



Aug. 19 Went on parade for work + right into dope-shop Ex 8ts to 12+2-5 Eve to Shawbury + rewrote letter to dad not Jess

Aug. 20 still in dope-shop + got into argument with Eng. Corp. Told him I'd finish eating if it took all day. The Eng pig-head. Wrote an application to CO. for pass to Liverpool. Off at 5 should ate + hycked with Higham 3 mi. to Hadnall to go 8:25 Got to Crewe at 9:45 + had to stay till 12:20 for connections. Up town + clicked with 2 tarts + walked around till 12:10. Sick all way from Crewe to Liver.

Aug. 21 Arrived at Liverpool at 2:30 at "Y" 9 could not get a bed so we sat in chairs still sick Up at 5 A.M at ate + walked around. Wrote cards Went down to docks to see our laundry place. Bot spoon for Marg. Took 7 train out + got to Hadnall at 10 + walked slowly home 3 mi to bed at 12.

Aug. 22. To work again + our Corporal was snotty + nagging so I lit into him + gave him both barrels + all I had. The self-centered - it hurts his eyes to see an American take a five after working hard. Told him he could do it with English but not with a Yank P.M he was a good dog. American flyer bombed Berlin today -hurray! "B.S."

Aug 23 Dope-shop all day for a big day's work. Hot as "L" evening reading novel. V. Crass.

Aug 24 On Saturday detail all day. Cleaning + sweeping + put up tents. P.M, sleeping + in eve finished novel of ones messages of subconscious mind. Letters ex Lillian + sheet music

Aug 25 Sunday trying to go to church but no priest, so to work in dope. P. noon painting circles – bulls -eyes on planes. My first O.K. Letter ex Lil + photo answered it. Su eve letter to my own girl – my life- fused with my very existence – you- Marguerite

Aug 26. Doping all day + started reading Merchant of Venice in eve + wrote to Jim Angus. Letter ex Lil Photo

Aug 27 same thing + wrote to Cully. Eve, reading after retreat. Raining like “L”

Wed. 28 Doping + got P.O.M.O for Cully £2-2’ at Shawbury raining like sin. Eating inspection quarters

Thurs. 29 Drill 9 exercise- ate + to shop doping all day. C.O. was going to drill everyone not on duty but got left- we all sneaked + so he said ‘tis a wash-out. Letter to my Marg. Took hot bath + to bed.

Fri 30, Drill ate + to dope-shop P.M instructions out in field on gas-mask. Home at 4:30 no work. Letters to Beverly friends. Eve playing blackjack + lost 55

Aug 31 In dope-shop A.M + P.M. gas-mask practice. Tear-gas lachrimatic gas + chlorine gas. Took money + green leave into gas + all turned light + money black. Deadly poison, but thru mask I get pure air. Lunch + shop at 4:15 + work to 5 then home ate + to bed early.

September 1 Sunday. Up ate + took a bike to Shawbury nice ride. On sanitary detail. Home for day at 9 + then did my washing, 2 suits u. wear 2 towels 2 sox dish towels + chiefs P.M, monkeying around. No retreat. Cloudy + cold all day.

Sept 2 In dope shop all ay + started making souvenirs. Eve lost 2-6. Reading Lady of Lake.

Sept 3, doping all day + took planes to new dump. Everyone off at 5 + most of ‘em to go visiting for Sept. 4. Is washout. To sleep

in Mercers' bed + wake half dozen times. Dream of Barn + house
burring in 2 installments – our old house + I knew man who did it.
Dreamed bug hit me fatally

Corporal Sept 4 Up at 7 A.M ate + ready Lady of Lake. Raining
like “L” all A.M. Wrote 5 letters and stayed in room all day.

Sept 5 As usual-doping no mail to bed early.

Sept 6 Doping all day- entitled to wear service strip 6 months
overseas.

Sept 7 making souvenir ring + paper-knife. Music + letter ex
Lillian

Sept 8. Mail from States Chas + Bert. Wrote ?. read to bed.
Doping all day + came home a corporal

Sept 9 Wrote to Chas in eve. Doping all day. Still raining

Sept 10, AM K.P. all day + working hard Took bath in eve + to
bed.

Sept 11. Letter ex L. Cleaning dope-shop. Pay day after two. To
shop-headache-told corporal going to barracked to bed To sleep –
Mc Clure awakened me + gave me 8 letters ex momma, kids Lill. +
my Marguerite Wrote home + to Mgt. right away. Ate a little + to bed
early.

Sept 12 In dope-shop all day no mail. Eve wrote to Uncles Pete
+ Tom. To bed talking to Mc 10 P.M.

Sept 13 Friday- in dope shop all day. Set a ring for 206 sqdn +
started sawing out my bed with a hack-saw blade. Hair-cut eve.
Wrote to Photogr's + Whalen's eve.

Sept 14 in dop shop all day. Corporal burnt my bed in heater.
Eve Leper + I to Shawbury to get P.O.M.O 5s

Sunday 15 To church on stage in tent. In dope-shop. Got 5
letters ex States Marg. Home 3 + 1 ex 7. 7.7.9 +\$25 (L5-4-6) from
London by Genesee ex Buk. Su eve Showdown inspection

Mon 16 Doping all day – in eve right to bed. Drunken brawl in
barracks + got out of bed to subdue the madmen.

Tues 17 in shop until 3:15 got a chit + to Searg, for pass. Bath in washpan shaved dressed and hit for Hadnall to go to Stratford-on Avon. Got to Birmingham at 7:45 and 3 of us had some port + with sailor some beer then on drag. Met 3 Mac's girls + joshed 'em a while to "Y" to eat Walked round a hit + to Soldiers + Sailors to sleep.

Wed 18 up at 8:30 stalling around. Cashed my check 5 - 4 -6 + at 11 to go to Stratford. Arrived at Hatton at 12 + had t change at 1 P.M. Walked about + found some bushes of blackberries. Ate a lot of 'em + picked tow box full from man's beet patch. Had some real bread + butter at station + hit for Stratford where I arrived at 2. To "Y" good dinner + god some milk for my berries. Wrote to Marg. + to see Trinity church + Shakespeare's tomb To see Marie Corelli's home modern novelists- to Shakespeare's memorial Building. Theatre- art-shop + antiquaries. The not Bill Shak's. birth-place + where he lived + wrote + museum. Back to Birmingham on the 5:15 to "y" to eat + buy cig's had 130 cigs to take home left there at 8:10 arrived at Shawbury at 10 + walked back to cam when we arrived at 12. Seven mile walk + raining all way - some ?.

Sept 19 Up at 7 a to eat right away + to work again feeling off in Eve had articles of war read + sewed chevron on Rays coat. Then to bed.

Sept 20 up as usual + had drill all day in dope-shop nothing unusual Loaned Luiz one pound.

Sept 21 all day in shop as usual + in eve writing to Amy for pictures, to Jessica to collect for me and to mama + papa

Sept 22 Sunday, up at 7a drill. Then ate + to church. To barracks to inspect blankets + did my washing- a big one. P.M to work in eve writing to Albert Letter ex Bert 9 Card ex Stratford. Loaned ? one pound.

Sept 23 Mon-doping all day as usual + in eve writing + reading

Sept 24 in dope ship all day In eve at home reading + eating chocks + butter scotch. Got tobacco issued first in army 50 cigs + 4 cans tob. 1 chew

Sept 24 doping + patching all day + in eve monkeying around. Mar full + raised hell. Told me to take his place when he would go to N. Wales

Sept 26 Baseball boys left early + we out as usual at 6. Gave my gang of 12 new exercise. To dop till noon. P.M. stayed at home + sewed chevrons on my coat + dug out my barracks bag.

Sept 27 Up as usual for reveille + I had 2 squads. To "A" flight 9 made me a bed + sewing bag for Louis. Mended my blouse. To Shawbury with Higham, in a Ford 8 mi, + had ham, eggs, chips B+B. home at 5 + to flight work on souvenir. Retreat I had 5 men.

Sept 28 up as usual + got one of boys to K.P them back to work in dop shop. Sports in eve but I work in flight. Made bag for Luiz

Sept 29 Sunday- to church + to work. P.M working to 4:30 + home. Raining hard. Working on souvenirs + wrote to Viola.

Sept 30 Clock was set 1 hr. ahead at 3, A.M. + so we got 1 hr. more sleep. Signed pay-roll after reveille – my first as a corporal. To shave + to work all day. In eve playing soccer for sports hour. Good dinners yesterday + today steak mashed spuds gravy green beans b + b + coffee.

Oct 1 in dope-shop A.M. axed Cpl Beuton to be excused P.M so he gave me a chit. Sewed chevrons on for Grubb- ate + to take bath + getting ready. Hit out for Hadnall + had to wait long time. Got 5:15 for Shrewsbury. Had ham and b+b sake + coffee. then took 6:45 out for Chester where had to wait till nine + got to my destination Bangor, at 11 P.M + to my 6 penny bed at 12.

Oct 2 Up at 7, ate 2 eggs + to take a walk to Isle of Anglesey 2 ¼ mil over big suspension bridge to Menai Bridge town, this bridge opened for traffic 1826. In this town I had 25 school children following me + to me to the little church on island with big name "Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgo-gerychwyrndrobwll-llantysiliogogoch". The church St. Tysilio's was built in 650 A.D. Back in Menai + walked thru beautiful forest listening to song-birds in caressing sea breeze. Wrote poem dedicated to my Marg. "Youre here with me". To

Bangor talking to Welsh soldier who was waiting for his Gladys he hadn't seen for 4 yrs. I met her + another girl n Bangor college in their gowns + had good talk. To "Y" + we had tea. Took 3:15 to Conway + through Conway Castle + to see "smallest house" 72x100x122 ins. Met fine chap at station + went to Colwyn Bay to tea with him + to walk on beach + some more tea + to station bound for home. Got to Crewe about 12:15 + had some supper Got to Shrewsbury at 2 + back to camp by 3 on taxi for 4S To bed.

Oct. 3 Working on repair work all day in sheds. Got tobacco rations, + 2 letters ex home. Missed sports + retreat- was working + eating (resp) 7:25 To bed.

Oct 4 In shed repairing + moved sail-maker's shop + cleaned rooms. Got tobacco issued 2 cans + 25 cigs. Eve sports ate + had retreat. 188+247 confined to hart racks4 d's for cond. of rooms. Made hat-pin souvenir.

Oct 5 Moved sailmakers shop + did sewing on wings Eve wrote to Walker and my anniversary letter to dearest Marg. I am happy to recall that day fine years ago + how I wish I were with you.

Oct 6 Sunday – To church + to work in sailmakers + working on my prop. Got acetone for "D" Flight + corp – the pig-headed shrimp bawled me out, but I told him off again as per usual. None of them under him have a bit of use for him + he is an ill-bred + imposing blighter. No sports + in eve worked out prop for my own Marg. To bed at 10

Oct 7 Reveille 6 + drill and to work in sailmakers. Eve working on souvenirs.

Oct. 8 as usual every day – no mail ex anyone wrote to Jimmie + to Chas.

Oct 9 working in sail maker's all day + good time. Eve working on souvenirs. Collecting for baby found in France.

Oct 10 "Mack" went away + I in charge of the troops. Held Reveille gave 'em drill working all day – in eve monkeying around.

Oct 11 Albert's birthday I in sailmaker's all day + in eve same thing. Boxing match

Oct 12 Columbus Day. Reveille + drill for troops. Working A.M + P.M off to see clean barracks for inspection. Did my washing + to sports. Supper, retreat +eve home making a propeller

Oct 13 Sunday to church in a work but + to work good time. P.M got news of Germany's acceptance of peace terms but doubt it. Head steel ringing on pavement + thought it to be bells so we were excited. No sports. Letters ex home 3 (2 reg'd + 2 ex E.V.D one dates Jan 13 eve to hanger to work on rings + letter opener.

Oct 14, AT sailmakers all day + in eve sports + letter to Marg.

Oct 15 around sailmakers all day + to 4:30 P.M. Ate and while looking for bike, Keg. + I were lucky for Jimmie + Green had rented four So we to Shawbury and rode in moonlight to Shrewsbury where police stopped me for not having red light on rear. We put our bikes in "bikery" near station bridge + to get our tickets for Maid of Midnight Sure - fine. Had tea :+ to get a room. Nice big bed dresser + all for 4s ea. with breakfast.

Oct 16 Up at 9 ate + at 10-11 walking around town. Then 3 of us started on our journey this way ex Shrewsbury to Inn + had a couple of pints. Then back to Shrewsbury. Were admitted to "Gateway House" built in 1610 + same old gateway + house is of black + white art oak plaster. Was simply beautiful inside + I dreamed always having one like it for you Marg. Some day. Drawing room in delicate pink "cerase" + bed room pretty embroidery harmoniously set for it represented peace. Then we rode up to St Chad's church down into park. About 1 P.M we stared for Wellington + I ran down hill + without brakes I ran into bunch of school kids. Up to column + circling around, I ran into Luiz's bicycle + stepped on hind wheel bending it so it wouldn't go round, so I pout it on curb + straightened it + on we went toward Wellington. We had a couple of falls but finally we went from Horse shoe Inn to the old ruins of an old Roman town right near Wroxeter where I got old pottery, bones, + molten lead + iron. Back toward inn I got a puncture + had boy patch us up. He's so much like Chas. - I gave

him a bob. Pumped up twice + still leaking but I struck out + on road stopped about every mill at farmhouse to borrow a pump. Finally, half mile ex. Wellington round a turn + down a hill, I crashed with a motor-cycle. Both of us flew about fifteen feet + he lay under his machine groaning when I jumped up + ran to his rescue. How I did it I don't know + he seemed to be senseless for he didn't answer me. Finally he said "Ah! I was a but dazed" the poor simp – and, with my help he staggered to his feet and said "I tho't you didn't see me". Without even a limp he walked to the top of the hill + away he went. His machine wasn't hurt but I stopped his motor + bent his license number. My bike was pretty badly bunged up – light smashed + front tire out. As for myself, I could hardly get to station – my right thigh badly lacerated left knee wrenched + bruised. We had quite a time at station + pigheaded Englishmen would give us no satisfaction as to how to get our bikes on train. Mr Gill's girl, a Miss Edwards put us right + we started back for Shrewsbury after buying some eats. At a "red-cap" an Eng. M.P. led me down station stairs + to café to get some ham + B + B + coffee. Then I forgot my 1s-3d cake lie there + outside watching for tender to take me camp + get here at 9:30 other boys beat me by the train to Hadnall + Luiz walked my bike home

Oct 17 Up at 7:30 I scar Hay bro't my breakfast to me + washed my dishes * good, scout. On sick-call + doctor marked me "Duty" when I could hardly move. But I stayed in all day + did sewing for boys + making souvenir. Made a boy for Mc Cullough – patched Hay's overall. Got tobacco issue + slip for my xmas package. Turned in ? on requisition. Supper + writing letters home + to Lillian M.

Oct 18 on sick call again + he marked me "quarters" so I sat here making souvenirs + did my washing. Eve bathed my leg + to bed

Oct 19 up at about 8 + quarters again so sitting around making "Prop" + preparing pieces for letter opener handle. Eve, hot bath and sitting in bed writing to Marg. Sewed chevrons for boys.

Oct 20 up at 8:30 ate + shaved + on sick call asked to get out + O.K. so when to church in hut + to work in shop P.M felling bum so laid around + to finish writing to Marg. 10 pages.

21 Monday to work as usual + in ? spent time ?

22 to shop as usual + knocking about all day

23 in sailmakers. Sgt. Told me we are soon to go out.

24 everything as usual + had Faskett to upholster my jewel box.

25 Fri. To shop – girls bot my bag of Hazelnuts + apples

26 To shop + working all day Eve writing + letters ex home + Marg

27 Sunday Show-down inspection. P.M to shop eve souvenirs

28 Mon To shop + made toilet article case + souvenirs. Blue letter to Marg.

29 Tues. Sticking around shop but no work. Made 2 rings for Mc Gee. Letter ex dad + mom. Signed pay- roll

30 Washout – hut 6 B. a/c of “Flu.” A.M. inspection in field P.M drill + hyke + me 247 took road opp. Of others + went to see farmerettes gathering spuds In eve I sat up in bed reading letters + sorting ‘em.

31 Oct didn’t go to work but wrote letter to Mama + Dad. and sorting trash getting ready to move. P.M. to shop + finished kid sold to Grubb for 18. Bought picture frame made of a ? ex ? for 25s

Nov. 1. A.M drill + getting ready to move hurrying my souvenirs P.M. Monkeying + to ‘drome to get dope while boys took bike. Miss Coggins gave me 4 hand made Kerchiefs with my name on ‘em + some nice big apples. Eve wrote a letter to Marg. + to “Pat”. + wrapping things to send to Marg. + home.

Nov. 2 A.M packdrill + squad drill my squad acted up + so we were sentenced to do half hour's extra drill. P.M. packdrill + kit inspection + stenciling 247 on new kits. Got paid 4-13-10 \$22.35 Eve mailed buttoner, ring + souvenir spoon to my Marg + frame to mama + dad. eve washed overalls + my hair.