The LORD is my Strength.
Ps. 28. 7.
Ship routine 7-8

Bella Time

4. 6:00 Reveille. Turn out & stow hammocks
5. 6:30 Ration. Orderlies draw bread & butter
7:15 Breakfast. Draw & sit down to breakfast
7:45 Fatigue. All cleaning, tugs, petty, rope
8. 8:00 Guard
3. 9:30 4 G's. Sweep, pots & sweep up, etc.
4. 10:00 Assembly. General, pots, & inspection
5. 10:30 Orderly room, or powdering
6. 11:00 Troops all below. Scar.
8. Noon Dinner
2. 1:00 4 G's. Sweep up. Dr. O.K. cleared
4. 2:00 Troops allowed below
2. 5:00 Tea
3. 5:30 4 G's. Sweep up. Dr. O.K. cleared
4. 6:00 Warning parade. Draw hammocks
7:00 Troops cleared below
1. 8:30 4 G's. Sweep up parade
2. 9:00 Lights out. Stop smoking. Go below
9:15 Rounds. All in bed
Wednesday Oct. 21st 1916

Left camp 9 A.M. I walked to Fort Wills. Embarked at 12.30 p.m. at the dock on boat. Great crowd on pier to see us off sailed 3.30 p.m. Calm trip down bay. Passed near Neat at 6.30 p.m. Very calm, lovely sunset. Signals from forts and pilot boat. Mist very good butter milk v.o. reaching his ni 1st Salon smoking room later officers at dinner. Great fight for blankets & hammocks. Hole blankets bed at 9 p.m.

Thursday 22nd

Good nights sleep. Reveille 6 a.m. Calm tea with a long swell, lovely sunshine & cool breeze. Caught sight of land about 9 a.m. Strange to us apparently varying by ourselves no convoy being in sight. Passed a boat about 8 a.m. a long way off on port side. Lie has the real thing on hair and calm day throughout. Looking dark towards evening. Recoil ahead on port bow. Fine for dinner practice 9.30. Dancing at 7 p.m. After tea. Bed some leaving.

Good loaf all day, no routine work.

Friday 23rd

Good nights rest. Breakfast, porridge, meat potatoes, marmalade pate. PdE from 9.15 till 11.45 then dinner soup con beef, rice. Lighted your boat taken early in morning & Mine. Came aboard about 12.30 p.m. Still calm
A long swell. "Business" had been pronounced during the afternoon. Mounted guard at 6 pm. First prisoners from 12 to 5.30.

The Melbourne went ahead without any serious incident. The deck was getting a bit packed. Writing from the Guard position near No. 7 Troop Deck, which is the lowest troop deck aft. You can hear the propeller plainly, and it must be allowed to get up steam at first. Half company guard, providing 5-2 two-week relief for 10 posts. I don't know what the crew think, and the meals are very good. The course, however, is very good.

Amended routine:

6.30 - 7.15 Early morning parade
7.30 - 8.00 Breakfast
8.30 - 9.15 Morning parade
12 noon - Dinner
2 pm - 4.15 Afternoon parade
5 pm - Tea
9 pm - Lights on.

Saturday: 24th

Guard till 6 pm. One prisoner jogged 11 miles for refreshment to work. On deck guard for hr.

Sunday: 25th

Up at usual hour. Church parade at 10.30 am on board deck. No more parades. Long walk in the evening. Long walk for exercise. Did not.
Thursday 26th


Tuesday 27th

Blew hard and rained during the night. At 7 am left anchor and went into inner harbor. This narrow channel bounded by very rocky heads. Anchored 1/2 mile off deep water. Fire at 7:30 am. Land & Norwegian whale boats came in. Small boats with harpoons go in tow.

The water in outer harbor is rough and hogs have a bad time passing round the fleet. Taking on water & vegetables.

This morning. Still from west till 11:30 am. Inner harbor is a fine anchorage, sandy slopes, running down to the sea. Albany township is abt 15 miles from deep water. Town is built on the slopes of these hills from sea edge. Looks very pretty. Bought a pipe this morning.

Katwoude arrived this morning. The bell probably take us back next. The sun is out & the warm & sunny cold. Hills look very pretty. Snorkeling and taking water this afternoon.

Kaktyn - physical drills. Katwoude left at 8:30 am.
Wednesday 28th.
moved out from inner harbour and saw all the gunners arrive. Boats galore and several two ships all 35 painted grey. Intercepting to see officers new on communication boat inspecting friends on board. Signed more letters at 4 am this morning. Many 50 boats on outer harbour, fine weather and calm sea. Ships drill morning and getting teaching Royal Slate to Melbourne. Ships broke passed to band playing. Armistice Army lotten part of day. Notice up that no more letters to be posted.

Thursday 29th.
Bit of box on with sausage and Caroline. Going next end of hammocks. Rain during night and bleak morning. W. A. L. passed into naval. Arm still stiff. Poor running day.

Friday 30th.
Went out today had all letters written to be returned and letters in future to be censored. Reading semaphore messages whenever the chance occurs. Still plenty of good food & sleep. Melbourne in guardhouse entrance to town day & night. Knitting & lectures today.
Oct 31st 1880 on H.G's Round

$820.00$ more in N.G's Round.

1st. evening, of moving in the early dawn. Raised the masts over the Levee and carry some of the trip with us. Lowered the masts. Made to sound, clothes this afternoon.

Pasted last letter for home. Heard from Gurden who got another half. Great pleasure in America. It may or take the person along.

2nd. morning not. Remain of long set: Am. 9.0. took. Was out.

Just before reveille we weighed Anchor and about 6:10 am

we followed the Munitions and Melbourne. The other boats fell in after us. We got saluted all along the line.

Lunch at 10.0, am located all day. Beautiful moonlight.

Church at 10.30 am located at night below.

Monday 1st Nov.

Boats sailing with deck lights out on deck. Beautiful moonlight.

Ach more in right on rising. Steering apparent N.W. Right fell on when we got round N.G. We began to blow a bit and get a bit choppy, boat began to roll and pitch some. While sailing our heads, wave the, washed over us.
We got a good night's sleep till a morning & dancing & duffer raft in afternoon. Fire alarm at 4.30. Hour & half rest & a walk about before time on Monday & then
Blessing hard on seeing this morning acts. Sea is not very rough. My two bowls have been filled. The ships are disposed in three lines with Queen at the head of the centre line. There are 10 ships in Starboard line & the Sydney is off on the port side. The line headed by Currie. The Port Line of 7 ships is headed by Wellington. It is difficult to see the number of ships in our line. The W.A. ships from two lines on the back of our line & a little separate from them. The Melb. is off on the Port horizon & the "Australia" is a few miles ahead. Near came word yesterday that Britain & Turkey had declared war with Turkey.

Saturday. We have just been ferried off, 2 cruisers with medic & another transport. Rain squalls are passing over & wind has been strong all day with fairly rough sea. Some of the smaller boats behind are rolling very badly. The gun horses on the must be having a bad time. As lift day & by now 3 o'clock here all the lift races are over & people in Melbourne are celebrating most drownings come. I only saw one lift.
sweep on the boat. There is no
parade the afternoon on account
of the weather. A few of the
Chiefs have been pick but
most are standing the rolling
well. Got passage towards night
brought using "Comox"

Winterton 4th Nov

Feeling better this morning but
still a bit weak. Too much
calmer & wound gone down. Refrains
on morning parade. Knitting
in afternoon & Lecture by C. H. M.
in Airship blanket. How about
Feeling much better tea composed?
Calm. Alleged to have passed
the "Osterley" after dark. I wonder
if he has any mail on board for
me.

Sundalstq. 5th Nov

Spent on deck last night. It was
nice and fresh and dwell
continue the practice of possible
tea so quite calm and he turn
hot this morning. We are approaching
the tropic of Cancer & heat
usual drill routine. After tea we
passed a large school of
great size, they were rather small
fishes themselves I thought. It
was not the "Osterley" we passed
last night for she has just
passed. She seemed to just
walk past our boat as were
not doing 10 knots and she
must be doing 15. She looks
well and everyone on board
two up on deck to see her. She
passed quite close along the
whole length of the starboard
line of ships. Today the "Minotaur"
passed down and up the
Whole line is apparently resumed of the back boats for now they are keeping up closer than before.

Tuesday 6th Nov.

Calm today with a swell. In afternoon saw a large school of flying fish right near the boat. Small fish who only fly a short distance. Assembled for parade this afternoon with life belts on and inspected by Lt. Cl. Our identification badges were issued for a few days ago. Our boat won the fore and aft deck today. We passed over the tropic of Capricorn last night.

Wednesday 7th Nov.

It was hot today and we drilled in single lines. Jut ordinary routine work during the morning during which we saw many flying fish. They're becoming quite common now.

This afternoon was a gala day. We had our first sports day & the men were allowed on the top deck. There were two 18-cwt matches, 2nd vs ordinary 1st. The Engineer played 3rd & we had two matches each. They made 1 1 & we made 1 2 and bat 4 or 6 fields. Going to an all-male match & no fields was not very difficult to score. We won some time before 10. It was a beautiful afternoon, sea calm & a deep blue. We got a fine view of the fleet from top deck. Sails of reconnaissance battle off Valparaíso with Manzan to the north.

This morning the port side got a bad scare. Also the sea was calm we
shipped a sea horse 8th to 9th. The cold air has made the seas very rough. I must have been an especially large wave all round. All through the night was our alarm practice with all lights on the deck out.

Saturday 8th Nov.

October deck last night. A personal shower came on. Nothing more noticeable than our usual practice. Great news of naval engagement off Chile with despatch to British fleet. Minotaur has been damaged in the front by the Melbourne and now has a large hole in its side. She has returned to Cape Sable Church parade at 4.30. It was hot in drill order. Put them on as a job as Electric Eng't. on the Melbourne. It was good experience and interesting but rather下面就 the engine room. The sea was calm with a following wind of which we don’t get much benefit. We got quite on the single rows and still feel hot. I am purchasing a pair of white trousers. They arrived yesterday. The Sydney this morning. The boat pulled out from the pier for the service. That is the only death among the troops so far. Tropical showers Monday 9th Nov.

When I had my bed settled on deck last night a tropical shower came on so I had to move but I found a space under a couple of men where a man had to go below where it was very stuffy. The cabin and dining room this morning. There is a foot mele in the morning, the excitement of the ship occurred this morning. About 6.30.
the Jap have come back all right.

It was time to see the Jap progress across our bows at full speed with all men at their guns—
which could be seen far away—
there was great rejoicing on board when we knew the Embden was done for and it came as a relief to the excitement of the previous hour or so then
we did not know what was going on. All lights on board were extinguished at 7 so we
then all had to have hammocks


Wednesday 1st Nov. — Calm and hot with a light following breeze. Further news of the sinking of the Embden has come in. Strange wireless signals were received by Duntroon


Which were apparently by the Embden signalling to her sister. Then we got SOS from Corio saying that strange cruiser along the coast and came to Sydney. She proceeded & discovered Corio who decamped & was chased by Sydney. She said that the cruiser was chasing Corio North & if we were all to take


north of Corio she was coming towards us. Hello if Jap cruiser cleared for action I want to cut her off but Sydney forced her to


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Furnace blow off. We don't know what Sydney is doing. She has not returned. There have been several deaths within the last few days in the fleet and furnaces suffocated, caught by me sleeping out with no little covering. We continue doing a good house, physical drill in the morning and another hour of rifle drill or walking with lectures in the afternoon. By a little oiling, dice, rolling cake with our coffee for supper and milk for our porridge which previously was just sweetened. Today a bottle of port in my harness. I should my zarin case and to my disappointment, my word.

One peruses some of the meals times down to the hot phone deck. No about the only time I go below for meals.

Disposition of launch

Port. St. George

Kedist 1

Vernon 2

Arracan 3

Iscần 4

Kalamata 5

Neapoly 6

Kars 6

New Zealand

Nangani 1

Hawke's Bay 2

New South Wales 3

Newbury 4

New July 5

New York 6

New ram 7

Nea 8

New Zealand Book
Midlothian 11th Nov.

Nearly everybody was sleeping on deck last night till a great shower came to drove all there out under the decks below where it was very hot & close. I was lucky enough to be able to stay on deck. This morning we pulled out to all ships - started a sloop and proceeded right down the line. It was apparently an inspection. All the boats in our line are apparently nurse boats. One boat reported short of water. We noticed one of the Y.M. boats was having rifle practice over the stem. We came back to our position at a Grand speed getting a decent breeze thru the boat. I was vaccinated for small pox this morning. told today that Latton

The weather by Friday as we expect to get to Colombo Sunday

Hannover 14th Nov.

The men started to lot of those sleeping out last night but I was safe. At 5 am the Bosun's mate came to wake me telling me the captain of Milne was coming on board & we were in the road. We remained in front of the fleet till the Milne stopped by then the captain rowed over to us and stayed on for half an hour. He then left it went to the ship. Craven. By this time the fleet had caught up. It was a lovely still morning, hardly a ripple & the boats presented a fine sight all at 3 pm the Empress of the Seas at 3 furlongs

[Signature]
Voyage of C.P.R passed us bound for Gozo. The wine party play a game thought we can gain on her. We sail Good Luck Australia.
Friday, 3rd Nov.
The hospital was prepared for about 100 wounded German from the Enderby & some of the seamen had to vacate cabins for officers from her. The Empress of Russia has gone to Corfu for men. She passed us last night. The 3rd class carriage Hampshire has come up with us & the New York are apparently leaving. They have come up from the rear with a few of us. No. That want water & stores. They are apparently hurrying on to Colombo to prevent evacuation with the Hampshire & Enderby. The crossing is at an end. Today has started calm & cloudless. The S.O. boat was out of sight in front on their way to Colombo. Continuous calm all day. We finished our cricket match again remained our opponents to 41, a bye. Thus we won by 20 runs. 
In the afternoon we were served with our black bag boy. I get a packet of raisins. A big rain storm came up in the night.
Monday 15th Nov.
I did not sleep on deck last night, when I came up this morning, such a beautiful sight met my gaze; land was in sight, here and there of it, interlaced with clouds. There were ranges upon ranges of hills, stretching away into the distance. The coast of Ceylon could only have been 80 miles away on the left side. The Sydney was ahead of us with the Empress of Russia with the prisoners from the Emin Pasha. The morning was again calm with great rain clouds, asthma and the sun just above them. The sun was so many novel things today that I'm sure I would be able to record my impressions. The first thing to strike one.

After the hills were the fresh men in their camomiles. These men must have been 20 mile from land in little boats for thousands of years in tattered clothing. I saw one with a large fish, nearly as large as the man, leaped to the side. There must have been hundreds of these craft all along the coast. When we were approaching Ceylon, about 2 a.m. a whole fleet of them were flying before us. It looked very novel. There was no natural harbours at Colombo, but a fine.
concrete breakwaters built with massive concrete blocks. There are about five lighthouse towers at the ends of the breakwater. There was a great crowd of shipping in the harbor when we arrived and a colombo steamer dropped anchor outside about 2 o'clock. The new zealanders were in the harbor and the sydney with her off starboard shot away. Also there was the Hampden and the Express Orient and a few of our steamers. The harbor looked packed full and presented a fine sight. The town of colombo runs right down to the shore, but for don't see much of the town from the bay except a piece of ground. You do see a couple of fine hotels and the military barracks which are almost on the shore. The vegetation right along the shore are palm, banana, mangos, they look, my word! I have a long way to get on shore here. Also there is a fascination in the hills which makes one want to see them at closer range. They have been partly hidden in clouds all day with just peaks showing away up in the sky. We had church parade this morning and this evening both parsons have gone ashore & I have no attending my usual song tonight. To remark, dawkins very quickly at 7 or 8 a.m. here, no light a few minutes before seven and dark at 9 a.m. while after
All the launches & things were worked by black men with white shining teeth & brownest black only bodies. There was a British cruiser with 5 funnels in the Harbour then we came now she is lying out near me. The Jap cruiser was in the harbour also. The steam prison came out to us after we had anchored with the Jap commander. This has surely been a full day & I wish only go ashore!

Monday 16th Nov.

My work of last night was gratifying to my great purpose and two of us engineers went ashore to get supplies for the next two. You could have knocked me over with a feather when I was asked if I wanted to go ashore, you bet I rushed it. We left the boat about 9.30 am and once inside the breakwater were confronted with a great quantity of shipping. There were transports, merchantmen, men of war & native coast & sailing ships, barges and pruners, native rowing boats, in fact the place was absolutely alive. It was interesting to see the bungallow coalng the ships. A barge full of sacks of coal, which must weigh 500 lbs each, alongside the ship made a hole in the ship & the coal is taken. The men stand on these facing each other an these
Hope. They then throw up three hoops of coal from one ship, & the other in a quick chain jettison the whole time. All the NZ. boats of ours were in coaling. There is no where to tie up to. You have to go off to a wharf from covered in, about 100 yds. long. This has two levels, water level & a higher level running into the pier. You change your money to paper notes worth 1/4 at the head of the pier. 

Outside the pier are boats of rickshaw men all wanting to drive you home. There are also touts to horse carriage just off the pier is the E.O.H. or Grand Oriental Hotel. This is a fine place, an unmanage during home, with hundreds of large fans. We had "liff" here amongst all the "beau" naval & military officers. It cost us 3/- or 4/- each. This was a great change to shift fare.

We waited on the pier till lunch for an officer & while waiting fell in talking with a young Englishman who was a tea planter's boy in the hills. He had come down and volunteered for active service and expected to be ordered tomorrow & go to India. They drill in the early morning & till evening. We went with them I had a drink at the E.O.H. Then we went and did some shopping. There are several large European shops like that in where food
can get anything but they are a better class than Sapo. We went to Campello about the biggest place there. All other shops but these big European ones are carried on by the natives where unless you cook after yourself you get burnt very badly. After making some of our purchases we went for a rickshaw ride along the promenade by the beach to the Galle Face Hotel. This is a large European hotel about a mile along the beach. We stayed here a while and looked at some beautiful silk and shirts, all made from coconut. Returned to dinner at 9 o'clock.

After lunch we went and did some more shopping which took us all about 4:30. We then went to the shelf with our purchases and sat down on the boat for Bricks. Returned to town. Then we looked around and did more shopping and went for another rickshaw ride to the native market to round the Galle Face to back along the promenade. It was now about dusk and the cool riding. All the population were out driving or walking enjoying the cooler weather. The better class of native population were especially noticeable. We got back about 6:15 and to shelf to find boat going back at 6:45. We went back to town and joined up on roof of C.T.H. where a
Great view is obtained. All the lights in the harbour looked great. The whole scene was a picture.

We caught the boat back at 6 o'clock Thursday. I got to the Depot about 9 a.m. I was as tired as a dog when I got back that night no unusual amount of exercise.

However it has been a glorious day, the impressions of which will form a lasting memory.

Thursday, 17th. Nov.

The tugger provided amusement by driving for some time from one raft which are made by lashing four or three tauts of tugs together. We weighed anchor about 11 a.m. & steamed our trip at 11:30 a.m. In the afternoon we had an account of the engagement with between the Sydney & the Emuah from Mr. Reid a line correspondent on board with us. It was extremely interesting and full. It had been planned from various officers & men of both ships to have contained nearly everything of importance. The Emuah must have been a fine ship of the time, on fire in several places, no funnels and smoke coming along the deck. There were 55 killed & about 50 wounded on the Emuah. All the survivors of the emuah had nothing to eat or drink between 9 one morning to 9 the next. One man was picked up by the Sydney, who must have been in the water 8 hours & two more who had been in 6 hrs swimming & floating. We soon left Colebroke behind & formed only two lines with only
We battle ships are coming. The other boats are to follow & pick us up. We are bound for Aden.

November 15th. Nov.

A calm pleasant morning for a few showers. All of the German prisoners come on board Monday afternoon while lie in Aden. They are ferried off at the stern of the boat. There are about 16 others who have cabins on the prison deck. All these are guarded by men with fixed bayonets & some of field cartridges. The men exercise along the main deck twice a day under guard. They say we have only 250 tons of water & 1200 instead of about 1200. There are 50 men who have nothing to eat at Colombo because we could not get as much.

There is only one source of fresh water in the morning for washing. We will be drinking condensed water soon. I feel slightly cool now in light trousers caught bought in Colombo. Played cards for an hour or so last night.

Another calm cool morning with a glorious sun shine. This morning the sun rose right onto about 6 am it was a grand sight. A pony was caught asleep over the German prisoners last night. We will probably sail 28 days C.B. Another pony was caught sleeping while bound to a prisoner, in fact the German had his rifle. We all fell 28 days also something went wrong with the Ascanius so we had to slow down to let her pack in.
A concert held at night on the troop deck. The artistes were men from the deck & a very pianist program resulted in a practically in fine concert. At the close Y.M.C.A. distributed prizes to the audience. Among the evening's flying fish plant aboard, I was playing cards at the time & did not see the fish. They are quite common now. My last vaccination didn't take & I was done again today. There was a most marvellous smell this evening from behind a big bank of claus to come blue & pink to light colored pages shooting right up into the sky giving a very fine effect.

Saturday 20th Nov

Fraternity

Another calm cool morning with a cool breeze & a sun of deep blue. We are having grand weather, in fact the trip has been remarkable for the fine weather. Physical drill was rendered more interesting by the introduction of a couple of new games. The German prisoners do a fine lot of exercises, kung-fu & lecture in the afternoon. Started our Grand Rogers novel from Y.M.C.A. The guard line which was left behind at Colombo came in right & the Ascension left our guard line & went & joined the New Zealand. Who passed us. An hour or so at night.

Sunday 21st Nov.

I was sleeping on the port side of the main deck last night and about 6 am I was aroused by a red rocket being fired from our
boat. This was followed by 4 or 5
boats coming towards us off
shore peeling in line with our port side
line. The first boat of the 3
boats nearest lights but the other ran
well astern. It was dark
and they came apparently straight
on us. The midshipman hearing our
porte line let her sailing light.
The 3 boats then got out of the
way and soon after we changed
our course about 20° 5 and
then the Hampshire or the cruiser
attacking us dashed more of our
lives to cut them off. They
pulled up as the cruiser had
few search lights going.
It was now becoming light and
we could see smoke of more boats
ahead which eventually came
green and on to be our
port side apparently
someone. The 3 boats we
heard to came within a quarter
nautical mile and then there was a slight
collision between the cruiser and the
other boats. The patterned line eventually
reformed and after a time went
ahead. We could not see the
French, I don't think we intended to call at
Calcutta but from what I hear we will
do so now. There was no parade
This after noon, cricket and soft
ball matches being indulged in
we discovered a make of Jack
Fisher's or Wall's. He was with him on
the Buchanan survey camp. I went
ashore with him at Colombo but in an hour past. Did some
washing after tea.
Sundat 22 Nov

Book morning with a choppy sea.

Heard yesterday of the action of Sickan, Freslan, and Hampshire. Foc

Stannage. Church parade today al 9:30 a.m. Just before church

parade, which was held on the

off well deck, we running out of

line and stopped and the

Hampshire came up to one of our

boats came over and took off

our captain and Mr. Bridges &

another staff officer. We then

took up our position again.

Today we got the signatures

of the members of the section

as a momento. They are at

the end of this book. After lunch

we stopped and took off the

officers from the Hampshire & then

started steaming full ahead & passed our line. We thought

we were going ahead to Adam but

after a while we stopped and

the Hampshire took some men from

us. Then he resumed our

position again. Read all the

afternoon. Sing song to the even-

ning.

Monday 23 Nov

Orders for this week. The

Island located came in light

this morning. It is supposed

to inhabited by savages. It

was an island about 20 miles long

to rise up precipitously from

the water & the whole appear

very hilly, with little vegetation.

We are passing on the North

whereas the usual trade route

to the mouth of it. We were

of to points of about 11 mades.
As an Eastern meal will be despatched from Alderney I started counting tonight. The lights go down about 8 pm & so went to St. Marnos Cabin where there is a reading light I wrote by that.

Sunday 24th

Another grand sunrise this morning. I got up a bit before six to get my clothes early & thus get a decent start. The orderly duties are as follows. First thing in the morning get hot water & wash the previous night's coffee cups & brush the table down, also brush under the table. Then draw bread & butter. Seventeen special size loaves are drawn through butter for breakfast. The table for breakfast at 7.30. There is only one plate each. You wipe your own plate with bread after porridge for the main course. At 7.25 am Cock house blows to you fall in to go to the galley. We use the same galley as the 3rd Class Saloon. There are only 19 messes to be served there. Down aft they have the 2nd Class Galley & about 60 messes have to be served. It takes some time. You wash up after breakfast & bring down the mess table & keep the knives & spoons & the floor under the table. This keeps you occupied almost to 11 am. Then you have to draw the beer. This is done on the lowest deck. Often there is a gap of about 30 waiting.
Each man is allowed a pint of beer a day, for which he pays 3d. Our men receive about 10p a day. When this is done, it is nearly time to eat the table for dinner. Soup, meat, vegetables and pudding. After washing up the dinner things you are free for the afternoon. Each man is served with a cup of lime juice a day, and the tea for 5 o'clock. We draw coffee for supper at 7.30. We got bread for supper as coffee of a night. Our section has been on guard today and meals have been prolonged. Tea for those in guard will not be 5.30.

This morning at 5 am we went ahead at nearly full speed for Aden. The Hampshire kept with us for some time but she has fallen back. We had a fire alarm at 10:30 this afternoon for practice. While following we saw an immense herd of porpoises. A little while to passed and came and alighted on the rigging this afternoon. The guard till not come down to tea till after 6 p.m., we did not get finished till after 7 p.m. Then wrote a couple of letters.

Midlooch 23rd Nov:
Our survey this morning was carried on a stage in the starboard side. It looked hilly and in front.
of us could be seen a especially high peak. We apparently esteemed for this and it turned out to be an immense barren hill outside the harbour of Aden. On approaching the harbour we saw there were a large number of boats in it, some of the New Zealanders & a line of ships were there. The whole place is as barren as can be imagined. There is a large military garrison here. The sides of the big hill is covered with military barracks. The hill is brushing with fort to even to the very top which seems inaccessible. There are regimented all round the hill too & a wireless plant.

The natives were poor out in their rowing boats, not like the British boats but just ordinary rowing boats. They were selling cigars, cigarettes, sugar, bananas, pineapple. I bought some pineapple which was grown in Singapore. They were sold away by a shot for some reason. Almost 11 am we went onto the inner harbour to take in coal and water. The do not see the town till you come onto the inner harbour. It lies sheltered under the great hill. There are several big hotels of eastern architecture. Camels could be seen drawing water carts along the street. They say that all their fresh water is distilled. We saw the occasion in the harbour, she had
a rowing-up in a boat from fifteen. There was an incident causing a stir about dinner time. In order to drive away some hawker in her boat, the officer of the guard ordered the A.P. to throw water over the boat. This was done some of the food spirit. The got a bad reception from the yellow room dock. One of them told the S.H. of the A.P. off the bar had been dealt for 21 days detention. 

Sundarmag 24th & 15th.

Have a bit of a cold so slept below last night. Boating continued all day at night. Then moving the mess was served in cool deck. Yesterday I watched a single boat let it hang by a pole, at it got into the cool deck. Several of the crew.

Set in a mess eating our. The rail watching the squiffers cooking. There were some not watching them. Someone would drop a punny on the tangle & P.P. would all stop work & scramble for it. The head away in the boat would rave and shout at the men and threaten to throw coal at me for causing the disturbance. In half of the men would stop while he was watching the rest. About 3 am we shifted into the outer harbor and about 7 am we started again. We have our three full crews again and no New Zealanders.
are four on front of us this

time. About ten o'clock we

came level with Pern Island.

We saw the hull of the S. S. boat

"China" that was wrecked there.

There is only a small settlement

and a light house. No fortification

apparent. We had our first sight

of Africa just previous to this.

We have been keeping between

eight and nine or ten m. of the

time on our eastern bow. The wind is all

over with steady sheets of

fleecy bills, and looks very

promising. There was a close

shower out with very grey

fleecy bills all around against this bow.

Wednesday 27th Nov.

We're in the Red Sea and its

pretty hot. There is a following

wind so we get no benefit of

the breeze.

We are continually passing

boats of the British Transports

returning singly from Europe.

There is no land on sight on

our left but were passing

islands on our right. Interpre-

ated with T P C's so being heated

every severely by the O.C.; 28 days

given to a man this morning.

The stoker room is small &

at dinner time it was very

hot. The orderly had to get the

clothes from the room. The men

do 5 hours coal burning each
day. In the afternoon we went

ahead and with the Gaslong

cought up the Hampshire. We

gave the Hampshire a meal &

the Gaslong four sailors who

missed the boat at Colombo and were

brought on by the Sydney to Aden.
At Aden they came on the Orinoco as the Eddy was not in the harbor. It was a hot close day and I've been prospecting all day freely.

Sunday 27th Nov

Well breakfast was transferred here from Orinoco. I'm in the hospital. Last night Dr. Dunning took no to heat for 2 hours. He is to be operated on this morning also. He's a very hot case. The mistake has happened. Last night at 12:30 a monstrosity came to tell us to go 5 Egyptian furnaces at the head. I assembled the people and had a conference near all night. As a result this morning we went ahead full steam for home. I don't know yet if we're going to Pt. Sudrout or we're going ahead for things up. It came as a great surprise. We were to finish our training at base off Port Said & Marseille. It been very hot today. We are getting all our things with our black kit bags which I all we'll wear now sometimes.

Monday 28th Nov

The and uniform suspects this morning before Church Parade. We are still going full steam ahead but are retarded by a head wind and sea. We heard today unofficially that we are going on to England 'n Engineers. Just before dinner we
The Daedalus lightship and now 6 o'clock we are approaching the Brothers. The Suez mail closed at 6 pm today. It is very windy on deck for we are rushing along like a railway train. The sea has been quite cool all day even down below. Have to continue orderly the we disembark. The latest news is that we are going on to England to Chatham. The German prisoners are supposed to be going on to Malta.

Monday 29th Nov.

It was hard to keep warm and mean last night on deck. It was very windy & the wind was cold. We worked land was close on both sides. We were at a good way into the Gulf of Suez. There was a very fine breeze. When we started to get breakfast we were told the orderlies were to be changed for which we were truly thankful. I then volunteered to go on the prison guard in place of a sick man. When started to get up on the prison guard in place of a sick man.

About nine o'clock in the morning we approached Suez Camp and are the Guest of several Seamen there. The town is right at the mouth of the Canal and is on very flat country apparently all the houses...
The town is apparently split into two parts, the smaller
right at the mouth of the
Canal and the other separate
from this by a dock or
Cooking harbour. There is
an Indian troopship No. 108
lying there and several
other hulk steamers of
various nationalities. A big
fishing boat which we
passed last night came in
after us. The Kingdon
Nederlanders was her name.
The officers were gone around
as wanting to sell nice
looking oranges and dates
but they were not allowed
to do so much as sound
anchor nearby.

We took some water
and vegetables. We dropped
anchor about 8 am when
we went on guard duty
in the second relief from
1 pm till 4 pm. At about
3:30 pm we anchored and
after turning in a circle
set off into the Canal. The
men cheered the people
in the street which drum
right down to the water.
There were a few white people
about mostly soldiers. We got
Sunday’s papers telling us
of reported Russian victory
and the attack on Jeoffrey
works at Friedrichsple.
Also
that the Turks had someone
approached to lead them
in
Egypt where we may meet them.
Apparently things have not changed a great deal. The canal is just wide enough for two steamers to pass, one boat must tie up while the other does so. On our right is a long stretch of sandy desert with a range of hills in the distance. On our left is a green patch running parallel with the canal with palm trees growing. We passed one of 

Detachment 7 Royal Engineers from Westport. This would fill the Colour gay. Set here & the minds & Colours the band assume, this has been a rather interesting day and its rather a pity were passing this the canal at night. We are now passing thru a lake with a dredged channel this it. There are four boats following us at some distance all the boats have search lights in their bows. A Company of men have been issued with ammunition in case of warrants along the bank. They are stationed on the side of the main road. The men are allowed to sleep on their side.
The Canal looked very fine in the moonlight. My second foot was from 9 pm to 1 am over the men below. Some of the men played cards and draughts till about 12 pm. They slept on mattresses and had pillows. It was very cold up on deck when coming off at 1 am. We were passing thru a part of the Canal which apparently had a stumpy pine growing along the bank.

Almasty 1st deck
also we were not relieved till about 1.30 am and not get to sleep till about 2 am. We were up for parcell at 6 am, went on for two hours then, drew down below and made our entry into Port Said.

We apparently dropped anchor about 7.30 am. We found on coming up at 7 am. That we were quite near the town of Port Said and in a wonderful part of the Canal which acts as a harbour. None of the big boats can get up to the wharf but must have to be pushed ashore. On our right was a large yard holding material for repairing the Canal. There was a particularly large Centilege Crane. On the left was the town. This was right down to the water edge and contains some fairly large buildings and hotels. There were two Frankish restaurants here and two English hotels. Of course as soon as we stopped there were the native
around in their boat selling orange date fruit cards Turkish delight tomatoes. I had some tomatoes for breakfast to enjoy them. We were disturbed from the sound at 8 am. She bought some post cards and a book of flowers from Jerusalem which I hope to send home. The native果 are in general a very set of rather villainous fellows. They form a continual stream carrying a little string bag of food on their shoulders. We were supposed to be a very quick matter of loading. At 2 pm we fell in a full marching order into one side packed for inspection. We went below and had hats, great coats, ropes and traps examined. I had to stay below till 4 pm. Slept below and went to bed early to make up for little sleep last night. Lots of men went down a rope over the side to get ashore. Some got ashore and were caught and the others were caught before they got ashore but most of them were caught at some time. Mithroom 2nd Class.
The other boats are arriving this morning. The harbor here is practically jammed full of boats now. They are moored nearly touching each other with just enough room for another boat to pass between the rows. Torpedo boats are running about the harbor. A mail was delivered this morning but only about
half the new got letters. We expect more letters today.

The German prisoners were taken on to the Hampshire this afternoon.

We saw two destroyers being launched off a French Naval Repair
boat today. They are apparently for service in Egypt. The French
sailors cheered all our transports as they passed. Got news from the
Knight that I've got my year.

At 3.30 pm we left the harbour and passed out thru the
concrete breakwaters. There is a statue of Lordyard the Chief
on one arm of the breakwater.

Here is pointing the way into the
Canal. There is a fine ocean
beach with a great number of
bathing-boxes. Outside the
harbour were the two torpedo boats
keeping guard.

It was dark by 5.30 pm tonight.

We expect to land at daylight.

Monday 23rd Aug.

We entered the Harbour at
Alexandria at about 6.30 am
and proceeded right into the
inner Harbour. There was a
large number of boats of all
shapes and sizes including
several of German
prisoners. We went alongside
the seawall about 7.30 am. Since
then we have been knocking
about in full marching order
with our black Kit bags
done infantry have got away
and the first man lead the
left with some of our transport
Alexandria seems a fine big
town. It has an at all
artificial Harbour with
Went a short way into the town in the afternoon. The native places are all very old and dirty. In the evening we drove up to the "Monastery" or big square in the centre of the town. This is a big square with trees and tables after the style of a continental cafe. We struck an English family who showed us round all the town. The European part is very nice but some of the native part is filthy. Got back about 8.30 pm just before a roll call at which there were very few present.

Friday 4th Dec.

Raining during the night. Lot of the men with sore heads this morning.

We were loading trucks all the morning and supposed to leave at 12. We had lunch at 11 am and we were waiting about with our hats ready to go for a long while. We got into the train 3rd class bogie - about 1 pm - and were limited out by New Zealanders. We were told to put trucks with baggage to a couple of us went down to what served as a brake van. This was just an open truck with a kind of a shelter on it. It served as a grand observation car although we had no seat except in the shelter. It was a great joke. We passed over the nile soon after leaving Alexandria. It was about a 12 mile wide. The
Railway line was very straight and level. We averaged about 35 to 40 miles an hour. We had 121 miles and we were travelling from 2:30 pm till 7:30 pm. The New Zealanders got off at Cairo station where we stopped for about 10 minutes. We went on for another 5 minutes where we got a cup of cocoa and a roll of bread. This was very acceptable. We had eaten some of our beef and army biscuits on the way. We had to wait a good while at Cairo before we got into the electric trains to the Pyramids. We did not arrive there till about 11:30 pm. It was a grand spectacle in the dark. The moonlight and the wind was very cold. We found a tent in the dark which was not very warm.

Sunday, 5th Dec.

All day we were building up tents and at 4 o'clock we went on guard. We had to guard the tents for all engineers. There were all camp accounts men to give us 10 shillings a week. Got pretty hot at midday.

Monday, 6th Dec.

On guard all day. It was interesting keeping the lonely men together.

The rest of the men were working, still brewing and setting up the tents at night. Part of the tents, and some fine buildings in the form of a pyramid. The town but the native guards in thirty streets there are.
Saturday 6th Dec

Tending coffee, making beds after the bedding was passed. The meal was at 7 a.m. (after the bedding)

Monday 7th Dec

Firing of camp continued. We had a general in the latrine house in the morning. Halley's Capt. Stanley will meet the Medical stuff in the afternoon. They are not on top as we have received orders from the Medical staff at 2 p.m. to send a fresh column to the rear.

Received cable from home at 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8th Dec

Getting stones from the hillside for erecting our tents. The men are getting them to the rear where they have a swim in the afternoon. Work on guard all day

Afternoon during the evening and the infantry men who are tending must have had a bath and a restful nap. Most of the men are now in camp, one or two battalions arriving last night. Baggage was coming in all night and the poor workers must be worked to death.

Wednesday 9th Dec

Rain threatening all the morning. Had plenty of fun keeping the natives from coming near the camp. Off guard at 6 p.m. Walked to Canton after tea and went to bed early. Mail supposed to come

Thursday 10th Dec

Rained during night. Infantry
are still bivouacking and they must be having rather a dump and cold time. No 1 Cy Co carried about two tone last night. Carried stores during the afternoon. In the evening I went to Cairo. It took two hours to get there and two to get back and we only had about an hour more. Thursday, 11th Dec.

Packed letters for Aunt last night. Constructing another rifle range all day. Sitting stones for revetting in the morning and forming ship in the afternoon. Took all the evening to write a letter home which I got today. The mail ought to be cleared on 13th.

Sundays. 12th Dec.

continued with miniature range construction as a carpenter. The range is so far and made in sections. Big barrels are 60 apart. Disappearing targets are to be used and worked from the moment by pulling a string. 30 bullet to be used.

We expected to get a half holiday today but no luck. There is a nice cool wind making the day pleasant. We have been expecting pay every day for the last few days and also a mail but have received neither so far. We were paid today. I received 20 shillings in pay and a handful of money. The pay was supposed
to be from the commencement to the 7th block at 4 a day.
mins 11.30 received a boat.
It might have to Cairo, I
had second game of billiards.
since leaving Melbourne.
We had tea at Cafe in the
Gardens & played billiards a
billiard club.
Saturday 13th block
Fortune opus at 9.30.
drowning parade at 11 and
off for the rest of the day.
After lunch we went into Cairo.
It was a fine afternoon and the
ride was good. On one side of the
lane up to Egypt is a canal and
migration blocks. On
the other are residences. There
are some fine residences at
Egypt itself which is about
half way to Cairo. The lodges
are near. The walks
a little far. We walked
about Cairo for a while. We
then went to the barracks
which is a strong stone building
with loopholes. The doors
are of iron with loopholes.
The blockhouse can be called
commandos most of the foreign
streets. At present the Red
Cape or Military Police are
quartered here. From here we
took the train (electric) to
Helopolis. The train has 10-12
compartments and has a platform,
as well as Holly arms. It has
a pneumatic brake. The train
down is 6 miles. The houses
here & hotels are the best
things in architecture seen
Monday 4th Dec
Rifle range work up
in the evening.

Tuesday 5th Dec
Rifle range and
artillery stores. Went
to the 1st and 2nd Pyracs
at night.

Wednesday 6th Dec
Working for S.M. James
in the stores and
putting up tent to
work in the town in the evening
and got dinner from

Thursday 7th Dec
Attached to R.E. Parke in
the afternoon.
Wrote to Alice on
to today
5:40 p.m. haired.
Wrote post
cards home at night.

Friday 8th Dec
Attached to R.E. all day.

Wrote Walter in the evening. Leave stops but a stop away comes back to Camp.

Saturday 9th Dec
Wrote R.E. in the morning.
Leave in the afternoon. Got a
letter from F. in the morning
In the afternoon I went to the sea. Had plenty
of bananas and two young
lions in a cage metal
enclosure. F is a fine gardens.

In the evening went into
Cains and had a drink at
some of the big French
shops.

Sunday 10th Dec
Went for a swim but the
water was too bad so I just
had a shower.
Monday 21st Dec

Went to bed early and had a good sleep.

Monday 22nd Dec

Chased from camp duties to field duties. A Cof. took over our camp duties and our parade changed.

Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. 8:30 before breakfast parade. First parade at 8:30 a.m. We went to the camp and did vector drill. Had a break for squad drill.

In the afternoon we had a routine march in full marching order for a distance of 10 miles along the Cairo road. We went away and past Peter Borough in the evening. We ate dinner.

Tuesday 23rd Dec

Morning parade at 8:30 with rifles and sickle arms.

We marched over the sand to a level stretch of fairly firm sand. Here we did some Company route marching with the horses without carts. We then had a bit of strenuous and arrived back on camp fairly blown. In the afternoon we went for a route march along the Cairo road. This was not very hard and we got back to Camp early. We had a bit of woot in the evening.

We left at 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. set off. We went round by a house. It was the...
Sphinx: Here we stopped some time buying oranges for the march. We moved off from the Sphinx and over the sand at 10 am. We continued over the sand for about 700 yards; then we had a rest on some green grass on an irrigated flat. We then moved up onto the sand hills to the tomb of some ancient king. It was a very well carved sphinx. There were some very large granite blocks which must have weighed close on 100 tons. The tomb had been excavated and was about 30 ft below the present surface. We went down onto the flat again for dinner and started back starting about 2.20. We came back round the west side of the pyramids. Descended in the evening.

Sunday. 24th Dec.

Christmas Eve.

This morning we marched out with rifles and side arms to the plantation flat and did Company route marching. It was nearly 2 pm when we arrived at the mela. I went what is going on & what they are doing at home. In the afternoon we were paid. I received 30 rupees this week leaving it nil for another time. We then went up to see the trenches & sapping done by M. J. Coyle and had a
Friday, 25th Xmas Day

Xmas Day was a holiday and Callaghan & I left immediately after breakfast for Cairo but were not able to catch the bus till 9.30 am. At camp there was to be a Christmas Parade at 10 am & the men had put in for a Xmas Dinner. George & Berna duff, however, had arranged to meet a Greek friend who speaks English well to take him to the barrage dam below Cairo.

In the morning we went down to the Citadel and the Mohammed Ali mosque. The Citadel is now used as a barracks for the territorial, and is perched on a hill with fine views of the City. Inside the Citadel is the Mosque Mohammed Ali. This is an immense building almost entirely of alabaster. The four pillars supporting the main dome are about 6 square support of limestone painted to resemble alabaster. There are 4 other half domes against the main one. All the domes are finely worked and
upstream from them are
immense chapels. These
are the priories of Amman.
Inside the mosque is a tomb
of Mohammed Ali the first of
the Emirs of Thebes. Outside
is an immense Byzantine
with a fountain, where the
worshippers bathe their feet.
Around the mosque is a
promenade from which you
get a grand panoramic view
of Cairo. We then went to
have breakfast in town. I had
chicken and rice. Shade us
from the sun! We caught
a train at 10 pm for the Suez.
Rustencher the new ship that
will cross the Canal. It is
green from the Suez station
by boat. Walked over the
different barracks. These are
lined with lofts attached. Below
the barracks is a garden and then
a museum of models of
various Suez dredges. We
then visited a cotton factory
by the river and a sugar
factory. Steam engine
was introduced. Also there are
coffe plantations. The
engine was German made. We
returned to Cairo by 11.30
having a little cup of coffee on
the Suez station. We had
lunch at a very respectable
The Cafe's in Town. We
stayed there taking for a
Couple of hours and then on
for a walk around the city. It
was crowded, many of the
soldiers were very dirty.
Tonight went on a hunt before leaving to camp. The sun set at 10 P.M., and it was a very interesting day. The first man we met was a great one for speaking 2 languages and is in the better class. He was educated in England and speaks English well. 

In the morning we went out and did some portions still and saw some evening. We had half holiday in the afternoon. We went up the Pyramid. It was rather dusty, and we did not get a good view of as we might have otherwise. However, it was to be seen a great height if you got a fine view. We then went our to the Sphinx. I saw one of the Temples near by.

We counted 196 steps going down the Pyramid. Stayed in camp and wrote at night. January 27th, 1862.

In the morning we were supposed for a swimming bath, but the water was too dirty to do. Got Leave and drove to Suez. To 20 kilometers, this is an ancient affair. It is just a carved column in the middle of a 20' basin. The column is marked in feet. You have to go there in very old rickety and dirty and dirty village. In the afternoon, we went to the Suez City gardens. We saw the Aquarium in a grotto. This contains only fish from the...
Vile and there are some green
specimen there. The garden
around the grotto contains a
very large plot of geraniums
which must look well when
out in bloom. We walked round
the sporting club which is
a fashionable institution
providing all kinds of sports
for the wealthy classes. There
held their sports these lovely
day. We went to the big gardens
which are very pretty. In this
island the wealthiest European
classes live. We went to the parties
in the evening and went the
3.45 train past in Cairo an-
other precaution. They were not too
We came back to camp by train
Monday 25th, 1903.

This morning we supposed to
start trenching and piling
on 8 hour relief for the
week. We did not start till
9 am and worked in the sand
on the hillside at two paralell
The digging was not very difficult
but the sand would not stand
up and rightly some rows were
not fast as it was elsewhere and
Not much progress was made
on the morning and the task
was discontinued in the after
noon. We started a nine wa-
number 3 cap line service
furnish to need the work peac
rather than. The knocked off at
7 pm then the bunch of a football
before tea. Walker & Turner
Home.
Sunday 29th Dec.
We were working shift work now and so did not have to get up at 5 a.m. Breakfast was at 7:30 a.m. and we left at 7:45 a.m. It turned out that new arrangements were made and we were dismissed at 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. this afternoon. I got a pass to see the Chief Clerk of Railways trying to get a pass to Alman. We do not seem to have much chance then we got a real pocket notebook. On getting back came about 8 p.m. I found a cable for me which was addressed to West and had been since I was away passing me. Well in for work. It's all right and more all of the thin after. I had a good time out to the trenches for about 1 hour in a little trench. It was very hot working close to the sand. During the night one man strained his arm. We proceeded with the overhead cover of the trench, heavy bamboo being used as support. We knocked off at 11 and got back about 11:30. We had plenty of work. I did not get to bed till about 2 a.m. this morning about as required man to the hospital.

Mr. Baush 3rd Dec.
I bought a real pocket Kodak yesterday and got it this morning. We got up to breakfast about 8 a.m. his morning. We do not go in again till 12 p.m. tonight.
We went over to the pyramid and took a view of part of the camp. Then we shot one of the pyramids and then the Nile from the boat. We then went on the other side of the second pyramid. This is only about 100 feet on the left. I took a view of the distant Cairo. In the afternoon there was a visit of part of the troops by Lt. J. Reid along at the 5th end of the camp. I layed down at 6 pm and had a sleep till 12 pm when we had to go back to work. We had a plate of rice and raisins before going on to work. We were working on the 2nd parallel and connecting rap which was being enlarged. The overhand was faced on the 2nd parallel and a surface rap planted. We had hot soup and coffee at 4 am. It was a lovely clear moonlight night and not particularly cold. The sun rose just after the moon set on the opposite horizon, both were fine sights.

Wednesday, 3rd Dec.

We ceased work at 8 pm this morning and came over and had breakfast. We then got our accoutrements clean for Sir George Reid's review at 2 pm. His review was at 2 pm his afternoon. Many of them are round at the front in the sun. A march past Sir George Reid.

Photograph of the Sphinx and one of George
Waking away. Feeling rather
influenced to write
Friday 1st January 1915
I went to bed early last
night at 2.30 a.m. and at
12 p.m. we were woke
up by the discharge of
rifles. The ringing of bells
and bands playing at
12.00. Our regiment came
in and woke up all
those not already awake
and distributed presents.
This morning we went
on at 8.30 for 8 hrs.
work on New Year's day.
I was not feeling too
good and it was with reluc
tion that I went to work.
Before going over we were
chocolate with a tin of

Three Chocolate bars to be
sold to the Australian War
Charity Association. London.
Wishing you a happy New Year.
I was feeling better when I
came off at 3 p.m. It was
the very dark I looked
like rain. So saw fell. Went
to bed early.

Saturday 2nd January 1915
Had a good sleep last night
and feeling better today. Had
rifle drill in the morning and
had a short
lecture. Went
round a posted table and the
horn
was played by the bands.
In the afternoon
with the expectation of going
at 4 p.m. but 3 p.m. we were
told we
were not allowed. I went into
Monday 28 Jan. 1915

Went in at 8.30 am and went up to rifle range and carried on all the morning till 2.30 pm. We expected to go to the same on the afternoon but were given leave. I went to call with Victor Jackson & went to St Andrew’s Church. I posted letters to camp & panorama home. Visited a few others on the way home.

Monday, 1st Jan. 1915

Built wire entanglement near trenches in the morning & for a while in the afternoon we shipped rifles over beyond right hand. We knocked off about 3 pm & prepared for March. Marched at 5 pm.

On 2nd Relief 7.00-9.00 am. Just after going on at about 7.30 am standing on road talking to Capt. Young who then heard a mingling sound from direction of Beacons. It was then apparentAGAIN heard and gathered that it was cleaned out of precautions. After a few minutes the bay came clean out of the wall and a wave of water & death came and carried away the small wooden R E shelter. It can’t be found now. There are two slabs of wall (1025x15) about 45 from the face. No. 1 Coy. lines were thrown by the water and saw and were in a fine mess. Most of the water had been in the cook house and mess room.
The company were called out by bugle and assembled quickly as there was not much noise. They formed a large crowd and did not collect. The company were quiet. Our cooks went up a sand wall quietly to keep the water from our line. An extra guard was put on but was not necessary.

Friday, 5th Jan 1915

Things look pretty worrying this morning. A barrel of tar was thrown down & broken by the Vietkans on all our lines. The whole of the N.C. wall has a clean out, a complete bay being out of one end (9 ft) & the other end cracked right down. The wall turned a deep passage about 10' at the foot of the N.C. and undermined the floor.

Our mess room was composed of a guard tent last night for only about 3 half sleep last night. The reception was about 6' square and 10' deep. The walls were 10' thick, and uniform thickness. The reinforcement consists of two layers uniformly spaced in the wall of expanded steel, bolted in wall 2 feet. Two large broken right through the far end. The sand was filled up about 1' on the road below the tank. We came off guard at 5.30. Got about 5 shots of the machine gun as well as others.

Went up to 152 rifle range and made some progress. Hauling stones all day.
The morning. There were plenty of screaming about making beds. There was plenty of sand blowing about. In the afternoon I or Aug 3rd we had to go to 1001 range & do some shovelling there. We got away about 4pm & were 3 hours & a half later. We went into Corso in the night to get my first film. There was only 1 complete failure. The photo of Wallace on the flag was the best. I think. I bought more film making 9mm now. When I got back to camp I found a note had arrived. Got a letter from my parents, also a letter from the War Office. There was a card from Steve & a letter from his father, from home. They were painted at the Cliff, near Royal Pavilion.

Pitlochry. Sunday 7th Jan 1915
A lovely windy day with lots of cloud^

We went out to heatherbush altine and but just clear of the mountains in all land about 3 miles. In the after
doon we went down to the canal and a mile along the road to see the
bridge over the road built by 1901. By the evening I got an almanac
from an unknown source to a rough
piece. The wind has died down a little. The almanac is from a
piece.

Fitzroy, 8th Jan 1915
To-day we spent getting
and bags out of the trenches
and counting men & giving
them ready to go for leaving.
They were brought
back by light liner. Bags, tins/tins and tins were all brought back. I got a letter from Mrs. Hickson to one from Uncle John. This was most interesting.

The mail I got was from U.S. to the landmark from the Camp. The mail had been fairly awful today but it rained this afternoon. There was not much rain but it stopped the sand. Two or half buckets of mail came today. There was great rejoicing. The mail was about 6 ft. black and appeared the mail between has been lost. Bed early.

Saturday, 9th Jan 1916.

Octaveection. Wrote money. Rifle cleaning. All the money was well. Swimming,

Application on S.S. Meny. Half holiday this afternoon and wrote home. Took a book all the afternoon. In the evening I read the Treasure Island. Some N.F.E.

Monday, 14th Jan 1915

Kemelle is a little lake in Limagne. We had our first church parade on the lines of 2 to 2. Cap'n MacKay gave the sermon. He is a military man, not a chaplain. He had plans for building for dinner.

It was sent by 'Daily News' of England and was very fine. In the afternoon I went to St. Fort on canvas and went over to the big rice plantation N. of the Camp. It was a grand day and there is green.
among the trees. The palm are open at the top and the whole presented a good sight. We got some interesting pictures. In the evening I went for a walk with Mr. Ensell. Incidentally we met an Englishman of good family but "slightly gone." He had served in Africa and was interesting to talk to.

Monday, 11th Jan. 1915.
Instead of going hanging on the canal about 1 mile from camp there was an exam for N.C.O.'s. B were picked out for the exam and it were to be picked from those. In the morning we did infantry drill and in the afternoon knotting. I did a bit of

reading in the evening.

Tuesday 12th Jan. 1915.
The exam went on as usual all day. In the morning there was hulks bridge frame building and in the afternoon gong then and Dermont sections at the end of the practice exam. As the practice were close a written exam were given and his was to decide if I did pretty well in test.

In the evening I went into town and took film to look at and some prints when I got back about 9 p.m. there was a large mail being distributed. I got card from Birdy 9th Sep 1913 Leith, from half Woodville, Nell, K. Boy business excitement over the lot.
Saturday, April 19th.

This morning we went out in marching order, without great noise to the canal and took down the tackle bridge and put it up again before dinner. After dinner two tow carts went over some colder canals. I got photos of both. We had some unpracticable bridging of a sort on the banks as a motor came along and could not pass. Tow carts were used as central points to pull, just from edge to edge to take speed bearings. Started in 18 mins. Tackle bridge then demarke & returns.

to camp. Got paid off and got a letter from Jim. Head got top notch in 1400 gun. Wrote Judy a note.

In the evening:

Wednesday, April 20th.

Went out to the canal early but did no bridge building. We went along the canal, a did some range finding and measuring. The R.O. came along to inspect the bridge put up by R.O. & 144 sections but did not trouble us. We did some communication signalling in the afternoon. Helos were used. Camp back to camp about 5 pm and found a great mail on all our letters. I got my first letters from
October 4th.

Yesterday was the 4th of October. The weather was fine.

We received a letter from my father-in-law and a letter from my brother. There is more coming in tonight.

I went to bed early and slept well.

I got up early this morning and went to the post office to send a letter. I also went to the store and bought some groceries.

I spent the day working in the garden. I planted some vegetables and watered the plants.

I cooked dinner for the family and we had a good time.

Later in the day, I took a walk in the woods and enjoyed the peacefulness of nature.

I spent the evening reading a book and writing letters to family and friends.

Sunday, October 5th.

This morning, I took a long walk in the woods. I enjoyed the beauty of nature.

In the afternoon, we went to the lake to swim and fish. It was a good day.

We also went to the city and visited some museums.

I took some interesting photos.

We spent the evening enjoying each other's company and talking about our day.

Thursday 17th Jan 1915

No. 1 Coy takes one duty at 05.01 Section duty, Section Poster in duties today. I coughed a lot so I suppose I'm not fit, although no orders to the effect have been read out. We were working on train lines this morning while the rest of section went to Church Parade. Half holiday in the afternoon and I did the cleaning up of my kit and arranged my letters and read them again. In the evening I went up to town and returned early. I got 'Life of Ben' a book by H. M. Revell and 'Duck hangin' for war' 2nd class.

Montag 18th Jan 1915

At first parade this morning it was read out that I had been promoted to Lance Corp. from 18/1/15. We were working on train out from Corringway. The bearings in most were in a bad state, not having been much oil. In some cases the axle was the train bearing and part of the channel from there are not many spare parts and it meant a change of parts from one truck to another. At night, from 7.30 to 9.30 Dress to tea.Asked an Ely Centre for the purpose of keeping infantry man out.
Monday, 13th, 1898

On the same job today. I had a round to make to see Walter Leckie who is in hospital here with pneumonia. He is getting along pretty well. I saw him this day. He is expected to be discharged soon. Had a drink with the boys to 10 my stripe. Our section is duty section this week. I am all the work needed around the camp. The other sections were busy (suspension, barrel tree) building today. Iva was not to 7pm going to be there. Bridging section getting home late.

Wednesday, 16th, 1898

initiated to the position of "orderly corporal." We had a parade of about 10 keeping one platoon outside the medical tent in the cold for an hour. We had breakfast right when I got back. Had plenty of time to read Jonh French's biography on the morning. In the afternoon I had to go to the H & P Div. Am. Col. as soon as I got back, sick parade. There was not much to do by parading pick a mess orderly. Got three letters from home and one from Jean, and one from Belfare. Wrote on the evening 6 to 8 from whom I received a card. Also to Belf are Edna whose photo I
Saturday 2nd Jan 1915

Received the "Ion" today. This morning we were working on tool cart practicing unloading a destructor 7 bols. In the afternoon put up 4 1/2 huts and 1 anchor. Today we heard the Artillery quite plainly. Went to Cairo in the evening. Rich brother I had in years hot bath making it feel quite good. We then had a plump up dinner for 14 thieves. I got my second and third photos there is a good failure due to under exposure.

Sunday 3rd Jan 1915

Looked like rain all day but none came. We were receiving sand bags from the rifle (range of miniature) which have been condemned. Only two are going to be used after about 15 being half made. We put up gypsum decks during the afternoon. Told we were going to J ohnco on Monday. Got an invitation to the Froebel ministrant to an evening on Wednesday

Wednesday 24th Jan 1915

Put in the morning doing field gear on the stand by officers kit. In the afternoon I printed some photos. In the evening I went down to see Billy & his ball at the evening and found him a lot better and only 12
Sundays, 24th Jan 1916
Church parade in the morning. Practiced some shots before dinner.
In the afternoon, went out with range finder & did some topographical work.
Went to bed early. There is a good tale told of an infantry sapper who was sitting by
a fire instead of on his head. A major came up & asked him what he was doing.
He replied: "I'm a bit of a sapper, sir." Major replied: "Oh! In a bit of a major, sir." "Oh, wait a bit & let me see your rifle & give you a bit of a salute.

Montag, 25th Jan 1916
Our own warm day today.
We were doing demolition.
All day. In the morning, we practiced the use of
gelignite with flame and
electric detonation. We
greatly astonished a native
by exploding a charge at
some distance by electricity.
After the explosion, the said
in surprise: "In all my
life, I have never seen
nothing like it." We did not go to
Dumhug, as promised. We
were supposed to have seen in
an English paper that we were not to form part of
Hastings & Army. This
means there is no fight
for us for some time. Went
along to quarry in the afternoon
and dug some trenches and
fired one charge.
Gelignite was used with commercial fuse and electric detonators. Read Home Leaves in the evening. Received letter from Father later.

Sunday 26th Jan 06
10 demolition on bores this morning. 12 detonators fired in series with exploder. Monobel & Gelignite used in bores. In the case of one hole there too much was given to lift. 7 cartridges gelignite and 5 monobel used. In the afternoon the section went on bicycles to Abbas II bridge over Nile between Zegaz & Koda. We went down to the room containing the gear for turning the evening portion of the bridge. Electric motors drive the Jack. Wedges are just lifted at the ends and the bridge then turned. I obtained three pictures of the bridge. I saw Eric Woods on the road coming home. In the evening we had a ballet by Major Wale R.A.E. It was a talk on soldiering under a head of shelling, saluting & sanitisation. Heard the 3 Coy Enfys were engaged at Suez. It that there was a force of about 3 miles from Canal. A.H.A day

Midwood 27th Jan 95
A tirible day. Strong wind and lots of sand sweeping over the camp. We were making sheets etc and Gyms all day and making...
Took facts. It was decided that no figure of 8 lashing was best for sheer legs also to lash gysps by pinning marks together and lashing up on outer run down on middle legs, the right hand leg to be lifted over the left leg & to be pulled & height, 'per' allowed on leg for upright lashing. We were played in afternoon I drew 200. Brook with banks recounted in tonight's paper. Wednesday, 23rd Jan 1915 —

Nice calm day today. The sections were putting up a derrick both morning and afternoon. In the morning Mr. Leslie and myself went parties for carrying signals along the road. We got bicycles and went along road to canal and then about 1 mile along canal. We had a party on slope tents. I can't read yet but send this in. In the afternoon we were on the derrick but did not make a satisfactory job of it. We were issued with papers of details of barrel passing pontoons, bridging and trench bridging. Lecture in the evening by Col. Ellott on pontoon bridging. Was struck a reading kind to correct the printed sheet. It explains we all transfer to efficient engineers in 6-9 months. The way we are going on now. Old letter from Mr. Jaggie. He is an old one again. There is a parade tonight at 8 pm for some reason.
Friday, 25th Jan 1915

The parade last night was a check as there was no leave and at it we were rowed about the river. We walked up at mess dinner to getting bad slow. Also rowed up about the river going on about the camp. One could not imagine a military camp accompanied by "Australian." Today we were down at the Canal building barrel pieces.

Wrote Jack in the evening 
Saturday, 30th Jan 1915

Not today. We saw the land mine laid by 114. Rockets blow up. There was the equivalent of 250 to pounds of fuzes in at a depth of about 5. There was a great upheaval to land. The extreme height must have been close in 100. We then went down to the Canal and made a light barrel foot bridges. Got a letter from C. Burke London saying they had returned to 54 Coningshaw and his half holiday in the afternoon. Took me all the afternoon to write home. I was doing a bit of reading in the evening when snowball game along. We went down to the track lines and had a talk to some of the boys. Snowball has been transferred to Ordnance.

Sunday, 31st Jan 1915

Church parade in the morning I went to Coy E parade for a change. It was not so impressive. In the afternoon dread a little
and a little washing. Went with the horses to water it and filled in the rest of the afternoon with talking. After
Church I went up to see Capt. Wells of the Sixth & at the same
time had a long talk with Forwick Baddeley & Riddell. In
the evening I went along to see Baddeley. He is still on light
duty, but expects to be placed on duty at any moment.

Monday 1st Feb. 1915
Close and nippy today. Instructions in guard and duty duty
in the morning. The men who were leaving to go back to
Australia have come back into Camp as the ship is not
able to pass thru the Canal.
In the afternoon we went to

Signalling from the Canal to
Egyptians with flags and telescope.

Tuesday 2nd Feb. 1915
Took cart instruction and
making 40 Arrickson. In the
morning. Signalling round
the Egyptians in the afternoon.

Wednesday 3rd Feb. 1915
Went down to the Canal
to examine the Garden Bridge.

Mortar 30th Jan. 1915
went down to see the Canal
and examine the Garden Bridge.

Nile. There were about 5000

Went out again at 8 a.m. to the canal and finished getting the first ginder off. The second we started on after dinner and worked on till about 6:30 p.m. The hook on a 3 block broke when we were trying to lift on the ginder to bring it. There was a lot of hard hauling to shift the ginder but the man stuck to it well without grumbling even in the dark. It got very cold when it got dark and the stars were shining bright before we had finished coming home we stopped a tram at all board, & thus arrived home a bit later.
This evening the Egy. reinforcement came down to camp to see us. They told us we have a bad name in Melun which is hard on us for the force is not bad. Sunday 5th Feb 1915

We are to get a full holiday, besides Sunday, a week. This commenced today. Walked to the station and caught the train to Cairo & thence by train to Bedaheim. We walked over to Memphis despite vigorous attempts of Donkey boys to make us ride. Here we saw the statues of Ramesses I & II. There are many huts about to 45' long. We then took ferry across the Nile & walked to Helwan which is not such a fine place as it cracked up to be. We saw the fine Falls (oasis & building rockies) come into Cairo by steam train and had tea, then went to dinner in military rooms at Gizeh. Bought a paper and sent to Father & Mrs. Simonetti.

Friday 7th Feb 1915

Third parade and tent inspection by Col. Elliott. Worked home in the afternoon.

Monday 10th Feb 1915

Went for a rank march into Cairo in full marching order. Stopped on the bank of the Nile just past the jetty. After dinner he came back towards Giza and then went to the small bridge over Rhoda Island.
We got various sections of the bridge built with the idea of call. The men of the 1st, 2nd regiments to demonstrate it. Coming back we passed a detachment of Egyptian soldiers in white uniform. They were attending the funeral of the daughter of the late Khedive. There was a great crowd of "hearts" here. I got a photo of two native ladies with white veils on. Later in the evening I went to bed early. Thursday, November 7th, 1915.

22 Today, did not milk at all till midday. We went to a flat piece of ground near the pyramids. A car was sent to bring in the man who had been fighting.

Instructions and training. We got dismissed early this morning and were sent back from a long march. I got 2 letters and 1 card. 8 from Arthur, 1 from mother, 1 from mother, 1 from Mrs. Jock, and 1 from the Gren Wals. Went home to give Walter Nicholas on Sunday, 10th, July.

Breakfast at 7 am; call at 8.30 in drill order. We marched out to the desert rifle range at "Stiger's Look." This is about 3 miles out. Week of the camp. You camp in the valley, to a plateau about 200 above the camp. Here is a long flat space covered with small stones, perfectly fine for a range. We shot at falling plates.
individually and collectively. The first lot were square plates at 600 yds and the second round plates at 600 yds. The shooting on the whole was remark
ably good. The marksmen on the devol was not too bad, the marching being good where there were stones scattered over the ground. We got back about 5pm. Paid tonight, I count about 106 clp.

Monday 11th Feb.

We went out to the range again to finish on field firing. We were shooting all the morning and about midday had 2 Bridges & some French Generals or to see our firing. After dinner we came back and were inspected on raccamis.

Got ready to go on Rains to get some photos.

Tuesday 12th Feb.

Ran to march to tanks. Packed 3 single blankets & waterproof to go on lumber. We started at 9am and had a meal about 11am and arrived at our destination at 2.30. The march was about 15 miles along the Russian Canal Bank most of the way. We got tea about 5pm in the dark & slept on the ground and slept well.

Sunday 13th Feb.

Roused at 5am, blankets rolled by air, breakfast at 7am. On the march at 9am and we came right in...
Saturday, had boil came this morning and my neck is a bit sore. Head aching
the afternoon. Went to see friendly football but both out.

Diary 16th July 1915
Had my boil came again. It is pretty bad one it is a bit sore. Today we were building
a barbed wire fence round
the isolation hospital to keep patients in.

In Brock 17th July 1915
Boys were busy round isolation hospital
kept out the football in the evening

Diary 16th July 1915
Broke on the barbed wire fence in the morning, but
was taken away in Charge

of job repairing the stop, but of the rifle range. There is
a wooden wall filled with sand to stop ricochets and
his head been knocked about
and had to be repaired.

Saturday, I wrote home in the evening in the
expectations of going to Bochum

Friday 19th July 1915
Went pontooning on the canal all day. The drill
is very interesting and

The development
of the drill is very good
and a length of 26' 9'
bridge was built in 6
minute and demolished
in 3 minutes. The day
passed quickly and at the
end of the day most had a very fair idea of the coming ship drill. There was a lecture for N.C.O.'s on future drill by Col. Elliot, in the evening Sunday 2nd July.

We could not get the last time leave for St. John's Church at our disappointment. We should have a holiday today but in the morning he went down to the canal and did some more for our drill. Washed some clothes in the afternoon.

Monday 3rd July

Wrote home in the morning Church parade as usual followed by a Goodman who ate me.

Nearly completed regimental parade every time I think I am a bit late home in the afternoon and one to Walter's home to Jack.

In the evening I went to a lecture on the life of Christ at the Sydney K.H.C.A. The lecture was illustrated by lantern views of Palestine. I was surprised to find it quite different from Egypt where there is no narrow strip along the valley of the Nile is desert here and am quite surprised. Palestine is more hilly and has more trees and streams. The River Jordan being a fine stream I wrote to Roy while waiting for the lecture to start.
Monday 22nd July

As we have only 6 porters with the division, 1 to a cap, only one company can work on them at a time when forwarding bridge work right up to this week. I say and ourselves are working time about on them. We either have nearly a half day off every day, one day the morning & the next the afternoon. We started with the morning off. These usual 6 am check
pannels was despatched with a breakfast was not like 7 am. Then we had all morning to practically do first place in some joining the corner
blocks at 11 only the 7 oclock We fell in at 8 am for first march after which we had the morning to ourselves. In the afternoon we went down to the canal and worked on the services on "reton" treke & formed a couple of bays. The trekes are easy made but are difficult to launch and place in position. We did not leave till after 6 pm and had tea about 7 pm. We were to have commenced the new method of spending the 8 a day ration money issued because the A.S.C. cannot supply jam. (N.B. The Q.M. S has been spending the money of the company but owing to dissatisfaction it was decided to let each section spend the sum of


My dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to inform you of the recent accident that occurred at your residence. The incident happened on the morning of the 23rd of April. An unknown individual entered your home around 6:00 AM and attempted to break into the safe located in the master bedroom. Fortunately, the thief was discovered and expelled before causing any significant damage.

It is important to note that the local police have been informed of the situation and are currently investigating the matter. I am also forwarding you a copy of the police report for your reference.

I have been monitoring the security measures at your home and find them to be adequate. However, I am recommending an additional security system to enhance protection. This upgrade would include an intrusion detection system and a high-definition surveillance camera.

Please let me know if you require any further assistance or if you have any questions regarding the security measures.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
January 25th, 1915

Breakfast at 6:45 am. Shone to the Grand. It was very hot, but I did not do much work. Discovered the bridge built yesterday under the Cannon. We walked and built a pile of mending rickety. Took a couple of photos of the bridge. In the afternoon I arranged the film for a film. Orsman and Douglas asked me to play tennis against Dumbrink. Returned paper cutting morning, melted heaps and self pressed on afternoon.

In the evening I went to the pictures. As a guest of Jack Dalrymple whose birthday it was. After wards I took tea at the/Antarctic/Jack was my companion when I went
Achive at Colombo on our way over. There were five Russian dancers on as a variety item. Their dance was of the vigorous acrobatic type. Mr. Bridges and staff came to see them.

Friday 26th July 1915
We departed from our sudden routine today and went to the canal this morning instead of the afternoon. We built a light pontoon footbridge made by halving the pontoons for the medium-bridge. Wrote home in the afternoon. Took Father's place as battalion Capt. Wrote a letter and a couple of post cards.

Saturday 27th July 1915
A whole holiday seems to come after the week.
Of half holidays during the week. I had been picked to play in a lacrosse match between A.I.E.F. & the Yomme. He had a team with representatives from local estates but none of us had touched a stick since coming to Colombo and all were short of a New. I thought the match would be postponed at the last moment so I enquired. The Brigade was leaving some of the players away so it but the match was carried through although we did not have as strong a team as might have been obtained.

Jack Boulse & I went for a turn in the morning & had...
There was a short journey to Luxor which we hailed & got aboard. We travelled about 20 miles a hour or more all the way to Luxor. It was a lovely straight road under an avenue of huge acacia trees. We enjoyed the ride.

We began to enjoy the scenery & the buildings & came to the Valley of the Kings near Luxor. At Luxor, the temple of Luxor is the most magnificent & the most beautiful of all the temples in Egypt. It was built for the Pharaohs of the New Kingdom & was dedicated to the god Amun-Re. The temple is surrounded by a large outer court & a number of smaller temples & shrines.

The temple of Luxor is one of the largest & most impressive temples in Egypt. It was built during the reign of Amenhotep III & was completed by his son, Amenhotep IV. The temple is dedicated to the god Amun-Re & was the centre of religious activity in the region.

The temple of Luxor is famous for its beautiful sculptures & reliefs. The temple is divided into two main sections: the temple of Amenhotep III & the temple of Amenhotep IV. The temple of Amenhotep III is dedicated to the god Amun-Re & is adorned with beautiful sculptures & reliefs. The temple of Amenhotep IV is dedicated to the god Amon & is adorned with beautiful sculptures & reliefs.
Scene depicted on the walls of various occupation & belonging of kings & people are in many cases marvellously well done. We visited in turn the tombs of Zz (13th dynasty) Serekhen (late 13th 664-595 BC) (11th dynasty) Ptahhotep (6th dynasty) & Pyramids of Menkheper Re (7th dynasty) & Amon Re (19th dynasty). All these things were extremely interesting. In many cases the original coloring was on the writings and carvings. In the tombs are the immense tombs of 26 sacred bulls. These tombs in pyramidal shape are carved in smooth marble & black granite and are about 30 feet long and six feet high & are covered by immense lids 2 feet thick. In pass along great vaults to these tombs into the air and wondering what you might get in huge rooms. We heard & saw & heard to see the statues of Re and Osiris. The tombs of the kings & queens were the pyramids. After we returned across the desert I had a beautiful moonlight ride arriving back at morn. about 8 pm tired but immensely satisfied with the day's trip. It would take too long to describe in detail the tombs visiting.
is in pending some small description to be kept.

Manor 1st March 1915
Orderly Corporal.
The 3rd Brigade and the 1st Coy moved out last night for an unknown destination. The object to be following in the course of the march. This was a walking in the afternoon, and had to parade pack drill up to before two. After two I wrote home about our Tahana hill.

Dienstag 2nd March 1915
Officers and W.O.'s went on a reconnaissance. The company remaining behind to band kit bags and prepare them all ready for March of an camp site and everything else. In the afternoon we were marched down to a canal to see a bridge made by Lt. Capt more of pontoons to carry men's transport. After tea I endeavoured to get a hot bath at some of the baths but found the hot water lacking and I had to content myself with a cold one. I bought a Healthcare tea dinner for mother's birthday and gave it to her to take back to Australia. Yesterday I sent home a box of the Tahana tins and someebables and paints from Australia.

Mittwoch 3rd March 1915
Breakfast at 7 am & two blankets packed on timber. Route March.
with pon_tons of rain we a long
the 4th of May we found for about 6 miles
then turns to the right for about 2
miles on the edge of desert. We
started about 9:15 am and
arrived about 12:30 pm. Had
lunch and came down and
did some fishing with the
native tackle in the afternoon.
We also had a swim and
after tea did a bit more fish-
ing.

Sundays 7th March
Walter Locke and I slept together
but both were pretty restless
and a little cold. Breakfast
at 7:30 am. We came down
and did a bit more fishing
after breakfast. Caught a
number of small perch and
catfish with pearl river
feathers.

The native fish with a net
about 200 yards in most cases. The loch
up their clothes to the middle
and works into the pool, then
their nets and outside
some reeds, and lead
the water amongst the reeds
towards the front of the
nets. When they see a red
line, or just a dark stick, a
piece of light wood and a small
hook with a small piece
of bamboo for a float. They
left between about 9 am and
kept on due east instead of
turning up the stream we
came down on. We came
on for a mile or before turning
up a track which brought
us out to the Egya railway.
About a mile from Egya.
We passed the native village. We passed by some wallich trees one of which had come down. It must have been a gale when it fell. We arrived at Sega for lunch at about 1 pm. The lads amusing themselves after lunch by putting their heads on the native kids' heads, etc. We left Sega for the camp about 2 pm and had a good march along to a mea ariana under the shade of the big trees. We covered 14 miles in the day. We were marched to the baths at Sega for a wash, but you can judge of our disappointment when we found them empty. We left Sega and went up to the showers on an undulating line. It had a good shower. After the rain the waters were weak. I went to bed early and I did not get too good a sleep last night.

Friday 5th March.

Check parade 6 15 am and breakfast 8 am. I did some washing before breakfast. After breakfast I did some cleaning up, rifle, boot, belt, and had a shave. Dinner at 12 noon. After breakfast there was an order fight.
a lance corps on one portion was drawn into an ambush and a fight with bare fists followed. No one was seriously hurt. One officer of the corps, lost his stove (rather stiff!) We fell in at 1 PM to take part in a scheme of divisional manoeuvres. The Prussians were attacking an avenue which had been drawn back from the line. Our advanced guard were driving the enemy back 2 or 3 from our camp and the division had marched from Cairns to Murray. Our job was to erect a couple of bridges and open the canal. We built a bridge and a pontoon. The pontoon was finished in half an hour and the bridge took about. By this time we were sitting about most of the afternoon while the actual fighting was proceeding beyond the camp. We can see clouds of dust marking the enemy proceeding into the firing line and batteries taking position. We're miles from the actual firing line and having a very easy line. We loaned a service to the Engineer in case he had to move off and had tea about 6.30 PM. We had bought this ration with no. A considerable amount of bread butter, cheese and jam. After tea our section mounted guard I had charge of the 2nd relief at 7 PM. It was dark and cold. There was hot coffee and bread for the crew.
back to camp to tea and after tea I wrote home. The days are getting longer and hotter now. The sun did not set till about 6 pm tonight.

Friday 7th March 1915
Church parade at 9.30 am. It was attended by a few nurses and some ladies who were apparently relations of officers. Tent inspection by Mr. Ouzo at 11 am. Motor Fred. Eric and I went up for a chasse in the afternoon.

Monday 8th March 1915
Parade 8.30 am. We went down to the canal and dismantled bridge (Granton) and packed the pontoons on the wagons. We also loaded the buyek wagons. I borrowed a bought field stitching to read on. The evening and Bill went ill. Came along Eyam. He informed me that a lad named Chadwick was packing up to leave.

Wednesday 9th March 1915
Breakfast 7.30 am. Parade 8.30 am. We went to the canal. In the morning we built a Nestor. Sgt. Copamacote had built a barrel raft to make some raingage but it was not to stable. In the afternoon we were papers and cholling filling up the pontoon for the bridge where the Gordon bridge was first put.
up. We did not get back & lay till 6 or 7 am. We started to the canal in a train car. Reached a bit of M.E. Eng. in the evening. Silas with new boots.

Midnight 16th March 1915

We made an early start the morning, breakfast at 6.45 am and parade at 7 am. We packed wagons with timber and tools to make barbed wire entanglements. We marched out about a mile to a spot beyond the third pyramid where the 2nd infantry Boys were entrenching a position heavily. Our job was to place a mine entanglement before the trenches. It was a very hot day and pretty dusty. We drank pints of water in fact more than we ought have. We were kept going till about 5.30 pm and did not get back to camp till 10.30 pm. When we returned we had our mail delivered. Got about 2 letters and news to Cape Town. We got paid so every one was contented.

Sunday 17th March 1915

Today has been about the worst day we have seen since being in Egypt. We moved off about 3 am after standing about half an hour. We went out to complete the mine entanglement. When we got out we found it was
blowing sand. The infantry did not come out till the morning at 8 o'clock and tons of sand were flying. At some periods we could not see 30 feet ahead. We stopped for dinner but I did not eat anything as you would have eaten bread and soup. We continued after dinner under the same severe conditions till about 2 p.m. when the major sent out word for me to come in and we were thankful for it. I had a good wash and some ice cream and felt better, but it was a terrible day out on the desert. I thought myself a pair of shorts it chance we leaving soon but there are rumors we will be here for another month or so.

One of the staff officers arrived the day before yesterday. The sooner we leave here the better for our division for the amount of bed that is being absorbs must be enormous but cannot be done. We are good but one is not surprised at the heavy drinking after a day like today. I have received 4 letters, one mail & 3 have had plenty of interesting reading. Wrote Mr. Watson in the evening.
Friday 12th March 1865

We started to finish the wire entanglements this morning; it was just a matter of using up wire. We heard there was 9000 yards of wire on the entanglement and our forces were nearly 500 yards long. Many kinds of help were needed and different kinds of alarms were attached. We completed the work & got back to Camp about 1200 hrs for dinner. In the afternoon I did some washing. We were expecting a parade about 6 pm but it never came. We had an alarm parade at 8 pm when the 2nd Brigade turned out to attack the defenses.

The defenses were provided with wire entanglements & grapeshot. We marched out to the left behind the 8th Battle and took up a position about a mile from entanglements. The engineers went on ahead and cut Mrs. The entanglements pulled them down with the grapeshot; long 200 yard fire (silent). On our advance the 4th advanced & we soon discovered. After the firing on us had ceased the infantry attacked. We got back to Camp about 11 pm & went in bed.
Principal Dates:

20. Arrived at Albany
Nov 1. Left Albany
3. H.M. ships joined
9. Embarked action
15. Sydney passed to Colombo
16. Arrived at Colombo
15. Went ashore at Colombo
17. Left Colombo
21. Collossus arriving, Shagbushire
23. Lighted Colombo
25. Reached Aden
26. Left Aden
27. Orders going Egypt
30. Arrived Jaffa, entered canal
Harrow on German Prisoner
31. Arrived Port Said
Dec 2nd. Left Port Said
3rd. Arrived Alexandria
4th. Entrenched for Sairs
The Members of No. 1 Section 2nd Field Corp Engineers A. E. F.

No. 4 Mass. S. O. R. E.:

A. W. Peabody
A. C. Wilson
A. N. White
R. E. Gilbert
W. F. Britine
R. Combes
R. Henry Gossinger
Sydney M. Allagash
J. R. E. F.
R. Bruce Board
C. J. Sprout
D. H. Gill
J. Hopkins
J. M. J. Jr.
B. A. Black
C. E. Brown

R. A. W.
A. C. Wilson
R. C. F. Low
E. T. E. F. Godlaw
W. D. Fallshaw
E. E. Mackey
F. H. Cooper
C. S. H. O.
J. H. Franklin
J. Addison
T. Slifer
J. C. S.
A. F. W.
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A. H. S.
W. T. S.
S. W. S.
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A. R. T. E.
A. C. Randow. Corp.
acre yard of earth weighs 12 tons
of refuse of earth - 45°
(Early hollow cylinder) of brushwood 2' x 2'9" filled with earth, is one of best
kinds of parapet, revetment.
Trench also used 5' by 3'9"
All revetments must be
anchored "back to well"

Inflicting tool

\[ \text{Weight: } 44 \text{ lbs} \]

\[ \text{Height: } 3'3" \]

\[ \text{Weight: } 12 \text{ lbs} \]

Remember that trenches placed well
down the hill side may be against
sky line from enemy's position.
Essential points in design of fire

\( 4' \)

(a) Parapet shall be rifle bullet proof
(b) Trench & parapet armirreble to fire
(c) Interior slope as steep as possible
(d) Trench wide enough to pit in
(e) Interior protected against inflame
(f) Trench shall be well drained
Weight of service rifle 8 & 10 3/4 oz.

These bayonets fixed, the rifle fires low: rifle in move stable. It causes 2ft drop to right at 600 yds.

Danger zone is between bullet mark on target and where bullet hits ground, in between first graze and catch.

Extent of danger zone depends on:
1. Alt of rifle from ground
2. Alt of object fired at
3. Trajectory of bullet
4. The extent of confusion of effect of ground to trajectory of bullet

Inf training 12th & 16th.

Entrenching implements & tools of Battle, carried on 2 lumbered 2 1/2 wagon:
Each of thuds carries 3 packing cases:
First case, 30 pickets, 40 canons, 20 billhooks, 2 scaping hooks.
2nd case, 2nd 1/2 wagon, 1 hand pick in addition.

3 pickets, 2 bill hooks, 2 shovels. Carried on lumbered wagon of main guns:
Brigade reserve of tools carried on 2 G.S. wagons — March of 1 handaxe, 365 picks, 200000 shoe nails and 568 shovels.

Last by Major Elliot.

Proof hucksters for rifle fire:
Earth, 3 6"
Clay, 5 0"
Sand, 2 8"
" packed, 1 6"
Bookwork, 5 0"

Horse & field artillery:
Shell used mostly.
Time and percussion fuse.
Trenches.

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his considerations "C"

1. Choice of position
   73 of height from crest of slope

2. Concealment. try rocks to make trench resemble ground, used
   not cast shadows

3. Cover must be placed so that
   artillery cannot enfilade. Not
   as important as 2.

4. Clean foreground to bring
   enemy into close rifle fire up
   to 400 yards cleared.

5. Construction of obstacles. Done
   with cleared material.

6. Communication trench an
   essential for food ammunition etc.

(c) Pits chosen with due regard to tactical
   requirements. It with a view to concen-
   trating men, its strong & weak points
   carefully studied.