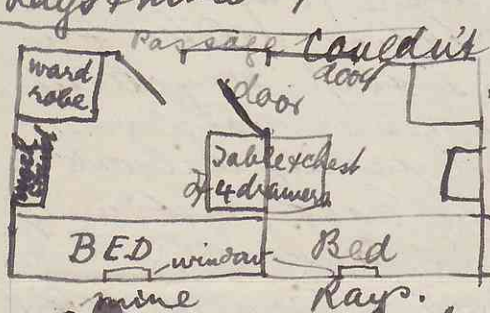


4/8/17 alarm went at 5:30^{am} dressed and
 had cup of tea. Rupert Hyett arrived at 6:30^{am}.
 I went off by Jane to Boat. Then into
 at Port Melbourne. After some delay got
 on board by 7:45^{am} and woke Ray for
 up who had come on board day before to
 relieve Major Ryan ^{the smd} Had breakfast and
 wrote home. Gave letter to man going
 ashore hope he remembered to post it.
 Left wharf about 11^{am}. No one to see Ray
 or me off. am glad to say had enough
 as it was. both agreed on this. 9:30^{am} appointed
 orderly medical officer. 10^{am}. read out orders
 to Amie. unit. Not as had an experience
 as thought it would be. 11:30^{am}. inspected
 part of ship with OC and orderly officer
^{for rose} ^{about 3:30^{pm}} ^{in P.M.} ^{Boat at Dept.}
 Beautiful day going down bay. In after
 noon just as we were going through
 head ^{about 3:30^{pm}} had boat stations allotted to us
 Amie. (ours) near stern of ship. very calm
 going out thank goodness though some
 sick. 10^{pm}. bed. and passing Wilson's
 Promontory boat going East. Must surely
 be going by Panama Canal. Hope so.
 One long last look at Australia before
 bed. wonder when we shall see it
 again. wonder what they are doing
 home. just 2 minutes if we could only
 see them and tell them where we
 are and that we are alright not sick
 5/8/17. up by 8^{am}. just faint outline
 of land to north west probably Labo.
 Goodbye Australia. Still going East.
 Sea calm. Church Parade at 10^{am} glad
 when over. Boat moves a bit much in
 the stern. Slept till lunchtime.

Upon top deck most of afternoon in sun
 4 pm. alarm signal. Hurriedly put on
 life belt and tore to boat station
 where waited until inspected about
 1/2 hr later. Don't like stern of ship, felt
 happier when left it. As no on
 duty today had nothing to do.
 9.45 pm. writing this & then going to
 bed. Some idiot doing a promenade
 above my head. Wonder how Mr
 Allen is getting on in his quarters
 Saw him yesterday for a few minutes
 Said it was dreadful down there.
 Wish I could do something for him
 but afraid I can't. Have very ^{fine} calm
 Ray's mine open into one another's.



Couldn't have planned it
 better if we had
 arranged it ourselves
 Feeling very tired and
 Sleepy. Sea just a
 little bit fresher than

This morning but wonderfully calm.
 6/11 Nothing to do all morning. Was
 put in charge of mumps cases of
 which there are only two so far
 In afternoon gave a lecture to
 Amc. and then had a sleep. Passed
 a tramp 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 &
 Food is better than at Broadmeadows
 not sea sick so far either Ray or self

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7/8/17 up at 6.30 am for sick parade at 7 am
Had about 60 to see to, so was late for
breakfast. Two more mumps cases.
Sea much rougher today and some
rain. Have been longing for Lallies
was able to get a few on board
for 1/6 worth. Advise anyone travelling
in these times to bring plenty of
provisions. Ray fortunately has a tin
of coffee biscuits & each of us very sorry
that we did not bring more. Too good
& plenty on board but would like a
private stock. Don't care for tea on board
they use powdered milk. At 4 pm. did

Sick parade again. Not as many as in am.
8/8/17 Rougher than ever. Not quite so well
but hung out all right. Mr. Allen up in
evening. Hospital overflowing onto
floors, mostly seasick patients. Slept
quite a lot of 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.
9/8/17 Not so windy but big swell on. Supposed
to be on parade with time and give them
a lecture but only about 10 out of 60.
on parade so rather thankfully returned
to cabin. Getting very tired & constant
rolling. Slept in afternoon up on deck
most of evening. During night supposed
to have sighted light house on north of
New Zealand. also said to have sighted ship
on port side about 11 pm.

10/8/17 Orderly Officer but did sick parade
for Byett who was not too well. Parade
getting smaller as weather getting better.
much calmer today. at 10.30 am
went on tour of inspection of ship
with O.C. Has a retinue of about a dozen

following him. Spent well over an hour
this way and returned with a very bad
headache. Slept all afternoon head a-
bout dinner time 7pm. but only just. un-
til cabin in evening for about an hour.
Suggested that he be my batman so that
he could use it for a haven & refuge
no work really for him to do. He is to
think the matter over.

10/8/17 Same day as yesterday owing to passing
180th meridian, all the mo's are splitting
up the jobs of the day between them as it
is an extra day.
Church callines today. As I have a watch
for Jim McBean from his people I am wearing
it as well as mine for safety several
things having been stolen - none of mine
as yet - Keeping one watch at Melbourne
time for interest sake 9.55 am. There 12 noon
here. Tried to do some reading but without
much success. Boat station alarm in
afternoon. Concert in evening. Did the sick
parade in afternoon.

11/8/17. Sea very calm. Still going East. not supposed
to get to Panama for another three weeks.
Same old routine day. Sports in afternoon.
12/8/17. Sunday church parade in morning
in drizzling rain fortunately the parson
cut out the sermon & made himself
very popular. miserable weather for troops
on board. Two South Australian fellows
old St Peter's College boys in cabins with Ray
& me in afternoon. went to communion
after church parade.

13/8/17. Moist muggy day. Rained at times
mumps hospital full up. everybody in
ship seems depressed & irritable. warm N.
wind. about 8.15 am. seemed to bump up
against something like a rock but only
for a few seconds. we are sailing on
almost unknown seas with poor charts
seems like going on to eternity, may
set there one of these days.

3. Mr. Allen and a friend of his up in the evening. Seem to thoroughly appreciate the visits. Say I am not a private soldier. Discomforts quite enough as they are but a paradise to a private's life. Have been M.O. on duty all day. Take the sick parades. Good bit of influenza on board and colds galore. Man very ill in Hospital probably acute myelitis, will either die in a few days or get better slowly. Long gam with Ray Park (M.O.) and later with Ray Fox. Those ones which after all are not many. Mr. Allen doesn't think he will take on job of Batuman. I am really rather glad but thought I ought to give him the chance. Says he is afraid he won't keep fit unless he sticks to his proper drill. However will see later.

14/8/17 Wind still from North blowing harder than ever. Wonderful how little motion one feels. Suppose 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.A. man in the hospital much worse evidently dying. Fine rain in afternoon. Man in Hospital McPeak died about 5.30 pm. Two St. Peter's Bay fellows in Cabin in evening - Ashley & Killdean both nice fellows aged about 19 yrs. each very muggy weather.

15/8/17. Still close muggy weather. ^{9.20 am} Burial at Sea. Everybody in full dress i.e. all Officers and man's company. stood on starboard promenade deck. Company to Right of proceedings. Officers and firing party to Left. Band inside Band played as deceased brought on to deck. R.C. Padre read the burial service. (Officers saluted as body brought on deck.) Engines of boat slowed down. Body committed to deep all heads ~~down~~ uncovered. Firing party saluted by presenting arms. Then fired three volleys. Bugler played the last post and officers stood at salute. When finished the band struck up a lively tune. Body ^{came up} ~~came up~~ Jack. Engines of boat set off again & the spar on day work.

Read nearly all morning. Sports in afternoon
Leut cabin to a Sergeant who was sick. Concert
in evening but did not attend it. Rupert Hyett ill
16/8/17 orderly Officer and doing medical officers
work as well as Hyett has influenza
as I came out of sick parade about 8 am.
found we were almost up to Rapa Island
a French possession with a French resident
and supposed to be about 300 descendants
of maris as inhabitants. Quite a small
island as far as we could see from about
2 1/2 miles away. Huge cliffs rising straight out
of sea going up to almost mountain peaks
Island about ~~1 1/2~~ 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 at end of it
reef guarding entrance. Took 7 photos
altogether very pretty scenes clouds
hanging over peaks with sun out in
patches at different times over whole
island. as we left it passed through
shoal of flying fish. Immense number
sick admitted about 25 to hospital in aft.
with influenza.

17/8/17 many more sick. Our S.M.O. Major Ryan
also Capt Park, Hyett, & Bothamley all mo's
in bed so the remaining 3 of us kept
very busy & splitting up the jobs to be
done. 3 other Officers sick as well all
influenza; wonder when my turn will
come. Concert in evening but did not go
to it. Talked to some of the men.

18/8/17 Saturday not on duty during day
except for my infectious cases a
German measles and 2 chicken pox and
sports in afternoon. Officers team
pulled ^{in tug of war} against the Sergeants and
Motor Transport. was very glad of
the exercise we won. During the
sports in afternoon sighted smoke

4/18/817 cont'd (smoke) on the Southern Horizon
(about 3 pm.) Great discussion as to what
it was gradually came into sight
and turned out to be the "Multiades" which
had left Sydney with troops ahead of us
& called at Auckland. She did not get nearer
than about 10 miles and by evening
was well behind. not seen at night as
we hear she is travelling without
lights. about 245 pm sighted Pitcairn Island
looking like a dead glow on the horizon
up about a mile away on South
side by 5:15 pm. Island just a huge rock
could not be more than a few miles in
either direction if that much. But's whistle
sounded three times. Captain turned round
East side of Island and we saw a light from
a rowing boat evidently coming out towards
us with cheers from the ship. Lights set going
on shore but we did not stop.
What an excitement there must have
been on that lonely island. Believe there
are about 150 inhabitants descendants from
the mutineers of the "Bounty". Suppose we were
undoubtedly the largest ship they had
ever seen & then they would see the
Multiades behind what a disappointment
it must have been for them that we
didn't stop. There seemed to be a valley
running down to the sea on the East
side from which the boat came & where
evidently there was a settlement but
it was getting too dark to see distinctly.
Later believe we fired rockets up and
the Multiades answered. Also supposed
to have received a message from her
saying that they had a case of meningitis
on board & that there was a desertion
at Auckland. What an exciting day
Sports, a ship, and land all at once
Surely not good for us. Influenza still rampant

19/9/17 Medical Officer for Sick Parades today
and still plenty of Influenza about.
My infectious cases getting on alright.
Sunday. Had church parade but didn't
get thrilled by it. Beautiful day &
really enjoying the voyage. Sick
Ray. We compare notes daily re
our experiences also Ray Park. Our
S.M.O. is a very nice man but
weak for the position which makes
it harder for us. and the members of the
permanent A.M.C. on the boat are used to
laxness to a certain extent and resent
being moved from the way they choose to
have things, however they find a pretty
strong combination in 2 of us M.O.s who
would stand any nonsense and we feel
quite equal to looking after ourselves
but it would be much easier if the
S.M.O. would be stricter. and better
concerned. Wind has come right round
from north in the last few days through
west to south-east.

20/9/17 no duties today except my isolation
cases wind about East and we are
sailing north-east about supposed to be
about 9-10 days to Panama. wonder if this
diary will ever find its way back
to Australia and all at home. I do wish
I could hear how they all are and could
tell them I am very well. Wonder how
everything is going on. It is nearly 3pm &
at home it is 5 to 9 am. on Tuesday morning.
Breakfast will be finished & another is being
about dinner rather going out round the
sheep but I don't think they will have mottled
the. wonder when I shall see them again. Believe
we crossed the Tropic & Capricorn last night.

5. Killicoat & Ashley in cabin in evening. Former
getting Influenza. Slept most of day.
21/8/17. Perfect day. Really enjoying trip so far.
Ray, Killicoat in cabin most of day but
had eventually to be admitted to Hospital
with Influenza. Concert in evening, but not
very good so left early. Had haircut
by ship's barber. Another sick Sergeant
in cabin in evening. Seen to be neglecting
Mallen but he is ^{22/8/17} sick. The orderly
medical officer so had to inspect the
food supplies and make some inspection
of ship with O.C. also had to see some
stray sick people who came along
between sick parades which are at

8 am. Sergeant in cabin in aft. and evening
Sports in afternoon. Really a perfect day.

Sun hot but there is a nice cool breeze
23/8/17. Practically nothing to do all
day except mumps Hospital. Slept in
afternoon and in evening. Watched
boxing contests afterwards Park &
spent evening in Ship Doctor's cabin.

24/8/17 Still nice weather. Meningitis
Case discovered on board, also ?? diph-
theria case amongst my mumps cases
have the latter some anti dip. Serum.
Saw several times during day & no danger.

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25/8/17 Believe there are ^{more} meningitis cases
but am keeping well away from them.
Medical officer for sick parades today
admitted quite a number of Influenza
to Hospital. I more meningitis cases I
hear. Sports in afternoon very good
obstacle race all round the
boat deck. Started off by going through

Life belts and then under a pig
net fastened down the deck. Then
through a long wind chute or windmill
for carrying air down the hatches
then round a post and over a pole
about 5 ft high then through a bag
feet first then through life belt
under a pig net through a very
long wind chute and climb up
a pig net to about 10 ft down
the other side and run to the
finishing post; there were 40 heats
3 being in each heat. Also sports
elsewhere on ship but did not
see the lot went to bed about 9 pm.
with a bit of a headache.
During previous night man who had
pleurisy jumped overboard out of
hospital. Such good hospital care ^{assign} ^{man}.
26/8/17 woke up feeling very well. One
more nursing case admitted, others
very well. Church parade and sermon by
Mr. Haulin the Y.M.C.A. man on board
he is really a Presbyterian parson
Gave very good address. He is the same
man as supported Foster in the great
Ormond College row. He was in College
then and I think left when Foster
went out. Meningitis cases very bad
I believe. The first one is a case that
Ray Fox had a raw about one day he
looked after the hospital when Major
Ryan was sick. Patient had pneumonia
& the nursing staff almost refused to
believe he was sick and did not attempt
for some time to carry on the treatment. Ray
had a good row about it and told
the nurses what he thought of them

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w/et practically no support from the
Smo. and are very pleased that this
case is that and perhaps it will
make them realize their position as
they consider themselves a most
competent staff. we don't except Capt.
Bothamley who took charge of this case
after Park's day in the hospital & said
the patient was quite well for some
days, until he woke up the fact
that the man was really ill
Capt B. started his course before I did
or any of us did and finished after,
has done no hospital work was
considered the fool of the University
and the offed hospital. did several
locums before he finished his course
failed exams innumerable times, nearly
in a court case for practicing before
being through and yet through hanging
round has been put in a position
here senior to all intents & purposes
to 5 of us. makes us rage. He talks
about all his locums is older than
we are and so gives the impression
that he has been practicing for some
time. 4 of us are senior to him too
in the military, which hurts some.
Why should he be placed in charge
of part of the hospital & 704, Park,
and yet not. For myself I don't suppose
I can complain as I am in charge
of the infectious cases other than
meningitis yet he attempts in little
ways to show his seniority.
However it is all in the same. I suppose
spent some time in evening looking for
Mallen & then when I returned to
cabin found him in Kay's. He is
pretty disgusted with things too.

27/8/17 Another nice day. Helped censoring
letters in morning seemed to be thousands
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 to port
could be seen another island faintly
we passed about 4 miles away from Hood Island
which was some miles in length and
looked very sun baked, not much vegetation
to the naked eye. Then we came to much
bigger island Chatam Island which we
passed about 10 miles off so didn't see
anything more than a hazy blue
outline. Clear of it by about 6.30 pm.
Very interesting boxing contests in
evening. Ray complained of bad headache
at night. 28/8/17 must have crossed the
Equator in early morning. Woke up
with headache managed to have a small
breakfast see my mumps cases &
retire to lie down. Ray Park doing
orderly officer's job for me. Ray got down
with splitting headache and temperature
up. Park's very worried about him
didn't like to examine him for meningitis
got very scared called in the C.M.O. and
finally decided all well. Ray much
better by midday & I was quite alright
again. ^{must have} must have been the effect of
going over the Equator?
29/8/17 Ray much worse doing evening &
night 8 PM S.M.O. Woke him about
midnight & after a sedative he
quietened down. ^{Concert in evening. Or gave} Lecture on Panama Canal

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29/8/17. Ray Fox much better in morning
but temp. still up. no land in sight
getting much warmer wind on
rather light breeze almost behind
us. 30/8/17: Wakened up early by alarm.
orderly to see lighthouse & destroyer at entrance
near entrance of bay. Soon after breakfast
came to Island on Port Side obscured
mostly by rain but between heavy
rain sun shining. Entrance of canal
seen in distance by about 9.30am.
American Gunboat came out towards
then the Pilot in his launch came
tailed up in rain for most of way to
^{Balboa} ~~Colon~~ & on to first lock. Arriving there
by 2pm. Did not see Panama as it was
some miles to right of entrance. It is no
use to describe locks & canal. The
Scenery was not so marvellous but
the locks were wonderful. Have a look on
canal which shows route. Gatum lake
very pretty & reached Gatum locks
about 7.30pm. The lake is somewhat after
Lake Syers style of beauty but wilder
infact Lake Syers just as pretty if not
prettier in parts. The Culabra 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 ^{at locks} anchored in Limon Harbour
off Colon about 9.30pm. 31/8/17 about 7am. Drove
up along side coaling wharves started
to coal. A wonderful system of coaling
all apparatus worked by electricity.
High coal heap & coal is lifted up into
trucks which run about by themselves
& finally end up opposite the ship
where emptied down a chute onto an
endless "ribbon" shaped ^{steel} 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 pm. about 8 men
jumped off the ship onto the wharf
and climbed the coal heaps with
U.S. Sentry after them all back in
under an hour, one with broken
leg from a fall. Ship's Captain Purser
& Doctor. O.C. troops & S.M.O. only allowed
off onto land. gave latter a telegram
to send home but he found it wasn't
any good sending it so didn't. Saw a U.S. submarine
base notes to a U.S. Corporal. J.D. Stanley
on the wharf also souvenirs exchanged.
not many on wharf mostly soldiers
(U.S.) and negroes whom believe come from
Jamaica. U.S. destroyer coaled next to us
believe she was in action 3 days ago
but don't know where. ^{saw her plane flying} 7/9/17 still coaling
believe international complications as we
have stayed more than 24 hrs in a neutral
Port. Canal zone though belongs to U.S.A is
by treaty a neutral Port. Difficulty got
over by finding some of the engines needed
repairing. about 2.30 pm. While I was asleep
we moved out into the Bay & 2 troop ship
"Multiades" which had arrived during
the day went into coal. Somewhat
cooler out in the bay - anchored.
Plenty of thunder lightning & rain. 2/9/17. Skimed
all day in the sweltering heat. 2 troop ship
"Anchisek" arrived also hear that the
"Medic" is coaling. Bay by no means
well yet complained of earache at
night. more rain etc. Bay not very
interesting; for a large part surrounded
by breakwater, at opening the
destroyer hangs about and fears
out back if anything comes in sight.
believe boom placed across entrance at 6 pm.

8/ still very hot. wish we could move off. Sm.
tried to get 3 meningitis taken ashore but
was unable to, other case getting better.
mumps epidemic seems worse again.
have about 16 cases at present. 300 hot for church
3/9/17. Not always hot. Fortunately cool
breezes occasionally. Ray's earache much
worse; various treatment adopted but
without success and about 4 p.m. went
away of itself. Otherwise he is much
better. "Medic" came out and anchored
about 1 1/2 miles away from us in the Bay
also "Miltiades" out there 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 a Sgt Barnable. Thoroughly
enjoyed the evening. Was orderly officer.
4/9/17. Seems hotter than ever. 5 of our 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. Two Norwegian boats
have called in since we have been here
one? French (big one); one Japanese, a few
American but even more British; also some
evidently coastal boats, ~~an~~ U.S. cruiser said to
have arrived in Port this morning
but can't see her; evidently coaling at wharf
saw periscopes of 2 submarines moving
about. 5 of our life boats lowered &
took a party of men over to the beach
in morning ~~afternoon~~. Ray, McCharge,
and I sat on ^{boat} deck in evening.

5/9/17 hot so hot but very steamy.
Chilian war ship in Port. Boat party off
in morning. I went with afternoon
party & thoroughly enjoyed myself. Helped
to row part of way over & back, had
swim when we got to shore quite a
nice small beach; boats from the
other troop ships coming & going as well

after a swim went over towards the building
where the soldiers live passed ashore with
two aeroplanes in it on the way.
at last arrived at the canteen &
bought ice cream & other small things
then visited the medical department
but no doctors at home. then visited
part of the forts. 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 mosquito wire running
the full length on each side.
The jungle starts almost at your
door step, plenty of coconut trees
very fine orchids. but very wet
getting into life boat & some had to
swim out even to it. but all thorough-
ly enjoyed the 2 hours ashore quite
an experience climbing up & down
the side & a slip by a ladder.
one ^{meningitis} case died & was taken out to sea by boat & buried.
6/9/17 Medical officer on sick parade today
but not many cases to see, mumps
cases increased to 25; was not until
evening before that I could convince
people I must have more room for
them. So amc. 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 I go I believe
Chilian war boat left. Had a film ~~taken~~
developed but all the gelatine came off
very disappointed as it was a film
I took you through the canal. Film ^{evidence}
an old one. Rained hard during evenings

9.7/9/17. No boats allowed ashore today, rumour
says we are leaving soon. Hard to feel
in the day. New Zealand troopships
said to have anchored along side
us in the bay somewhere but
didn't see them as I slept most
of day. In evening the Scotch piper
played on the promenade deck
afterwards Ray my valentine Murchison
partook of some Champagne & Ray
that he had for seasickness toasted
afarewell to the dreariest place
we had ever seen or perhaps
rather been to as we didn't see ~~it~~

^{more than a small part miles from the town.}
8/9/17. Woke at 6.15 am. to find boat
moving, so we are off at last thank
goodness. U.S. Cruiser led the way
then us then Anchises. Miltiades, the
2 N.Y. boats and the poor old slow
medic last. Six troopships in all.

During morning sat on boat
deck; nice cool breeze blowing
dried bread but pretty hopeless
as had to constantly get up to see
what wild manoeuvres were
taking place. Sometimes we 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 & go to
chase round looking for it.

Dark ship at night and the pest
camp smoke at night ^{driving} all lights covered
and those that are left inside are
pretty dim and few got to have
window screen in cabin closed when
light is up and light is screened
so that you only get a beam going
straight down to the floor all down
closed and atmosphere most trying

after dinner struggled over to see my
mumps cases decided to pay my fare
- well visit to them ^{in future} in daylight.
Took my way to the boat deck to get
some air stayed there awhile & went
down to see Rupert Hyett who was in
very well. Caribbean Sea almost like
glass so smooth. Don't like dark ships.
9/9/17 Orderly medically Officer; dragged
life belt round with me all day
could kick the thing. Church parade
in morning afterwards Quarter Master
and I made tour of inspection of
ship. Mumps cases number 31 now
having finished "Sentimental Tommy" by
Jm. Barrie enjoying it thoroughly started
on "Whirligigs" by O. Henry. Loathe the
Caribbean sea. Wind very warm
no air anywhere. Still foolish manoeuvres
by the ships sometimes in 2 lines
then in one then in no definite
line. One even decided to turn round
& go the opposite way for awhile
Poor old Medic who sets the pace
& makes it pretty slow usually miles
away. Wish she wasn't so slow & then
we could get on quicker. Thankful
we seem to be in a sensible ship
which doesn't do much. Tearing
about we are the flag ship. The U.S. Cruiser
seems rather erratic in her move-
ments at times. Dark ship again at
night. Loathe it at atmosphere needed
several sharp axes to get ^{it} a bit
cooler up on boat deck in evening
spent most of it there with Ray Fox.
Rupert Hyett better in morning but not
so well in evening. Heat a lot too
with it I think.
10/9/17. Day day but did not claim any
as made plenty to go on with just
as hot and uninteresting sort of day.

10/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 2 lights on port side, evidently Eastern end of Cuba but don't know. Passed 2nd one about 2 am on 12th instant. Had a bad headache most of day but cleared off in evening. Sea very calm.

12/9/17 M.O. on sick parades 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 mumps cases number about 34. Pleasant on deck in evening. Of course with life belt and in the dark.

13/9/17 Realized that it is really mother's birthday now 9 am. here being about the same p.m. on 14th inst at home. Wonder how they all are & do hope all well. Love to see them. Wonder if mother got my present safely forwarded from Dunklings. Wireless news says that Washington denies fight between Transport convoy and submarine. Hope the rumour hasn't got into Melbourne papers. Sea not very rough but nasty side roll rather unpleasant. operation in afternoon for appendicitis on one of the crew by Major Ryan S.M.O. Capt. Bohanley assisted & gave the anaesthetic. Life boat parade in afternoon but as I was at operation missed it.

14/9/17 Cooler but still warm. Capt. Nyett for Park and myself paraded before the S.M.O. to ask why Capt

Borhamley a Junior M.O. should be put in positions seemingly over me a special instance being the operation yesterday. I think it has cleared the air and things will be better in future. Same old day as any other otherwise.

15/9/17 orderly M.O. So had to be up early to inspect the breakfasts. mumps cases on the decrease down to 25 now. Soon after breakfast sighted land on port bow wrote a short note (3) 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. got quite close to several of the other boats at different times. One of our ship's officers visited the U.S. ^{warship} with an officer from the British cruiser who afterwards paid a visit to each of the transports giving orders etc. we were only about 3 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. Don't know which one this was ~~and~~ we really only saw the one. we did not leave until about 4.30 pm. Believe there was some delay about some condensers having gone wrong in one of the N. Zealand boats. Believe we are on our way to Halifax, wonder what I would have

11/ said if some one had told me a few months ago that I was to go round all these places and would see practically nothing of them. Really a perfect day and a beautiful night. Starlight and very calm not really dark but a sort of gray twilight. Wished mother had been there she would have enjoyed it. Got to wear our life belts all the time now, pretty warm too. Would hardly think we were out of the tropics it is still so warm, but not such a moist heat. Boats showing head & side lights at 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 for some nights now as deck space that is secure from rain is taken up with submarine & ship's guard. so otherwise he would have to sleep downstairs in the troop decks where the air is dread. Special men are detailed as a submarine guard and it is their job to watch for submarines & to see that ship is kept dark at nights. This has been going on ever since we left Colon 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 Padres on board. Prefer the R.C. one as a man. Sea got quite a fair roll in it today. At sports yesterday afternoon amongst other things, were the final of the obstacle race, a sergeant's obstacle

race and an officers, but I did not go in for it. Sergeant whose throat was bad sometime ago is bad again worse than so I suppose I shall have to try and cure him again and not forgetting that I shall have to lend him my cabin too in the day time. My mumps cases all doing well and gradually decreasing. Feel much safer with a British Boat to convey us. I believe the U.S. Cruiser complimented us ~~before~~ ^{before} she left on our signalling. We have an old navy man a soldier on board and he does a good bit of it. The troops on board have to supply a certain number of men to the ship's Captain to help with the signalling. Very squally in afternoon and a fair sea running so feel safer from submarine attacks. Believe that they have heard by wireless that there is a submarine on our course but some distance to the East. Hope it stays there.

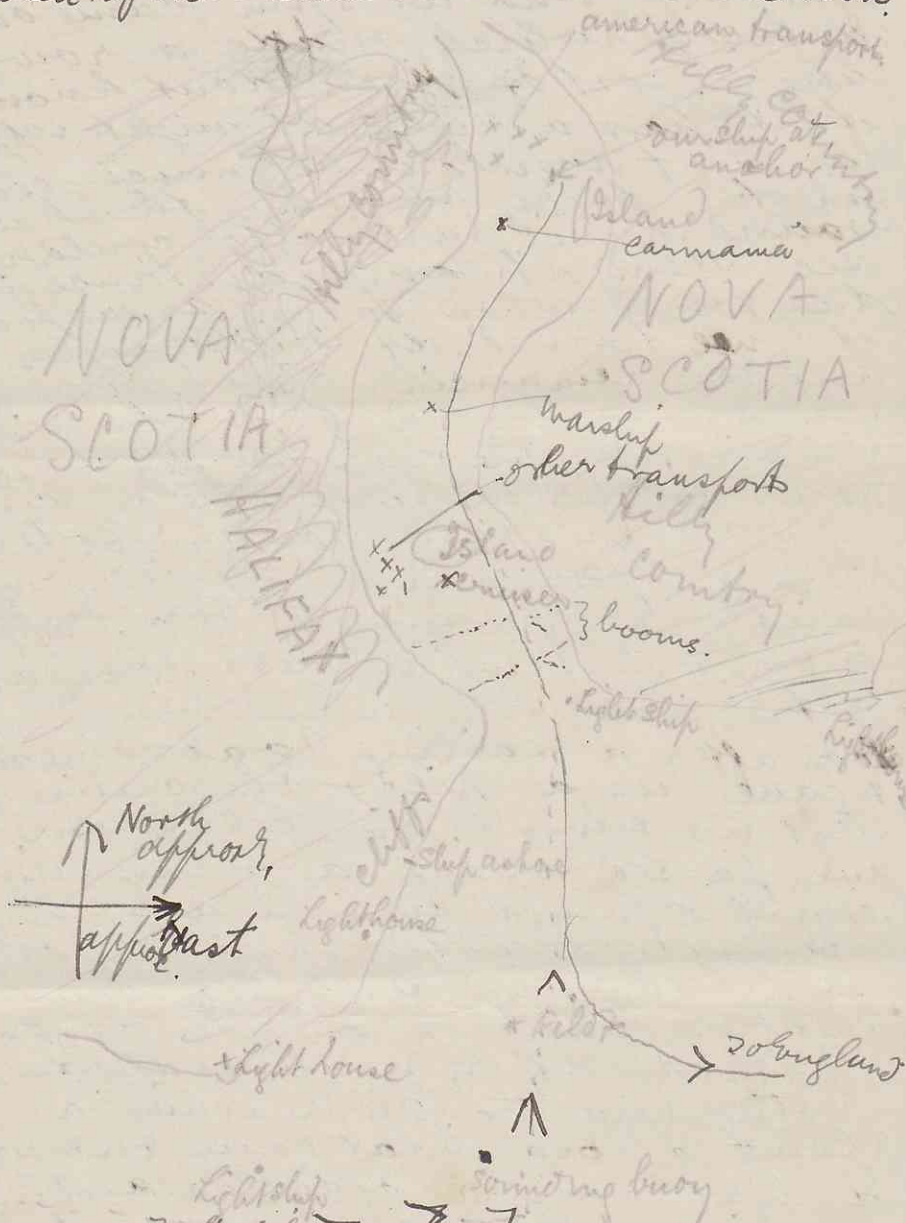
17/9/17 Quite rough & not seasick so things are well. 4 new mumps cases. Rewrote letter (3) as we did not get a chance of putting a mail off at the Bermudas Don't know if we will be allowed to at the Halifax but hope so. Same sort of day as usual. Mr Allen in cabin in evening. Forget if I mentioned before that he sleeps in Ray Fox's cabin at night now.

18/9/17 M.O. for Sick Parades. Rained most of day heavy misty kind of rain during morning passed a fishing smack and soon after lunch

12 Another, about 3.45 pm. passed a light ship and at 5 pm. came on a buoy which made a row like a sort of ^{speeling?} ~~stien~~ don't know if it has a light at night suppose a light wouldnt be much good in the foggy weather they have round these parts, also couldn't see them at any distance in daytime when foggy, as we passed it we turned at right angles and the remaining ships of the convoy 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 to try & deceive a submarine as to the way she was going.

Soon after a sailing boat came out & gave us a pilot, the cruiser left us & 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. looked 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 lights were plentiful. on shore we passed the cruiser lying at anchor against a small island, and went

about 2 miles further on. Here is a faint idea of the harbour & course we took.



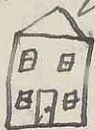
Hope it can be understood. We anchored near an American transport which had troops on board. Greetings were exchanged between the two boats by means of yells songs bugle calls etc. Filled in the evening rather well. Played draughts later on. Really enjoyed the day.

13/ Fortunately it cleared up in the evening and by morning ^{we} got up
19/9/17 It was a perfect treat to have such weather Sun chilly at first but quite clear and warming up at midday. Harbour very pretty. Trains running along the south side. Could make out 4 ~~other~~ ships supposedly with American troops on board. Some being British ships with the Union Jack flying. The boat so close last night is a British ship the Carpathia belonging to the Cunard Co. No bigger than it I should say. We are 11,023 tons, our top speed being about 15 knots. Counted about 20 ships in the portion of harbour we were in & there was plenty of harbour we couldn't see. Troops marched round the boat deck to the piper and band. I joined in for a while and enjoyed it. Some Americans came rowing across from their ship. Told us they had been there 5 days & had been ashore. Don't expect we will get ashore though. Orders came out last night we were to appear in gull dress today. Terrible disappointment now to the men if they don't get off & I can hardly blame them grumbling. Would love to get off & see something dreadful & to walk way round the world through most interesting places & see nothing, probably never get the chance again. Trees on shore mostly of fir variety I should think - cone shaped. O.C. went ashore in morning and returned in afternoon said he couldn't get leave to let the men off on shore so wouldn't let the officers go. Let the Red Cross men of whom there are 4 go. He got counted out by the men at a concert in the evening. Sports in afternoon. ^{egg & spoon} race using soft balls for

eggs. Relay races, 50 yard sprints and
long high jumps. Played draughts for
part of evening and remainder
up on deck with Fox and Park.
another transport supposed to have
Canadian troops on board arrived
about 6 p.m. and anchored near us.
20/9/17 Dull morning but fine. Discharge
about 7 mumps 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 very much
doing, boats from N.Z. transports
rowed round our boat which only
served to irritate our men more
than ever as we weren't allowed
off. Red Cross men returned & informed
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
so far about 22,000 tons. Boat referred
to at top of 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, so rumour says.
"Medic" with Australian troops 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 an officer on board with
friends in St John's Newfoundland
and he wrote to them asking them

14/8 let our people know ^{by cable} we were well. Hope they hear alright at home and let Dr Fox know. Played quite a good deal of draughts to pass the time. One of the officers an old scotch boy had seen by name complained of him in evening so have him isolated in a cabin.

21/9/17 orderly medical officer for the day but not much beyond inspection to do. Slept in afternoon until 4:30 pm. when I woke to find ship starting to move so tore up on deck passed numerous ships going down the harbour and cheers exchanged ^{all} stood to attention as we passed two warships each of which gave 3 cheers for the army and our V.C. called for 3 cheers for the navy. One of the warships bands played "For the Lang Syne" and the other "Australia will be there" quite inspiring. Never have seen so much shipping before. Passed the "medic" lying at a wharf almost deserted. Halifax doesn't seem much of a town or rather city. Most peculiar houses 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 may be higher than others some in terraces some lower but all on the one plan. Saw only one verandah and that to a cottage 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. Hugh

streaks all over here gray, yellow and black. Didn't seem to be any design at all. She is our flagship I believe and is an auxiliary cruiser i.e. 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 4th 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 harbour 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.

22/9/17 Rather a dull morning and very cold. mumps cases number 42. Had a life boat parade in the rain during the morning. Ships took up a new formation the Anchises and Miltiades came up past us and went ahead of us. The flagship came up from behind and went up on the right side of the formation. There are 14 ships in the convoy and they are formed

15/ in a sort of a square 3 rows
rows of ~~4~~ one behind each the
other with the flag ship and
another somewhere about the
lines possibly acting as a
sort of patrol. The big "Carmania" is
on the right side behind and we
are on the left side behind. Don't
care much for these outside
corners; sooner be in the
middle. Did some packing 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 any possibility of
transshipping anything before she
sinks or she may be towed
into some port and goodness knows
if I would be in the same
port to get my things together
later. Didn't pack up so got 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 a while
in Ray's Cabin. Sea very calm.

23/9/17. Sea rather rough. The convoy
makes quite a fine sight some
of the boats roll quite a lot
but the "Carmania" looks very
steady. Yesterday afternoon
2 sailing boat 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 early 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 our side
(port) of the ship. mumps cases
gradually and steadily increasing.
Have caught a bit of a cold.
Packed up in evening and played
draughts. 24/9/17 Monday. Medical Officers
on sick parade today several new
mumps cases. Playing dominoes
now with the Red Cross people to
pass the time. Had sleep in the
afternoon. The masseur gave Ray
Fox an electric massage, Ray not
very keen on it but man insists
it would be good for him. Sea rough
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 be
put with any other unit to sleep &
mess. 65th mumps cases now.
During afternoon boats did
a fair amount of zigzagging and
seemed generally to be making
in a more northerly direction.
The auxiliary cruiser of the weird
pointed design went off southward

16/ 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 ^{neither} saw nor heard any guns go off though through the glasses you could see two of her guns out. I've had a change of fruit since we left Halifax. Mostly had Colon Fruit (tropical) green oranges, ^{bananas} water melon and a sort of cross between orange & lemon but now having pears, oranges, apples, and even occasionally peaches, the latter I believe cost about 2/6 each in England. The men are able to buy a limited number of apples now from their canteen, it must be a godsend as ~~as~~ previously they hadn't been able to get anything at all and their health seemed to be suffering in consequence. Am wearing Jim McBean's watch again and will wear it till the end of the journey another week more I expect. My cold is practically alright again must keep my record of not missing going down to a meal, still I suppose I am in danger anytime of getting me up. Wouldn't it be the last straw to get them now after being amongst them for at least 7 weeks if not more. I would have to go to an isolation camp in England if I did get them. Astley has them now. Don't know if I mentioned before that I was able to get some soft boiled lollies at the canteen and a tin of ~~off~~ ^{off} ~~confectionery~~ ^{confectionery} so am enjoying

am keeping a bottle of the former
for when in England. Wonder if they
have got my cable at home yet from
St Johns. They ought to get it anytime
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
to gather together quite a lot of prints
of photos of Panama Canal etc. Mine
didn't turn out very well and
my film of the Canal itself was
ruined during the developing. Don't
know if I said before I had kept
some watermelon seed from those
I got at Colon. Intend to send them home
and see how they get on. Home, what
wouldn't I give to know that they are
all right. Played draughts in evening
and up on deck for a while. Sea very
calm and only 2 stern lights visible
ahead of us.

26/9/17 Fairly calm with following wind
mumps still rampant. Played deck
croquet for a while in morning
Sports in afternoon but didn't attend
had a sleep instead played draughts
in evening up on deck in evening
for a while. Moon quite bright enough
to make out most of the ship.

27/9/17. Up early as orderly medical
officer. Just after breakfast
when starting to have a shave
had boat parade to had to postpone
my shave & hurriedly wash off soap.
Made usual inspection of ship
with OC and not much left of morning
as my mumps cases had to be seen
too. Hope discovered there are quite a

17 number of hippelauders on board
there is a married man from Zernbank, he
was a mumps patient for a while
but I didn't know at the time and
now I can't find him. Played deck
croquet before lunch, after lunch
read for a while and then slept so
missed seeing the aux^y cruiser
do some gun firing. I believe she
went away astern to do it. The
report taking up to 14 seconds after
the flash I was seen, to be heard
blew very misty towards evening
and several times the fog horns
were used during the evening
by other ships. At first though
it was the signal for man over-
board. 3 short blasts mean man over-
board and the last ship in the
convoy has to do the picking up if
any. ^{live} The blasts 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 fixed
up. Mist began to clear off
later and I believe the order
was countermanded but I was
well and truly asleep in my
pyjamas by that time. Rumor
that a submarine was sighted
yesterday from the mast head
but it didn't see us; don't believe it.

28/9/17 Somewhat dull morning and
pretty calm with following wind.
Still more mumps; played dominoes and
deck croquet in morning. In afternoon
read for a while, later took sick parade
for Park who was not well, then attended
a P.M. on a man who had died earlier

(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 mess 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 *Mitradis* during the day as ~~that~~ fell out of line and had the flag half mast during evening. Had Killicoatt & Allen in cabin, ^{Adley} has had mumps for some days. Bright moonlight and sea very calm at night. Don't think I mentioned before that boat we saw piled up on the rocks near Halifax was a hospital ship with 500 on board ran on on the 4th August. The day we left Melbourne, in very foggy weather, everybody was scared.

29/8/17 Nice bright sun but strong breeze blowing against us. Ships doing quite a lot of zigzagging. After breakfast 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. Looked rather pretty sight in the sun with all the sails up. Marvellous how fast she seemed to be going against the wind. Did some more packing in morning and played some deck croquet.

18/ still more mumps, have 71 now. In afternoon
there were sports for men who had not
won any prize money at the other
high jump. 50 yds sprint for men over
40 yds of whom there are quite a
fair number on board, mostly
tunnelers etc. monkey races where
you run on all fours. Donkey
races where you run down the
deck with a man on your back
and then 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. Of course
we only competed for fun and
not for prizes. Races just got up
on the spur of the moment.

at 20 to 4 pm saw smoke on the
horizon followed by more soon
after and about 9 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 Carmania went 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 Carmania in a
nice position in the middle
with ships all round us.

Something like this.
nice bright moonlight
at night and destroyers
formed a ring all round us.
played draughts & ran on deck in evening

x Kowloon x
x Carmania x
x anarchy x
x Chemist x
x multitudes x
x Canada x

30/9/17. morning some what dull. Discharged
as many mumps as possible as there
are to be no more discharges after today
have discovered that one of the worst
-less men on board is a cousin
of the late Dr. J. Campbell who was
killed at Gallipoli. he was an oarsman
and a great friend of mine. No church
parade for Protestants today as not
considered safe to have so many men
packed so close together in case of a
torpedo coming. R.C. parade held as
their number is much smaller,
about 200 odd. The ~~torpedo~~ ~~officers~~
are still in a circle round
the ships. There are 10 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
avary cruiser with streaks all over
her. 3 funnels grey and one brownish
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 submarines
hate the destroyers. During after-
noon we did a good bit of zigzagging
at night there was bright moonlight
must be almost full moon
was sick parade officer today but
not many sick. Last time I suppose for voyage
1/10/17. Nice and sunny today. Believe
yesterday we had as many as
15 destroyers at one time. They come
off different stations and after
sailing a certain distance heavens
and we pick 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 in the train
on 2/10/17 so writing will be worse
than usual. However to carry on
spent most of day on deck and
failed to tell 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 left
us and turned off for Liverpool
could only see 2 destroyers left.
Passed a light about 10.30 pm. supposed
to be on the Isle of Wight. Don't
believe it.

2/10/17. 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 leading the
way. As we came opposite Greenock
we took the lead passed several
torpedo boat destroyers, a Dread-
nought painted most weirdly &
the Aquitania about 22,000 tons
I believe but I liked the look of
the country undulating hills
mostly cultivated. Beautiful
trees with autumn leaves
and the inevitable houses of
like character to Halifax only
here they looked very pretty and

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 S.M.O. sent me about 80 papers to fill in for Mumps patients. 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 image what going up the Clyde is like. It's one mass of ship building not tens but hundred of ships being built and this is just one ship building port. I used to wonder if it wouldn't be soon, that so many ships having been sunk that our mercantile fleet would be practically non-existent. Oh no, I worry no longer. We passed places where women were working on the ships they dressed in a sort of brown dress 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 intensely interested. There was no government strike in the work they were watching and I think they realized it if was all so immense. Ships of all kind and many of the weirdly painted type where the

29 Futurist went mad. Certainly more
dull colours but nevertheless
there were lilacs and pinks
blues greens red yellows
in all directions. We passed
a place where there were tanks
such as are used in France
& what didn't we see in the way
of machinery & engineering works
& in between & paddocks cultivated
there was no waste ground. Enough
I could write pages & then not say half
of what I would like to although
we drew into a wharf & which
there are hundreds along the
River and offshoots all along
the side like this ~~III~~
Imagine this for miles Destroyers
Steamers, Buildingships, even
to a submarine docks etc. What
a waste our Yarra is. Strange
thing the country looks prosperous
but the people looked poor.
Wonder if such is the case.
After waiting along side about
2 hours we got off the ship about
4.30pm and so said good bye
to the "Thermistocks" which had
carried us so well for about
8½ weeks. One realizes in a minute
manner what we owe 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 off the north of Ireland.
We must have steered a most
wonderful course with all the

we didn't see much of Glasgow but ran
through huge railway yard and
manufacturing areas. The country
was charming cultivated everywhere
with very pretty little villages
all over the place & so old looking
by about 9pm. we got to Carlisle
where refreshment baskets containing
some but not too much food some
beefham 2 tomatoes brown bread
2 pats of butter 1 small piece of cheese
2 biscuits salt & mustard. Got a
cup of coffee ~~too~~ at Refreshment rooms
but too hot to drink before train left.
after leaving had our tea and
went to sleep after reading papers. only
4 of us in Carriage for Hyett, Lt Valentine
& self. Lt Valentine is a very nice chap
and was O.C. of the train. Slept fairly
well waking up every now & again
once found ourselves at Derby. Believe
we came through Leeds & later through
Birmingham. 3/10/17 waked about 7am.
Shaved & washed 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 theless & was skimmed
with paper; eventually reach Didworth
about 9am. approx where we got out
and marched through charming country
in bright sunshine about 2½ to 3 miles
to the Park House camp where the same
Training Dept is. Reported ourselves to
the Major in charge and had some
breakfast about 10.30am. Had a bit of
look about & sent a cable home. Ray & I in
quite a decent room together. Due tomorrow
6 days in London. Went for walk in evening & hired
taxi to take us to train in am. Cried to see us in afternoon
Braham Brown. & how for present - goodbye diary.