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Given by

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France.

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Base 54.



March 19th.

Left Mesmer Pt. about 3 o'clock  
got on train early that  
morning.

March 20.

arrived at Bourdon, Base 208  
about 4:10. Passed thru some  
big towns and the country  
was lovely.

March 21.

Was reclassified. made D.  
went to a good show  
"Dough-boys-Tropic." that  
night

March 22.

Rain after on all day. I  
went to a Band concert in  
the afternoon. Wrote a let-  
ter to Kiser that night.

March 23.

H. Party all day. had business



eats, a show at night

March 24,

A lovely spring day, passed my  
free book in. Finished Grand  
letter and had a good prome-  
nade. A <sup>hundred</sup> storm in the after-  
noon. Went to a good musical con-  
cert at night.

March 25

Skipped detail by taking a long  
promenade thru the camp.  
Not a very pretty day. Movie  
at the Red L. H. I didn't go.  
mean jumped from the 4th, strongly some

March 26

Got up late some, near no  
ing my breakfast, layed around  
the ward in the morning.  
The list came in to release the  
men. Told one. The man he did  
it see how he got in the am  
because the fellow didn't murder

stand him, he was a Turk and  
didn't speak English good. Was  
moved in the afternoon, not as  
good place as I was. Went to the  
show that night. Odd's and  
Cuds. A good musical show  
a cute song, "My Pola Bear  
man";

March 27

In the morning weather change  
able, first hailing, then sun  
shining. A new list of names  
sent up to go out, one by for-  
mation at 1:30. Fred and Hen-  
ington on the list. A good  
dinner at the big mess hall  
The afternoon. Beautiful  
movie at night. I didn't go.

March 28,

Nothing stirring in the  
A. M. went down town



in the afternoon, it was raining. but I saw lots of recruiting. The big store and over the street and lots of beautiful & various ate supper eggs. French fried potatoes, more, adygae, etc. A good show by the U. M. L. A. at night. I didn't go. A little night in the ward before bed time.

One fellow comes in drunk and someone got in his bed and he couldn't find <sup>out</sup> where he was. I saw them turned on the lights and the fellow in the bed got under it, and after the drunk got in, the fellow under watch commenced to punch him, and he didn't know what it was

March 30.

Rain all day, nothing stirring. I watched the fellows shot clips. I started a letter <sup>after</sup> before dawned. Fred came in and told me about a new list being up. I went up at once and found my name in the 2nd pt. of the 2nd Co. Did not go to the Red Cross H. after supper. Some more drunks in raising "red," <sup>letter to be done.</sup> finished at

March 30.

Formation at 10. Got my place in platoon inspection. Caliber issue. Went to see Pardon

April 1.

Formation 9:30 saw the Lt. ball a fellow out. Went thru the Disbursing office in the afternoon. Saw my record



Hunt around in street line time  
to get enough to eat. Maxims  
got fair. big trap game at  
night. raining hard at night.  
Must a fellow from Norfolk, Va.  
A Maine Corp. got beat up and is  
put in the yard house.  
April 2.

The prettiest day since had  
since I've been down here,  
layed around round in the  
morning. ducked detail. Hunt  
down town in afternoon.  
Some aswd. went down  
and sit on the store along  
the Gesome river, went  
up to the G. M. C. A. saw  
Bourne's officers with  
French game. Saw Def.  
monument. The school  
where the missionaries

were, got some beer. Big  
mac. got supper down  
town. came in and went  
down to the Red C. H.  
April 3.

Loafed around in morning  
went in to see Pardee. no pass  
is issued on account of gather-  
ing up the A. H. C. at Bourne's  
watched trap game in the  
afternoon. Three fellows  
came in today, one picks  
an argument with a guy  
looks up if they you're go-  
ing to the inf. but don't they  
throw chairs around and  
kicker the stove over  
Cross. A man is put up. Met  
an old lady selling ~~ocazines~~  
a fellow gives her five dough-  
nuts, two pieces cheese, she



tell us about his losing his  
two arms in this war. Crying  
like his heart would break.

One of the most touching scenes  
I've had ever here.

April 4.

Went up and looked over the town  
no formation today. Nothing stir-  
ring in the A.M. cloudy.  
In the afternoon I took a nap.  
mailed a letter to mamma. after  
supper, took a good shower.  
both Officers had a dance  
a gold mine band. I  
could not go to sleep before  
12 o'clock. Saw the black  
Rot, dancing in the  
mud outside.

April 5.

Inspection by the Regt  
Colonel. Formations

of the 3rd Co. Heavy Regt in  
A.M. light about 10 o'clock.  
At the Red Cross Ball, to be  
shown at night. Red Cross  
Lady plays for boys to  
sing before the show  
begins. The crowd just  
claps, buttons, whistles  
and raise hi- in  
general. very fine and  
officer dances in  
when a sunny comes  
in the "sic" like a shell  
coming over. A good show  
by the 142nd F. A. C. Some good  
music and jokes. A. H. H. L. after  
warm or liqueur.

April 6.

Nothing stirring in  
morning. Layd around  
and barabara. Slept in



in the afternoon. wrote a  
letter to Minnie before sup-  
per. Went down to the Red  
Cross Hall for chocolate  
at 4 o'clock.

April 7.

My birthday. pretty day. a  
new list is put up. Went to  
a show, at the Hall the after  
supper.

April 8.

First Co. gets paid. shuffled detail  
all day. Went to the show after  
supper.

April 9.

Second Co. gets paid. my name not  
on the list. Beautiful day. all  
day and only paid 2 platoons  
a little fight in mess hall. I  
see the guards carrying down to  
the brig. the day down and pull

back. but finally three guards come out  
and the carry him in. Jovian  
at the Hall. I get a bag and home  
wife from Red Cross. The Red Cross  
passes out chocolate every day one  
of the Red Cross Ladies passes it  
around & the supplies in a  
canteen. The Head Lady plays for  
boys to sing every night before  
the show. They sing. All we  
do is sign the pay roll and  
don't get a g. d. - cent.  
you can hear them ring  
and on it for three or four  
hundred yards. a warning to  
the fellows not to come in  
drunk. One or two come in drunk  
but are quiet. shoot raffles and  
play poker until lights  
go out. Virginia doesn't come  
in. is put in the Priggia Boarded



April 10.

Formation of third Co. out of second paid. Rain most all day. Skipped detail both times. Poked and craps all day. One big game up in the #100. Sarge's comes in late in afternoon. 15 day pay in all he gets. There a few booze all day.

April 11.

Raining most all day. nothing stirring much. wrote some letters from Doc. Skipped detail. Doc went beer paid. ate breakfast out side. eggs & pot. movies at the 13 all. I did not go. A little fight between a white fellow and a negro. The white fellow in fault. colored fellow strikes him two or three times with cane. Stone too drunk to fight. Sweet and Abraham let Officers have a dance or "muck" sit in road and hot

April 12.

Nothing stirring in a.m. I play a few games of solitaire with Doc. Band concert up in the by the mess hall in P.M. Doc goes give me a pipe and box Velvet #6. Most of the mutches came leave for Post. A good show at hall by 342 2nd & good music, and some fine jokes. Lets see officers get our heads together and build a good road.

April 13.

Pretty day. ball game and band concert in the afternoon. Two or three bottles beer.

April 14.

another Co. goes up, the third Co. gets paid. rain all day. I skip detail. I get a couple of drinks I did not go out after supper



Dance over the hall for the personnel  
man of 202. Been awfully hard after  
I went to bed.

April 15.

Went up to get my pay straight  
the Lt. told me to come back in the  
afternoon. The report is out that  
the old fatigue brig is in the  
brig. Went up in the afternoon  
and fixed my record, supper  
is good. I got a nice pair of  
shoes from Ed. The report is also  
out that the old Col. wants  
to - 6 for not getting the money  
out. The Col. gives a little talk  
at the hall before the show.  
a good show and band  
concert down at the hall  
a notice for the first three to  
to fall in April, 16<sup>th</sup> at 8.50

April 16

Final formation at 9.40'  
was called up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> M in  
the afternoon and got my  
money. \$79.35. paid for  
\$1.50 that I had gotten  
from him. The Col.  
gives a little talk in  
the Red Cross Hall. Wants  
to meet for fellows from  
each ward. Shows after  
noon. Shows at the hall  
April 17.

Rest of the first & 2nd Co. in  
paid. I buy some first  
round books. For justice  
issued. The bulletin  
board says we sail  
April 18. For the Liberal  
morning at the hall  
Still all my funds



good bye. Promised Gordon  
Pardue and Martin I would  
send them paper a little  
note as soon as I land  
on the other side. Sweet  
Ma's home are feeling pretty  
good. I bought two boxes  
cigars for my wife.

April 18

Now called out 3. got up  
washed up and gathered  
my things up and  
went up to mess. forma-  
tion about 4:30, went  
there got my equipment  
1 spoon, mess kit, cup and  
tins, three plates, a  
comb, 1 bar soap, razor  
brush, shaving brush,  
left for Bordeaux  
about 6:30. arrived at the

dock was unloaded under  
a big shed. got parimats  
and coffee. Then we  
lined up and went on  
the boat, as we were  
boarding the boat, a  
Red Cross Lady. gave each  
one of us a bag, 1 package  
of socks, 2 boxes of granola  
baking mix. Every man  
smiled as he took the  
package. The band played  
after we boarded the boat.  
the dinner about 11 o'clock.  
laid around on my  
bunk. Left the dock at 6:15  
Line dull at 7. Saw General  
Rhodes down on the dock.  
The whistles blew and the  
men all along the shore  
cheered us as we



sailed out the Severn River  
Saw a large port on the left  
side just as we passed into  
The Bay of Biscay, 9 months to the  
day & sailed from the U.S.A.  
April 19.

Cloudy sea calm, a few an  
sick. Watched a little wrestling  
match in the afternoon. The  
K of L gave us some matches  
we were issued a bar of chocolate,  
cigarettes, and showing  
gun. Saw a porpoise, passed or  
met three boats. The boat  
we left with is out of sight  
in front of us.

April 20

A lovely day. The sea is calm  
and we make good time  
all day. Found one more  
boat the was dipping, we  
make around 18 knots

all day. The band plays in  
the afternoon. Then we have  
some wrestling matches.  
Saw a whale in the morning  
even.

April 21.

The sea is calm but its  
cloudy. We have boat drill  
at 10. The band plays and  
we have some music in  
down in our subson, a  
little solder. The sun comes  
out about 10 and its lovely  
the rest of the day. The band  
gives a concert in the afternoon  
then there's some boxing  
and wrestling, after supper  
I go up to deck and talk  
then catch hell. The track  
499 miles today will be  
half way somewhere in the  
night



Sweet pump or rice hot eggs and  
sick just before. I got dazed

The "flier" has broken out, 2876.00  
got one throat and nose sprayed,  
April 22.

We are issued snacks to wear  
some of the fellows slept up  
on deck. We are issued a bar  
of chocolate. A show in the after-  
noon. boxing, wrestling, music, we  
are supposed to have been halpway  
about noon today. Passes a sail  
boat about 10 o'clock. I have a  
little headache.

April 23

The fellow under me is  
sick. Cloudy most all day  
a storm in the afternoon  
the ship rocks more than  
any time yet. He passes  
a cruise in the afternoon  
He sighted the boat in  
front of us. The boat rocks

so much I can't write  
beverage music from  
above to us. One fellow ~~was~~  
was put in the bigg yesterday  
today for something from  
the ground and trying to  
punch our board. He passed  
the half way mark yester-  
day. 1475 miles to go at noon  
today.

April 24

Put a storm early. Strayed  
and the wind blew like  
the devil. The old man  
got sick. Some of the  
fellows got sick. I got 1/2 doz.  
bottles of grape juice. some  
slows. Nothing strong  
in the afternoon. The  
band gave us some  
music. He met four ships



Today. The weather is fine in the afternoon. The sea is quiet. Hobat and myself play volleyball before supper.

April 25

The sea the calmest I ever saw since near here on. With few boats up to dinner. Had tea and went out about 11:30, a little excitement I thought there might be a few by the way they were moving around. Passed three boats in the afternoon. Sea is rougher.

6.70 miles from Broadway at noon.

The N. M. C. A. give us some candy.

April 26

Am fully rough thru the night. Couldn't sleep. Things were falling. Got several boats. They were

all dipping. Rough all day. Couldn't go on deck. I went out once with Hobat and the wind got under my coat and left me going. I got a few washing bundles getting wet. It was cold. Lots of yellow sub. looms.

April 27

Got up about 3, went on deck. Janned a boat. Come in sight of land about 8:45. Janned Army Island and Brookline the Statue of Liberty and lots of lights. Docked about 10:16 got off about 12. Was served some coffee and pie by R. C. also some cigarettes, chewing gum, candy. Got on a pier and crossed



the river to N.Y. there  
we were loaded on amber  
lamps and speeded up  
to 18 st. to the West.  
The first I saw was in  
here, <sup>we</sup> were served hot coffee  
and have sandwiches  
and was given a little talk  
by the mayor, welcoming  
us here and assuring us  
that we will get ~~the~~ the  
best N.Y. can afford.  
Everything is so pleasant  
a fine show at night. A  
talk by the R.C. man, warn-  
ing us of the fake jewelry  
and pick pockets, and  
tell us we are welcome  
to anything here. The  
Red Cross furnishes us  
transportation to any

thing we want to go to, I  
want to see a good show.  
April 28.

Getting about 7 after breakfast  
I got my record fixed, sent  
a telegram to Chilton, into  
to Miss Alice. Grace, sent  
a telegram to Gordon, and  
clothes got, at the show.  
Some letter jackets to come  
in.

April 29.

Clothes issued in the a.m. went  
to Ft Wood again. The Statue of Liberty  
came out of Broadway Hall at  
and 5th ave. Some buildings  
on Hall and Blvd. Went down  
to Chinatown after supper and a  
movie came back on a sub-  
way, ~~was~~ rode on shared car  
got my first shroodle in evening



soda first chocolate, Rud. a telegram  
from Gordon.

April 30.

Wrote letters in morning.  
Rud. a letter from Gok,  
Went up to Madison  
square Garden, to  
the boxing, saw Fri  
ward and lot of the  
big boys, heard  
Snyder, and Jimmy  
sing. Went in the  
Public Library, read  
The Liberty of Women  
on 5ave.

April May!

Went up to The Palace Theatre  
a young lady came in  
in a big Cadillac 8. limousine  
Saw a fine show. Blank  
Ring and a lot of good music.

after the show was taken to  
out to lunch. Then some  
fellows stopped for some big  
fellows asked me to let them  
take us back to the boat,  
so four of us got in a  
big National limousine  
and had a little ride.  
Got a big slug of "R. E."  
as soon as I hit the  
hospital. Went to the  
boxing down in the Pub  
to all.



The mess.

Morning, March 24

a spoonful of oat  
meal a spoonful of apples  
or a little jam

Dinner

a little piece of beef, a  
little dab of rice,

Supper.

Gold-fish and a little  
dab of rice.

Morning, March 25

a spoonful of oatmeal  
about half spoonful of apples  
two or three small ones of  
coffee one slice of bread.

Dinner.

a little corn, a few green peas  
a little piece of roast beef  
mashed pot.



Supper.

Tom. macaroni, jam, bread  
pudding.

March 26

Breakfast.

The amies, corn meal, that  
I couldnt eat, a few figs  
and prunes mixed.

Dinner.

a little slab of corn, beef  
and apples.

Supper.

Bully beef with pickle in it, a  
pile pie, coffee.

March 27.

Breakfast.

Oatmeal, a little sponged.  
prunes.

Dinner.

Dandy, bouzouf corn  
mashed pot. two pieces

beef, good gravy, good candied  
peaches and coffee.

Supper.

Roast corn-beef, baked pot.  
apples.

March 28

Breakfast.

Oatmeal, & peaches.

Dinner.

Good beef hash, corn,  
mashed pot, jam.

Supper.

I ate down Tom.

March 29.

Breakfast.

Rice, prunes.

Dinner.

Spuds with jakes on, <sup>tripe</sup>  
beans, peas, apple.

Supper.

Dinner, Pearys peaches



March 30.

Breakfast

Oat meal peaches.

Dinner.

Beef gravy, apples, rice.

Supper.

Minces, rice, mashed potatoes  
cabbage slaw.

April 1.

Breakfast.

Corn meal, bacon.

Dinner.

Beef gravy, apples & rice.

Supper.

Peaches, macaroni, pickle, turnips.

April 2.

Breakfast.

missed it.

Dinner.

Steak, mashed potatoes  
apples

Supper.

Down town.

April 3.

Breakfast.

Corn meal, prunes.

Dinner.

{Haw. cabbage, mashed potatoes  
coffee and apples

Supper.

Tomatoes, beans, "jas ton."

April 4.

Breakfast.

Oat meal, apples.

Dinner.

Port. cabbage, apples, rice.

Supper.

Corn beef hash, rice, apples.

April 5.

Springful of corn meal, prunes  
apples.

Dinner.

Broast beef, baked apples, peas.



Supper.

Gold fish cold, tomato sauce  
apple sauce,

April 6

Breakfast.

Oat meal, apples.

Dinner.

mashed spuds, roast pork.

apples

Supper.

corn, beef hash, corn, <sup>spuds</sup> apples

April 7

Breakfast.

Oat meal + apples.

Dinner.

Beef, pots, rice

Supper.

Tomatoes, macaroni,

April 8

Breakfast.

corn meal, apples.

Dinner

mashed pots, Beef.

Supper.

Sausage, mashed pot.

April 9

Breakfast.

corn meal, apples.

Dinner.

Beef, gravy, corn, pots, rice

Supper.

Plates, beans, figs.

April 10

corn meal, apples.

Dinner.

Beef (no gravy) carrots, apples.

Supper.

corn beef hash, spuds (with jacket)  
apples.

April 11

Butt, and apples.



Dinner.

Shrimp, mashed pot., green peas.

Supper.

Cod fish, potatoes and gravy, <sup>with green</sup> apples.

April 12.

corn meal, apples.

Dinner.

Boiled beef, tomatoes.

Supper.

Green peas, macaroni, apples.

April 13.

Breakfast.

Oat meal, apples.

Dinner.

Pork, peas, gravy, mashed pot., apples.

Supper.

Sausages, corn, apples.

April 14.

Breakfast.

corn meal, apples.

Dinner.

Beef, gravy, rice, apples.

Supper.

Beans, pot., figs with sauce.

April 15.

Breakfast.

Oat meal, apples, rice.

Dinner.

mashed pot., shrimp, apples.

Supper.

Beef, sausage, <sup>pot.</sup> good apple.

April 16.

Breakfast.

Oat meal, apples, sweet.

Dinner.

Beef, gravy, rice, apple sauce.

Supper.

April 18.

Butter breakfast.

beans, oat meal, <sup>pot.</sup> good



First meal on boat

Dinner.

Beef, gravy, spuds. peas, gold band

Supper.

Buts, mince, pot.

April 19

Crackers, beans, grape-fruit.

Dinner.

Lima beans, beef, pots, gravy

Supper.

String beans, nut, tom sauce  
pots.

April 20 Easter Sunday

Breakfast

mince, pots, oatmeal, apple, ~~was~~

Dinner.

Pork chops, gravy, pot <sup>corn,</sup> ~~pot,~~

apple.

Supper.

Buts, goldfish pot.

April 21.

Breakfast.

Oranges, grits, pots sausage  
gravy.

Dinner.

Lima beans, beef, gravy, pot

Supper.

Pot, salad, bully beef, pot

April 22.

Breakfast, but ~~the~~ had ~~over~~

Grape-fruit, oatmeal, eggs, ~~rocker~~

Dinner.

Beef green peas, pot, gravy

Supper.

Mince, gravy, pot.

April 23

Breakfast.

Beef, oranges, crackers.

Dinner.

Shrimp, corn, pot,

Supper.

Pot, salad, sausage.



April 24

Breakfast

Sausage, corn meal, <sup>apple</sup>

Dinner

Ham and Salad,

Supper,

Macaroni, stew, crackers,

April 25

Breakfast,

Hot meal, eggs, g of fruit, crackers

Dinner,

Pot. gravy beef peas.

Supper,

Pot. sausage

April 26

Breakfast

Beans apple,

Dinner,

Pot. corn ~~from monkey~~  
milk, gravy.

Supper

Hot fish, beans.

April 27

Five (cut up) grape fruit.

Dinner in hot tub by the  
Red Cross

Coffee and Pie.

Supper (in my)

Pot. salad. (fine) mince  
dressing on it, apple pie  
pear,

April 28

apple, pot. toast, fed me  
butter milk sugar

Dinner,

Good meat beef, gravy, pot  
tom, rice free <sup>and</sup> ~~with~~

Supper.

a box sandwiches, pot. cooked  
with cheese, butter, corn  
meal, fine apple



April 29

Breakfast.

Bacon, fried pot., oatmeal orange.

Dinner

Lamb chops, green peas, sweet pt.,  
bread pudding.

Supper.

Potatoes, lemon pie.

April 30.

Breakfast.

Eggs, rolls, corn flakes.

Dinner.

Chicken, mashed pot., string  
beans, cream & cake.

Supper.

roast. beef, gravy to m.

April 1st

Breakfast

Sausage, oat meal, orange  
fried pot.

Supper

Pots cooked with cheese,  
to m. ham, cake and  
canned peas.

May 2.



July 30. Bust. had breakfast  
6:30. loaded on a small boat  
1000 men. boat looked to hold  
about 300. Landed and mar-  
ched up a winding hill thru  
the city. saw some pretty  
country. The hill was about  
a mile long. we weren't allowed  
but one rest. we finally went  
in a place we thought we would  
stay. we only stayed here about  
three hours. after time for dinner  
we were moved over 1/2 m. with  
out any thing to eat. Here we pitched  
our tents and had dinner  
and supper about 10 P.M.  
went to sleep about 12. Allie and  
myself got a bottle of wine for 80¢.  
Aug. 1. Rained at 5:30 raining like  
the devil. my tent fairly dry.  
had a good breakfast. water in



some tents, plenty of women and  
children selling nuts and etc.  
Heard Japan had declared war on  
USSA, and had two million men  
to put in the field at once. Most  
of mine detailed. I ducked it by  
hiding in my tent. Orders to go  
to go to bed at 8. and would be called  
at 2.15 I was put on guard at the  
kitchen from 2.15 to 4.30. Rain rained  
like the wild.

Aug 2. Rained all the morning  
got orders to fix up for inspection  
for Pushing would inspect the  
camp at 1.30. Orders not to have  
quarters. Ate a big supper, beans  
and bacon.

Aug 3. Rained all day. Tied up  
tents, moved out about 3.30. Tied  
to Bust, got in cattle cars,  
left about 5.30 some pretty country

Aug 4. Didn't sleep much that night  
my room and Tom & eat.

Aug 5. Arrived in St Agnes went  
up to H. 2, about mid night, just  
in time for dinner. good eatings.  
Went up to classification camp  
saw lots of German prisoners  
Aug. Moved out early to class  
camp there had our money  
changed and sent to dig  
samples.



I

Working I am coming back  
With silver threads among  
The black  
Now that Peace in Europe  
means,  
I'll be home in some  
years.

II

Home again  
I'll drop in on you some  
night,  
With whiskers long and  
white,  
Yes, the row is over draw,  
And wire coming home  
I hear.

III

Home again with your  
own nose,  
Say - by nineteen  
twenty-four.

Once I thought I'd  
go,  
Sailing back across the  
sea

IV

Back to where you sit and  
pine  
But here I am stuck on  
the River,  
you can hear the gang  
all cruise,  
War is h- but peace  
is worse.

V

When the next row  
comes around  
In the front line I'll  
be found  
I'll rush in again Bill  
Oh! yes? I will like  
I'll like hell  
arrum