

Henry Lorang, Journal II

(To France and later)

Nov. 11) Up 6:45 ate made bed & to formation on detail cleaning our stalls. Report came of signing of Armistice & it proved to be the truth. Flags hoisted whistles blew & bells rung while we paraded One American flag 40 ft. long (in) town, everybody kissing it. Uproar ex (from) 11-2.

Wave Oh! Glorious Flag as 'een on Bunker Hill-Through tatters & won you never lagged. Till we whipped Kaiser Bill.

Nov. 12) Up 6:45 Washed & ate & Cowles & I walking around & finally over fence & out to pub & had some port & cognac P.M. N.D. (*No detail?*) to bed early.

13) Monkeying around all day in P.M. John & I tried to get up town. N.D. by guard. talked to Fr. soldiers & German prisoners.

Nov. 14) In eve turned in our blankets & made packs to go & drew rations Left camp 12:30 in night & marched 8 mi to station. Got train at 2 A.M. & got good compartment by chance 8 in one But some little fellows & sergeants got box cars. 4 loaves bread. 7 cans corn willie & tomatoes. Cold as "L" all night. Thot of you as we marched & were you thinking of me? Thru Ronen Rt. coffee. Freezing, no sleep.

Nov. 15) up & eating 7 in the Chartreaux yards. My squad on guard 12:30 night & I beat Lt. up. Left at 10 losing some of our men. Got some wine & tried to get ham sandwich but Lt. ousted us.

Nov. 16) In Niort ex 6-7:30. Corp's found us come by another train. Got to St. Maixent camp 9:30 A.M. First thing shaved & washed to Y.M.C.A. for cakes and choc. Got fatinas for 88 cents carton. Dinner at 1 P.M. Took bath-drew fatigues Retreat 4:45 read orders & got survey on clothes. Good beds.

Nov. 17) Sunday Lying around to church. Four of us some wine & to dinner. P.M. issuing clothes & made my non coms. Am as high as I can go. (*made corporal*)

Nov. 18) On fatigue counting & bagging turned in clothes. Off early in P.M. Letters to Coggins & Ebbinger.

(*Henry repeated & rewrote the dates of Nov. 17 & Nov. 18*)

Nov. 17) To church in St. Maixent & 4 of us into cafe & had some wine P.M. issuing more clothes & sgts. & corps. were made. As sailmaker highest.

Nov. 18) On fatigue at A.M. bagging 24 (hand?) clothes P.M. took 1 load to town Eve wrote to Coggins & Ebbinger.

Nov. 19) On barracks police all day & had to do some drilling A.M. Sewing chevrons on 2 for "Young" and 2 for Gallagher, & two for a Fr. In eve, Van & I to town some wine & I took films.

Nov. 20) A.M. drilling my sgt. & lying round. P.M. all of us took hike out to country en masse & saw team of oxen pulling plow. Eve to "Y" pictures & singing. How I long for you when I see an American girl.

Thursday Nov. 21) 1:30 A.M. Am in guard house & just came off of guard. Had some bread-real white bread-and brown beans & coffee. At twelve midnight I wondered "where are you now dearest and are you thinking of me?"

It is about 6 P.M. there & you're perhaps on your way over the bridge toward home. Would that I were with

you to the porch where I camp. See you every day back in the shadows. But soon I'll be with you again & then we'll be happy. It struck 2:0'clock from the cathedral spire & must go to bed for I'm on ex 5-7. At 7 A.M. when I came off of post Kerrigan, Teddy & I stopped in a "Pub" to get some wine but no woman around so we helped ourselves & went to eat. To sleep & on ex 11-1 P.M. We same three had a couple of wines & went to dinner. P.M. sleep some more & then up to prepare for guard-mount saw 2 odsg whew P.U. Ha-ha! Supper & got pass to go to town & get my pictures at drugstore. To "Y" writing to my own & home to bed. Had horrible dream of 3 German's coming for me & I could not call corp of guard.

Nov. 22) Off all day account of doing guard. Took bath & lying around. Eve to bed early.

Nov. 23) A.M. N.D. to D.M. to change clothes & got a fine suit. P.M. off so to Y lying around Eve to town to get photos & buying souvenir presents. Got hdkf for Marg. 20Fr or \$4.00 & one for mama 10F \$2.00

Nov. 24) Sunday and Fathers Day. To church in big cathedral & in P.M. pass to, with Jack Cowles buying little things some cards. In eve used same pass contrary to orders & Van & I to Cafe & had good time. Had some befter & frite & pain au buerre also case' an lait & (cuik?) bolte vin blanc. Nice evening & to sleep in a fiat seat then on bed till morning. Drew Gillete razor.

Nov. 25) On fatigue at G.M. stores getting rations for kitchens. Dismissed at 3 & laid around. Eve to bed early. Kerr (*Kerrigan*) threw stove over-Got Genesee News.

Nov. 26) Drilling & on a hyke A.M. P.M. to "Y" to get out of it. writing to the tune of the orchestra. Big bunch to town & got drunk they vomited at 3 corners of my (bedor?) so I moved out into other room. Took care of Stark & to bed.

Nov. 27) On detail-45 of us in rock-pit supposed to be picking & crushing rocks. Worked till had blood-blister (1 hour) our picture taken with picks, the fighting 247 at their trade. Got 4 letters 'ex members of home & in eve wrote to Albert and Lillian.

Nov. 28) Thanksgiving Day Up at 7 & right to the kitchen for K.P. Served the breakfast did dishes and getting ready for dinner. Witnessed foot-ball game & we won by 2-0 vs. 1102 Sqdn. Served dinner at 1:30 turkey, goose, dumplings, dressing, pumpkin pie, mashed spuds, corn, gravy, white bread and real butter coffee candy and cigs. All to music by our 5 piece orchestra. Oh, how full. Washed dishes & picked bones for supper meat. I copped some nice white meat & pie & put it in my mess kit. Served a light supper than trying to see show at "Y" but too crowed so beat it up to my bunk to talk to my Marg. Wrote 8 page letter which I finished by candle light (*we have this letter*) at 11:45 for lights went out at 10:25. Took some turkey out to Van Buren & I ate some & also pie. Got into kitchen & made me some toast with real butter. To bed dreaming of those away.

Nov. 29) On detail. Detail? Cowles & I ducked it & finally found a dozen with us Doan & I had hard time to keep away from our Liets & ducking behind hedge fences but finally succeed in getting to "Y" where I wrote letter to Chas. P.M. same thing reading & talking at "Y" until recall (Short-arm) Retreat supper & signed payroll & to entertainment at "Y" 3 girls & (man?) in "Little bit of everything." Gee! It was good-some girls & some violinist she is. Homebed.

Nov. 30) Last day of Nov. Cleaned up A.M. & had inspection of quarters. P.M. Had sqdn. picture & groups taken. Irwin & I to town & I got some stationery. Eve to "Y" to write But saw show thru & then wrote to Princess Pat. To bed.

Dec. 1) Sunday Up at 6 A.M. Ate & got ready to go on wood detail 15 mi. South of Maixent Ate our dinner out

in woods. Had a good time climbing and swinging on trees and derailling (minature?) train. Spoke to German prisoners captured in 1916. Home ate & to sleep on bunk & to bed at 10.

Dec. 2) Mother's birthday. Dear sweet mother, may God bless and keep you. Drilling in A.M. and guard mount, P.M. on a hike seven miles Saw pretty country. To see Princess Pat at "Y" in eve & wrote a letter to sis Amalia. Quit smoking.

Dec. 3) On detail whole squadron. About ten of us on wood saw P.M. we stuck it and broke belt so carried few stick to bakers & off for day. Eve to "Y" & wrote to J. H. B. (*three different people*) and to Christine. Saw pictures "Casey at the bat."

Dec. 4) A.M. drill & lectured on guard mount P.M. on a 4 mile hike out & in thats 8 mi. Eve to pictures at "Y" & had hair cut cause K & I had to quit when we saw 'em taking names Ha-ha Molitor-Mattie cam back out of digger.

Dec. 5) On detail delivering meat & went to Niort on truck-fine time, ate at 2 here & lying around the rest of day. In eve to Y pictures & the Yankee girls. Wrote to Frankie and _____.

Dec. 6) A.M. drilling & P.M. on hike just outside of town. Everybody bellowed "We want Lugar" Eve to Y, writing to Lillian.

Dec. 7) Sat. Inspection A.M. & half hour drill. Started a letter to Alice. P.M. did my family washing & got paid. I got 121.80Fr At 4:30 guard mount & I on first relief on Post No. 7 at the Cafe du Sports. Had vin blanc & she gave me a double for 8 cents Melville & I bot 2 bottles of Champagne & 1 vin blanc. One 11-1 dreaming of you sweetest Mar. 'neath the silvery moon.

Dec. 8) Sunday guard ex 5-7 A.M. Smithy & Gallegher not in on time & were confined. On 11-1 then my hitch is done. Eve to "Y" writing to Al & card to Ned. Kerrigan was arrested & put in guard house. Composing poetry. (*we have original copies of his poetry of this day*)

Dec. 9) Off all day cause were on guard A.M. writing to Marguerite and shaved and listened to guard mount. P.M. Got pass to town. Mel, Cowles & I Bot some hdkfs & service stripes at one place at a stationery store. I dropped my cig-holder down coal chute had to go into cellar with the maid to find it. Tried to have my picture taken-too dark-Home at 4. Eve to "Y" writing poem "Silent Sentinel" (*we have his original copy*) In our room we had 3 rousing cheers for Mobbs & he standing at door heard us Said "Here I am?" (*What*) do you want?"

Dec. 10) On sick-call At Rev. -said "If some of you are crocking don't believe I mean what I say just try something" To dentist had tooth filled in about 15 min P.M. at "Y" writing letter sick as L & in eve to Lecture at "Y" to bed.

Dec. 11) On fatigue all day. loading wood and lard & bacon at station, on cars for shipment. An old woman got run over by train & killed almost instantly. She was a sight badly cut up. Loading P.M. to 6:30 home ate & to "Y" pictures. Letter ex T.,H.,F. (*three people*) Just a year ago I enlisted & that's how I celebrated.

Dec. 12) Rainy N.D. in A.M. To "Y" wrote letter to Christine P.M. (*"went on route march" is lined through*) Wood detailing late.

Dec. 13) Just yr. ago left old Spokane. Today on A.M. N.D. cause so late yesterday P.M. on route march.

Dec. 14) On detail cleaning the camp. Hauled straw away and gave to an old man who gave us a bottle of wine.

Eve to town to buy little things. Morning got something for Ralph to S. At 9 P.M. to confession in hospital to chaplain.

Dec. 15) Sunday- Up at 7- cleaned up & to cathedral to communion & bot something for Me. & Smithy. Home & all. bot rosary of pearls for Margt. 35F P.M. writing in "Y" & in eve Mel, Smithy & I to town. Home early & to bed.

Dec. 16) Last day of the Armistice. On flour detail all day. Sax 100 & 140 lbs. Eve to Y pictures & letter to Margt. blue envelope

Dec. 17) A.M. Loading wood in cars & P.M. Loading out gas masks 8000 of 'em from (Presbytere?) Barracks. Also our 247 supplies billed out. Eve Fessia & I to town to buy some cards & some good wine. (*we have a postcard to Marguerite from Dec.*) He got a letter of condolence Sent a card to J. Angus a photo

Dec. 18) Raining all day, so no drill. A.M. lying around study French P.M. to "Y" letter for Fessia & Xmas cards for Jim, Pat & Kit. Made out papers for being mustered out. Eve to see pictures. Very good. To bks (*barracks*) & shot a little crap won 5F. To bed early. Shortly M. I'll be there.

Dec. 19) On K.P. all day. Did my washing 1st underwear & shirt, 3 sox, 3 towels. Turned in all surplus goods ready to go any time. In eve down town. It now is 10:30 & I am outside our big five bks. The moon is shining beautifully and how fine it is to be out in the air. Dearest it will not be long now and I'll be speeding toward home & you. I look across the parade grounds I see the party of staff officers & French bearing their (*foring?*) They're dancing & having a big time. Bon Jour.

Dec. 20) Went on sick call for itch. Everyone was on detail so I just stuck round. Helped to scrub walks & then Peppard & I to old trenches for souvenirs of grenade (*see our "found grenade" story in the Lewiston Tribune, 2004*) P.M. I went in on Johnnie Melville's detail & we went to the banquet halls to clean up. Drank a bottle of champagne and felt pretty good. Trowan & I to trenches again. Great to see just like "Front" Town in eve & bot some nuts & shaving soap.

Dec. 21) Sun rose at 7:35. Inspection of equipment C.O. said mine very good. P.M. just monkeying around & it was raining like "L" to supper in front line & hurried to "y" show. Very good Forsythe Bros. Dusty Rhodes. On my bunk studying French. Greased my itch & to bed.

Dec. 22) Sunday- up at 7 ate shaved & on pass to church to two Masses and seargeants Hadley & Myers & I to a cafe' for dinner. Steak Frenchy fries, omelette, b & b and red sweet wine 3 bottles V.G. & only 72F for all. Home & to sew chevrons on for Duchin & made a Franc. Ha-ha! Retreat ate did some bunk fatigue.

Mon. 23) On detail in rain loading boxes of sqdn's goods on train. P.M. exempt & rest on duty. In "Y" writing. In eve to pictures & writing to folks.

Dec. 24) Raining A.M. so N.D. P.M. we went on a hike & in eve I to town with Mel & we had fried eggs and some wine. I went to confession at 9:45 & had bath early in eve. To sleep a little & then we went to midnight Mass.

Dec. 25) To Communion & home to bed. Services fine. Got Xmas packages ex Y 25 cigs. 1 can tob. (*tobacco*) gum & candy. To High Mass at 1:30 P.M.

Dec. 26) Guard all day & copied poem composed on Dec. 24 & 25, Soldier's Dream (*we have Henry's original copy*) Off guard at 5 P.M.

Dec. 27) Off all day lying around and reading P.M. To town. Smithy, I & Mel. At home reading.

Dec. 28) Inspection in A.M. reading P.M. N.D. & in eve I to town for Smithy & gave friend some tobac. Then to see picture show at Y.M.C.A. In eve reading and Ducky & Landlau drunk- sometime- I lost 11 F's in a game of poker.

Dec. 29) Sunday to Church at 9 A.M. Then Kerrigan Stark & I to have some wine. Home to dinner, P.M. to sleep & then reading. Cards Lillian. In eve Kerrigan Buck & I to town & I was sick Boys got stewed. Home at 9 P.M. boys raising hell.

Dec. 30) Up as usual. Did my washing and reading. Met Mr. Doyle, Cecil's dad K.C. secretary & he gave out cigr. Had some dinner of steaks, mashed spuds & gravy-fried onions & pickls. To pictures in eve.

Dec. 31) In snow a hike & home at 11. Get ready for inspection in 15 min. for one general departing insp. Ate first 2:30 P.M. stood insp. & all time bulletin I was reading "Circular Staircase" by Rhinehardt. Good supper. Short arm-sing clothing slips. I traded a grenade ex a French boy for 3 pgs. of tobacco. Dance at Y. I was reading there for I am saving myself for you. Home at 9:30 & when lights out I lighted a candle to read by. Candle dropped so I came to window to read by outside elec light The story is done. and they kissed happily ever after. The story is peacefully done. And so is this eventful year. From the rising to setting of the Sun. I've thought of you dearest dear. Good night sweet heart its is (1 A.M. ?)

Old year I've much to thank you for
In these twelve months I spent with Uncle Sam
Health- I could not ask of you more-
But thous't kept my loved ones.
Thankful I am.

Peace also has thou given, true
Unto this anxious and nigh doomed world
So let me, then again thank you
Thour't leaving the "Stars & Stripes" still unfurled.

January 1, 1919) Heartest greetings New Year to thee
I send today from sunny France
I trust to luck that soon we'll be
Back to our own & fortunes chance.

Up at 6-ate-stood full-pack inspection. We gave rottenest exhibition of drill I ever saw. We pulled one boner after the other. Dismissed at 10-took a bath & did my washing by noon. P.M. Dried and ironed my towels against the stove. Then lying around.

Jan. 2) On long hike A.M. Got papers and my Xmas package-camera ex dad & ma silver (purce to treysh?) mirror, & wrist watch and cig lighter ex my own girl. P.M. Drilling & eve got paid \$121.80 Eve to town.

Jan. 3) Raining doing nothing. Eve to Y pictures I wrote to Mar. Drew pass No.'s

Jan. 4) to church on my #129 trying to get war souvenirs P.M. & eve home.

Jan. 5) A.M. On detail picking up P.M. Smithy, Stark & I taking pictures. (*I think we have these photos from this day*) Eve to town.

Jan. 6) A.M. drill & short hike, P.M. long hike Albert, Myers & Fessia & I to Cafe de Sports & had good time. To sleep on bed till late.

Jan. 7) On camp detail A.M. wood & sorting sax P.M. N.D. got into black-jack & picked me for 35F. Town Eve to get pictures & de Smithy.

Jan. 8) A.M. drill & in P.M. hike & boxing. In eve to town for films for Kodak.

Jan. 9) A.M. Requisition on shoes and in P.M. on a hike in country. Pick violets for you dearest. Boys boxing. Eve to get photos.

Jan. 10 Fri.) On fatigue all day 1 hr. in A.M. finishing a tent job-our checking tent to (be?) P.M. N.D. So Lurgy tried to get us on drill from 2-3. Most of 'em p'st off so Lt. Williams dismissed us. Ha-ha! one on the top kick. Stayed in eve for our passes are restricted & 'tis risky. Letter ex Bert & Chas, but (?)

Jan. 11) Inspection A.M. & P.M. reading & were issued our first candy-8 good pure sugar -sticks of assorted flavours. Eve got my card "Class A" pass & to town. Business for Smithy & my films. Home reading until 11 P.M. & finished. Still no word ex her.

Jan. 12) Sunday sewed on chevrons for boys for 2F to church at 10:30. Dinner at Bk's & P.M. John Smithy, Ducky & I to town & take pictures & had 2 wines. Not being checked up on passes all day. On guard at 4 P.M. Post 16 at trenches 5-7 tonight & 11-1 tomorrow. Noon Gallegher & I sat in shed. Ate & to bed shortly.

Jan. 13) Stayed in bed for I was on guard. Jim Welsh bro't our breakfast to me in bed & did n't get up until 8:30. On guard ex 11-1 taking pictures & seeking souvenirs. Eve to "Y".

Jan. 14) Off all day reading and dreaming-tried to sleep but could not for my fevered mind would 'nt let me. Still no news of my own.

W.15) A.M. drill & short hike P.M. Sports, I took pictures of boys & then playing pinochle. Sent films down to Y pictures (*movie*) eve.

Jan. 16) On fatigue all day & got off easy hauling wood in P.M. & (lads?) like ours to (car?) Waiting for shoes in A.M. but none fit me. Reading "Lady of Brent". In eve to town to get photos & toy. pictures.

F 17) (Another Req. for shoes & all A.M. sitting on bunk reading P.M. base-ball game.) (*all this in parentheses was lined through*) On K.P. all day & to see base-ball 247-1102 we beat 3-5. Eve to Y pictures & reading "Right of Way". No news ex _____.

Jan. 18) Inspection A.M. & reading P.M. watching ball-game & reading. Eve I to town on K's pass to get my pictures & on errand for Smithy. Then to Y pictures & reading I've been talking to you my dearest every minute but I can't make myself write Letter ex Chas. Our sqdn' guard.

Jan. 19) Sunday weron (*Henry would combine words once in awhile*) fatigue but I got off easy. To Church & "Y" & to bunk reading P.M. reading & to town on errand for Smithy.

Jan. 20) Drilling and playing ball & to Y in eve.

Jan. 21) Same old thing and now news ex anyone.

Jan. 22) Freezing and cold as "L". Hyking A.M. & P.M. Eve to Y writing.

Jan. 23) Hyking in A.M. & P.M. watched ball game.

Jan. 24) On fatigue all day got requisition on sox & leggings.

Jan. 25) Noncoms got their prom's (*promotions*) as per exams. I put out shingle for work & made 16F sewing chevrons.

Jan. 26) I'm 31 yrs. sewing chevrons & watching game between 247 & 264 played 16 mins & they beat with help of umpire. (S.A. ?) inspection & got 1/2 mo pay. Wrote to M.

Jan. 27) Got orders to go out & getting ready Did my washing & dried it by stove till 11 P.M. Made 10F sewing chevrons.

(*Note on side of page*): To communion in Y at 6 on 26 confession 25 eve.

Jan. 28) up at five & ate right away. Then on fatigue taking out our packs & stacking 'em on ground in squads. At 7:15 detailed clean up. I on stove detail carrying out hot stoves. Got thru at 9 A.M. & monkeyed around Y. Dinner at 11 & at 12:30 turned in our fatigue. At 2:30 had lunch sandwiches pie & coffee. At 4 P.M. we slung packs & marched away to our side-door Pullmans 8 horses or 40 men. At 7:20 pulled out for St. Nazaire Just had room to sit around walls & tried to sleep on packs. But I by door was out of luck too cold. Oh! what a long night.

Jan. 29) At La Rochelle we got choc & cigs & cigars ex K.C.'s and coffee. Got 11 A.M. we got to La Roche & had coffee. Got American crew & speeded up at about 4:30 P.M. we reached Nantes & stopped so long that I couldn't get a picture along way thru the city. Looked high & low for one. (same?) but couldn't see it. Got to St. Nazaire About 7 & marched to our camp. All in 2 1/2 mi. away. I laid down on my bunk & dozed off sick as "L". Others went to eat.

Jan. 30) What a miserable night in my crude bunk. Up at 6:30 & to eat in big dining room with 104 tables to serve 1248 men & standing up-8 lines to march in at one time to serve all in short time. with mush bread & coffee. Noon same thing nothing but "slum" P.M. physical inspection in big Hall where a dozen dock's insp. at one time. Men run thru narrow chutes & strip on the go in a minute carring clothes right on one arm. Two doc's look every man over as they pass in the several lines.

Jan. 31) Over to camp one to go thru delouser in A.M. (*we have Henry's glove that survived the delouser that day*) I sick as "L" barely got back & to bed with a cold. No supper nor dinner.

Feb 1) In bks. all day in doc's care 102 fever & in bed.

Sunday 2) Forced to get out & stand inspection in field #1 General Pershing inspected us. He said to Williams

“Walk here-here! Where are all of you boys from.” In the field 4 1/2 hours in cold wind & insp at 11:30 P.M. free & I back to bed.

Feb. 3) Up to formation & to bed again eating only oranges I bot & hot lemonade. Went to beach a little while. Wake every night at all hours sick.

Feb. 4) Birthday of 247 feeling fair & walking on the beach taking pictures.

Feb. 5) S.O.S. every day & I begin to eat again lost quite a bit but feel O.K. In eve up beach to supper in “Hotel de family” eggs spuds & vin blanc.

Feb. 6) A.M. sewing for boys & made 5F. P.M. Jimmie dodging M.P.’s To Klo’s & registered them to buy coral rosary for Marq. We had cocoa & some hard bread & back home. Met a real honest to goodness American girl. Ooh a doll also some French dolls. “Worry” I want to go home. Down the beach and wanted to get some egg sandwiches but changed mind & went home and as we got to camp every one was making packs (?) to No. 1 It was 4 P.M. & at 4:15 I had mine made up & outside. Marched to one in rain & wet as “L” when got to our new home. Supper at 6 & to sleep. All in & wet.

Feb. 7) Up at 6 & to eat in new quarters mess-8 lines 104 tables to accommodate 1500 men. What a mass of men. Lecture by cap of field. P.M. & 2 1/2 hrs. drill & in eve to Y (buy?) pictures. To bed cold as L & cold all night.

Feb. 8) up at six shivering in bed long time ate & on fatigue cleaning at Hdqtrs. till 11 A.M. Dinner-washed myself sewed chevrons for boys. Did my washing of towels & drew extra blanket drew an extra blanket & ate more (slaw?) then greased my shoes & sat around talking & singing.

Feb. 9) Sunday up at 6:30 cold as the D. shaved & not to Mass. too late. Tickets for dinner & in line 45 min. Got 1 lb. of candy P.M. lying around & in eve up all went to big wholesale bath for hundreds at a time. Fine. a change of clothes. To bed 8:15.

Feb. 10) up at 6:30 & to bkfst. Then had pack roll inspection in bks. P.M. N.D. To Y writing lyric to Stars & Stripes Lecture for boys But I S.O.S. so ate (cray?) sardines 9-2 bes. choc. & to see pictures. snow. To bed at 10.

(Addresses:)

Frank Geschwind
Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Ira G. Houghland
Republic, Washington

Ralph G. Hoey *(this one may be in Ralph’s handwriting)*
36 N. Farson St.
Philadelphia

Feb. 11) To dentist A.M. & P.M. N.D. but lying round

Feb. 12) A.M. half hour’s drill & at leisure rest of day doing nothing. To (Rtderso?) Red Cross writing & didn’t eat supper. Eve to pictures.

Feb. 13) A.M. to dentist & in Y talked (noon?) No P.M. drill & games for 1 hr. & did my washing-when drying 'tho I burnt the sox to a crisp. Evening to pictures & auditorium troupe- on jacks outside.

Feb 14) A.M. Lying round for orders & playing cards nickel ante. Noon orders came to stay in quarters till further orders. Playing cards P.M. & to Y picture at Hut # 2 "Price of train desire". Then more paper By bed-time \$3.50 a head. To bed.

Feb 15) Sat. inspection at 9:15 A.M. then to lecture at Y auditorium on horses and cattle. P.M. playing poker till 2 & to "Y" audi to lecture on dairy cows and band concert & pictures. Home & had cookies & covered cherries & to Y to write to J.T. Cowling B.E. (Fore?)

Sunday 16) To church A. M. P.M. watched ball game 247 23 & 264 vs. Niggers. Man got hit in head with bat & laid out in 8 (uwing?) score 7-7 Eve. N.D.

17) Orders to go home for sure A.M. raining like L so N.D. New officer leading to mess and we almost run him down P.M. Little drill. Eve we in mess line for over an hour in rain. Eve playing cards & lost 2.80 to bed at 10>

18) up at 6:30 & to eat in rain Show-down inspection by CO. Req. Req. our clothes. P.M. exchange on clothes & sewing chevrons for boys & made 1.50 then N.D. Oh! dearest how glad I am to come back home to you.

19) up late & ate by self. At 9:15 to physical inspection at camp #2. P.M. at 1:30 inspection of packs by a captain. A snap. R and on to souvenir at "Y" & in eve after supper to isolation camp & had fine talk to some Engls. who had practical experience at Front. Bo't a German helmut for 50F \$9.25 (*We have a WWI German helmut, but in earlier photos from the 1920's there was also another with a spire that was more elaborate. We don't know which one he is referring to here.*)

20) Up at 6:45 & to show. Then made up packs & I did wash my hdkfs. Fisher came to see me. To chow at 10:30 last meal in France. At 12:30 we left our quarters for parade grounds & at about 1:30 we beat it for docks where we arrived at 3:05 Got some cocoa & stuff ex Y & R Cross. On boat at 5:05 & made move out at 7 to locks & at nine we pulled out for sea. Anchored at 9 in outer channel.

21) Up on boat at 6:30 & ate. Laid down & outside to smoke & wash At 12:45 ate & lying around. At a boat drill & at 6 supper. Passed Belle Isle lying on bed until 11 P.M. & to bed.

22) Up at 6:30 ate & sitting outside all A.M. It is your birthday sweetheart and now I did not enjoy it for I am quite sick. I do not feed the fish but am dizzy. "Y" man gone away gum tobacco & lemons. Goodnight sweetheart I think of you.

23) Sunday had grape-fruit, chicken & cake & candy ex "Y" man. Singing & I took some photos.

Feb 24) Fair weather & good eats but dizzy all time. Toothache & to ship's doctor very sick so to sleep but had to get up at night, bowels moved 4 times pretty sick.

Feb. 25) colder & rough-feeling weak & tough. Boat drill. Everybody gambling. I read & dream of you.

Feb 26) Up at 6:30 & ate. On barracks (orderlay?) A.M. shaved & reading, P.M. reading and sleeping No supper but ate 50cents chocolates today. Super (guard?)

Feb 27) Talking reading & shaved. Pretty sick A.M. & To bed 11 P.M.

28) Up at 6 & to wash & ate good eats eggs in onions Pretty cold in eve I took (calonoil?) & up in night boat

rocking like "L" Sewed Chevrons on for Dan Tobin your own name sake, Marg. dearest. It gave me pleasure to do it for him how I long to be back now. Tobin (Therea?) bet comes due 12 P.M. of 200 Francs.

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