

MAY, 1916.

Sunday 7

Church parade this morning. Rev Taylor is in England so one of the other chaplains took the service. Rained this afternoon, so did not go out, went for a short walk after tea.

Monday 8

Machine gun instruction. Sergeant is going to England on 8 days leave to night, so I wrote a letter to him & gave it to him to post in England. Orders came out to night to move to Estain tomorrow.

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Tuesday 9

Reveille at 4:30 this morning. Breakfast at 5 a.m. We moved off at 6 a.m. with packs up. The transport took our blankets. Passed through to North & several other big villages and reached Estain about 10:20. Long march, roused several blisters on my feet. Our platoon is billeted in a barn near the town. We are now in the same area. Went to concert at the J.M.C. to night.

Wednesday 10

Off with physical drill, & bayonet fighting this morning. Route march this afternoon. I was exposed owing to sore feet. Have also got a touch of the flu. Had a look round the town of Estain, some of the streets are very dirty & narrow. Gas sometimes attacks here, we have always to carry helmets. Am on guard from 2 to 6 in the morning.