

OCTOBER, 1915.

Sunday 24

Lot of shipping about to-day. Gibraltar came in sight this afternoon, ship seemed to be going straight on when she was signalled and pulled into harbour right by the rock; I had a good view of it, you would not think there was a gun there. Lot of shipping in the harbour African coast looks quite close, can see a town on that side. We only stopped a few minutes and then resumed our journey. a small gunboat followed us for a little while

Monday 25

Very quiet day. Sea getting rougher as we enter the bay of Biscay. Had some eggs to-day. New uniforms are being sewed to the working patients who have not got them. I am going ashore as a cot patient. Cigarettes were sewed out to-day. Some chap are feeling queer from the motion, which is very slight compared to a smaller ship.

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Tuesday 26

Another quiet day. Well into the Bay fairly rough. We will be into the Channel before midnight. We are getting our clothes filled up ready to go ashore. Thick fog came up about 11pm and our ship anchored for about 3 hours; we cant be far from our port.

Wednesday 27

Reached Isle of Wight this morning very pretty place. Laid off in the stream for about 2 hours waiting for the tide. Got alongside Southampton Quay soon after midday. Started taking patients off straight away. I was carried off about 7 p.m. taken into a big shed where the train was kept. Had to lie on the stretchers waiting my turn for 6 hours, very cold and miserable.