

1917

MAY—JUNE

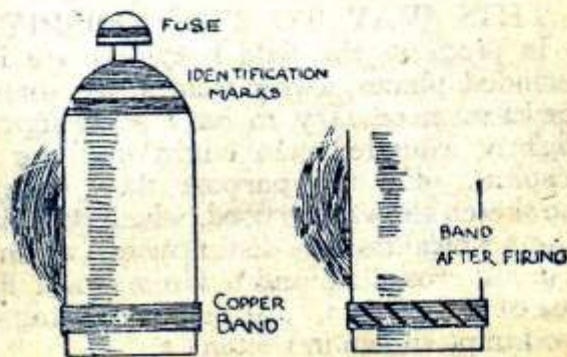
31 & 30 Days

Th

June Fri—Ember Day

a trip into areas
tonight, and bought
a brass for bisby

Sat—Ember Day. S. R. 3.51, S. S. 8.6.



6th Month

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3 Sun—Trinity Sunday. King born, 1865

4 Mon

*Wesleyan service today
first one in this
country for me.*

5 Tues—O Full Moon, 1.7 p.m.

6 Wed

THIS WAY TO THE HOSPITAL. When a battle is in progress the field hospitals are invariably pitched in secluded places, away from stray shells and bullets. It is therefore necessary to have some sign by which bearers or slightly wounded men might find the nearest way to the hospital. For this purpose, flags with little red arrows like the sketch shown are used, which point in the right direction. The hospital itself is distinguished during the day by means of a red cross flag and a Union Jack flying from the cross tree of a flag pole. At sunset the flags are replaced by the two lamps shown in sketch.

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10 Sun—1st after Trinity

11 Mon—S. Barnabas

12 Tues—(Last Quarter, 6.39 a.m.

13 Wed

*Left Anzin for Rochemont
and to the line again
got to the A.D.S. about seven*

FRANCE. France is a member of the "Triple Entente," the European counterpoise to the "Triple Alliance."

The Metropolitan Army is recruited by compulsory military service for 3 years (from the age of 20) with the Regulars, 11 years with the Active Reserve, 7 years in the Territorial Army and 7 years in the Territorial Reserve.

The total peace establishment was 800,000. On a war footing 4,500,000. The Colonial Army is 87,000 in strength.

There is also a Military Police, half of which is mounted, the Garde Républicain (3,000 men) and the Gendarmerie (21,700 men).

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30 Days

14 Th

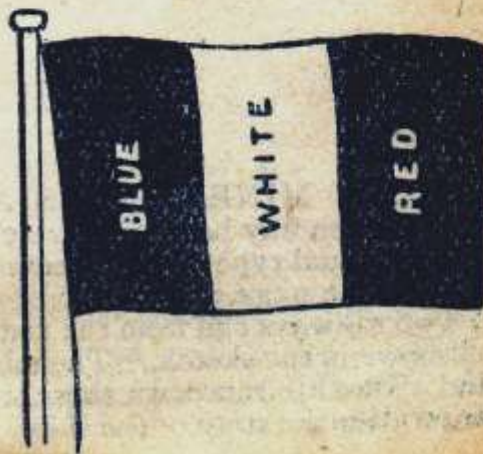
Fetching water plenty shells
uncovering about one chap
sounded.
Only one case today.

15 Fri

Go to Relay post by the
well at six o'clock
tonight not much doing

16 Sat—S. R. 3.44, S. S. 8.16

Only one case today



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17 Sun—2nd after Trinity

Relieved at one and have
18 Mon to set off back to a
new post in front of Oppy's
mistake and come back
to rest. Go to Reclincant for
48 hours tonight

19 Tues—● New Moon, 1.2 p.m.

20 Wed

Up again tonight



WHAT MINE LAYERS ARE LIKE. Mines may be laid from any boat by merely dropping them overboard, but the usual type of vessel employed in this work is shown on opposite page.

Two railways run from the centre of the ship to the stern as shown in the sketch. The mines are released one by one and allowed to run down these ways, finally falling into the water over the stern of the ship.

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30 Days

21 Th—Ramadân begins

Relieved by the 14th

22 Fri—Longest Day

Start on working party
tonight making a
relay post

23 Sat—Prince of Wales born, 1894. S. R. 3.45, S. S. 8.19



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24 Sun—3rd after Trinity. S. John Baptist.

Midsummer Day

25 Mon

26 Tues

*Finish the post
tonight*

27 Wed—) First Quarter, 4.8 p.m.

*Up the line bearing
tonight sleeping in
an open trench
plenty rain*

VILLAGE DEFENCE. It is not only fortified towns that can offer a stout resistance to an advancing enemy. The ordinary unprotected village when handled by experienced troops can be rapidly transformed into an effective barrier to the passage of enemy troops.

In our sketch you will see how they convert a long 6 feet high brick wall. Bricks are pushed out by crowbars or picks at a space 3 to 5 feet apart from the top to a point which is 4 feet 6 inches from the ground, and large stones or sandbags are placed above these apertures to shelter the head.

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28 Th Barrage put on our
lines one hour before
attack started with cover
straight away and kept
up till

29 Fri—S. Peter
five this morning making
about 12 hrs camping
and a rough time with the
rain etc
relieved tonight

30 Sat—s. r. 3.48, s. s. 8.19
Doing orderly man for
section

