

Wednesday Jan. 15.

Mother's birthday and I wrote her a nice long letter that I hope makes her happy. For me a lifeless day with nothing accomplished. Its the weather or something.

The cowboys are hauling in wood which the Americans have requisitioned because of a shortage in draft animals - mules come are being used too by the hauling. They pull from the head by tracks fastened to a head piece and move along very very slowly what a waste of good wood to have them at this time.

Thursday Jan. 16.

a beautiful ride this morning.

back and through wonderful country - then the rest of the day in visiting all the rigs in the red and air. Bigafoes introducing message center systems. Longest movie and they showed stills pictures of N.Y. and also a picture of scene about Boston. made me homesick. I'll go. today probably for being outdoors. In no good for indoor work any more. me for the great outdoors.

Friday Jan 17.

I finished a fairly good chapter of the history - seem to be working better on it. McDonald got in 1000 pictures of the 1st Div. grid. I selected 250 for my collection - Great stuff going over that ground again and I'm sure that

They'll always give a lot of pleasure.  
Those are things I must tend to  
now, the collection of remembrances of  
this last year - and also of souvenirs  
for the folks at home. Bless 'em.  
It's strange to have the Boche  
saluting us all in uniform - most  
salute - and many civilians do by  
doffing the hat. The impish kids  
are doing it too knowing full well  
that the officers will undoubtedly  
return it. Kids of all countries are  
like that. - wish it would quit  
raining.

Saturday Jan. 18.

Five letters from Ruth today - a  
beautiful one each for Christmas and New  
years. ☺ ☺. Bless her heart she's lonely.  
Well maybe I'm not. Rita would.

of the winter garden gave an hour enter-  
tainment tonight and it was great. Got  
a new suit - new shoes - leggings and  
gloves today - some sport. Well I  
meant them to go home in - Winter  
the day.

Sunday Jan. 19,

Quiet day without even a home-  
back ride. wrote a bit of history read  
and loafed all day. Berdine and I  
have spent an hour or so each even-  
ing over a bottle of good Morelle wine  
and we find much to talk about.  
Tonight I received a good lesson in  
Radio and last night one in anatomy  
from Doc Campbell. What wonderful  
friends a fellow makes no matter  
where he is - only it takes time to

Cultivate congeniality. Monday, Jan. 20.

Monkey drill started today - a ten days course in which I hope to learn something about riding. Wanda is well so when Ruth and I get home she will show me up. Heard today that our army of America had been approved by the French. The history goes on apace - only if I get more interested. Vin Scott's parenting Durward. I'll waste too much time on it. It's not interesting.

Tuesday, Jan. 21.  
A pale day only, it certainly helped to start it off with an hour on horse back. Riding and shooting and

to be two finds of this army for me. Turned 3 chapters of the history over for final copying.

Wednesday, Jan. 22.

We're monkey drilling for fair now and bare back. What I like is confidence - but it'll come. Six chapters of history ready today for final copying. But my few chapters from the Taylor and Loeb like a million dollars. Now I can give my old suit a chance at a good overhauling. What'll happen to all these clothes when the discharge comes? Garry up discharge. It's a.m. when I whispered something to my horse he slammed me in the eye and broke my glasses. Now I have non-deme

Thursday Jan. 23.

Falling into this riding stunt in pretty good shape. Am getting pretty a good balance and lots of confidence. A slow day - can't do much without glasses. Doc. Ed. & the maj. got ready to leave early in the morning for Nise. A good trip to them - would like to be going myself. Sigs. Asst. Officer transferred out of the Division today for transportation home. Replacement will come soon. Fine!!

Friday Jan. 24.

I'm expecting too much mail I fear - two letters from Ruth yes. Terday makes me want more to -

day. I'm anxious about this airplane flight - Can't see this fellow Howard too far. But off a message center means today - and fixed up several small matters. Had a great morning drill this a.m. Bought Prof. Sigs. gave a lecture - but alas! that was excellent. He placed the American in his proper place as pertaining to this war, and explained just what a sacrifice and what wonders the others had wrought. His plea for France was beautiful and made due allowance for those things which we do not like in the French. In the most interesting part some one announced I'm full - while no one wanted to leave the Prof. suggested that we go to look out for dinner billets.

The Dutch were flying around  
in great style. Volunteer firemen  
served around in helmets and  
bright uniforms. Horse carts were  
trundled through the streets in  
a round of wild laughing from  
the Americans - and did for nothing  
- there was no fire. Damn the luck.  
I'd like to have heard that lecture  
through.

Saturday Jan 26

went to cabling this morning and  
in one hour had my eyes tested  
and a pair of jaw bone glasses  
delivered - some efficiency only right  
now - like a new pair of shoes I'm  
afraid they don't quite fit. Oh well

got word that Mac's brother had  
sent my 2 pairs from Paris - so  
why worry. But this history  
happened this afternoon and would  
have thought if the boys hadn't  
come up to share a bottle of  
wine, brown and I were splitting  
why didn't they let me run this  
job without hanging that fellow over.  
Of all the ignorant repellent men  
I have known - he says - and that  
despite the fact that he's my  
commanding officer. One learns  
however that an officer and a  
gentleman may be two different  
things. For some reason or other  
I stand in little than the rest -  
and honestly believe it - because  
to let him know just where I stood

gold leaves notwithstanding. These  
few young pups make pretty poor  
soldiers but we have the bones  
of real soldiers that were made the  
Signal Corps and the Army too.  
This was a simultaneous war despite  
press agents to the contrary. That's  
enough. good night!!!

Sunday Jan 26

Brown and I had a beautiful ride  
of 24 kms. this morning that took  
three hours. It was cold and crisp  
and just naturally wonderful. Then this  
afternoon with the determination  
and inclination for work came a  
lot of company. Col and Capt  
Hardy from Coblenz. This room is

getting to be too much of a hang-  
out for me to do consistent work.  
This evening Bishop every of 5.30  
held service and administered Holy  
communion - my first since a  
year ago. Christmast - what a weather  
I'm getting to be. Did the singing  
from the choir loft.

Monday Jan 27

A good crisp horse drill this  
morning then a bit of work.  
This afternoon an hour skating  
hurrah - I like it. History  
goes on. Going to Coblenz soon  
to arrange for its printing as  
every one seems to want one.  
I hope it is as good as they  
expect - Sent money to Ruth for picture.

Tuesday Jan. 28

Shating poor and the day dull -  
The history is making progress and  
that's most important for the chance  
to go home may come soon. Capt. Cox  
broached a scheme for the organization  
and operation of fine properties of the  
family in North Carolina. Four brothers  
supply all branches of engineering except  
management. Seemed to think that  
I'd do excellently. Come on you oppor-  
tunities I want to look you over.

Wednesday Jan 29.

Just finished chap. VIII of the history  
only three or four more now and it's  
well be ready for print. Two letters

from Ruth today. Intimated that  
Malone and King will want an electrical  
engineer in their game - another  
possibility. Would like to hear from  
P. B. can't I know he will make  
good.

Thursday Jan. 30.

Painting day - cold and sleeted  
a bit - feeling great. Exercise does  
wonders. Bureau ordered to 77<sup>th</sup>  
Division which we are to go home  
very shortly. Lots of glory stuff  
coming to him. It seems a contra-  
diction of good principle to return  
salutes of German soldiers and officers.  
They are required to salute American  
officers. But most of us ~~refuse~~  
refuse the acknowledgment. It seems  
to abrogate the purpose of the salute.