

AUGUST, 1915.

Friday 13

Reveille at 4 AM.

Saturday 14

Left camp at 9 o'clock. Arrived 11:30 AM. Went straight on board. After lunch fell in & marched through city. Saw all my friends I was looking for. We had a great send off. Went on board again. Ship left wharf at 3 PM. Immense crowd. We are lying in the stream at present. Expect we will sail early in the morning.

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Sunday 15

Was surprised on waking up soon after midnight to find we were out at sea. Must have left about 11 PM. Sea fairly calm. Had land in sight until 11:45 PM. Upon had a last glimpse of N.Z. Tofua has been quite close all day. Sighted another steamer before lunch, caught up to her about 6:30 PM. Exchanged farewell signals with her. Good number of men a-ah. Have felt alright so far. Meals on board were very good. Oranges were served out to us during the afternoon. Turned in about 7 PM. Bunks are comfortable.

Monday 16

Called up at 5 AM. to go on fatigue. 50 of us paraded, waited for half an hour and were dismissed. Put on to clean brass on bridge at 10:30 and again after lunch till 12 PM. Am beginning to know my way about now. Some companies had a little drill to-day. Sea still calm, but weather looks unsettled to night. Would not be surprised if rougher before morning.