

30 Sun—17th after Trinity. ○ Full Moon, 8.31 p.m.

Days Rest today
1 Oct Mon—Pheasant Shooting begins

March to La Blyte near
Diekebusch

2 Tues Leave La Blyte and
march up through Diekebusch
and Ypres, on to the
Menin road. We had five
casualties within an hour

3 Wed—Charles Letts's Diaries for 1918 published

P. Burton was killed at the
E. Surreys this morning
the shell fire is awful and
the roads are getting lined
with dead

A NIGHT GUIDE. When a battalion is engaged on
night manoeuvres no lights must be shown, as to do so would
reveal its position to the enemy's scouts. The want of a
light makes it equally difficult to find the way in the dark if
it were not for the little idea shown in our sketch. A non-
commissioned officer is sent out about 40 or 50 yards in
advance of the battalion and marches by aid of a compass.
On his pack there is a large white handkerchief, which shows
up plainly in the darkest night.

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4 The attack came off this morning and we advanced close on a thousand yards. He had 50 divisions massed for attack when we went over.

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5 Fizzle is counter attacking today and of course he puts a barrage on the lines of which makes it awful for us. It is Hell.

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6 Sat - s. r. 6.9, s. s. 5.27

J. Barry has been killed and word has come that three of the wounded have died Sgt Sinter Pifer and Webster make

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can be taken to pieces or put together again. If enough of the material comes to a piece of ground over which it is to be laid, he dismembers it and straps it to the back of the pack on opposite parts. It is possible for men to be made with machines of this type.

7 Sun—18th after Trinity. (Last Quarter, 10.14 p.m.)

Down for twenty four hours

8 Mon up tonight

Baruchs attack again and have a lot of casualties. More barages. Shall I come out

9 Tues

Rumour of getting relieved hope it is right.

Knighton got killed today by the Norfolk

10 Wed

Terry got hit this morning up at the Cheshire he got down the line out all night at the War Cycles. couldn't get back

WAR CYCLES. French military cyclists are supplied with bicycles which are specially suited to the kind of work for which they are required.

The machines are so constructed that in two or three minutes they can be taken to pieces or put together again.

When the French cyclist comes to a piece of ground over which he cannot ride, he dismembers it and straps it to his back, as shown on opposite page. It is possible for men to go anywhere with machines of this type.

11 Th

Get Relieved today and go down to Woodcote Farm for the night

12 Fri

march to a place near Methen

13 Sat

Having a rest here just a bit of farm work getting turnips and swedes in.



The Belgian Army is raised by conscription and is organized into 6 regiments of 8,500 and 7,000 with one extra cavalry regiment. The total strength is 25,000 men; war footing 45,000 men. The Belgian military system was in a state of transition when the Great War broke out. The Belgian Army mustered 18,000 men; war footing 45,000 men. The official languages of Belgium are French and Dutch.

20th Month

OCTOBER

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21 Sun—20th after Trinity

22 Mon

B Section left for the line
this morning we go tomorrow

23 Tues—D First Quarter, 2.38 p.m.

leave and go up to
meningate and stay there
the night

24 Wed

B Section go up this
morning to the crater and
tunnel relay



SHELTER FROM AIRCRAFT. When enemy aircraft are sighted orders are immediately given for small bodies of marching men or mounted troops to cluster round the trunks of neighbouring trees, or under bushes. This means of escaping observation from above is more effective than one would at first imagine. The top of a tree is obviously much larger than the base, and the aerial spy sees only the spread of the foliage, which looks like a patch of green on the earth.

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31 Days

25 Th Our turn today, it Sect
is for Blapham Junction
again it has been quiet
for a day or two

26 Fri
They attacked this morning
but had to retire afterwards

27 Sat—s. R. 6.45, S. S. 4.42

The ground got very bad
and we were up to the
knees in mud and
plenty of shells



10th & 11th Mths OCTOBER

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28 Sun—21st after Trinity. SS. Simon & Jude

29 Mon

*Rumour of relieve on the 29th
but it did not come off.*

30 Tues—O Full Moon, 6.19 a.m.

31 Wed—Aug. to Oct. Game Certificates expire

STOPPING EXPLOSIONS IN POWDER MAGAZINES. If there is one danger that sailors dread more than any other, it is an explosion in the powder magazine. To prevent such an occurrence, a device for flooding that compartment in the least possible time, is fitted to most big battleships.

The sketch shows how it works. A pipe below the surface connects the magazine with the sea. The pipe is closed by two taps, which are connected with the deck. In case of danger, the taps are open and in flows the water, flooding the magazine.