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Thursday 13

Pulled into inner harbour and berthed this morning. Lot of German prisoners at work on the wharf guarded by French soldiers. Auchland went off this morning. 1<sup>st</sup> platoon had to unload a lot of gear. We went off the ship at 12:30 & marched to the station, entraining about 1:30. Picked out about 2 p.m. Ran through some beautiful country. Trees are in bloom & grass is beautifully green. Lot of humms on the lake.

Friday 14

Spent an uncomfortable night on the train, not much sleep. Passed through Lyons just at sunrise. Country is very beautiful & interesting. We make a great many stops and do not travel very fast. We get tea served out at one of our stops at meal times. Switzer has a beautiful farm. Journey is getting a bit tedious

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Saturday 15

Another uncomfortable night passed through a lot of big towns including Reims & Calais today. Country very hilly. We passed within 30 miles of Paris & got a glimpse of the Eiffel tower. Arrived at our destination at 9 p.m. Had to unload a lot of trucks and had the stuff on horses. Marched about 1 1/2 miles camp & then unloaded. Got settled down about 2 a.m. Lined out & ready for a sleep. We had 5 1/2 hours in the train

Sunday 16

Could see this morning that our camp was about halfway between a town called Bazilwick and a village called Robique. Had church parade after dinner and then went for a walk round the town. Not a very big place. Nearly all the roads about here are cobbles and very hard to march on.