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Tuesday 14

Still in Elden harbour this morning. Got up at daylight to have a look around. Very rugged rocks on two sides of harbour. Not able to see town from where we are. Soon after daylight native traders began to arrive. Not long before there were dozens of their boats round the ship. At first we were given orders not to trade with them, but this was withdrawn & business was brisk. Very amusing to watch the bargaining going on. Tobacco & cigarettes very cheap. Sailed about 10 a.m. Sick man sent ashore. Swarms of fish everywhere. Beautiful sunset.

Wednesday 15

Well into the Red Sea now. Passed a good many ships to-day, none very close. Passed a lot of islands, went quite close to some of them. One group is called the Twelve Apostles. Lighthouses on some of them. They are all very barren and scorched up. Saw a lot of dolphins to-day.

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Thursday 16

Saw a number of ships to-day. A hospital ship has been visible with us all day; she is some distance off on the port side. Our company had their sports this afternoon. We had some good fun. Jim did not permit us to finish all the events. Still very hot. Have slept on deck the last two nights. My head is still bad, had it dressed to-day.

Friday 17

Passed a Dutch tramp steamer early this morning. She had her colours and name painted clearly on her side. Saw a number of other ships several passed very close. The nights are getting cooler now. Hospital ship is still in sight. She seems to be keeping near us purposely. I think it is the same one as came into Elden harbour while we were there.