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Tea 4.50 & hot Dinner 6.45 p.m. Strenuous day.

Fri 11 (943-8). A little easier today. Went to Lord's & saw Hunter & Doug Cameron. They have a private room & gave us supper. Back just on 10 p.m.

Sat 12 (944-9). As usual till dinner time then ½ h'day. Wrote up some notes. Then went & met Bush at Regent Palace Hotel. His cousin, just back from Italy, was [also] with him. We had afternoon tea & then went to reserved table at Elysée Restaurant, Coventry Street.* Rather nice (but no good for hungry person.) Found C.S.R. [Christian Science Reading] Room, 15 Queen St, Mansion H.

Sun 13 (945-10). Went to church in Sloane Square, 11.30 a.m. Fine. Back at 1 p.m. Went thro' Hyde Park to Albert Hall & orchestral & vocal concert. (?) Pauline Maxwell & Russian pianist. Fine hall. Back to city to tea & home, 8.30 p.m.

Mon 14 (946-11). As usual. Cold. Snow last night. Wrote up notes.

Tue 15 (947-12). As usual.

Wed 16 (948-13). ----- No entry-----.

Thu 17 (949-14). On guard.

Fri 18 (950-15). To H'ferry Rd. Booked seat for 'When Knights were Bold.'

Sat 19 (951-16). As usual. Bought trench coat at H'ferry Rd. Had wine & dinner (famous pudding) at Cheshire Cheese. Pyke showed us round cellars. Oak beams 500 yrs old. Sold our Kingsway tickets & got 2 for 'Aladdin' at Drury Lane Theatre. Magnificent stage & scenery, but show not up to much.

Sun 20 (952-17). To Sloane Square Church. Back at 1 p.m. Wrote some notes. Went to C.S. Reading Room, Brompton, Knightsbridge. Bus to

* See picture postcard.

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Richmond. Tram to Hampton Court. Train back to Waterloo. Dinner. Station.
Home ----- (?) 7.30 p.m.

Mon 21 (953-18). As usual.

Tue 22 (954-19). Bought C.S. books.

Wed 23 (955-20). As usual.

Thu 24 (956-21). " "

Fri 25 (957-22). " "

Sat 26 (958-23). " " . On picket, 10 to 12 m.n.; 4 to 6 Sun.
morning.

Sun 27 (959-24). Strict church parade. To Chertsey to see Bush, 2 p.m.
Enjoyable afternoon & eve. Back at 12 m.n.

Mon 28 (960-25). As usual. To St. J.W. to see Doug Cameron with
Moylan. **Air-raid**: just managed to get home at 10 p.m. Bombs near Covent
Garden & John Bull's printing establishment.

Tue 29 (961-26). As usual. **Air raid** at night. Wrote a note to Miss
Mechen.

Wed 30 (962-27). Went to Royal Dental Hospital, Leicester Sq. Took
plate & an impression. Went to Palladium.

Thu 31 (963-28). As usual. To H'ferry Rd. ----- (?) trains blocked.

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Fri 1 (964-29). To dentist at 2 p.m.

Sat 2 (965-30). Miserable morning.

Sun 3 (966-31). Went for bus ride & saw remains of bombing raid.

Mon 4 (967-32). To dentist at 2 p.m.

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Tue 5 (968-33). As usual.

Wed 6 (969-34). As usual. Sports in afternoon., but I had to go to dentist. Teeth alright. Had dinner at Holborn restaurant, Welby. Went to Onoto Coy & bought hanks.

Thu 7 (970-35). Fairly easy day. Met Miss Mechen at Russell tate & we went to Stoll picture theatre (London Opera House.) Fine building & quartet party.

Fri 8 (971-36). Riding & 2 rough lectures. Packed up & left for St John's Wood at 12 p.m. Put in 2 Squad. 16 in our billet.

Sat 9 (972-37). Marching drill. Lecture . Gas Lecture. Map-reading. Went to H'ferry Rd. after lunch & bought boots & 2 trench coats. Back about 6.30 p.m.

Sun 10 (973-38). Fall in about 8.25 a.m. Church parade 10.30 a.m. Went to see Miss James. Then, to Cadet 9/) tailor, Sloane sq. & had a hot bath & tea. Met Mac (?) Hotham & went to Vic. Palace Theatre. Then to Handel St. & home.

Mon 11 (974-39). In full swing.

Tue 12 (975-40). As usual.

Wed 13 (976-41). ½ h'day. Bought perfume & songs. Went to Noni's for tea. Met Welby & had drinks at Dirty Dick's, Liverpool St. Supper & home.

Thu 14 (977-42). As usual.

Fri 15 (978-43). To Lord's to see Welby & Moylan (?) Croix de Guerre. Previously, to Hatherall's to see about tunic.

Sat16 (979-44). Met Welby. Had tea at Lyons. Pie good. Dinner at Fruscatis, 30 Oxford St. Pretty place. Went to Carmencetta at Princes. Not bad theatre. Good show. **Air raid** on & couldn't get home. Tubes awful. Home at 5 to 1.

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Sun 17 (980-45). As usual. On 4.5 Howitzer all morning. Too late for church. Had bath, etc. at Cadet Club & went home.

Mon 18 (981-46). As usual.

Tue 19 (982-47). As usual. Ride in Regent's Park. Started renting a small room at 57 Queen's Rd. near Marlboro Rd. Stn.

Wed 20 (983-48). ½ h'day. Went to bank..... & 1 C.S. (1st Church Christ Scientist). Met Sutcliffe au Maison Lyons, Oxford St. Good singers. Home 11.45 p.m. Cold.

Thu 21 (984-49). Gun drill, etc. Round at room.

Fri 22 (985-50). As usual.

Sat 23 (986-51). As usual. Nearly clicked with spurs. Went to St. Paul's. War Exhib. at Burlington House (Pic.) Saw 'Old Curiosity Shop'. Went to 'Cheshire Cheese Beauty Spot' at Gaiety Theatre.

Sun 24 (987-52). To Notting Hill Gate church. Spoke to Miss D. Treloar. (?) Bath & dinner at Cadet Club. To Queen's Hall, but Bush did not turn up so I went to Barking past East India Docks, etc. Dinner at Strand Palace. Good supper at New Chinese Restaurant. Regent St. Not much good.

Mon 25 (988-53). As usual.

Tue 26 (989-54). Ditto.

Wed 27 (990-55). ½ h'day. Got roared at nearly all morning for not playing hockey. Went to tailors. 1C.S. & H'ferry Rd. To Colliseum & saw Ellen Terry in 'M.[erchant] of Venice'. Good. Then, to E. B'day.

Thu 28 (991-56). As usual. Snowed today.

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Fri 1 (992-57). As usual.

Sat 2 (993-58). As usual. Went to 'Marriage of Figaro' at 2 p.m.

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Dinner at Simpson's. To Lord's to see some of crowd.

Sun 3 (994-59). Cold day. Went to C.S. Lecture by Braithwaite in Metro Music Hall, Edgware Rd. Then to St. Andrews House Club to see Miss Oswald.

Mon 4 (995-60). To Lord's to see Welby & Moylan. As usual.

Tue 5 (996-61). As usual.

Wed 6 (997-62). To Ho.[uses of Lords & Commons with Welby & Moylan. Heard Balfour, Lloyd George. (John Redmond dead). Lord Cawley took us to H. of Lords. Bought haversack.

Thu 7 (998-63). As usual. **Air raid** about 11.30 p.m. Driver at Lords killed.

Fri 8 (999-69 **misnumbered from this date on**). As usual. Leave from 12.30 p.m. Met Moylan & caught 3.15 p.m. to Cardiff. Had dinner. Went to Pontypridd about 10 p.m.,

Sat 9 (1000-70). Stroll round.

Sun 10 (1001-71). Stroll round.

Mon 11 (1002-72). Went to B[arry], rang Jones.

Tue 12 (1003-73). Girls came to tea. Caught train to C'diff about 8 p.m. with Misses Harris & Evans. Strolled round C'diff till about 10.42 p.m. Train arr. at Padd.[ington] at ¼ to 4 a.m.

Wed 13 (1004-74). Home in "growler" at 4 a.m. Up again at 7.40 a.m. ½ h'day. Went to 'Samson & Delilah' with Jack. Good show.

Thu 14 (1005-75). As usual., Driving drill first 2 hours. Bring bty into action, etc.

Fri 15 (1006-76). As usual. Timing the gun-laying. Ride to Regent's park.

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Sat 16 (1007-77). To (?) connected services return Whitehall. Back to dinner. To the ----- (?)----- Theatre to see 'The Byng Boys on Broadway'. Not bad, but as usual, I got tired of revue staff.

Sun 17 (1008-78). Gun park To church 6 p.m. Home to bed.

Mon 18 (1009-79). Model range. Start of fire picket stunt.

Tue 19 (1010-80). As usual.

Wed 20 (1011-81). Ditto. Sports at Lords but I went shopping up The Strand.

Thu 21 (1012-82). ----- do----- Driving drill. Bob came round.

Fri 22 (1013-83). Fire alarm.

Sat 23 (1014-84). To Eastcote with Hobson & McCaffrey. Watched hockey, allotments, etc. Back to dinner.

Sun 24 (1015-85). Church 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. After lunch to Regent's Park. 3 years Khaki.

Mon 25 (1016-86). As usual. -----(?)----- (**Bapaume falls**). Gun drill.

Tue 26 (1017-87). Drive in H.H. Ride in Regent's Park. Lines of fire. To Lords to see Moy. & Welby. Early morn. stables for bad dress on C. Prep.

Wed 27 (1018-88). As usual. To Louise with Hobson.

Thu 28 (1019-89). Stables for being late & (?) badly dressed on parade yesterday. Leave started at 7 p.m. & I went to 'Yes Uncle' with -----(?) & Watson.

Fri 29 (1020-90). To Shaftesbury Hotel about 11 a.m. Met Bob & went to Queens Hall concert after having lunch at Regent Palace & dinner at Corner House.

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Sat 30 (1021-91). B'fast in bed. To food controllers for meat tickets. Dinner at Holborn Restaurant. Tea at Simpson's. Goodo. 'Magic Flute' in afternoon; 'Tannhauser' at night

Sun 31 (1022-92). B'fast in bed. Went down Petticoat lane. Then to Albert Memorial. After lunch at The Savoy, met Noah & Bob's girl. To Stoll Picture Theatre, Box 34. Goodo. Out to Hammersmith. Home ¼ to 12.

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Mon 1 (1023-93). Late on parade & got stables for next morning.

Tue 2 (1024-94). Stables. As usual. 'La Bohème'. Met Bob & Helen. Goodo. Back about 10 p.m.

Wed 3 (1025-95). As usual. To H'ferry Rd. Then to Streatham to see Reg. B. Goodo. Back at ¼ to 12.

Thu 4 (1026-96). As usual. Driving Drill.

Fri 5 (1027-97). As usual. Ride. Selby to R.T.U. £5 from bank.

Sat 6 (1028-98). As usual. To Eastcote. Very wet. Dancing. Good time. Met Nell Portmann.

Sun 7 (1029-99). As usual. Went to H'smith. Met Norah Freil & went to Hampton Court. Thro' the palace & back to Stoll Picture Theatre. Home 11.15 p.m.

Mon 8 (1030-100). As usual. Came a crash for Squad Corpl.

Tue 9 (1031-101). As usual. Driving.

Wed 10 (1032-**107 et seq. misnumbered**). As usual. Sports practice.

Thu 11 (1033-108). As usual. Wet & drizzly all the week. H. (?) Head very sloppy. General who was supposed to inspect didn't turn up.

Fri 12 (1034-109). Clancy away. (New Capt. Had us.) As usual. Fine day. Reg. Pk. Sloppy for ride.

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- Sat 13 (1035-110). Cere. As usual.
- Sun 14 (1036-111). Went to church.
- Mon 15 (1037-112). Made **Sergeant** on return from map-reading in country.
- Tue 16 (1038-113). Wet day. Exam.
- Wed 17 (1039-114). As usual. Went to see Reg. B. Pleasant evening.
- Thu 18 (**1039-115 misnumbered**). Met Doug, Cam. & Hunter at Queen's Hotel. 2 bots port wine.
- Fri 19 (1040-116). As usual.
- Sat 20 (1041-117). As usual. To Frascati's for tea (champagne). Port at Queen's.
- Sun 21 (1042-118). As usual. Wet. To Women['s] League Concert at ----- (?)----- . Took Nora & Ellen. Met Jack & we 4 went to Simpson's for dinner then to Stoll Picture Show. Out to H'smith.
- Mon 22 (1043-119). Country Map R.[eading].
- Tue 23 (1044-120). As usual. Exam (79). Signal Exam results 94, 72 Maps. (90 x).
- Wed 24 (1045-121). As usual. Up city in afternoon.
- Thu 25 (1046-122). As usual. Ride & Jumping (first time in 2).
- Fri 26 (1047-123). Drill order.
- Sat 27 (1048-124). Hype Pk. Visit Welby & Morrison.
- Sun 28 (1049-125). Stroll round.
- Mon 29 (1050-126). Drill order. I was X'n com. & Bty Leader.
- Tue 30 (1051-127). Long day in country. Rather tiring.

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- Wed 1 (1052-128). As usual. (Out to Streatham to see O.I. Enjoyable. Met a nice girl.
- Thu 2 (1053-129). As usual. Ride & jump. Smoke & Gas on gun drill.
- Fri 3 (1054-130). As usual. Wet.
- Sat 4 (1055-131). ----- Ditto----- Simpson's & -----(?)----- were Bold (?) wid Welby.
- Sun 5 (1056-132). Church & Club.
- Mon 6 (1057-133). ----- Do. ----- Sig. on drill order.
- Tue 7 (1058-134). Wet day in country.
- Wed 8 (1059-135). Up the town, shopping. Met Ivy Nicholls, Hyde Park. Home about 11.40 p.m.
- Thu 9 (1060-136). As usual. Ride in Reg. Pk. & Jump. Capt. Said "Goodbye".
- Fri 10 (1061-137). As usual. Lead Driver on drill order. Lectures on Belgium by Prof. Adkins. Met I. & went to H.[ampstead] Heath. Home 11.40 p.m. Missed last bus. (Capt. Gammon gone.) 2 hrs map read
- Sat 11 (1062-138). As usual. Up town & bought slacks
- Sun 12 (1063-139). As usual.
- Mon 13 (1064-140). As usual.
- Tue 14 (1065-141). No entry.
- Wed 15 (1066-142). " "
- Thu 16 (1067-143). " "
- Fri 17 (1068-144). Prepare for the exams all the week & buzzer exam on Friday.