

Friday Jan 31.

Another month gone and a pleasant one with a very little accomplished. Who I say, and so it is with the army in peace times who can say that one who likes to see results and reflect on tasks accomplished has a place in the army. Today asked to command B Co. have two good lieutenants. Battle and Willis a brand new arrival. Battle will handle Division Telephone & message center. Willis will train the company. I will sign the morning report - write history and play. Vaillan! Accused to me thought to investigate Frank Robbins' and Daniel Disbels death and perhaps visit their graves

for the comfort of the folks at home. I'll look into it tomorrow. Dentist said my teeth are in excellent shape - and could find no needed repairs. How vastly different to a commercial dentist which is correct? But paid - \$4.65. No.

Saturday Jan Feb 1.

Split five bottles of Marshall wine with Burns tonight - that is six of us did. Burns leaves early in the morning for the 77th Div. and then the state about de-serte. I'm the Co. found out to me and again I command B Company - good old B Company - nine sibs. The beginning of the war - Burns and Capt. Cook. The chief - C Co. Bugler pulled a good

one the other day that I just heard
of tonight. For mess call they
say he blew only the first half then
he gave double time when called to
the Battalion office for an explanation
he said - well Major they only had
means so I thought a half mess
call was enough - and then the bel-
lows have been crabbing about my
blowing mess call when everything
was gone before they got there so I
gave 'em double time. Guess no an-
swer to that - and still they say
that the noble rickman has deter-
mined. Speaking of the metropolitan
American army the P.M. finance
officer has a Chinese clerk - a private
who does excellent work! Move to
Brose Halbach in the morning (X? * 1; 0)

Sunday Feb. 2.

Moved to Brose Halbach today and
got a mighty comfortable billet - I mean
the wonder of this is a mighty poor
town - filled with unclean houses
and yards. These people cleaned this
place up nicely - bought new furnishings
and I feel real cozy. Saw a fine quiet
place for work. Browne and I had
a beautiful ride today, only Browne
didn't feel well. Got a good amount of
gun stomach and now bad feet.
Burns left this A.M. 500 men from
the Division took a trip on a
Rhine river boat that lasted all
day. Must have been a fine trip
only the day was poor. The men
in montabaur are being well en-
tertained - something going each

evening - movies - boxing - a profes-
sional Y m c a troupe - a lectures, and
besides there is a Post school
with lots of interest and thinking
of starting some such a proposition
there for the Pan. I have plenty to do
but feel that it will be interesting
and helpful. Can't afford to pile up
too many good intentions,

Monday Feb. 3.

Visited a pottery works at Hun-
back, and saw some marvelous spec-
imens of the work there. Very little
manufacturing is being done now because
transportation is difficult. All sorts of
ware is made - stems - gardeners -
cream pitchers - and table ware - pickle
and jam jars - punch bowls - butter

cocks. every thing. Most of a pottery
consistency is pressed into molds -
then rotated on a table and shaped -
then colored and baked. Some pieces
rang like the best of China ware or
glass - but all were ridiculously
cheap. A curtain stem with a metal
cap made for export to the U.S.
to sell for perhaps a dollar cost
30 pence (some four cents now).
The most handsome pieces cost no
more than 50 marks yet would
bring as many dollars in the States.
I don't know what have a fine idea
of American tastes and discrimina-
tion in these things. Had dinner
with General Pentney then came
home to work on training for
the company.



Tuesday Feb. 4.

Outlined a scheme of instructing all details in the Division so that B Co. men can get systematic training. Also made arrangements for entertaining several teams in the house about our Washington birthday. There is a trip to Paris for winners - hope some of my boys can make it. Not a many in the company wanted to try for entrance into West Point. Only cpl. Angley was fitted for it and he was interested but has business aspirations. Have about 25 men in attendance at the post school in Montebourg. It's cold these days - there is a small piece of good ice along by - some skating. Several McCluskey throw a scute

into us this a.m. by suddenly blowing on the scute. I was the only officer about so had to take him around and receive his criticisms. B Co. orderly room was very good - Fine - I can sleep well now.

Wednesday Feb. 5.

Spent all morning inspecting with Capt. Brown. Found things in fair shape. Had a good skate this afternoon and full myself learning nicely. See I'd like to skate well. This morning we swept a light snow off the pond, and this afternoon sent for a dozen pairs of skates for a B Co. lot of interest in it here. Cut a 75 ft. flag pole for the town. A good one too.

Thursday Feb. 6.
This morning after a night of snow
the sun shone for the first time
in Germany for us. It shone nearly
all day too and was beautiful. Erwin
and I had a good ride and this after-
noon I skated an hour or so but the
ice is poor. I finished the ninth
chapter of the history. Three more to
write now. Last night Cross my motor-
cycle driver got the worst of at boxing
front in Montabaur, and today the
Gutten beat the 1st 6 to 0 in a
football game. Wish some mail would
come - none in ten days now. Stuff.

Friday Feb. 7th

This morning "Sleepy" Crosby served

my breakfast - and I had been
told that Sleepy was killed outright
in the argonne. There is something
spooky about having a dead man
serve you breakfast. He had been
severely wounded and had been
fully recovered. Pvt. Phillips came
back too. Was afraid he wouldn't
show to get the D.S.C. I recommended
him for Good Conduct and fearlessness.
This evening Barnhart came in to
get advice about leave. Poor lad
has big ideas but no capabilities
nor personality. He was a misfit
in this outfit. Usual day only
clear and cold. beautiful.

Saturday Feb. 8th
Inspected all morning and had
the usual cautions soldiers to

handle. Taking care of oneself
while soldering is no cinch but
it can and has to be done. Jaw-
bone battle, unarmored for Sunday
in which I have to say the apex
of leisure - three circuits for seven
kilometers. Pretty tame for after
a year of the real stuff. Tonight
the engineers show was a robust
some musical comedy of their own
had excellent orchestration, good chorus
of well dressed girls (3) and a
lot of peppy lads. Lt. Harris in
charge deserves a lot of credit.

Sunday Feb. 9th
Saw Malsberg castle this morning -
it's the farthest outpost into Germany
and commands a wonderful view of

a large part of the neutral zone.
Four or five villages in the valleys
beneath it show up beautifully in
the bright sun and snow. The
sentry box is a small section
of the old castle now in ruins
and is picturesquely framed in
a delapidated arch. Rather pretty
picture. Planned details of many
things for Tuesday.

Monday Feb. 10th
Visited a bottle manufacturing
works today and watch glass
blowers at work. There is an immense
factory but at present operating very
lightly. A large furnace is full of
molten glass. From it a man dips
enough to make a bottle and first
by pulling it about and giving it
a twist below - then by blowing

it into a mold, she shapes a
bottle. She necks us put on a coat
and the finished product, still red
hot, is carried off by a steely, year-old
youngster to the annealing furnace.
The gears blowers are a pretty lot
which work hard and always with
pressure. They make seven marks
a day - about 85¢ more. Prepared
the piece for the manufacturing up to
the pumping off line. Should be doing
good tomorrow. Two letters from
Keith and one from Mr. Roberts
in which he says he has a
proposition to offer that he thinks
will interest me. I'm afraid it'll
have to be pretty good.

Tuesday Feb. 11

Manufactured till 5 o'clock and got away
with it fine. With all the ads. officers
away it was no cinch for. There was
no coordination. 6th maines gave a
show tonight that was the best yet.
Battle got word today that leads
him to believe he's ordered home
soon. wonder why my time hasn't
come. If it's decided they're going
to keep the good ones I'm not
going to be a good one - only I'd hate
to finish with a poor record -
I want to go home!

Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Spent the day in errands about
Salem and Newbury. The history is
to be put up by G. Z. C. of the 8th Army
and printed by local. Well east

about 1 1/2 mls. apiece. The fellow
who interpreted for me had one side
of his face blown off but he got an
iron cross for it. Three months ago
I'd have said - blow off the other side
and give him another iron X. Saw Phelps
in the Hospital. He's had Diphtheria -
tonsils removed and the doc seriously
in three different hospitals. There's
only one more to go to now. Went to
the 2nd Div. to get a record on Daniel
Dumble - couldn't find it but promised
to send it to me. Burns came back
today. Her leaving a hell of a time
getting on a boat. Car came back
too and reports a mighty fine time
in Paris. Hope is to help me type
the history. Want it finished soon.
Thursday Feb. 13.

Worked on history and took a
bath - That's all accomplished
today - had to entertain too many
in the room. A bottle of champagne &
Kape and I crunched at the
officers club in Montabaur. Just
before supper made a mighty
lively meal for everyone. Kape told
the father, dad of a patient he used
to play in the states. His dad was
a telegraph operator in Cleveland
where Kape (who is also an operator)
would be away from home - New
York - New Orleans - Chicago - any place
I'd go to the Western Union office
and ask for a wire to Cleveland.
Stayed first him up and which there
was no business. I'd get and
talk to his dad. Sunday afternoon
the whole family would gather round the