

JULY, 1915. 6

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Last night passed fairly quietly. To-day Fritz kept sending shells over at short intervals & our chaps replied. About 2'30 a terrific bombardment started and we all got down in the bay; the ground tumbled and it was hard to hear anyone speak. Things quieted about 11'30 & we kept a good look out. Sergeant came along and told us Fritz had taken the mushroom. He expected him over any time. Phil went to hospital this morning.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Early this morning we heard that Fritz had been driven back. The men up there had a very rough time. None of us turned in till after stand-down. Things quiet to-day. Went & had a look along the trenches & the mushroom this evening. Terrible mess. Had a look at George Raine. Things quiet, so turned in after stand-down.

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

Was hit this evening. Got it in the left hand & neck. Paracet came down on top of me; was buried for about an hour.

Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Arrived Woodlery Hospital

Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>

First operation on hand

Tuesday 27

I had my second operation about the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept & the third one about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

On Nov 1<sup>st</sup> small piece taken from my hand.

On Nov 6<sup>th</sup> sent to Wandsworth

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> sent to 10 alton.