

1917

FEBRUARY

31 & 28 Days

1 Th

Expect to be moving
again tomorrow back
to the old place.

2 Fri—Candlemas

Move to Mesplanc Farm
Dressing St Hdgrs V C
A D S. Rue De Bois.

3 Sat—s. R. 7.39, s. S. 4.50



2nd Month

FEBRUARY

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11 Sun—Sexagesima

Heavy bombardment

12 Mon

13 Tues

Sir Douglas Haig up this part we were paraded for if he stopped but he went straight past.

14 Wed

had two days thaw but it has turned frosty again today

THEY DISTINGUISH DEPARTMENTS. In a military camp the different departments and stores are indicated by different flags, otherwise it would be rather difficult to distinguish one department from another. The sketch on the opposite page shows some of the flags. The first flag, white and red, is flown over the telegraph office. The second one, red with a blue circle, is flown over the ordnance department; and the third one, blue with a white circle is that of the army supply depot.

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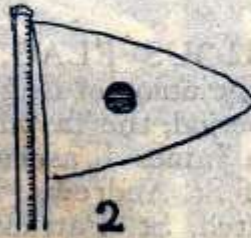
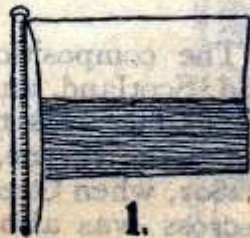
15 Th—(Last Quarter, 1.53 a.m.

b.o. received a note from de W. H. complimenting him on the smart appearance of the party at messhouse

16 Fri

when they paid the necessary compliments.

17 Sat—s. R. 7.14, s. S. 5.16



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18 Sun—Quinquagesima

19 Mon Have come across
Reggie they relieved
us at the baths at
Locon, spent the night
with him.

20 Tues—Shrove Tuesday

Been down to 9/6 with R
to see Stanley.
beaucoup bouc.

21 Wed—Ash Wednesday. ● New Moon, 6.9 p.m.

another night with Reggie

OUR GLORIOUS FLAG. The composition of this flag represents the union of England, Scotland, and Ireland. In the Tudor period, the favourite banner was that of St. George. When James I. ascended to the throne, he added to it the cross of St. Andrew. In 1801, when Great Britain and Ireland united, St. Patrick's cross was also included, thus completing the Union Jack.

2nd & 3rd Mths. FEBRUARY

1917

25 Sun—1st in Lent. Ember Week

26 Mon


Up the line for bomb stunt
cut all night

27 Tues

Left Messplaux for Velle
Chapelle,

28 Wed—Ember Day. D. First Quarter, 4.44 p.m.

Left Velle Chapelle for
Marville two hours march



SUBMARINE PERISCOPE. As a submarine's work is done below the sea level, it is necessary that it should have an "eye" above water to enable it to see the enemy and creep up to him without being seen. For this purpose it is provided with a periscope consisting of a telescopic tube which projects above, and can be lengthened, shortened, or turned round at will. As you will see from the sketch, the actual position of the enemy ship is thrown on to a sheet.

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MARCH

28 & 31 Days

1 Th—S. David

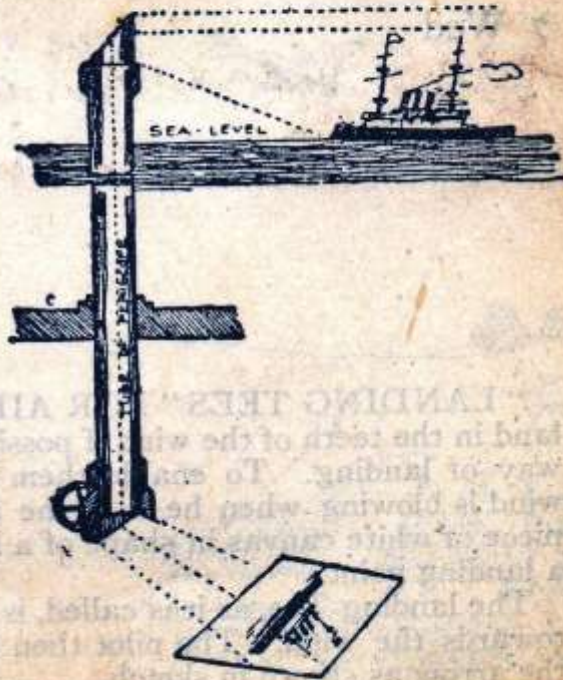
put on as orderly man
with another chap

2 Fri—Ember Day

Paid out today

3 Sat—Ember Day.

S. R. 6.45, S. S. 5.41



3rd Month

MARCH

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4 Sun—2nd in Lent

went to service at night first

5 Mon time since Christmas day

6 Tues

7 Wed



“LANDING TEES” FOR AIRMEN. Airmen always land in the teeth of the wind if possible, as it is the only safe way of landing. To enable them to know which way the wind is blowing when he is in the air, and coming down, a piece of white canvas in shape of a huge T is pegged out as a landing point.

The landing Tee, as it is called, is always set with its head towards the wind. The pilot then lands in the direction of the arrow as shown in sketch.

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11 Sun—3rd in Lent

12 Mon

13 Tues

14 Wed

got set on recovering
shoors in the rest
station

A SAILOR'S BAGGY TROUSERS. We take a great interest in our fine Navy and gallant sailors, yet how many of us trouble to think why a sailor's trousers are baggy or bell-mouthed. Sailors naturally have so much to do with water that it is necessary that the shape of their trousers should enable them to paddle about without damage to them. Were they provided with trousers of the same width all the way down the leg, they would find it difficult to turn them up far enough, without impeding their actions.

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MARCH

31 Days

15 Th

Came across castle
from Kirkhester he was
S. B. $\frac{1}{5}$ W of W and down
such.

16 Fri—(Last Quarter, o.33 p.m.

17 Sat—S. Patrick.

S. R. 6.13, S. S. 6.5



3rd Month

MARCH

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18 Sun—4th in Lent

19 Mon

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4 9 3 1 7

20 Tues

20 Kilometre march today
Merville to Allayagne
for three weeks. Perhaps
training exercise —

21 Wed—Vernal Equinox

orderly man again.

CLEARING WIRE ENTANGLEMENT. At the front they use ordinary life-saving rockets or similar appliances to break down and destroy barbed wire.

When it is necessary to clear away a wire entanglement a number of rockets with life-lines attached to them are served out. In addition to the life-line a grapnel hook is attached. The rockets are fired well over the barbed wire, and when they fall the lines are pulled in until the hooks catch the wire. Men then haul in the lines, gradually tearing away the barbed wire.

