

LINE OF FIRE: Timeline of dates and places in the soldier's diary

3 rd August	Departs Bercy Station, Paris on train bound for Montargis. Stops at Juvisy, Corbeil and Malesherbes on the way.
5 th August	Departs on train heading in the direction of Paris, stops at Corbeil and continues heading eastwards. Passes through Montereau, Romilly, Troyes and Bar-le-Duc.
6 th August	Arrives at Bar-le-Duc, Lebeuville (seems unlikely and possibly an error in transcribing), and marches to Saint-Mihiel.
7 th August	Marches to Buisnières.
9 th August	Departs for the trenches heading in the direction of Verdun.
10 th August	Arrives at Ancemont.
14 th August	Skirts round Verdun, heading northwards. Makes base in a meadow.
18 th August	Sets off to occupy Grémilly (3km away)
21 st August	Marches in the direction of Longwy. Passes through Anzannes and Mangiennes. Passes Longwy and reaches Beaumont.
22 nd August	Ordered to occupy Saint-Rémy (2km from the woods he's currently in) Ordered to withdraw again and rejoin Longwy road.
23 rd August	Retreats, passing through deserted villages, takes up position in open country.
24 th August	Via roundabout route retreats to forest at Marville.
25 th August	Passes through more deserted villages and stops in view of village of Peuvillers.
26 th August	Marches to banks of the Meuse canal. Receives instructions to reach village of Vilosnes. Crosses Meuse and reaches Nantillois.
27 th August	Marches to Cunel (5km away)
29 th August	Marches to Aincreville.
30 th August	Moves forward but retreats again to Aincreville. Returns to Cunel.

31 st August	Sets off in direction of Dun-sur-Meuse. Injured in field and crawls back to the road. Walks to Bantheville and finds ambulance. Leaves for Clermont-en-Argonne station. Goes to town hospital and returns to station.
1 st September	Changes trains at Châlons and takes train to Troyes. Another train to Cahors, stop at Laroche. Raging fever so leaves train at Auxerre and heads to military hospital. Remains at the hospital and the diary ends.

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