

SEPTEMBER-19

ARRIVED IN THESE WOODS
AFTER A 16 HR. HIKE IN
THE RAIN. STAYED UP ALL
DAY TO POLICE A LOAF OF
BREAD BUT I GOT IT-
WOULD GIVE EVERYTHING
I HAVE GOT FOR ONE SQUARE.

SEPTEMBER-20

ARRIVED IN SOME MORE
WOODS AFTER A ALL NIGHT
HIKE. HAD TO GET UP IN
THE P.M. AND CLEAN THE
GUNS. NEEDED THE SLEEP
TOO. STILL RAINING.

SEPTEMBER-21

SOME MORE WOODS AFTER
A ALL NIGHT HIKE. GOT
OUT OF BED IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE DAY AND POLICED A
CAN OF JAM. MADE ME SICK.
STILL RAINING.

SEPTEMBER-22

SLEPT ALL DAY AFTER A
NOTHER NIGHT HIKE THAT
JAM SURE MADE ME SICK
MOVE UP TO THE FRONT
TONIGHT.

SEPTEMBER-23-

STARTED UP AT 5 P.M. LAST
NIGHT. WADED IN MUD UP
TO OUR KNEES AND HAD TO
PUSH THE GUNS HORSES
COULDN'T PULL THEM. "OH
SUNNY FRANCE" WHAT A
JOKE. SLEPT A LITTLE.
COOTIES AWFULL BAD.

SEPTEMBER-24

PUT GUNS IN POSITION
CARRIED AMUNITION ALL
DAY. ON GUARD AT NIGHT
HAD A FAIR SUPPER FOR
A CHANGE

SEPTEMBER-25

PAY DAY. - CARRIED MORE AMUNITION IN THE A.M. RECEIVED OUR MAIL FIRST TIME IN THREE WEEKS. CARRIED AMU. ALL NIGHT. HUNS BEEN SHELLING US PRETTY HEAVY.

SEPTEMBER-26

OPENED UP THE BIG DRIVE AT 3²³ THIS MORNING. SURE IS SOME NOISE. WE ARE POURING SHELLS INTO THEM FROM THREE SIDES. WE FIRED UP TILL THREE P.M. AND THEN ADVANCED ACROSS NO MANS LAND. SAW MANY DEAD AND WOUNDED HARD WORK PUSHING GUNS OUT OF SHELL HOLES.

GERMANS FIRING ON US ALL THE TIME THOUGHT THEY HAD US ONCE WHEN WE STUCK IN A SHELL HOLE WENT INTO ACTION AGAIN ABOUT DART. GOT MY BUNK MADE IN AN OLD GERMAN TRENCH

SEPTEMBER-27

WAS CALLED AT 3³⁰ THIS MORNING TO LAY MY GUN AND START FIRING. FIRED ALL DAY. I SURE AM DEAF. WE HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL TOWNS TO DAY. HAULDED AMU. ALL NIGHT. HAD FIRST MEAL TO-NIGHT IN 33 HRS. NOTHING TO DRINK ~~THO~~ HOWEVER. SOME DAY I AM GOING TO MURDER A MESS SERGEANT AND A BUNCH OF COOKS. ~~---~~

SEPTEMBER-28

MOVED UP FURTHER THIS MORNING. UNDER HEAVY SHELL FIRE FROM THE HUNS. WHO SAID THEY COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT! HORSES ARE ALL IN. - PUT A PICKET ROPE ON ONE OF THE GUNS AND PULLED IT BY HAND. WENT INTO ACTION ON THE RUNS ALL THE GUNS OUT BUT THE FIRST SECTION

SEPTEMBER-21

FIRE ALL DAY AND NIGHT
WE ARE IN THE OPEN NOW
SHELLING US PRETTY HEAVY
LOTS OF HON PLANES
BUT KNOW ALLIED ONES.
WE ARE NOW FIGHTING THE
PRUSSIAN GUARDS THE BEST
THEY HAVE.

SEPTEMBER-30

SOME HONEST TO GOD
WAR GOING ON. LATE
YESTERDAY EVENING THE
FERMAN'S COUNTER ATTACKED
AND PUSHED OUR DOUGH
BOYS BACK. IT LOOKS AS IF
WE ARE HERE TO STAY FOREVER
BUT I SHOULD WORREY. IF WE
CAN HOLD THEM TONIGHT WE
MIGHT GET SOME HELP TOMORROW
STAYING UP DAY AND NIGHT
FIRING. LOTS OF KILLED
AND WOUNDED.

OCTOBER-1

WELL WE ARE STILL HOLDING
THE LINE BY OURSELF.
STAYING AWAKE DAY AND
NIGHT. THEY ARE GIVING US
LOTS OF GAS. HAVE TO WEAR
OUR GAS MASK MOST OF THE
TIME.

OCTOBER-2

STILL FIRING ALL THE
TIME. WE ARE TO BE
RELIEVED IN A DAY OR TWO

OCTOBER - 3

LAST NIGHT WAS THE
WORST. THEY DRENCHED US
WITH MUSTARD GAS AND
H.C. SHELLS. ABOUT FIFTY
CASUALTY IN OUR BATTERY
AND ALL OF OUR HORSES
KILLED BUT EIGHT. YOU
SURE NEED GOOD NERVES
TO STAND THIS STUFF.

SOME OF THE BOYS ARE
NERVOUS WRECK. WE WAS
TO BE RELIEVED LAST NIGHT
BUT THE SHELLING WAS SO
HEAVY THEY COULDN'T COME
SO.

OCTOBER - 4

BURIED OUR DEAD THIS
MORNING & SAW TWO PLANES
FALL IN FLAMES. ALSO GOT
RELIEVED THIS MORNING &
SURE AM ALL IN. MUD FROM
MY FEET TO THE TOP OF MY
HEAD AND THE SEAT OF MY
PANTS ARE DRAGGING THE
MUD. A BENT HAD AN
ARM IN THE MUD.

OCTOBER - 5

CAMPED IN A WOODS
WASHED MY FACE AND
HANDS FOR A CHANGE FIRST
TIME IN TWO WEEKS.

OCTOBER - 6

IN A LITTLE VILLAGE
CALLED SEIGNEULLES
JUST RESTING SURE NEED
IT OUGHT TO WRITE HOME
BUT WILL WAIT TILL
TOMORROW.

OCTOBER - 7

STAYED IN MY BUNK TILL
EVENING HAD TO GET UP TO
GO TO COURT.