4/8/17 alarm went at 5.30 am dressed and had cup of tea. Rupert yet arrived at 6.30 am. Refused. Start at 8 am to boat. Falmouth at 7 am. Melbourne. After some delay got on board by 7.45 am and woke key for up. Who had come on board day before. Pulled major Rugby had breakfast and wrote home. Delivered to read. Wrote home. Remember to post it. Left wharf about 8 am. Not one tree key to me off. Am glad to say had weather as it was both agree on this. 9.30 am Office orderly medical officer. 10 am read out order to Adm. Must not as bad as we experienced. As thought it would be. 11.30 am inspected part ship with 604. 3:00 pm. On deck. Beautiful day song. Town. Stay after noon. First as we were sort through head had boats stations deleted (us and ours) near stern of ship. Very blue. Sorry out thank goodness. Thought some sick. 12 pm. Bed and facing Wilsons Promontory boat chute east. Must surely be going by Panama Canal. 4:50 pm. One last look at Australia before bed. Wonder when we shall see it again. Wonder what they are doing at home. Not minutes if we could only see them and tell them where we are and that we are alright. Sick. 5/8/17. Up by 9 am. Great joint outline by land to northwest probably baby. Goodbye Australia. Still join me.

Sea calm. Church parade at 8 am. When over. Boat goes a bit rough in the stern.
Upon top deck most of afternoon in sun 4pm.alarm signal hurriedly put on life belt and tore to boat station where waited until inspected and to hr later boat like stern ship felt happier when left it. A few on duty today had nothing to do. Nearly 9:45pm with any news from home. Some sort of doing a hommade bed. Wonder how Mr. Allen is getting on in his quarters. Saw him yesterday for a few minutes. Said it was dreadful down there. Wish he could do something for him but afraid I can't. Have very calm nerves. Don't shine open into me another is.

Rails and dog. Couldn't have planned it better if we had arranged it ourselves. Feeling very tired and sleepy. It's just a little bit fresher than mine this morning. But wonderfully calm. Up nothing to do all morning. Was in charge of mumpstases of which there are only two at all. In afternoon gave a lecture to crew and then had a sleep. Passed a frigate steamer from New Zealand in evening. Ray managed to get Mr. Allen up to cabin for about an hour says he is not getting on badly yet. Not seen sick so far neither Ray or self.
2/7/17 Up at 6.30am for Sick Parade at 7am. Had about 60 free to secure late for breakfast two moreementia cases. Sea much rougher today and some rain. Have been longing for calls. Was able to get a few on board. A few worse. Advice anyone travelling in these times to bring plenty of provisions. Roy fortunately has a tin of coffee biscuits. Rather a very slow trip. We just bring more food and plenty on board but would like a private stock. Don't care for tea on board. They are powdered milk. At 4pm did Sick Parade again. Not as many as in am. Rougher than ever. Not quite as well. Bathing out all right. Mr. Allen up. Evening Hospital overflowing onto flaks mostly seasick patients. Slept quite a lot. A day. Rumours of being a chance to get a mail off tomorrow. Don't believe it as not likely to send out a boat from Auckland for it. However wrote home on off chance very windy. 9/17 Not so windy but big swell on. Supposed to be on parade with Anne and give her a lecture but only about 10 outside 80. On parade so rather thankfully returned to cabin. Getting very tired and constant rolling. Slept in afternoon up on deck most of evening. Trunk night supposed to have sighted lighthouse on north. Mr. Alden also said to have sighted ship on port side about 11. Ju. 10/8/17 Orderly Officer but did Sick Parade for sick who was not too well. Parade getting smaller as weather getting better. Shoots almost today at 10. 30 am. Evening hour of inspection of ships with Dr. Has a written off about dozen
following him. Spent well over an hour this way and returned with a very bad headache. Slept all afternoon, head aight.
By dinner time 7 pm. but only just. Murdered till cabin in evening for about an hour.
Suggested that he be my batman so that he could use it for a haven of refuge - no work really for him to do. He is to think the matter over.
15/8/17. Same day as yesterday. Going to have supper 1800 Meridian all the MO's are splitting up the tows of the day between them as it is much colder today. I have a watch for Jim Mcbean from this beetle. I am warming it as well at dinner for safety. Several things having been stolen - none of mine as yet. Keeping one watch at Melbourne time for interest sake 9.05 am. Here is now. Read some more before that. Much success. Boat station alarm in afternoon. Concert in evening. Did the sick parade in afternoon.
17/8/17. Set to Panama for another three weeks.
Same old routine day. Sports in afternoon.
18/8/17. Sunday Church Parade in morning. In digging rain fortunately the pastor cut out the sermon andade himself very popular. Unbearable weather for troops on board. Two South Australian fellows old St. Peter's College boys in Dublin, went to Communion in afternoon.
After church parade.
19/8/17. Most muggy day. Rain. Chat times. Bumps hospital full up. Everybody in ship seems depressed and irritable. Wind about 8.15 am. Seemed to bump up against something like a rock. But only for a few seconds. We are sailing on an almost unknown sea with poor chart. Seems like going on to eternity, may get there one of these days.
3rd, Allan and a friend of his up in the evening. Seems to thoroughly appreciate the visits, says he am not a private soldier. Discomfort quite enough as they are but a paradise to a privates life. Have been M.O. on duty all day to take the sick, a lot of influence on board and colds galore. Man very ill in hospital. Probably acute nephritis, will either die in a few days or get better slowly. Long gone with the doctors (M.D.) and later with the 107th from which after all are not many. Allan seems almost to write themselves now. if it is really rheumatic but thought brought to give him the chance. Says here afraid he won't keep fit unless he sticks to his proper diet. However, will see later.

14/17 wind still from north blowing harder than ever. Wonderful how little motion one feels. Supposed getting used to it. Bored to death almost with monotony. Still in excellent health and wish I could only let them know at home two words. "Quite well." Hope they understand that we are going by Panama as no word from W.H. man in the hospital much worse evidently dying. Fire rain in afternoon. Man in hospital moved died about 5:30 pm. Two of Peters' Co. fellows in cabin in evening - Ashley & Hiatt both nice fellows aged about 18 yrs each very muggy weather.

15/17 still close muggy weather. Burial at sea. Every body in full dress all officers and men's Company stood on starboard from made dock. Company to right proceeding. Officers and firing party to left. Band played as deceased brought on deck. R.C. Padre read the burial service. (Officers saluted as body brought on deck.) Engines boat lowered down, body committed to sea with all headed. Covered, covered. Then fired three volleys. Ayler played the last post and officers stood at salute. When finished the band struck up a lively tune. Both company and Turner Jack Turner report Japan & all about daywork
Read nearly all morning. Sports in afternoon sent cabin to a sergeant who was sick came in evening but did not attend it. 19th. July. 17 orderly officer and some medical officers work as well as I get the influence as I came out of sick parade about 8 am. found we were almost up to Raja Island a French possession with a French resident and supposed to have about 300 descendants of matio as inhabitants. Quite a small island as far as we could see from about 15 miles away. Huge cliffs rising straight out sea going up to almost mountain peaks. Island about 15 miles long I suppose and Captain very kindly went out of course so that we could go along all one side about middle was a bay and a red roofed building to be seen tattoo of it reef growing entrance. Took photos altogether very pretty scene clouds hanging over peak with sun shining patches at different times over whole island. As we left it pass through shoal of flying fish enormous number sick admitted about 25 to hospital in all with influenza. Many more sick our Col. Major Ryan also Capt. Hauser Agent 1st. Bothamley all were in bed so the remaining 8 we kept very busy & helping up the job to do. Other officers sick as well all influenza. Wonder when my turn will come. Concert in evening but did not go to talk. Some of the men went to town 19th. July Saturday not on duty during day. Except for dry inspections cases a German vessel and chicken pox and sports in afternoon officers team pulled against the sergeant and Asford transport was very exciting. The sports in afternoon sizzled smoked.
On the Southern Horizon (about 3 pm) great discussion as to what it was. Eventually came up with right and turned out to be the "Hildiades." We had left Sydney with 2000 a ahead, and called at Auckland. She did not get nearer than about 10 miles and by evening was well behind. Not seen at night. We hear she is travelling without lights. About 10 pm sighted Pitcairn Island. Looking like a cloud blow on the horizon up along about a mile away on South Side. 5:15 pm Island not a huge rock, not more than a few miles in either direction 15 miles in. Before the wind pounded three sides Captain turned round East side of Island and we saw a light from a rowing boat. Evidently come out two wild she-kings from the ship. Light kept going on shore, but we did not see what an excitement there must have been on that lonely island. Believe there are about 150 inhabitants descended from the mutineers of the "Bounty." Suppose they would undoubtedly be the largest ship they had ever seen. Then they would see the Hildiades behind what a disappointment it must have been for them that we did not stop. There seemed to be a valley running down to the sea on the side from which the boat came. Where evidently there was a settlement but it was getting too dark to see distinctly. Later I believe we fired rockets up and the Hildiades answered. Also supposed to have received a message from her saying that they had a force of men on board and there was a decision at Auckland. What an exciting day. Shot a ship and land all around. Surely not good for us. Influenza still rampant.
19/01/17 Medical Officer for sick parades today and will allay influenza about my infectious cases getting on alright. Saturday had church parade but didn’t get thrilled by it. Beautiful day really enjoying the voyage. Soke raymond copcake with daily reader experiences also own book. Our 2nd mo. is a very nice man but weak for the position. Which makes it harder for us, and the members. The permanent AMC on the boat are mostly captains to a certain extent and aren’t being moved around as they would have things, however, they find a pretty strong combination of us. No one would withstand any nonsense and we feel quite equal. Looking after ourselves but it would be much easier if the AMC would be stricter. And better concerned wind has come right from north in the last few days through west and south east.

20/1/17 Nothing today except my isolation cases wind about east and we are sailing north east about supposed to panama wonder if the diary will ever find its way back to Australia and all at home. I thought I could hear how they all are and tell them. I am very well. Wonder how everything is London. It’s nearly 3.30 am at home. I was 9 to 1 am. on Tuesday morning. Breakfast will be a much later thing about dinner father going out. She said but I don’t think she will have forgotten. The wonder when I have seen them again believe we crossed the tropic of capricorn last night.
31st: Killick in cabin. On evening former getting influenza. Slept most of day.

1/17: Perfect day. Really enjoyed it. 2016 Ray Killick in cabin. Mottled day but had eventually to be admitted to hospital with influenza. Concert evening but not very good so left early. Had haircut by ship's barber. Another sick seaman in cabin in evening. Dem B.C. mate up in cabin but he went sick. Thin orderly. Medical officer so had to inspect the food supplies and make sure of injection with officer also to see some stay sick people who came along between sick parades which are at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sergeant in cabin. Really a perfect day. Sun hot but there is dense clouding.

23/17: Practically nothing to do. All day except muting hospital. Slept in afternoon and in evening watching horse contests afterwards went to spent evening in ship doctor's cabin.

2/17: Still nice weather. Meningitis case discovered on board. Also pneumonia case amongst my mumps cases. Have sent several times during day but not heard of any improvement.

25/17: Believe there are 2 meningitis cases but am keeping well away from them. Medical officer for sick parade duty. Admitted quite a number of influenza to hospital. 2 more meningitis cases to hear. Sports in afternoon very good. Other deck race all round the boat deck started off by a spurt from...
life belts and then under a rig net fastened down on the deck. Then through a long wind chute or windsock for carrying air down the hatch, then onto a post and over a pole about 5 ft high. Then through a bag feet first then through life belt under a rig net through a very long wind chute and climb by a rig net & about 10 ft down to the other side and run to the finishing post. There were 40 heats in each heat. Also sports elsewhere on ship but did not see the last event—bed about 9 pm.

With a bit of a headache and feeling very well, I got up and saw the ward. There were church parade and a really good hospital care. Dr. S. woke up, feeling very well. His name is Dr. S. The young man on boat with us is really a pretty German person. He is the same age as me, pretty good address. He is the same man as supposed to be Professor in the great college. He was in college with me. When foster was left when foster went out meningitis cases were there. The man that I believe was the first one is a case that Ray Fox had a row about one day. Ray Fox had a row about one day. He looked after the hospital and very sick. Patient had pneumonia. Ray was very sick and did not attend to the nursing stuff. Almost refused to believe he was sick and did not attempt to be cured. Scary on the treatment day. Ray was a good patient. He trusted the nurses with the thought of them.
Get practically no support from the
and are very pleased that this
case is that and perhaps it will
make them realize their position as
they consider themselves almost
competent staff. We took charge of her case
after dark day in the hospital and
the patient was quite well for some
days, until he woke up. The fact
that the man was really ill
caused the course before did
by anyone and did and finished after
has gone to hospital work who
considered the fool of the University
and the Alfred Hospital. Did several
locums before the finished, the course
jailed exams innumerable times, many
in a court case for practicing without
being through and yet, through having
round has been put in a position
here senior. Wall intents payment
to doctor makes us rage. He talks
about all the locums is older than
we are and so gives the impression
that he has been practicing for some
time and us are senior to him too
in the military, which hurts some
why should he be placed in charge
as part of the hospital? For me,
and yet, not for myself I don't think
I can complain as I am in charge
in the infectious cases other than
meningitis. Yet the attempts in little
ways to show his seniority
Handkerchief it is all in the gaze. Ruffer
spent some time in every looking for
Mallen. When returned to
Mallen then gotten. Then returned to
Carlin found him in jail. He is
pretty disgusted with things too.
Another nice day. Helped censoring letters in morning. Seems to be slower of them. I don't care for reading them so I do the sorting, stamping, etc., just after lunch which is at 1 pm. We got in sight of Hood Island one of the Galapagos group belonging to Ecuador. Away off, one could be seen another island faintly. We passed about 4 miles away from Hood Island which was some miles in length and looked very run down baked not much vegetation to the naked eye. When we came to much larger island that is Jaram Island which we passed about 10 miles off. Didn't see anything more than a hazy blue outline. Clear of it by about 6:30 pm very interesting to watch. Contests in evening. Ray complained of bad headache. At night 27/9/17 must have crossed the Equator in early morning. Woke up with headache managed to have a small breakfast see my stumps calls to retire to lie down Ray Pick long orderly officer's job to time. Ray looked down with splitting headache and temperature up. Park very worried about him didn't like to examine him for meningitis get very enraged called in the SAMO and decided all well. Ray much better by midday 28/9/17 quite alright again. What have been the effect of going over the Equator? They much worse down evening quite alright 8:30, see him again at midnight & after a sedative to concert, music, etc.

Awakened up early by airplane order to see lighthouse & destroyer at entrance of bay. Soon after breakfast came to Iland and on port side obscured mostly by rain but between heavy rain sun shining. Entrance Grand Ibsee in distance by about 9.30 am. American gunboat came out but then the pilot in his launch gave up and went up in rain for most of way to lock. 1.30 pm. Did not see Panama as it was some miles to right of entrance. It is not easy to describe locks on canal. The scenery was not so marvellous but the locks were wonderful. I have a sketch of canal which shows route. Sampan lake very pretty & reached Sampan locks about 7.30 pm. The lake is somewhat after Lake Lewis style of beauty but wider and saltier. Lake Tyler just as pretty if not prettier in parts. The Culebra cut must have been a great engineering feat but for scenery cannot in the slightest degree touch the Wanganui river in New Zealand. Numerous sawmills exchanged between U.S. soldiers and our men. Anchored in Limon Harbor off color about 9.30 pm. 3/1/17 about 7 am. Drew a long line coaling at wharf and started to coal. Wonderful system of coaling all apparatus worked by electricity & coal heat & coal is lifted up into bush which run about by themselves finally end up opposite the ship where empties down a chute onto an endless ribbon shaped which carries
the coal right over the side of the ship and down into the coal bunkers by a chute. Meanwhile truck goes off to be filled again. About 12:30 p.m. about 8 men jumped off the ship into New York and climbed the coal heap with U.S. entry after them all back in under ten hours, one with broken leg from a fall. Ship Captain Purser Inspector O.C. troops & E.M.O. only allowed off to land. Same latter a telegram send home but he found it wasn't anyone sending it so didn't saw a U.S. submarine발고 notes to a U.S. Corporal. It showed on the wharf also newcomers each day. Not many on wharf mostly sailors (U.S.) and negroes whom believe coming from Jamaica. U.S. destroyed coal for next four believe she was in action 3 days ago but don't know where. 19/7 still doing believe international complications are we have stayed more than 24 hrs in a neutral Port Canal zone though belongs to U.S.A. It be by treaty a neutral port difficulty got over by giving some of the Ecuador needs repairing about 2:30 p.m. While I was coal we moved out into the Bay with ship "Metaxades" which had arrived during the day went into coal. Somewhat cooler out in the bay anchored. Plenty of thunder lightning rain 19/7. Sun all day in the sweltering heat. Troop chef arrived also hear that the "Lusitanian" is coaling. Ray by none least will yet complained of headache at night more rain etc. Bay not very interesting for large part surrounded by breakwater, at opening the destroyer has go about and Kear out deck if anything comes in sight. Believed from P.I. across entrance at 6 p.m.
Still very hot. Wish we could move off. Still tried to get 3 meningitis taken ashore but wasn't able to. Other case getting better. Yellow fever seems worse again. Have about 60 cases at present. 3 death. March 31. Fortunantly cool breezes occasionally. Ray's cardate much worse. Various treatment adopted but without success and about 14 men went away of itself. Otherwise he is much better. 'Medic' came out and anchored about 1/2 miles away from us in the bay. Also millodyes out here too. From latter several boat loads of men went on to the beach for a few hours. Upon boat deck in evening with Ray, Mr. Valentine in charge and Sgt. Barnable thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Was orderly officer April 1/17. Seems hotter than ever. 3 four boats went ashore about midday with men for a few hours on the beach. This is a miserable effort for a diary and I know I might describe a lot of things, but I can't and on boat here everything is just the same day after day. Not Portuguese boats have come in since we have been here. One French (longer). One Japanese a few American but even more British also some evidently coastal boats. U.S. cruiser said to have arrived in fort this morning but cannot keep up. I evidently cooling off. Saw periscopes of 2 submarines moving about. 50 of our life boat lowered & took a party of men over to the beach in morning. Afternoon Ray, Valentine and I on deck in evening. April 7/17. Not so hot but very creamy. Chilian warship in fort. Boat racket off in morning. Swam with afteroon. Thoroughly enjoyed myself. Helped to row past way over & back. Had swim when well & to store quite a nice small beach; boats from the other troop ships coming in as well.
after a swim went over towards the other side where the soldiers live passed about two aeroplanes in it on the way at last arrived at the cantonment bought ice cream & other small things, then visited the medical department & no doctors at home, then visited part of the fort. The place is entirely for soldiers evidently guarding one side (north-) of the entrance to Colon harbour. Buildings are all well off the ground and have windows almost all the way along the sides with corridors of mosquitoes wire running the full length on each side. The jungle starts almost at your door step. Plenty of coconut trees & very few orchids, but very wet getting into life boat routine had to swim out even bit but all through enjoyed the 2 hours ashore quite an experience climbing up down the side of a slip by a ladder.

1917 Medical Officer on Vick Parade today but not many cases. Three, mumps cases increased to 25, was not until evening before that could convince people I must have more room for them. So ame had to give up half of their quarters, bad luck, but you cant put 25 in the space allowed for 12. More boat loads went ashore, but this is the last lot & so I believe Chilian war boat left. Had a film to develop but all the gelatine came up disappointed as it was a film I had gone through the canal film double & added one. Rainy hard during evenings.
9/7/17. Boats allowed ashore today. Rumors say we are leaving soon. Hard to tell in the day. New Zealand troopships said they anchored along side us in the bay somewhere but didn't see them as I slept most of the day. In evening the Scotch piper played on the Promenade deck. Afterwards Ray mvalentine bought a bottle of some Champagne of Ray that he had for seasickness toasted a farewell to the dreariest place we had ever seen or perhaps rather been to a place like it. Sea was pretty good and we were stiff at last thank goodness. US. Cruisers led the way then us then Anchises Millicent. The 2 N.Y. boats and the poor old slow middie last. Six troopships in all.

During morning eaten boat deck nice cool breeze blowing dried bread but pretty hopeless as had to constantly get up from what wild maneuvers were taking place. Sometimes would go in one direction and then in another. Life boat station parade in afternoon and since then have to carry your life belt wherever you go. Usually forget it got to chase round clothing for it.

Barbary at night had the best campfire at night all lights come and those that are left made are pretty dim and few got have window screen in cabin closed up light is up and light is screened so that you only see a beam going straight down & the floor alodynam closed and atmosphere most trying
After dinner struggled over to see my mumps cases decided to pay my Jap - well visit to them in daylight. Left my way to the boat deck to get some air. Stayed there awhile then went down three Rupert Hyett who wasn't very well. Carribean Sea almost like glass so smooth. Don't like dark ship. 9/9/17. Orderly medically officer dragged life belt round with me all day called back the thing. Church parade in morning afterward. Quart master and I made tour of inspection of ship. Mumps cases number 31 now. Having finished 'Sentimental Tommy' by J.B. Barrie enjoying it thoroughly. In "Whistling" by O. Henry. Loathe the Carribean Sea. Wind very warm nowhere anywhere. Still foolish manouevering by the ships sometimes in lines then in one then in no definite line. One even decided to turn round so the opposite way for awhile. Poor old medics who rest the face makes it pretty slow usually miles away. Wish he wasn't so loud then we could get on quicker. Thankful trees seem to be in a sensible ship which does not do much. Tearing about we are the flag ship. The US seems rather erratic in her movements at times. Dark ship against bright. Loathe it atmosphere needed several shark ares to get off abt cooler up on boat deck in evening spent most sit there with Ray for Rupert Hyett better in morning but not something evening. Heat a lot so with it I think 10/9/17. Pay day but did not claim any. Had plenty to go on writing as hot and uninteresting sort of day.
as yesterday. Sea a good deal rougher but
quite bearable. Slept most of morning.
Still dragging life belt round all day.
11/9/17. Still another rotten day just the
same as any other. About 10 pm came
in sight of 3 lights on port side, evidently
Eastern end of Cuba but don't know
Passed 2 and one about 2 am on 12 K. Instantly
had a bad headache most of day
blist cleared off in evening Sea very calm
12/9/17 M.O. on sick parade today Sports
in afternoon. 2nd round of obstacle
race, first round of which was held
before we got to Panama. Sea calm
not quite so hot but bad enough
U.S. cruiser tore off in morning to
inspect a vessel on the port horizon
mines cases number about 34. Plenty
on decks in evening. Course with
life boat and in the dark
13/9/17. Realized that it is really mother's
birthday now. A.m. here being about
the same as on last few days. Will still be at home. Wonder if mother
got my present safely. Wireless hours says that
Washington denies sight between
transport convoy and submarine. The
rumours have it got into melbourne
papers. Sea not very rough but nasty side
roll rather unpleasant. Operation in
afternoon for appendicitis on one
The new Maj Ryan. S.M.O. Capt Blakeley
assisted the salve the anaesthetic.
Life boat parade in afternoon but
as I was at operation missed it.
14/9/17. Cooler but still warm. Capt
Hyett F.O. on parade before the S.M.O. to deck in my cap.
Bohamley a Junior M.O. should be put in positions seemingly over me a special instance being the operation yesterday think it has cleared the air and things will be better in future. Same old day as any other otherwise. 15th/17th orderly m.o. so had to be up early to inspect the breakfast. Mumps cases on the decrease down to 25 now. Soon after breakfast fast sighted land on port bow. I wrote a short note in case got a chance to post it. By midday we were well opposite the island where a British cruiser H.M.S. Canawon was waiting all the ships stopped and just before lunch the U.S. cruiser left us and the British boat took charge of us. The sea was very calm but quite close to several of the other boats at different times. Our four ship officers visited the U.S. midshipman from the British cruiser who after ward paid a visit to each of the transport giving orders etc. We were only about two miles off the shore at one time. The island seemed to have quite a number of buildings on it. There are supposed to be over a 100 islands in the Bermudas. South of which one this was and we really only saw the one. We did not take until about 4.30 p.m. Believe there was some delay about some condensers having gone wrong in one of the New Zealand boats. Believe we are on our way to Halifax, wonder what would have
If someone had told me a few months ago that I was to spend all these places and see practically nothing of them, I would have been a perfect day and a beautiful sight. Starlight and very calm and really dark but a sort of gray twilight. Wish she had been there she would have enjoyed it. I got to wear our life boat at all the time now pretty warm too. I hardly think we were out of the tropics it is still warm, but not such a moist heat. Boats showing head side lights in the night and yet otherwise dark ship regulations stricter than ever. Hardly seems to fit in all right. Mr. Allen has been sleeping on the floor in Ray's cabin. Got some extra now as deck space that is secure from rain is taken up with Submarine and ship's guard. Otherwise he would have to sleep downstairs in the troop decks where the air is dreadful. Special men are detailed as Submarine guard and it is their job to watch for Submarines to see that ship is kept dark at night. This has been sung on ever since we left London but it is stricter now. Sports in afternoon.

16/9/17 Sunday. Attended church parade in morning. Don't think it did me much good don't admire either of the Protestant Padre onboard. Prefer the R. one as a man. Sea got quite a fair roll in it today. Shots yesterday afternoon among other things well finished off the obstacle race, a severe obstacle.
race and an officers, but I did not join
for it. Sergeant whose throat was bad
some time ago is bad again worse
so suppose I shall hate to try and
sure him again and not forgetting
that I shall have to lend him my
cabin too, in the day time. My numb-
cases all doing well and gradually
decreasing. Feel much safer with a
British Boat to convey us. I believe
the U.S. cruisers complimented me before
she left, on our signalling. We have
and all many men a soldier on
board and he does a good job at
it. The troops on board have chosen
a certain number of men to the
ship's Captain to help with the
signalling. Very equally in afternoon
and a fair wind. I am feeling safer from submarine attacks.
Believe, however, that there is a submarine now.
Course but some distance to the
East. Hope it stays there.
17/9/17 Quit rough and feel sick as things
are well. 4 new Mumps cases.
Rewrote letter (3) as we did not get a
chance of putting a mail off at
the Bermudas, don't know if we will
be allowed to at the Halifax but
hope so. Same sort of day as usual.
Mr. Allen in cabin in evening. 7/9/17
if I mentioned before, that he sleeps
in Ray's cabin at night now.
18/9/17 M. O. J. Sick. J. Judas. Rained
most of day, heavy misty kind
from during morning pasted a
fishing smack, and soon after lunch.
another, about 3:45 P.M., passed a light ship and at 5 P.M. came on a buoy which made a row like a sort of sign. I don't know if it has a light at night since a light would not be much good in this foggy weather they have round these parts; also, couldn't see them at any distance in daytime when foggy, as we found it we turned at right angles and the remaining ships of discovery could be seen well. Another ship joined in at the end painted at her bows white in such a way as in dull weather you might take it for the stern and the stern was painted to represent a bow. Suppose for to deceive a submarine as to the way she was going.

Soon after a sailing boat came out of sail and we a sloop, the cruiser after went on to harbour. We passed along a rocky cliff coast against which a steamer evidently recently had run aground. She was lying with her bow right up on shore on the rocks with the stern under water to the pretty new too. On reaching a point a row boat came out from a light ship and gave us another man in uniform and we entered Halifax harbour, whereupon we put away our life belts. It was quite dark as we came up but the lights were plentiful on shore, we passed the cruisers flying at anchor, against a small island, and went...
About 2 miles further on. Here a fair idea of the harbour I sought.

American transport

Anchorage

Halifax

Nova Scotia

North

Offshore

Southeast

Lightship

Stepping buoy

Sailor's song

Yells

Hi-de-ho's

Sighs

Fires in the evening

Ran a boat ashore

Enjoyed the day

Hope it can be understood we anchored near an American transport which had troops on board. Greetings were exchanged between the two boats by means of yells, songs, bugle calls, etc. Filled in the evening rather well, played draughts later on. Really enjoyed the day.
Fortunately it cleared up in the evening and the morning of 19/2/17 was a perfect treat to have the weather dry, chilly at first but quite clear and warming up at midday. Harbour very pretty, shining along the South Side could take out 4 other ships opposite with American troops on board, something British ships with Nelson jack flying. The boat so close last night is a British ship the Carpathia belonging to the Cunard Co. no bigger than its declared size, we were 17/133 tons, ours too! Grade being about 2000. Counted about 20 ships in the portion of harbour we were in. Was plenty, Harbour we couldn't see. Boats marked round the boat deck to the ship and band. I joined in for a while and engaged it. Some Americans came rowing across from their ship. Told us they had been at sea 5 days and been adrift, don't expect we will get ashore though orders came to go last night we were to appear in full dress today. Unwise disappointment now to be asked if they don't get it. I can hardly blame them. Scrambling head to footway, round the world through most interesting places too. No idea probably never get the chance again. Trees to show mostly of fir variety. I should think cone shaped. O.C. must ask some in morning and returned in afternoon. Said he one at get leave to let the men off on shore so wouldn't let the officers go. Let the Red Cross men off whom there are 4 so. Be got counts out by the men at a concert in the evening. Short in afternoon.
Relay races, 50 yard sprints and long high jumps. Played croquet part of evening and remainder up on deck with Fox and Park. Another transport supposed to have Canadian troops on board arrived about 6 pm and anchored near us. 20/9/17 dull morning but fine. Discharged about 7 monkey cases but got 5 new ones in. Trying to keep the place as empty as possible as they have to go in our life boat if we get torpedoed. Nothing much done. Boats from N.Y. transport round our boat which only served to irritate our men more than ever. Some weren't allowed off. Red Cross men returned confirmed us we were the only ship from which no men were ashore. The “Carmania” arrived in port and anchored some distance away from us. Biggest boat I have seen isfair about 22,000 tons. Boat refers to at stop sheet is the “Canada” which holds the speed record from S. Africa to England goes about 22 knots an hour. Has had 70 trips across Atlantic since start of war. 20 men on board transferred them to 2 other boats so the convoy won't be such a slow one. As the “Medic” is very slow our mails went ashore found our official on board with his friends in St. John Newfound land and he wrote to them asking them
Let our people know we were well when they hear that we are safe and well. Drove quite a good deal of draught to pass the time. One of the officers, an old Scotch boy, had eaten a lot of fish and was very sick. I have been writing letters to kin in the old country 29/17. Had a medical officer for the day but not much beyond reading to do. Slept in afternoon until 4 P.M. when I woke to find ship starting to move so rose up on deck. Passed numerous ships going down the harbour and cheered good to attention as we passed two warships each of which gave 3 cheers for the army and our B.C. called for 3 cheers for the navy. The warships bands played "For the King" and the other "Australia will be there" quite impressively. Never have seen so much shipping before. Passed the "Medic" lying at anchor. Almost deserted. Halifax doesn't seem much of a town or father city. Most peculiar homes, no balconies or verandahs, could be seen. The red cross men said, while they were on shore, they saw none. This is a picture of a Halifax house. Two stories high, some in terraces, some lower. All on one plan. Saw only one verandah and that on the side opposite the city. Seems to be a very old place. One of the boats on the way was painted in a most remarkable manner.
streaks all over her gray, yellow and black. Didn't seem to be any design at all. She is our flagship I believe and in an auxiliary cruiser of an ordinary merchant ship fitted out with a number of guns. We had to give up our position of flagship and first in the line, and we sailed out 4° 8' as we passed through the second boom we put on our life belts and we entered on our final stage of the journey. Wonder what it will bring forth. The booms are placed across the harbor mouth and prevent ships coming in except through a narrow opening. They seem to be a string of buoys fastened together, mines attached. I presume and the entrance closed at night. Number of mumps cases increasing worse luck. Dark ship again at night. It was a relief not to have it while in port. Played draughts in evening and went to bed early.

2/19/17 Rather a dull morning alabony cold. Mumps cases number 4 & 2. Had a life boat parade in the rain during the morning. Ship took up a new formation the anchors and masts came up part way and went ahead of us. The flagship came up from behind and went up on the right side of the formation. There were 14 ships in the convoy and they are 10 miles.
in a sort of a square 3 rows of 3 to one behind took the other with the flag ship and another somewhere about the line possibly acting as a sort of patrol. The big "Carmania" is on the right side behind us and we are on the left side behind, don’t care much for these outside corners; sooner be in the middle, did some jacking up. Hope to land in England in about 8 days time but want to have things packed up in case we have to desert the ship and there is anything possibility of transshipping anything before links or she may be towed into some port at good temperatures. If I would be in the same port to get my things together harder, didn’t jack up to get a bit ahead of myself. Ships formed up in different ways several times before evening but always seemed to go back to formation described above. Played draughts in evening and talked to Mr. Allen for awhile in Ray’s Cabin. Sea very calm.

23/9/17 Sea rather rough. The convoy makes quite a fine sight some of the boats ride quite aloft but the "Carmania" looks every steady. Yesterday afternoon 2 sailing boats appeared and the weirdly painted auxiliary cruiser
our Escort went over and evidently ordered them off. Today is Sunday and as they started Church Parade a little earlier I was late so did not go. Went to Communion afterwards. Meant to sleep in afternoon & pack up but played deck croquet instead. Quite a strong breeze blowing and for a change on outside (port) of the ship. Mumps cases gradually increased & steadily growing. Have caught a bit of a cold. Packed up in evening and played draughts. 24/9/17 Monday Medical Officer on sick parade today. Several new mumps cases. Playship dominates now with the Red Cross people to pass the time. Had sleep in the afternoon, the masseur gave Ray for an electric massage. Ray not very keen on it but man decided it would be good for him. Sea sick.

25/9/17 Sea much calmer; following breeze; about 18 more mumps cases. A.M. turned out of their quarters completely now to make room for them and had to sleep put with another unit to sleep & mess. 65^th Mumps cases now. During afternoon boats did a fair amount of jiggling up and down. General activity increased generally to be making in a more northerly direction. The auxiliary cruiser of the weird...
and then turned in the opposite direction to what we are going, then eventually turned again, and came up behind us. She is supposed to have gone out for target practice, but we saw nor heard anything so off through the glass, you could see two of her guns out. Handled a change of fruit since we left Hawaii, mostly had oranges, melon, and a sort of orange melon but now having pears, oranges, apples, and occasionally peaches, the latter I believe go for about 2s. each in England. The men are able to buy a limited number of apples now from their canteen, if anyone be a godsend and it had not been able to get anything of all and their health needed the suffering in consequence. Am wearing Jimmy shorts again, and will wear it till the end of the journey. Another week more does not expect my toldis practically already again. Must keep my return trip of mine going down to a meal, still have the last straw to set them now after being amongst them for at least 7 weeks, if not more, would have to go to an isolation camp in England if I did set them. As they showed more I don't know if I mentioned before that I was able to get some sort of boiled rice. Off of the canteen and am enjoying...
I am keeping a bottle of the former for when in England, wonder if they have got my cables there yet. From St. Johns they ought to get it anything now; also if our mail from Panama caught the boat from there which I have heard since it did it. The “Zealandia” or some such name going across to New Zealand they ought to have it too any day. Have managed together quite a lot of photos from Panama Canal etc. Mine did not turn out very well and my film & the candle itself was ruined during the developing. Don’t know if I said before I had kept some watermelon seeds from those kept at Colon, intend to send them home and see how they set. Home wants to know that they are all right. Played bridge in evening and up on deck for awhile. Sea was very calm and only 2 stern lights visible ahead of us.

27/9/17: Fairly calm with following winds. Still sunshiny. Played deck croquet for awhile in afternoon but didn’t have a sleep instead played bridge in evening on deck. Night was full of moon quite bright enough to make out most of the stars. 27/9/17: Up early at 7:30. Ordered medical officer. Just after breakfast started to shave, had beard to bad to shave. My shave is rather thick at the top, with oc and not much to do. My moustaches has told some too. Hope they discovered there are quite
17 number of top-standers on board. There is a number of them from Zanzibar. We were a number of them for a while, but I don't know what the time and now I can't find them. Played deck croquet before lunch. After lunch, we read for a while and then slept so missed seeing the accent of the anchor cruiser. I believe she went away west to do it. The signal was taken up to 14 seconds after the flash was seen, to be heard very distinctly towards evening and several times the fog horns were used during the evening by other ships. At first, it was the signal for man-over-board. Short black means man-over-board and the last ship in the convoy has to do the picking up if any. The blazed heard however were long ones. After 10 p.m., an order came from the captain of the ship that everybody was to sleep in their breeches as there was danger of collision. Had to wake up my mumps people and get them jacked up. Must began to clear off later and I believe the order was countermanded but was made and truly a sleep in my pajamas by that time. Remained that a submarine was sighted yesterday from the mast head, but it didn't see us; don't believe it. Somewhat dull morning with following wind and pretty calm. Played dominoes and deck croquet in the morning. In afternoon, read for a while, later took sick parade for folks who was not well. Then attended 10 p.m. on a man who had died earlier.
in the day nothing at all definite found to account for high temperature he had been running for some weeks. He was buried during the evening soon after mass but I didn't know it was to take place so didn't see it. Captain wouldn't allow it to take place in day time as the ship would have had according to regulations to fall out of line and he refused to endanger the lives of those on board by so doing. There was a funeral evidently on board the Wiltonades during the day as that fell out of line and had the flag half mast. During evening had hillcoat fallen in cabin. jelly has had mumps for some time. Bright moonlight and sea very calm at night. Don't think intending before that boat we saw piled up on the rocks near Halifax was a hospital ship with 500 on board ran aground on the 4th August. The day we left Melbourne in very foggy weather everybody was scared. New bright sky but strong breeze blowing against us. Ships going quite a lot of zigzagging. After dark fast found a 3 masted sailing boat going along with us on the starboard side not far away. She stayed with us for quite a time but eventually we drew away from us. Cooked a pretty good in the sun with all the sails up. Marvelous how fast she seemed to be going against the wind. Did some more baking in morning and played some deck crochet.
18th more mumps have now. In afternoon there were sports for men who had not won any prize money at the other high jump. 50 yards sprint for men over 4yrs of whom there are quite a fair number on board mostly tunneleds etc. Monkey races where you run on all fours, Donkey races where you run down the deck with a man on your back and they change positions with him and run back I tried the last 3 events with some other officers and was one of the winners of the Donkey race. George we only competed for fun and not for prizes. Raced just got up on the spur of the moment. At 20 to 7 pm saw smoke on the horizon followed by more soon after and about 4 destroyers came up from the port starboard side about 4 pm. Saw an American one amongst them. We seem to have a British one to look after us fortunately. American maybe alright but am prejudiced the Sarumania what Ahead of us and seems to be taking the lead in the centre we came up too and passing several boats which had been in front of us fell in behind the Sarumania in a nice position in the middle with ships all around us something like this nice bright moonlight at night and destroyers bundled in ring all around and again played enough to run on deck in evening

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Hermann Stoßer x
Majestic x
Milford x
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30/9/17. Two morning's what dull discharges as many mumps as possible as there are to be no more discharges after to long. Have discovered that one of the vilest men on board is my cousin of the late SGT Campbell who was killed at Gallipoli. He was an caretaker and a great friend of mine. The church parade for Protestant today was not considered safe to have so many men packed so close together in case of a torpedo coming. The parade held as their number is much smaller about 200 odd. The boats have are still in a circle round the ships. There are to all told I believe the most I hear they ever send out as an escort. Later about midday 2 more destroyers arrived. One at least is painted like the aux cruiser with streaks all over her. 3 funnels grey and one brown and yellow. I suppose it might look in a dull light as if it had only one and so deceive the enemy and come up to it. The submarine hate the destroyers. During afternoon we did a good bit of zigzag. At night there was bright moonlight must be almost full moon was sick parade officer today but not many sick last time I suppose as 1/10/17. Nice a bit cool today. Believe yesterday we had as than 15 destroyers at one time. They all off different stations and after some a certain distance they have picked up others we are supposed to have gone along the south coast.
19 of Ireland and now am are in the Irish sea bound for Glasgow. Don't think Glasgow will be much to sea but am very pleased to be able to see a little bit of Scotland am writing this now on the train on 2/13/17 so writing will be worse than usual. However, to carry on spent most of day on deck also failed to see 2 mine sweepers which passed on the other side to what I was played deck croquet for a while in afternoon. In evening at 9 pm all the boats with the exception of the original five Australians and the boat which took "Medic" people aboard us and turned off for Liverpool come only see 2 destroyers left. Passed a light about 10:30 am suppose to be on the isle of Wight. Don't believe it. 2/13 woke up to see some land in the distance Island of Arran. Four torpedo boats left us early and we sailed on by ourselves the ship pseudo-Medic leaving the way. As we came opposite Lencrook we took the lead passed several torpedo boat destroyers, a dreadnought painted most weirdly. The Aquitania about 22 o'clock I believe but I liked the look of the country undulating hills mostly cultivated. Beautiful trees on either side. Autumn colours and the inevitable houses of the people. They looked very pretty and neat.
the trees. I missed quite a lot of the early part when we passed old small castles and fortresses. This was because I had to finish packing and the steward gave me about 80 papers to fill in for dumps matlab. Why they should be sent at the last moment I don't know, when they could have been done 3 days ago but no, oh well it is just typical. You can't judge what going up the Clyde is like, it's one mass of ship building not tens but hundreds of ships being built and this is just one ship building post. I used to wonder if it wouldn't be soon that so many ships having been built that our mercantile fleet would be practically non-existent oh no, worthy no longer. We passed places where women were working on the ships. They dressed in a sort of hoop dresses down to about the knees with trousers below. We got well cheered going up the Clyde. I was surprised at the men on board strangely quiet they were but interestedly interested. There was no government stop in the work they were washing and I think they realized it if for all of surgery ships all kinds and many. The strangely painted type where the
At first sight the vastness of the scene, the blue waters, the bees and flowers, the greens and reds, the yellows and blues, seemed to stretch out in all directions. We passed a place where there were fruit trees, such as are used in France. What a contrast we see in Neway of machinery, engineering works in between paddocks, cultivated with no waste ground. Enough sawdust and hay, then not hay. What I would like to do is to buy a horse and farm it. We drew into a wharf where there are hundreds along the river and offshoots all along the side. We enjoyed this for miles. Destroyers, steamers, building ships, even submarine docks, etc. That was our Yarra so strange to the country look. Poor people looked poor wonder if such is the case. After walking along side about 2 hours we set off. The trip about 430 pm. and so said good-bye to the Thames. Which had carried us so well for about 8½ weeks. We realized in a minke manner what went to the Navy. They brought us all that distance without a single mishap and yet tonight I hear that last night not far from us a British battleship was sunk of the north. Today we must have steered an- wonderful course with all the wind.
we didn't see much of Glasgow but ran through high railway yards and manufacturing areas. The country was charming cultivated everywhere with very pretty little villages all over. The place cooled off by about 7 pm. we got to Carlisle where refreshment baskets containing some broth and much food came beef, 2 tomatoes, brown bread, 2 pints of butter, 1 small piece of cheese, 2 biscuits, salt & mustard. Got a cup of coffee at refreshment rooms but too hot to drink before train left after leaving had our tea and went to sleep after reading papers, me & my in carriage for myself. St Valentine is a very nice chap and was 00 of the train. Slept fairly well waking up every now and again once found ourselves at Derby. Believe we came through Leeds later through Birmingham. 1077 walked about town & shaved in our private lavatory for which we bribed the guard at Carlisle some water. When arrived this had black oil floating on top but it was acceptable never less & was skinned with paper, eventually reach Didcot about 9 am. approx where we fognt and marched through charming country in bright sunshine about 2.5 to 3 miles to the Parkstone camp where the same training dep't is. Reported ourselves to the Major in charge and had one breakfast about 1030 am. Had ablutions, look about & sent a cable home. Ray called quite a decent room together. Aunt and Uncle today in London, we're waiting evening today for us to train in am. Chip took us in after Baham Town. Show to me sent goodbye diary...