

A transcript of:  
The 1919 Personal Diary of  
**Percy W. Rainbow**

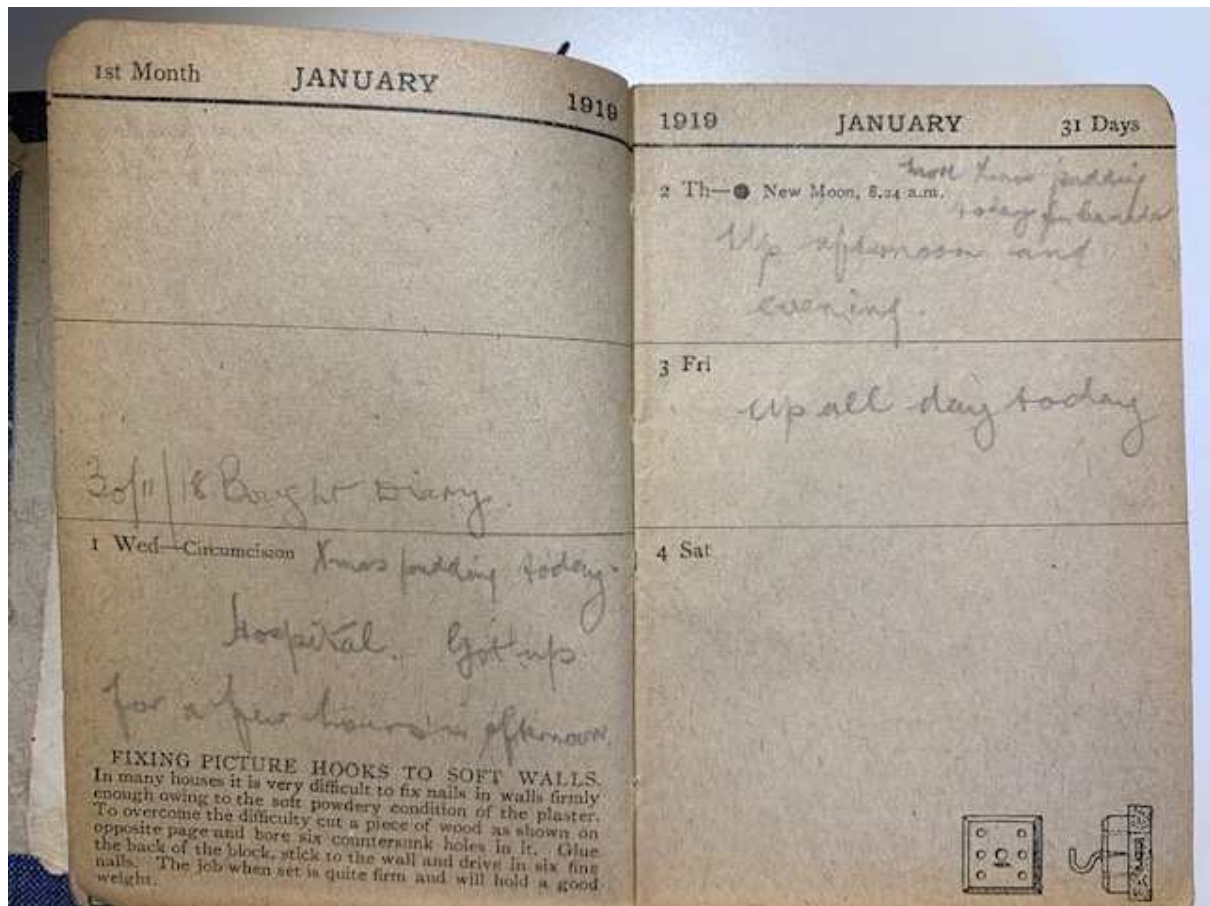
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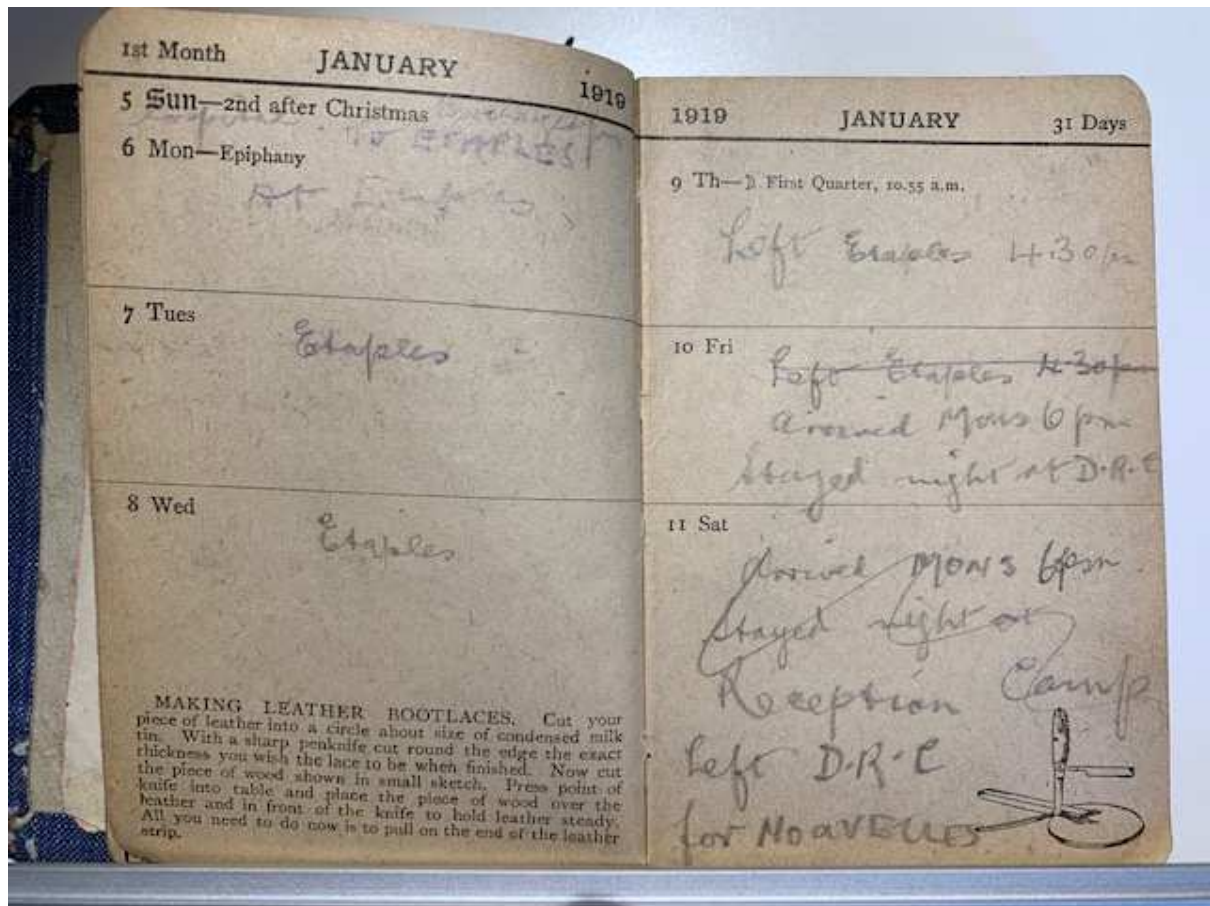


Note: The 1919 diary has fewer entries than the 1918 diary, only 17 in all.



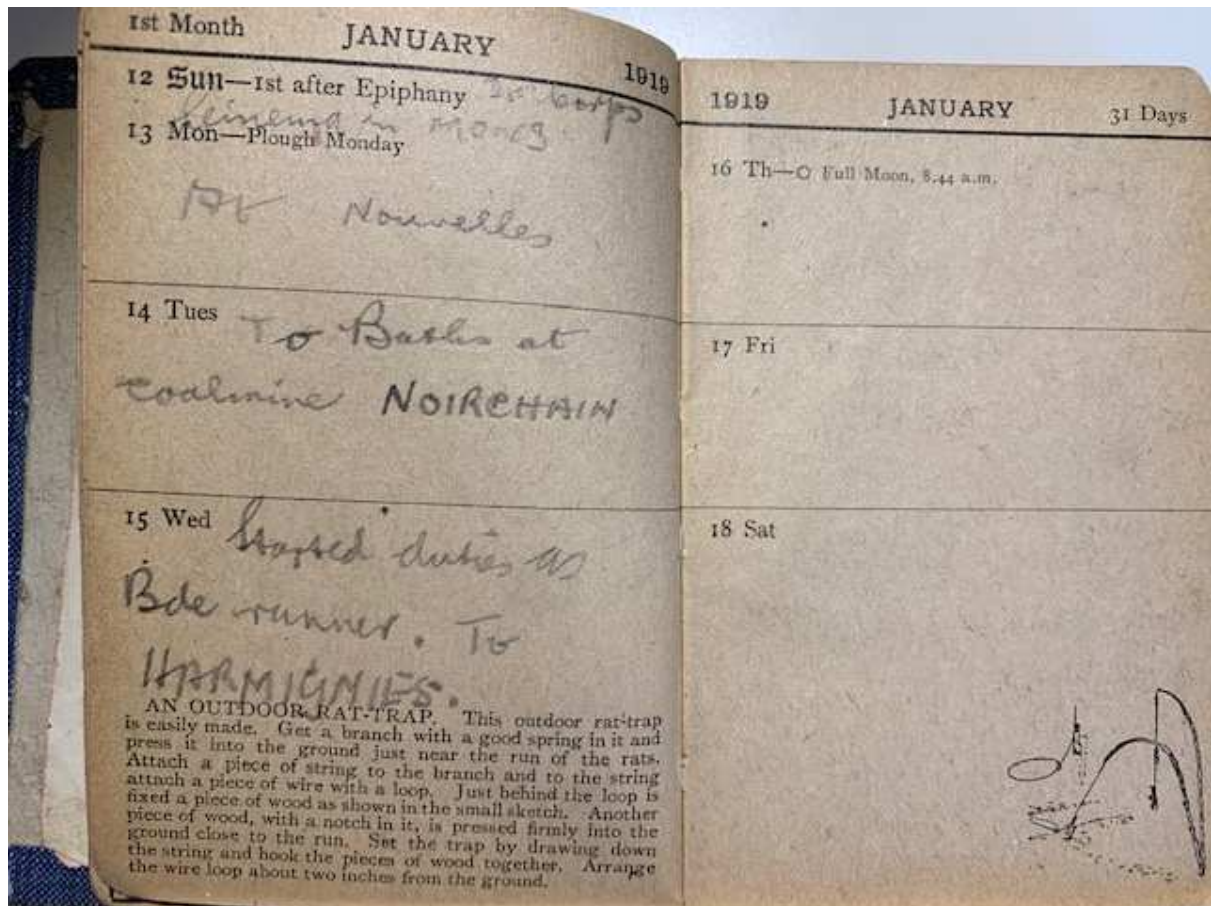
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	30/11/18	Bought diary.
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Wednesday	Xmas pudding today. Hospital. Got up for a few hours in afternoon.
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Thursday	More Xmas pudding today for Canada. Up afternoon and evening.
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Friday	Up all day today.
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday	



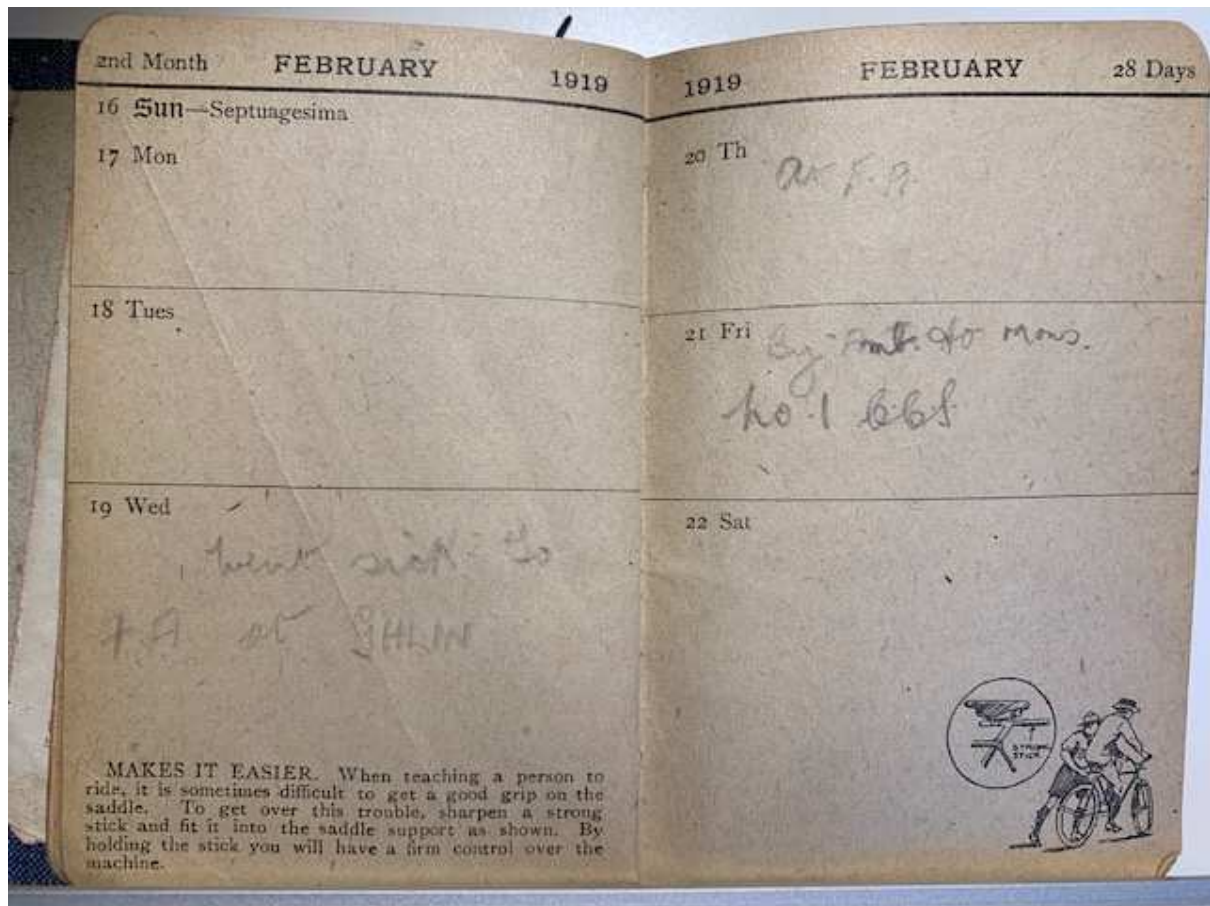
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5 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	Discharged from hospital. TO ETAPLES
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	At Etaples
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Etaples
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	Etaples
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	Left Etaples 4.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	Arrived Mons 6pm Stayed night at D.R.C
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday	Left DRC for Nouvelles



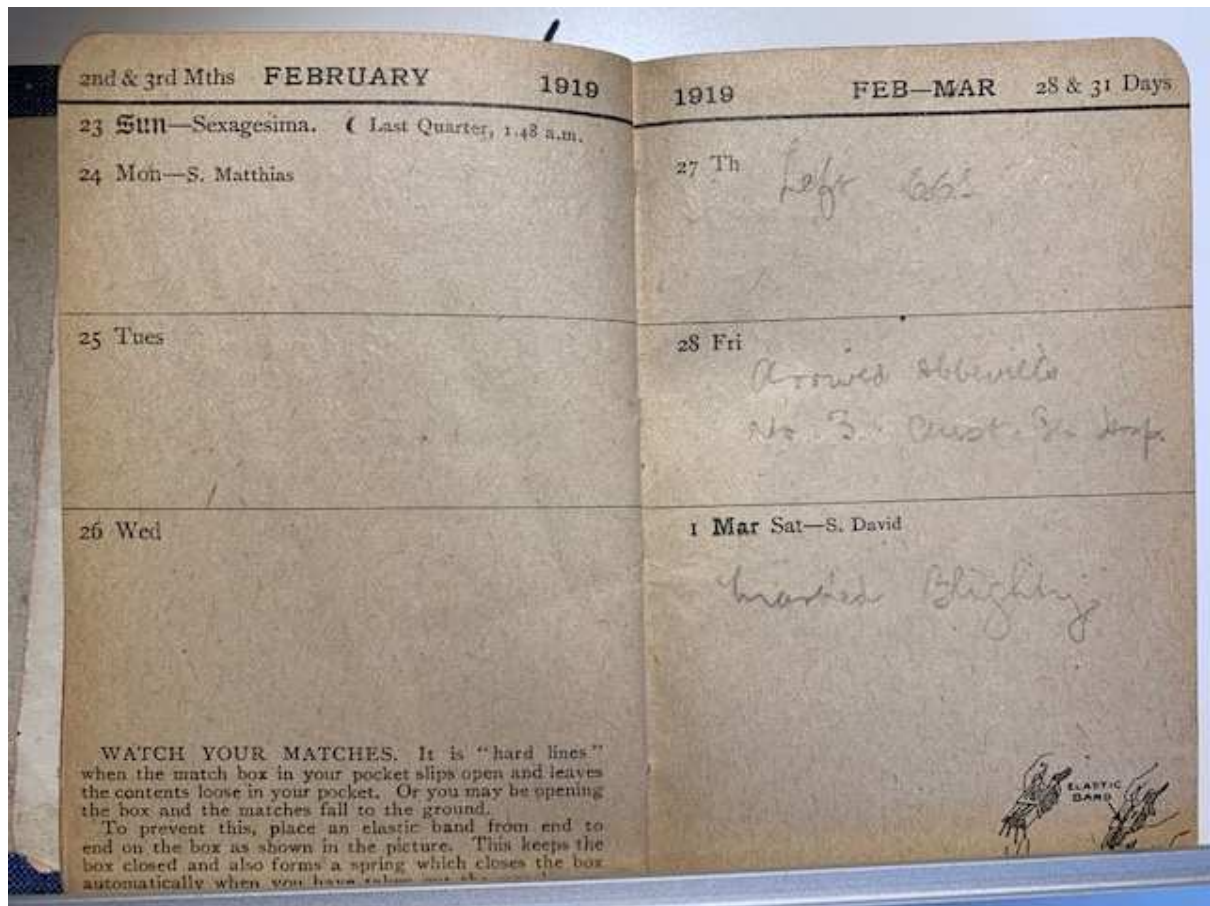
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12 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	30 Corps, Cinema in Mons.
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	At Nouvelles
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	To Baths at Coalmine NOIRCHAIN.
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	Started duties at Bde runner. To HARMIGNIES
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday	



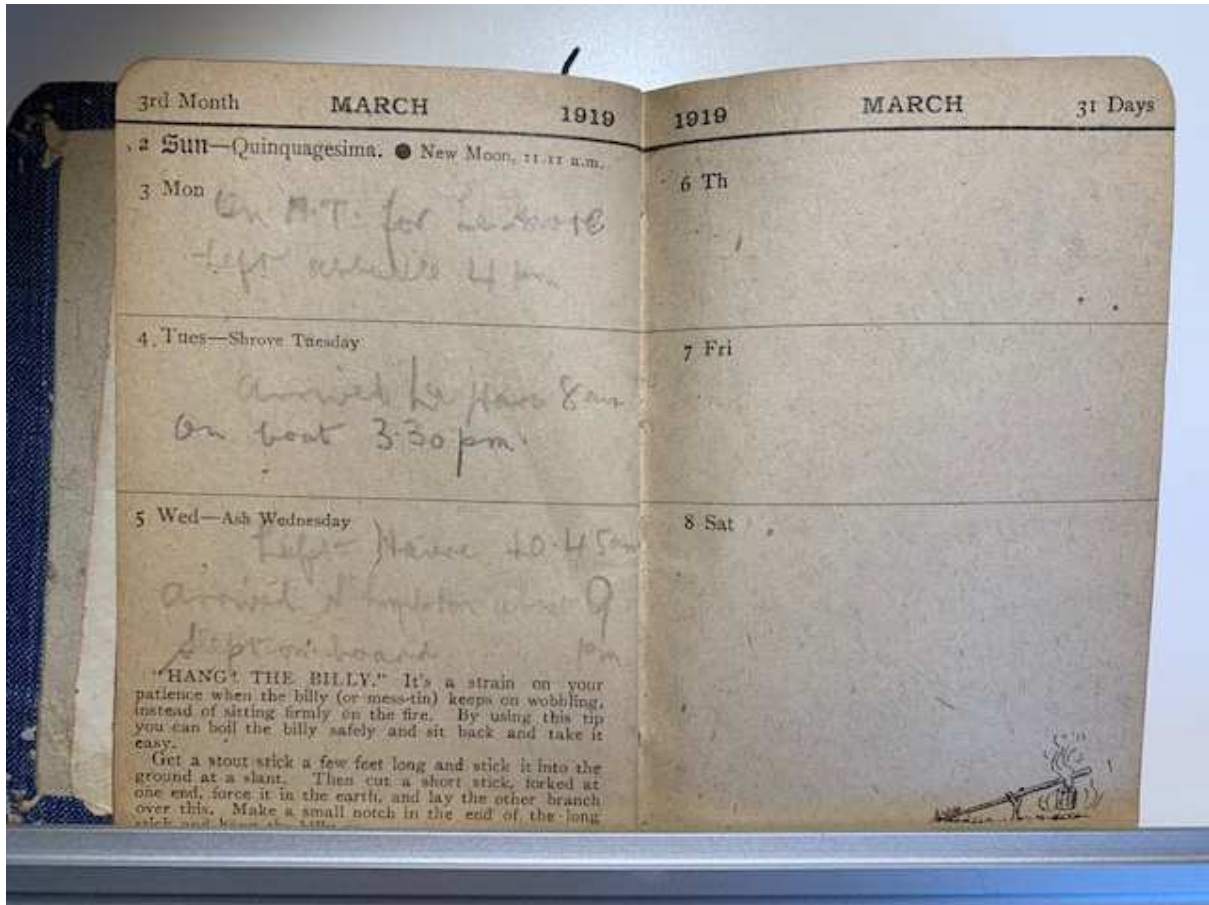
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16 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday	
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday	
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday	
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday	Went sick to F.A at GHLIN
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday	At F.A.
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Friday	By Amb to Mons No.1 CGS
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Saturday	



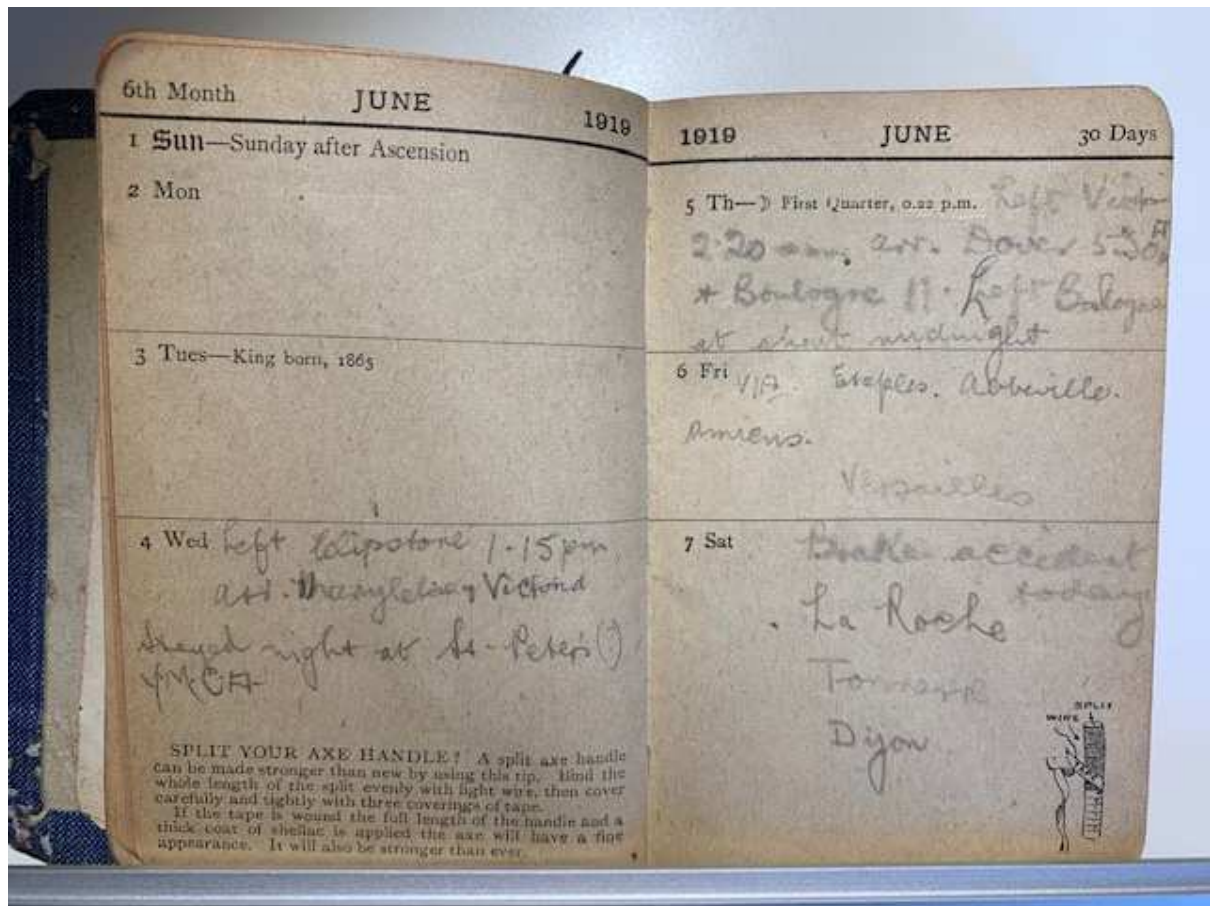
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23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Sunday	
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday	
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday	
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday	
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday	Left C.G.S
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday	Arrived Abbeville No. 3 Aust General Hospital
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Saturday	Marked Blighty



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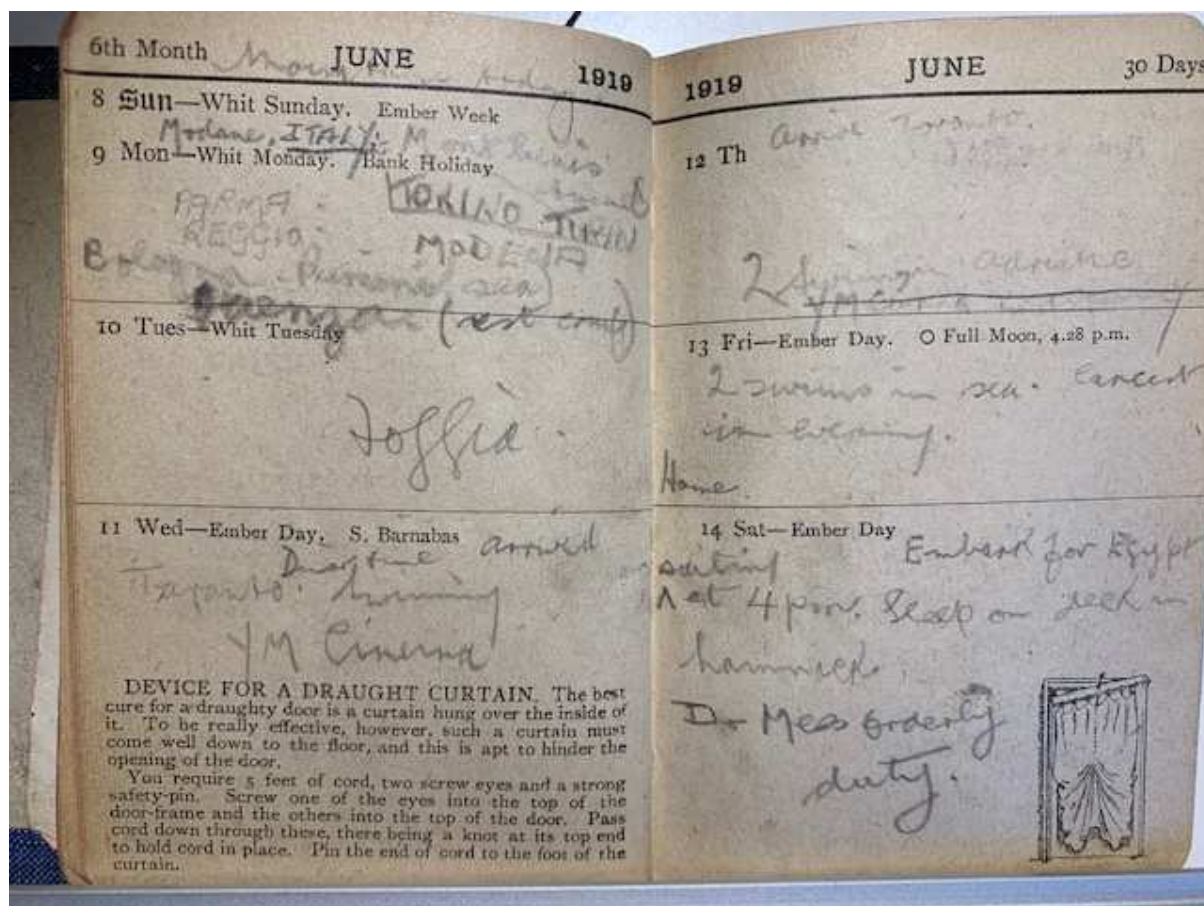
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sunday	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Monday	On M.T for Le Harvre Left Abbeville 4pm.
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	Arrived Le Harvre 8am. On boat 3.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	Left Harvre 10.45am. Arrived Southampton about 9pm. Slept on board.
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday	



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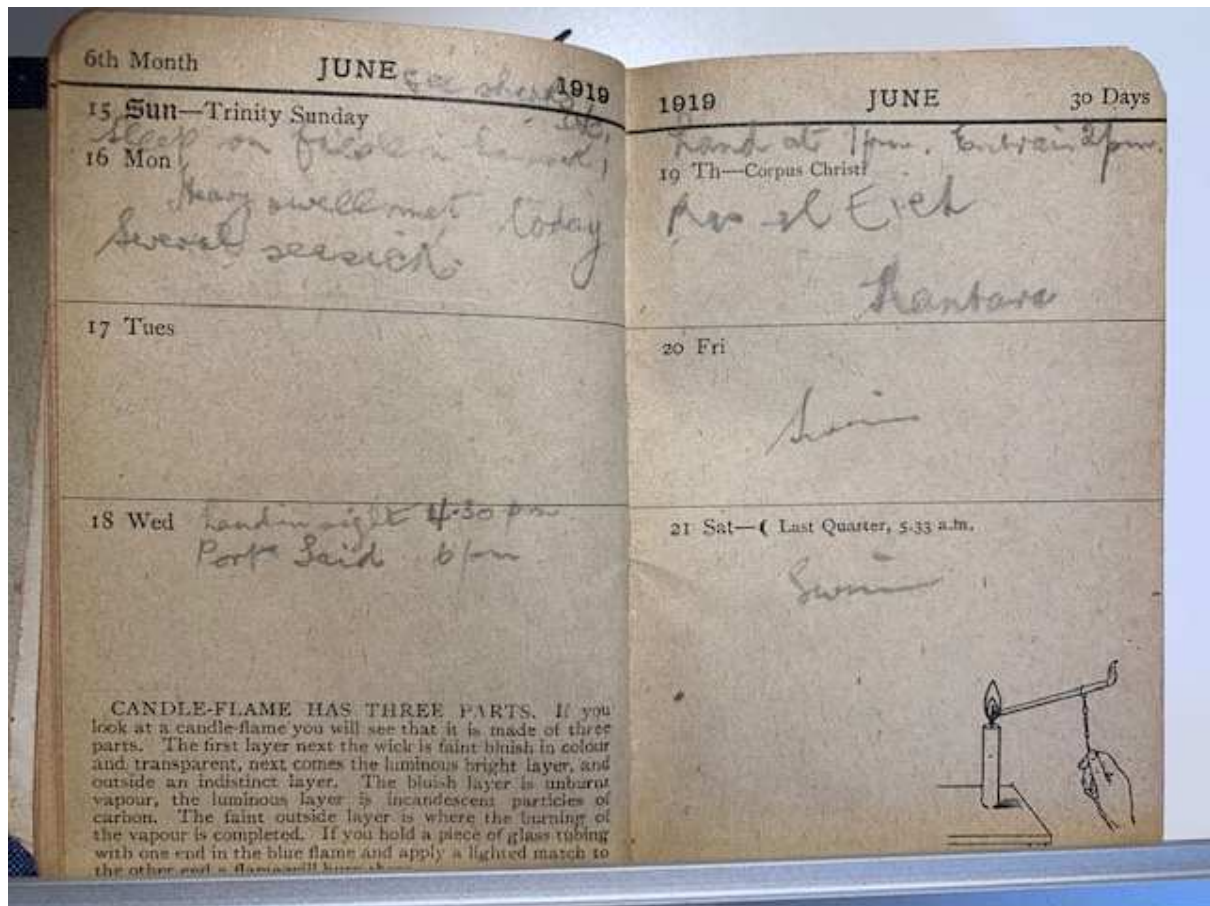
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Sunday	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Monday	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tuesday	
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	Left Clipstone 1.15pm. Arrived Marylebone & Victoria. Stayed night at St Peters (?) Y.M.C.A.
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	Left Victoria 2.20am. Arrived Dover 2.50am. *Boulogne. Left Boulogne at about midnight.
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	VIA Etapes. Abbeville. Amiens. Versailles.
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday	Brake accident today. La Roche Tonnerre Dijon





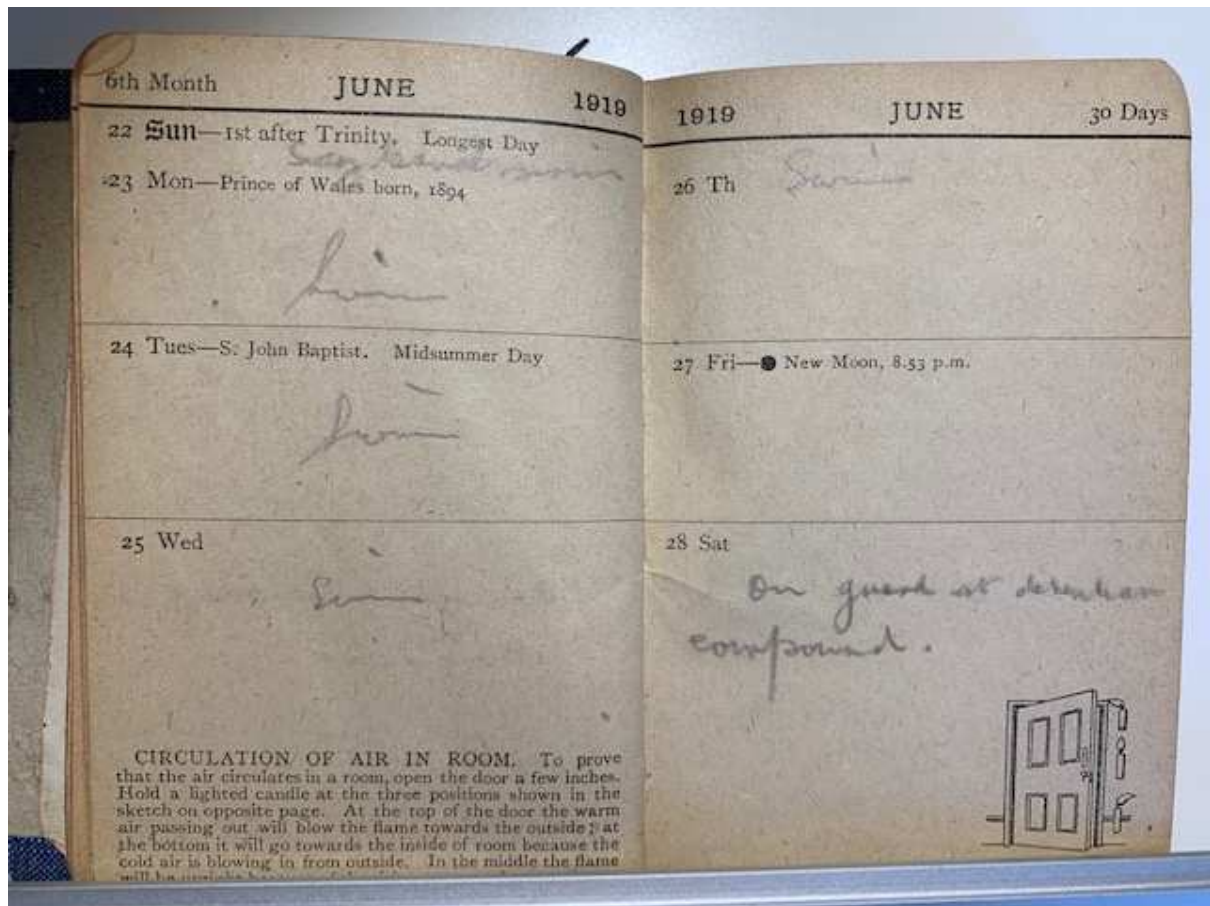
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8 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday	Mountains today.
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	Modena, ITALY TORIN TURIN MODENA PARMA REGGIO Bologna – XXX Sea XXX (rest XXX)
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday	Soffia
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	Diary time. Arrived Taranto. Swimming. YM Cinema.
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	Arrived Taranto 2 swims in Adriatic
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	2 swims in sea. Concert in evening. Home
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday	Embark for Egypt. Sailing at 4pm. Sleep on deck in hammock. D & Mess orderly duty.



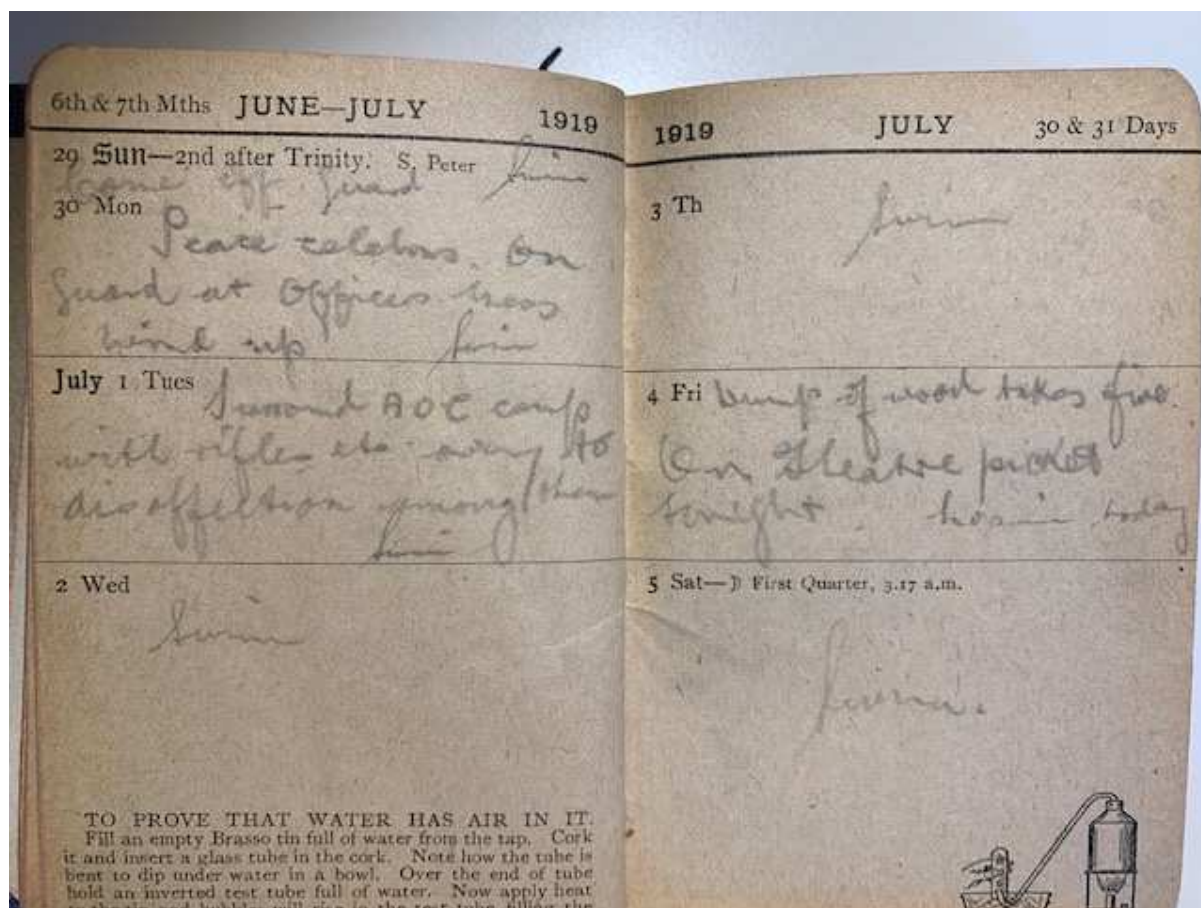
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15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday	See sharks etc.
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	Sleep on <b>XXX</b> in hammock. Heavy swell met today. Several seasick.
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	Land in sight 4.30pm. Port Said 6pm.
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	Land at 1pm. Entrain 2pm. Ras al Eiel Rantara
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	Swim
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Saturday	Swim



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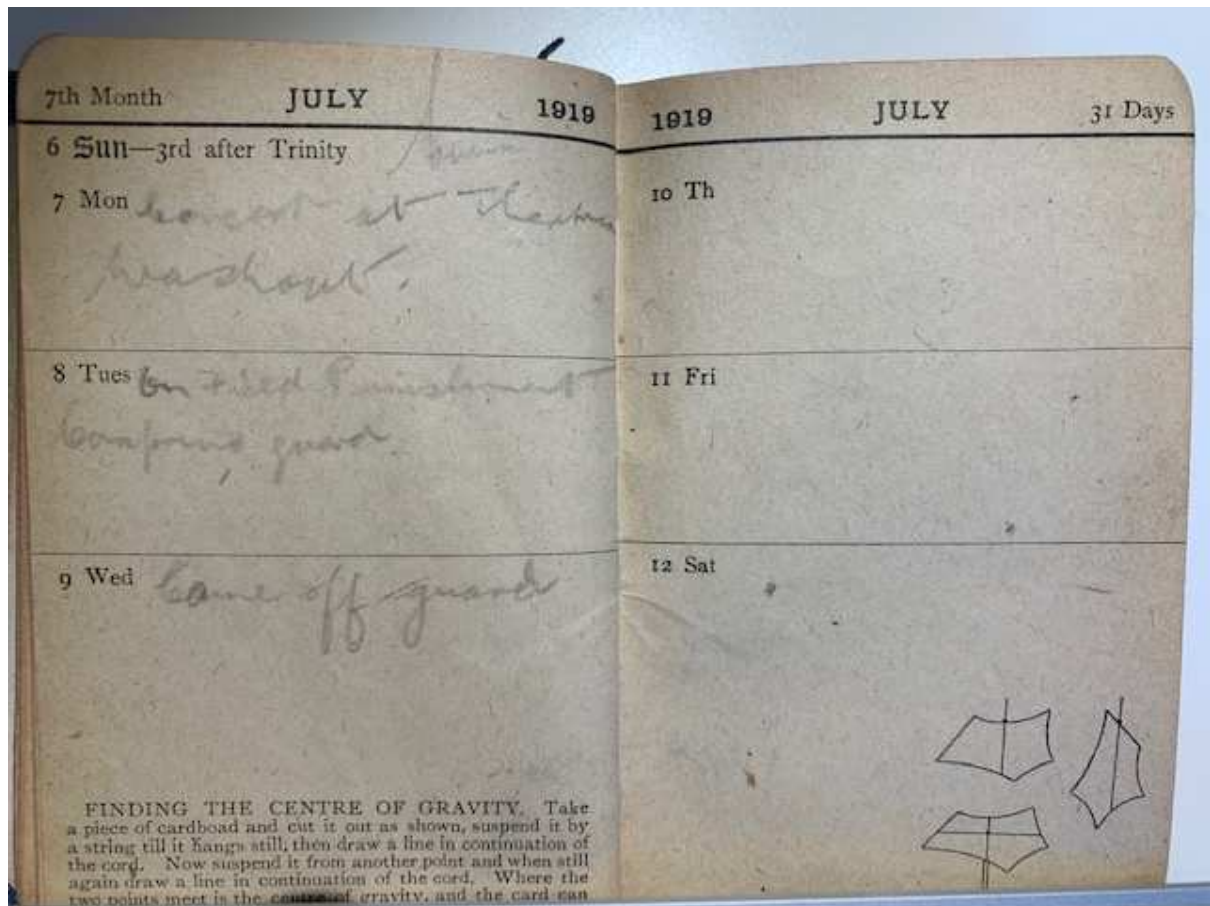
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sunday	XXX XXX swim
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Monday	Swim
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday	Swim
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	Swim
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	Swim
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday	On guard at detention compound.



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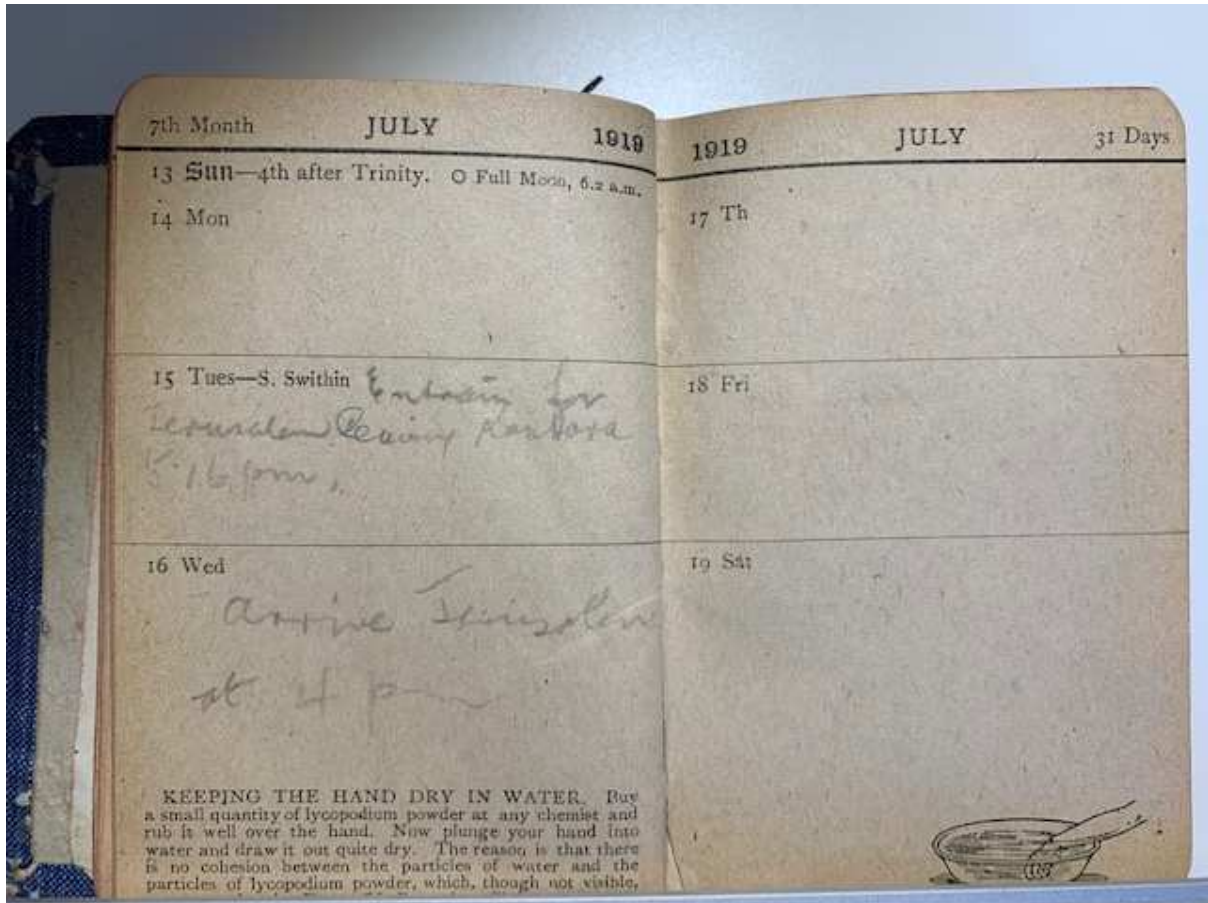
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday	Swim. Came off guard.
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	Peace celebrations. On guard at officers mess. Wind up. Swim.
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Tuesday	Surround A.O.C <sup>1</sup> camp with rifles etc owing to disaffection among them.
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Wednesday	Swim
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Thursday	Swim
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday	Dump of wood takes fire. On theatre picket tonight. No swim today.
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday	Swim

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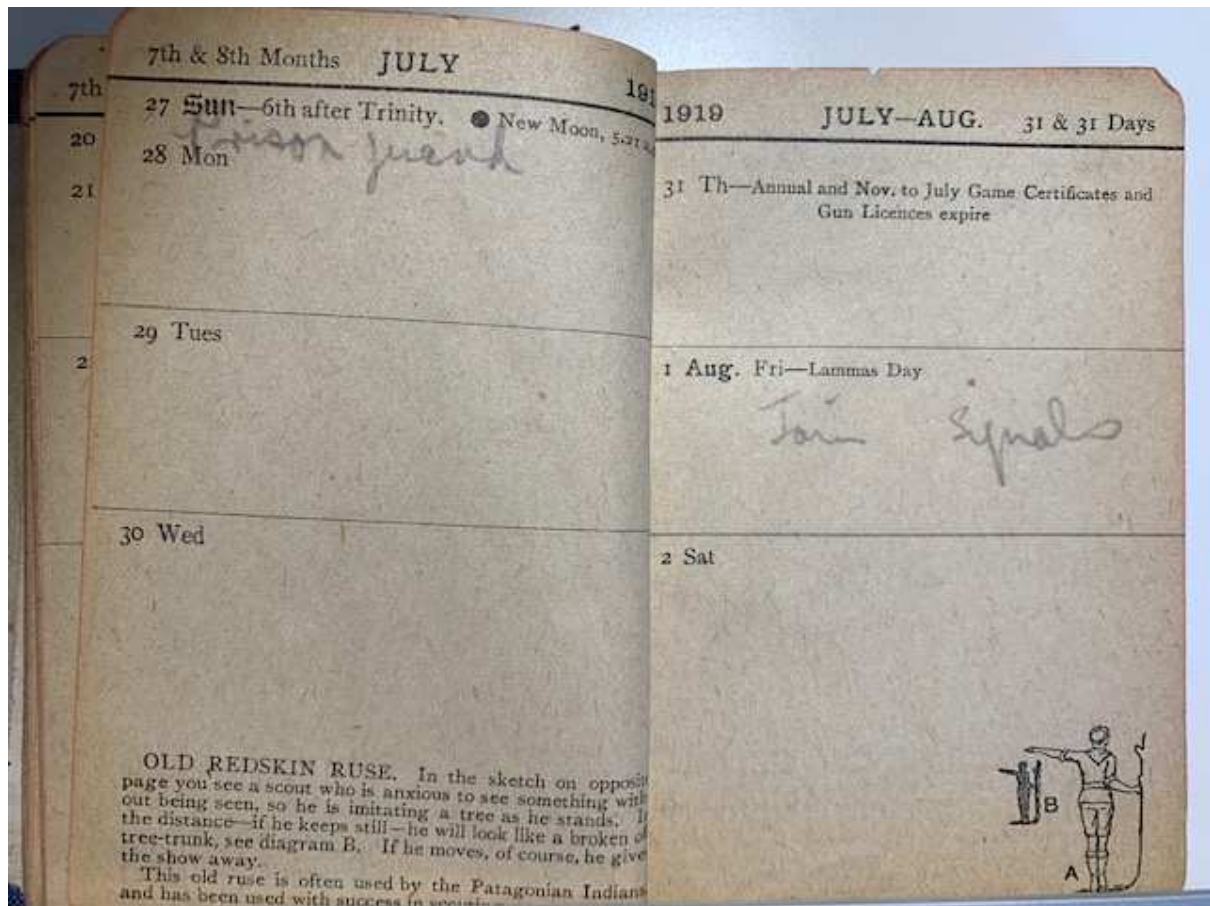
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6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	Swim
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	Concert at Theatre washout.
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	On field punishment Confines guard.
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday	Came off guard.
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday	



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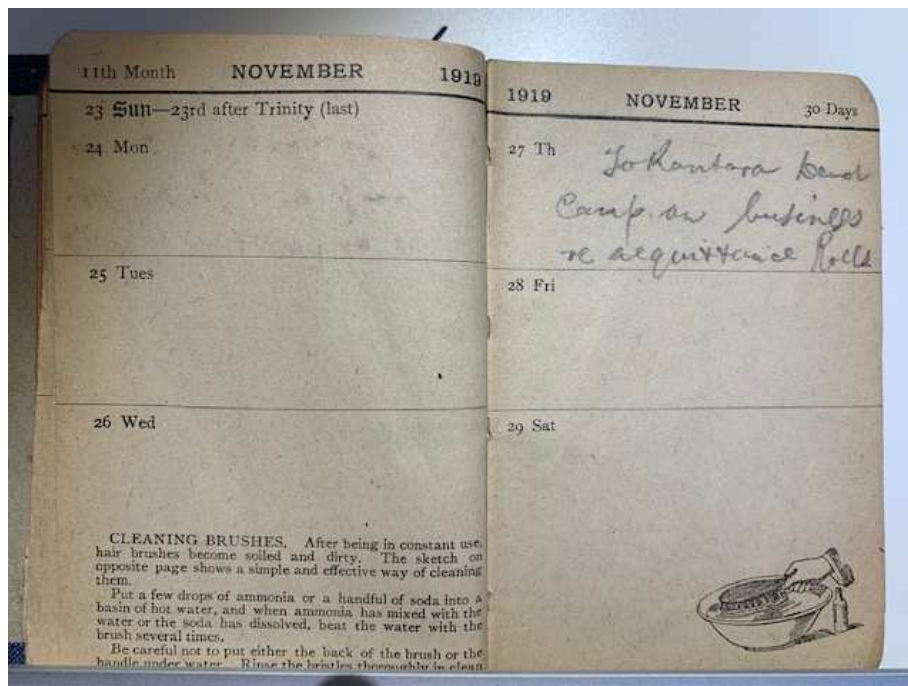
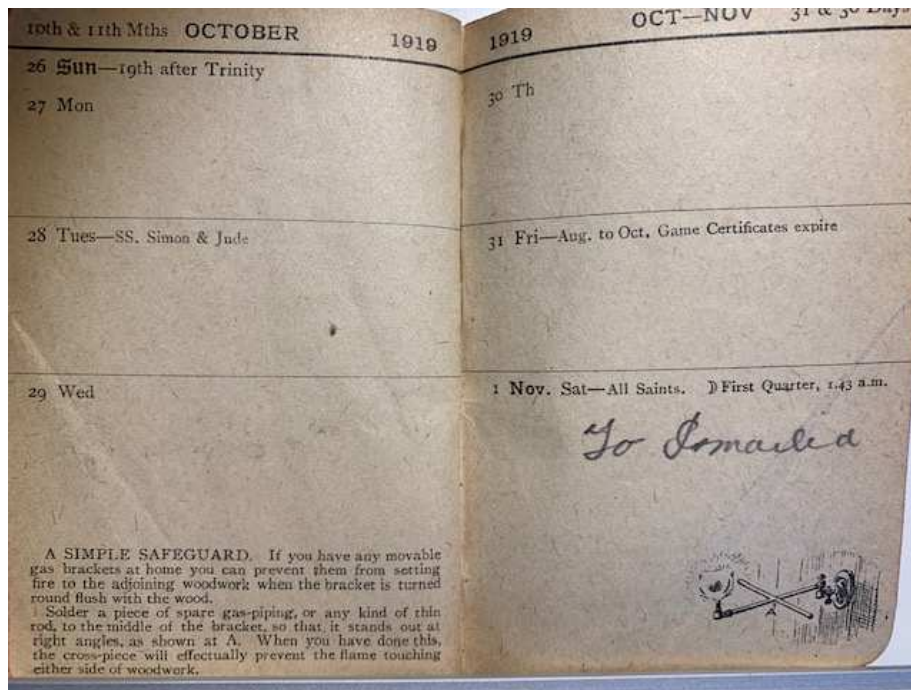
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	Entrain for Jerusalem. Leaving Rantora 5.16pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday	Arrive Jerusalem at 4pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday	



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27 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	Prison guard.
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday	
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Thursday	
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Friday	Join signals.
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Saturday	

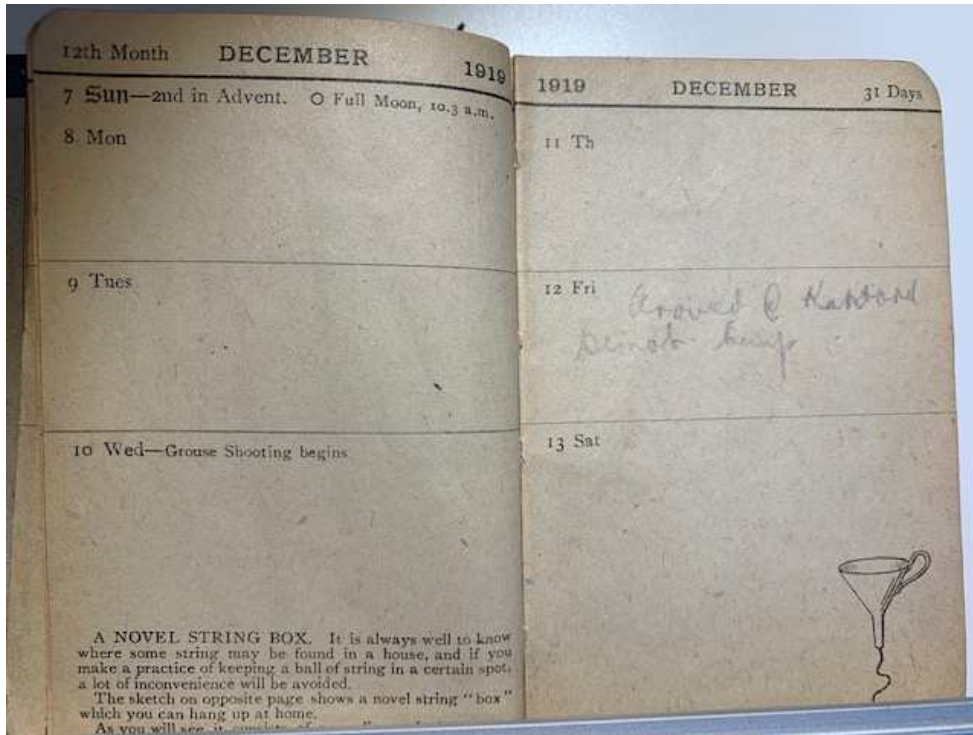
The last few entries of the 1919 diaries are as follows;



Thursday 2th November: To Rantara Demob camp on business re acquittance **XXX**



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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – arrived at Rantara demob camp

