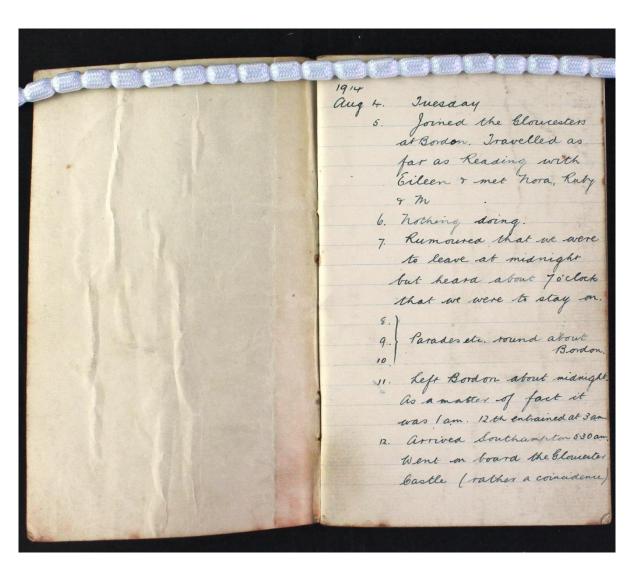


The diary kept by Second Lieutenant Milton Kershaw, 1^{st} Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, on active service 5^{th} August -16^{th} October 1914

Kershaw was killed in action 7th November 1914.



about 8 o'clock & left at midday. The South Wales Borderers also on board. Ver pleasant voyage, sea que smooth - warm of most enjoyake arrived Havre at 11.30 p. Disembarked & marched away next morning about bills Aug 13. Terrilly hot marchfalling out towards the end of the journey Protably due to the hospitality of the French women, who gave then water, wine etc. ele to drink on the way. Urrived in camp about 9 o'clock very tired dirty fourneyed into the town of Aavre in the afternoon r bathed in the sea. most

glorious & refreshing. Dined at the bafe moderne and enjoyed an excellence feed. Everybody here awfully good to us. Interpreten most useful and civil, helping one out of a difficulty. Some our efforts at the language were rather amusing, but we managed to convene with most people, large number have quite a considerable knowledge of the English language. We were not allowed to write letters saying where we were, strict consorship by English Officers being kept

at the Post Office. Regiments as they arrived, while we were having denner, had a rousing reception. The I rench people in the Cafés all turned out to give them a welcome. We saw a regiment - the Colastream Ewards - pass through the town. after an early parade on Friday, we strolled down into Havre and had a tremendous lunch at the Cafe moderne. It was a levrily hot day and we drank large quantities of "vin ordinaire" and cider. after some time spent in shopping - for condensed

milk, cigarettes, rolls etc we went down to the beach and had a most glorious bathe. The sea water was quite warm and we stayed for about an hour We then had tea at Tortinis Café - a rather nice place - and then went up to camp. a French soldier chauffer gave us alift up. He was quite too excited forme to describe - shouting and gesticulating to everbody we met. I thought ma a lime that the car would overturn. Wehad supper about 8 o'clock, the meal consisting of bully

beef and bread, with jam to finish and cocoa todrink. We relived brest shortly after supper, but about midnight, we woke up to find a terrible thunder lightening and rain storm. raging. We had to fix our tent securely no pleasant task in the dark - before we could be sure of any more rest. The storm was Aug 15. quite close to us and I've never seen such vivid lightening. We got a little sleep afterwards. Up & 4 o clock; tea & bully beef, gam and bread, and then we packed our small kits and marched away

from camp at b'oclock to Point 6, when we entrained at goclock. We leave, not until To'clock so we have four hours to wait. It is raining hard outside too I have decided to write up my diary now. I had intended to start it at the beginning but time for writing has been scarce and now that I shall not be able travite many letters or say much of our whereabouts, Iwill try tokeep up a small contribution day by day. I think we are all glad toget away from Havre although it has been a very pleasant couple of days. When

we are bound for I cannot say probably Rouen, just, and then we shall see. The train is just starting 12.45 p.m. so I will continue to write more later. 3:30, train stopped at a station - yvetot a most enthusiastic crowd of people gave us flowers & cigarettes Still pouring with rain. 5 o'clock arrive at Roven. Unfortunately we draw up in a siding and not in the main station. Hot coffee is distributed - a delicary which is enjoyed verymuch We have tea at the same time, which consists of pesh rolls and sardines, which we were lucky to get close by and then marched off due south until we reached Leschelles when different companies were billetted in different farms. We seem to have struck a very hospitable couple in the Farmer and his wife. She gave us eggs for lunch and bread Hatter which was rather kind of her, considering the fact that the only claim we have on them is for shelter. We are 5 Officer and about 200 men; the men are fixed up in a huge barn and we, in the house. The horses-about 12 in the states By the way, we had a most glorious cap of coffee after

lunch, and she gave coffee to all the men. The hospitality shown by the farmer's wife is beyond all expectation. For supper she gave us soup - very g goose, and a dish of mixed vegetables, potatoes, onions ele. Wine and cider to drink. coffee and liqueurs. aguard is posted day and night at the entrance to the farm. no. 3. Platon on Outport duty at night. Aug 17. Parade at 5:30 am. The good lady gave us coffee I liquen o rum at bo'clock. Breakfast at 7:30 eggs ofried potatoes I coffee again. Parade at 8.30 am. Route march of about 6 or 7 miles. (Wrote to mother, Eilean, Mrs. Bottomley to day). Return to find lunch of turkey etc. Sleep in the afternoon Turkey dished up again for supper; also savoury omelet. I seem to be writing of nothing but the food we augs. Same programme next day. I Tuesday am orderly officer, and so dont go out on the soute march, but stay on the billett & examine the guards periodically. Roast Duck for suppor which is enjoyed quite . Brigade route aug 19. mane - all four regiments laking part with transports etc. Have just marched.

down to Public House, where they are allowed to buy one print of beer or cider. Still no news of the war. Just decided to write one or two letters. am getting short of cigarettes. wonder how much longer we shall be here. It is exactly a fortnight since I joined the regiment. It seems more like six months. Aug 20. Up at 4 o'clock, ordered to leave our billets & march to some other place with the rest of the Brigade. Big farewell breakfast with our host thoses - M. & In and Bonnellow - Dieux. Leave at 80 clock 4 manh in hot sun to Beaupais (about 12 tilometres) due north of Leschelles. Very trying march arrive at Beaupais mid day & billeted in small lots. I have a very comfortable house where farmer & his daughter are extremely good, giving us eggs etc & cooking the food for us (Iwo officers here). Even better than the last billet Iremendous supper. Rabbit o omelet, wines obeer to drink overy good coffee. Very tired ready for bed. Aug 21. Friday. mark off early morning treach - about Hopton at Hazehauk 1:30. march of about 14 miles Pone, amore solopped which was rather strenu Heard a hig gun in the Entrained Jave evening. Billet fairly foundy with us. comfortable.

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into trenches. Artilleyengage about 5:30 blast until dark.
Sleep in our trenches. Fining continued with intervals during night 9 began in earnest about dawn 4:30 am.

acroplanes coming through enemy's position. Shells cant get near enough to it & it gets through safely. Jan writing this in the trenches. Don't know much as to British valled of orces on flanks, but enemy's guns are concertrated mostly on our left. We are probably in for a big fight to day.

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attacked Tuesday night, nothing much at he Grand day. marched to Favril where we had a sharp encounter with Germans who were outside Landrecies. Under artillery fire - controlled German aeroplones - for 2 hour. aug 27. Several injurid - one officer killed - retired to Oisy on Wednesday night. Slept out in the open. Rain all night. Had a good sleep of 4 hours & reached off next morning about 10 o'clock. Manh very slow - pouring rain rear of column attacked on passing through buise. Had togo back to

going & points stoods Lack to man who are Earnest synpostatic some his a single in address - not a The chapterin gave us the willage church. in the spon - sulvide we had asked some This Evening UN 50 clock from Exteen the money a letter gamale posed had at taguan. Had were suffered those continue the rest we hilleta, and hape to of moulin whose we are rome back into willogs soly the money 4.30 West Sunday. Left the bouches

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Aug 28. Friday. On outpost 9 till

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Letter now for some deads and prose except will Kather monotonous of House and losur from. Irensh troops also in We are in reserve with Ou 3. Still in some house our trendes. mount diffing out Ouz. Spen a strend in the Church aftered morning Generalis sponde all ally this a church derrie in the near Troubin. Wahad position in translas Us 1. Kemored again knew the some village. ne princip in morning in Lepso. Having alittle more

in as we retired. Before this 12th Lancer charged Finflicted heavy losses. Scots breys completed work. aug 29. Day of Rest. 30. Retired to Brancourt Gunday 31. (Man) " - Missy, Soisson (5 mil Sep 1. (Jues) . to Boumirlle (near Villiers sur Colens) 2 (Wea) . to means (Gregy) The above four days were very strenuous in the hot sun osome distance wascovered. Joday, Wednesday is the worst. We left at I a.m The time now is 30 clock in the afternoon Twe are resting outside means. no food except bully beef Abscuits. In a disused form

Had a goes neght rest farm - a filthy place. We af miles of sugaron helleded are just beginning to wonder taguen - suly a couple What is happening & why we Ily sq. Traved for Bound be Ash are rushing back so quickly Turuncow steet. rsuddenly. To day's march fear of a house - a read was well over 20 miles. Thy a matters on the feet are beginning tofeel hack Boung when on the strain of an sure I. am fillily disty. Just Black Watch. Wecome longing for an English and were relieved by cigarette. I wailalike to let 24. Lefterness lost rughe write home oto Enmore but it is quite impossible. I had rakead for some wonder what you know of Letter said you as kome the situation what you Lately oblanche in has are thinking. Haint take Thave unitten a lot off my clothes for several reach home o Tileen. I wonder ext all my better Sep 3. Still marching middle Battalion in Baaford. day. Had several letters

Tily has Joined the from home etc which pleased pleased theor that me very much. Wrote home from Extern. Jam I to Eileen. Billeted for planed of charleto night in a field at Signet some of promone We appear to be going due a letter from dilgo the East now. a week exactly. Thad Sep 4. march to mourveaux those trenches new for where we arrive at 11 am. Rest Last. We have been in all day & march off at 7:30 how much longer it will to -. We have now a fortught. Twomoles so cosport in root can marched wer 200 miles so this engagement since we started at he Lunday is here again & houveaux on any. 16. or Two killed greveral injura really since we left Adid some little domage. Leschelles on aug. 20. near sur trendes yesterday 200 miles in 14 days isn't bad marching. Sep 27 a few shall dopped Sep 5. March to Rozay - first and donage. reinforcement. but don't think it did Sep 6. Important day - change

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of plans. March from Rozay or Bbioonac due E art at Vandon.

Sep 7. Choisy.

8 Basseville.

q. Only go as for as he Thirlet West of Chateaux Thierry I have not been able to write in my diary the last few days. We have been rushed about tremendously. We were (a Bompany) on -ontpost duty last night Inine men & one officer (berman) came through my piquet rover captured. Sep 10. Thursday bet as for as bourchamps at midday. Our second (?) Brigade come in contact with

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the enemy this morning but what damage was done I don't yet know. We are following (3raBrigide) behind them beneral Findlay commanding the R.a. first division was killed by a shell this morning. Heavy gun fire is now heard in the distance. Ithink the bermon retirement is being shelled heavily by our guns. Rain all morning and a heavy storm just over alx of wounded in Courchamps - Brisolles - Coivey -Sep 11 Villeneuve - sur- Jon - bionac atlaster place. Horrible stones about

German outrages on inhabitants

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I our wounded - Birouac at Priez. We had Boo prisoners some machine guns amongst yeslerday's capture. Very good rathit stew for supper. Kain all day. Homilly wet. up 12. Long march to Vauxiers. Kain most day. Bironac night. Rain souking wet - the wettest reddest most uncomfortable night Lever experienced. (Itelieve it is marian's bithday today). Shall never forget has wretched we all were. not so bad this morning Sep 13. Sunshine . Good news about bermon columns retiring.

Wellington, reported Thomas young bus of eleven in July. The against semmy Thulls. played for my team It seems ago some he Hoare 15th Husson hilled. coonablies. Charlie apaper with about of Ithink. Ihave just soon my letter of c. frated halon shapes. Letter from allow. in com yesterday - suly in my platoen wounded ford just now. One man We are getting plany of company captain gether. right. Withroad by my The East years logs on our the trick being played on

Havnt taken off my boots for more than a week. The bermans are being pushed back pretty hard. We hear of prisoners being taken every day. a very unfortunate thing has happened. all my envelopes have stuck down to are useless. The rain got into my case of consequently I havint me beend. I shall have to try to get some. Other officers are without for the same reason. Billeted in house-Good night's rest at Bourg. Sepre. Francay. Stated about 7:30 am. about 9 o'clak came up with advance loops who were in artion.

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Big engagement nav on. Heavy shell fire both sides. I think we are getting the advantage. Time now 12:30. Engagement lasts all day. Terrible shell fire all the time. We hear that poor Swannick was killed today by shell owe had several casualties. Such days as this make one realise the terrible nature of this war. It is too auful to write about. The Germans abused the White Hag this morning. When some of their surrended shell fire was opened from another position by their guns. In the

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morning we had 4 officers 150 men & 12 guns (German) as a capture. Sep 15. Bivouac last night near Bourg again. Under big gun fire again this morning beginning about & o'clock. Iwo more batches of German prosoners captured by Welch-passby about 100 in each. By the way, last night we were execut to Divisional Head Quarter. 40 clock. To day has ken lerrible the have suffered some loss, but to what extent Icannot say, Just ontside a village - Chivy. We have been in the

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The Germans were driven back & suffered heavy loss. The British losses were rather big. Sleep in tranches behind Queens lines. Soaked owet miserally cold. Sep 18. Join up to Lacons in their trenches at down. bermans are believed to be about to attack the position. Heavy artillery fire on both sides. I an writing this in the trenches. It is raining again - 11 a.m. By the way whad several casualties from shell fin (shrapael) yesterday Wednesday in the Cloucesters, but mostly wounded most of

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Sep. 19. Saturday. Just had a mail in Letters from home Tileen - agarette Chocolates, socks. To one could possilly imagine the pleasure in receiving the above. It puts new life into one. Stay here until dusk when we are relieved by the D. L. J. We move to new partion on left arriving about 11 point sleep out in the sepao. bot into our trenches this morning Thusy making improvements in them. Swannik was properly I decently huned yesterday in a small village, close

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Esman sutrages en inhelitents Express - Mirror - Morning Homble stow about Post eli. all dated about attactes place. Sep 7 or q. Very intersting Ent. 1 Dillenouse - nor 3on - Liverion reading. Managed to Cours Land - Ensolles - Coury get hold of some water - over a los of wounded in the morning thad a and a heary stom just wash, the first for guns. Low all maning nearly a fortnight. shelled heavily by our Under shell fin all Esonor returnent is being the afternoon. Good the distance. Mink the nights rest. gun fire so now heard in Sep 24. Very much the shall this moneing. Heavy same as the last two duraces was killed by a days. Big engagement commondering the R.a. first still the remain behind thom. Eonord Findlay our trenches. Wrote livo We are following (3rd Bryeses) long letters received done I done yet know. a wooly waistroat of but what donnege was letter from Eilean. Seps. Still in some the enemy this money

trenches. Had a good come in contact with Our sound (?) Bugede nights rest last night. Courteday at midday. Letter from Blanche This Thursday. Est as for as this morning shave my propost men captured. written a regulation P.C. (Esman) camo through home of Eileen today orite ma & nous sing Posted 2 letter 9 2 P.C. outpost duty lost night yesterday. We were (a Company) on Sep 26. Saturday. Fairly good ouched about tremondously. night. Still in trenches feer days. We have been of course. We seem to with in my diany the hash have been in this one I have not been alle to spot for ages. Rather West of chalcour Thierry smart attack of 9. Inly go as for as he thinks neuralgia this morning Two letters from like 8 Basseville. We are being shelled My Charay. Nauden. again today. also of Eliverias due E ant at machine gun played of proses mais from hozey on us this morne

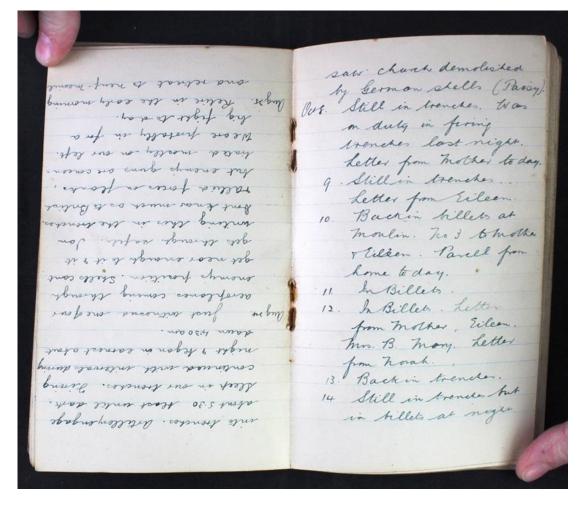
Let 6. Important day - charge but I don't thenk it did any domage. rangercoment. Let s. Thomas & Royay - fros Sep 27. a few shells dropped tod marking. near our brenches yesterday 200 miles in 14 days won't I did some little domage. Leachelles von lung. 20. Two killed oseveral injured really aires we left Sunday is here again & Trouveaux on aug. 16. a so this engagement aine we sto ted at he has been in progress for marked wer seo miles a fortnight. Iwonder to - . We have now how much longer it will all day amone off at 9:30 last. We have been in when we arrive at 11 am. heat these trenches now for Sep is march to mour vecause a week exactly. I had bast now. morning or a small We appear to be going due myse in a fula at Engret panel of charlates 9 to Eilean. Billead for from Eilen. Jam no sony much. Wrote home pleased thear that from home ate which pleased Fitzer has joined the

Battalion in Braaford. day. Had several letters Lep 3. Lett marking madelle I wonder of all my letters reach home & tileen. I masson of costed for me flo I have written a lot are thinking. Hain like lately Blanche in her the orthotion orked you letter said you at home wonder what you know of had nothered for some it is quite inpossible. I time with home of Eurase hit Sep 21. heft trenches lost night eig arece. I wanted like to and were relieved by Longering for on English Black Watch. Wecome am fellich dity. Just back to Bourg when we the strain of an our I. tilleted. Sleeping on feet are beginning toped a mattress on the was well over 20 omiles. They floor of a house - a real renddenly. Do days morch luxurinos sleep. are making back so queckly Sepage moved from Bourg to Parquan - only a couple what is happening I why we are just beginning to wonder of miles & again billeted farm - a filledy place. We Had a good night rest

Seps. Having alittle more shounds. In a decuesa for rest this morning in to food encept bully but the same village. The are realing ordered husen Oct 1. Removed again brew 30 clock in the afternoon position in brenches I am othe time now is near moulin. Wehad is the word. The left at a church service in the was covered. Today, Wednesday Lot own grows distance open at Cilly this were very stremen in the morning Trommunion The above four days in the Church afterward. Ocr 2. Spent a stren 2 (Wed) " to meause (Gregy) theliers our tolers) morning digging out Sp 1. (Jus) . to Boundle (near some our trenches. 31. (hin) " hoose, second - " (smil). Ocr 3. Still in same brenches 30. Retired bothouse purel person We are in reserve with lugar. Day of Real. trench troops also in confloted work. reserve and lover front. heary loves. See Ercy Rather monotonous & 12th Lances charged anythered time passes slowly ho in as we retired. Refore the letters now for some days.

Ourse. Sunday. Left the trenches courted by diench, who come early this morning 4:30 about the later. Estranono reame back into village Beolaucourt - will telliner of moulin where we are caraling - retired to billeted, and hope to busines - consume of continue the rest we chather they had. attacked canying what food good of were supposed thave I anky way to each on foot had at Parguan. And a letter romall panel their homes, newhere to go women rehildren learing from Eileen the morning fullful oight to see the This evening at so clark enucado. Il is a most we had a short service through to knowned or in the open - outside 12 wines our troops get the village church. tugas. Freday. On outport greek The chaplain gareus steet. an address - not a Treunillette - only two hour sermon but a simple our march & arrived at earnest sympathetic Trathing doing. Continued talk tomen who are see what was the matter. going to perils Thorder

andmony of then to Euros. Had togo back h wounds and death. His on present extende sincerity of speech was seas of column attacked not not tobe doubted. weny show - frowering rain -Wrote Letter no 1 to Eilan about 10 o'clock. Month I one to mother. see also affered moning Ours. Parcel retter from any & sensy to for took such allis. Chocolate from he Nain all maple. Had a Metters from mother. Lept out in the span. marion. O.S. V. VB. Jan dray on thedrooding night. offices belled - relised to sure most of my letters dug 27 Leveral inquired - one donstreach home. Oor t. Still in hillet. Huge acreptions - for 2 hour. fire - controlled bernon bundle ofponels this morning. Two from home Landreise. Under attleny one Welcon one mos Christia Esseriano who were outerede had a sharp encounter with one mrs Bottonley margaet. marked to darnie where we Wrote letters no. 2 to nothing much at he brond day mother or to Eilean. attacked sucracy might. Oct 7. So up to trenches -



Our 15. Still in brenche but having two all turned out in billets at night. about so clock. Just as weth. 16. Leave at midnight ingagement sick mony Man 17th march to dere-on Atouches all day . First Tordennes. Entrainingo defond the praction. Big to (?). Yesterday was tuges. My at 3 am. stration to the first day sonce for 3 hours slest. Leng led a Sep 12 - 5 weeks ago thillet very quick or his do that we havn't heard somites during the day. rean shrapnel bursting Howlehin having done over near us. We have derive Late evening at been in the trenches Lang hat in the our today. from Sep 14 to Oct 16 acoptons flying atout his. with a few days rest exterior to - . British Trans continued in the only. hig confuld at 11 o'clock. Na. Bearer will fill to French frontier. Genner in a rest of deany up to at 100 clock. Ulmost on the time heleausus. march at 5. heach markeys is going ther tran lugar up at 40 clack 9 on the

