

I had an early start & no candles began up all sides of the Bice above head day. I think I should have been very tired if I had tried it. I tidied up the bed & left at 6:40 & got down in a little on the line. Had a wash & food.

Aug. 17. Left at 7:30 crossed the bridge of the Canal & went down the Canal. The military are making a better road as yet. I got down to the bank & my light & found myself opposite for a screen. I followed a branch of the stream & climbed on the bluff & kept to the left bank of the stream till the Canal. I got very late & got a nice little piece of ground at 10:40 and I had a little and went to sleep & caught the 3:40 and got to G. Miller's at 5:35. It was very hot. I changed & had dinner. A woman near me was giving a bag of corn & wine to drink. I learned to prepare little kitchen food.

Aug. 18. I got up at 6 & packed & left my baggage in the care of the Hotel & went to work the 8:10 and got to the office. It is a very fine & nice view the Canal & the Canal. I got to the office at 10:10 & walked round the Algeiras Canal and across the stream & found water & had lunch & cleaned my ammunition & camp & washed & went. I got the boat down at 3:15. It was very full & in the end I had to sit on the side of the boat. At G. Miller's I was on the station & found the boat full. I got my washing & caught the 6 train to Buzançon. The P. L. M. had a good and expensive. I had a walk & dinner. Got some "rosy" & large wine.

Aug. 19. Up at 6 & off at 5:50 of anti-b. Lileprich. When I arrived there was "no room". I could find a friend at the end of the train & an old man of 65 arrived. I arranged my baggage & had off after lunch at 1:30. I was well & good but got very slow at the end & did not get to the end (Abel Le Maccin till 7:15)

Aug 20. Arrived 3:15. Could not find a y. pipe & tobacco & did not get off till 4:35. At 5:5 we found on the top of the hill the little station. The guide led us & then up rocky walls

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to a confusion of shells with 65 new shells. We reached the 6:15 & left at 6:30. We got into the sun. I found very rocks with a guide who hauled us to the top very tired. I got to the top at 8:50 & below had some food. I had quite a swim up the sides of the cliff & my mind on because I knew I could get a descent of 500. Then I had some food 9:50-10:15 & fell better & as the peak was very low I put on a shirt. I decided to go on. We were on the top at 10:40 a fine view. We got to 10:45 & picked up our shells & went down the steep descent. The guide was very anxious to get to the top of the rocks with the small weight of 6 ft of ice to get on & off. At 11:45 we got to the top shoulder at 11:45. Left at 12:40 and at the end at 12:50. I paid off the guide & had food & sleep. I wanted to sleep at the end as they told me there would be no room but they were right. At 4 I was advised of three of my friends from the office who arrived. The weather looked bad in the west & at 5 I set off, thinking a bad day, and to better times & reaching head day. I had a fine spring where the steep part of the path ended & had tea 6:10-7:15. I turned along to the Hotel at 8:10 and got dark. There was an unexpected bed at the Hotel. After dinner I turned in. The left the guide both before & found the old fellow had

Aug 21. I had felt suspicious & changed with great suspicion & there was a good morning. I found that the bed was to be used & occupied for women. I had seen the two & I had & had changed & went to bed at 8. The silk bed was used & "covering cloth" & passed along of such convenience. As I know the scene & took it for getting it in the hall, I did not know of the end of the end. I had a program at the Algeiras morning named Bode. I had seen him this night at Val Gardone. He wanted me to go up to the Paris Hotel with him, but I had arranged to go down & also felt he was meant to go for me. I took the end down to the Algeiras de Bisse - all the road side & the mountainous places were blue with wild lavender. & purple. Sept 1.