

MAY, 1916.

Friday 19

~~Machine gun training to day.~~  
Went out to trenches on  
fatigue at 2 a.m. this morning.  
Working in Auckland sap,  
well up to the front. Got back  
to our billets about 11 a.m.  
Went to machine gun class  
in the afternoon.

Saturday 20

Company parade this morning &  
afternoon. Got ready to go  
into trenches to relieve Wagon  
to night. Fall in about 8  
o'clock full marching order  
without blankets. Went  
out to trenches arriving there  
about 11 p.m. I am in the support  
trenches and have a good  
bivvy.

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Sunday 21

Good deal of machine gun fire  
early this morning. We stand  
to for an hour at 2:30 a.m. &  
7:30 p.m. every day. Water fatigue  
this morning. Put on gas guard  
this afternoon. Have 2 hours on &  
six off for 24 days. Some shells  
landed close to us this afternoon.  
Lots of them go overhead.  
We have to be careful of  
snipers

Monday 22

Got settled down now. We get  
shells over every day, but so  
far our part of the trench  
has escaped. Have to wear  
trench equipment, steel &  
gas helmets everywhere we  
go and are supposed to  
sleep in them