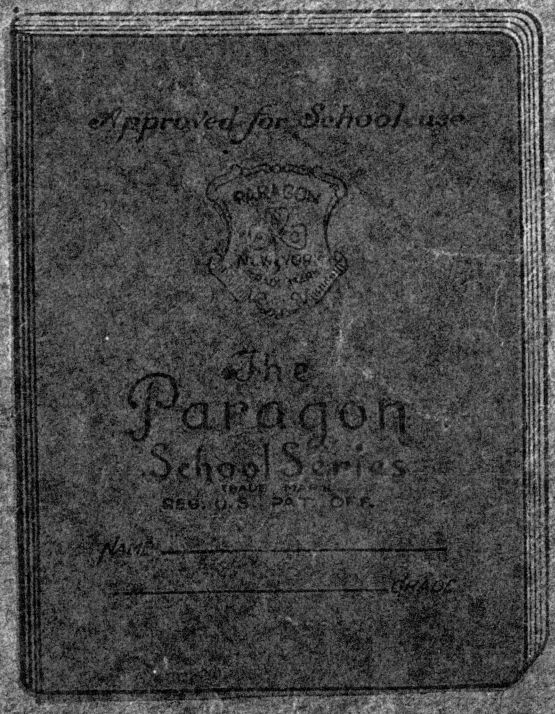

The Paragon School Series

Pocket Note Book

No. 71

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From U.S. To France
July 21-18
To
-18
Comp. Mills:

July-21-18

All Sat night. Same as up.
Stayed dressed. On A.M. of
Sunday - at 2:30 first call
sounded. We got Breakfast - and
at 4:30 on way to train.
We reached pier no 56 on 46 st.
By 11 o'clock Sunday on boat.
"The Anchises" - Very hot. My
state room was numbered 18 -
We pulled out by at 4:30 -
A "grand + glorious" feeling -
Passed near the Statue of liberty -
(Have often passed there -)
Beautiful on Deck to
night - The men are hot
but happy - Many other
transports anchored out here.
Here, just out of the Harbor

We will spend the night -

Monday - 22

After finally going to bed, Had a good night - (Was sleepy for didn't sleep a wink Sot night.) & enjoyed my Breakfast -

We began our trip anew this am about nine - Many other transports assembled during the night - We have all kinds of protection - a Musquito fleet - Cruisers - and Bottle Ships - With Hydro planes + Dirigible Balloons - There are 106 men on board - From Boston - They are very happy - and a noble crowd of women.)

Tuesday - 23

Am as hungry as can be. & 94 plenty of good Eats - & also sleep early & late - Our men are happy as

Had a Funeral to day in the ——

as can be. The Sea is as calm as can be — Not so far out I guess — about 450 mi.

Wednesday. 24

Our Convoy now consists of 15 transports and Battle Ship with 4 Cruisers. Can not the least bit see each. Just a few that are — Are always hungry —

We had an explosion or some thing in the hold last night!! Dont know what it was — No one seems to be a bit frightened. The Capt says we rammed a "Sub"

Thursday — 25

Very hot — We are still in the Gulf Streame — & have seen flying fish — "porpase". Some say they saw a whale & Ships.

12th Aug

Monday - Good night sleep - & laged down on bed at 4 PM - Sunday & awoke this AM at 7 o'clock. Was called - Some sleep -
I took my shoes to repair shop.
Dauge France - 12 X 18 - $2.16 -
(a good stocking.)

Tuesday - 13th Aug

We got orders to open the hosp. for measles & mumps - have two cases. Busy hovering beats raised.
Wed 14 Aug feeling fine - Not so tired - ~~Lacumaw is a holiday~~ - ~~We will have a~~. A French man cut his finger (& fixed it) - hon

Thursday, 15th

Made my trip to "Nervy" on foot - & saw 9 sick men. France is very beautiful. Am learning French (slowly).
Hasn't rained here for 2 mo.

Friday - Aug - 16 -
Today I rode a wheel out - Its hard work - but I'm thoroughly enjoying every bit of it - Our eats are good - I feel sorry for the poor French children - No meat - sugar etc -
Sat 17
Made my usual trip only farther this time - I'm as happy as can be -
Sunday - 18
Today I slept late - Every thing quiet - We hear we are soon to get mail -
Monday - 19th
Now I'm relieved of my cross country trip - a Doctor has been stationed with there I'm glad -
mail Today - We all

~~Tons~~ are happy as can be -
& got nine letters - all were
sent to Camp Mills - and
forwarded. That mail was
a treat. Hope soon to hear
again. Say my you know
we have arrived safely -
Tuesday - 20th
Al - gone to nerves -
& could have gone but &
must stay on the job -
Our ~~Lord~~ Beetle ~~[illegible]~~ rivers are
wonderful good.
Wed - 21st Aug
Hot - Finch say (Chaud)
Had a new measles case
Thursday 22d
Hot! we got a
paper - NYH -
Our almost broke.

23d

Friday - Same work - Very hot.
Sat - 800 men examined today for service on front.
Sunday 28 Aug -
Very quiet - Recd another letter from the states.
Mon. - Aug 26 - Went for a nice walk - Went to a big cave - Also an observation tower. Two French ladies & "Kiddies" went along.
Tuesday Aug 27 -
Went to "Pouilly sur Loire" Saw May McGowhey. Got a little information - No record of my pay voucher - & went on a big truck nice scenery (men paid today) & got a nice box of candy from Miss McGrath - N.Y.C.
Wed - Aug - 28 -
Today is real fall like Cool at nights.

Are been trying to dope out the value of French small changes.

Thursday - Aug 29.

Some of the enlisted men are drinking too much wine.

Friday - Aug 30.

Went to Bourges today - Had my photo for identification book.

A good little city.

Sat - Aug 31.

Here all alone - Lt Dissen gone & B -

Capt & Nevers

Sunday - Sept 1 - 18

Just - wrote several letters:

Just heard Capt Smith transferred - & must be responsible Officer after he leaves until relieved - by Mr Miller or some one else - & can do it.

Sept - 2.9 - (Monday)

Capt Cressy getting away -

So am &

Tuesday - Sept - 3 - 1918.

Capt. S. leaves to day. & must sign for over $700.00 & dont know where it is - Its in some Bank in Paris. Have two Non Com in Guard House. They were drink. It must yield an "Iron arm" and still be human. They are. They should be reduced.

Wed - Sept 4 - 18 -

Naturally after having every thing put on you at once. Some very imp things turn up. Must send one "Non Com" to a gas school. Also the fellows that gave me so much trouble are asking for mercy - but it isnt the first time so military laws will be carried completely out (Two are to be tried soon).

Thursday - 5 - 18

Began raining today this am at 2 o'clock. It looks

like we will have a rainy spell, and of course this kind of weather brings new difficulties - our lettrines kitchen boths etc are all out side. One mo ago today we were in England (Romney).

Sept 6-18 Friday -

Friday - & with drew the charges that were against one man - & gave him a good lecture & told him it should never happen again, & guess it will not. & have a very bad cold - dont feel good at all.

Sept 7-18 - Sat -

Raining again today. Sat P.M. - is very lonesome. Lessey gone to Nevers. My cold is no better.

Sept 8-18 - Sunday.

Rainy - Was at r.r. station - a negro soldier passed there that is from Silver City - He knew me & hallowed hello it - He told a soldier he knew me - he didnt get to see him - & ars talking to an open who ars in charge of them.

Sept 9-18 - Mon

Rainy - Sent in a letter asking for the reduction of Cpl Sullivan - He's no good. Still raining.

Sept 10 Tuesday. Rainy - My cold is much better. Havent heard from Mag better yet.

Wed - Sept - 11 - Every thing about the same
Thursday, Sept 12. Hod S.C.M. Reduced Sgt Kaffenbacher, stole running.
Friday, Sept 13-18. Unlock Friday -
Capt Smith visited me. He said he was going to ask for me to be transferred to Hdrs for his assistant. There is no telling what the ultimate out come of our organization will be.
Sat Sept 14-18. Inspection. Several men with a diarrhea; Hand determined the cause as of it - but for sure is due to the water.
Sunday Sept 15 = Visited Camp. Returned on an American engine
Mon Sept 16-18 — Nothing new.
Tuesday Sept 17-18. — Rain - Same work
Wed - Sept 18-18 — Letter from US. (Delayed)
Thursday - Sept 19-18 — Bury. Pb Dresser sent to a sp. School - Am Nice with Lt Flint only.
Friday 20 340 Band visited Vaugrus -
Hod slips put on to one of Billets - Am training a special Op. Squad -
Sat 21 Inspection - Rotten - Good promenade
Sunday 22 - Good walk - The log is still sick
Monday 23 Usual Routine
Tuesday 24 Made stairs for my men.
Wed 25 Transferred three men.
Thursday 26 - Rec - 3d hour for Capt. Will be as usual.
Friday 27 - The log is better - Rain weather.
Sat 28 Inspection -
Sun - 29 - American aviator gives us much entertainment - Does all kinds of flights in plane - Name - Lt Frost of Col -
Mon - 30 - nothing new -

Oct 1st — Tuesday —
Last yr this time — Oh — Now we happy —
Oct 2d — Wednesday — Same — They are trying to take my Bullet of my men. Nothing doing —
Oct 3d — Thurs — Went to Casne — Pauly. While in Pauly got orders & met my Hospt for reception of 30 patients & returned & recd 103 pts by 2 clock Am. & all have influenza — Am well fixed — Have very thing & want — good cooperation —
Friday 4 — Same — Have 5 pneumonia.
Sat 5 — Same —
Sunday 6 — Hosp — Recd many compliments for our progress — F. Nurse reported to me for duty
Monday 7 —
Mon Lt Col B — Maj's McG & James visited my Hospt — Very very well satisfied. Am very proud of my men — & got permission to use the school B — for pneumonia cases — Every one else failed — (a big tale to tell to).
Tuesday 8 — Every thing fine fourteen very very sick boys — They have pneumonia. The nurse is a good one — This from Canada. Is about 38 yrs old — Am afraid one or two will die today.
Wednesday 9 — Still receive new patients. One dead. Two certainly will die. This disease has been running a mortality of 20 — 40 %.
Thurs Oct 10 — First Military Funeral at this place. The died in my hospt last night. Am sure (Windell) will die. Hope not
Friday — Oct — 11. Many new patients. Every thing the same.

Sat Oct 12 —

Sat. Oct. 12:
Rumors have it we are soon to be at the Front.

Sunday. Oct 13 — Guess we will soon be gone & hear Maj McGarthy Co. FH 340 is to come to relieve us.
Monday. Oct. 14 They come. We are to go on the same. Two companies to work under Maj McGarthy. Directions Hes our act Direction FH.
Tuesday. Oct 15 — Nothing new. except Patients.
Wed. Oct 16. We are getting rid of good Many Convalescing patients.
Thursday Oct (17) & hear we are soon to get a new out fit.
Friday. Oct 18. Heard from Maj Miller. Hes had pneumonia
Sat 19. Nothing exciting
Sun. 20th Good rest. Went for a walk.
Mon. 21 Same dope.
Tues 22 — Am busy checking up on property we are "supposed" to have. & I am a quiet a handicap — all our officers had rather other experience before coming to this Co.
Wed. 23 — was told & was to be given command of the Co and go to the Front. Some job. Ive always been the Goat. For four months Ive been doing the work a Maj is supposed to do — (& guess Ive conceited) — Its no snap.
Thursday 24. Maj Miller walked in on us. He looks bad.

He has orders to go before a Classifying Board.

Friday 25-18 - We are going in a few days - probably Sunday.

Sat - 26-18 - Had a final inspection - Went thru Gas to test our masks.

Sunday - 27-18 - We leave here Monday night. We go for 5th Army Corps.

Monday - 28-18 - Went over every thing today - Went for a walk this p.m. Will never forget it. We boarded a local train - Allogue 83 men with personal belongings travelling as local passengers - going at least 200 miles. Some job.

Tuesday - 29-18 - We spent the night in Casne - We stayed in the cars. We left at 8:30 for St. Dizier.

Wed. 30-18 - Travelled all day - One change - Some job to keep up with our cars of baggage. The French shift & leave them on side tracks - Its some job.

Thursday 31 - We spent the night in Lakonghe - Here we were all sleeping in our cars & when we woke we were separated. One car & men were 200 yds from us - & were going

to be taken away

to be taken away
train & got there
Arrived St Dizier
Friday Nov 1-18
great Banquet
in a kitchen
a N.C. boy
He has
Do T

2 pages
torn out

Nov-21-18

Description of Bregaring.
a beautiful little town.
Am occupying an old Ger Hosp.
Have electric lights - Shower bolts.
Plenty of Coal - Plenty of Fuel.
Good water - Wards for patients.
(We have none) Visited a
Church. Still intact - The Bake
used it to sleep soldiers.
Every thing fixed for
permanency - Beautiful
Bungalows - Nice courts. No one
can doubt the one main idea
of the Bake - (Conquering).
Will write later about Sedan.
Stenny - Beaumont etc.
Nov-22-18. Took a walk around
this place. The Germans certainly were
well fixed - Still awaiting
orders to move - & dont know
the direction.

Nov 23-18 -

I decided to take a chance so I took my motor cycle & went over in Belgium, & had a nice trip - Wonderful scenery. Went Bottom from Sedan - Saw lots of German war material - & have a good driver - We had a puncture in Belgium - & our engine chain broke on return - We ran out of Gasoline in Belg - So I had to go to the town Mayor to ask for some. They went out & were using Kerosene - & made it lick & then borrowed some from a Truck Co.

Stenway - is the place our boys made their last real fight. Here & know we

less as money as 3500 boys.
But they took lots of German
booty - Here they found
many barracks the Germans had
made. all goes to show they
had the idea of Reps -

Nov - 24.
Cold - Cloudy - Looks like
snow - We had some snow on
the 18 - of Nov -
Today I wrote Folkes Vines
letter - Every thing quiet &
am tired & sore from the try
yesterday -
Nov 25 - 18.
No moving Orders.
Nov - 26 - 27 - Same
28 - Thanksgiving Day - Solomon &
Beans with hard Tack, he - a real
Camping Dinner
29 - Raining. No orders - nothing.
30 - Last day of Nov - still in
Bregnung - Lt Dexter went to
Sedan -

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Dec 1-18

Same old stone

Dec 7 - My birthday. Had fresh fish - no orders ha. Went to Nogent last Monday. [illegible] Dinning on home.

Dec - 14

Nothing new -

Hunting at times

Dec - 21 - Have truck down & Hgrs for Xmas mail -

Dec 25 - Xmas day. Quiet & rainy - Went hunting yesterday - Truck came back 2 4th

Dec 28 -

Saw ten deer today - One & put. I shot at both - Should have killed one.

Dec - 31 - We killed a wild boar - Had lots of fun bringing him in. It weighed 128 lbs - "Was very good eating".

Jan 1st 1919

New Year - New Day but same routine - Nothing to do - You can't - It rains too much.

We saw the old year out + new in -

Resolutions galore - !!!

Jan - 3 -

May Miller sent for me"

He wants me go down to
Hyrs - & then take a rest - !!
Imagine - That's all I've
done for five weeks - ho -

plates 350 ft - 2 X 4 - 350

Studs 44 — 9 — 4X4 — 528

107 — 9 — 2X4 — 642

Sleepers — 43 — 12 — 2 X 8 = 688

6 — 15 — 2 X 8 — 120

65
33
19 5
195
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