

MAY, 1916.

Saturday 27

Same fatigue this morning. Our batteries opened the short sharp bombardment at 5:30. The Germans replied at 8:30 and the shells flew thick & fast until it lasted. A lot of them burst quite close to us. Up to the firing line again to night.

Sunday 28

Fatigue again this morning. Packed up to night were relieved & marched back to our town billets by road. Glad to get my blankets back & get my clothes off again.

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Monday 29

Had an easy day. Did a few small fatigues. Went for a walk by the town & met Eric James. He is in the O.M.E. & has had a good run so far. Went round to hospital & had a good yarn with him. While with Eric some shells came into the town. One struck our billet & wounded five men some severely.

Tuesday 30

Went for a bath this morning & got a clean change of clothes. Heard that Griffin who was wounded last night had died at 9 a.m. Parade this afternoon. Still in full fatigue party for trenches at 8 p.m. Had to fill sandbags in the supports. Plenty of shells about.