

After another cup of tea I set off down a very worn and descended. I had never up & tea on the way & at 6. Val Gaudens about 5:30 & stayed at the Auto Moto and Vancy Club. There were several other users.

Aug 10. I decided to have a day off. I had time my bicycles & tried to get them repaired, but the bairns were busy working & the "Cultimines" had just had their lunch, so had to wait & set to work to repair them myself. The sun was completely

Aug 11. I set off at 7:40. It was very hot & I had many rests.

I had lunch at the stream before the village & got to the Chateau de Rupre & arrived about 11. I had a walk in the river & after some time washed & slept. The men turned out also were coming to la Reserve.

Aug 12. I got off at 5:30 & did not cross the bridge until it was <sup>on</sup> good bridge. Across some time is a general glen like beside the stream in the direction of the lot. I had to walk <sup>on</sup> Vallenfier the stream & took of my stockings & do it. The track led up the right bank of the stream & reaches the first part of the E. of a big rock which from the bottom of the Valley looks almost like a castle. I wandered over the field & had a walk <sup>11-11:45</sup> of the stream above the Vallenfier Lake & then followed the right bank of the stream to the left & went up one of the shale ridges. Slow & wearisome walk. I got to the top W. of a rock step at 1:50 & followed the ridge toward the "Vallenfier" in W. for a bit & got a better look down & went down a shale ridge. I got down & walked at 1:30 & had for lunch 2:15. A great fall is visible from the top with a path running N. & West. I tried to get down & tracks which lead to the left, but they were all steep banks. I then took the road <sup>down</sup> to the W. & followed it along & descended & finally left this the bluffs till I got to a little gray path on the far side of the

stream descending to the main stream directly below the last pass hotel. Here I found traces of a path which crosses the river bed. I descended to the river bed which was lower below the valley floor. I followed it along & just where there is an abrupt drop a path leads out <sup>3-5:30 p.m.</sup> on the E. side of the river. This led me down to the Champolone Valley. I got to 2nd (D'lae) at 6. & stopped at 6:15. It was now a fog along the road. I got to Le Dorle & a small inn at 7:40. After a walk & had food.

Aug 13. Having to return to the previous hotel on the river <sup>(1st)</sup> because at 6:15. But it was Sunday & the inn was closed. I got up at 7:30 & got to the market. In got at 8:40. I wandered around Gap & the market & got my letters. I caught the 1:50 & went on to Mont D'auvergne furniture. The train was unbelievably hot. I stopped at a little inn there & took T.R.E. 2nd class to the station. At Mont D'auvergne a class 5' kitchen wagon & furniture & the train was very violent with strong jolting & jarred a few times. It was suspended as the key to the platform. I left for Val Gaudens. After a sandwich dinner of 10F I was fatigued & returned.

Aug 14. I left one bag at the hotel room working & got one car to Guillestre. The auto on the Col de Vars was full so I shared a small auto with a man & T. P. and son Abaye. It is a fine drive on the Col de Vars. Several hours in old days had crossed it on the way to Italy. From the summit of the Col there is a fine view of the Aragon & Boc de Chevreyans. I got to St. P. and son Abaye about 11:30. The hotel which my brother won & petit pension was full - all hotel, and 2-3 small well-kept restaurants. I got - Bouillab - the guide of Bouillab who keeps a small inn. Chay Bouillab - on the telephone & worked a room. After dinner I left off in the heat of the day to walk up. I had to this all my luggage with cold suitcase to get my things valid & I was very hot & uncomfortable. I followed the road to Petit Serreins, I know has turned off.