

# The War Diary of Harold Emblem, M.C.



*January 1st 1918 to April 23rd 1918*

JANUARY 1918

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THURSDAY 3

Ret.<sup>d</sup> home. North  
Road. Some Feed.

FRIDAY 4

Home. Earlestown  
+ Warrington.

TUESDAY 1

*Circumcision. Bank Holiday in Scotland*

Blackpool. ~~good~~ time.  
Started well.  
Ordered on draft.

SATURDAY 5

Liverpool. A.H.  
Playhouse. good.

WEDNESDAY 2

- do - Grand Theatre

Memo.

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SUNDAY 6  
Epiphany

Home. 6 class.  
Oswald. Tea.  
Earlestown - later.

MONDAY 7

St. Helens. B. on leave  
A.H. Hippodrome.

TUESDAY 8

Home. Packing.  
Oswald Tea & B. in  
A.H. on St. to 12.30 PM.  
Johnsons L'pool 11.50

WEDNESDAY 9

Folkestone 10.0 to 2.0.  
Boulogne. 4.30 PM.  
.. Camp. night.

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THURSDAY 10

Entrained for Calais.  
Camp. Rough night.  
Ordered 2/8th.

FRIDAY 11

Calais. Town.

SATURDAY 12 ●

Calais Town.

Memo.

17/- to ALF.  
10/- to WILL.

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SUNDAY 13  
1st after Epiphany

THURSDAY 17

balans.  
Cafe. biscuits.

boy to Buneville  
Baths.

MONDAY 14

FRIDAY 18

Entrained. Reached  
Arras 3.0 am. Mont de  
left 10.0 am. covers.

Nothing in village.  
Easy hike.

TUESDAY 15

SATURDAY 19

Frevent. battle  
truck for night.  
left for

Attack Schemes.  
Mars vers. Football  
via Guay en Ternois

WEDNESDAY 16

Memo.

Etree-Wamin.  
noon. Walked to  
Monts en Ternois  
to Battn rest.

5 x 10/-	2	10	0
Annie 7/-		7	0
Alb 7/-		14	0
Will	10	0	0
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	13	14	0



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SUNDAY 20

2nd after Epiphany

Boy Ken Camp to  
Guay for service  
orderly officer.

MONDAY 21

Bewan.

Home.

Awful run, nearly dead.  
warned about  
shitting, letters, st.

TUESDAY 22

Nothing doing.  
Stibb & run.  
Brough.  
Home.  
Boo.  
Bassy.  
Patt.  
C.M.C.

WEDNESDAY 23

Batt? Stunt. Pritchard

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THURSDAY 24

Nothing doing.

FRIDAY 25

Conversion of S. Paul

Musk Camp. Ethel  
Football. C. T. E.  
Home.

SATURDAY 26

No mail. Home  
cash: - Alf.

Memo

Cheque £10.0.0.

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SUNDAY 27 ○  
Septuagesima

THURSDAY 31

1st St. Comm<sup>n</sup> Houghton  
Divorce Defate Will  
Turner  
burial Home & Owe's

Running smoothly.  
easy time.

MONDAY 28

FRIDAY 1 FEB.

No move until  
Tuesday.

- do -

Bevan.  
Will  
Part  
Home.

TUESDAY 29

SATURDAY 2  
Purification

Entrained at  
F. sevent. Detr.  
Hazebrook.  
Rest House.

Steenwoode, Bevan  
town shopping, Home.

WEDNESDAY 30

Memo.

Entrained to  
Godewaersvelde.  
Marched to 1st S.F.'s.  
Steenwoorde.

5.0.0 self.

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SUNDAY 3  
Sexagesima

Steenwoorde

THURSDAY 7

Inspected by. Will  
Dev. 6<sup>+</sup> Home ②

MONDAY 4

- do -

FRIDAY 8

Ins. by. corps 6<sup>+</sup> Alf.  
washed out.  
Pcb.

TUESDAY 5

Lecke. Tinsley.  
a + A.  
Annie.  
Mellor.

SATURDAY 9

Corps Command.  
Inspection.

WEDNESDAY 6

- do - Owen.  
Will.  
Home.

Memo.



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SUNDAY 10  
Quinquagesima

Service in Marquee  
at Eecke.

THURSDAY 14

Entered F. L. at night.  
Rotten wet way up.  
V. quiet. Working.

MONDAY 11 ●

Entrained at Goolwaes <sup>de</sup>  
- Pocheringe. Vlaamantingse  
detrained Wieltje.

FRIDAY 15

Fairly qt. Gas shells.  
Night patrol 1st.  
general round.  
Sniping + M. G. busy.

TUESDAY 12

California camp.  
Tin hut.  
Reconnoitring work.

SATURDAY 16

Strafe on right.  
Hit by shrapnel  
in L. shoulder.  
Relieved - Reserve

WEDNESDAY 13  
Ash Wednesday

Work carried out.  
shelled by gas  
+ field guns.

Memo.



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SUNDAY 17

1st in Lent

Knopps Farm v. quiet.  
Digging support  
line at Inch Houses.

THURSDAY 21

Junct. Camp.  
shelled but quiet.

MONDAY 18

FRIDAY 22

-do -  
Relieved.  
Junct. Camp.

Working party.  
by help on  
Lannobake Rd

TUESDAY 19

SATURDAY 23

Rest today.

Rest.  
binning Junct.  
Camp

WEDNESDAY 20

Ember Day

Fresenburg.  
Grey keep.

Memo.

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SUNDAY 24

2nd in Lent. S. Matthias

Working party.

Gregg Keef

THURSDAY 28

Relieved. Dump  
at Kronprinz Fm.

MONDAY 25 ○

Rest.

Lucky dog.

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

S. David

California Camp.  
Work? party no  
Waterloo.

TUESDAY 26

Encore F.L.

Patrol. A.T.<sup>21</sup>

SATURDAY 2

- do -

WEDNESDAY 27

Fairly A.T.

Memo.

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SUNDAY 3  
3rd in Lent

California.  
Still working.

MONDAY 4

- do -

TUESDAY 5

Moved to Watou  
- Steenwoorde.

WEDNESDAY 6

cleaning etc.  
Steenwoorde  
in afternoon.

THURSDAY 7

Training commences.  
Pretty easy time  
& billet good.

FRIDAY 8

Inspection by  
Gen Harg.

SATURDAY 9

Training.

Memo.

Cheque £3.00.  
B'day.



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SUNDAY 10  
4th in Lent

THURSDAY 14

Steenvoorde.  
gas bourse.

gas.

MONDAY 11

FRIDAY 15

Lectures + Drill  
Steenvoorde

do.

TUESDAY 12 ●

SATURDAY 16

ditto

Returned to Batt<sup>n</sup>.  
St. Omer.

Ludresque.

WEDNESDAY 13

Memo.

Demonstration.  
6 pl ✓ grice, 45016  
F11 Ward,  
welsh Mt. W. H.

MARCH 1918

SUNDAY 17

*Passion Sunday. S. Patrick*

*Zion's Church  
Church Parade.*

MONDAY 18

*Bank Holiday in Ireland*

*Balt. stunts  
in attack*

TUESDAY 19

*Training.*

WEDNESDAY 20

*-do-*

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THURSDAY 21

*Ready for move.  
Standing to  
5.0 P.M.*

FRIDAY 22

*Entrained St Omer  
2.0 am.  
Retrained Nesle.*

SATURDAY 23

*Brigade Detrain  
officer. at Nesle  
for night.*

*Memo.*

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SUNDAY 24

*Palm Sunday*

Marched to transport  
under fire.

THURSDAY 28

*Maundy Thursday*

Vermandovillers  
Liloue - Rosieres.  
Dug in 4 times +

MONDAY 25

*Annunciation. Lady Day*

Still in transport  
talking to Honniger  
*about reinforcements*

FRIDAY 29

*Good Friday*

Counter attack  
at Harbonnières.  
Returned to Mehaigne  
*ourt.*

TUESDAY 26

Front line at  
St. Christ  
lively on canal

Retired ~~fighting~~  
towards Bais.  
Regiment returned  
afterwards ordered  
by Brigadier  
*Major*  
to Modoul-Jumeil

WEDNESDAY 27

Retired through  
Villers A had  
div. line at  
Estrees.

SATURDAY

Rest at Jumeil.  
Met old ambulance



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SUNDAY 31  
*Easter Day*

THURSDAY 4

Forward again to  
Castel Wood &  
round to Moreuil.

Reorganization  
Tried for  
Abbeville - N<sup>o</sup> TRAIN

MONDAY 1 APRIL  
*Easter Monday*

FRIDAY 5

Front line again.  
Entered village.  
Clear by French.

Abbeville all day.  
Buying kit, etc.

TUESDAY 2  
*Easter Tuesday*

SATURDAY 6

Bosche returns to  
village + attacks  
Patrol met by L.G.  
Relieved by French

Reinforcements  
inducted  
by Brig. Haig

WEDNESDAY 3

*Memo.*

Arrived at  
Bargest for  
respite

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SUNDAY 7  
Low Sunday

Orderly Officers.  
Everything A.

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THURSDAY 11 ●

Still training at  
Hangeest.

MONDAY 8

Preparing for  
Batt Parade.

FRIDAY 12

Moved to Querriense  
via Amiens.  
Air raid - wind west.

TUESDAY 9

Inspected &  
congratulated  
by DIV COMM?

SATURDAY 13

Reconnecting at  
Bussy L. Dours.  
quiet time.

WEDNESDAY 10

Rumours of moving  
Fleacoourt - Bath

Memo.



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SUNDAY 14  
2nd after Easter

Church service at  
Aucresse.

Very lame day.

MONDAY 15

Continuous training  
at Aucresse.

TUESDAY 16

Nothing of  
importance.  
Close support

WEDNESDAY 17

as a brigade  
of the  
4th Aust Div

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THURSDAY 18

Moved to  
Blangy tranville  
for night.

FRIDAY 19

Moved to F. L.  
near Villers Bretton  
aux Relives & then  
Marcelleau in left.

SATURDAY 20

Fairly quiet day  
Gas into village  
Patrol night

Memo.



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SUNDAY 21  
3rd after Easter

THURSDAY 25  
S. Mark

Patrolled to front.  
Met gas at Basche  
line. Run job

MONDAY 22

FRIDAY 26 ○

Pushed platoon  
forward 100 yds.  
rough passage.

TUESDAY 23  
S. George

SATURDAY 27

Connecting up  
sniping.  
Hope for relief.

WEDNESDAY 24

Memo.