen. Godley and
Brethwaite were present. Went
down to see 2nd Batt. in
afternoon.

August.

27 Mon.

Dull and route marsh
in morning. Raining in
afternoon. Struck camp and
cleaned up, got gear ready
to move.

28 Tues.

Breakfast at 1-30. Moved
off, full pack at 3. Marched to
Bastre and entrained to .
Then marched to Lumbres in
rain and wind.

29 Wed.

Left Lumbres and
marched 8 kilo further on.
Billetted in a little
town in a gully.

30 Thurs.

Went on parade
at 8 A.M., marched up hill
to parade ground extended
order and platoon drill.

Left ground at 4 P.M.

31 Fri.

A wet day. Rained in
several times but was
washed out.

Sept. 1 Sat.

On parade in
morning. Had bath in
afternoon, had to go 10 kilos,
got no change.

Wet day.

September

2 Sun.

Rained in morning
so was no church parade.
Got new pair of boot, first
since being in Army.

3 Mon.

Paraded several
times but never got out,
wet day, but stood
about all time.

4 Tues.

On parade as usual
wing extended over
and practising march
past in boy line.

5 Wed.

Parade as usual

March past and extended order. Went for a bath after Parade got change of clothes.

6 Thurs.

Had a big day.

Brigade in attack. Marched nearly to Lumbres and attacked back over hills. Left at 8 got home at 6.30.

Fri.

Shooting all day. Never did too good. Ted and I sent Bob a cable. 8 Frances.

8 Sat.

Went to dentist to get teeth fixed, but he couldn't do them. Had to go back in a fortnight.

September.

9 Sun.

Went for a bath in morning and had to parade before T. McKenzie who said a few words

10 Mon.

Brigade. Practising review all morning by Bill.

11 Tues

Practising open order and attack all day.

12. Wed.

Practising review and Batt. in attack and bush fighting. Got mail. 8 letters.

13 Thurs.

Had a trip to Seaside in motor lorries, rather a cold, windy day, so was glad to get home. Went near Rulongwei.

14 Fri.

Had big day, P.Z. division, reviewed by Sir D. Day and staff. A great show, well worth seeing, had rest of day off.

15 Sat.

Doing Brigade in attack, though bush fighting. Had Batt. sports in afternoon. 1st Boy won cup and 12th Second.

September.

16th Sun.

Had church parade
by new Chaplin in morning.
Playing 11 & 12 football in
afternoon.

17th Mon.

Went through gas
test and lecture on
orderly lepl.

Played football against
4 teams.

18th Tues.

On orderly lepl got
inoculated in afternoon.
Boy. football matches.

12th beat 13th. 1st beat 2nd.

19th Wed.

On parade. Batt in attack. Had afternoon off. Orderly Cpl.

20th Thurs.

Orderly Cpl. Rained in morning. Went for a bath. Potting much doing.

21st Fri.

On parade. Brigade in attack through bush and open. Final Batt football 12th Bay. won 8 to 3.

Orderly Cpl.

22nd Sat.

Orderly Cpl. Running about all day. Ken had a day off

September.

23 Sun

Had church parade
at 6. 6. in morning. Batt
football in afternoon. 2nd Batt
off v 1st. 1st won 21-nil.
1st men beat 2nd Batt by
5 to nil.

24 Mon.

Wearily slept in
morning. Getting fixed up
to move off in morn. Went
down to Periods at night,
very good programme.

25 Tues.

Up at 4-30, full
pack up and left Columbia
at 7. Marched into Argos

about 22 kilos, a very hot day. Had a look round town at night.

26 Wed.

Got left sleeping in morn. Batt moved off at 5 AM. we got away at 6 and ~~so~~ caught the crowd ^{before} at 10. Arrived at billet 2 PM near Bassel. Did about 18 kilos.

27 Thurs.

Moved off again next morning, had lunch on way, and ended up just in front of Whatoe. Camped the night. Did about 17 kilos.

September

28 Fri.

On the move again next morning, went through Poperinge, had lunch on way. A terrible lot of traffic on road. Ended up just in front of Ypres and camped the night in open.

29th Sat.

Getting fixed up to move into line. Left camping grounds about 4-30 and moved off into Sect. Went through part of Ypres town all knocked to nothing. Ended up in shell holes, still

some distance behind
front posts. Made a bit of
bivie and stayed all night
and next day.

30th Sun.

Camped in shell
hole all day, put in a
very cold night. A few
stray shells flying about
~~in morning~~. A perfect day
but heavy mist in morning

1st Oct.

Had three dummy
barages during day, each
lasting $\frac{3}{4}$ hour, very heavy.
Shifted up about 100 yds and
made better possie. On water party