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Content Description

Walter L. Rau wrote this diary as a member of the World War I Battery "C" 101st Field Artillery of the American Expeditionary Force stationed in France. He also identified himself with the USFA (United States Food Administration). In the diary, Rau mentions passing through around sixty-one cities in his service, the majority of which were located in France. Upon arrival in France, the 101st was told to report to the Front. Rau writes of running water and food drives to the trenches, digging, and driving horses with his unit. Among observations about the daily life of a soldier, Rau names some of the men he knew who died, the horrors he saw, and the battles he was involved with.

Content warning for descriptions of death and injury.

The diary is accompanied by a typed transcription, likely compiled by Swann Auction Galleries.

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