

## 13. Appendix 1

<i>Comparison of Key Narrative Events — Summer 1918<sup>1</sup></i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Kriegstagebuch, Volume 14a</i>	<i>Das Wäldchen 125<sub>1</sub></i>
5th June	Rides over the path he took during the March Offensive.	
19th June	Visit to Puisieux	
23rd June	First mention of 'Wäldchen 125'	
28th June	Notes artillery fire on copse where the 9th and 10th Companies are stationed	
29th June	Notes a minor skin infection.	
6th July	Accident with English rifle grenade	
7th July		Visits Puisieux, idealises pilots, visits a badly damaged graveyard.
8th July	Notes more casualties from snipers. A stroll in front of his trench is disturbed by a HE shell.	
9th July	Notes more victims of flu and comments that an English 'threat' to relieve a German division is 'ganz nett'.	Describes his new bunker. Rides over the path he took during March Offensive. Describes leisures of 'dienstfreie Zeit'.
11th July	Behind the front line.	Visits an air-force unit.
12th July		Returns to front.
13th July		Anecdotes about various batmen.
14th July		A Lt. D. visits. <sup>2</sup>
15th July		Kills an English sentry in a sniping action. <sup>3</sup>
16th July		Rain and artillery activity.
17th July		Takes part in a major parade after a false gas alarm. <sup>4</sup>
18th July	Returns to front. Remarks on the new tactics of elastic defence. Has 'schönegeistige Gespräche' with Lt. Spranger. After interlude in bunker of reserve commander, assigned to Abschnitt H.	Remarks on rain and sniper activity.
19th July	Intense enemy activity. Learns the regiment will withdraw from around the copse since it had proven impossible to eject British troops who had penetrated the front line. Confused	

<sup>1</sup> The Copse is also mentioned in *Jahre der Okkupation*, entry of 24 July 1945 (p. 496) where Jünger recalls reading Fontane in a bunker.

<sup>2</sup> Lt. D. is said to have been a pioneer officer. His account of underground warfare is practically identical with that given by Lt. Horn in *Sturm*.

<sup>3</sup> This action is practically identical with that carried out by Sturm.

<sup>4</sup> The action of the 17th actually follows that of the 20th in what must presumably have been an editorial oversight.

	orders from regimental commanders.	
20th July	Alarm in the evening. Enemy occupy the ground in front of the main line.	Heavy drinking.
21st July	Occupies Abschnitt F. Decide to roll up enemy trenches 'beim Tank' but had to stop because of the onset of daylight and the exposure of the trench to fire from the copse. In the evening they returned to Abschnitt F only to receive orders to follow the divisional <i>Sturmkompanie</i> in rolling up the trench from 'K' to 'Z <sub>1</sub> '.	
22nd July	Enemy resistance at Z <sub>1</sub> . Own troops briefly panic. Constructs defensive barricade and writes an extremely critical report.	Sunbathes nude and enthuses about Hermann Löns.
23rd July	Position secured with extra sentries.	
24th July	Inspects Abschnitt C. Avoids being shot by a sniper at close range. Battalion suffers heavy losses under British attack.	Composes an imaginary speech to his troops referring to the failure of the German offensive at Reims.
25th July		Draws up an imaginary letter to Friedrich Georg about how to deal with mutineers.
26th July	Occupies Abschnitt C. Heavy casualties from own artillery. He once again follows the division storm troops, armed this time only with one hand-grenade. They are outflanked and forced to retreat. Jünger successfully returns to the German position; much of the remainder of his company is killed or captured.	
27th July	Continuing losses from German artillery.	Not relieved from front line position.
28th July	Comments on discrepancies between English and German accounts of the recent action.	Hears that copse has fallen and his own unit carries out a <i>Stoßtrupp</i> action to roll up the trench.
29th July	Regiment relieved.	