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The following brief instructions are issued by the St. John Ambulance Association.

WOUNDS.

BLEEDING FROM ARTERIES.

HEAD.—Pad and bandage the wound.

NECK.—Place thumb in wound and press backwards against spine.

ARMPIT.—Press thumb into wound. Second person to press main artery behind middle of collar-bone.

UPPER AND FORE-ARM.—Press with fingers or apply tourniquet to inside of upper-arm. When below elbow place pad in hollow of bend of elbow, and bend forearm against upper-arm.

PALM OF HAND.—Bandage hand closed over a piece of stick, or press arteries at front of wrist.

THIGH.—Hand pressure at centre of fold of groin, or by tourniquet on inside of thigh.

HAM OR BACK OF KNEE-JOINT.—Same as for thigh, or press by hand or tourniquet in ham above wound.

FRONT OR BACK OF LEG.—Press by hand or tourniquet at back of knee-joint, or double the leg up against a pad placed in the ham.

INSTEP.—Pressure to the middle of front ankle.

SOLE OF FOOT.—Bandage with pads behind ankle bones and middle of instep.

A tourniquet can be made by placing a stone over the main artery, tying a handkerchief loosely over it, and then twisting it tight with a stick.

Blood from an artery is bright red, and flows in jets; blood from a vein is dark-bluish, and flows slowly. The flow in arteries is from heart to head, hands and feet; the flow in veins just the reverse.

FOR ALL SITUATIONS.—Elevate the part and apply pad and bandage.

FLESH WOUNDS.—Wash, stop bleeding, fix parts in natural position without delay.

GUN-SHOT WOUNDS IN CHEST OR BELLY.—Place patient on wounded side, with knees drawn up; give complete rest; no stimulants.

BRUISED WOUNDS.—Wash, apply wet cloths; if about head, poultice.

BROKEN BONES.

LOWER JAW.—Bandage the lower to upper jaw with handkerchief.

COLLAR BONE.—Place pad in armpit, bandage elbow to side, sling forearm.

RIBS.—Apply bandage six inches wide, eight yards long, round chest.

UPPER-ARM.—Apply roller bandage to hand and fore-arm, splints to back and front, and sling fore-arm.

FORE-ARM.—Apply padded splints to back and front, from hand to elbow, holding the arms extended, with thumb pointing upward.

HAND.—Apply splint bandage, and support in a sling.

THIGH.—Apply a long splint from armpit to outside of heel, and a short one from fork to knee on inside, and bandage.

LEG.—Apply splints inside and outside and bandage.

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[July 1916 George out
shooting with his work mates]

JULY 1915.

Wednesday 14

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Stapleton { uncl. }
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Tuesday 20

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Thursday 22

"Graves of the Fallen"

Waters of Meuse & the stream of the ^{year}
Flow by the mounds where the warriors rest
Whispering peace to the souls of the heroes
Supernally blest.

Plains around ypres, hills of the Argonne
Of mis of la Bassée, dunes on the sand
Sowed with tomb where the souls of
The mighty,
Forever shall stand

Wednesday 21

Friday 23

Baba
Fancashire landing, grimdschi
Dnyac & Surla or Duetin's lonely fort
Bold, neath their crosses, crudi
yet resplendent
A Paragon fort.

Friday July 7th 1916

This afternoon Fritz hit the bay
in which I was on duty & filled the
trench in. I had just stepped out to
talk to the next sentry so escaped
I must yet. Few shells flying
round to day.

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Saturday 24th 8

Last night passed fairly quietly. To-day Fritz kept sending shells over at short intervals & our chaps replied. About 2'30 a terrific bombardment started and we all got down in the bay; the ground tumbled and it was hard to hear anyone speak. Things quieted about 11'30 & we kept a good look out. Sergeant came along and told us Fritz had taken the mushroom. He expected him over any time. Phil went to hospital this morning.

Sunday 25th 9th

Early this morning we heard that Fritz had been driven back. The men up there had a very rough time. None of us turned in till after stand-down. Things quiet to-day. Went & had a look along the trenches & the mushroom this evening. Terrible mess. Had a look at George & Balne. Things quiet, so turned in after stand-down.

JULY, 1915.

Monday 26th 10th

Was hit this evening. Got it in the left hand & neck. Paracet came down on top of me; was buried for about an hour.

Thursday July 13th

Arrived Woodlany Hospital

Friday July 14th

First operation on hand

Tuesday 27

I had my second operation about the 1st Sept & the third one about the 3rd Sept.

On Nov 12th small piece taken from my hand.

On Nov 6th sent to Wandsworth

Nov 16th sent to 10 alton.

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Friday 13

Reville 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 5 PM. I'm more crowded. We are lying in the stream at present. Expect we will sail early in the morning.

AUGUST, 1915.

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 auck. 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.

AUGUST, 1915.

Tuesday 17

Rough weather arrived this morning. Heavy swell all morning. Sea very rough now. We had all parade on deck this morning, but have not done anything this afternoon. One of my mates left the port open for a few minutes, and a log was blown on cabin. I have felt a bit queer to day, but have not been sick. A few large flocks of sea birds following ship. There is a blackbird on board, it flies about the ship but never goes far away.

Wednesday 18

Very little to write of to day. We have got settled down now, and our daily routine is much the same. Made about 1/4 hours drill every morning & afternoon. We have had oranges served out every afternoon at 3 o'clock.

AUGUST, 1915.

Thursday 19

Great excitement first thing this morning. Land on both sides of ship. Probably Tasmania on our left and an island on our right. Lost sight of it about dinner time. Just been on deck, there is what appears to be a range of hills on our left, but mostly in clouds. Possibly it is the other end of Tasmania. Sea has been very calm all day.

Friday 20

Gale came up during night. Blowing very hard all day. Big sea running. Great fun trying to drill on deck. Impossible to keep steady for long. Boat crews were drawn to day. I missed it.

AUGUST, 1915.

Saturday 21

Washing day for our company
Cold water and not too much of
that. Parade after dinner. Saw
large school of porpoises. Heavy
swell still on. We are in the
Australian Right now. Oranges
served out this afternoon.

Sunday 22

Very quiet day. Church parade
at 10 o'clock. Paid about deck
reading most of the day.
Finished letters for N.Z. as
mail closes tomorrow.
Last of oranges served out
today.

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Monday 23

Strong wind blowing all day. Rough
sea. Boat inspected this morning.
Passed White Star steamer at 12:30
bound for N.Z. B.C. held sports
this afternoon. Medical inspection
for all hands. A.C. started
shooting at bottles thrown
overboard. Saw very few hits.

Tuesday 24

Arrived in Allang this morning.
Raining hard. We all marched to the
town after dinner and were given leave
till midnight. Had a real good time.
Went out to Middleton Beach via a
motor. Town much smaller than
I expected. Had to come out in a
lug down boat in the stream
baling. Hull in just outside
our port hole making an awful row.
I came out in the first tug which left
at 9 o'clock.

AUGUST, 1915.

Wednesday 25

We were disappointed in not getting leave to-day. Some stores were lost last night, so no leave granted to-day. Rain on deck fatigues all day. Coaling operations still going on. Malaga terrible now all night long. Rain still continues.

Thursday 26

Sailed from Albany at 8 a.m. Sea very rough outside. Worst I have been in yet. Our ship is a terror to roll. Sometimes she seems as though she was going right over. Impossible to stand on deck without support. True sight to see waves breaking on rocks. Land almost out of sight at dusk.

AUGUST, 1915.

Friday 27

Another stormy day. Sea very high. Several accidents to day owing to chaps slipping. One man broke his leg, another one his nose. Spray comes over boat deck. We stayed below all the afternoon. Appleger went out to-day.

Saturday 28

Still rough. Tofua almost out of sight. Our ship put back to see if it was well; met her and turned round again. Our propellers have been racing a lot to-day. No dull sight. Life on board is getting very monotonous. Shipped a sea through one hatch which had been left open. Washing day. Signed for pay to-day.

AUGUST, 1915.

Sunday 29

Sea calm to-day. Church
parade on boat deck at 10 a.m.
Laid in bunk nearly all day. Apples
served out at 3 p.m.

Monday 30

Passed a school of whales this
morning, one blew close to the
ship. Weather getting warmer.
Shooting at bottles this
afternoon. Orders came out to
screen all cabin and deck
lights before 7:30 p.m. Fairly
heavy swell on. Days getting
longer. Cold baths on deck
started to-day. Reveille blown at
5:30 a.m. from to-day.

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Tuesday 31

We are in Indian Ocean now. Water
looks very blue. We were paid to-day.
New regulation out to-day. But
dissatisfaction about some of them,
especially those in regard to smoking
and card playing on deck. Our lights
were cut off at 8 o'clock, we kicked
up a noise in the passage and they
were turned on again. Apples
served out to-day. Saw a first copy
of the 6th Feb. magazine. Heavy
swell still on.

Wednesday 1

Sun very hot to-day. All the
canvas awnings are now up.
Saw two whales to-day, one
very close. Smoking hours
have been extended again.
Whittling ropes this morning.
Water is very phosphorescent at
night. Flying fish have been seen.
Regulation in regard to night-of-day
is being strictly enforced. Cantor
is getting a good run since pay
day. Went to the doctor to-day.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Thursday 2

Did our usual day's drill on deck. Took particular notice of the clearness of the water. When looking over the bow it is possible to see the keel of the ship clearly 27 ft below the water line. Our identification discs were issued to-day. Cut down a pair of trousers to-day. A singlet short pants & a pair of shoes is quite sufficient to wear now.

Friday 3

Pvt Rose of B. Coy died of pneumonia early this morning. Had been in hospital about 3 days. His funeral was held before dinner, about 11 o'clock. Ship was slowed down for a few minutes while body went over. No parades held in the morning. Our platoon was on fatigue, I worked down in No. 4 hold, shifting some cargo in the morning. Having nothing to do after dinner, I washed some of my clothes.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Saturday 4

Getting very hot. 50° allowed to sleep on deck every night. Cold water dip at 5:30 is very good. I saw some flying fish to-day for the first time. Did some more washing this afternoon. Boat drill held at 4 p.m. to-day. A concert was given on the boat deck to-night by officers & N.C.O.'s. It went off very well. I got a good position. Medical inspector to-day.

Sunday 5

Hotter than ever. Church Parade this morning. Started to write my second lot of letters for M.Z. A chap got his arm badly cut to-day owing to a bottle bursting.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Monday 6

Did our usual daily routine.
Saw shoals of flying fish.
Very hot. Got a small piece of
glass in my heel when going up
for a bath this morning.

Tuesday 7

Slept up on boat deck last
night. Foot got very sore so
went to the doctor, went again
in afternoon and had it lanced.
Am on ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~deck~~ ^{deck} very hard, to fill
in time with nothing to do.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Wednesday 8

Started to transfer coal from
hold to the bunkers to-day.
They called for volunteers to work
the coal. One chap fell right
from the deck on to the coal.
He had a marvellous escape
from death; they don't think he
has ever got any bones broken.
The boatswain caught another chap
who was falling at the same time
and saved him. Still on ~~the~~ ^{the} P. had
my foot dressed to-day.

Thursday 9

Crossed the line to-day. Father
Nipton came aboard and held
his court on No 4 hatch. He
had good fun. A lot of officers
were put through the bath.
Still on ~~the~~ ^{the} P. Had my foot
dressed this morning.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Friday 10

Very quiet day. Did some washing this afternoon. Very hot. One company is target shooting. & Co. gave a concert to night. Had my foot dressed this morning. Still on C. P.

Saturday 11

Quiet day. Several land birds came aboard also a locust. We must be close to land. Our bayonets are being sharpened. Sea very choppy. & everyone complaining about food.

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Sunday 12

Land in sight to-day. Must be part of African coast. Saw a lot of birds to-day. Saw several steamers all a good distance off. Sea very calm and sun scorching hot. Complaining about food again. Went to Communion at 6:45 this morning. We were told this would be our last Sunday on board.

Monday 13

Sighted land to-day and arrived in عدن about 8 p.m. Anchored out in the stream. Had some fun with some dories who came out with the authorities to row the boats. Two searchlights playing round the harbour all night. Very hot, especially now that the ship is at anchor. Some say we will be away before morning.

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Tuesday 14

Still in Elden harbour this morning. Got up at daylight to have a look round. 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.

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- Saturday 18

land in sight all day. Big ranges in distance on both sides. Picked a number of lighthouses, some of them built on rocks beneath the water. Lot of shipping about to day. We met an old driven ship this morning she passed quite close to us. We are to land at Suay and expect to reach there late to night. We had 1 day's rations issued, 6 biscuits a piece of cheese 90 lbs tin of meat. I packed my kit to day.

Sunday 19

Arrived at Suay some time during the night. Pulled in to the wharf about midday. Saw a lot of wounded Indians and U.S. men on the wharf. Had some fun with the natives throwing stuff into the water for them. Several warships were lying in the canal entrance. G & P Co's disembarked at 6 P.M. and went straight on to the train, arrived at Telbun about 1 a.m. Marched to camp and had some coffee + biscuits and turned in about 2:30 a.m. First half of rail journey through miles of rice fields
+ helms

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Monday 20

We got our first look over Telbun to-day. Beautiful buildings. Walked round the town after dinner. Full in for route march at 4:15 p.m. Went through Helopolis and through some beautiful shrubs + lanes. Back to camp soon after 7 p.m. Went straight to station when dismissed and caught train to Cairo. Had a real good feed, the first one for a long time and a look round part of the town. Shops all open, coffee + restaurants everywhere. Beautiful minarets.

Tuesday 21

Had a big day. 1st parade at 6 a.m. Picked up tent & without any breakfast. Fed at 9 a.m. Mustered in but 10:30 till 12. Route march from 4:30 till 7 p.m. Went to Helopolis at 12:15, had dinner and a look round, splendid Australian hospital there. Took train to Cairo, visited the bazaar and a mosque, got back to camp just in time for route march of 6 miles with pack. Caught 9:30 train to Cairo again; visited some of the shum quarters and back to camp about 11 p.m. Fat sou and hired outfit.

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Wednesday 22

On fatigue to day. Finished up at 12 o'clock. Had dinner in camp at 1 p.m. Went to Cairo by 3:45 train. Went up to Citadel Hospital and saw Sister Howell. Beautiful view from hospital balcony. Could see the Nile & the pyramids in the distance, and the town spread out below. Two splendid mosques quite close to hospital. Very old. Spent evening in town; visited the native quarter. Drove from Citadel to Cairo for specialties, equal to 1/2

Thursday 23

General leave this afternoon. A party of us went into Cairo and took train to pyramids. Rode all round them on camels. Sphinx is a marvellous piece of work. None is mowing they tell us it was blown off by Napoleon. Back to Cairo, had tea in an open air cafe and a stroll through one of the flesh bazaars. Bought some presents to send home. Paid 100 piastres wages

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Friday 24

Inspected this morning by General Maxwell. Received orders to pack up ready to leave for the front in the morning. Finished my letters & parcels for N.Z. Vales issued. Wages paid and rations issued. Went into Cairo in the evening and had some good fun. Had a carriage and drove back to camp. Got to bed very late. Paid 100 piastres. Received six letters from N.Z. Stowed our big kelt to day.

Saturday 25

Had breakfast at 6 a.m. left camp in full marching order at 8:30. Chaplain addressed us & offered prayer before we left camp. Entrained at 9:30 & left for Alexandria, arriving there about 11 p.m. Cotton & maize growing all along the line. Saw natives using primitive wooden plows. Embarked on S.S. Domanik and pulled out into stream about 6:30. 674 Corpsmen in the hold, very dark and very crowded. Iron floor to sleep on. Livingston had biscuits and tinned meat.

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Sunday 26

Went out in steam till 11:30 h.m.
not of shipping in this harbour. Big
hospital ship came in this afternoon.
Bumboats round the ship all day.
Two sick men sent ashore. No. 10 Golf
Taylor on the wharf. He left with main
body. Sailed at 11:50 h.m. Strong
guard posted, served with ball
ammunition. Special orders in
regard to submarines. Slept on
deck last night

Monday 27

Sighted a lot of steamers in the
distance today. Everyone on
board is speculating as to where
we are bound. Some say Lemnos
Island, others say straight to
the front. No one of us knows for
sure. We are living on tinned meat
& hard biscuits. Slept below last
night as water was coming
over. Strict watch being kept for
submarines

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Tuesday 28

Saw about six destroyers today.
One of them escorted us for about
16 hours; she kept crossing and
re-crossing just in front of us. We
passed a lot of islands some of
them of considerable size. A
Greek sailor told me they all
belong to Greece. We have been
coming by a roundabout way, so as
to dodge submarines. We had some
beef tea served out last night

Wednesday 29

Other transports not arrived this
morning. We arrived at Lemnos
about 8 a.m. Harbour full of warships
destroyers, submarines, and all kinds
of shipping, all kinds of rumour
about other transports. Laid out in
harbour till 3:30, when we started
to go off in lighters & tugs. Went ashore
and marched about 5 miles to I.
camp, arriving after dark. Most of
those left from main body resting here.
Have already met several chaps I
know, & one who used to work in Cobet's
wild geese.

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Thursday 30

Have been on fatigue nearly all day. No et more of my old mate. Got news of Gummy Walls & Emie kills to-day. Emie has been wounded in the arm. There is great anxiety in camp about our other transport as the rest of our chaps have not yet put in an appearance. Had a swim to-day. We have to walk about the mill for a wash, and have to carry all fresh water from the same place. The food here is much better than we have been getting. Saw Major Rowe & Lieut Chassey here to-day.

Friday 1

Fatigue again to-day. Rest of our company turned up just after dinner time to-day. They had been lying in the harbour since Wednesday. They made a sterner trip than we did. We got hold of some old N.Z. papers to-day and they were in great demand. Most of our N.C.O's have returned to the ranks. The night here are cold and with one blanket only it takes us all our time to keep warm.

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Saturday 2

Drill this morning from 10'30 to 12'30 Very hot. Inoculation in the afternoon. Take it to us in the left arm, Very stiff & sore soon afterwards. At half of parade we saw a big awahi sailing round the harbour. I went for a walk to the top of a low hill and got a splendid view of the harbour and the island. There is an enormous big troopship in the harbour. They say she is the Mauretania with troops from home. Last night we had a camp fire concert up on the hill. Some very good songs. Cigarettes given out that day.

Sunday 3

Church parade this morning. Very hot in the sun. A number of chaps fainted. Wrote to mother ^{in Egypt} after dinner. A lot of our mounted arrived here last evening from Egypt. My arm is very sore to-day. Oh miss orderly to-day. One of the 3rd joined us to-day. He has been wounded & in the Malta hospital. Can tell some good yarns.

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Monday 4

We are settling down to the life here now. There is a great deal of fatigue work to be done, and we get as much fatigue as drill. We were prepared for an inspection to-day but it did not come off. The Mooris from the Peninsula and the remainder of our infantry arrived in camp to-day, having left the trenches yesterday. There were about 120 Mooris came in, they seem to have stood the strain very well indeed. But J. Williams at the isolation camp to-day.

Tuesday 5

We were given $\frac{1}{2}$ hour physical drill this morning before breakfast. Parade again from 10 to 12. Was on water fatigue this evening. Was after see an auship circling round the island. Have had a slight attack of dysentery. No medical inspection to-day.

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Wednesday 6

Attended sick parade this morning for dysentery. We have had a pretty rotten day. Doctor gave me some pills. Good many of our chaps have the same complaint. Was put on L. D. General Godley inspected our forces here this morning. Picket for one of the villages provided for our company this afternoon. I was down for it, but could not go.

Thursday 7

Very bad to-day. Sled about all day.

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Friday 8

Went into camp hospital
to-day.

Saturday 9

Sent over to Australian General
hospital. Very sick.

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Sunday 10

In hospital

Monday 11

In hospital

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Tuesday 12

In hospital

Wednesday 13

In hospital

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Thursday 14

In hospital

Friday 15

In hospital

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Saturday 16

In hospital

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Monday 18

In hospital. Doctor told me
to day he was going to try &
get me away to England on the
Aquatania, as the climate
here is not good for dysentery.

Sunday 17

In hospital

Tuesday 19

Some patients gone on board
for home.

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Wednesday 20

Told to get ready to go on hospital ship to-day. Have been real well looked after here. Have not been out of bed yet. Left the ward about 3:30 taken down to pier in ambulance, then on to a lighter and out to the Aquatania in the steam, getting on board about 7 p.m. Beautiful ship. She is full of wounded & sick. Tried to walk a bit to-night and felt very groggy.

Thursday 21

Sailed about 7 a.m. this morning. Hardly a motion in the boat. Am getting a little solid food. Did not get much sleep last night. Ship is travelling very fast. Walked a little to-day, but can't stand much of it. Cigarettes were served out to-day.

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Friday 22

We are having a good trip. Sea is very calm. Went up on top deck on left to-day. Had a little walk round. This is a huge ship. The left is just like one in a big building and passes floor after floor. The boat is beautifully decorated. Many of the paintings have been taken down, but there are some left. The staircase is beautiful. I did not stay on deck long and was glad to get back to my bed again. We were asked to-day what hospital we would like to go to. I said Birmingham so as to have a chance to meet Mr. Hobbs' people.

Saturday 23

We are having very calm weather. Saw several ships to-day. A N. 2. ship died in our ward to-day. I changed my destination to London as that is a ship I know from Wotton going that. A man fell overboard this morning, ship pulled up and he was rescued after being in the water some time. Am still on light diet.

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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 served 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 can't 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 to go 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 trains stop. Had to lie on the stretch waiting my turn for 6 hours, very cold and miserable.

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Thursday 28

Put on train in a cab about 1:30 this morning, arrived at Paddington station London at 10 to 5 a.m. Put in a motor ambulance and after a long ride arrived at King George's Hospital. Am in 3 & 3 ward. This is a big hospital. There are 1600 beds in it. We get well looked after. Some of the sisters are voluntary. All the beds in this ward have been presented, many of them by titled people.

Friday 29

Have got settled down now. Am not allowed to leave my bed. We get every attention here. Nearly all Britishers & a few Zealanders in this ward, some of them have very bad wounds. Wrote N.Z. letters & also one to Mr. 3 Tookin father to-day. Have had some heavy fogs. Traffic in the street good on night & day.

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Saturday 30

Another very foggy day, seemed like evening at midday. The chaplain visited me to-day. Also a lady who helps to run the Angora tea-rooms. Things here are much the same every day and there is very little to write about. A policeman came up to our ward last night to tell them there was a light showing in a window. They are very strict over the lights because of the ziplin raids. All the street lamps are darkened at the top.

Sunday 31

My first Sunday in England. Good few visitors during the afternoon, but none for me. No useable, wet day. This hospital is quite close to Waterloo Station, and is not far from Parliament buildings. The chaplain explained the position of a lot of well known places to me.

NOVEMBER, 1915.

Monday 1

Still wet to-day. Received answer to my letter to No. 2 Tooth. Will be pleased to see me when I am able to travel. Usual routine to-day nothing special to write of.

Tuesday 2

Another quiet day. Feeling a bit better

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Wednesday 3

Started to have some solid food to-day. Went down well. Nice day, sun shining. Lot of the chaps went out for a drive. Sent post-cards home. Received letter from No. 2 Tooth. Not allowed out of bed yet. Lot of visitors in this afternoon. Another clugyman visited me to-day. Saw Eslec Thomson's name in casualty list to-day. He has been wounded.

Thursday 4

Allowed to get up after dinner to-day. Feel very weak in the legs but was glad of the chance to get out of bed for a few hours. Turned in again before supper.

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Friday 5

Up again this afternoon. Very
quiet day. Wrote to Mr^s Tooth
and Mr^s Hill. Received letter
from Mr^s Simley to say her
parents would visit me on Sunday
if they would be allowed. Asked
sister to send passes and
answered the letter. Went
down to the concert in the
evening. Very good.

Saturday 6

Went up on the roof this afternoon.
Too hazy to see very far. The
Thames river is just out at
the back of the hospital. Arranged
for Mr^s & Mr^s Simley to get their
passes at hospital lodge tomorrow.
Went to concert again.

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Sunday 7

Mr^s & Mrs Simley and a young man
visited me this afternoon. They were
rather late as they were taken to St
George's Hospital first. Was very pleased
when they came. Had a good yarn
and went up on the roof with them.
Too foggy to see any distance. Went
down to church to-night for
the first time. Feel better to-day.
Wrote to Pat King and
to-day.

Monday 8

Put on ordinary diet to-day
and am to get up all day
from to-morrow. Wrote to
mother & Mr^s Tooth. Had a
letter from Mr^s Hill. Went
down to concert this evening.

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Tuesday 9

Lord Mayor's show to-day lots of patients were taken to see it, but I did not have the luck to go. The afternoon turned out very wet. I was given a ticket for a motor ride but did not get out on account of the weather. Received letter from Pat Kingsland. Good concert this evening. Met a 1st Lt. man at the concert, he came out with the 4th

Wednesday 10

Had a visit from a lady on N.Z. Committee to-day. She asked if I wanted anything and told me where I could find some Cant. men. Had letter from No 122 Toots telling me of Mr Thomson's death. Doctor told me to go down to the colonel on Friday to see about my discharge from here. Wrote to B. G. H. & M. C. Hill.

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Thursday 11

Had my first outing to-day. Went to the Holborn Empire Theatre in a drag. Good performance and tea afterwards. Saw a balloon sailing over London as we went out. Got back to the ward at 6.30 p.m. N.Z. lady had been and left me an Auckland paper. Wrote to No 122 Toots. Had a bad night.

Friday 12

Went down to No Ward today and saw 4 N.Z. men there. One of them is from Belfast and knows Rangiora & C. H. C. H. well. Had a long yarn with him. His name is Hart he has lost a leg above the knee. Went down to the colonel this morning, am to go to E. room on Monday.

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Saturday 13

Got a ticket to go to a football match at Dulwich College to-day. Our truck broke down half way and we had a long wait for another waggon to tow us. Arrived at the college when 2nd spell was on. Very cold day. We were shown round the college and given a good tea. Got back to hospital at 7³⁰. Passed houses of Parliament and lots of beautiful buildings. Streets & houses very dark on account of fogs. Saw an old treasure chest dated 1600

Sunday 14

Went to Communion at 6¹⁵ a.m. and to Church at 11. ^{am} N. Jimsley & cousin and a young man called this afternoon. One of Jack Pennie from Woolston in C. H. Ward this evening. He was pleased to see me. I yarned to him for 1¹/₂ hrs. He has a lot of negatives of photos he has taken for The Press Co. Some of them are of the actual landing; they will be sent to N.Z. for publication

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Monday 15

Went down to L.H. at 8¹⁵ a.m. drew clothing and my uniform. Left hospital in motor ambulance about 2 p.m. Long drive out to Epsom, very cold. We live in long huts. This place is well out in the country. I am in Hut No. 1, nearly all N.Z. men in it. Bitter cold so I turned in early.

Tuesday 16

Woke up at 7³⁰ this morning looked out of window to find everything covered in snow. Breakfast is at 8³⁰ I had to turn out Big change from the hospital. Sewed out with blue clothes to-day. Spent some time in one of the institutes round the stone this evening. Turned in early. Freezing hard.

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Wednesday 17

No early frost last night. Nice bright day. Anderson & I drove into C. from this afternoon. Called at C. K. Club. Had a walk round and drove back again. Bought some Xmas cards & sent them home. Wrote letters home. Cigarettes issued to-day.

Thursday 18

Thick fog to-day. Supposed to do a fatigue but missed it. Had a chance to go for a motor-drive but did not feel like it. Several of our chaps gone before the board for furlough. Met Saffin Scrimshaw P.C. No. he is in our hut. He comes from Temuka.

NOVEMBER, 1915.

Friday 19

Spent a quiet day in the hut by the fire most of the time. My turn on mess orderly to-day.

Saturday 20

Changed our clothes to-day for clean ones. Received letter from Mr. ¹²²Foot and wrote an answer. Inside nearly all day.

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Sunday 21

Andy & I went for a walk with a Tommy this afternoon. Went through some beautiful country lanes and a big park. Splendid mansion in the park, big herd of deer. Would be a feature in summer time. Received box of cigarettes from Ryham this morning.

Monday 22

Spent a quiet day. In the hut most of the time. Lot of new chaps came into this hut today.

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Tuesday 23

Another quiet day. Several of our chaps gone before board for furlough. Cold foggy day. Time hangs heavy at times. Will be better when I can walk more as I will be able to get out then. Plenty of small towns near here worth visiting.

Wednesday 24

hooped round the camp all day. Paid 5/- Only three of us left in the hut this evening. Had a game of cards & turned in early.

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Thursday 25

Inspection by a general to-day.
Cleaned out hut up well & he
just walked past. Large aeroplane
circling round the camp this
morning. Walked into & from
after dinner, went to the pictures
and then to the N.Z. club where
I got a few things I wanted.
After a good first lie, three of us
drove back to camp.

Friday 26

Spent a quiet day in camp.
Put on canteen fatigue in
the morning. Went to
canteen, collared a sausage
roll found there was
nothing to do and went
back to hut. Six new
men came in this
evening from Liverpool.

NOVEMBER, 1915.

Saturday 27

Heavy frost this morning.
Went to a play in the
concert hall this evening.
Very good. Received letter
from Pat Kingsland.

Sunday 28

My mate & I walked into & from
this afternoon. Spent an hour at
the N.Z. Club and had a walk
round; got back to camp
about 7.30.

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Monday 29

Got a pass and went into London to day; had a M. avii mate. Went to pay office & drew 10/- Got a pair of riding pants from S. M. Fear they are too small. Went to theatre in the evening. Women ticket collector at Victoria Station. Very heavy traffic in Victoria St. Walked round Westminster Abbey and Parliament Bldgs but could not get in. Got back to camp about 11 p.m. Laid out. Letter from M. re took to day.

Tuesday 30

Very wet day. On mess orderly. Answered M. ⁱⁿ boots letter. Andy expected his brother to day but he did not turn up. Found a chap named Cooksley to day a brother to Sgt. Cooksley of O. Pawa who came out with us. Had a yarn to him. Turned in early.

DECEMBER, 1915.

Wednesday 1

Still raining heavily. Stopped in all day. Condy's brother came out to see him about 4 p.m. Had not seen each other for four years. Paid 5/- to day.

Thursday 2

Got a pass & went into London to day. Visited the record office to see if there was any mail for me; no luck. Had lunch at the Olympic Buffet. Walked to Trafalgar Sq. and took the tube to Waterloo, walked to King George Hospital & visited some of the patients there. Had tea near Victoria Station & caught the 5:20 train for Epsom. Called at the Club & walked home, reaching the hut about 9 p.m. It had just started to rain again.

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Friday 3

Stopped in camp all day.
Wet & miserable weather

Saturday 4

A party of six of us were
taken to Mr. & Mrs. Eggers house
at E. from this afternoon. We had
some games, and after a good
tea had some music and a
few songs. The car called
to take us back about 6:30.
They are very nice people and
have a beautiful house.
I wrote to Mr. & Mrs. Corderoy.

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Sunday 5

My mate & I intended to go
into E. from this afternoon
and to go to church in the
evening, but the rain came
on, so we did not go. Went
to bed early and had a
read. Poking with rain.
Met a chap who used to
work at Booth McDonald's
in C. K. C. H.

Monday 6

Still wet. Too rough to
go into E. from. Stopped in
but most of the day went
to concert in the evening.
Received letter from Mr. & Mrs.
Booth.

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Tuesday 7

My mate & I went into Epsom this afternoon. Had a hair-cut & shave and visited the club for an hour or so. Got a scarf & some underclothes from the club. Had a fish tea & went to the pictures. Went back to the club for supper. Started to walk home and got a ride right up to the orderly room in one of the camp motors. Very lucky for us as it had just started to rain heavily.

Wednesday 8

Candy & I went up for passes for tomorrow. Got them granted. New officer took charge today. Received letter from Mr. Gordon inviting me to spend a few days with them. Paid 5/- today.

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Thursday 9

We left here about 9:10 this morning, caught a train at Epsom about 10 o'clock. We met a G.H. chap on Victoria Station. He had just come from Chichester. We showed him where to find the S.L. Offices and hunched round with him all day. I got a pair of riding pants from the S.L. As it was raining hard we went to the Garrick Theatre and saw a good revue. Caught the 6.5 train home. Stayed in the club for a while & then walked out to the camp.

Friday 10

Asked the doctor this morning for an order for a light pair of boots. He recommended me for a pair. Went to orderly room and got a chit & a pass to London for tomorrow. Wet day so did not go out.

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Saturday 11

Went into London by 11 train from Epsom. with another chap I know. Had lunch at Victoria Buffet went to record office and got an order on Berkleys for my boots, went along and got a pair. Tooka bus from Victoria Str. to the Zoo. Spent about 3 hours there, took bus to the nearest tube Str. took tube to Piccadilly bus changed at Baker St. Had tea at a flash restaurant in Leicester Sq. walked past Trafalgar Sq. took bus ^{out} to Westminster to Victoria Str. had a good walk round some of the streets, & caught 6.45 train to Epsom. Arrived home tired out

Sunday 12

Snowed for an hour this morning, cleared up after dinner. Went out to a horse for tea. Very homely people. Stayed till about 9.0 a week. lovely clear night enjoyed the walk home. Rules in regard to leave are being made very strict

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Monday 13

My mate & I walked into Epsom after tea. Spent an hour or so at the club had supper & walked back to camp. Received set of badges today. I applied for them at the record office last Thursday

Tuesday 14

Rain again today. Went out this afternoon to see the people whose horse I was at on Sunday. Made me very welcome, stayed till after 9.0 clock. That was unexpected this morning by our officer; he is going that some round every morning

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Wednesday 15

Applied for furlough to day going before board tomorrow. Wet miserable day. Went to concert this evening, very poor, left before half-time. Received letter from Mrs & Bill

Thursday 16

Went before board to day. Given furlough till Jan 1st am to go out tomorrow. Went into Epsom this evening for a walk. Had a game of billiards at the club. Wrote to Mrs & Bill & Bill.

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Friday 17

We were taken into Epsom in a motor. Caught the 10.12 train to London. Went to record office and pay office. Drew money & got passes filled up. Got pair of riding pants & puttees & got measured for a tunic. Got Woodcock train at Westminster Bridge. Arrived at No 6 ordnance about 6.30. Made very welcome. Went out and visited a married son in the evening. Passed the Arsenal & no more place

Saturday 18

Went for a long walk with Archie Cordery round Woodwick. Wrote to Mrs & Bill to tell her I would be up tomorrow. Visited Archie's brother at Blackheath. On the way back called in at the Chapel where a social was being held. Had a few games & was made very welcome.

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Sunday 19

Left Woolwich by 10^{am} train to Charing cross. Took tube to Euston station. Caught the 12²⁵ for Bgham. Arriving there about 3¹⁵. Took train to Euston Cross and walked up to Mr & Booth's place. It was made very welcome. Mr & Booth was in bed. Had tea and went round to Mr & Booth's where I am stopping. Weather has kept fine but is very cold. To carry posts up the.

Monday 20

Had a good night. Took tram to main station & caught the 11¹⁵ for W. Overhampton. Had dinner & a walk round the town & then called at the St. J. S. office. They were very pleased to see me. I had a long yarn and was taken through their factory and for a ride in a big-dan. Came back to Bgham had tea with Mr & Booth & went round to Mr & Booth's for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Wrote to Andy & Will ^{also wrote} took

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Tuesday 21

Will Hill came round soon after breakfast & we went out together. Visited the Art Gallery & Natural History Museum and had a good look at part of the town. Walked to Will's house with him and came back to Mr & Booth's for dinner. Went for a walk round the town by myself after dinner. Had my photo taken. After tea went round to Mr & Booth's & spent the evening.

Wednesday 22

To-day and the following days left blank & spent looking round Bgham. Visiting factories and churches and visiting; chiefly at Will Hill's land Mr & Booth's. Everyone has made me very welcome and I have enjoyed myself fine. I have been so busy that I have not had time to write this diary up each day and so have forgotten the sequence of events.

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Wednesday 29

Wrote home this morning. Had wire from Cadbury saying they could not receive visitors. Daisy and I went to the Art Gallery until 4.15 p.m. then called to see Vi & May. Had tea at the dairy then went to the library and saw some copies of the Weekly Press. Went to Theatre Royal at 6.15. Ethel & M^{rs} Booth joined us but Peter was real good. Had supper at M^{rs} Booths and got to bed about 12.30. Wrote for other cards.

Tuesday 28

Thursday 30

Finished letters for M^{rs} F. Went round to M^{rs} Booths and ~~was~~ as no answer had come to my letter would for leave. Went to public baths. Had tea with M^{rs} Hill and then went round to M^{rs} Hill's place and afterwards to M^{rs} Booths again. Spent the evening there and left for Glasgow at 10.55 p.m. All the girls came to see me off.

JANUARY, 1916.

Friday 31

Arrived Glasgow about 8 a.m.
Took a room at Duncan's hotel
had breakfast and set out
for Loch Lomond with an
Australian I met. Went out
by tram, about 20 miles easting
only 10th. Beautiful red
line runs parallel with
Clyde most of the way. Scenery
very grand. Stayed at the
loch about an hour and came
back by train. Spent evening in
town and waited up to see the
New Year in, saw Andy this evening.

Saturday 1

Got back to bed about 1 a.m.
Very little excitement over
New Year. This morning got
letter to say extension was
not granted. After dinner
went round to Mr. Wood's and
went to see Galloway with
Andy. Very beautiful place.
After tea we went for a
walk and then back to
Wood's where I spent the
evening. Got back to hotel
at 12 p.m. Sent P. Cards
home.

JANUARY, 1916.

Sunday 2

Left Glasgow by 9^{am} 5⁵ train
Andy & John Wood came to
see me off. Saw some fine
country on the way down.
Arrived Bgham about 7³⁰ p.m.
Some of the girls met me. Went
up to Mr. & Tooth's, had supper
and went round to Mr. & Hills.

Monday 3

Packed up ready for London
in the morning. Went
into town & called on V.
In the evening we went
round to Mr. & Tooth's and
had a party. Will & his wife
Jack and some more of my
friends were there. Said good-
bye about 12³⁰ and went
back to Mr. & Hills.
Had a wire from Andy
saying he had a week's
extension.

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Tuesday 4

Left Bgham. by 11:20 am train
Had quite a lot to see me off.
Took tube from Custon to Westminster
went to our office & was given
a week's extension without any
trouble. Sent a wire to Daisy
and one to Mr. Hill to say I
would be going back by the
4:45 from C. to ton. Called at
Post Office to see if there was any
mail for me they had no record of
my being in & regard. Got back
to Bgham about 6:45. I met Mr. Hill
up to the place for supper & then back to the
to the

Wednesday 5

Daisy, Ethel & I left Bgham by the
11:10 am for Leamington. Left our
luggage at station and had a good
look round the town. Went to
Spa & drank the waters. Had
lunch & a look through the gardens.
Took tram to Warwick. Went to
St. Mary's church & had a thorough
look round; manwell's old place.
Saw East's West Gate. Walked
to Castle B ridge & had a view of
the castle. Back to Leamington
After tea. Called for luggage & took
taxi for Whitnash. Stayed in house 400 yrs.

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Thursday 6

Daisy & I caught 11:20 bus from
Leamington to Stratford arriving
about 12:30. Had lunch & went
to Shakespeare's memorial theatre.
Had a good look round &
then went on to the church. Saw
Shakespeare's birth & death entry.
Manwell's old church; spent quite
a while looking round and examining
the relics. Signed visitor book in
both places. Saw Manwell's house
New Place and Shakespeare's birth
place. Caught 5:2 train to Leamington
Went to Whitnash at Whitnash in evening

Friday 7

Caught 12 train to Bgham after
seeing Whitnash church & school.
Had dinner at Mr. Tooth's & tea
with Mr. Hill. Walked to Mill's
place with his wife, went into
town at 6 pm. Missed V.
Went up to Mr. Tooth's and out
to Leamington with Mr. Hill & V.
to Mr. Lawler's house. Spent
evening there. Back to Mr. &
Tooth's for supper and then to
Mr. Hill. Glad to turn in

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Saturday 8

Daisy & I were to have caught 8:52 train at Aston for Lichfield. Missed it & caught 9:35 from New St. Arrived Lichfield & went to Cathedral. This building is the most beautiful I have seen. Attended Matins & then looked round. Stone work inside & out in beyond description. Saw Bishop's Selwyn's tomb & grave. Spent some time examining altar. Saw De Aston's house & memorial. Caught 3 train to Bognor. Spent evening with Mill Hill & his wife.

Sunday 9

Went for walk to Perry Barr this morning with Vi & May. Dinner at Tooth's. Went over Aston Hill in afternoon. Saw everything they brought some P. cards. After tea went to Cathedral service with Vi & Daisy. Nice service large congregation. Got back to No 2 Hills about 10:30 h.m.

JANUARY, 1916.

Monday 10

Went over Rawkes works with Mr Rawkes this morning. Went to Mill Hill for dinner and stayed for an hour or two. Went back to No 2 Hills and did some of my packing up. Got post cards & books ready to send home. After tea went round to No 2 Tooth's. Mr & Mrs Hill came round about 8:30 and we spent my last evening furlough together. Got back to No 2 Hills about 11 h.m.

Tuesday 11

Caught 11:20 train from New St for London. Mr & Mrs Hill saw Mr & Mrs Hill & May came to see me off. Took taxi to Victoria St from Euston & reported at our office. Sold to be at St James's underground station at 9:40. Met candy about 8 h.m. Had a walk round and then went along & looked rooms at Peel House. Had a short walk and then went back to Peel House & wrote home & to Daisy. Met Jack Rennie. Turned in about 11 h.m.

JANUARY, 1916.

Wednesday 12

Left St James station for
Kornchurch soon after 10 a.m.
Arrived at the Guy Towers camp
before 12 o'clock. Were told off to our
huts after Major Dawson had spoken
to us and told us what he
expected of us. Went for a walk
round the town in the afternoon.
Very small place, has a fine old
church and some very old houses
After tea stayed in and wrote
some letters. Turned in soon after
9 o'clock. Andy went to Romford
about 2 miles away.

Thursday 13

Were paraded this morning to go
past the doctor. We were dismissed just
before dinner and told to fall in
again at 2:30. I was put in the C
class which means I am fit for active
service. Met a blacksmith here from
Scott's foundry. He is in the Engineers
& came out with the 4th Bebrons
Eric James. Wrote some cards to
Rohan and turned in early. Andy
went into Romford again.

JANUARY, 1916.

Friday 14

Had a route march this morning.
Did about 7 miles. Another one in
the afternoon of about 4 miles.
They take us very easy. Stopped
in ~~and~~ wrote some letters this
evening and then went out to
the pictures. Did not feel like
going into Romford. Passed
through it this morning.
Lub a large town.

Saturday 15

Another short route march
this morning. Passed through
Romford again. Half-holiday
this afternoon. We were paid
to-day. Received letters from
Vi & Mary, and a card from
Mr & Mrs Lott & Ethel. Answered
them this evening. Went for
a short walk through the
village. We were paid
to-day.

JANUARY, 1916.

Sunday 16

Had church parade this morning. Special service for us in the local church. Our Co supplied duties to day. I was told off for unlying picket. On from 4 to day till 4 to-morrow. Nothing to do, have to stay in camp in case of fire or riot. Had intended to go for a walk to Romford but had to stay in. Wrote to Mr. Hill, Poles and Will Tooth. Received letter from Mr. Hill.

Monday 17

On picket till 11 p.m. to day. Very soft job. Just had to stay in camp all day. After 4 Andy Fred Clements I went into Romford. Had to go on a walk round and came home.

Heard to day that the Maoris were to be stopped from going in as they had been playing up. Lots of chaps on the mat for being in late. Aeroplane over camp to-day.

Xth.

JANUARY, 1916.

Tuesday 18

Usual route marches to day. The major took us an ultra 16 miles or so because on that snatched him when he gave an order. Went to the church pictures this evening.

Wednesday 19

No route parade for all ranks this morning to get rolls in order. Half holiday this afternoon. Football matches on. No miserable day. Stayed in and did some writing.

JANUARY, 1916.

Thursday 20

Route mark this morning.
Got caught in the rain.
Our company on duty
again. I was told off as
messenger for depot orderly
room. Went on at 4 and
finished about 9 p.m. Go on
again in the morning.

Friday 21

On duty as messenger
from 9 till 4 to-day. Had
a good deal of running
about. Went to pictures in
the evening. Applied for
week-end pass to-day.

JANUARY, 1916.

Saturday 22

Pass granted. Left Bournemouth
by 10¹⁵ train this morning.
Arrived London about 12 o'clock.
Visited Westminster Abbey
& Court Bldgs. Went out to
Mr Tinsley's place at Harlesden.
Went to theatre in the evening
with Mr Tinsley & his boy.
Stayed at their house for the
night.

Sunday 23

Went to Petticoat Lane this
morning with Mr Tinsley &
Harry. Very busy place. Flew
market. After dinner went
for a walk round Harlesden.
Left about 6³⁰ as I had to be
in camp by 10 p.m. Got in in
good time.

JANUARY, 1916.

Monday 24

Went to sick parade this morning with rough & sore throat. Had a gargle every two hours. Put on E. D. Wrote to Bagham & to N. L. Sent guide books & post-cards home. Received photos & letter from Vi to-day.

Tuesday 25

Sick parade again this morning. Got some medicine. Received Xmas parcel from home to-day. It had pleased me up. Went to pictures this evening.

JANUARY, 1916.

Wednesday 26

Went out on parade this morning & over to see the football match this afternoon. Went into Romford this evening. Got another parcel from N. L. Don't know who sent it.

Thursday 27

Attended parades to-day. This afternoon all hands were formed up on the camp grounds. Flight Commission was expected, but did not arrive until after we had been dismissed. Another football match held to-day; good game. Went to pictures this evening.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Tuesday 1

Heard this morning that the legs had been over last night. Went on sick parade this morning. This afternoon a lot of the N.Z. ladies came out and gave us a first-class concert, some of us in the dry canteen & some in the village cinema theatre. They gave us a good tea to finish up with. Andy & I went to the pictures in the evening.

Wednesday 2

Mustn't parade this morning. Draft picked out to go to the front. I was one of those picked out. No leave being given us till everything is fixed up. Andy is in the draft. Went to hospital to-day for cough medicine.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Thursday 3

Our co. on duty to-day. I did not get on anything so have the day free. Stayed in the hut nearly all day and went to pictures in the evening. Had some medicine to-day.

Friday 4

Very wet this morning. No parades held. We were paraded in the afternoon. After tea I went to the omnibus pictures. The draft parades by itself now on the Godley Parade Ground.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Saturday 5

While on parade ground this morning we were told that leave would be given to the draft from 1 p.m. to day till 10 p.m. tomorrow night. I decided to take a run up to B'gham as I might not get the chance again. Went to London and caught the 11:30 from Euston. Mr. Hill, Jack & his wife met me. Had tea at Mr. Hill's and then went round to Mr. Booth's. All the girls were home. Mr. Booth looks worse than when I saw him last. Met Pug Coy at Cornchurch today.

Sunday 6

Stayed at Mr. Hill's last night. Mr. Hill & I went round to Hill's place this morning. He came back with us. After dinner I went round to Mr. Booth's. Mr. Sullivan & another lady I had met before & Mr. Hill came round. Had tea and caught the 6:20 from B'gham. Arrived Euston about 8:50 p.m. Four of us got a taxi out to the camp so as to do our best to be in camp by 10 p.m. I will did not know the road and we did not get in till 10:40. Expect to go to orderly room for being late.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Monday 7

Usual routine to day. No word about orderly room yet.

Tuesday 8

Same again to day. No word about orderly room, we must be going to get off.

FEBRUARY, 1916

Wednesday 9

Route march this morning.
Half day off. Did not go
out.

Thursday 10

Had our usual route marches
to day. Stopped in this
evening.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Friday 11

Very wet this morning, no parade
Inspector parade this afternoon.
The Colonel spoke a few words to
us about going away. Went to
Barnchurch pictures this
evening.

Saturday 12

Short march this morning & a
week and leave for the draft.
Went into Romford this afternoon
went to the picture show. Had
tee & a walk round then
back to camp. A team from the
ranch play the life guards at
Windsor this afternoon, beating
them by ~~25~~ 25 to nil

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Sunday 13

Went to Church parade this morning. Church was just about full. After tea walked into Romford & spent the evening there.

Monday 14

Usual marches to-day. I heard this evening that the draft is to go away on Wednesday. Walked into Romford again this evening.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Tuesday 15

Had a muster parade of the draft this morning. Roll was called & recorded. Went for a short march. This afternoon we packed our kits and had them at the store by 3 p.m. We were served with rations for 1 meal. After tea Andy & I went into Romford for a walk. Miserable night, very wet.

Wednesday 16

Reveille at 5:30 this morning. Breakfast at 6 a.m. Draft left for the Ormeau Station about 7. Contained three & went straight through to Southampton. Went on board the Olympian enormous troopship. 200 Australians & a lot of British soldiers on board, about 8000 all told. Our quarters are very crowded we all to sleep in hammocks.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Thursday 17

Passed an uncomfortable night, far too crowded. Food is very poor indeed. We are on imperial rations, which are not so good as our own. We complained to the officer to day, he promised to get things fixed up for us. We still at the wharf when I turned in to night.

Friday 18

Were well out at sea when I woke up this morning, must have sailed before midnight. Lots of chaps sick as sea is pretty rough, a lot of them are making their first voyage. Andy got the job to stamp the discs for those of our co. who wanted them. We have several parades each day & do a little physical drill

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Saturday 19

Sea still fairly rough & lots of chaps sick. Slept up on floor on C deck, very hard bed but better than down below. Our ship seems to be going a long way out of her course and kept zig-zagging. Orders in regard to lights at night are very strict. Saw several ships to-day. Posted a letter to B. & C. Deck, there is a chance that a mail will be dropped at Gibraltar. Hung my hammock up on B deck to night & slept comfortable.

Sunday 20

No chuk parade as there is no chaplain aboard. Physical drill this morning, and after dinner sports were held, tug of war being the big event. Only some of the first heats were able to be pulled as there are so many entries. We passed Gib. about 9 p.m.; we did not call in. Lovely weather & a calm sea. Sunshine quite pleasant after foggy England.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Monday 21

Sea very calm and beautiful day. Parts of Mexican coast visible nearly all day. Good deal of shipping about. Physical drill this morning, and sports again this afternoon; our boys are keeping their end up well in the tug-of-war. We have to wear our life-belts everywhere we go now. Bought a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb tin of tobacco off a Tommy for 6th. They are trying to sell us all sorts of things.

Tuesday 22

Nothing much doing to-day; usual parade in the morning & tug-of-war in the afternoon. The 16 avri team is doing well.

FEBRUARY, 1916

Wednesday 23

Three shots fired about 9 a.m. & alarm blown immediately after. We were attacked by a submarine, some of the chaps who were on deck at the time saw her periscope about 600 yds off. The officer told us that she just missed us with a torpedo. Our ship was giggagging about a lot. We were dismissed when the danger was past but had no sooner got below when the alarm went again, no shots fired this time. The finals for the tug-of-war were pulled to-day, the 16 avri's winning.

Thursday 24

Arrived at Semor about midday. Far less busy than when I was last here. Very few tents on the hills now & not nearly so much shipping. We anchored and a few of the naval men went off. We handed our life-belts in this evening. Attended sick parade to-day.

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Friday 25

Had to get ready to tranship immediately after breakfast. We paraded on deck at 8 a. m. Went to armoury for our rifles. Left Olympia soon after 9 a. m. went across several lighters on to a tug and were taken to the "Fremia". We embarked on her. She is fitted up with bunks. Last load did not come on till well after dinner. Beside ourselves there are 200 Australians & a lot of different British regiments on board. Food to-day very poor. Am not feeling too good.

Saturday 26

Sailed early this morning. Went on with parade, my neck is swollen & throat is very sore. Sent straight into hospital on board. Have hot cloths on my neck. Food here is much better. Very hot at night

FEBRUARY, 1916.

Sunday 27

Uneventful day. Bung in bed all the time I cannot see anything that is going on. Andy comes in to see me twice a day. Throat & chest still very sore

Monday 28

Arrived Alexandria this morning laid out in steam for some hours pulled into wharf late in afternoon. No one allowed ashore. We will be going off some time to-morrow. Don't know yet what they are going to do with us

MARCH, 1916.

Tuesday 29

Disembarked soon after dinner and were kept waiting on the wharf till 9 h. when we entrained. Train left at 9⁴⁵, we were packed in small uncomfortable carriages. I got down on the floor & tried to have a sleep.

Six Turkish prisoners were taken off our ship this morning. We had brought them from Lemnos. Still travelling at midnight.

Wednesday 1

Arrived at Ismailia camp about 6 a.m. after very tiring journey. Got off train and waited about till 8 a.m. when we were marched to our camp. Met most of my old mates here, some have been killed & several are in hospital. I am in Sam Welshford's tent. Camp is quite close to canal, can see warships at anchor in the canal quite plainly.

MARCH, 1916.

Thursday 2

Tell in with the parade this morning, took rations in our haversacks. Marched away out into the desert and were drilled till about 12 o'clock. Very heavy going in the sand, very bronchy. We were marched to a plantation where we had dinner. Tell in at 1:30 to march back to camp, went round the edge of a lake through which the canal runs. Arrived at camp about 3 p.m. tired out. My mates say it was an easy day; stiff enough for me.

Friday 3

Big sham fight on to day. Lieut. told me I had better not go out and gave me some light duty to do. Job only lasted about 2 hours. Received 8 letters from home to-day. Also two parcels one from East and one from Mrs. Williams. Wrote letter home. Told me at office that bundle of mail was sent to England for me a few days ago.

MARCH, 1916.

Saturday 4

Had inspection this morning. Took a list of all we were short of. This afternoon I wrote some letters home. Went to Alec's tent this evening and had a good yarn with him.

Time passed quickly & I was just about last to turn in. Arranged to go to Communion with Alec in the morning.

Sunday 5

First thing this morning we got orders to pack our kits & valises ready to move off. We were to go & occupy the camp at Ferry post. We moved out of camp about 1 p.m. with full packs up & 220 rounds of ammunition. Marched through Somaila, across the canal by a pontoon bridge and reached the camp about 4 p.m. I was just about blazed out. We slept 13 in a tent. We are quite close to the canal

MARCH, 1916

Monday 6

I was sent with a fatigue party to the supply depot this morning. We are to camp there for a week or so. Had nothing to do to-day; went down to the canal for a bath after dinner. Canal is close to our camp. Was put on guard at 9 p.m. over the store.

Tuesday 7

Came off guard at 6:30 a.m. Had nothing to do to-day. Went down for a bath again. Spent most of the afternoon there. Went for a walk this evening in a room in tent, so built myself a little bivvy.

MARCH, 1916.

Wednesday 8

Was put on a fatigue party to-day. We were kept going all day. Had meat & bread to unload, and a lot of railway trucks to load with hay, oats, bran, and all kinds of stuff from one of the other camps. Did not finish in time for a dip. See aeroplanes over here every day. Received letter from Vi.

Thursday 9

On railhead fatigue again to-day. Loaded a lot of trucks. Got a gang of coolies after lunch & made them do the carrying. ~~Fixed~~ As my bivvy was too small I pulled it down & made it bigger. Two of us sleep in it now.

MARCH, 1916.

Friday 10

Railhead fatigue again to-day. Loading up waggons for railway. Hard work and long hours.

Saturday 11

Went down to canal to-day to check stuff as the coolies brought it off the barge & loaded it on waggons. Had also to keep the niggers moving. Got a big lot of stuff away.

MARCH, 1916.

Sunday 12

Fatigue again this morning.
Sent over the other side of canyon
to unbox the meat & bread
for the camp. The Indians carted
it away with mule drays.
Had Sam to go on guard
to night so got the afternoon
off. Work on at 6 p.m. Got the
10 to 12 p.m. & 4 to 6 a.m. beat
on patrol.

Monday 13

Returned to main camp to-day

MARCH, 1916.

Tuesday 14

Company drill to-day

Wednesday 15

Company drill to-day for me.
Most of the chaps were on
various guards

MARCH, 1916.

Thursday 16

Trench digging to-day.

Friday 17

Company drill to-day

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Saturday 18

Had to have our blankets
& clothes fumigated early
this morning. Interior
economy afterwards. Did
not have any parades.
Rained to-day and during
the night.

Sunday 19

Trench digging this morning
Had to go on desert patrol at
5:30 p.m. During the week I have
met a good many chaps I know
including Gen. Clement, Ned Tait,
Eden Priest, Robbie Thomson &
have seen a good deal of C. B. C.,
whose tent is close to mine.
3rd & 4th Divs arrived this
week.

MARCH, 1916.

Monday 20

Returned to camp from patrol about 6 a.m. Nothing to do this morning. Bathing parade this afternoon.

Tuesday 21

The Prince of Wales came across the canal today and watched us at drill. He is on General Murray's staff. Very slight build & boyish looking. Company drill this afternoon. Received three O.T. & two English letters today. Warned for duty tomorrow.

MARCH, 1916.

Wednesday 22

On water packet at supply depot today. Soft job. We have a hut & bunks to sleep in. Only 2 1/2 hrs on during the 24.

Thursday 23

We were not relieved this morning as the battalion moved off for Morocco at 9:30 a.m. We stayed on packet all day and marched to Morocco in the evening. Made a long day of it & I was tired out when we reached camp.

MARCH, 1916.

Friday 24

Rifle inspection this morning all shortages noted. Did a two hour route march this afternoon, very hot. Received cake from Eva to-day & also a "Weekly Press" from Tom.

Saturday 25

Rifle inspection this morning and bathing parade down to the lake. Half holiday this afternoon

MARCH, 1916.

Sunday 26

Church parade this morning General Birdwood attended & addressed us afterwards. In the afternoon I went into Smales on pass. Made good look round the town & the gardens which are very beautiful. Bought some cards to send home. Saw the Prince on a launch on the lake. Saw a native funeral also a native wedding. The General told us we would soon be in France

Monday 27

Weather is getting very hot. We often go across to the lake for a bath. To-day we marched to the Ordnance stores, handed in our rifles & bayonets & were issued with new high velocity rifles & new bayonets. Got rations with us. Got back to camp about 2:30 p.m.

MARCH, 1916.

Tuesday 28

Had our packs and kits
cut down to the bare
allowance to-day. No
base kit arrived to-night.
Received a lot of my back
mail to-day about 30 letters.
Had our packs inspected
this afternoon. Sent parcel
home.

Wednesday 29

Packs & kits inspected
again this morning.
Bathing parade this
afternoon. This is about
the hottest day we have
had yet.

MARCH, 1916.

Thursday 30

Got off parade to-day as my heel
is skinned & very sore. Did
2 M. Fatigue. Had a fairly easy
day.

Friday 31

Same to-day as yesterday.
We were unparaded
again to-day.

APRIL, 1916.

Saturday 1

Chest is very sore to-day
so we had no parade.
Wrote some letters home.

Sunday 2

Church parade this morning.
Did some washing this
afternoon. Went to evening
service at 7 p.m. attended
Communion after morning
parade

APRIL, 1916.

Monday 3

Kit inspection this morning
Big review of troops by
General McGray this
evening.

Tuesday 4

Company drill this morning
and medical inspection.
Bathing parade this
afternoon.

APRIL, 1916.

Wednesday 5

Another kit inspection this morning, after which we packed our gear and put the belts out ready to go away. Had tea early and fell in in full marching order about 4:30 p.m. marched to Ismaïlia station and got aboard the train in open trucks. Left at 6:30 and arrived at Port Said about 9. Had to load all gear and baggage on waggon, and then marched through them to ship. Got aboard soon after midnight.

Thursday 6

We have all got pretty good bunkers. The ship is the "Frankonia" and is a good size. I have taken on mess orderly for the trip. The food today has been very good. We are lying in the entrance to the canal close to De Suez's statue. One of the main streets is just opposite. Nice clean looking town. Had some driving boys along side to day.

APRIL, 1916.

Friday 7

We sailed about 10:30 this morning. Some of the French residents waved us farewell. Sea is very calm, there is hardly a motion to be felt. We have been told off to our boat stations and have to wear our lifebelts always.

Saturday 8

We had two destroyers with us this morning. Passed a good deal of shipping. Put up before orderly room this fore day for not having my bunk laid out in the regulation manner. Got two days C. B. with 2 hours pack drill.

APRIL, 1916.

Sunday 9

Weather is still beautifully calm. Saw some islands and a lot of shipping. We passed at boat stations at 10:15 every morning for inspection. We were inoculated again to-day.

Monday 10

We passed Madeta early this morning. Went quite close, could see the towns & villages quite plainly. He pointed out some places he knew he was in hospital there. Got off pack dull because of inoculation. Passed another big island this afternoon. Gas helmets served out to-day.

APRIL, 1916.

Tuesday 11

Passed a good deal of shipping & some islands to-day. Had our usual parade on deck. Had a long coast line on rear all the morning; was told it was the Island of Lardner.

Wednesday 12

Arrived at the entrance to Noanika. Blowing a howling gale, impossible to stand on deck. Ship pulled in & anchored in outer harbour. City looks very picturesque being built on the hillsides. The harbour is full of shipping. No waste parade with all gear up this afternoon.

APRIL, 1916.

Thursday 13

Pulled into inner harbour and berthed this morning. Lot of German prisoners at work on the wharf guarded by French soldiers. Suchland went off this morning. 1st platoon had to unload a lot of gear. We went off the ship at 12:30 & marched to the station, entraining about 1:30. Picked out about 2 p.m. Ran through some beautiful country. Trees are in bloom & grass is beautifully green. Lot of tunnels on the line.

Friday 14

Spent an uncomfortable night on the train, not much sleep. Passed through Lyons just at sunrise. Country is very beautiful & interesting. We make a great many stops and do not travel very fast. We get tea served out at one of our stops at meal times. Switzer has a beautiful farm. Journey is getting a bit tedious

APRIL, 1916.

Saturday 15

Another uncomfortable night passed through a lot of big towns including Reims & Calais to day. Country very hilly. We passed within 30 miles of Paris & got a glimpse of the Eiffel tower. Arrived at our destination at 9 p.m. Had to unload a lot of trucks and load the stuff on horses. Marched about 1 1/2 miles & camp then unloaded & got settled down about 2 a.m. Went out & ready for a sleep. We had 5 1/2 hours in the train

Sunday 16

Could see this morning that our camp was about halfway between a town called Bazelmuch and a village called Robique. Had church parade after dinner and then went for a walk round the town. Not a very big place. Nearly all the roads about here are cobbles and very hard to march on.

APRIL, 1916.

Monday 17

Rained during the night. Went for a route march this morning. Had gas helmet drill in the afternoon. We are having chufflon bully & biscuits. Had a look round the Catholic church in the village to-day. Most of the people about here are Catholics; they have shrines & crucifixes stuck ~~at~~ up in all sorts of places.

Tuesday 18

Gas drill again this morning as it is still raining. In the afternoon we packed up and shifted camp to the village. We were all quartered in huts. A lot of our chaps are in billets. Feel the cold very much as we left our winter clothes in our base huts & they are not here.

APRIL, 1916.

Wednesday 19

Went for a route march this morning. Helmet drill & foot inspection this afternoon.

Thursday 20

Long route march this morning. Rifle exercises this afternoon, also helmet drill. We are all very hard up as we have not been paid yet. Just a year ago to-day since I went into camp at Chertham.

APRIL, 1916.

Friday 21

Good Friday to day.
No not cross gun. We
had church parade this
morning and general clean
this afternoon. Did not go
into Capebrouch as I have
no money.

Saturday 22

Routt march this morning
Half-holiday this afternoon

APRIL, 1916.

Sunday 23

Easter Sunday. Attended
Communion at 6:30 this
morning. Church parade
after breakfast. Went for
a walk this afternoon.

Monday 24

Long route march this
~~afternoon~~ morning.
Took ushety & helmet
drill this afternoon
Still financially weak

APRIL, 1916.

Tuesday **25**

Usual routine

Wednesday **26**

APRIL, 1916

Thursday **27**

Friday **28**

APRIL, 1916.

Saturday 29

My birthday. Received box of
cigarettes from Mrs. South. We
were paid to day. Volunteered
for machine gun reserve.

Sunday 30

6 lunch parade this morning
Went for a walk into Hazebrook
after tea. Got some silk P. cards
for home.

MAY, 1916.

Monday 1

Started to learn Lewis machine
gun to-day. Very interesting.
Anti a change from infantry
work. Can't quite to stay with
my company. Had a light
burn out. The 2nd Brigade
passed through this village
this morning on their way
to receive billets.

Tuesday 2

Machine gun instruction again
Went for a walk this evening

MAY, 1916.

Wednesday 3

Rumours of a move to night.
Sun instruction to stay
Received parcel from ~~Edith~~
Helly to day. Went for a
walk to night.

Thursday 4

Machine gun instruction.

MAY, 1916.

Friday 5

Machine gun instruction.
~~Seitz is going to England~~
~~to night I promised to take~~
~~a letter and part of a fine~~
~~Wrote one ditto & took it~~
~~round to him after tea. He~~
~~has got 8 days leave.~~

Saturday 6

Intern economy this morning
Had the afternoon off. Planning

MAY, 1916.

Sunday 7

Church parade this morning. Rev Taylor is an Englishman, so one of the other chaplains took the service. Rained this afternoon, so did not go out, went for a short walk after tea.

Monday 8

Machine gun instruction. Sergeant is going to England on 8 days leave to night, so I wrote a letter to him & gave it to him to post in England. Orders came out to night to move to Estain tomorrow.

MAY, 1916.

Tuesday 9

Reveille at 4:30 this morning. Breakfast at 5 a.m. We moved off at 6 a.m. with packs up. The transport took our blankets. Passed through for No. 1 & several other big villages and reached Estain about 10:20. Long march, rained several blisters on my feet. Our platoon is billeted in a barn near the town. We are now in the same area. Went to concert at the Y.M.C.A. to night.

Wednesday 10

Off with bayonet physical drill, & bayonet fighting this morning. Rained march this afternoon. I was excused owing to sore feet. Have also got a touch of the flu. Had a look round the town of Estain, some of the streets are very dirty & narrow. Gas sometimes reaches here, we have always to carry helmets. Am on guard from 2 to 6 in the morning.

MAY, 1916.

Thursday 11

I did my two hour guard this morning. A Frenchman living at the house here tried to commit suicide by hanging himself. I reached the shell just in time to see him cut down. He soon came round. Gm on C. D. to-day. Had a walk round the town this evening.

Friday 12

We were taken for a bath this morning. plenty of hot water & clean clothes. Musketry & gas drill this afternoon. Fell in at 6:45 p.m. with full packs and marched to Amentieres a distance of about 10 miles. Glad to reach our billet between 10 & 11 p.m. Got settled down about midnight.

MAY, 1916.

Saturday 13

Had a look round the town today. It has suffered badly from shot & shell. This town was the scene of heavy shell fighting in the early days of the war. There are only about 600 civilians here now. Some buildings are in absolute ruins. Had a look through a splendid Catholic church. It has a few shell holes in it. Auchland & Wgton went to the trenches today.

Sunday 14

Church parade this morning in our billet. Had a walk round the town again. At 11 p.m. we put up full kits & marched to different billets, only about 10 minutes march away. They are much more comfortable and there is more room.

MAY, 1916.

Monday 15

Did physical drill & bayonet exercises to day. Went out in the evening.

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Wednesday 17

Machine gun training to-day. Saw some airplanes getting heavily shelled. This is a daily occurrence here.

Tuesday 16

Started our machine gun training again to-day. Went out to the trenches with a fatigue party at 8 a.m. to night. Went out through a long sap. We had to repair damage done to the sap by shell fire. Moonlight night & the snipers were busy. An engineer near me got a shot through his thigh.

Thursday 18

Machine gun training again to-day. Got orders to night to go out on fatigue again at 2 in the morning.

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Friday 19

~~Machine gun training to-day~~
Went out to trenches on
fatigue at 2 a.m. this morning.
Working in Suckland sap
well up to the front. Got back
to our billets about 11 a.m.
Went to machine gun class
in the afternoon.

Saturday 20

Company parade this morning &
afternoon. Got ready to go
into trenches to relieve Winton
to night. Till in about 8
o'clock full marching order
without blankets. Went
out to trenches arriving there
about 11 p.m. I am in the support
trenches and have a good
bury.

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Sunday 21

Good deal of machine gun fire
early this morning. We stand
by for an hour at 2:30 a.m. &
7:30 p.m. every day. Water fatigue
this morning. Put on gas guard
this afternoon. Have 2 hours on &
six off for 24 days. Some shells
landed close to us this afternoon.
Lots of them go overhead.
We have to be careful of
snipers

Monday 22

Got settled down now. We get
shells over every day, but so
far our part of the trench
has escaped. Have to wear
trench equipment, sleep &
gas helmets everywhere we
go and are supposed to
sleep in them

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Tuesday 23

Still on gas guard. Usual
sort of day.

Wednesday 24

Good few shells over to day.
Raining. We were relieved
to-night I went down
the sap to the reserve
trenches. Rations in the
sap were very wet &
slipping and I was
glad when we reached
our bery & got settled
down. Some of our chaps
had to go & take rations
to the firing line. I missed
it.

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Thursday 25

Helped to build a new
berry to day. At 8:30 a
party of us went & drew
the rations for firing line
& supports & took them
up the sap & back when
we got back. Had to get
up again at 2:30 for the
stand to go one step
very broken.

Friday 26

On fatigue this morning
building a gas proof berbery.
Had a slip on the floor.
Made the trip to firing line
with rations again. There
are a lot of batteries about
here & a good few shells
some one searching for
them.

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Saturday 27

Same fatigue this morning. Our batteries opened the short sharp bombardment at 5:30. The Germans replied at 8:30 and the shells flew thick & fast until it lasted. A lot of them burst quite close to us, up to the firing line again to night.

Sunday 28

Fatigue again this morning. Packed up to night were relieved & marched back to our town billets by road. Glad to get my blankets back & get my clothes off again.

MAY, 1916.

Monday 29

Had an easy day. Did a few small fatigues. Went for a walk in the town & met Eric James. He is in the O.V.L. & legs had a good run so far. Went round to hospital & had a good yarn with Willie with Eric some shells came into the town. One struck our billet & wounded. Fine mess some severely.

Tuesday 30

Went for a bath this morning & got a clean change of clothes. Heard that Griffin who was wounded last night had died at 9 a.m. Parade this afternoon. Still in yet fatigue party for trenches at 8 p.m. Had to fill sandbags in the supports. Plenty of bullets about.

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Wednesday 31

Returned from trenches about 8 a.m. Slept in till about 8'30. Had an easy day. Went to pictures this evening. Good programme.

Thursday 1

Parade this morning & this afternoon. Went to the trenches again to night on fatigue. Had an easy time as we were short of sandbags. Snipers seemed to have picked us up as plenty of bullets came over. One of our observation balloons broke adrift this evening & floated towards the enemy. Observers came down in parachutes and our guns shelled the balloon to try & bring it down.

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Friday 2

Returned from trenches about 2'30 a.m. & slept in again till after 8 a.m. No parades for fatigue party to day. Told off for pugil duty in the town to night. Patrolled the streets from 5'30 to 9'30. Practical mobilisation parade was ordered and we had to round up all first brigade men & send them back to their billets.

Saturday 3

Usual parade this morning. Working instruction this afternoon.

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Sunday 4

Church parade this morning.
Went to institute this evening
afternoon. On town picket
this evening.

Monday 5

Parade this morning.
Trench fatigue this evening.
Struck a rotten job outside
the firing line parapet.

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Tuesday 6

Trench fatigue again to night.
Had to take two pumps
right up into the mushroom.
Enemy trenches very close.
Big bombardment started just
as we were coming home. Noise
was deafening. A good few
shells burst close to us and
scattered us with dirt. One
struck the side of the sap
just ahead of us. Very glad
to get back to billets again.

Wednesday 7

Off all day. Heard that the
Australians made a raid
last night and took
some prisoners, also some
of their flares, which have
been wanted for a long time.
Trench fatigue again
to night.

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Thursday 8

Had a sleep this morning
Went for a good hot bath
after dinner & got a clean
change of clothes.

Friday 9

Usual parade this morning
Rolled blankets this afternoon
& got ready to move to the
trenches. Fell in at 8:30 &
moved off soon after. We took
over the "mushroom": the most
forward part of our line. We
are only fifty yards from the
enemy. Put on observing and
firing on occasional shot.

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Saturday 10

Night passed fairly quiet.
Bombardment on our left in the
direction of Ypres. Came off at
stand-down, 3 p.m. and turned
in for a sleep. On again at
stand-to, went at sap-
head, good deal of rifle fire at
stand-to.

Sunday 11

Came off sentry at 7 a.m. Had a
job to keep awake - turned in after
breakfast & slept till dinner
time. Went to sleep again after
dinner, had to stand-to at 3 p.m.
as both sides were sending
over bombs; some of them came
very near to us and we had to
keep well down. Observing
again to night.

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Monday 12

Came off at "stand-down" & was put on fatigue till about 6 a.m. About 5 a.m. "Fritz" called out to us. Things were very quiet. Two officers came up & put up two notices giving details of the recent naval battle. After a bit the Germans put their heads up & started to us. We did the same & were talking for an hour or so if they could talk English quite well. We signalled to them to get down & the rifle fire started again. More bombs this afternoon. Sentry at top head again.

Tuesday 13

Very wet, miserable night. Trenches are in very muddy condition. Came off at stand down. Had a sleep & did 8 hours sentry after dinner. More bombs again after tea. They blew up our headquarters and one of the cook-houses. Only two minor casualties. Observing again to night.

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Wednesday 14

Usual stand-to & guards to day. Had some big bombs over again to-day some of them landed near us. Very wet & miserable. Short rations.

Thursday 15

Had a sleep when we came off this morning. Packed up this evening and were relieved at 10:30 p.m. Went down the slope to "the dug-outs" in the reserve line. Sold off to a bivvy & turned in for a good sleep.

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Friday 16

Things are much easier here. We have good burrows & plenty of food. We do 6 hours a day digging & bagging a new trench. We get some shrapnel over sometimes and have to clear out for a while. Am not on any guard. We stand to from 9 to 10 p.m. and from 3 to 4 a.m. Very heavy bombardment during the night.

Saturday 17

Trench fatigues again to-day. Good few shells over from both sides. Had a gas alarm early this morning and had to put on our helmets. Gas never reached us.

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Sunday 18

Work as usual to-day. They had some more bombs over in the front line; I believe several were wounded, but not seem like Sunday. Watched a good fight between aeroplanes to-day they were too far off to tell which was which or which one won.

Monday 19

Same programme to-day. We take things easy and do not work too hard. We saw some mysterious signals to-day. The sergeant reported it & they are going to investigate.

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Tuesday 20

Same old fatigue to-day
C-100 injured by a more bag
exploding in the cook's fire.
The cook's mate had put
it in to melt. Packed
up to night and shifted
back to the reserve line
same bivouacs as we had
last time we were in.

Wednesday 21

On fatigue in front line
to-day, building a new
parapet, had to clear
out several times as Fritz
sent over some shells.

Big bombardment started
after, stand down to night
and kept us all awake.

Gas alarm signals went
and we had to turn out
with helmets on and
afterward had to take
turns on guard very little
sleep.

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Thursday 22

Same fatigue to day
Both sides are making
things warm lately
and it is not too good
up in the front line.
Boats + shells over
to day.

Friday 23

Same again to day

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Saturday 24

Same again to-day
Made things so
warm that we
were able to do very
little work & had
to go back to our
line as a long way
round as shell hole
was bursting over the
nearest post.

Sunday 25

Same fatigue to-day
Does not seem like
Sunday. Saw shells
to-day. Saw ~~one~~ of our
planes destroy two
enemy balloons.

Monday 26th

Same fatigue. Did a good
day's work as I only did
not worry us. All hands on
fatigue again at 10 a.m. Had to
carry some ropes up to the firing
line. Very heavy, and raining
ground very slippery.

Tuesday 27th

Returned from fatigue at
3:15 a.m. and had to stand
to till 4 a.m. then work to
do to-day or had a good
sleep. Still in after stand
to to-night and marched
back to town billets.

Wednesday 28th

On engineers fatigue
to-day at 10 a.m. Good
got not much to do.
Had a walk this
evening. Just going to
turn in when I was
ordered to fall in with
full pack. At 11 a.m. brigade
guard.

Thursday 29th

This guard is a good catch.
Am on for all the time we are
out. There are six of us here and
only one post so we have 2 hrs on
and 10 off. Food is real good.

Friday June 30th

We are having a fund raising
time. Can go out for a walk
when not in. Capt. Courington
is on the staff here. Taylor
carried out a successful road
to night post office. Brought
back 10 prisoners.

Saturday July 1st

Brigade guard still
going strong

Sunday July 2nd

Ditto Duff for
dinner to-day

Monday July 3rd

Fritz came over & attacked. Such
to night, but was driven back.
He also sent some heavy shells
into the town, several of them
landed very close to headquarters.
We were all ordered into the cellars.

Our battalion was on its way up
to the trenches and had to take
shelter till the fire ceased. Suchland
had numerous casualties.

Tuesday July 4th

We were relieved from the guard
this morning and joined our
company in the trenches. I am on
a night watch in a machine
gun salient

Sant Wednesday July 5th

The night passed very quietly.
Had a sleep most of the day.
The ropes were prepared for use
but were washed out. Had
a gas alarm about midnight
but did not get any gas near us.
My transfer to Lewis gun
section came out on order tonight.
I have to join them up in the
morning.

Thursday July 6th

Joined Lewis gun this morning.
Am on same gun as Phil
Bare. Soon got settled down
and took my watch in the bay.
Fritz gave us a very heavy shrapnel
during the night, but our team
all escaped safely.

Turn to front of books

