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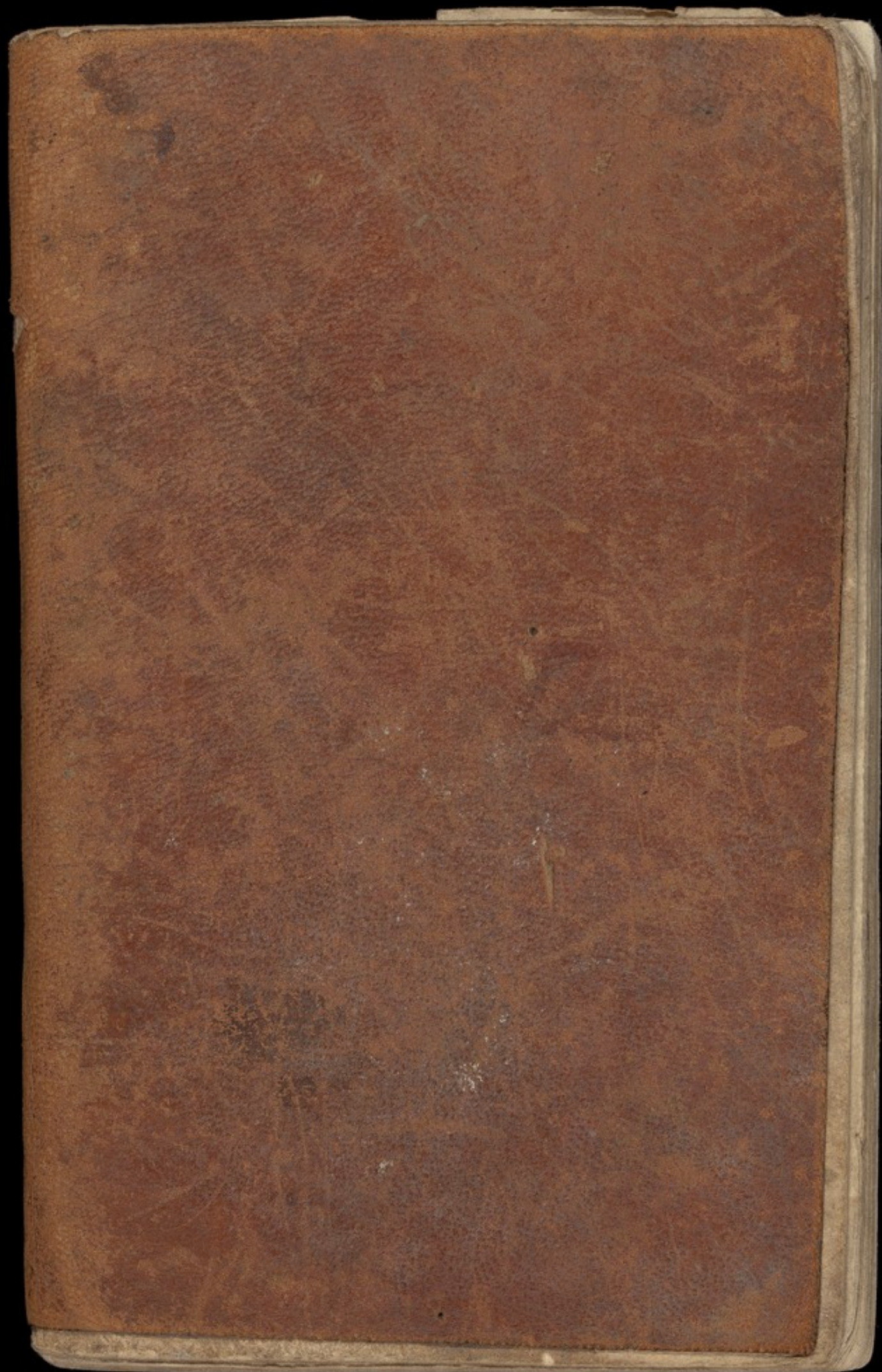
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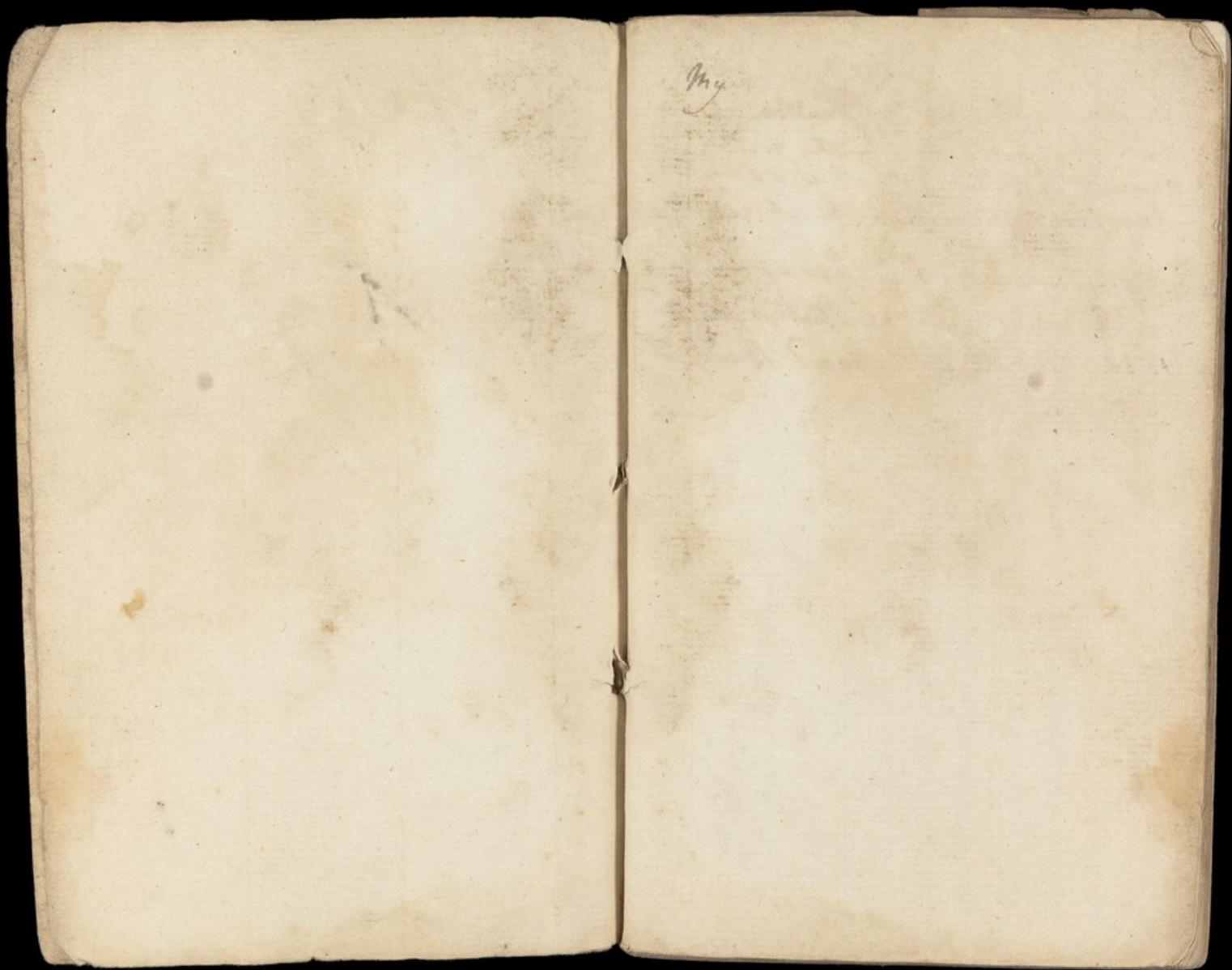
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My Journal from my entrance
into the service until my
arrival with the Regt at Lebanon
May 1009 - in my trunk at Lebanon -

My Journal from leaving Lebanon
until my arrival in Washg D C -
1010 - with Mr Wood Washg D C -

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Head of the Medical Department here. under
whom I first left England. The next Morn we
left Plymouth for Exeter where we arrived at
five in the Even. this night I took leave
of my fellow-travellers who were to proceed thro
Dorchester, at 3 A.M. I mounted the roof of the Mail
and started for Bath. How very different the mode
of travelling here, and on the other side of the water.
This was very apparent to one who like myself had
been conveyed but a few days before, four hundred
miles in a French Diligence, at a rate not exceeding
the jog-trot of an English Butter team. In my
present conveyance, ridges, mountains, villages
were quickly left behind in a whirlwind of dust

and less than ten hours I arrived in Bath a
space of Eighty Miles. I cannot say that I felt
myself entirely ~~at ease~~ ^{happy} that day, the parting from
friends left a great vacancy, and during the whole
journey I felt myself ill at ease. ~~As soon as the~~
mail stopped I made the best of my way to Dierpsford
St. I was much surprised to find the house shut up
and the exterior painted in quite a different style -
^{I had not felt any intelligence from}
~~I had not felt any intelligence from~~ my friends for more than
Eighteen Months. ~~I did not expect to find it so~~
~~different from what I had expected~~
~~the relations being so different to my former~~

~~On my return to my home I was much surprised to find~~
~~that I had been called in by Aunt (Doris?) & I immediately~~
~~went to her house where I learnt all the~~
family news; that my Mother was on a visit
with my Eldest Sister, who had been lately married.
I now returned to my own ~~place~~ ^{home} ~~where~~ ^{where} I dined with
my fellow passengers, and afterwards took my concerns
to my Brother in Law, where I established my headquarters.
As may easily be imagined my tongue was not idle, the
innumerable questions of my many friends and
relations obliged me repeatedly to enumerate the
different leading circumstances of my travels and
my happy deliverance from confinement.

Every one was anxious to have some account of
the manner in which English Prisoners spent
their time at Verdun, and being so lately arrived
from Paris which so few Englishmen had lately
seen, I became an object of surprise; and many
were the enquiries concerning that Metropolis as
well as the other large Cities I had seen in France.
The Day after my arrival at Bath I drove my Sister Good
over to see Mr. Mother, at Ewidge, my rich married
Sister's House; ~~at the same time~~
~~at the same time~~ ~~I called on~~ ~~my friends~~
~~and~~ ~~my friends~~ ~~and~~ ~~my friends~~
~~and~~ ~~my friends~~ ~~and~~ ~~my friends~~
~~and~~ ~~my friends~~ ~~and~~ ~~my friends~~

The ~~same~~ House was pleasantly situated, the large
Kitchen, in old English farm-style, ~~the~~
~~reference to the~~
~~the~~ My miniature was hung up in a
corner of the room, I was assured the right of it, had
produced the original on the tapis most days.
I was desirous of seeing my new Brother in Law, he at length
appeared, a tall good-looking fellow without a coat, but
~~the~~ he had just returned from the War
field, he introduced himself with tolerable ease, but
still I must lay him down as a man sui generis
~~the~~

~~On my arrival in Paris I was met by~~
~~my brother-in-law, late in the day we returned to~~
Paris. In the fine black coach next even I started for
London, I had a most infernal Burdettite as one
of my companions, the other was an officer of Dragoon.
I think on the whole the Democrat came off second
best. ~~I must find a space for a trade sign,~~
~~which I have placed at the end of the paper, which I have~~
~~marked the place of depositing his contributions~~
~~to the cause of peace & civil liberties.~~
On my arrival in Paris I established myself
at my Brother in Law's with the other Medical
officers arrived from France. I supported myself

to the Adjutant General and the Medical Board
after mature consideration, we determined to
memorial the Lords of the Treasury through the
Commander in chief, for a remuneration of the
money lost us by Exchange, & for our travelling ex-
penses amounting to Sixty Pounds Sterling. The
Memorial was favorably answered by the Lords of the
Treasury and the Secretary at War was directed to look
into our claims and compensate us. We at the same
time memorialized for our loss of Baggage, and paid
17-19 for it. I spent one month in the pursuit of
domestic comfort. It was with the greatest joy
I met two of my old school fellows. Francis
& Patrick. The latter had his Brother St. Colvins

in the Portuguese Service killed in action —
I spent two or three pleasant Even^{gs} in the
society of Starnive & his Sister, a very nice
young woman — seeing no chance of our claims
being immediately decided I again left town
for Bath. My Stage Coach adventure was this
time a very comical one and I shall long
remember it. My time at Bath was spent in a
continued circle of visits with my friends, whose
conduct evinced the pleasure my return
gave them. One of my former relations proposed
to me a plan of settling in life, a pretty good one
however I had previously made up my mind

to rejoin my Regt. On the 8th of July I left Bath
outside the Mail, having received ~~a letter~~ an order
from the Medical Board to proceed immediately to this
month. on my arrival in Town we made a representa-
tion to the Adjutant Genl. that we could not join our
Regt until our claims were settled being destitute of
money. The Commander in Chief directed that notice
should be granted us till the Secretary of War had
replied to our Memorial. On the 16th I went with my
Brother to visit in Essex to visit an Estate on the 17th
on our return we saw the Queen Charlotte Paunch
at Deptford a most magnificent ^{light} ship she was the first
Vessel of 1800 tons ever launched in the River.

July 17th. Speculated on the sum of money that I
should receive from Government. by which I gained Ten
Pounds. on the 10th of Aug^r. I sailed in a Fluy from Billingsgate
to Margate where we arrived at six in the Even. We
put up at the Duke's Head. Margate is the seat of Fashion
for the London Citizen, here the shopman who a few hours
before was measuring his linen, assumes the dress
and manner of the man of the world and with his ^{companion} ~~with him~~
under his arm. he jogs in the crowd. Men of the first
consequence. in a few days he spends the savings of
the year, and returns once more to the counter.
The Pandemon & Public Libraries are without doubt
worth seeing - a man may pass a day or two with
pleasure here. As Racing is so much the time

12 Aug. We went to Ramsgate. here we had the good
luck to fall in with a Mr Maud a City Wine Merchant
with whom we dined. The Port of Margate is nothing to
be compared with that of Ramsgate, this is truly
a work worthy the English Nation. The day was
beautiful we had a fine view of the Downs with
a large fleet wind-bound. This place is visited by
Galleons of the first rank; in the eve. we returned to
Margate. 13th in the Eve. left Margate in the Canterbury
Mail. passed thro' Canterbury, saw the Cathedral,
tho' Rochester and arrived in Town at 8 A.M. -
14th here I found orders & rather entreaties from
the Medical Board to uppear immediately to Portsmouth

and my Ballance from Mr Donald up to the 14th
of Aug^r left there with J. & Greenwood from
Demigoua with the rate of exchange, left Town
at five in the even - arrived at Port Moresby 15th of Aug^r
reported myself to Staff Surgeon Fraser in absence of Dr
Giles - reported myself to the Gen^l recd an order on
Captⁿ Datten for a passage, but he informed me that
he could not give one at present & did not know
when he would be able. Took my old lodgings 40
St Thomas St. with me by 29th who messd with
me - paid Mr Meredith 12 Shillings which I owed
him since Nov^r 07 - him I owe Bartholomew &
cantⁿ on the 1st of Dec^r 1813.

During my stay at Portsmouth I visited the Royal Dock Yards
one of our greatest National works, the Block Copper &
Anchor Houses are wonderful and show the surprising
effects of machinery, the heavy work is all done by
Steam Engines. My time passed very pleasant consid-
-ing and I lived at a tolerable cheap rate. 24th Recd orders
for a passage on board the Rialto letter D began to lay in sea
stock - 27th Embarked - 30th 5 P.M. weighed and anchored off Cowes
at 9 P.M. 31st weighed at 11 A.M. and anchored off Lynnhington 3 P.M.
Sept 1st 7th The Fleet 130 sail weighed anchor at 9 A.M. passed
the Needles with a fine breeze S.E. 3rd The Start Point
N.W. 4 Leagues wind S.W. 6 S. 5th 3 P.M. convoy started for
Falmouth. 6th Lay off Falmouth all day at 5 P.M. started from
the Lig and fine wind N.E. — 9th 10th perfect calm

Sept. 11th 1810 a fine breeze N. W. - 14th L.P. 11: made the rock Breenings
15 made the rocks, nearly calm, boarded by a Dilats at noon.
anchored under Fort St Julian at 5 P.M. 16th at 2 P.M.
anchored between Balen & Lisbon. went on shore
heard of the conspiracy - dined at Cairnes, went to the
Theatre Rua Descendes, a pretty good ballet - slept at the
Gibraltar - 17 landed my baggage called on Johnson and
Helson. reported myself to the adjutant Genl. & Dr. Inspector
Bolton. 19 Bought a Horse from Lieut. Leake 38th
70 dollars. and an Ass from Helson for 30 - During
my stay in Lisbon I went the Opera San Carlos a
very good house but bad performance. also to
the Salazar a low kind of Ballet. Saw the beautiful
mosaic work of the Altarpiece of the Church of St. Roque

This is supposed to be the finest specimen
yet sent - sent from Rome and of immense value
it has also an altar piece of silver. The Libella
convent is a beautiful Building. The view
from the cupola is superior by far to the Hotel de
Invalides at Paris. The Dome is doubled which admits a
perpendicular view of the Church. from the very top. The
stairs are of marble and easy of ascent. My trip around
at Lisbon was much disturbed by fleas and the
noise of the dogs who devour the dogs collected in the
streets. Sept. 24 Got a route to Coimbra with O'Malley
O'Malley to L. D. 25th left Lisbon for Villa Franca
by water with O'Malley - paid 3 Dollars. arrived at
noon 4 hours - b. l. got a good bill.

Sept 16 - to Alcombrã 5 Long. L. - wretched town. 27 to Rio Maior. 2 Long. L. a better town. 28 to Carvallos. 3 Leagues a wretched Estrada, a heavy storm during the night. 29 to Lixa thro Battalia. 3 1/2 Leagues. Saw the Convent of Battalia, supposed to be the most superb specimen of ~~Portuguese~~ Architecture. It was intended as a burial place for the Kings of Portugal it is not completely finished. The monks gave Coleridge & I a small & very elegant breakfast. Tea & coffee. Fruits. Discoveries in Lixa is 2 Leagues from Battalia. We got a good Bill of exchange. It is a large well built City. Has a Bishop's Palace. fine Cathedral in which are two or three good paintings and had fine Organ.

Sept 10/10
On the Hill is the remains of an old castle which
commands the town - the Chapel of which is in
good repair. Drank Tea with Capt. F. Smyth & Co. I
delayed words - heard reports of the action of August
30th to Pombal 5 Leagues on the road met many sick
& wounded of the Army going to Lina heard many
reports of the action - in Pombal I defied many wounded
in billets with Col. White - but Preston slightly wounded
all accounts agree that our allies the Portuguese
behaved very well - Pombal is a tolerable town has
the remains of an old castle on the hill commanding
it - Oct 1 - Proceeded on ~~the~~ ^{March} to Condeixa on the
road heard the army was retreating and that my
Regt. was marching for the town returned to Pombal

Redmond

1890
at Pambal I met Lieut. Redmond of ours. The Ammunition
Carr, sick - a Genl Pictors Division arrived - 2nd My. B. D.
Quite at a loss as to joining my Regt. Recommended by Genl Hay to
remain until Head Quarters arrived - soon after met Dr Frank P. M.
He directed me to return to Leiria as the 1st Division marched
in a nother direction - on the road overtook Mr Malin with the
baggage. went on to Leiria. where I arrived at 3 PM. the Regt halted
about 1/2 of the city one League - I went to the billets I had occupied a
few days since the Patron had fled He was a Priest. the house was
full of things. drank wine with Barker & Dunn who were ordered
to return with sick & wounded to Villa Nova. In this days
march whole road was covered with the retreating Army. baggage
ammunition - & stores of all kinds - added to which the inhabitants
some in Bullock Cows other carrying their children & property
were flying as fast as possible. terror and dis may in every countenance
a sight soon dis tressing perhaps was never witnessed - before I left
Leiria bad it was deserted. & nothing to be got. This even I met Mr
Buxton & Parson Scott. Chaplain to our Division

Oct. 3 I did not leave Leiria until noon. on the road I again
met Mr. Malin he directed me to the ground where the Regt was
to halt. one League from Leiria, here the regt soon joined me
by the ice with Agui & Maccham wounded slightly. At Bussaco
this night my first night of laying out. 4th This day we
halted to allow time for the road to be clear of the people
and stores. 5th we marched on the Villa Franca Road - halted
two Leagues beyond Corvallos. on the left of the road.
6th Marched thro Rio Maior and halted in front of Alcoutim.
7th marched at 3 A.M. taking the road to the right across the country
to Aldea Galega. 4th much to our surprise haste was
supposed we should, but the 1st Division on the right at
Villa Franca. & continued our route thro Sobral & Cabida
wretched wet day & night - put under cover.
Cabida on Sat. at 8 o'clock -

Oct. 9 The Regt moved to a wine house about 1/2 a mile. we remained with Scott & Lepper - 10 advanced to a village in front of Sobral one mile - 61st Regt. left us - 79th joined us 11th we had been all night on the alert. about 80 A.M. moved to a few houses half way to Sobral. our Regt with the 79th formed the rear guard in this direction. at 3 P.M. an alarm that the French were advancing in force. The Regt under some mistake and marched towards Sobral. as our Regt left the village the enemy entered it, three of our men taken prisoners. took up a position one mile in rear of Sobral. the ground was so soft the men sunk half way up their legs in clay & dirt this day my mare was very ill from eating wheat. my alp died on the road. but it was trucked away for the use of a Portuguese. Remained horses saddled all night near the position, very wet &

104th
12th Oct. Moved at 9 a.m. to a small village on our right & at Noon
moved to a convent a little higher up. at 3 P.M. ordered to turn
out as the Enemy were advancing took up our old position
some smart skirmishing between the light Troops, saw some
strong columns of the Enemy advancing; at 6 P.M. the Enemy
again retreated we were ordered into our quarters, to be constantly
alert. lay undisturbed all night 13th at 5 A.M. moved to a small
village 1/4 mile near the grand redoubt on the hill. saw the Enemy
the whole day on the right of Sobral. the 50th Regt. on our right.
14th at 1 P.M. ordered under arms. the men had been employed
pulling down the walls. as our Regt. marched to the position
Capt Buckingham had both legs fractured by a cannon shot
a few yards in my rear. both legs were amputated this evening.
sharp skirmishing. 15th at 5 P.M. 50th Regt. mostly engaged.

at 8 P.M. left the Army with the worst wounded cases
on Bullocks Carts, very bad weather arrived at Huallaga
at 4 A.M.: 15th 2 Leagues out. Barker, Purby - & Hamilton.
15th ga. m. returned to the grand redoubt. Learnt the Division had
retreated to the position in the grand line of defence, joined
them at a Quinta near the Cantonments of the Guards - 16th
Under Arms at 4 A.M. at 1 P.M. moved to a small village near
the great fort one mile - Val de Vez. here we had very cold &
bad weather, our Cantonments were very bad, we had
well, plenty of good Port wine, Oatmeal &c. we remained
here until the French in our front retreated -

Nov. 15 During the night, the Enemies fire was observed
more numerous & longer in the Morn we found they had
withdrawn their Piquets & were on full retreat toward
Santarem. The right Division followed them -

1810
Co^o 10th at 4 p.m. marched from Valde Vez joined the Division
and marched thro' Sobral, the Draca of which was in flames, to
Alenquer & L. many French sick were found in houses and in
the roads Alenquer had long been the enemies Head Quarters
but was in a very terrible state numbers of dead were found
in the houses. The Dragoons & Horse Artillery passed through
1st remained at Alenquer. Officers sent to the Convent - 10th March
through Villa Nova - Azambuja - to Cortao & L. numbers of
Dead were likewise found here in houses, wells &c.
19th Marched at 6 a.m. on the road to Santarem. The general
idea was that we were going to attack the Enemy who had
taken up a position on the other side of the Rio Major
over which was a causeway of three hundred yards. a hill
commanded it - we passed Valle, and we marched to a

the hill that commanded our side of the railway all in ~~an~~
anxious expectation of receiving orders to storm it, as it was
supposed we were to have the post of honor - we remained on
the hill during the night a most terrible gale of wind came
on accompanied with heavy rain, indeed a more bitter fight
troops never laid out the ground was now so very slippery
from the rain, we could scarcely stand. the night was very dark
the guns were dragged by the men lighted by torches -
20th Remained all day on the Hill - saw the light Division advance
on the left ^{of the enemy} and storm it - at dark in the even we were ordered
to leave the Hill and march to Cortazo - here we had
provided a good fire, & dinner - Baby & Andrews came into
the same Quarters - The Brigade of Guards and our Brigade
with Head Quarters remained in Cortazo during the stay of
the Infantry Head Quarters at Santarem -

1012 - Nov. 24th. went with Sick to Villa Nova and returned the
same Even. - 29th Wyldde went Sick to Lisbon.

Dec. 1st. Taken with Ague which lasted me, off & on until we
advanced from Portico - 2nd Ap. Surgeon Bunnings joined us,
he was from Bristol - 20th O'Malley informed me he had
received a letter from Collins, which authorized him to draw
Acty Bonds which the Secretary of War had allowed us, in
answer to our Memorial - 21st Saw the Cavalry reviewed.
25 Christmas day - Roast. Beef & Plum. Pudding with plenty
of wine.

1011 - Jan. 5 wrote to Dr. Davis. drew on Macdonald for
the 60 £ in favor of Gill - 24th The Marquis Roman
died - a true Patriarch - Feb. 22. Wyldde rejoined -
March 3rd went with Sick to Villa Nova -

1011
March 5th many reports that the Prussians were about to retreat
and our reinforcements having arrived - 6th In the night the French
Army retreated. The Division marched thro' Santarem on the Coligan
road 2 L: halted at a small bridge which they had partly destroyed.
In Santarem were found some Guns which the Enemy could not
take off. The convent of St. Clara was destroyed. The Town in other
aspects not so much injured as might have been imagined.
7th March at Day break passed thro' Coligan the Prussian war guard
had passed that morning. we halted some time for orders and proceeded
to Atalia where we bivouaced. Coligan was in a most
wretched state more than three parts destroyed. horridly filthy -
and good specimens of French dirt. it was more remarkable
on acct. of this being the Head Quarters for a length of time -
the bodies of dead French men were in many houses and by the
road sides -

March 8th March 8th March 8th Thoman, which was full of people.
They were supposed to be much in the French interest and
had remained in their town, but from the starvation poverty
and wretchedness exhibited here they did not seem to have
benefited much by their French acquaintance. The town
was entire. This even the 15th L. D. attached to our Brigade
took 14 prisoners. The main body of the Army took the
Road to Lerma. our Brigade & 15th L. D. the Mountain road
to Espinal. Heavy rain this day - 9th Marched and halted
in a valley the enemy had just left. 10th Marched at 6 AM.
at noon found the enemy consisting of Reymire Corps
had halted at Espinal. The Red Dragon out, in the forenoon
retired to a wood near Figueras del Vinhas 1 mile to the
rear. Since leaving Thoman we had passed the following valleys.

Venda de Serra
Venda do L. Liras L. Duvio L. Cabanas L. Venda
de Monte L. Venda de Figueiras L. Venda de Moinhos
to Espinal L. ~~NB~~ Every village not only in the
road but in the Mountains where the enemy had foraged
was plundered and many destroyed - nearly all the furniture
taken from the houses with the doors & windows shattered.
Many inhabitants were found murdered - others dead and many
starving - I saw a woman & two small children in bed and
nearly starved - 11th We advanced as far as yesterday
remained all day under arms - and in the P.M. retired
as before - heavy rain - 12 The same as yesterday went to
Comina on. Mile found a small partying. Heard H.L.
men at Bombal - 13 Halted -

March 14th - Soon after day break a heavy firing Musketty and Artillery comman-
ced on our left towards Redoubt. The Morn was foggy at 8th past 4 -
the brigade advanced about one mile at 8th past 10th the firing ceased -
heard the French drum beats Gen. Nightingale ordered the brigade back.
at 2 o'clock the enemy retreated the brigade marched through Espinal.
the French retreated so suddenly they left their Dinners & knives
& pots as much corn was found near this place - The French
position was carried by Gen. Campbell Division in the Morn -
Bivouaced the other side of Espinal - 15th Unfortunately this
Morn was so foggy we could not advance before 8th o'clock -
passed Miranda do sorro on our left halted half a league beyond
at 1 o'clock - Light Division - 3rd Division artillery & passed
at 4 P.M. advanced again at 20 minutes to 5 a heavy firing
commenced which continued till dark, the enemy were

divided from their encampment in front of Fort d'Alonce.
situated on the ~~Alce~~ River Ceira. having a bridge over it. On the
advance of the light companies. they threw away their arms & left
rich wounded and destroyed much Equipage as Cars. baggage
the confusion was so great that those first over the bridge fired
on the remainder many were killed this way others to the amount
of some hundreds were drowned attempting to ford the River. The
Col. 39th French Inf^y was ^{to have} 25 Lth Infantry the Verdun Garrison
Capt. took many men - had our Army not been delayed by the
fog it is supposed the Enemy would have lost all their Equipage
and much Artillery. The appearance of the action was beyond
every thing beautiful as the day light diminished the
flash of the Artillery and Musketry was quite clear to be seen
and had a beautiful effect in the woods

at 1/2 past 6 all firing ceased. in this attack Lieut
Sawatsky 5th Regt. Co. who had long been attached to our Regt
was killed. our Regt lost two men wounded one whose
Arm has since been amputated the other a wound in the
back, the Nerves of the left Arm were injured & as he lost
the use of it for some time. he however perfectly recovered
we bivouaced this night on the French encampment
ground. heavy rain - in the night the enemy blew up the
bridge - a French Post was found in the river - The Number of
Ases the Enemy were obliged to leave with baggage was astonishing
most of them they most cruelly ham-stringed & stabbed -
15th Remained on the same ground the peasants were
busily employed picking up the French Muskets, with
the Iron from the broken Carriages -

March 17th 7th 1/2 past 10 P.M. marched and forded the river Lima one league higher on the right. This day we found four peasants murdered and cruelly mangled. The Division halted in a wood one league and a half from the river. 18th The Division moved at 4th before 8th marched over a very mountainous country & halted on top of a high ^{St. Quirico} ~~Scoria~~ at 3 P.M. from where we had a distant view of the Sierra de Buecas & Esfalta also a large part of the French Army retreating along the high road by Thota covering an immense extent of ground. This night was superb. 19th The Brigade marched at 8 P.M. forded the Alva at Sarzadas at 7 P.M. obstructed by the artillery did not arrive at our 21st camping ground till 10 P.M. had weather and ground. This day 20th prisoners were taken by the 1st Light Division & Cavalry 20th halted 21st Night ground to the 22nd ground 1 mile by road back through a river. This camp called Abandon Camp

March 25. at noon marched entered the high road near
Vand de Valle halted at Villa Pouca near Calizco -
it has a fine Convent. which held the Brigade -
26 to Pichancos L.L. 27. Halted here we had our lunch
and the beautiful Estrella Church - 28th March at
P.M. passed St. Pao the Navais where Gen. Hawkins
Brigade were, to Nabucos - on the right of the high
road, here my horse foaled - a fine foal for dinner -
29th March at 5 A.M. the Villa fort 1 - Citicos - Celenos -
here the ^{Division} joined & halted four hours. the Regt. march to
Val de Sillas J.L. the place but with injury 30 Halted
31st the Lajosa troops the Monday by Ponte Lado
the Malacal Mansal de Chao J.L. when the rest of the
Brigade halted to Barr Lova L.L. - April 1st Marched
at 4 P.M. to Alanca 1 mile.

April 2. Marched at 5 a.m. to Guadalupe left the Alameda
Road and turned to the right passed Castiblanco and halted
at Villa Santa Rita. The Brigade halted at the village
Santa Rita is on the coast and has good fords here by
accident the Regt. burnt 3 houses. This day's march was
nearly 7 leagues. By mistake the Regt. did not march
till 10 P.M. to Solina where it followed the Brigade
we arrived at Sabugal at 12 a.m. on the 4th here we found
the Light Division who were halted after the glorious
effort of the day. This was a most miserable foggy wet
uncomfortable night. At 10 a.m. we marched to Puerto
de San Thome one mile to the rear we joined the
Brigade. I crossed the ford of Sabugal and marched to
Villa Moa L.P. 1 to Santa St. J. de Rabasa
x P. halted. joined with Regt. Chamberlain
This day lost my watch Gold Chain & Seal.



1812 - April 9
Marched to Alder de Ponte p. L. - This day was more cold
than any I had as yet experienced in the country. Snow
drifts to the German Brigade left the town. 11th my half
bore with Capt. - Baby died, by a dose of Calomel that he took
27 We were ordered to march at a moment's notice -
28 The Brigade Marched at 7 a.m. - I remained behind with
Lt. Stack and proceeded to Castenhario L.L. - 29 Left
Castenhario in charge of Luke & Lt. Stack, arrived at 8 P.M.
at Sobral de Cima situated at the foot of one of
the steepest hills I ever descended - I began from Castenhario
when I left Alder de Ponte I took the road to Ponte de
Seguros over the Coa, a handsome bridge, but
bad road. 1st Leque from Alder de Ponte & I from Castenhario
30 Marched from ~~Castenhario~~ ^{Sobral de Cima} passed the Mondyos at Monte de S. Pedro
arrived at Alencar 2 short leagues at 10 P.M. - met Barton 14th -

1812 May 1st -
Colon Kelly arrived in the town with Lt. Ireland.
Lt. Ireland from Sobal de Mira. put up at my old
quarters. 5th arrived at Castañeda but many wounds
did not report myself. I passed the Coa de Castañeda.
heard that Ireland was killed and that Capt. Andrew
was prisoner. halted at San Pedro de L. a village
nearly destroyed by the French for fire wood, during the
time they burned Almadá, it is one league from
that place. 7th to Villa Hermosa here I joined with the
Regiment in front one mile in the position. ordered
to remain in town & do duty at the Hospital
I ~~ordered the regiment~~ went to Puente de Honor where
the action was fought on the 5th very brilliant & the
Enemy quite close - in the late action our loss was
near 100. that of the French near 500. our Regt lost 30 & 2 officers.
The Enemys attack failed as they could not raise the Investment of Almadá.

1812 May 8th
The Corps of Don Julian Sanchez destroyed many of the
French wounded near Ido - May 9th The Army remained in
the same position May 10th The French having retreated
the Army took up from its position with Colours flying
& Bands playing and returned nearly to their former
Cantonments. 11th May 1812.

