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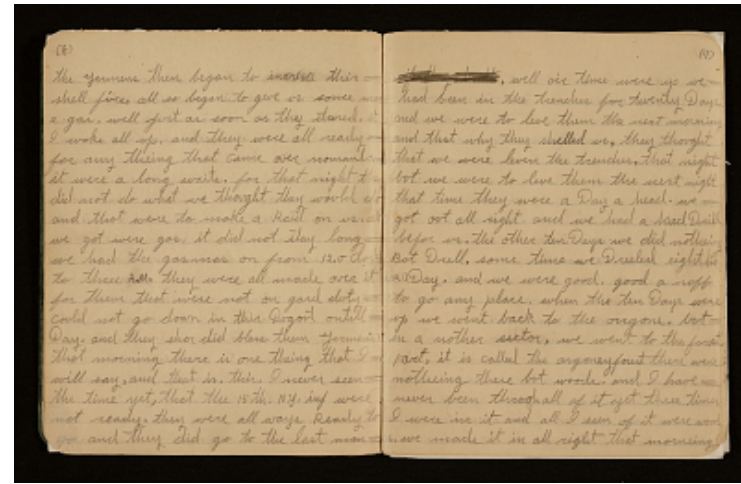
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the Germans then began to increase their == shell fires all so began to give us some more gas. well just as soon as they started. it I woke all up. and they were all ready == for any thing that came over no man land it were a long wait. for that night they did not do what we thought they would do and that were to make a Raid on us. all we got were gas, it did not stay long == we had the gas mask on from 12. o'clock to three A.M. they were all made over it for them that were not on guard duty could not go down in their Dugout until == Day. and they should have blessed them Germans that morning there is one thing that I == will say, and that is, this, I never seen == the time yet, that the 15th. N.Y. inf were not ready. they were all ways Ready to go and they did go to the last man ==

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[[strikethrough]] if they [[should?]] [[/strikethrough]], well our time were up we == had been in the trenches for twenty Days and we were to leave them the next morning and that why they shelled us, they thought that we were in the trenches, that night but. we were to leave them the next night that time they were a Day a head. we == got out all right. and we had a hard Drill before us. the other ten Days we did nothing But Drill, some time we Drilled eight hours a Day. and we were good, good a nuff to go any place, when the ten Days were up we went back to the Argonne [[Note: Argonne]]. but == in a nother sector, we went to the forest part, it is called the Argonne [[Note: Argonne]] forest there were nothing there but woods. and I have == never been through all of it yet three times I were in it and all I seen of it were woods. we made it in all right that morning.



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