

**Earle Willis Bunker** (3/9/1897 – 8/1974)

## **Diary for 1918-1919**

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**SEPTEMBER 1918****Monday, September 16**

We ate with the supply co. I played cards most of the morning. Had a rehearsal in the P.M. "Stony" made a small mess of cream tartar biscuits after supper. He gave us each one with real butter on them & believe me they were swell.

**Tuesday, September 17**

Had flap jacks & rice pudding for breakfast. We ate all day with the supply Co. Rehearsal as usual after dinner. Played a concert after supper.

**Wednesday, September 18**

It rained during the night but cleared up before dinner. Wrote some letters before dinner. There was no rehearsal in the afternoon so I took an exercise book & went out under the tree where I practiced until supper time. Ate dinner & supper with our own Co. again. Had apricot pie for supper. Played a concert at 6:30.

**Thursday, September 19**

A number of boche planes came over & dropped about 50 bombs just after we turned in. I was roused from my sleep quite early in the morning by the noise from the heavy barrage on our left. I went out under the trees & practiced until dinner time. Had some fine flap-jacks at noon. At 1:30 we had a rehearsal. "Stony" made some doughnuts for supper. We had orders to pack up & at 6:30 we were on the road. After hiking about 8 kil we found some fine German dugouts.

**Friday, September 20**

Had flap-jacks & syrup for breakfast. Got an extra cup of the batter & Brad & I fried a mess over our own fire. Had no dinner as our kitchen pulled out. Got in a couple hrs practicing. Supply Co. came in about 4 & we had supper with them. Brad & I studied French until 10 o'clock.

**Saturday, September 21**

After breakfast I heated some H2O took a bath & changed my clothes. Had a rehearsal in the P.M. After supper we went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion hdqrs. & gave the boys a concert. On our return we found the capt. with our pay. After getting paid off I bought a pistol & belt of "Scoty".

**Sunday, September 22**

Got out for rehearsal but had to call it off on account of rain. I got in about a couple hrs. work on exercises etc. before dinner. A bunch of mail came in about dinner time from which I drew quite liberally. Brad & I chopped up enough to last several days. After studying French for awhile went out & played cards until 11 o'clock.

**Monday, September 23**

We had doughnuts & bacon for breakfast at the supply Co. My thumbnail came off so went up to the 1<sup>st</sup> aid station & had it dressed. Saw the dentist & he filled 3 teeth. Directly after dinner we boarded trucks for Mobile Hos. No. 1. Our largest audience was made up of nurses. We gave a short concert out of doors but later we went into Ward C & played for the nurses to dance. They were more than pleased with the music. The girls passed around chocs. lemon drops & cigarettes. At 6 we went to supper. We had a fine beef stew with gravy, tomatoes, salade, bread, coffee, grapes & frosted cake. We continued the dance after supper until it got so dark we couldn't read the music. After getting back we built a fire & read a while before going to bed.

**Tuesday, September 24**

This morning "Hack" arranged a new schedule which meant 2 hrs & a half sectional work. After dinner we had the Band rehearsal as usual. After studying French I went out & played cards the rest of the evening.

**Wednesday, September 25**

Had sectional rehearsing in the morning & Band rehearsal after dinner. Wrote a few letters before supper. A bunch of fellows came down & played cards all the evening.

**Thursday, September 26**

Rehearsal in the morning & afternoon as usual. A little mail came in this P.M. It looked like rain so "Brad" & I took a cross cut & Sawed & split enough to last us a couple or 3 days. After we got the wood in the boys came down & played cards.

**Friday, September 27**

Fortunately we got our wood in last night because it was raining when we got up this A.M. I practiced from 9 until 12 o'clock. Did a little writing in the P.M. After supper Brad & I played some duets.

**Saturday, September 28**

At 9 we began our rehearsing which continued until dinner time. Our afternoon rehearsal was broken up on account of rain. Spent most of the P.M. writing letters. Brad & I tried over some duets after supper & then I went out & played cards the rest of the night.

**Sunday, September 29**

Got up at 6 o'clock & built a fire before going to breakfast. Improved the morning by practicing. Owing to the rainy weather we were unable to hold a Band rehearsal but I got in an hour or so to make up for it. Played cards all the evening.

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**Sunday, October 20**

Left Fromerville & hiked to Verdun, about 9 kil. "Skinny" went ahead on billeting detail & had our place all kicked out when we got in. We moved into some old stone barracks. We hardly got settled before the "boche" put some shells in.

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**Wednesday, October 30**

A new fellow came into the band. After morning rehearsal I got a haircut. As usual we had a band rehearsal at 2:30. I was fortunate to get some canned goods at the Y.M. Got a little mail about supper time. Had a nice sociable game of cards after supper.

**Thursday, October 31**

Played cards until rehearsal time. Had sectional work in our room. We had a band rehearsal at 2:30. Supper at 4:30. I got served 5 times on pudding. Sergt. Barnes got some cookies & jam for us at the Y.M. Before going to bed I cooked some pudding & had my peaches & cream.

**NOVEMBER 1918****Friday, November 1**

Had sectional work during the morning. Played some pretty good stuff. Rehearsal in the P.M. We had prune pie for supper. Skinny & I went over to the citadel & spent the evening. This

underground city with its bakery, canteen, Y.M. dining rooms theatre etc was very interesting. Wrote some & played checkers.

**Saturday, November 2**

About 4 o'clock this A.M. a number of shells struck not fifty feet from this building. They sure were coming some. Flap jacks for breakfast. C. Fellows ate 14 before he got filled up. Went over to the Y.M. & got some cookies. Rehearsal before & after dinner as usual. I went over to the citadel after supper & wrote a few letters. When I got back I found some mail from home. Played cards awhile before going to bed.

**Sunday, November 3**

Fine day. No rehearsing to do so I played cards most of the morning. Some of the boys went over to the Milliken Reg. to spend the day. We got a little 1<sup>st</sup> class mail. After supper a bunch of us fellows went over to the citadel. Played checkers awhile & went in to the pictures. They had an orchestra & it sure sounded good.

**Monday, November 4**

Got doughnuts for breakfast this morning. Played cards until rehearsal time. Played "Henry VIII", "Stradella" & "Atlantis" this P.M. After supper a bunch of us went over to the citadel & played cards. After the game broke up I wrote some letters.

**Tuesday, November 5**

I went over to the commissary & bought some can stuff. Had to go before eating to get in the line so Brad brought my breakfast back to me. Sectional work at 9:30 & regular Band rehearsal at 2. After supper Jennings & I went up on the hill & played in a Saxophone Band of about 25 pieces. We played all the evening & it sounded very good.

**Wednesday, November 6**

Our 14 in gun sent out a few shells about breakfast time & the boche came back strong. Landed fifteen within ten min. This morning we had a rehearsal & the sectional work came in the afternoon. After supper I went over to the Y.M. where I played cards until time for the pictures.

**Thursday, November 7**

After having some oatmeal & toast Skinny & I went over to the commissary. Rehearsal at 9 & sectional at 1:30 P.M. We had a fine tapioca pudding for supper. Spent the evening writing at the Y.M.C.A.

**Friday, November 8**

Got up before breakfast & shaved. Had some oatmeal for breakfast. Rehearsal at 9:00. Some S.A. girls came in with a truck full of doughnuts. (11,000) They gave us 3 apiece. We tried over "Princess Pat" & "Kukuska" this P.M. At 6 we got order to pack up but the orders were countermanded about an hour later. Slept with my clothes on thinking we might be called out at any time.

**Saturday, November 9**

(Left Verdun)

"Hack" came in & called us at 7 o'clock. Had an early breakfast & left Verdun about 8 A.M. Hiked until about noon. "Sully" served oatmeal for dinner & I went thru the lines for thirds. We were fortunate to find dugouts with a stove & electric lights. Got a little mail & a new bill from Uncle Will. Saw a 14in gun shoot a no of peace notes to Germany.

**Sunday, November 10**

Soon after breakfast orders came in permitting 6 of the Band fellows to go on leave. Hack, John, Beck, Fellows & Furguson left just before dinner for a 7 days furlough. Got three of four letters from home. A plane was brought down just over the hill. Spent the eve writing around the fireside.

**Monday, November 11**

At 11 A.M. the last gun was fired. We got out our instruments after dinner & played for the boys. I could hardly believe the war was over until after supper when lights rockets & flares were going up in all directions. It had any 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration trimmed to a frazzle. We had a big boy fire & burned "beaucoup" powder.

**Tuesday, November 12**

Soon after breakfast we got order to go up to the lines & play for several services. Had a light lunch & started out on the 15 kil hike. The roads were in bad condition but we made it. We played some popular stuff for the boys. While we were playing two German officers came across the lines followed by an orderly with the truce flag. The "perf" [?] looking officer talked Eng. Got back at just 9 hrs.

**Wednesday, November 13**

We left our dugouts for Verdun after breakfast. Glad to get back into our old billets again. We found a big stove which added much to our home. I went over to the citadel in the P.M. The Y.M. put on a very interesting entertainment. The pictures were very good in the eve. Rec'd some mail this afternoon & 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, November 14**

Soon after dinner we got orders to make our packs. We were on the road all the afternoon. Slept on the side of a hill near Nixieville. Soon after super we turned in. It sure was a cold night & When we turned out next morning the ground was white with frost. We put our packs on the wagons & marched at the head of the column with our instruments.

**Friday, November 15**

We tented out just outside of St. Andre. Another big bunch of fellows went on leave this morning. Got a little mail this A.M. The new Lt. Col. Lead the column this morning. Besides playing before we started out we played through every town.

**Saturday, November 16**

After sleeping all night in a field with a heavy frost & 7 below we turned out somewhat stiff. Had beaucoup steak for breakfast. We left St. Andre & hiked until 12. Had dinner & continued our march. We arrived in Luxerville & put up for the night.

**Sunday, November 17**

After a good nights sleep in a hay stack we left Neuville en Verdumous [?]. As usual we played through every town we passed. It was pretty cold but managed it very well. We had dinner on the road. We entered Tricouville at just 5 o'clock. A French Dr. asked the band into one of the hospital tents where we found some real beds. We found the boche prisoners very talkative. At 8:15 we gave the nurses & doctors a short concert.

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**Saturday, November 23**

(Last day of 11 day hike)

**Sunday, November 24**

After breakfast I went out with one of the fellows & we got a table & some benches for our room. The old lady down stairs gave us a stove so we was all set. Got a little mail. Hack & the rest of the band fellows returned from the two weeks furlough.

**Monday, November 25**

Rained nearly all day. Cleaned up the billet & set around the fire most of the A.M. At 1:30 we stood muster. I wrote a few letters & played cards most of the afternoon. We had beans & Hot biscuits for supper. Played cards all the evening.

**Tuesday, November 26**

Got up & stood reveille for the 1<sup>st</sup> time for months. Played cards most of the A.M. We didn't have dinner until 2:30. Much to our surprise we got an issue of hard candy. At 4 we fell in with the company to go to the next town for baths. It was several miles over there but guess it was worth it. I lost my way back so didn't get in until 9:30. Went to the mess kitchen & had some coffee & doughnuts.

**Wednesday, November 27**

It was raining when we got up. Had some fine flap-jacks & jam for breakfast. Helped "Hack" all the morning marking music. We got another issue of hard candy at dinner. I played cards all the afternoon. A commissary truck pulled in this P.M. & I got a few supplies. No retreat.

**Thursday, November 28**

(Thanksgiving) Directly after breakfast we took trucks for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat'l where we played & had dinner. We had roast pig, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, candy, doughnuts, bread, jam, coffee, rice pudding & sauce. We went from there to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat'l & played for supper. We had chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, onions, turnip, bread, jam, tapioca pudding with cream, cookies, turnovers & frosted cake.

**Friday, November 29**

Rainy as usual. Went down to the office & got my hair cut this A.M. Took my writing tablet & went up to the Y.M. to spend the rest of the morning. Played cards in the afternoon. A little 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class mail came in about supper time. It was rather cold so went to bed soon after supper.



**Saturday, November 30**

First good day for a week. Had inspection of billets this A.M. Spent the rest of the forenoon writing letters at the Y.M. At 1:30 we had a Band rehearsal at the Y.M. Played for retreat once more. After supper I came down in the Schoolroom & wrote letters all the eve.

**DECEMBER 1918****Sunday, December 1**

At 9 we fell in & hiked over to the next town (2<sup>nd</sup> Bat'l). Played for church services. I attended communion after church. Went up to L. Co. & had one fine dinner. At 2 o'clock we gave a band concert in one of the barracks. After the concert we hiked back. Played for retreat. A bit of mail came in. Had flap-jacks & syrup for supper.

**Monday, December 2**

At 9 we reported at the Y.M. where we spent the A.M. rehearsing. Nothing doing in the afternoon so I spent most of the time playing cards. Played for retreat. Got several letters from home. Rec'd a service rung from E.W. in one letter. I had a good mag. so read most of the evening.

**Tuesday, December 3**

At 8 we had inspection of quarters as usual. Rehearsal at 19:30 at the Y.M. Had boiled beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, butter & coffee. I went over to Skinny's room & spent the P.M. playing whist. Played for retreat. For supper we had rice with sauce, bacon, doughnuts, bread & coffee. Spent the eve at the Y.M.

**Wednesday, December 4**

Had the regular Band rehearsal at the Y.M. at 9:30. We had a fine dinner beef steak, potatoes, sugar cookies, hot biscuits & prune pie. There was nothing in the P.M. so I got my horn out & practiced for a couple hours. Played cards all the eve at Skinny's.

**Thursday, December 5**

As "Hack" wasn't feeling very well we didn't have any rehearsal in the morning. I went up to the Y.M. & wrote all the morning. When I got back I found a pkg waiting for me. It contained a fine pr of gum rubbers, 2 pr of socks & a sweater. Played cards most of the P.M. Spent the evening the same way.

**Friday, December 6**

"Hack" was called away to school this P.M. Ferguson was promoted to asst. band leader so lead the rehearsal. I was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> cl. mus. today much to my surprise. Our barrack bags came today. Got back a few valuables which I never expected to see again. Wrote letters all the eve.

**Saturday, December 7**

From breakfast time to 9 o'clock we cleaned up for inspection. After dinner the band got out to practice for parade marching. Played retreat as usual. After supper about 20 of us went over to Skinny's & gave the old folks a concert. [?]

**Sunday, December 8**

At 8:30 we took a truck for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat'l where we played for church services. We gave the boys an hours concert at the close of the service. We left for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat'l soon after dinner. We played

a concert at 2 o'clock. At 3:30 we played for Bat'l Review & then guard mount directly afterwards. Had supper with H Co. Was pretty tired so went to bed early.

**Monday, December 9**

We had P.T. for 10 min. before breakfast. There was no band rehearsal as the Y.M. was being used. Got in an hours practicing before dinner. We had the regular rehearsal at 1:30. On account of rain we had no retreat. Played cards most of evening.

**Tuesday, December 10**

At 9:30 we had band rehearsal at the Y.M. After dinner we took trucks for Div. Hqrs to play for Gen. Cole. It was quite a trek so didn't get back until supper time. At 7:30 we gave a band concert at the Y.M.

**Wednesday, December 11**

Rained hard all day. We had a talk from Gen. Hale who has recently been assigned to this Div. Had our band rehearsal in the afternoon. It was raining so we didn't play for retreat. Got an announcement of Clara's wedding. Played cards for awhile & wrote some letters before going to bed.

**Thursday, December 12**

We had P.T. for ten minutes before breakfast. As usual we had rehearsal at the Y.M. in the morning. At 2 o'clock we went down to the office & got paid. Played cards most of the afternoon. Had beans & hot biscuits for supper.

**Friday, December 13**

Rained all day. Had corn meal mush for breakfast. Had only a short rehearsal this morning. Played whist all the afternoon. After supper Brad & I went up to the Y.M. & wrote a few letters. Got some hot chocolate.

**Saturday, December 14**

Had ten min. P.T. before breakfast. Until 9 o'clock we were busy cleaning up for inspection. Played whist until dinner time. We had a short rehearsal at the Y.M. in the P.M. After supper we went up to the Y.M. where we gave a concert. Eddie Clair danced a jog. "Rouge sang If he can Fight Like He Can Love.

**Sunday, December 15**

At 8:30 we left for Sarry. Played for church services in the morning. Got a fine dinner at (I) Company. At 2:30 we gave a concert in the square. Played for battalion parade at 4. When we trooped the line we had to jump a brook. Hiked back after supper.

**Monday, December 16**

Rained all day. Tried over a little new stuff at rehearsal this morning. Brad & I played whist most of the afternoon. Got a little 2<sup>nd</sup> cl. mail today. Worked all the evening on my photo album.

**Tuesday, December 17**

We met at the Y.M. for a short rehearsal; came back & had sectional work for the rest of the forenoon. Banks issued some underwear today. Had a short sectional rehearsal this P.M. Corp. Young fixed up a [??] & we got quite a bit of fun out of it. Worked on my photo album again tonight.

**Wednesday, December 18**

Cold, windy & rainy all day. The whole Reg went out on the Chaumont Road to take their positions as they will at the review by the Pres. It was a hard hike in the mud & rain. We covered a good ten miles & was back for dinner by 12:45. Played cards after supper. Got my Christmas Box.

**Thursday, December 19**

Had sectional work in the A.M. "Red Stein" came back from the hospital so took John Barnes place at the afternoon rehearsal. No retreat on account of rain. Spent the evening writing at the Y.M. Played a few hands of poker before going to bed.

**Friday, December 20**

Charles L. had charge of the reed section this morning. During the rehearsal Geo Dole made his appearance on the scene. It sure did seem good to see him back again as we were hard hit for a bass player. After supper I went up to the Y.M. to the pictures. Saw Douglass Fairbanks in a 5 reels. It was a laugh from start to finish.

**Saturday, December 21**

Inspection & checking up of all of our ordinance took all the morning. We had a very good rehearsal this afternoon. Owing to the rain we didn't play for retreat. I played studd until supper time. At 7 we started off an entertainment at the Y. Rouge gave a fine jig for us.

**Sunday, December 22**

No rehearsal so played checkers & cards most of the forenoon. I got out my horn & warmed up a bit. Wrote a couple letters home. After supper Murphy & I played cribbage. It rained hard all day.

**Monday, December 23**

Reported at the hospital & had my foot dressed. It poured hard all day. Played fan tan for cartwheels most of the forenoon. No rehearsal or retreat this afternoon. Fortunately we drew a candle at the kitchen so spent the evening playing cards.

**Tuesday, December 24**

Had corn meal again for breakfast. I went down to the hospital & had my heel dressed again. Got a check from Pa & a letter from Ma. Went down to Coolbroths room & played whist most of the P.M. Washed up my equipment this forenoon. Got a box ready to send home.

**Wednesday, December 25**

The Band went over on the Chaumont road where they were reviewed by the Pres. Wilson, his wife, Gen. Pershing & others. I had a bad foot so couldn't hike. Stayed in the billet & wrote some letters. Had a little fun with Richie with the gloves. Mess call blew & 3:30 but not for us. We played for the boys while they enjoyed their Christmas dinner; we had beaucoup potato, turnips, gravy, about a 3 lb steak, pickled onions, 1 lb assorted chocolates, two pieces of pie, 4 doughnuts, coffee, bread & butter, tob. cigarettes after the others had finished. I set up until 2 A.M. playing Fan Tan.

**Thursday, December 26**

We had a short sectional rehearsal to-day. Put on the gloves again with Richie. Sent a box of souvenirs home this P.M. Found a bit of snow on the ground when we turned out this morning, the 1<sup>st</sup> we've had. Lamdert, Burelle [?] & I went up to the Y.M. tonight. They showed 5 good comedy pictures.

**Friday, December 27**

We got two big mess tins of oatmeal for breakfast. Had a short sectional rehearsal this A.M. Rec'd a few letters from home this afternoon. Put on the gloves again. Stood retreat with the Co. After supper we went up to the Y.M. & Played a short concert which was followed by several int. reels of movies.

**Saturday, December 28**

Stood inspection in the Co. street. It was cold & rainy all day. I got a box of underwear from home this morning. Richy & I put on the gloves this P.M. up in the billet. After supper we went up to the Y.M. & put on an exhibition bout. Skinny was my second. My pivot blow worked pretty good.

**Sunday, December 29**

We played at the church for morning services. It rained most of the day. Spent the afternoon writing letters & working a few algebra problems. Col. & Red Stein went over to Montigny & spent the afternoon. There was quite a sea on when they came back. Both had Crois des guerres when they came back.

**Monday, December 30**

I played tenor Saxophone this morning at rehearsal. After dinner I took my little exercise with the gloves. Worked a few algebra problems this P.M. After supper six of us went up to the bath house & took a nice hot shower. Played cards until 12 o'clock.

**Tuesday, December 31**

We had a rehearsal at the Y.M. this morning. Got quite a bit of 1<sup>st</sup> class mail this noon. Played for retreat & a march afterwards. At 7 o'clock we left for Meuse by truck. After covering about half the distance the machine refused to go any longer. They worked on the engine for over four hours & finally got it started. We saw the old year out & new year in on the road. About 12 we picked up a bunch of the D show.

**JANUARY 1919****Wednesday, January 1**

At 12:30 we reached our destination. We had doughnuts & sandwiches & beaucoup wet stuff. The café was at our disposal. Between the D show & the band there was something doing until nearly 6 o'clock. It seemed as if luck was "agin" us when four truck got ditched coming back. We finally got out & pulled into Chauffourt just in time for reveille. Was pretty tired so went to bed directly. Got up at 2 o'clock & at 3 we played a 45 min concert while the company had dinner. Had my only meal of the day about 4 o'clock. Was pretty near all in so went to bed early.

**Thursday, January 2**

"Fergy" got back so took charge of the rehearsal this morning. A bit of 2<sup>nd</sup> class mail came in this noon. Saw some good boxing & wrestling at the Y.M. tonight.

**Friday, January 3**

Cleaned up the billet & moved this A.M. Ate our last meal at Chauffourt in the school room. Bill Cobb & I stayed back to look after the barrack bags. Came over to Sarrey the later part of the afternoon & went into barracks just outside of the town. Cobb got orders to join the D orchestra so left about supper time. After supper Brad & I went down to the Y.M. to a fine show given by the 52<sup>nd</sup> pioneers.

**Saturday, January 4**

Took our instruments out to play for a Reg. review. We hiked about 6 kil & had the inspection in a large field near Chaffourt. This review took up the forenoon; got back just in time for dinner. Went down to the Y.M. in the evening & saw some real good boxing bouts. The most interesting being between two small French boys.

**Sunday, January 5**

Played for church at the Y.M. this morning. The chaplin delivered one fine sermon. Nothing doing in the P.M. so spent my time reading. Played cards after supper.

**Monday, January 6**

Rehearsal took up the most of the morning. Played a short concert in the square. Retreat at 4:15. Gave second concert after supper at the Y.M.

**Tuesday, January 7**

Tried over some new "stuff" this morning at rehearsal. Played cards until 3 o'clock. At 3 we gave another concert in the square. Played for retreat & a march afterwards. Spent the evening at the Y. Six good snappy bouts were pulled off during the eve.

**Wednesday, January 8**

"Richie" & I put the gloves on a little while before rehearsal. Rehearsed all the morning. Gave concert in the square from 3 to 4. Played retreat. Wrote letters all eve.

**Thursday, January 9**

Boxed again as usual. No rehearsal as the Y was being used. Played cards all morning. Got my hair cut after dinner. No retreat or concert on account of rain. Rehearsed all the evening for the Hdqrs. Minstrel show.