

Photographs from the diary of Private Albert James Le Tocq,
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August 1917

Aug 15-8-17
Daily Routine of a soldier's
life Told by a few Hymns
6-30. am Reveille,
Christians awake,
6-45 am Route Parade,
Art thou weary art thou
Languid,
7-0 a m. Breakfast
Weekly wait and murmur
Not
8-15 a m G O. Parade,
When he cometh,
9-15 a m. Manoeuvres,
Fight the good fight,
11-15 a m. Swedish drill,
Here we suffer grief
and pain,

Wednesday Aug 8-8-17
7 Parts to Head Collar

Crown piece brow band
cheek piece Throat lash
Nose band Back stay
Gullet piece.

should fit
allow the breath of the
hand between the Throat
Lash and the Horses cheek
Cheek piece to hang
Parallel with and behind
the projecting cheek bone
upper edge of the nose
band to hang from two
or three fingers below
the projecting cheek bo

breath of two fingers
between nose band and
and the Horses nose all
Round

5 Parts to a bit
Upper, Centre, Lower, bar
Mouth piece and Port
Mouth

The bit should be
placed in the Horses
mouth one inch above
the Tusk, in a Mare
two inches above the
corner tooth and should
hang low enough so
as not to crinkle the
corners of the Horses
Mouth, see that the bit
not too narrow for the
Horses mouth.

12 o'clock till 1-45 Dinner
2 o'clock till 3 Riding
half an hour washing
the Bits, then twenty
minutes for a smoke,
then from 4- to 5
grooming, tea at 5 o'clock

1-0 p.m. Dinner

Come ye thankful
people come,

2-15 p.m. Rifle drill,
Go labour on,

3-15 p.m. Lecture by Officers,
Abide with me,

4-30 p.m. Dismiss,
Praise God from whom
all Blessings flow,

5-30 p.m. Tea,

What means this eager
anxious throng,

6-0 p.m. Free for the night
O Lord how thankful
we shall be,

6-30 p.m. Out of bounds,
We may not know we
cannot tell,

10.0 p.m. Last post,
All is safely gathered
in,

10-15 p.m. Lights out,
Peace perfect peace,

11-15 p.m. Inspection of
the guards,
Sleep on Belored,

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