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Letters home -

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Then gap - 4 months leave home
after S. A. War.

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Thursday. Oct 7th 81 No 13 General Hospital 1
Johannesburg.

My dear May

Herewith to start the new book with a letter to you, which ought to hit off somewhere about your birthday, with any luck. Not very much to chronicle, the rainy season is coming on here, we get a thin shower, with often very heavy rain, nearly every day; but it doesn't come down so hard & continuously as in the rainy season. Hope you are all going along. Last time I heard you were still up in the north, but I suppose now that you have returned to Africa. We had a heavy day here on Sunday, we got in a lot of badly wounded from Kame's column. They came by train from Springs & did not arrive here until about 7. We turned in all hands & worked at them till 11.30. We got over 90 altogether, & have been putting them with them since. From what we gather, the Boers suffered very heavily, as they did also in Kame's fight. But their worst knock almost the worst in the whole war, was at that first Stalk's fight. Our friend the ubiquitous de Wet seems to be by my side. We are back at our old mess pitch again with a new Indian tent, but no store this time! and as yet no rations! tho we are hoping to raise one.

No 13 General Hall
Joh. burg

Nov 22nd 01

My dear Mother

Many thanks for your letter (No 90) which
turned up last Sat. day. followed by Father
& Illus. mail from W. Son. Many thanks for all
We have been having several days rather cold, with
lots of thunderstorms & rainstorms, but to day
is warm & fine again. On Wednesday we played
the Doornfontein Police at cricket, about them
it was rather exciting, as they were well ahead
we only got their last man out within 3 minutes
of time. We got 109 for 8 wickets & declared, &
they got 41. We were beaten in our match v.
Echelenes, but had a good game.

We are getting up a great entertainment in Joh.
burg next Wednesday, to buy a piano for our
theatre & recreation room for patients here.
We hope it will be a great success. I will
send you a programme if possible.

I dined with Col. Edge P.M.O. over at Clarendon fort.
last night, it was very jolly especially as they
had the scratch band of the Cav^y details. They
played the "Hells of New York" right thru to my
great delight. Mrs. "Estudiantina" which was
a bit of all right. I developed a dozen plates
which I had taken in April & May 1900. Kaffir

Let me

Just 55-101

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River, Kroomstad, etc. needless to say, after that time they were not very good. I was very sorry to hear that the Envoy had a bad cold, with some laryngitis, but was glad he was getting better when you wrote & hope he is all right long since. Glad Motherly was able to turn up even for a little, & that you liked him, as I thought you would. It must have been very interesting for you to hear something about S.A. from first hand. I'm glad he is quite fit again. I noticed that Charles R. had got a D.S.O. & wondered if he was Bill's sub-
-altern. I hope B. is putting in an A.I. time at Kashmir. Golden, the Capt. of Echoteris team is a Gloucester man & I knew Jack Kram. He has a Civ. Surgeon here named Grace. He is a nephew of E. M. W.S. & Henry. His father's name is Nathan Alfred I think. He is not a cricketer, but is an A.I. entertainer & conjurer. Quite up to professional form. He is the great star in our entertainment next week. He has been a ship's doctor for several years & picked up & practiced his teeth then. I want the Envoy to order me "Cheyne & Burghard's Surgery" from the stores. I think it is by Layman. I enclose a cheque for a fiver for that & any other money I owe him. I hope he is able to do something for Greenfield. Best of love to you all
Yr. ever
Tom.

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Last Friday was a great success. We had a lot of sun fun after wards & Grace did some good conjuring tricks. He has left us now as he has got a mine ticket at Spruce.
We had some great fun from the other night at King's. We had the net on his billiard table so the hazards were numerous. I was very glad to hear that the Gov was improving & hope he is all right long since. You seem to have been having some pretty bad days every where lately. I read that article of Wallcut's on the D. M. I think he is about right. He denied me on Friday & I had a great talk with him. Glad to hear Bill is having a good time & enjoying himself in Kashmir. It must be a ripping life up there. I hope he will get that leave home that he speaks of.
We are gradually getting the Hall to look nice planting little trees about & laying out a border of flower beds round the tent. I wish you could see the Surgical Dept. I think you would like it. I must take a photo or two of it to send you.
New nurse. Bye bye, love to all & in pretty remembrance of the Xmas tide.
Ever. Log

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on page 9. The text appears to be a journal entry or a letter, with some words like "camp", "fellow", and "Hewes" visible.]

being on a landing with Howell at the
 North Camp. One of the fellows then with him
 Lewis & Palmer. Rambo (red-headed) turned up
 to see me here to day about a case in hand.
 he is still holding about, with Ollivier's column.
 Hewes just I wish. I haven't heard from
 O of old P for a long time now. I wonder
 if he has got home. Probably has perhaps
 of his. He's a knowled. He says the
 Quetzal is nearly as bad as headless Ram.
 My bike has not arrived yet. The Home
 House mine, on which we are pitched has
 started work. It is a small mine.
 Old Smith & three others were nearly killed
 last night. They were home after dinner in an
 "bus" to a court at 12.30. It was dark
 & raining, & at a level crossing on the way
 back a baggage train came gliding noiselessly
 down on them. They only just saw it, as it
 flashed the marker, but it only missed them
 by about a yard. Ben & Allen came on a
 jolly back by Merri man. The "Red" globe.
 The Ball is going strong.
 A small poem to be made.
 "The rain it raineth every day
 Upon the just & unjust folk,
 But mainly on the just becos
 The unjust has the just's umbrella."

Ben & Allen
 Thanks to all
 May a cloud
 for letters
 ever there. I'm

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
 glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
 will find you the same. I have been thinking of writing
 to you for some time but have been so busy that I could not
 find time. I am now in the city and hope to be home
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No 13 Gen. Hosh
 J. H. Long

30. 4. 02

My dear May

Many thanks for your letter of two
 mails ago, which I hasten to answer.
 Was glad to hear you were all fit & well &
 had weathered Xmas with not undue
 dissipation. May the New Year be a bit
 of all right, not to mention wet.
 Here we are blooming along as well as may be
 combining business with as much pleasure
 as possible in the shape of riding, cricket
 Ping Pong & other sporting amusement.
 To night is the weekly Hospital Concert, we
 have a good programme, & should have a good
 show. The sun seems to be booming
 along all right, did you see my pal (P) the
 captain Ben Wilson had been collared.
 Was glad to get letters last mail No 109.
 & to hear all was well, & the Grandmother
 better. By Jove, Bill is in great luck
 if that hepatic shock comes off; such an
 opportunity for chikar comes to but few.
 Should like to spirit myself off there
 along with him. Love Edith Whelan

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 nearly all the good properties along the Reef
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No 13 Can. Hosp.
 Johannesburg.

6.3.02

My dear Elsie

The advent of Thursday, & a few spare moments result in the commencement of the weekly effusion. Not much to tell you. Last Saturday was wet & we had no match. It being St. David's day, we did not have the band, as the two things don't tally all right. We had our usual Hospital game yesterday in beautiful weather. The rain is in the forecast for again & the weather delightful; never better before. A fellow called Hamilton Lewis gave a concert in the hall last evening in aid of our recreation fund for patients. The afternoon was not very good as there are so many charitable shows on foot now, for refugees, etc. but we ought to get a bit out of it I think. The show wasn't bad, & performed so well. Did you see the pictures & scenes of our Hospital in last week's Illustrated Mail? It was as I got last week. They were very good. All the faithful I'd say so.

The dinner last night was a great success.
 Hulton, the manager of which we call our
 name, the Treasury, was one of the guests. &
 he brought along a Simula which he has
 recently bought. I was very glad as I
 have been very anxious to see such one.
 It really is a toppling invention & when I get
 rich & settled down, I shall certainly get one.
 It was at a bit of a disadvantage as the
 Tent floor is a bit uneven & he didn't come
 to adjust it properly. but I'm going away
 one day to have it under proper conditions
 at his own house. It really is very cute
 invention. I suppose you've seen plenty of
 them. But much news flying about but
 there's seem to be going all right. Tell the
 boys that I want him to get me that
 part. Of course & England's Surgery as soon
 as it is out. May be then I shall come
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 Charming day here in good for shopping.
 but duty calls & the bus must go in
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other Col. Townsend had been wounded in two places, one right through the chest. He has been playing the part of a martyr throughout, and was very brave in the old frontier days. He is now in the hospital, and is getting along fairly well. I was shot against morning and between my further side thigh bone was broken by a bullet & he had already had 5 days' training in a wagon over rough country since he was wounded. He at first was very anxious to be moved, but changed his mind after words when we had got him properly comfortable, put up. The 9th Army, I think, from here. I have gone down to see him to day. It was hard for Townsend & his to be moved over after doing such long & good service. We are pretty well full of him now & shall probably be still fuller with operations going on in the west. I hope you are all keeping fit & well, & the two cold better. We have a new man here, Col. Baker. Name not returned from 4 months sick leave. He has taken on charge of the office. I hope to see him both Ellen & Edith Fowler in a recent "Black & White", they were pretty good. I wonder if they sent them. Pretty weather here getting a bit cooler, & the rains are almost on. Rhodes seems in a hopeful state, for Charles & the stock market is very weak.

14th. Oct. 21. The day was very fine and
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out again. He is going on well. I was
 dining out the other day with the Macfarlane's.
 He is manager of the City of Suburban, one of the
 largest firms here with a capital of about 1 1/2
 millions. They are very nice people. The
 market is looking again as there will be a great
 effort if news is good during the next few days.
 The evening is getting pretty cold now, & the cricket
 season is about over. Football & hockey will
 be the order of the day. I am curious to see
 the 4th & 5th of June to go to see the biography.
 They say it is a pretty good one. We have not
 received a cheque financial class all belonging
 allowance is to be stopped from April 1st. I shall
 make a considerable difference as it was a
 especially high rate for the year-end, of course
 me is about 13/- a day. Many thanks for
 letter & I have not heard what turned up
 regularly & will come. I've photos of the Foyles
 have been in several of the papers - 4th Liberator
 are very good. My old friend Hunt Charles
 who used to be Governor of the 1st Div.
 has become P.M.D. of the Lib. Vice Keen-
 resigned. He is a good man & should dwell
 in the billet. I would & I want to see him
 last Friday. He had been dining with Walter
 the night before & had commended the occasion
 by taking 3/- out of him at bridge.

When travelling from Kildare to the other day - 30
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April 6th 1902

No 13 General Hotel
Johnston Bay

My dear Mother

Here with to wish you many happy returns
 of your birthday, which happily a festive occasion
 ought to be about lit off by this year ceased,
 as my memory plays with me not false.
 May you enjoy many many more. These things
 are pretty good. He wounded from the chest
 near Springs were taken to his 20. The
 biography which we went to last week was
 pretty rotten, and it fairly gave us the hump
 when at the end Hay put up a picture of Lord
 Rhodes, displayed the Dead March.
 Did I tell you that my old brother from
 Dr. Blood is up here again. He came to himself
 here last Sunday. He is starting practice in
 John Bay. I think I'll let him, if I can.
 right we all did a theatre together he night.
 He is looking very fit & well. He was at
 Trinity, Dublin, with Newland. Col. Edge
 P. M. D. Dickin. gave a big picnic at a little
 place called Elbury about 6 miles from here
 last Wednesday. It was very good. Land,
 hay, rice, pretty soft. lots of food & drink,
 and about 150 people. The climate was fine.

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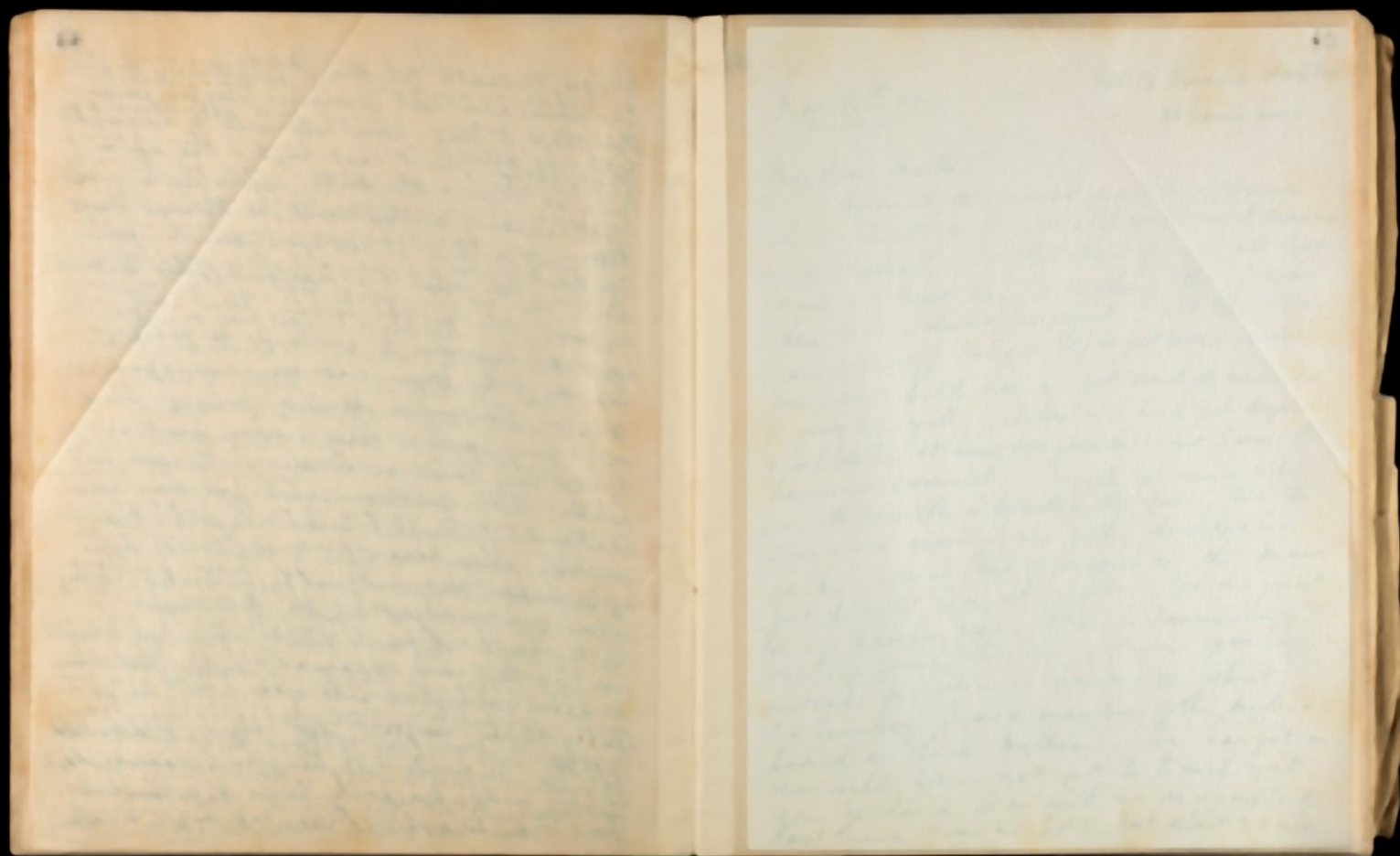
Unfortunately better - the man would come in all right on this warrant. The peace excitement has calmed down, as far as one can see it hasn't come to very much, & I expect the thing will have to gradually fade out. I went out for an afternoon's shooting on Wednesday & didn't get much except two good wettings - total bag two hares. I hope your sore throat didn't become bad, & that you were soon all right again. There was just off to Liscaid, where she will I suppose have a good time. I'm glad to hear Jack is getting on as well as a public man - perhaps he might get a C.M.S. at the coronation as President of the Chamber of Commerce. I wonder if any of my photos will be reproduced in "After Pictoria". Haven't taken any lately, as the weather has been so bad. We have an exceptionally quiet night to night, & hope the rain will keep off so that people will come out. A stock that I bought 100 shares of the other day, has gone up 7/6 a share which is good. Glad Elsie is keeping a kindly eye upon my clothes in the big box. Thanks many for Letter also Illustrated Mail. Hope to get your letter this afternoon. Good night to day. Goodbye Best love forever Love

I should get over it
 The owner has lost 3 horses. My two ponies.
 I'm glad to say, have left well & are very fit.
 These photos I sent last week. One was a
 general view of the stable. The other a view
 of the nursing sisters camp, & a picture of the
 group of the horses were my two ponies.
 I saw John. & I saw his horse. I saw
 he was the my old riding horse. I
 landed him over to Scotland 2 years ago.
 The name of the horse was my horse again.
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 perfect little gentlemen. I had some new
 Sealander Officers to lunch the other day.
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it is better. I think at Reading wasn't it.
 or perhaps I am wrong, as it was down
 Woodward way. I don't find old West Day
 looking quite happy. One of them church
 people, I suppose it is not too early
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No 13 General Hesper
Jth Bay

May 21st '02

My dear Mother

To-morrow is mail day, so I will start
in good time. We have had a visit this
morning from Mr. Seddon, Premier of N.Z.
He came specially to see some Ant-thalassians
of which we have several in at present.
He is a great big stout heavy man - rather
common & very colonial - but a good solid
man no doubt in any way than us.
His wife & two daughters & a lot of other
hangers-on came round with him - all
about the same class. He was (as was only
right) much pleased with all he saw.
He was on his way to Victoria to receive an
address & I went to dine with Father & I
sent my pony & man for the office call
at a gymkhana at Islands for ten yesterday.
Five furlongs - a most cruel course with
the sheepskin turn you can see a a victim
trick. The consequence was Johnny going
top speed ran out at the turn. I thought
he would have brooked them all easily.
It is quite cold here now & very windy &
dusty - just like it was last year this time
when we were here & dark about here but

the 2nd was your probable date of departure
for W. B. is no doubt to day finish you all
comfortably installed in the old quarters
Conte's history, numerous of peace and for even
circulating - I have heard this morning on
good authority! (a) That peace is off.
(b) That peace is settled in a little while
on Victoria day. You pays your money &
takes your choice. The market is beginning
a bit to day, after being away about
Smythson the while you had been away
I hope you are all off, has cold set right like
this. Billy will soon be sailing out
aboard war to inaugurate a birth day.
I read as a then book of Ralph. I think
it was toward Putnam. Ralph was one of
the War Correspondent during our long wait
at Rodden R. also he son Lester
I glad the Sun was all right again when
you wrote. But very sorry I was to hear
that my godson had been very ill.
Still cold & windy. Best love to all
very yours ever

Special respects to Chell

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 very much and hope to hear from you soon.
 Your affectionate son,
 John

110 13 2nd Ave

Friday June 3rd 02

Philadelphia

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 still sharper frost. Freezing hard at night
 of a few more snow falling by day.
 Today is still sharp, but bright & the wind
 has gone down. As for the crop, it is
 finished. But the grain has been cut & put
 with the rest of the harvest. As for the
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 The coronation just over the King's state of
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 I was glad to see your last letter dated 4 Jan.
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The illustration is a very fine
 drawing of a man in a dark
 coat and a light shirt. He is
 looking down at a book or paper
 in his hands. The style is
 simple and elegant, with fine
 lines and shading. The man's
 features are well defined, and
 his expression is one of
 concentration. The background is
 plain, which makes the figure
 stand out. The overall effect is
 that of a classic portrait.

How jolly! I hope I get home soon to get a
 look at her. I feel of you.
 Our new ante room cabaret is a bit of all
 right. It is the best place we have had yet.
 & is fully occupied after dinner with Rudge
 & music. I will try & send you a programme
 of the State concert (which was to have been on
 Thursday) next week if possible. Martin
 one of our local singers is one of the vocalists.
 He is a topping tenor. Some of the compositions
 Harmon were published last year. What
 a lot there are. all sorts. Defton, Hammond,
 Wyndham. Glad you went to see the building
 & that they were of a fine quality. I am very
 glad to hear that the Knapp is being removed
 what a jolly place it will be. Glad Chiff
 is fit & sprightly. I expect we shall see her
 soon in the building and day.
 Paper is usual times up all right. I shall
 for better. Many thanks.
 You may have had rather a hairy time doing
 those sheets at Bath.
 Glad all the people up Town are fit & well.
 Must now shut it for mail.
 N. C. an odd pair of socks & two would
 come in useful.
 Remember all ever there
 Yours

July 5th or 6th
 My dear Mother
 Mail day right here, & I have been
 up. Now that husband has gone, I have a
 good deal more work. As I have taken over
 Secretary's Department, & the Company work
 from him, in addition to my original work.
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13 Can. Hosp.
 3rd. Long

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13 Corn Hill
 July 28th 02

My dear brother

Here is actually the last moment for
 writing, & I must hurry up a school in the
 the past afternoon. I had to get your letter
 & to find that you were all fit & well when
 you wrote. I have had a bit of an influenza
 cold the last few days & have felt very
 stupid, that is why I have put off the writing
 so long, however I am better to day & must
 post it off quick. We are in a great
 turmoil here now - Have been taking in new
 new patients for some days & to day have
 had orders to transfer the patients we have
 as soon as possible to the St. Ann. Hospital at
 Elanston. So we may find ourselves
 on the move in the world any day; & there
 are such a lot of things to square up. Counten
 to wind up - How do the, etc. & reports to
 finish. The uncertainty of where one will
 go is rather trying. They don't seem yet to have
 settled where the permanent station & Hospital
 will be, so one may be booted off anywhere -

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on page 76. The script appears to be cursive and is written in dark ink.]

Glad you all had such a jolly time at
Hendy's. It seems to have been a right good
meet. Let's hope to have a jolly dinner
at the "Punch" this year. You need not have so
much trouble to get the "Shamrock" as you
have to have "Horse" is better, he is not
so old.

You say you are not going to get home
Tues. I shall be able to see him.
I mention he brought at one of the new
green (celery) rock coats. It is a most
pleasant thing. I have cloth in the basket &
have rather a right to the children at
school. I am in appearance - about
midway between a Seamus and a
potterman. Truly the improvement
of the eye-offers are marvellous.
I am as ever your truly

Richard Kelly
Love, Truly
Rich.

2013 Can. Hall
Joh. Bay

Monday, Aug. 18th

My dear Mother

I felt a kind of iller that there was something up when I did not get the usual envelope addressed on your hand waiting by the mail. On opening the letter I was going to find that my dear was sweet - that you were more or less here & content. I was glad to hear that there was no cause for anxiety, as it must have been a pretty fall. You must be careful how you go about these dark stairs & should not attempt to carry anything to or from the upper regions. I am awfully glad you were feeling on all right & hope you are longer the quite recovered. And will you don't do it again. All I need to be having a further time from the letter I received. Those native officers must have had quite a sensation in reading you seemed at last to be getting some decent & really warm weather. What must be a

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Sunday Aug 24th

No 13 General Hook
Johannesburg

My dear Mother

The letter marks my last day in good old No 13 in which I have had such a good time. I feel quite low at leaving, even though I am for such a pleasant change as four months leave. I have been disappointed in my white star boat which I was to come up for today from the Cape Town agents saying that they would be no further available here. I was expected about the 20th & I was off by mail to Cape Town to night to see if I could manage to capture a place in between sailing here on some other port of call. So you see my departure will be a bit late. If I have to stay any time at Cape Town I will try if I can get back & put me up in a few days. But of course I shall not stay longer than I can help as I must leave at the day I leave this unit. I was relieved to hear in your last letter

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Dilkusha
Feb 26th '03 Lucknow

My dear Mother

My dear Mother
Was very glad to get your letter in good
time by this mail - Elsie's from the Knapp.
No there are no rocks at Durban, but there's a
heavy swell which affects landing a good deal -
unless the ship goes right inside into the Harbour,
which we did not do - Glad the picture post
cards turned up all right - I'm glad to hear
Bill has taken to "Bridge" I expect ~~at~~ he will like
it, as he thus weaned from his aversion to cards.
Your tea fight seems to have been a great success,
which is good by -

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I got a letter today from King, a bank manager
near Jo-burg - through whom I sent my letter
re baggage to Jan Niekerk. He summarizes
stocks in one pithy sentence
"The share
market is a bally frost!" He says he handed
over my letter all right, so I hope the things
have been despatched, but those Africans
are a bit casual. Glad Elsie & Bill were
having a good time at the old place. How
did Bill like the links, I expect they are
fairly good. We are just laying out a new
course here, a great improvement on the old, &
the first hole begins about 200 yds from this

The first thing I noticed when I stepped
 out of the car was a great
 relief. It was just what I needed
 after a long day at work. I
 had been thinking about this
 trip for weeks. I had been
 so busy with work that I
 couldn't find time to relax.
 But now, here I was, in
 the middle of a beautiful
 landscape. The air was fresh
 and the sun was shining.
 I took a deep breath and
 smiled. This was exactly
 what I needed.

bungalow, which is very convenient. Will 87
must come & play here after he comes out.
Glad to hear the John Deermers were all right.
Please remember me if any body is writing.
Is there any chance of A. M. B. getting the P. M. F.
advertising to do. Very glad to hear Mr.
Broadley & he are so well. Here we are driving
along as per usual. The weather is decidedly
warming up, especially the last two days, there
being quite a hot weather feel about the air in
the middle of the day.

I have got a pony & trap now - & drove it down to the Chatter last evening - The pony goes well - I bought her from Col. Gore 5th & 6th who is being invalided home - I still do most of my work on the bike - I've got a billet, been made Special Health Officer, Lechnow Cantonment - with a special view to keeping plague out - I have am forming a segregation camp & Amul & gradually getting things in order - I believe Rs 100/- a month goes with the job, which is sound. No last pay certificate has come yet, but the Bank is allowing me to draw. Presentation of medals to day to East Surveys - wonder when I shall get mine? Assault & arms over, Boxing competition on - otherwise the usual routine. Hope you are all keeping quite fit. Very best love to all

Mr. van Zon

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Gil Kisha
 Lucknow.

March 12th 03

My dear Mother

Many thanks for all letters by this mail - yours, E & G's & a long & interesting one from Bill - Glad you are all reported fit & well. Thank the Gw for cutting about Andrella Deep - I'm glad they've struck it all right. Glad to hear Mary Watson is all right, but sorry she had such a bad time. I was sorry to hear that Lillie's nurse had such a bad fall, it must have been very soon after I left. I hope Jack covered himself with glory at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon to day. I got a letter from young Newland house surgeon at Gos-bury Civil Hospital (brother of Major Newland). He sold "Tommy" for me for £19, which considering that Gw's are throwing members of horses on the market, was not bad. He also said Jan Rich had got my letter about my baggage - as I hope I may see it soon - but the Africans are rather a casual crew. Young K. has been laid up 9 weeks with bad dysentery & was on his way home on sick leave. Sir J. Gallwey P.M.O India has

about 1000 feet high and very steep. The P. M. S. Royal Command comes here at the end of the week - We get over a skinful of inspections here - To day the S. G. Sir Digges La Touche opens the new golf links near the action Hall, the game being at home - but there is a rival attraction, a big garden party in the Clock Tower gardens near the Chatter, so we shan't get a large crowd. Moreover the weather is threatening & we have had some rain this morning - Major Macdonald Ramsay has been the chief worker in getting up the new course - He's the Chaplain here Mr. Klygh, is the Golf Secretary - I got a letter the other day from Col. Baker, late of 13 Gen. Hosp. - He is now S.M.O. Calcutta - I see Phillips' promotion is all right. He will retire on return from leave. Forrest & I had another shoot - We got 21 snipe - 3 duck - 2 quail - but found most of the shells nearly dry. We hope to have another go soon - Glad E. & B. saw three little mounds - it is jolly good. Is old 'blown up' Channing, is in the R. P. G. good by - So moses is going for the lot, he ought to do all right. Elsie did not put in her photo with mine - I must send one to Bessie - Glad Hill met Stapleton - he's a nice chap. Old Gwynne March was here with the Paters the other day, but I didn't see him - He was only here one day, I think. That was a very short ball had with Ashworth.

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My dear Mother
 I have just received your letter of the 18th inst. & am
 glad to hear all were well. It has got beastly hot
 here the last two days - a rather sudden change
 which makes on a bit slack.
 I was sorry to hear of the sudden demise of
 Samuel Arthur - I suppose it will throw some work
 on Jack & Sammy.
 Glad to hear that Uncle Tom has disposed of
 one of the Edinburgh houses at such a good figure.
 Many thanks for the "Tatler" - I'm glad to
 have it as I don't see it at either of the Clubs.
 I'm hard up for news, nothing much going on -
 except Radnorshire parties. Macdonald gave
 a child's party in Birkuska Palace gardens
 last Sunday. several nice kids with their
 mamas & papas turned up - Forest & I went
 there to help him - Forest & I had
 another shoot on Monday - we captured 33
 head. a good mixed bag - viz - 1 partridge -
 4 pigeons - 2 geese - 18 snipe - 6 duck - 1 quail
 & one hare - of which my share was - 3 pigeon

N. A. Mac. Ross
 Birkuska
 March 19th '03
 Lichnow

My dear Mother

Once more the day of the duck is here.
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 hear all were well. It has got beastly hot
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March 24th - 03

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My dear Mother

I am writing a bit earlier than usual this week, because to-morrow Macdonald & I are off on 10 days leave up to the Hardwar direction (of former "drunk Bill" fame). Mac is a great fisher & that is the main object of the trip, but general enjoyment will be the order of the day, & I hope with luck to get in a bit of shooting. I'm not much of a fisher but am taking my little rod & hope for some sport & instruction in the gentle art. Mac has heard from up there that the fishing in the Canal is better than in the Ganges just now, as Jaulapuri is our first objective - the next station on this side of Hardwar. If no success there we shall go on further, as the line now reaches beyond Hardwar, its former terminus, right on to Dehra. It will be jolly revisiting some of the places where I had such good times with Bill & John Ashworth. Will Bill was coming along too, but he's in a better spot at present. We are taking tents

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Thursday - Apr 9th

My dear Mother

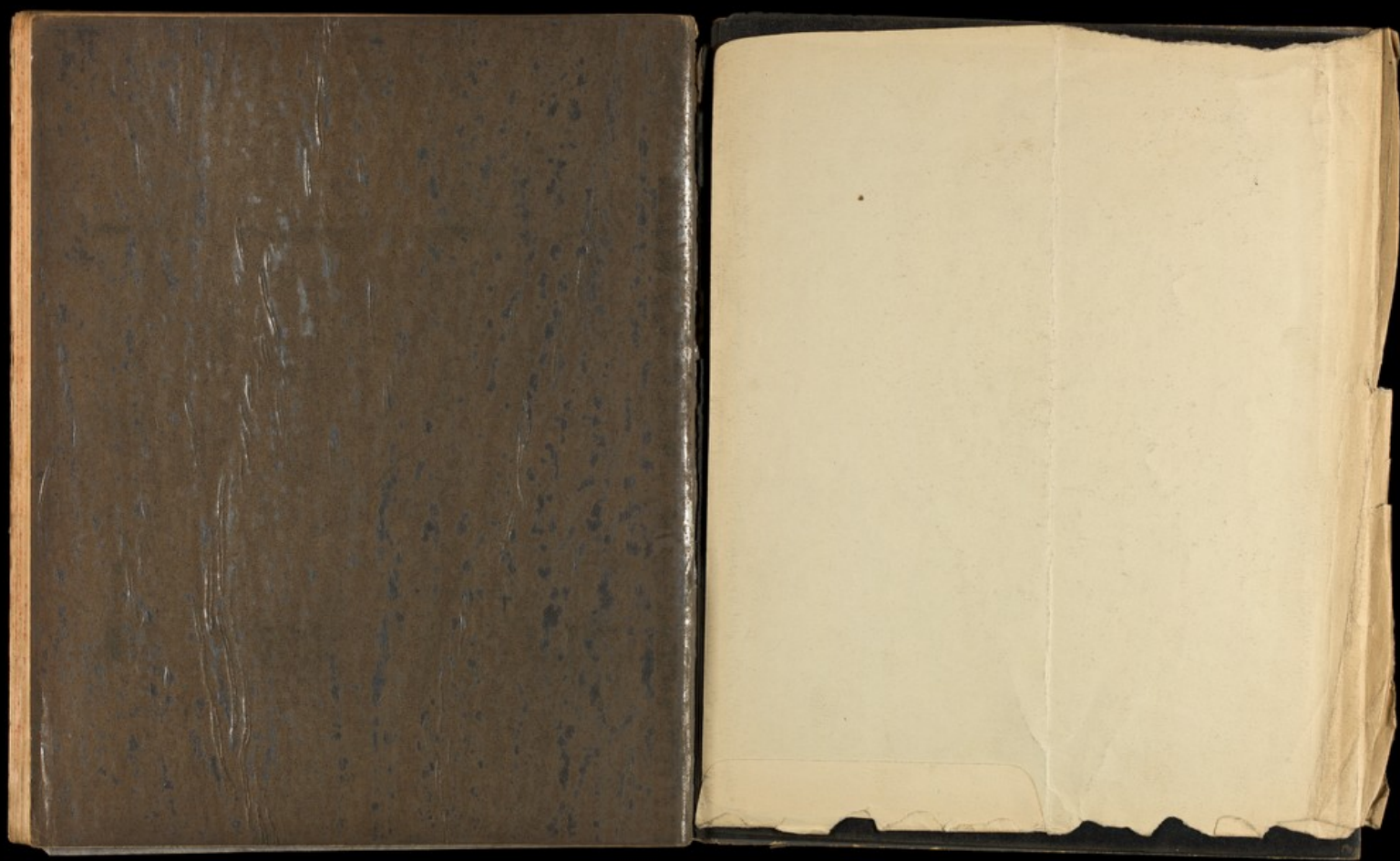
First & foremost to wish you many very happy returns of your birth day, as this should I think fetch up on our about that festive anniversary. Hope you will have a jolly day, & the usual nice trip somewhere to celebrate the event. Mac & I got back early on Sunday morning & I was glad to get my mail letter & we proposed last night all of you at Ray will a day we arrived & there to hear all were well - also received letters for which many thanks. Sorry to see Elsie did not capture the motor car. It was ~~being~~ by a chap in the 14th Lancers. We found all fit & well here, & have settled down once again into our routine of work. It is decidedly warming up, but the heat is still very bearable - We are dining in white kit. I suppose Bill will have left before this reaches you. You will miss him greatly, but it is jolly that he has been so long at home. Three of our chaps start on 3 months leave next week - & Col. Mann for 60 days privilege leave home soon after - so our men will be much reduced. I hope to get 3 months at the latter

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The first thing I noticed when I stepped
 out of the boat was the smell of the
 water. It was a strong, fresh smell
 that I had never before. The water
 was so clear that I could see the
 bottom of the boat. The boat was
 made of wood and was very old.
 The boatman was a man of about
 40 years of age. He was wearing a
 white shirt and a white dhoti. He
 was smiling at me and was very
 friendly. He told me that the water
 was very good and that it was
 very healthy. He also told me that
 the water was very pure and that
 it was very good for drinking.
 I was very impressed by the
 boatman's knowledge of the water.
 I was also impressed by the boatman's
 friendly attitude. I was very
 happy to be on the boat and to
 see the water. The boatman was
 very helpful and was very kind.
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I also shot 5 cormorants for the sumrai walahs,
 they are very fond of them & don't mind their
 being rather strong & fishy. I suppose
 Bill has told you what sumrais are -
 inflated cow skins across which they tie
 a small native charpoy or bed - on which
 you sit - & two sumrai walahs each
 lying across another inflated skin hold
 each end of the charpoy & guide & propel
 by paddling with their feet. It is a jolly
 way of going down stream, & you can
 shoot & fish off them.

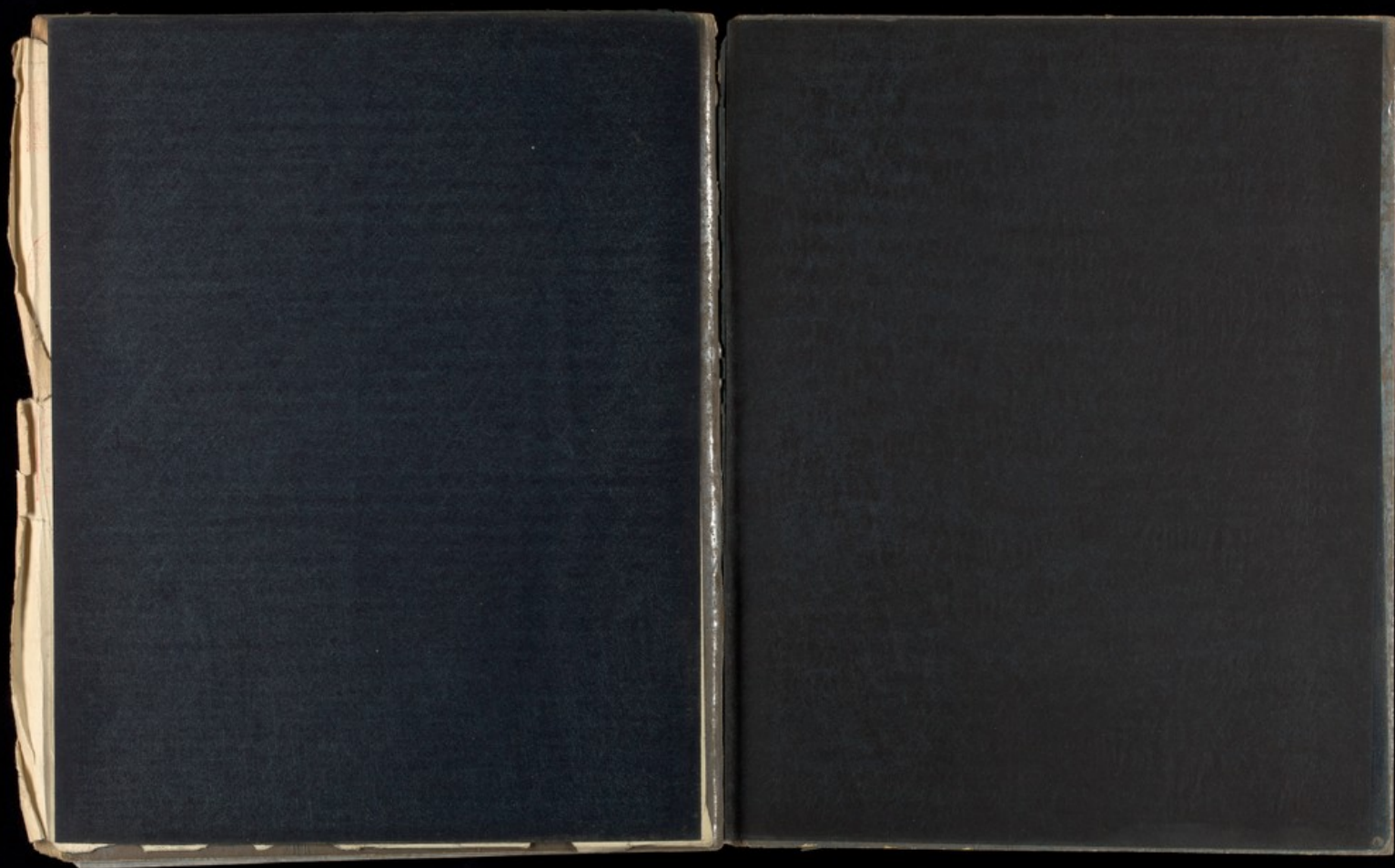
I am sending you a Kashmiri "sany"
 shawl as a little present. I forgot
 if I gave you one before, but if I did
 & you don't keep it, you can give the
 old one away. Very sorry Edith Wheeler
 has been bad with colds & coughs, hope
 she is better now as the weather has got
 milder. Sorry Broughton Place didn't
 go better. I send you a photo of my house
 which I bought from Thompson in my trap.
 Isn't she a pretty mare. MacDonald is
 the occupier of the trap - also one of this
 bungalow. Best love to all from Tom

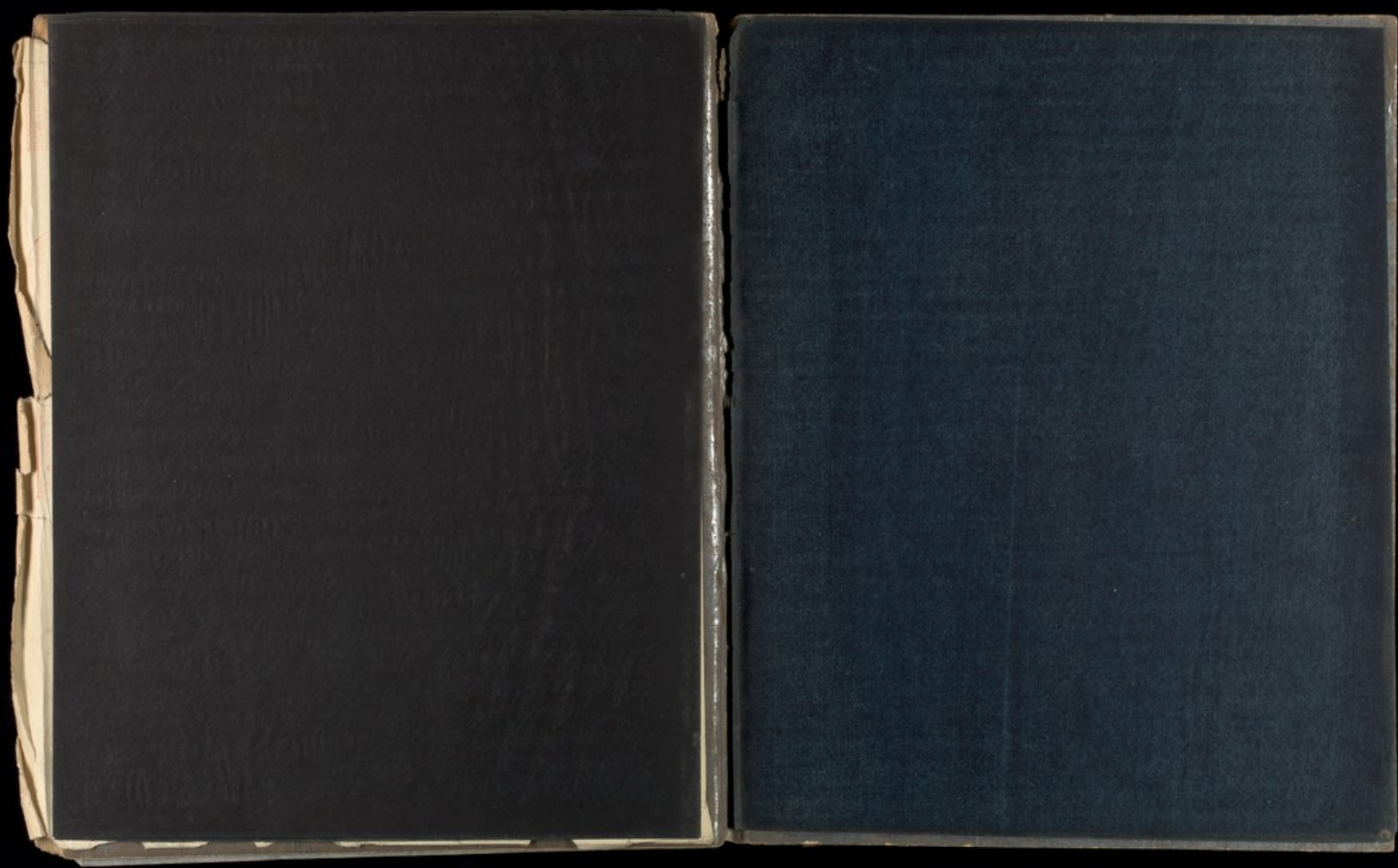


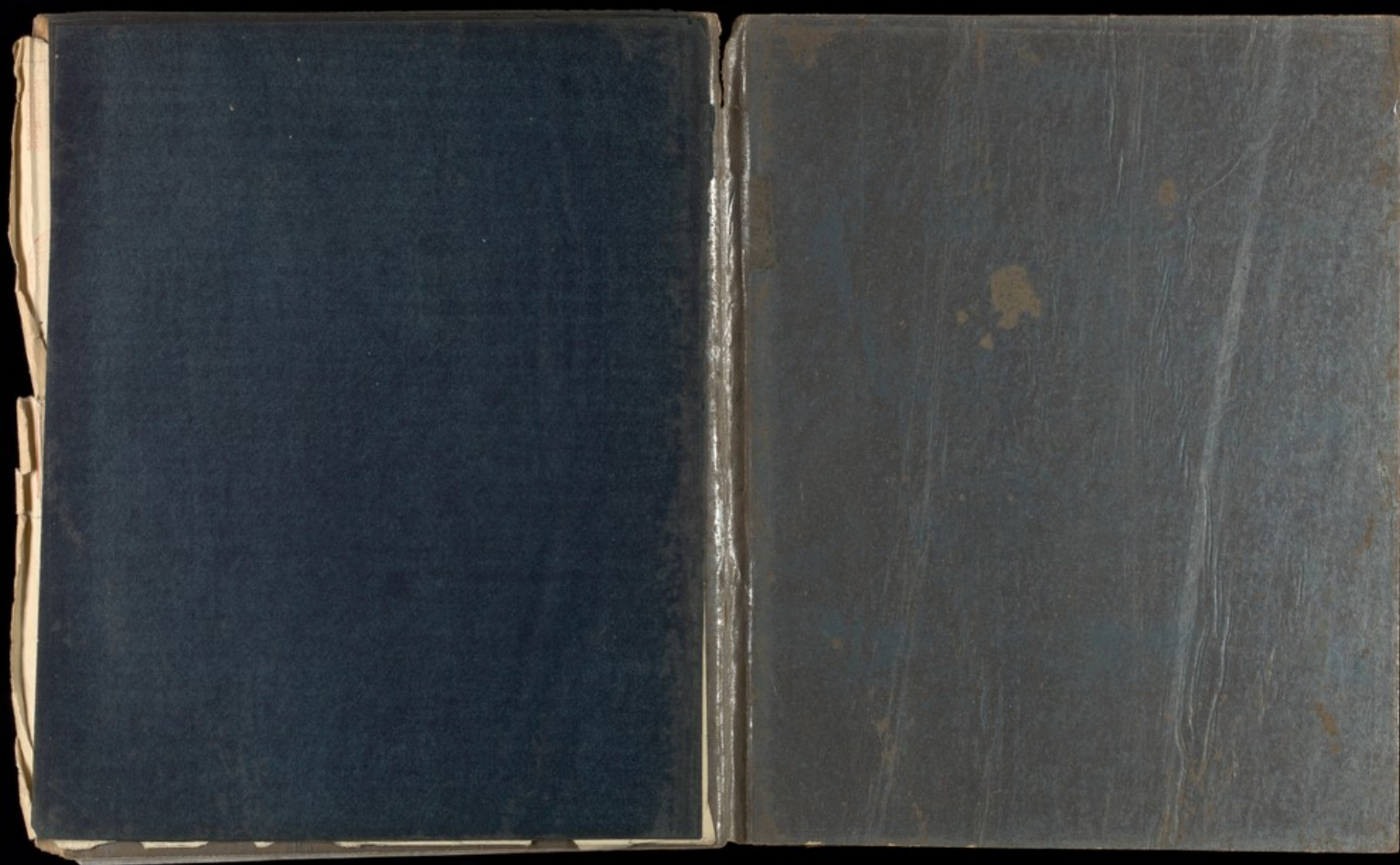
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