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As a reminder in days to come
and as an opportunity to sum up
each day the activities of the 24 hrs.
past this diary is commenced.
I have started before and as many
quit after a week or so. The realization
of what it means not to have a
complete account of each day in the
past year will carry this one further.

This is to be a record of trifles -
for larger deeds or events cannot be
squeezed out at by the day - so let
us go - fun and foolishness, tears
and mistakes - all on the same page.

Montclair, Germany.
Dec. 30, 1918.

Started a plan for the operations of a
message center - fixed up a comfortable
room in the Schenck Hotel - took 50 m.
away from George Petullo, St. Booth & Capt.
Strout in a chap game - my first. May.
Hansley bought a beautiful booke mess.
savage dog - wolf hound - for 200 m. Feeling
pretty good now.

← Tuesday Dec. 31, 1918.

Played around nearly all day,
visited Ben. & Holbach drew my pay and
got some money orders. 166 $\frac{2}{3}$ m. for
100 fr. Ben. officers around tonight
to see the new year in. Looks like
wild time.

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Wed. Jan 1, 1919.

yes it was a wild time. Maj.
Hansley, Capt. Campbell and McDonald
particularly wild. 2nd Lt. phythermore
but didn't last long. Lots of music
and company. Took my message
center today. Much job and must
make special effort to get some
work done. Rite on ngles fixed
today at 149.50 for 100 fr. Lots of
rumors about going to Russia or away
from here before elections on Jan. 19.

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Thur. Jan. 2 -

a pale day made dismal by calling off
the name for Saturday night. I sure need
a name and Tom Moffat had the hall
decorated well. ho-hum. was rec.

merged for the French Croix de Guerre
on the citation that was stalled after
Cantigny; and then I'd get it this time.
Hope so. And then come had to come
in about 11 o'clock and make no drink
more wine than was good for us.
No harm this Christmas spirit.

Jan - 3 - Friday -

Patullo told me today of his story
about the 1st Div. in the Past. That he'd
will clear the mud that the marines
and the Rainbow Div. has stirred up over
Cantigny etc. what's the brightest color
in the Rainbow. Capt. Roosevelt in two -
not like the rest of the family. Into
of lost motion on this job. till it gets
by quired. By geez I've lots to do and I'm
not doing it. Got to buckle down.

Jan 4 Saturday.

Scant say filled with trivialities.
Tried to write history and M.C. scheme
and constantly interrupted. Got to find
some place where I can get down to
business - Christmas has 9x4x3 come
to lay with lots of cigars and candy.
God bless the sweet girl that sent
em. Tonight inspected outpost. nice
ride and filled with that of an
early home coming - and the start of a
wonderful home-coming!

Jan. 5 - Sunday.

What a succession of quiet days!
and what a succession of unproductive
days also - seems like everyone conspiring
against concentration and concerted work.
wonder if I'll ever get back the
old spirit and push ahead to a

logical conclusion. But with the
 of the day, many of the examples
 which for practical purposes might
 and but proper subjects even more
 new - old ideas that he is quite ready
 and the nation and constant progress
 battle of the past - now the struggle for
 an early return after former opposition.
 of Jan. 1919 of there are no serious reasons.

Monday Jan. 6. 1919

an old belief can never get the fear
 the fear of authority out of his system. I have
 become the chief of the staff. we have to break
 when passed through the staff. we have to break
 a system that will take for men all the
 back to work. there will be a. George Feltz

asked today to read my history. So help his
 version of me when the Lord met his. been
 today. I am 74. and was last man
 at Niagara for wedding in Paris. I had
 the day and remember especially at that
 time. I wish to get some mail at that
 I haven't acknowledged my Xmas package yet.
 Col. J. K. Roosevelt Sr. and his family.

Tuesday Jan. 7. 1919

Don't plan to get any extra from this
 and worked for 10.00 tonight on the
 me. and having to pay for the
 money to come over to see me today and
 stayed to dinner. So you was helped
 in this for 3 years and a good one
 of considerable money. Good sleep - was
 running and careful looking!

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The Division Adjutant about a noon on -
 history of the damage and can see a mark ex -
 cepting a sharp ridge. I had lunch
 with good old May 51 at the N.Y. office
 and went around town and back up to
 these circumstances. Went to a number
 of back that must kill them. I am not
 sure from fact and are from mother
 and how I have done better.

the plan does not apply. But two
books by Mark Twain one by Walter
Scott and a play by Oscar Wilde for
refreshment. With all this there is
too much confinement. May, Waverly Brown
and I plan to ride each morning. I
idea to Osgood paid a call today.
In going to Coblenz in the morning.

Sat. Jan 11.

A pleasant walk this afternoon
and a trip to Coblenz tonight. I went
up the bay a bit. Saw Dr. Oldemann
at the Stapelhaus this evening and en-
joyed it very much even if I couldn't
copy much off the rings. The leading men
and women were rather good. After
ward a good supper in the Cafe and
a brisk ride home.

Sun Jan. 12.

Slept late by way of change and
spent a quiet purposeless day. The
Field Band entertained this after-
noon. Capt. Merrill was in for a visit
this aft. and we later took a walk.
Merrill was a Bond Sales manager for
Hamilton & Co. of Baltimore & N.Y. He looks
for a tight time until a very am. action
can be made and the present inflation
properly reduced. I think it well for Peter
and me to get together in some rather
small concern that will probably weather
the storm and use it as a stepping
stone to our scheme. It must be in
the West however for there are the
opportunities and our connections. I
but Peter has some sound ideas
on the matter.

Monday Jan. 13.

Started the day with an hours horse back ride - and even if it is bad weather I'm going to keep up the practice - The scenery about here is great. especially the pine woods which we explored this am. Installed my messenger center scheme in the 2nd Bay today - already it is working good in the adj. infants office. Tonight May & I had a song fest only I have a cold in my head - a def. odes. just downed a salt & cocktail - and some aspirin and quinine will follow. we will get well.

These German small towns are a dirty and polyglot lot. Take for instance a plastered house whose walls

are supported by a crazy arrangement of beams - set at all angles in in all lengths. they'll paint the plaster white and the beams black and their homes look like some wild savage had tried to write a pictorial history of a lost fight on the wall. Their rubbish is a manure pile - the stock lives in the room next the kitchen and the streets are avenues of ankle deep mud. The large villages and cities on the contrary are spatteries, and have excellent shops. we for the cities here. But no where is the water fit to drink except by those who have become immune thru life long use. Milk too is forbidden. Their custom of fertilizing with human refuse, next a

But each village has no matter how small affords a massive well designed church richly furnished - and each is protected at ~~either~~ all ~~so~~ roads that enter by a huge crucifix or a miniature chapel richly decorated "works and pray" is all the peasant here knows.

Tuesday Jan. 14.

This morning Brown's horse was so badly mired in a creek that we that had have to be sent. The engine was put on a good show tonight. Amused comedy with gels and everything. Tried to work on the Britton thought but some snapshots that Ruth sent have me distracted. Just seems like I can't wait till time to get home and see

her. She's been so faithful with her letters, the clippings she sends and the magazines. What a wonder she is, so cheerful so brave - yet I know so worried and discontented. She's thoughtful and sure enough. What a lovely fellow I am. God bless I want to thank her for it all - to tell her how she missed her - and how proud I am of her. If I ever speak an unkind word or commit an unjust deed against her in a dog - a flea bitten yellow dog - so I am. We're the basis of a wonderful home - true understanding of each other and of the mysteries of life - were ambitious and capable and know what team work can accomplish. What a joy it will be to watch that home grow as we labor side by side - "God bless our home"