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No 1 Beavers Company.
HISTORICAL REGISTER
A. H. AND Corps.
LETTER BOOK.

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[London.

Letter-Book of the Beavers Company.

South Africa. 1881-82.

Under Surgeon-Major W. Johnston.

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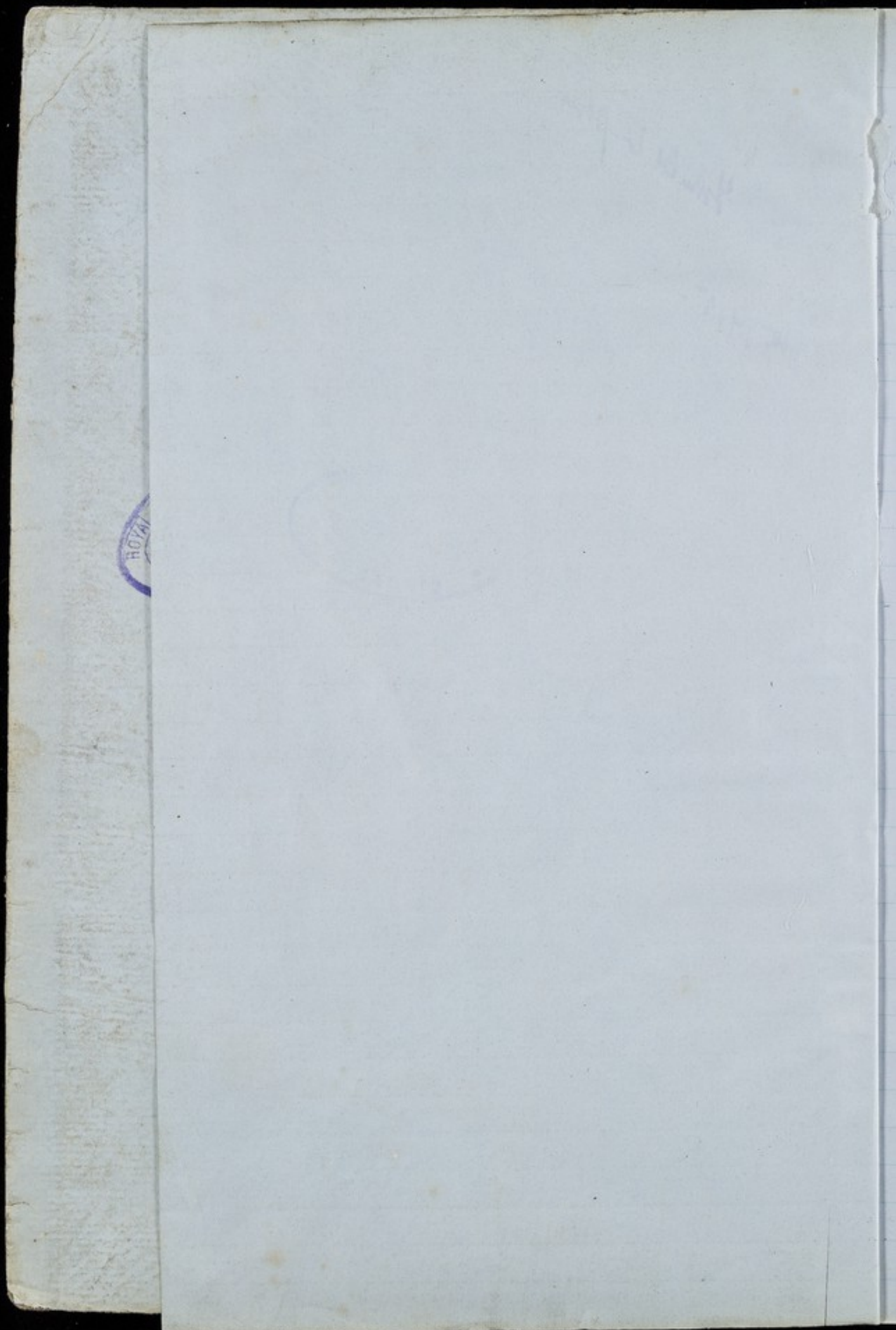


Yours At. W. Munster, C.B.

Sept 11th 1910-



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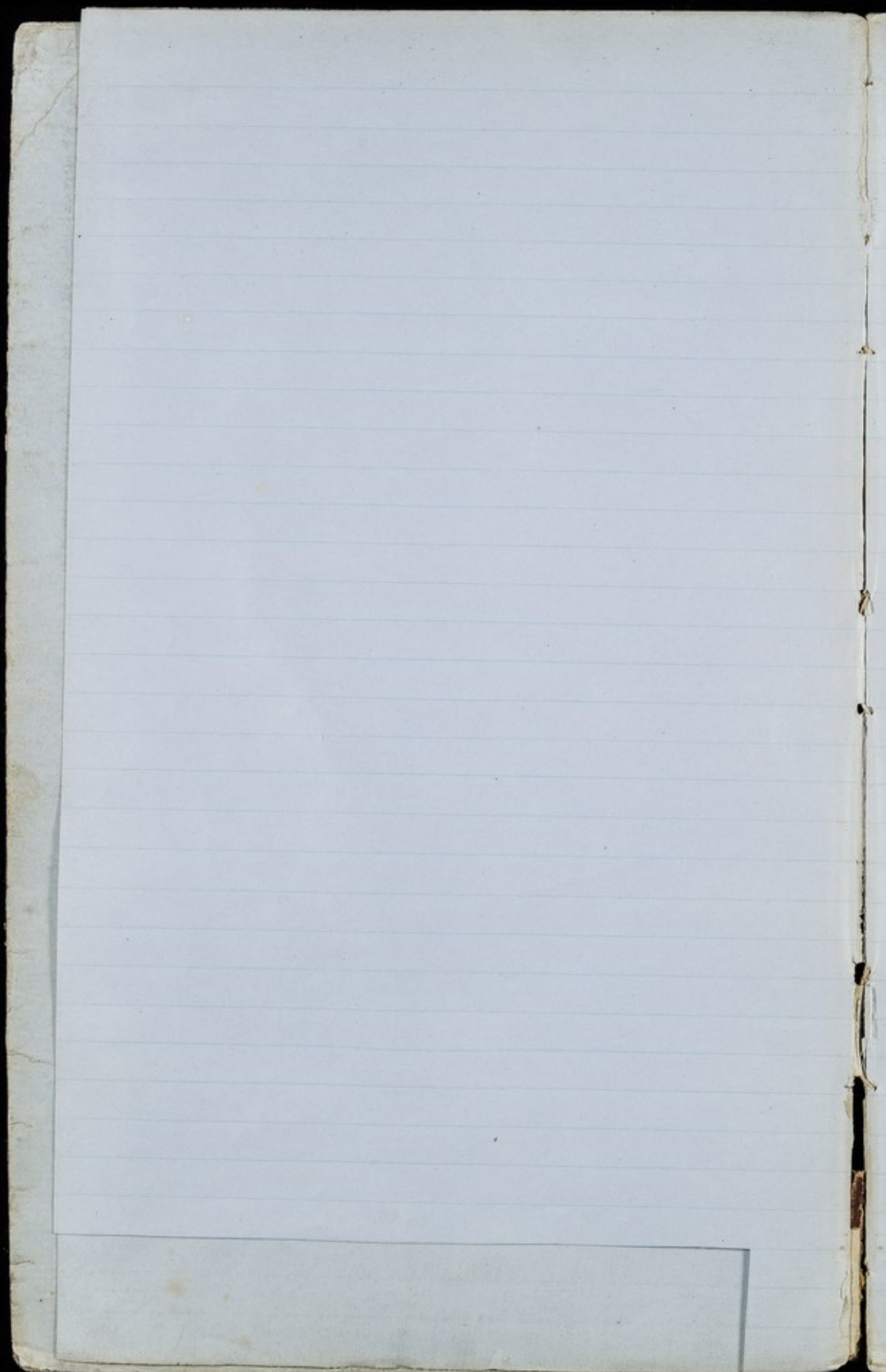
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Register of Letters &c. (not copied) posted

Date.	To Whom.	Subject.
1881 1 st Oct.	O.C. 2 nd Lt. Col. P. M. B.	Voucher for Equipment & Ammunition belonging to Detachment late 1 st Ass.
15 th Oct.	P. M. O. S. A.	Copy Co. 4 th Regt. Sheet of Private Locke.
"	"	✓ Sg. Bourgo's account for increased pay from 30 th Sept.
22 nd Oct.	P. M. O. S. A.	✓ Lt. J. D. Smedley's application for copy of R. Warrant.
"	Senior Medical Officer P. M. B.	Application for rebate of Customs duty -
3 rd Nov.	P. M. O. S. A.	C. M. Proc. & Est. of C. M. Proc. on P. Mayne -
5 th "	"	Minute respecting compliance with S. O. 79 of 81 -
<u>Richmond Road</u>		
7 th Dec.	S. M. O. P. M. B.	Extra duty pay Voucher for Capt. Knight's signature &
"	"	of cover of trans miss in to 2 nd Lt. Gordon
8 th "	S. M. O. 7 th Hosp. at -	Receipt for documents of Det. O. H. C. (by hand)
9 th "	P. M. O. P. M. B.	Certificate of welling and service by S. M. & S. M. O. Letter 101 st of 9 th Nov. 1881
14 th "	O. C. 2 nd Batt. Indian Hq.	Senior Medical Certificate with receipt of delivery voucher.
"	O. C. Sen. Depot P. M. B.	Med. Hist. Sheets of R. E. 2/10 th & 85 th with receipt of delivery voucher.
15 th "	S. O. S. Fort Napier	Copy of order about Conductors Longbottom
16 th "	O. C. Det. A. H. C. Fort Napier	Books of P. Pack: Stores & Pantries, with covering memo (Sg. Brown,
"	P. M. O. P. M. B.	Exchange between Capt. Stafford & Capt. Jacob.
"	D. A. 2. M. B. P. M. B.	Embarkation return. M. O. Form 7 & 6 -
18 th December	S. M. O. Richmond R ²	Minute on W. O. Letter 12 th Nov. ^{Revised} 2012 P. M. B. (by hand)
21 st December	O. C. Det. A. H. C. Fort Napier	Documents, 1 st Cahill, Gentry Jones, and Smith (by post)
23 rd December	Senior Ordnance Officer	Quota Vouchers 417, 22-11-81 & 328 9-11-81. (by post)
24 th "	M. O. Field Hosp. R. M. B.	{ R. O. Sheet of 47/1000 & 3/1000 (from P. M. O.) 30 th of Sept. Batter. order for Sg. Brown: Sg. 1 st order 21 st Dec. 81. (by hand)
"	"	"
25 th "	S. M. O. Fort Napier	P. M. B. about M. P. Sheets & Blankets 1 st from Fort Napier
28 th "	D. A. G.	Order men to query as to Waples 10/97 th Regt.
"	P. M. O. P. M. B.	Marching out states + 154, 155 & others per M. B.
"	"	Return 1012 & new Return & Casualty returns etc.

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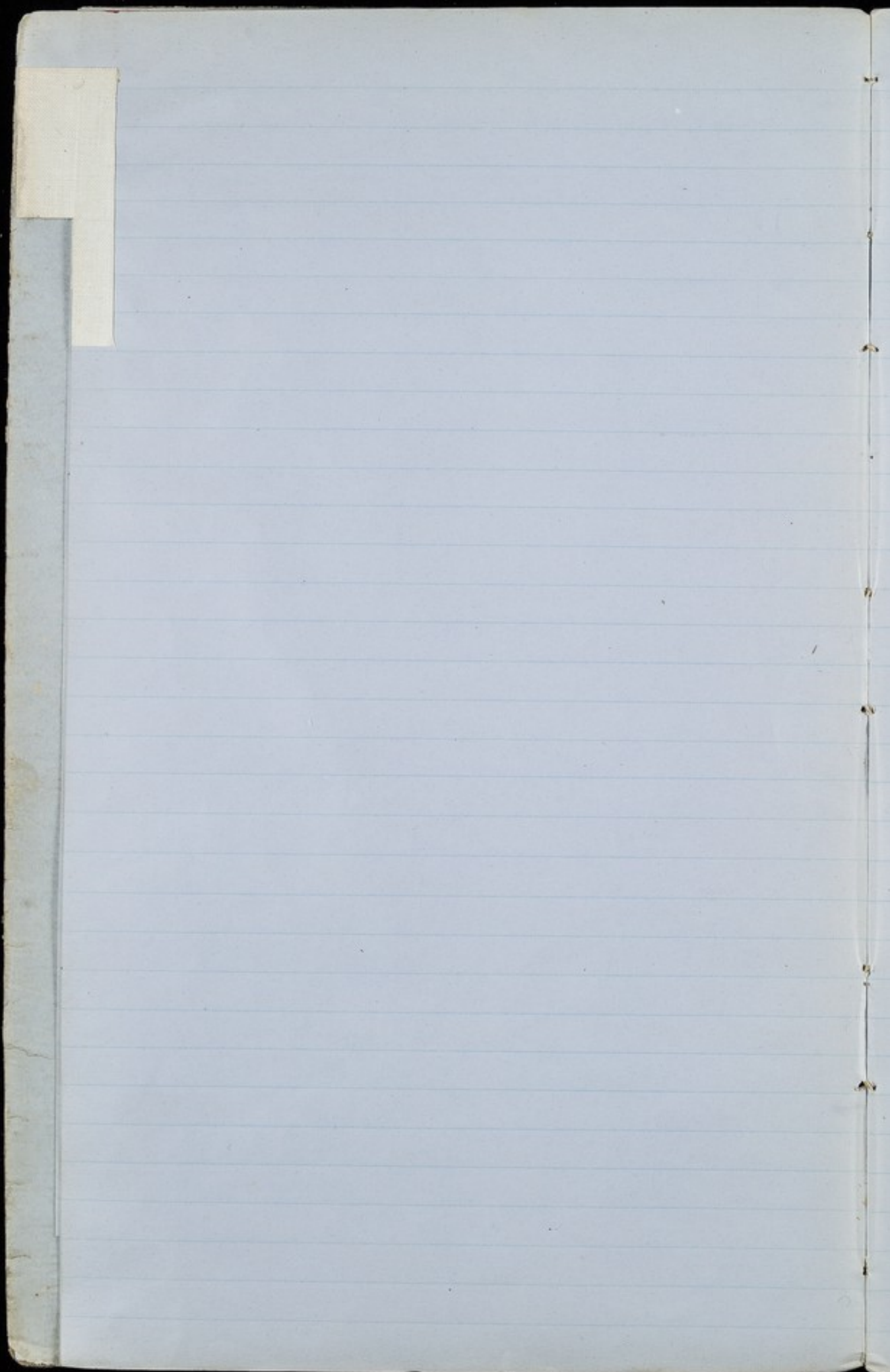
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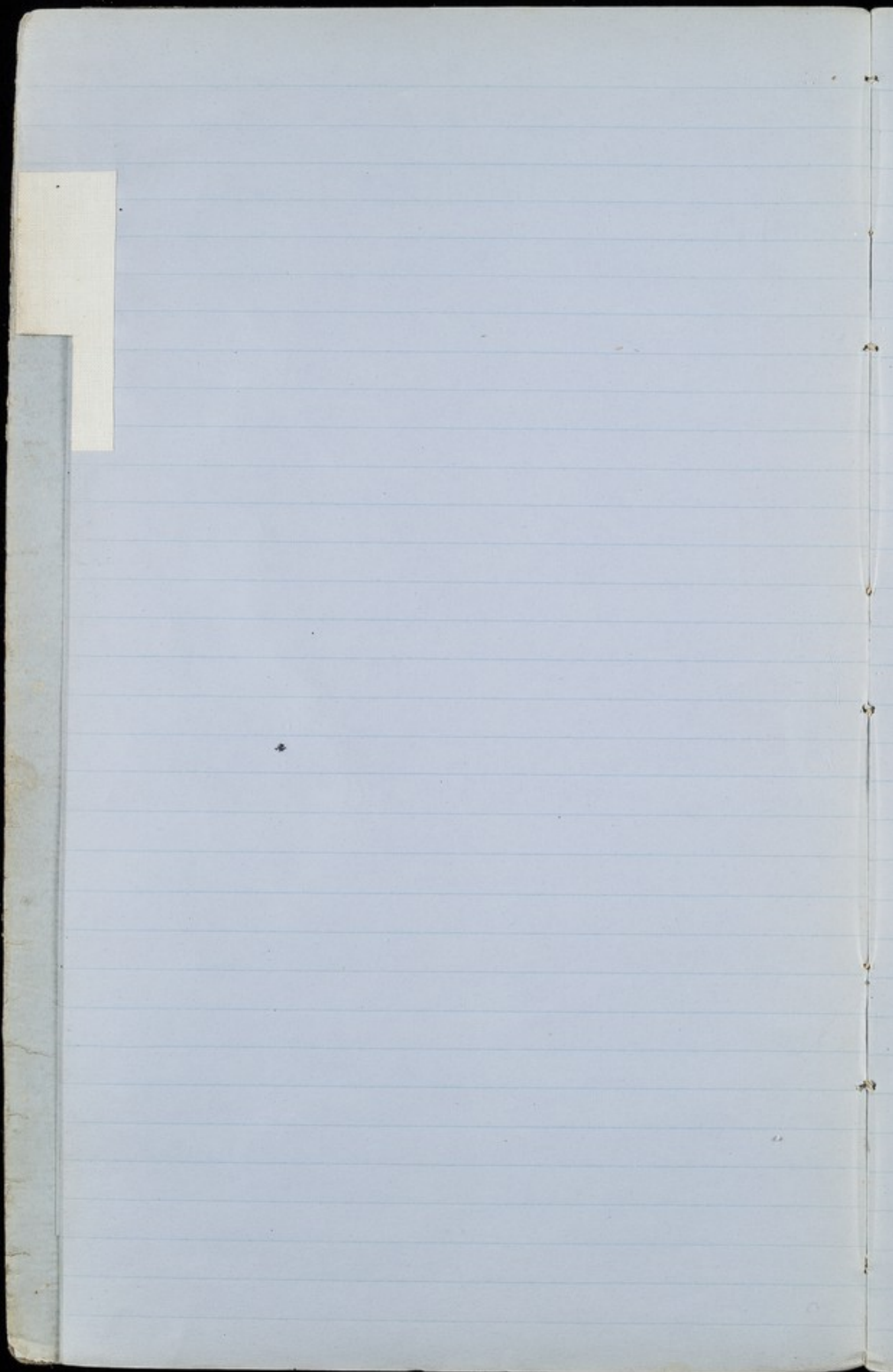
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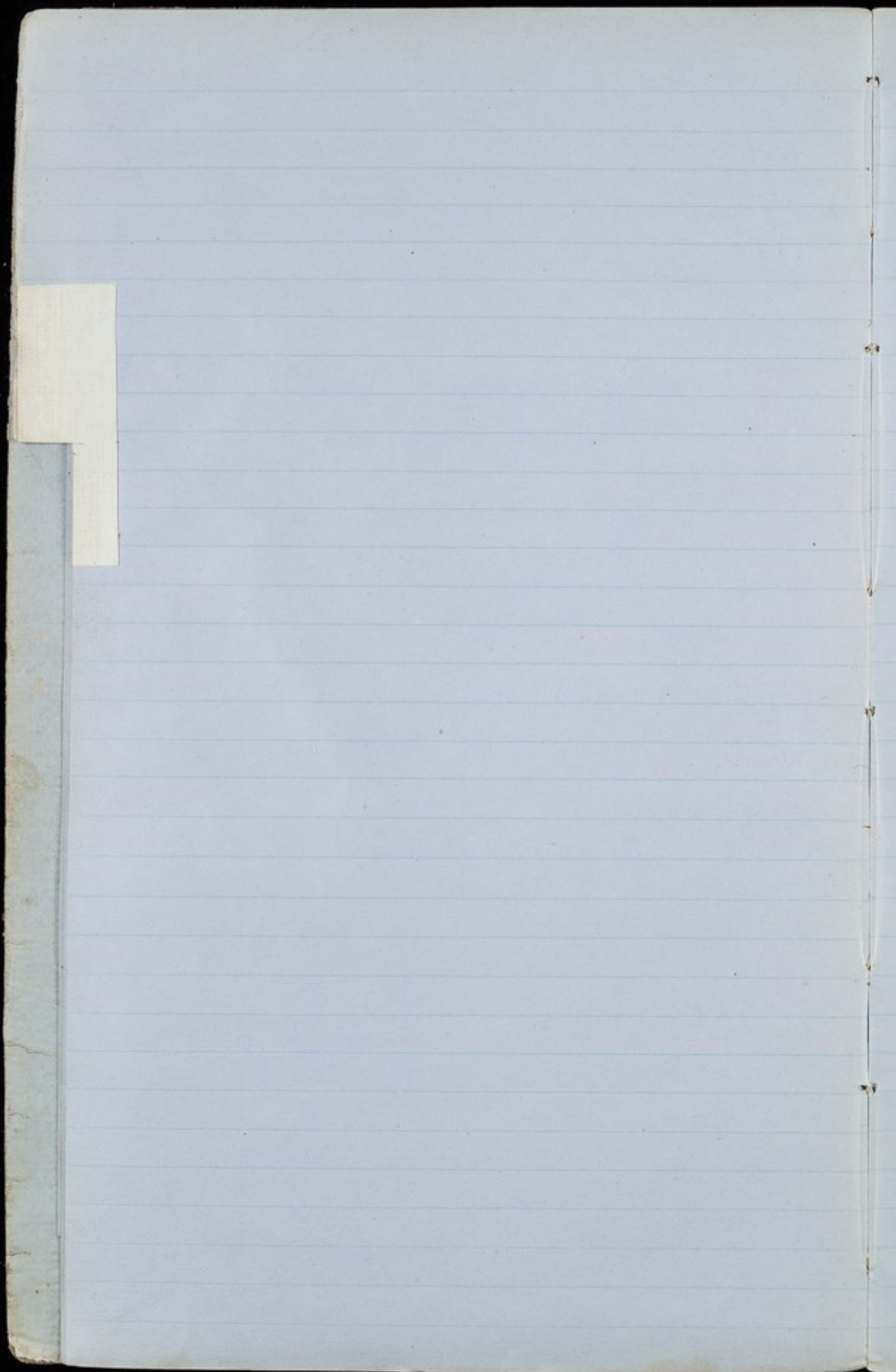
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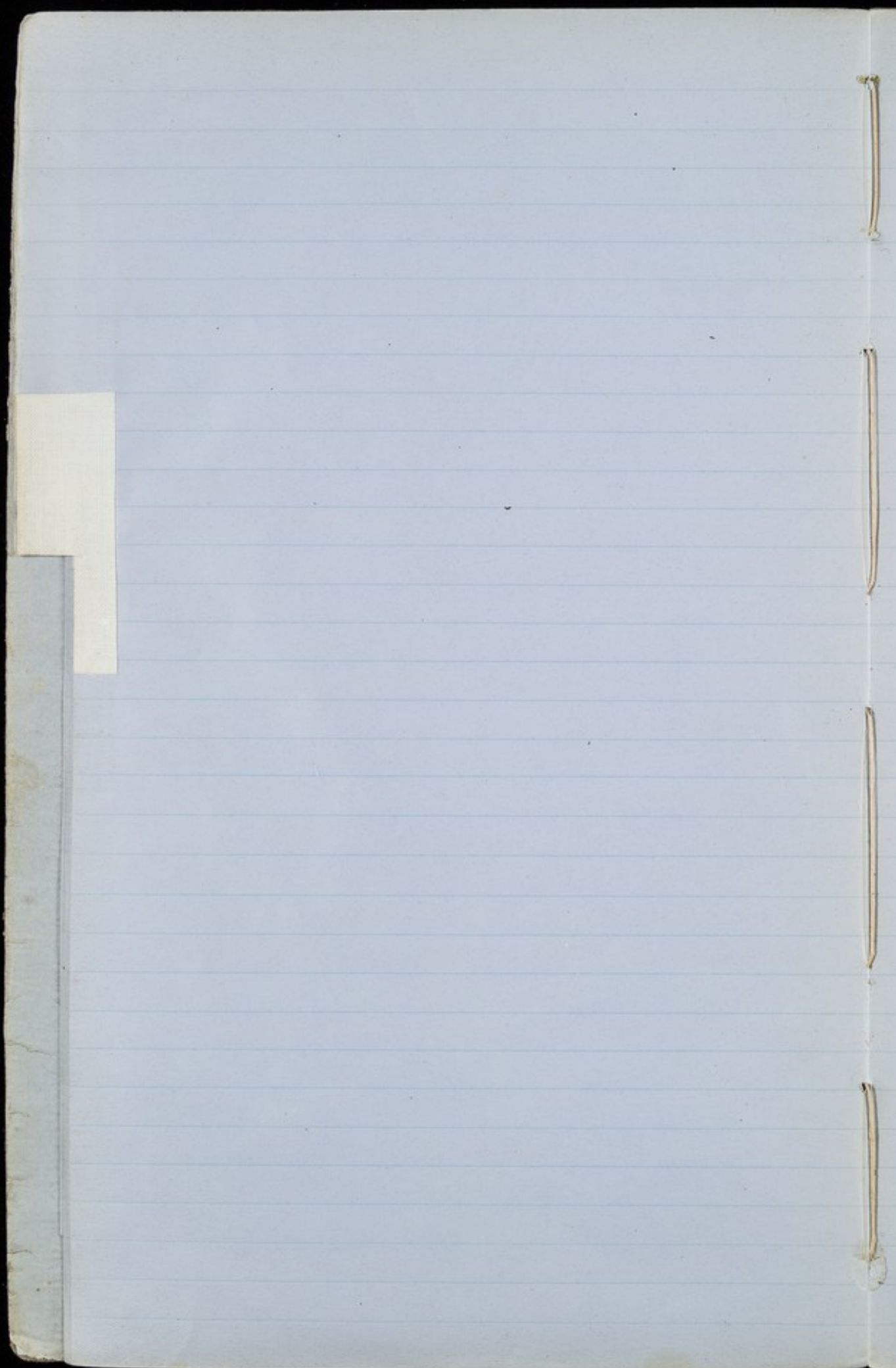
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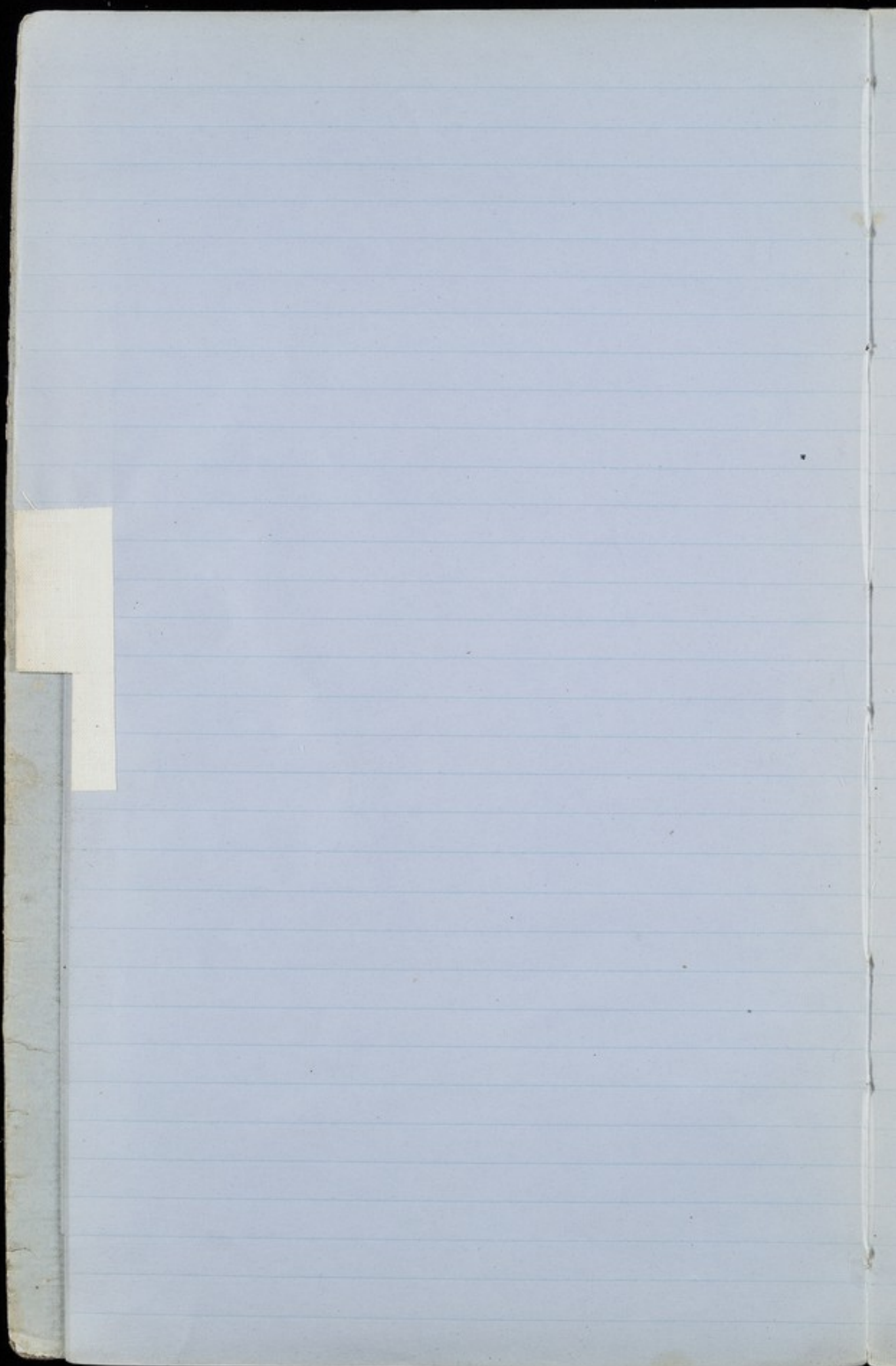
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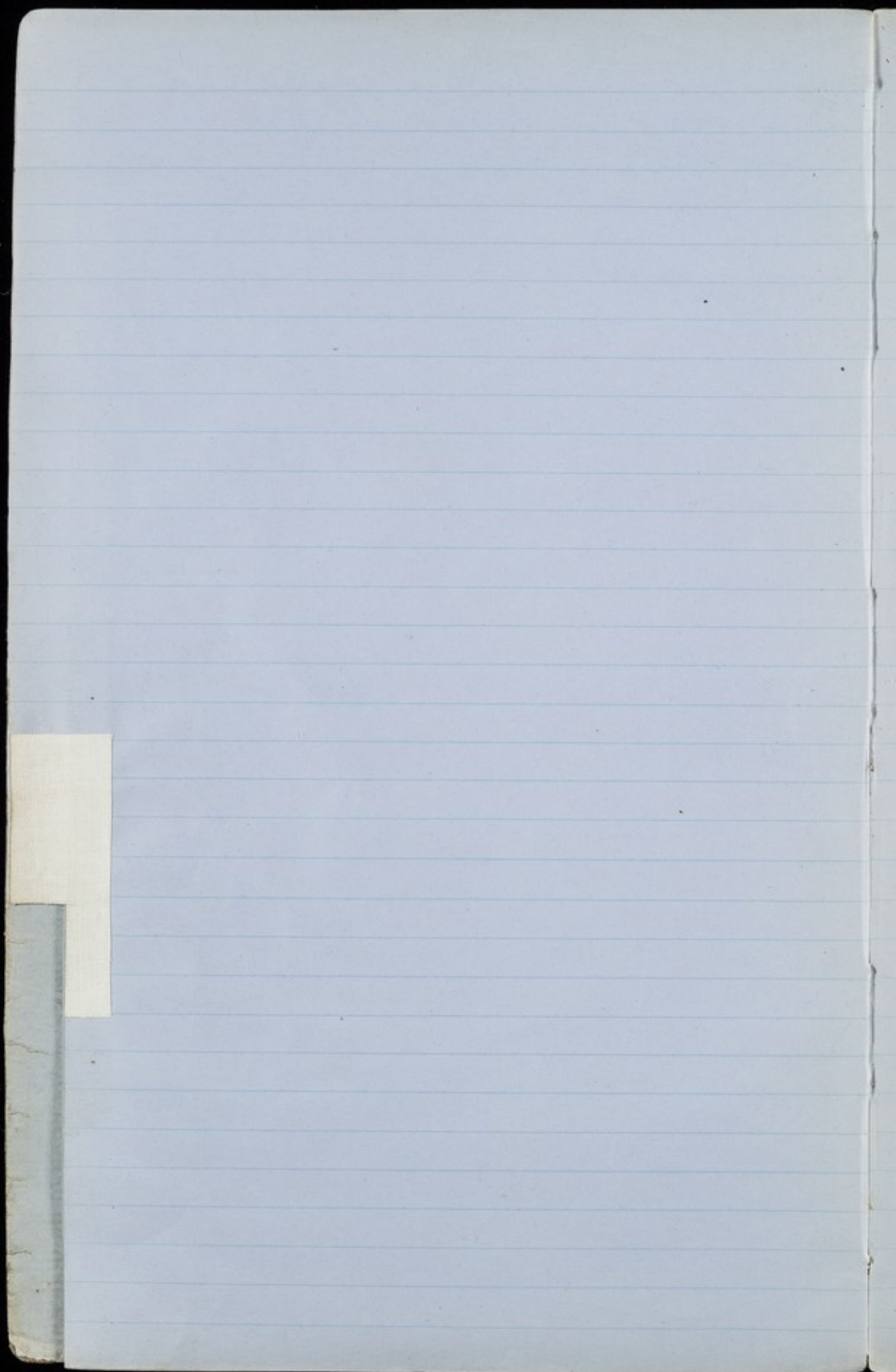
Register of documents forwarded to Pay Master.

Description	Rec'd	Transmitted
M.O.F. 909 (A.F. 43) Monthly Cert of Rations issued at P.M.B. in March (dated 28 June) (1) 850 rations (7/32) (2) 3629 rations (1.18.9) (3) 1821 rations (1/4/2)	18 5 th July	81 - 13 th Nov
M.O.F. 909 (A.F. 7743) Rations issued at Newcastle Sept. 3540 (dated 9 Nov)	11 th Nov.	15 th Nov.
M.O.F. 909. Rations issued in October 81 (3728 rations) price 11 th Nov.	14 th Nov	14 th Nov
Richmond Road. M.O.F. 708 + Certificate G.C. pay \$280 P ^{ce} M.O.F.		7 th Dec.
Remittances home (sent by post.)	1	13 th Dec
M.O.F.		

Register of documents from and to Quartermaster -

Description	Received 1881	Transmitted 1881	
Deliv'g (2) Receipt Vouchers No 163 (17.10.81) W. Botth in repayment.	27. Oct.	27. Oct.	
App'g: for Vouchers 1748, 1960, 1963, 1972 sent for signature & not rec'd	27. Oct.	27 Oct -	
Authenticity (copy of board) & take off Sq: Lindley's horse.	1 st Nov.	2 nd Nov.	
Deliv'g Receipt Voucher 208 (Cacole's, letter, sketches P. Saddle)	2 nd Nov.	2 nd Nov.	
Receipt Voucher ¹⁰⁶ _{24.10.81} asusketts, bonns, & shoes mallet & R	"	"	
Deliv'g (2) Receipt Voucher (signature) Necessaries in repayment of 203. 17.10.81	3 rd "	3 rd "	
Deliv'g (2) Receipt Voucher No 211 (3.11.81) Head & tails, grooms, mallets, & soap. Tarn	6 th "	6 th "	
Receipt Vouchers $\frac{202}{402}$ 7. 8 + 81, $\frac{RVHC}{202}$ 7.8.81	11 th "	11 th "	
Receipt for Equip't of A.S.C. (Battersby) with Memo. & from P.C. & A.S.C. P.M.B. (See Postals Register 12 Oct)	12 th "	13 th "	
2 Deliv'g Voucher & Receipt 2 for signature 328 Batts blankets, hooks, forks & other necessary equip't	16 th	16 th	
RVHC. Receipt Voucher for sketches Cacole's, letter, saddles W. Cart, & horse	25 th	25 th	Estimate for Expenses Tarn.
RVHC. " " " axes, horse boys, tents, horse equipment &c.	25 th	25 th	
Vouchers for F. Thompson & W. Botth who signed & returned	8 th Dec.	8 th Dec.	Set - Reckoned Round.

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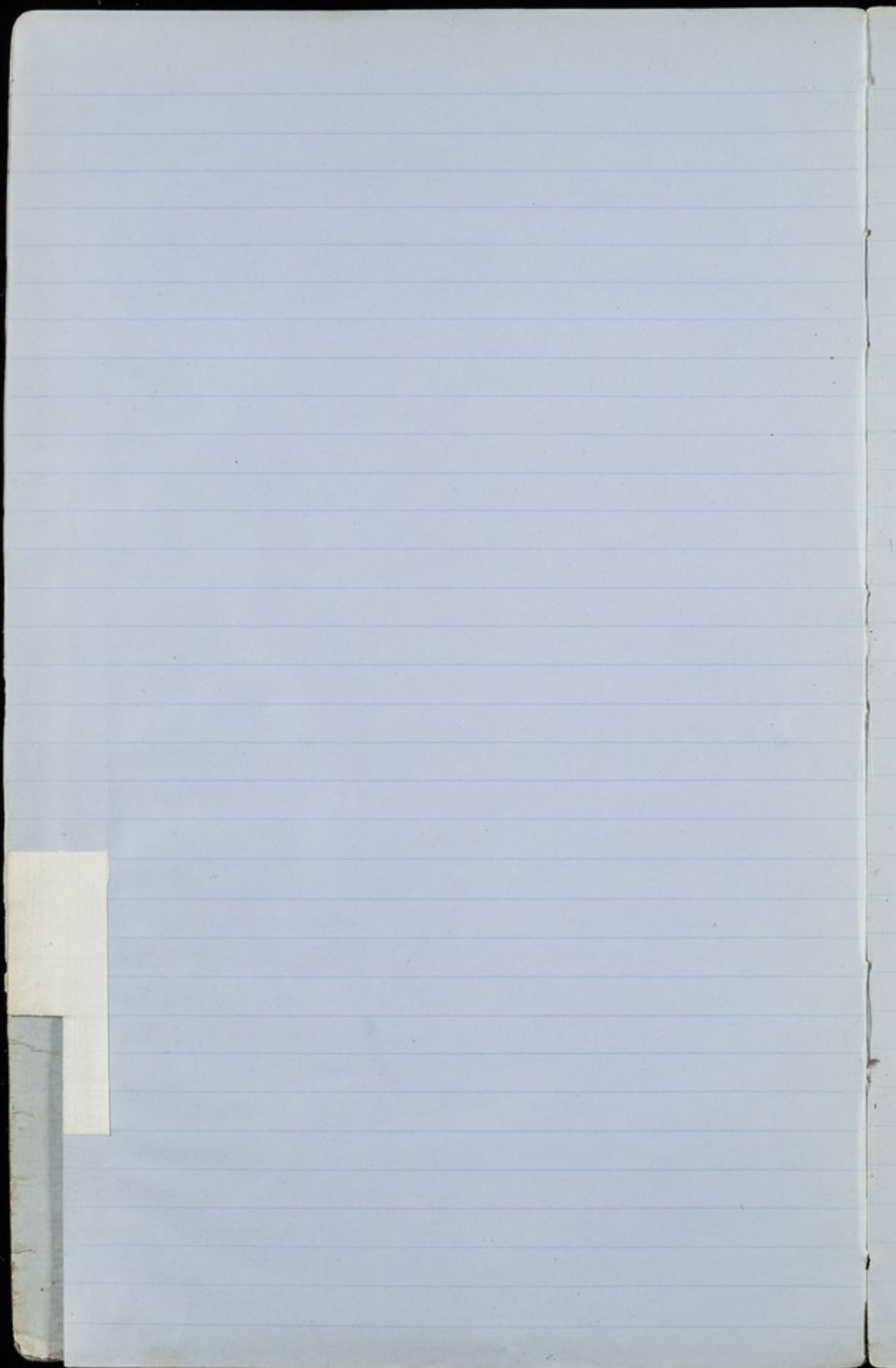
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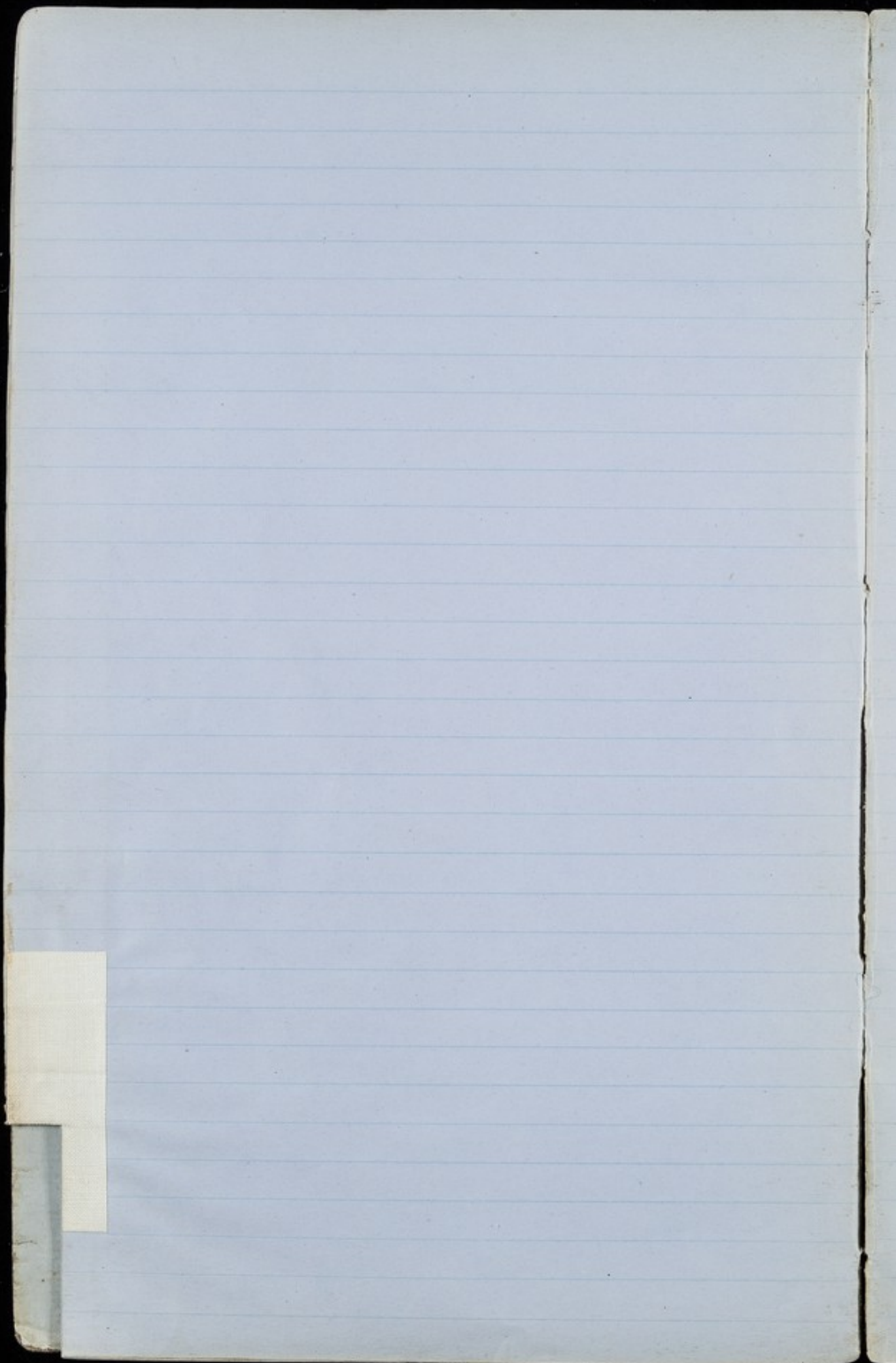
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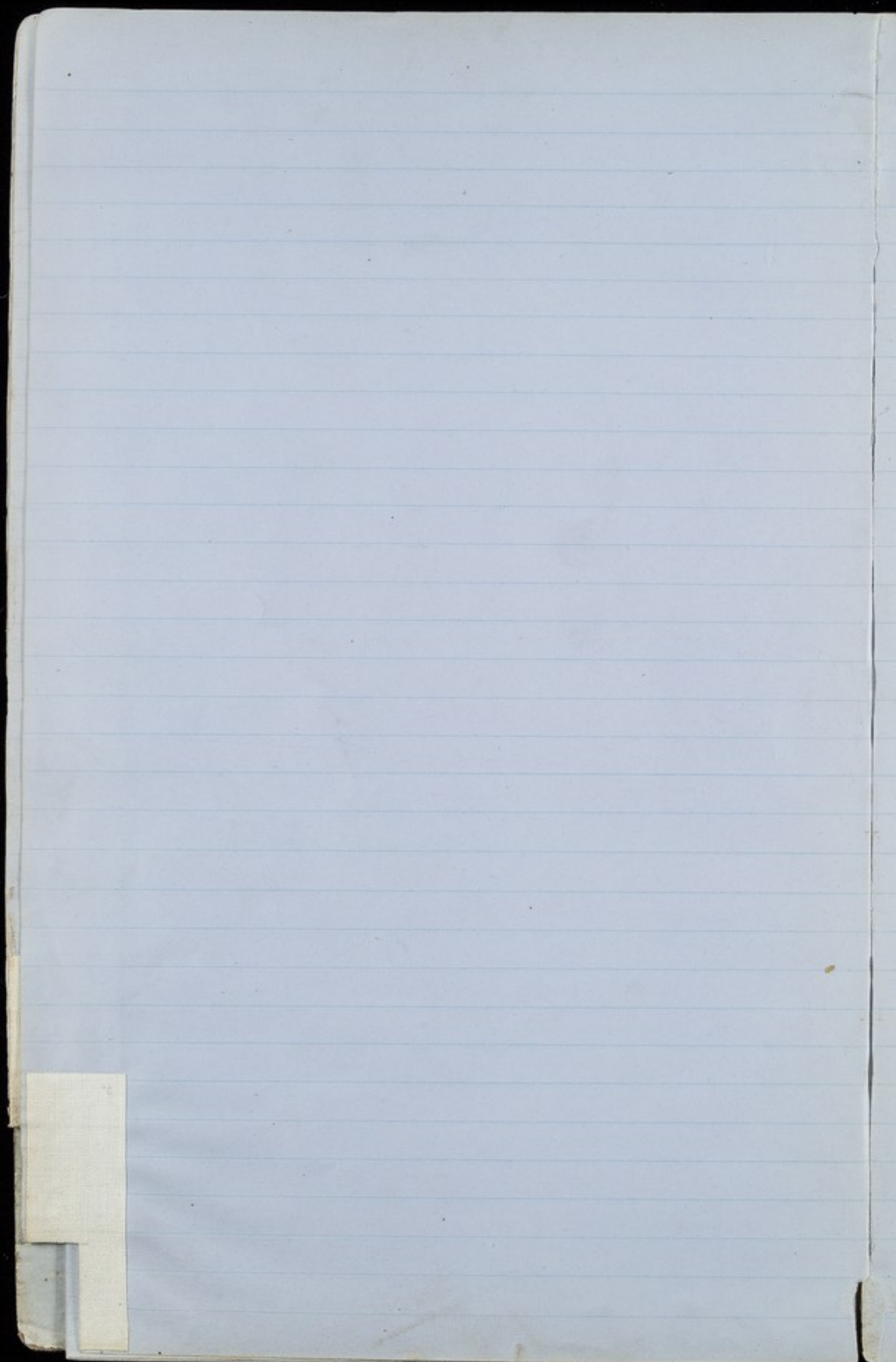
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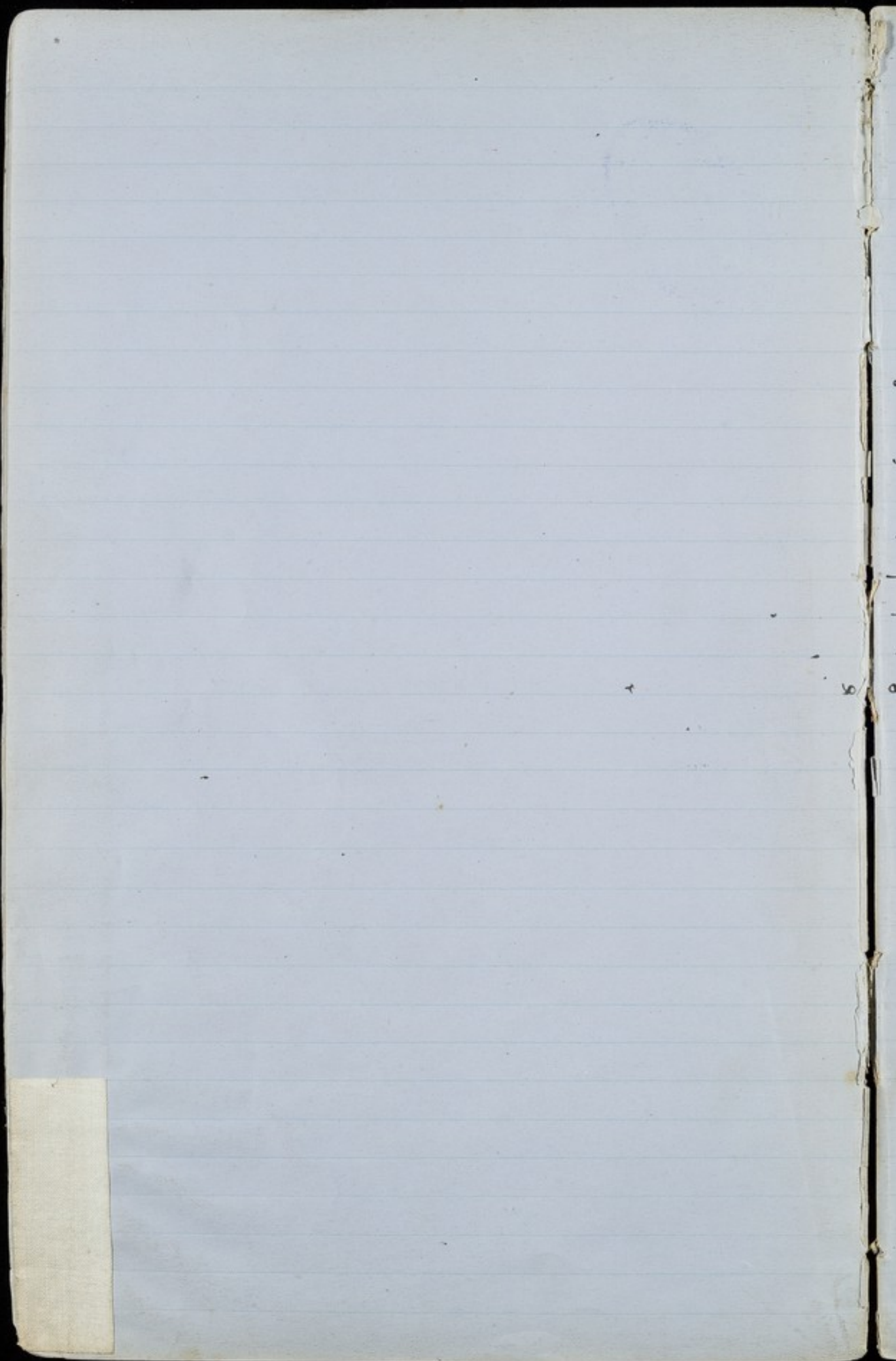


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Arrival of No 1 Bearer Company at Durban.



From Officer Commanding
No 1 Bearer Company A.S.C.
Natal

To
Principal Medical Officer
Natal

Durban Natal 28 February 1881

Sir

Surg. Major W. Johnston
Commanding
Surg. Major J. Harris
Surgeon Condy Adj. Bearer Company Army Hospital Corps under
my command. The officers are marginally
named & the total strength of the company
is as follows

- - - Peterkin	Officers A.M.D.	8
- - - Dugdale	Officers A.H. Corps	3
S. of Mr. Gordon & Co	Staff Sergeant - do -	5
- - - Pike	Sergeants - do -	3
- - - Webb	Buglers - do -	2
	Rank & file - do -	131
	Warren Officer A.S.C.	1
	Sergeants - do -	2
	Rank & file - do -	17
	Total	172

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. Johnston

Surgeon Major and
Commanding No 1 Bearer Co.

From

The Officer Commanding
No. 1 Bearer Company
Natal

To

The Principal Medical Officer
NatalDurban Natal 28th Feb^y 1881

Sir

1 Record of Service

1 Reg. & Default Sheet

1 Comp^y - - do -

1 Court Martial Sheet

1 Medical History Sheet

1 Will

1 Small Book

I have the honor to forward for
transmission to the Director General
the marginally noted documents relating
to the late No 3549 P^{te} L. R. Hort of
the Bearer Company under my command
who died at Sea on the 22nd Inst

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

M^r Whush-

Surgeon Major and
Commanding Bearer Company

see P.M.O's Receipt

dated 3rd March

Regimental Defaulter Sheets & C.M. Sheets of No 1 Bearer Company left at 3
P.M.B. on its *proceeding up country* —

From

Surgeon Major W. Johnston A.M.D.
Commanding No 1 Bearer Comp^y
Katal

To

The Principal Medical Officer
Katal

Camp P.M. Burg

3 March 1881

Sir

I have the honor to forward to
you for ~~safe~~ custody the Regimental
Defaulter & Court Martial Sheets of
the men of the Bearer Comp^y. under
my command as per attached Roll, &
beg to request you will be good
enough to acknowledge the receipt
of the same

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obdient-Servant

W. Johnston

Surgeon Major A.M.D.
Commanding Bearer Comp^y.

Ret. recd. at
Estcourt.

14. 3. 81.

vide Guard
Book.

*In the return of the Bearer Company & P.M.B. in Decr 1881. The Regimental Defaulter Sheets & the
men then serving with it, were taken back & placed in 2 for the documents —*

4

Where to report by telegram, en route to Newcastle.

Circular Memo

Officers Commanding
Troops en route to Newcastle will
report by Telegram to The Principal
Staff Officer at Army Head Quarters
Newcastle their arrival at Epsom
& Ladismith adding their probable
movements for the next day, as well
as to the ~~Adj~~ A Genl F. M. Burg

By Order
(Sigd) Keith Turnour Capt
D. Adjutant

F. M. Burg.

23.2.81

4a.

Refer to

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Receipt for articles in Surgery Wagon.

Officer Commanding Beauroup
By Instructions from the
Director General A. M. Dept. the articles
composing the Surgery Wagon are to
be taken on charge item by item
I would therefore request that either
your acting Quartermaster (take
these articles on charge in a book
that I will provide, or that he furnish
the Officer in Charge of Medical Stores
with a receipt for the Surgery Wagon
complete & ~~that~~ account to him at
the conclusion of hostilities for the
articles issued

(sd) James Holloway
By Surgeon General
RMO.

RMBurg

5.3.81

Repts -

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Receipt for Articles in Surgery Wagon. 5

Principal Medical Officer

A receipt for the Surgery Wagon complete, with a note of deficiencies when taken over, shall be duly forwarded & an account of expenditure rendered at conclusion of hostilities.

P.M.Burg
6.3.81

(sd) W Johnston
Surgeon Major

Documents of Pr. Nason sent to Hospital P.M.B. & asked for those of Pr. Mason sent in error -

5a.

Medical Officer in Charge

Station Hospital P.M. Burg

Herewith the marginally named documents of N^o 3770 Pte John Nason A.M.C. of the Bearer Company under my Command who was admitted into ^{the} Hospital under your Charge on the 3rd Instant

Will you have the goodness to acknowledge their receipt & also return the documents of N^o 4644 Pte Frederick Mason which were sent to you in error, in place of these forwarded?

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major

Camp Klipkop

7 March 1881

Register Sheet

2 Company Defaulter Sheet

M. History Sheet

Receipt of Pr. Nason's documents acknowledged & those of Pr. Mason sent to 29.2.81. Signal Hill -

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Mule Wagon left at Klip Kop & mules taken on (8) as
well as (2) given to Wagon with Sir E. Wood's things -
Commissary of Transport

The small Mule Wagon which
was sent after me was so greatly overloaded
that it was only this morning that I
have been able to get it up as far as
this by sending a double span of oxen
for it. I took off two boxes of wheel
spokes & 5 of horse shoes which I intended
to leave with Mr Freeman, but on attempting
to move the wagon thus lightened it had
not gone 50 yards before it completely broke
down. I am therefore leaving it here
& take on the span of mules with the leader
& driver as I require more mules to
supplement my own teams, one mule
having already died & several being sick.

It will be necessary that a fresh
wagon with a strong span of mules
be sent out to bring on the things in
this wagon. Mr Freeman has covered the wagon
with a sail (S.D.) W. Johnston

Surgeon Major and.

Freemans Hotel Commanding Bears of

Klip Kop

8. 3. 81

Idem.

(2)

Commissary of Transport

I have caused Driver William
Hawthornth to remain at Freemans in
charge of the small wagon No 3 along
with leader Abraham, & have taken on Driver
Kitzmann & leader Abdab to drive the

of the 10 mules. 2 given to Wagon with 2 things for
Sir Evelyn Wood — Wagon 53 D.

Substance of Memorandum.

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Surgery Wagon as the two first are utterly
useless in their several capacities & by their
bad driving have caused great detention. I
enclose Carriers notes relating to the broken
down Wagon, a copy of which I have sent
to Mr. Freeman for his guidance in the
custody of the articles

(sd) W^m Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding Beaufort Barracks
Camp River Spruit
S. 3. 81

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Idem -

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Mr. Freeman

I send back a driver "Hawsworth" as
well as his leader to look after the things
in the broken Wagon. If however the
Commissariat have sent out about it
already please send them on to P. M. Burg.

I send you a list of the things in
the Wagon

1 Case Forge Field	
50 Yokes Ox	
30 Lurchigle trees	
2 Cases Spokes	
2 Cases Shoes horse	100
2 " " "	90
1 " " "	50
1 " " "	50
1 " Scabbard Bayonet	M. H. 10

One bale of Saddlery addressed to Major M. Callaway
one Case for Staff Paymaster Newcastle
Mr. Johnson will bring you this letter & will
take

Mr. H. Pearson wrote on the 20th of April
from Pinetown that Mr. J. Pearson
left the saddle at Mr. Allan
Stewart's Cottages Ingela.

3. May. 81 -

Take the bale addressed to Major M^c Fullum
 (Sd) W^m Johnston
 Surgeon Major
 Reed Spruit Commanding Beers Company
 8.3.81

9a *Report as to Poles or Diselbooms of Ambulances -*
 Principal Medical Officer
 South Africa

I have the honor to report that the sockets for the poles of the English Ambulances are too small for work in this Country as they are only large enough to accommodate the ordinary English poles which are much too light. The ~~six~~ ^{of the six wagons} poles with which I left P. M. Burg were all broken on the first or second day of the trip, & the spare dissel-booms had to be so thinned down to fit the Regulation socket that being thus weakened every one of them has also broken, in some cases on perfectly level road. I have to day got the Wagon maker here to fit larger sockets which will ^{hold} ~~accommodate~~ the ordinary dissel-boom of the Country.

I report this at once in order that much delay in future may be avoided, if ~~by~~ the Ordnance Store Department ^{will} having this done to every English Ambulance before handing it over to the Transport Department. ~~There should also be supports either of iron bars or chain from the dissel-boom to the splinter bar. The two bars enclosing the dissel-boom forming a "cage".~~

for

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Howick

Commanding Beers Company

9th March 1881

a. H. C.

Medical Certificate for Capt D. F Gordon 92nd

9 a

The

Principal Medical Officer

South Africa

Referring to attached report on the health of Captain Duncan F Gordon

abstract of 92nd Highlanders, I have the honor to inform the case of you that that Officer will proceed hence Captⁿ Gordon by first opportunity to P. M. Burg & that suffering from I have informed the A. A General & the effects of gun. Officer commanding 92nd Highlanders of the shot injury action taken in this matter.

(sd) Wm Johnston M.D.

Surgeon Major A.M.D.

Weston

Commanding Beers Company

12th March 1881

(Dlens)

9. B

The

A. A General

P. M. Burg

I have the honor to inform you that on my recommendation Captain Duncan F Gordon 92nd Highlanders will return hence to P. M. Burg by first opportunity

to appear before a Medical Board, as in my opinion & that of Surgeon Major Lario who has also examined him he is at present quite unfit for active Service from the effects of a Gun shot wound received in the late Afghan Campaign

I have communicated with the Officer commanding 92nd Highlanders on this Subject

Weston
12th March 1881

10d 1 W^m Johnston
Surgeon Major and
Commanding Bearer Company

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Idem.
The
Officer commanding 92nd Highlanders

I have the honor to inform you that on my recommendation Captain Duncan & Gordon of Regiment under your command will return hence to P. M. Burg by first opportunity to appear before a Medical Board as in my opinion & that of Surgeon Major Lario who has also examined him he is at present quite unfit for active Service from the effects of a Gunshot wound received in the late Afghan Campaign

I have communicated with the A. A. General on this subject.

Weston
12th March 1881

10d 1 W^m Johnston
Surgeon Major and
Commanding Bearer Company

Purchasing 24 oxen at Estcourt

Lewis Gunnis and Officer. P. M. B.
I have the honor to report that I have been
compelled to purchase at the rate of
£16.10.0. each, 24 Oxen to replace complete
span & replace losses on the road caused
by the extraordinary bad weather we have
met with.

Requisitions approved by me & orders
for this purchase signed by the Local
Commandant with details as to the
wages will be duly forwarded by the
Tender.

Estcourt
14th March 1881-

M. Blunt.
Lt. Maj -
Comd. Beavers Co.
A.T.T.

Carried on to Page 22-

Purchasing a Waterproof coat for Conductor Page.

11a

Commissary of Transport P. M. B.

M^r. Page, Sub-Conductor, moved
me to give him an order on Mess^{rs}. Alcock & Co
Weston to supply him with a waterproof coat,
& as he appeared to be quite destitute of
suitable clothing I did so, on the understanding
that the price of it would be deducted from his
next issue of pay. I enclose voucher as to
this & request you will be so good as to
arrange that this payment is duly made

Edw. W. Johnston Surg. Maj.
Commanding Beavers Coy A.T.C.

"Rising Sun" Camp
16th March 1881

Voucher attached, dated
Weston ~~Estcourt~~, 12th March 81 -

To page 22

ox of Mrs Struben's taken in error at Estcourt.

To Mr Woods

Estcourt

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that one of the oxen purchased from you was claimed yesterday by a Lady named Struben & returned to Estcourt, As it is just possible that we may have taken the ox in question by mistake in lieu of the one of yours, I will feel obliged if you will kindly institute enquiry if such was the case, & if so to request you will kindly send ours on to Ladysmith, or if retained by you to furnish me with a receipt for the same.

I am

Sir

Your obedient Servant

100 W Pike Secy of Govt

Ladysmith

A. H. Long

16 March 1881

Reply recd
5.4.81
in General Work.

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Documents of men sent to Field Hospital at Ladismith.

Medical Officer in charge

Field Hospital Ladismith

B. L. Atteridge

224 Corp Gentry Ed

4153 P. Ellis G. H

4593 - Clowesley J

O. B. A. S. Corps

1369 P. Barton. Geo.

Receipt in Summ

Book 17. 3. 81 -

I have the honour to request you will be good enough to admit into the Hospital under your charge, a B. L. Officer & two men of the Bearen Company under my command, as well as a man of the ordnance Branch A. S. Corps, who was attached to my company for the march up country, and who I ~~adm~~ consider are quite unfit for active service.

Please return receipt for the documents herewith forwarded,

Ed W. Johnston

Surge Maj

Commandg Bearen Comp'y

A. L. Atteridge

Ladismith

17. 3. 81

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State of "Surgery Wagon" on receipt -

The

Principal Medical Officer
South Africa

from
40/81 & 5/81 -

I have the honor to report for the information of the Director General with reference to attached invoice & your Memorandum of 5.3.81 with my reply of 6.3.81 that none of the eleven keps were sent with the Surgery Wagon which caused considerable delay & necessitated having the locks forced open & padlocks supplied in their place

A number of the wax matches had taken fire but fortunately nothing but the matches were destroyed

The other deficiencies in the Surgery wagon were:

Liq: Potash: Permang 1 1/2 lbs lost Bottle broken
Brandy 3 Bottles broken
Surgeons apron 1 deficient
Dress lip pins rusty
Bottle 3 vi 2 broken
Flag Staff.

1201 Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding 11th Bearer Company

Camp N Ladisinitk
Natal 13.3.81

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Minute sent on P. M. Os Memo. of 14.3.81. telling him
Receipts were forwarded as above.

Remains the Natal -
28.3.81 -

Continued at 77
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Application for Court Martial on Cap. Mullane asc.

From

Officer commanding Bearer Company
Army Hospital Corps

To

Officer commanding Troops
Ladismith

Ladismith 19th March 1881

Sir

I have the honor to forward
an application for a Court
Martial for the trial of the hon Comm^d
Officer marginally named attached to the
Army Service Corps Bearer Company under my Command
N^o 251 Larnier Corps P. Mullane
The prisoner has been "severely reprimanded"
on three occasions during the last 12 months
& this is the second act of drunkenness committed
by him within the same period, whilst
on the 27th of last month he was guilty
at Durban of breaking out of camp after
tattoo & remaining absent until 5.30 am

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and
Commanding N^o 1 Bearer Company

Court-Martial impossible
at Ladismith as no
Cap^t. present & it as
President. Case
therefore dealt with
summarily

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Forwarding documents of A.S.C. & P.M.B.

Officer Commanding A.S. Corps
P.M. Burg

Copies of
Capt Mullane &
S Smith Miles

1 No 1369 P.E. Geo Carter (Ordnance Branch)
A.S. Corps is left at Ladismith having
been admitted into Field Hospital there
suffering from "Dysentery"

2 Herewith Copies of Crimes of a N.C. Officer
& man of the Det A.S. Corps. attached to the
Bearer Company under my Command

(Sd) W. Johnston

Surgeon Major

Ladismith } Commanding Bearer Company
20 March 1881 }

Report of arrival of Bearer Company at Carey's -
The

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81

Chief of the Staff
Newcastle

I have the honor to report the
arrival of the Bearer Company A.S. Corps
under my Command at Carey's this
morning & if the roads are moderately
good I hope to reach Newcastle in
the course of next Saturday

(Sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Commanding Bearer Co

Half a mile above

Carey's Store

24 March 1881

Reporting arrival of Beaser Company at Sugagane. 17

Chief of the Staff.

In continuation of my
Memorandum to you of date 24th inst
I have the honor to report the arrival
of the Beaser Company under my
Command, at the Sugagane
yesterday afternoon. The ambulances
and Beaser Company's equipment
were got over by the "Punt" last night,
but I will not be able to get over
all the trunks of Ordnance Stores
until early to-morrow morning.

I hope however to reach Hope Farm
to-morrow afternoon and get in to
Newcastle on Monday forenoon.

Camp at Sugagane
26th March 1881.

M. W. Musk.

Idem -

Senior Medical Officer.

A. H. Dr. Newcastle.

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I have the honor to report the
arrival of the Beaser Company
A.H.B. under my command at
the Sugagane yesterday afternoon.

I am detained here until to-
morrow, getting the ammunition
under a escort, across the river by
the Punt. but hope to reach Newcastle
on Monday forenoon.

Sugagane Camp.
26th March 1881.

M. W. Musk.

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81

Admissions into Field Hospital at Newcastle.

Medical Officer in charge
Field Hospital
Newcastle

2/60th Foot.

No. 1270 Sgt Herbert. W

At. Corp 8

No. 1253, P. W. M. Lea

" 12714 P. H. Knowles

Receipt acknowledged
of M. H. Sheets of
P. W. M. Lea + Knowles.
(Sd) P. W. Stafford.
S. M.

Med. H. H. Sheets as above
returned. 5.4.81.
M.

I have the honour to request you
will be good enough to admit into the
Hospital under your charge two men
of the Bearer Company under my
Command - as well as a Non-Commissioned Officer
of the 2nd 60th Foot who was attached
to my Company for the march up
country -

Please return receipt for the
documents herewith forwarded -

(Sd) W. Johnston

Surgeon Major

Commanding Bearer Company

Camp Newcastle

Natal

25th March 1881

N.C.Os & Men handed over to Base Hospital Newcastle -
19 2
81

The

Officer in Medical Charge

Base Hospital

Newcastle

In accordance with Field Force Orders of yesterday's date, I have the honor to hand over for temporary duty at your Hospital 1 Staff Sergeant 1 Corporal & 25 Privates of the Bearer Company Army Hospital Corps & request you will be good enough to sign & return the receipt for their documents herewith forwarded

Guard Book

Will you be good enough to admit 2330 P & James to rejoin the Bearer Company

100/ Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Commanding Bearer Company

Newcastle Natal

29 March 1881

15 Privates transferred to Divisional Field Hospital -

The

Medical Officer in Charge

Divisional Field Hospital

Newcastle

In accordance with Field Force Orders of yesterday's date I have the honor to hand over for temporary duty at your Hospital 15 Privates of the Bearer Company A.C. Corps & request you will be good enough to sign & return the receipt for their documents herewith forwarded

Newcastle Natal
29 March 1881

100/ Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major
Commanding Bearer Company

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81

Pr. Stanes transferred to Fort Amiel -

Officer Commanding Det. A & H Corps
Newcastle Natal

Herewith the marginally noted documents
of Provisional Lance Corporal Stanes of the
Bearer Company under my command who
will remain at Newcastle as clerk to the
District Officer of Orderlies

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Commanding Bearer Company
A & H Corps

Newcastle Natal

29 March 1881

Transferring documents of Private Larry 3/60 Rifles -

20 a
81

Officer Commanding
3rd Batt. 60 Rifles

Herewith the C. Defaulter Sheet &
Ledger Sheet of No 1119 Pte W. Larry who
was attached to the Bearer Company under
my command, during the journey from P.M.B.
but whom I sent on in advance as servant
to Lieut. Bethune & Boyd 92nd Highlanders

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Newcastle Natal

29 March 1881

*Receipt given
along with doc-
uments of party
named in 19
81 -*

*Documents returned
to C.O. 1.6.81*

*Receipt ack'd
10. Chas. Wm 22.2
W. J. 22.2
3 Batt. 60 Rifles*

*M. Probert
7.4.81 -*

Enquiry as to rank of No 4203. John Tenery -

Principal Medical Officer
V.C.P.C.

$\frac{21}{81}$

J. M. Bury

No 4203 John Tenery A. H. of the
Bearer Company under my command states
that when he was at the Second Station Hospital
Aldershot he was appointed by Authority of
the Director General to be Provisional Lance
corporal. - In the nominal Roll of the
Bearer Company, this appointment is not
recognised, nor is it mentioned in any document
in my possession.

Will you have the goodness to forward
this enquiry to Head Quarters, as I am in
doubt as to recognising this man Provisional
rank.

(Sd) W^m Johnston

Surgeon Major Commanding
Bearer Co A. H.

Newcastle Natal

29. March 1881

To $\frac{65}{81}$

$\frac{22}{81}$

Purchase of 24 oxen at Estcourt.

Brought forward from Page 11

Surgeon Major Johnston
Newcastle

Please state in whose charge you
left those oxen which were disabled, belonging
to the Bearer Company as they are Govt.
oxen

(sd)

D. A. B. G.

for Sen^r Comm^r. Officer
Natal District

RMB

24.3.81

Idem -

S. B. O. RMB

detail of losses & ~~expenditure~~ receipts
for oxen left on journey herewith

Twenty out of the Twenty four purchased
reached Newcastle safely & have been
handed over to the Commissariat & Transport
Department. To be branded with the Gov^t. mark.

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major
forming Bearer Company

Newcastle Natal

30 March 1881

Transfers to Det. U.S. Corps to Fort Amiel —

Newcastle $\frac{23}{81}$

29.3.81

Spt Comm Genl
To

Surgeon Major
Commanding Bearer Company

I should be glad to arrange with you if possible, that the Detachment Army Service Corps now with the Bearer Company may be transferred to me for service with the Commissioned Transport.

I would replace the Drivers with Native Mule - drivers & a civilian Conductor accustomed to work with mules & Natives. The artificers are wanted to work at the workshops at Fort Amiel, but should the Column to which your Corps is attached be removed to a long distance from here, so that the repairs to wagons would take place at the camp, these artificers would then be the ones selected to go with the camp and their connection with you be easily effected if necessary.

In the event of Active operations being reopened these artificers can be again regularly restored to you as at present.

(sd) E Hughes

A. C. G.

A. C. G. Idem

On the understanding that you will supply me with a good Conductor & trained Mule Drivers, I have submitted to the A.A.G. the following draft order

1 Conductor 2 Sergeants & 17 Rank & File
A.S. Corps attached to No. 1 Beares Company
will be detailed for temporary duty under
under the Commissariat & Transport Dept
at Fort Amul whilst the Beares Company
remains in the vicinity of Newcastle, &
until its services are required in the Field
when they will rejoin the company

(22) Wm Johnston

Newcastle

Surgeon Major

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81

30-3-87

Proposal to utilise Beares Company as a Field Hospital.

From Officer Commanding

No. 1 Beares Company A.H. Corps.

To Principal Medical Officer South Africa

Up. P. M. O. Newcastle Natal

Camp Signal Hill. Newcastle Natal N. Africa 1881.

Sir,

With reference to the Director General's instructions
that when the services of the Beares Company
were no longer required, Surg. Maj. Fair & I should
return to England.

I have the honor to suggest that if it is con-
sidered in the meantime inadvisable to permit
us to return home, and it is determined to
retain the Beares Company in this country for
the next few months, you will be pleased to give
me charge of a Field Hospital which I intend
work efficiently with three of my Beares
Company Medical Officers & the Officer N.C.O.
& Men of the A.H.C. who are still left with
me.

This would keep half a Company together.

and would facilitate our being again organized as a Beavers Company should hostilities be resumed.

I would point out that it might be considered advisable to establish another Stationary Field Hospital at Newcastle, not only to relieve the Hospital at Fort Daniel but also to reduce the numbers now in the very large Movable Hospital with the Field Force a few miles from Newcastle -

Such an Hospital (to be styled Not Stationary Field Hospital Newcastle) would be an extremely suitable one for temporarily utilizing the Beavers Company as at Newcastle I would store the Beavers Company equipment and if again called upon to organize it I would at once collect all my stores, weapons, &c & reattach the A.S. Corps Detach^t belonging to my Company who at present are detached for duty with the Commissariat & Transport Dep^t at Fort Daniel.

I have

Continued at $\frac{38}{81} \frac{39}{81} + \frac{40}{81}$

Wm. Whitte -

Application for Board on two dead horses $\frac{25-a}{81}$
a. a General Field Force

A horse in charge of a N. C. Officer of the A. S. C. belonging to my Company died on the 30th Ult^o & another in charge of the Conductor died yesterday. The latter was seen by the Vet. Surgeon, but the former only by the Carrier.

Will you please order the assembly of a Garrison Board if necessary, on these

Boards held,
5th Feb. 81 -
Proceedings in Squad Book.

these two diaths

103) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding H^o 1 Bearer Co
A.H.B

Camp Signal Hill
2nd April 1881

26a
81

Training of Regimental Stretcher Bearers -
The

Senior Medical Officer
Field Force

I have the honor to suggest that
this is a favorable time for the training of
Regimental Stretcher Bearers

If this suggestion is approved by
the Military Authorities I would recommend
that four men per company from each
Battalion in Camp, be, (in accordance
with Para 332 Revised Army Regulations Vol
VI) put through a course of instruction.
Up to 40 men could be trained at one time
& with three hours instruction per diem
each batch could be put through a
course in 3 weeks

103) W Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding H^o 1 Bearer Co
A.H.B

Camp Signal Hill
2 April 1880

(continued at $\frac{28}{81} + \frac{29}{81}$)

27
81

Surgeon Bracken proceeded to Durban to get men's kits.

The

Principal Medical Officer

etc

RMBurg

I have the honor to report that in conformity with G. F. order of this date Surgeon Bracken and I proceeded to RMBurg & Durban for the purpose of bringing up the kits of the Bearer Company under my command left at Durban when we proceeded to the Front

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding Bearer Company
A.H.C.

Camp Signal Hill

Newcastle Natal

4 April 1881

Mr Page (Conductor) fine away with a Govt. Horse.

The

27
81

Commissionary of Transport
Newcastle

Refer to 20
81

With reference to my verbal report to you yesterday, Conductor Page has not returned to camp since the morning of the 2nd when he left with a Government Horse which he borrowed from me his own having died the day before

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major

Signal Hill
5 April 1881

Commanding Bearer Company
A.H.C.

RMBurg
4.4.81

Approved
By order
(sd) J. Gordon Major
Camp Signal Hill
4.4.81

28
81

Training of Regimental Medical Officers.

Continued from 26a
81

Forwarded to the A. & General &
Recommended.

It probably will be found convenient
to commence the course with (8) eight men
from each infantry regiment (two per company)

(2) S. B. Roe M. B.

Surgeon Major

Camp Signal Hill

S. M. O. 7. 7

4. 4. 81

R. P. 179
off. a. d. s.
4. 4. 81

Chief of the Staff.

Forwarded

(2) F. Cardew Major

Camp Signal Hill

A. A. G.

4. 4. 81

No. 9516
off. Chof. H.
5. 4. 81

S. M. O.

For your report

By Order

(2) W. G. Macgregor

Major

5. 4. 81

D. A. G.

Please return

D. A. G.

I consider it most desirable to
instruct some men from each corps
in the duties of attending to wounded on
the field & as proposed two men per
company would however I think be sufficient
in the first instance

Newcastle

5th April 1881

(2) L. M. Sinclair B. Surgeon
R.M.O. Base

Training of Regimental Stutchee Bearers. 29
81

Continued from $\frac{26a}{81} \times \frac{28}{81}$
A. A. G.

Order a course of instruction 2 men
per Company

No R. 95. a-
off. Ch. of St.
6.4.81

100 Odean Butler
Major General

6.4.81

R. 7. 179
off. A. A. G.
7.4.81

S. M. O.

Please request Surgeon Major
Johnston to suggest the hours that appear
most suitable to him for instruction

100 F. Barden Major
Camp Signal Hill
A. A. G.

6.4.81

Forwarded to Surgeon Major Johnston
for favor of compliance

100 S. B. Roe M B
Surgeon Major
S. M. O. 7.7

7.4.81
A. A. G.

The most convenient arrangement
I think would be for the men to be ordered
to be at my Camp at 9 am, & I will
have them marched back at 12.00 as to be
in time for their dinners at their respective
posts

Will they attend five or six days a week?

100 W. Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding Bearer 107
A. H. 6

7.4.81

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81

Loss of Govt Horse saddle & bridle by Conductor Page -

The
Commissary of Transport
Newcastle

Refer to 27a
81

Conductor Page whose absence
since the morning of the 2nd Instant
I have already reported, returned to camp
this morning suffering from the effects
of intemperance & states that he has
lost the Government horse saddle & bridle
with which he was entrusted

I send him to you in order that
you may take such steps as you may
deem necessary

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major and
Comd'g Bearer Company
A.S.C.

Camp Signal Hill
7 April 1881

Departmental Pay of Detachment Army Service Corps -

30 a
81

Officer commanding
Unattached Detach^t A.S.C.
P. M. Burg

M. 37a
81

The 1st Det A.S.C. attached to Bearer
Company has been sent to the Comm^t.
Dept at Fort Amul & I have handed you
Cheque for its payment to 2nd M^r Battersby
Enclosed is a Casualty report for March.
All the N.C.O's & men were employed
on Sundays when under my command

Camp Signal Hill
Newcastle, Natal
9 April 1881

(sd) Wm Johnston Surg Maj
Comd'g No 1 Bearer Company
A.S.C.

Claims for Good Conduct Pay forwarded to Py. Mr. -

Copy of attestation Sheets with claims
for Good Conduct Pay for the N. C. O. men
enumerated in yesterday's Bearer company
orders forwarded to Dist. Officer of Ordnance
Newcastle today
Camp Signal Hill
9th April 1881

Reports Non-arrival of 23/60th for Stretcher Exercise.

31/2

A. A. General

Referring to Field Force Order N^o VI
of 8th Instant

Only 30 men have come for instruction
this morning viz: 10 from 83rd, 92nd & 94th
respectively.

Will you please direct that Nominal
Rolls of the men under instruction be
rendered to me.

It is very desirable that the same
N. C. O. should be sent daily with the
squad so that he may learn the drill
& be able to practice the men after they
are dismissed.

The men under instruction should of
course be struck off all duty.

(sd) Wm. Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding N^o 1 Bearer Company
A. A. C.

Camp Signal Hill
11th April 1881

Before this letter was sent off, the detachment
arrived - with explanatory delay.

Men undergoing Bearer Co^y Instruction who excuse other duty.
32
81

A. A. General

I am informed that the men of the 83rd now undergoing a course of instruction in Stretcher drill are not exempted from Regimental Parades &c. I was always the custom to exempt men undergoing this course of instruction at Aldershot from all other duty & I would strongly recommend that this be done here

(sd) Wm Johnston Surg. Maj
Commanding N^o 1 Bearer Co^y
A. A. G.

Signal Hill

13. 4. 81

The same N.C.O. to accompany Squads undergoing instruction.

32 a
81

A. A. General

A different N.C.O. officer is sent daily with the squad of 60 Rifles for instruction in Regimental Stretcher drill. It is very desirable that the same N.C.O. should attend throughout the course in order that he may be able to hereafter exercise the men trained

(sd) Wm Johnston Surg. Maj
Comm^d N^o 1 Bearer Co^y
A. A. G.

Signal Hill

13. 4. 81

Corp. Aitchison brought on Maimed Street & N.S.R. forwarded.

32 c
81

Forwarded Return as to Corp Aitchison's Marriage & W.S. Return to 28th March 81 with average Constantly inserted as requested to P.M.O. at P.M.B. -

Fair's Sketches asked for

33
81

The

Principal Medical Officer

& c & c

~~W. C. Moore~~ ~~Base & Left~~

On the 21st May: P.O. Letter 32
22nd July, asking for a
Report on Fair's Sketches
transmitted to me
by P.M.O. S.O. then P.M.O.
Lg. C. & B. I replied
same day that I had never
seen them & attended
to this letter —

South Africa

If the ^{approved} sketch pattern Sketchers
(Fair's) have arrived I would like very
much to have them forwarded to me for
instruction purposes, so that I may be
able to report on them to the Director
General

(20) J. M. Johnston
Surgeon Major
forming No. 1 Bearer company
A.S.C.

Camp Signal Hill
Durban Natal

13.4.81

Harness leather &c for repair from D. N. C. G. 8/5

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of Transport

I am much in want of Harness
leather for repairs &c, I have applied to the
Ordnance Dept & they are unable to purchase
any in the town, I have been told that
material was brought up by the Bearer
company, as the Artificers of the A.S.C. that
came up with the B. company have left it
& are now doing duty in this Dept I think
that if application was made we might
get leather from them

(20) J. Battersby 2nd M^{tr}
Transport Officer
Over

N Castle

11.4.81

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A. C. General

Could not the material which I understand was drawn by the Saddler of the A.S.C. who came up with the Bearer Company before leaving P.M.B. be handed over to him for use in our workshop where it is much needed

As we are responsible for keeping the harness of the Bearer Company in an efficient state they would not be put to any inconvenience by handing the material over to us

(Sd) W. D. Richardson

Newcastle

D. A. C. G

12. 4. 81

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6
u.c.
52

S.O.S.O.

Will you please state whether you have demanded & are expecting from P.M. Bury a supply of leather, so that if I obtain some from the Bearer Company, I shall be able to replace it, if the Company be again mobilised

(Sd) E. Hughes

12. 4. 81

A. C. G

4

6
u.c.
202

S. C. C.

I have no leather demanded or coming up except some forming a portion of a six months supply of material for H.A.

If you will furnish me with a demand for what you require I will transmit it to P.M. B. with a request for

immediate supply & you could replace with
it any borrowed from Bearer Company

(sd) C.W.A. Tate D. A. C. G.

13.4.81

S. C. S. C.

5
Officer Commanding
Bearer Company

691
Signal Hill Camp

I have ordered a demand to be put
forward upon Ordnance Store Department
for leather & materials, meanwhile would
you at this Dept have a portion of the
stock you have, on condition of its being
replaced (if required) when the O.S.D. have
complied with our demand. There is none to
be purchased in Newcastle

(sd) E. Hughes

A. C. G.

Newcastle

14.4.81

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S. C. C.

35 a
81

If you will send conductor Johnson
to get the materials required, my Quartermaster
will get a receipt for them, & if required
I can get them replaced as you suggest

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major
Commanding Bearer Company

Signal Hill

16.4.81

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N
Farrier's Tools sent to Commissariat.

A. C. General Hughes.

A.C.G.

I beg to report that we are very short of farrier's tools in the workshop. As the Ordnance Store Dept have no tools in store I would suggest that the tools brought up by the Bearer Company & not now being used by them be handed over temporarily to this Dept.

(sd) W.D. Richardson

Newcastle

D.A.C.G.

14.4.81

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Surgeon Major

Commanding Bearer Company

I should be much obliged if you could comply with above request.

(sd) E. Hughes A.C.G.

15.4.81

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81

S. C. C.

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If you will send for the tools I shall be glad to hand them over to you as suggested.

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major

Signal Hill

16.4.81

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81

No Thutcher Exercise for Line Regt on 21st April 1881 -

A. A. General

Will you please inform Officers Commanding undermentioned corps that there will be no class for Instruction in Bearer company drill to morrow (21st Inst) as Surg^l Major Faris is sick & my only other Officer now present has to go to Mount Prospect with Ambulances for wounded.

2/60 Rifles

83rd Regiment

92nd Highlanders

97th Regiment

(20) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Commanding Bearer company

Camp Signal Hill

20th April 1881

Departmental Pay of Detachment A. Service Corps -

37a
81-

The

Officer commanding Bearer company A.S. Corps

With reference to your Memo 30a dated 9.4.81 will you kindly sign the annexed Return of N.C. Officers & men A.S. Corps employed on Departmental duty on Sundays when under your orders

Those not entitled to Dep^t pay by reason of their being in arrest defaulters have been omitted

P.M. Buz

15.4.81

Officer Commanding

A.S.C. P.M. Buz

Return signed as requested

Camp Signal Hill
New South Wales
20th April 1881

(20) A. W. Anderson A.C.G.
Commanding Det C & P.A.S. Corps

(20) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major

Refer to
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81

Proposal to utilize Half Bearer Coy as a Field Hospital
Continued from $\frac{24a}{81}$
To G.M.C. - S.A.

G.M. Bury

Newcastle 2 April 1881

In forwarding enclosed letter from Surgeon Major Johnston I cannot recommend under present circumstances that his proposal to establish another Hospital at or near Newcastle be adopted as

1st The Base Hospital is being gradually cleared and in about a week more there will not probably be more than 100 Sick & wounded left in it - At M^t Prospect there are 14 Wounded & about 20 Sick - In H^q Hospital about 100 Sick, chiefly light cases

2nd Should a Second Hospital be established here as proposed very considerable difficulty might be occasioned in providing suddenly an Entire Staff for it in the event of sudden withdrawal of Officers & men of Bearer Company

I would suggest that Surgeon Major Johnston & his Officers remaining be employed in training 2 men per Company detailed as Stretcher Bearers para 106 Field Force Regulations

I take this opportunity of informing you that Equipment is being sent in from M^t Prospect where 50 beds only are being retained & it is my intention to increase the Div^l Field Hospital to 300 beds, not all to be necessarily kept in Tents pitched - but say 100 (= 4 Sections) ready for emergency in

my proposal -
26a
81.

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81

case of any necessity - either as a Stationary
H^o Hospital or to increase requirements
in the Field

(sd) E. M. Sinclair
Brigade Surgeon
R.M.O. Loft & Base

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P

P.M.O.

Loft & B

Newcastle.

The proposal of S. M. Johnston is
a very good one but it is doubtful if it
could be carried out fully even if it met
with the concurrence of the G. O. C.

Of course Surg^o Major Johnston & his
Staff of Med^o Offrs & A. & C. could take over
a portion of the Dir^o Field Hospital; but if
so, it would be necessary so to arrange the
distribution & work that at the shortest notice
Surg^o Major Johnston & his half Bearer Comp^y
could be relieved of this work which would then
be suddenly thrown upon the Dir^o Field Hospital.

I shall however be very glad if you
can arrange so as to utilize the valuable
services of the Half Bearer Company until
it be wanted for its legitimate object.

(sd) Jas. Holloway
Dep^y Surgeon General
R.M.O. S.A.

R.M.Burg

12. 4. 81

Forwarded to Surgeon Major Johnston
for information

To be returned

Newcastle
17. 4. 81

(sd) E. M. Sinclair
Brigade Surgeon R.M.O. Lofts

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81

P.M.O Lines of Communication & Base
Correspondence returned as directed
(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Camp Signal Hill
20th April 1881

Alterations in

402
81-

March Army Hospital Return forwarded -
Corrections in Army Hospital Corps
Return for March Forwarded

40 B
81

Fifteen men sent & Five men returned from Base Hospital -
Medical Officer in Charge

Base Hospital Newcastle

In accordance with instructions
received from the Principal Medical Officer
Lines of Communication & Base, the men for
whose documents a receipt is herewith forwarded
for signature, are sent for duty at the
Hospital under your charge.

The 5 men sent back
were.

4677 Wilkinson A.W.

3684 Nicolson J.

4294 Adams S.

3609 Humphreys J.

3756 Drury R.

Will you please cause five men
to be handed over to the M. O. Officer in
charge of the Detachment, to be marched
to my Camp on retransfer to the Bearer
Company. - Kindly forward the
documents of these latter.

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major A.M.D.

Company No. 1 Bearer Company

A.H.C.

Signal Hill Camp
22nd April 1881

Extra rates of Departmental Pay for a clerk & cooks 41
81

From

Officer Commanding
No. 1 Bearer Company A.H.C.

To

Principal Medical Officer
& c & c

South Africa

Camp Signal Hill two castle Natal
23rd April 1881

I have the honor to submit
for the favor of the Director General's
authority, the accompanying claim for
the increased rates of Departmental Pay
allowed by Royal Warrant & which the
N.C. Officers & men named in the accompanying
Return appear to me to be entitled to whilst
employed in the several capacities therein
named.

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commanding Bearer Company

See 115.
81 -

The O.C.

Bearer Company.

Application was made for the extra duty pay
of these men to the D.G. on the 5th May but no
reply has been received, another application
has been made on the subject on the 18th July
until the authority is received the higher
rate cannot be issued.

P.M. Burg

20 July 1881

(sd) James Holloway
D.G. Genl
Am. O. S. A

Two vouchers from 1st to 30th June
and from 1st April to 31st May A.H.
O 1645 (Repaid pay of 2nd Lt King M.
& P. Jones) returned herewith. That
of other N.C. O's & men from 25th Jan to 31st
March not returned.

* forwarded by post. authority recd 27 July 81

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Return of Carbines, Revolvers, ammunition & pouches
A. A. General

Will you kindly forward for consideration of the Major General Commanding this suggestion, that under present circumstances, it might be advisable that the Carbines, Revolvers, Ammunition & pouches served out to the Bearer Company, under my Command should be returned to the Ordnance Store?

121 Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm 9 N° 1 Bearer Company

Camp Signal Hill

A.A.G.

27 April 1881

Continued at $\frac{45}{81}$

$\frac{42}{81}$

Departmental Pay - Casualties relating to -
Camp Signal Hill
April 29 1881

The

Officer Commanding

Det: Army Hospital Corps

Base Hospital

Newcastle

R. Haines

R. Cox -

The men noted in the margin transferred from N° 1 Bearer Company to detachment A.A.G. Base Hospital Newcastle March 29 1881 were awarded punishment viz "7 days confined to camp" on March 26. The unexpired portion of these sentences (viz 1st April in each case) should therefore be shown in your Return of casualties affecting departmental Pay for April

(151) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and
Comm 9 N° 1 Bearer Company

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81

Men absent from Regimental Stretcher Exercise -
The

Officer Commanding
94th Regiment

The marginally noted men were this morning absent from Stretcher drill. Will you have the goodness to let me know as to the cause of this?

Officer Commg.
N^o 1 Bearer Camp
A. A. B.

By some mistake these men went out to fire with their Company which was at Target Practice yesterday

(S^d) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major and
Commg N^o 1 Bearer Camp
A. A. B.

(S^d) G. A. Braune Staff
Com. 97 Regt. Camp Signal Hill

30 April 1881 29th April 1881

Lint & Roller Bandage in Waist Pocket of each Soldier?

43 a
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O.C. 83rd Regt. The

92

A. A. General

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Camp Signal Hill

Will be so good as to arrange for para 117 F. F. Regulations now carried out? If so I would be glad to instruct the men undergoing Stretcher drill in the use of this bandage &c.

Bandage

Please sign & Return
By Order
(S^d) F. Caruso Major
A. A. B.

Camp Signal Hill

(S^d) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major A. M. D.
Commg N^o 1 Bearer Camp
A. A. B.

50. 4. 81
O. C. Bearer Camp
Camp Signal Hill
29th April 1881

For your information

By Order
(S^d) F. Caruso
Major
A. A. B.

2. 5. 81

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Second Corp. Clarke & Jacomb transferred to Fort Annist.
The

Officer Commanding
Det. A. H. Corps

Base Hospital

Fort Annist

I have the honor to forward the documents of 2 Corp. Clarke who has this day proceeded for duty in the office of the P. M. C. Lines of Communication & Base, as also those of 2 Corp. Jacomb who in accordance with instructions received from the P. M. C. has been detailed for temporary duty at the Hospital under your charge

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Camp Signal Hill

Comm'g N. C. Bearer Camp

30th April 1881

A. H. C.

Second Corp. Kollam transferred to Div. Field Hospital.

The

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Medical Officer in Charge

Divisional Field Hospital

In accordance with instructions received from the P. M. C. Lines of Communication & Base the N. C. officer for whose documents a receipt is herewith forwarded for signature is sent for duty at the Hospital under your charge

2nd Corp. C. Kollam

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Comm'g N. C. Bearer Camp

Camp Signal Hill

A. H. C.

30th April 1881

Giving in of Carbine, ammunition &c

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81

From 42 (2)
81

Chief of the Staff

Forwarded

(sa) C. Cardew Major

27.4.81

(3)

a a's

C.C. Bearer Company

Approved

S.C.S.C. (4)

Please receive the above

By Order

(sa) Redden Buller

Major General

27.4.81

(5)

Chief of the Staff

Officer Commanding Det A.H.C.

Div^e Field Hospital

Forwarded for your information

Please comply as regards the N.C.C
& men of the Bearer Company now
doing duty at your Hospital

(sa) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm^dg^t No. 1 Bearer Company

A.H.C.

(6)

C.C. Bearer Company

These men will be marched
up to your lines at noon on the 4th
for the purpose of each man handing
over his own Arms & Ammunition

(sa) P. W. Stafford

Surgeon Major

Comm^dg^t Det: A.H.C.

D. F. Hospital

2 May 1881

to folio 47
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R 391
off. a. a's
27.4.81

No. 410 R
off. Ch. of H.
28.4.81

S.A.C. G. Richardson an agent
to find this man 5/11

M.

46
81

Fine imposed on a Mule driver -

Senior Commissariat Officer

Will you have the goodness to deduct one weeks pay from Driver Peter Barens, at the rate of 3/6 per diem, being amount of fine which I have awarded him for improper conduct in taking Mules from the possession of Mr. Adendorf & trespassing on that Farmers land - I forward this mans last Pay Certificate

(sa) Wm Johnston Surg Maj:
Commg No 1 Bearer Comp

20 April 1881
Signal Hill Camp

A. H. C.

Giving in of Revolvers, Carbines & ammunition etc.

Continued from $\frac{45}{81}$

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(17)

O. C. Det: A. H. C.

Base Hospital Fort Amie

Will you please make arrangements to have the arms & ammunition in possession of the N. C. C. & men of the Bearer Company who are at present under your command, returned to the Ordnance Store Dep^t

(or) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major

Signal Hill

4. 5. 81

(18)

O. C. Bearer Company

The arms & ammunition of the men of the Bearer Company attached to the Base Hospital were given in to the Ordnance Store yesterday

(or) J. H. Scott

Base Hospital

5. 5. 81

Surgeon Major

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Arantaw Memorandum as to

S. M. O. Office

P. M. Burg Natal

8th December 1880

Circular Memo

All N. C. Officers & Men of The
A. H. Corps serving in The South African Command
who are at present wearing the stripes of
Provisional Lieutenants & Lieutenants will on the
31st Instant revert to their former ranks of
Corporal & Private respectively.

Medical Officers who wish to
recommend any N. C. Officer or man serving
under their command for appointment to
the above mentioned ranks after 31st Dec.
1880 will be so good as to forward the
application to me through the Senior Medical
Officer of the District for approval, pending
the sanction of the Director General N. M. D.
before the N. C. Officer or man recommended
is allowed to wear the provisional lance
stripe

S. M. O.

Transvaal

For circulation in your District
& return please

15^a James L. Holloway
D. S. M. O.

P. M. Burg

P. M. O. SA

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Provisional Lance Rank.

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81

Principal Medical Officer
South Africa

W/c F. M. C. Lof & Base

Newcastle, Natal. —

In acknowledging receipt of Circular
Memorandum dated F. M. O. Office F. M. Burg
8. Dec^r 1880 in which it is directed that all
Non-Commissioned Officers & Men serving in
this Command who at present enjoy Provisional
Lance Rank, are to revert to their former grades.
I have the honor, with reference to the definition
of a Non-Com. Officer as given in Sec: 181
Army Discipline and Regulation Act 1879
to which attention is directed in G. O. 4 of 1880, to
request further instructions on this subject,
as it appears that unless the Non-Com. Officers
referred to voluntarily resign their stripes, they cannot
be deprived of them, except by sentence of
Court Martial or award of the Military Authorities
enumerated in para 2 Sec: 175 of the Act
of Parliament above quoted.

(s.d.) W^m Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Comm^d 9th Regt Bearer Company

Camp Bennets Drift

Newcastle Natal

8 - May 1881

Continued at $\frac{53}{81}$

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2/60 Rifles who have completed Stretcher drill.
The

Officer Commanding
2/60 Rifles

With reference to G. Force Order No. 5
of yesterday's date, The N. C. Officer & men of
the Regiment under your command who have
completed their Course of Instruction in Stretcher
Drill return this morning to duty, accompanied
by a Scotch Mule pack, the return of which
please direct

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major & M.D.

Camp Bennett Drift Comdg' No. 1 Bearer Company
10th May 1881

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Men sent to Field Hospital

65
81

S. M. C. There are five (5) serious cases
of Enteric Fever in Hospital & a permanent
relief of three (3) Orderlies, as additional to
the regular one, is required for the night
duties connected with the Fever Marquee

The men applied for will not
be available for any other duties than those
pertaining to the contagious cases

As all our orderlies are fully employed
at various duties I beg that the (3) three
men required may be sent to day, for
duty tonight from either the Bearer Company
or one of the Regiments & that they may
be permitted to remain with the Fever cases
so long as their services are necessary

D. Field Hosp.
13 May 81

(sd) P. W. Stafford
Surgeon Major
in Charge

No. 141

Men sent to Field Hospital

51

A. A. G.

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Requests that the C. C. Bearer Company be directed to supply one extra Orderly for the duties as specified.

As two men were supplied in accordance with Memo from M. C. I. C. Dir. F. Hosp. dated 11th Instant, one additional man will be quite sufficient for all requirements.

(a) L. B. Roe M.D.

Surgeon Major

13. 5. 81

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S. M. C. 7. 7.

Please request C. C. Bearer Coy to send this Memorandum on to M. C. I. C. Dir. F. Hosp.

(a) S. M.

C. C. Bearer Coy. 4

Please detail an Orderly for this duty & pass this to Surgeon Major Stafford.

By Order

(a) F. Cardew Major

A. A. G.

13. 5. 81

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M. C. in Charge F. Field Hospital

Two men (with documents as per receipt enclosed) are sent to take the place of those referred to above as called for in your Office Memo of 11th Inst. & who were withdrawn after our conversation the day before yesterday pending this new arrangement.

A third man P. H. Hodge will join your Detach^t this afternoon, who has come up under the command of Surgeon Bracken from P. M. Surg.

(a) W. M. Johnston

Surgeon Major and
Commanding Officer Bearer Company

14. 5. 81

A/509
C. A. G.
13. 5. 81

Recd. Same
14. 5. 81
J. W. G.

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81

Documents of Private Lee demanded from P.M.B.
The

Medical Officer in Charge
Station Hospital
Fork Napier

P. M. Burg

- 1 Register Sheet -
- 1 C. Def. Sheet -
- 1 M. H. Sheet -

Received

25.6.81-

My -
Some papers
sent upland to.

Will you please forward ~~the~~ the documents as per margin of No 4501 P.M.B. Lee A. H. Corps (which I handed over to you on the 7th March 1881) who has rejoined the Bearer Company for duty?

If the No 1 Report of the above named man has not been forwarded will you please direct that it be sent to the Paymaster A. H. Corps Fork Amiel Newcastle as early as practicable?

Camp Bennett's Drift
16th May 1881

(2) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major A.M.S.
Commanding Bearer Company

Circular Memorandum as to Provisional Lance Rank 53
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From 49/81

52/81
P. R.

P. M. O.

Newcastle

With reference to the minute of the C. & B. Bearer Company dated 8th Inst. I beg to request you will inform him, that the Circ: Memo issued from this Office on the 8th Dec^r last, referred to men serving in the command on the 31st Idem, holding provisional rank as in many instances men had been appointed by Officers without reference to me & who had not the power to do so, consequently questions as to the legality of these appointments were continually arising, necessitating reference to the Director General on the subject, who informed me that provisional ranks were not acknowledged unless they had been approved by him.

The above Circ: Memo was accordingly issued to prevent any further queries arising and it was intended on a man being recommended for appointment to Provisional rank to sanction such appointment for a period of 3 months pending the approval of the D. G. & if at the end of that time the Officer under whose command the man was serving considered he was unfit to hold the rank, he would revert to his former position, without further reference to Contents noted a higher Authority.

Forwarded to Surg^r Major Johnston for information to be returned

100/81
S. M. Lindsay
RMO 2 of 6
17.5.81
P. M. O.

Lines of C & B are

100/81
Surg^r Major R. M. Burg
18.5.81

100/81
James D. Holloway
D. S. General
P. M. O. S. A.

Return

12 5/81

Refer to 566 & 58a

O.C. Becomes W-
Mr. Clowley says
he knows nothing
of the bag in question

41 Napier (Jag) 1/2 Elph
25.5.81 Jy. Hunt
Napier

Kit Bags of Privates Greenham & Clowley.

M. O. in charge Station Hosp! Fort Napier
Petersburg

The Kit bag of No. 4593 Private J. Clowley
of the Beane Company who was left sick
at Ladysmith has been brought up hither
by mistake. It contains

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Kit bag | 1 Brass Brush |
| 1 Comb | 1 Towel |
| 1 Hair brush | 2 Button Shirts |
| 2 Blacking brushes | 1 Bag of Sundries |
| 1 Flannel Shirt | 1 Clothes brush |
| 1 Pair Socks | 1 p ^r . Boots (old) |

I will take the first opportunity of sending
this bag down to P.M.B. as I believe
the man has been transferred to the Hospital
under your charge. Will you kindly find
out whether Pte. Clowley has in his

possession the Kit bag of Marked A.S.C.
of No 3560 Pte. J. Greenham, which it is
believed was given to him in mistake for
his own. If so please send it up to
Newcastle. This bag should contain

- 1 p^r. Boots (new), 2 sets of brushes, 2 handkerchiefs,
1 A.S.C. Regulations, 3 pair Socks,
a writing case & book & sundry other articles.

Newcastle
2^d May 1881

Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major A.M.S.
Commanding Beane Company

See Telegram

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South African War Medals -

Principal Medical Officer, South Africa
P.M.O. Line of Com^d & Base
Newcastle, Natal

1. No. 3634 Pte L. Nicholson A.N.C. has been presented with the War Medal for the South African Campaign but he claims the clasp for 1879, on the strength of his having crossed the Orange River with Col. Parker Russell's Column. I have no means of ascertaining the validity of this claim.
2. No. 3269 Pte J. Brigham has received the medal with clasp for 1877-78-79. He did not land in South Africa until 1878, and is only entitled to the clasp for 1878-79.

Ed. Wm Johnston
Lieutenant Major A.M.B.
Commanding No. 1 Pioneer Corps

Losses from Kit bags left in store at Durban.

55 a
81

O.C. Bearer for N. Adjutant General

To be investigated by

a Station Board via

27.6. of today. I should

be stated in evidence

whether the store in

question was a public

or private one

by order

(62) F. G. G. Major

1.6.81

P.S. The original and

as well as the person

Accompanying this is a list of articles stated to have been lost by N.C. Officers & men under my command, whilst their Kit Bags were left in store at Durban or during their transit from Durban hither.

I have every reason to believe the list is a correct one, but as no inventory of contents of Kit bags was taken before the bags were stored, there is no actual proof of its accuracy.

Is there any use of having a Board to enquire into this, or is there any chance

value should be specified

(62) F. G. G.

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of compensation being granted for the losses

(S^r) W^m Johnston

Surgeon Major A.M.D.

Comm^d 9th Bearer Company

Camp Bennetts Drift

A. H.C.

31st May 1881

Staff Sergeant Haymes' sword returned into store

56^a
81

District Officer of Orderlies

Fort Annel. Newcastle.

Sword 1815.

Belt. 14

Please receive into store one sword, sword belt and slings complete marked as per margin for staff sergeant A.H.C. and issue in lieu one sword, sword belt and frog complete for no 2175 R.F.J. Haymes, reduced to rank of Corporal by sentence of Regimental C.M.

(S^r) W^m Johnston

Surgeon Major A.M.D.

Comm^d 9th Bearer Company

Camp Bennetts Drift

A.H.C.

31st May 1881.

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Private Clowsley's kit bag sent by Port Land S.P.M.B.

Commissary of Transport

Fort Annel

No 4593 Private

Clowsley A.H.C.

C/O Med. Officer

in Charge Station

Hospital Fort Napier

S.M. Burg

Will you be good enough to send the accompanying small kit bag to P.M.Burg by first post boat, as I have just received a telegram that the man to whom it belongs proceeds to England as an invalid on the 4th Instant

56^a + 58^a
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(S^r) W^m Johnston

Camp Bennetts Drift

Newcastle

1st June 1881

Surgeon Major A.M.D.

Comm^d 9th Bearer Company

A.H.C.

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Documents of Private Clowsley (Invalided)

Principal Medical Officer

& & &

South Africa.

You

Your telegram of this day's date rec^d at 2 p.m. asking for the documents of No 4593 Private Clowsley.

These documents I handed over to Surgeon

1 Record of Service Major Thomson at Ladismith on the 17th

1 Comp^d Default Sheet and he informs me that he gave

1 In. Hist Sheet. them over to Surgeon Wallis who was proceeding to P.M.B. in Medical Charge of Invalids

I have telegraphed however to the Medical Officer in Charge at Ladismith to forward them at once to you should they have been left at Ladismith.

Private Clowsley's Regimental Default Sheet is in your office along with the rest of the documents belonging to the Bearer Company. —

(1) W. Johnston Surg. Maj.

Command^g Ho. Bearer Co.

Camp Newcastle

A.H.C.

31st May 1881.

(2)

Copies of Telegrams.

From P.M.O.

To O.C.

P.M.B.

B.C. & Castle.

May 31st Send documents of 4593 P^t J. Clowsley without delay or wire for them if elsewhere embarks on 4th pros as invalided

From O.C. Bear Co. (3)

To M.O. in charge

A.H.C. Newcastle

Ladismith

31st May. Please send at once the documents of

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of Private Clowsley to P.M.O at P.M. Bury.

(41)

From O.C., Bearer Co

To P.M.O

hewcastle

P.M. Bury.

1st June. Surg: Maj: Thomson handed over Private Clowsley's documents to Surgeon Walker.

1.6.81

(13)

H. Johnston A.M.D.

Surg: Maj:

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Private Clowsley's kit bag sent to P.M.B.

Medical Officer in Charge

Bag is addressed

Station Hospital Fort Napier.

104593.

P^r. J. Clowsley. Kit-bag belonging to P^r. Clowsley who I A.H.C. care of hear proceeds at once as an Invalid to M.O. in Charge England

Station Hospital

Fort Napier.

P.M.B.

Will you please send for this at once & let its owner have it, if possible, before he embarks?

see 56b
81.

(13)

H^r. Johnston

Surg. Maj:

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81.

Camp.

Coming. Not Bearer Comp^d

R. hewcastle.

A.H.C.

1st June. 1881.

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81

P^r. Wallace handed to Civil Powers.

Camp Bennett's Drift.
hewcastle 5th June 1881

Sir.

No. 4577.

P^r. Wallace.

A.H.C.

I have the honour to inform you that I have remanded the marginally armed man of the Bearer Company under my command to be dealt with by you on a charge of theft of blankets from a

This man was acquitted by the Magistrate
on the 13th June only & the non-appearance
of the witnesses for the prosecution
WJ-

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Kafir named Umlula on the 1st instant.
The evidences are.

D. A. Comm^{rs} Gen Rainsford
Conductor Rörke.
Corporal Foursdick A.S.C.
Umlula.
Staffel } Kafirs
Charley }

All at the Commissariat Camp, near this
Camp.

If you will kindly let me know when
this man will be brought for trial I will
send an officer to attend the court to speak
as to the Prisoner's character. —

I have the honour to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

The Resident Magistrate (S^r) W^m Johnston J. M.
Newcastle Natal. Command^g 1st Beaufort Co.

A. H. C.

Guard for Div^l Field Hospital.

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A. A. General

My numbers are so reduced that
furnishing the sentry for the Divisional Field
Hospital gives the men only an average of
four nights in bed which is a great deal less
than the Infantry now get in Camp.

If this Guard is considered necessary I
think it should be furnished as a Garrison
Guard?

(S^r) W^m Johnston

Surgeon Major A. M. D.

Comm^d 1st Beaufort

Camp. Bennett's Drift
6th June 1881

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See also Memo.
in General Post-
from Commandant Durban
to Baggage Master.

Private Greenham's Kit bag.

Telegram

From Officer Commanding
Bearer Company A.H.C.
Newcastle

To 2. M. General
Durban

Is there a sea kit bag marked 74
in the store at the point belonging to Bearer
Company A.H.C. a seaman's bag seems to
have been taken in lieu of it?

(s a) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major

Commanding N:1 Bearer Company
A.H.C.

2nd June 1881

For C.C. Army Hospital Corps B.D.
From Commandant Durban

4th June, There is no Baggage in
store here belonging to Bearer Company
A.H.C. Corps

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Distribution of Transport for Bearer Co & Div' Field H.Q.

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T.C.C.

A.C.
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H.C.
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List of Movable Transport &c to be
retained for Hospital use

- 3 English Ambulances For Field Hospital
- 3 Mule Wagons & Bearer Company & to
- 1 Milk Cart be in Charge of C.C.
- 4 Water Carts Bearer Company
- 1 English Ambulance In the R.A. Camp for
- that Corps & Coal Mining party
- 3 Ambulances N:5 now at
- Newcastle

N.B. The

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N. B. - The other 2 Water carts to remain at Field
Hospital without Cattle for use in storing water
(s. a.) E. M. Sinclair
6. 6. 81 B. de Lurjean P.M.O.

T
W.C.
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Surgeon Major Stafford

Officer commanding Bearer Company
Forwarded herewith list of
Transport to be retained by you for use
of Div. Hospital & Bearer Company

Only one Conductor will be
required to remain with this Transport
I would therefore suggest that you select
the one you consider most efficient of
the three now with your Transport

Will you be good enough to cause
all Transport now with you in excess of
that laid down in annexed to be returned
to Transport Dept Bennett's Drift at 9 am
tomorrow

Two Mule wagons will be sent
tomorrow to make up the three required

(s. a.) M. E. R. Ramsford
D. A. C. G.

Camp Bennett's Drift
8. June 1881

Please return these papers

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Distribution of Transport for Bearer Coys & Field Hosp^l
S. M. C. Field Force

Newcastle 6th June 1881

On withdrawal of the draught animals from the Force the movable Transport of the Field Hospital will be reduced to a small Establishment with one conductor left for use conjointly of the Hospital & Bearer Company

Will you be good enough to arrange for the instructions below to be carried out

The movable carriage as follows:

Surgeon Major Johnston forming Bearer Company will be good enough to take charge of viz:

Woolwich Ambulances - - - - 3

Mule Wagons - - - - 3

Mule Cart - - - - 1

Water Carts - - - - 4

and arrange with the Medical Officer in Charge for working the same

The Ambulances not in use of the Field Hospital & Bearer Company respectively will be parked. The remaining two water carts will be retained for use in stormy weather

Ambulances as required will be sent to bring sick to Hospital but as a rule there should be no necessity for men discharged returning to their forps in these vehicles. Discharged men should be marched to their forps in the afternoon by a T. C. C. sent by each Regiment & if necessary their kits carried by a fatigue party

(2) J. M. Sinclair
Bd Surgeon R.M.O. Coy 6

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Forwarded for information & guidance to
The Officer in M. C. Div. F. A. Hoyle
" Commanding Bearer Company
(ca) S. B. Roe M.B.
Surgeon Major
S. M. C.
7. 6. 81

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S. M. C. - I beg that further instructions
regarding this Order may be given. Is it
intended to remove from the charge of the
Field Hospital the Sick Transport? If so
under whose Orders is it to be placed? If
as apparent, the Transport is to be separated
from Hospital charge, I beg that the
matter may be reconsidered
(ca) F. W. Stafford
D. F. Hospital Surgeon Major
7 June 1881 In Charge

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C. C. Bearer Company
Please state if you can arrange
without a conductor for the proportion of
above Transport belonging to Company
namely "1 Wagon & 1 Water cart"
(ca) S. B. Roe
8. 6. 81 Surgeon Major S. M. C. 97.

[51]

S. M. C. Field Force
I can do without a conductor perfectly
well with the diminished quantity of Transport
(ca) W. Johnston
8. June 1881 Surgeon Major
from 9 Bearer Comp
a. H. C.

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(61)
S. M. C. Lof & B.

In returning the above correspondence has the honor to point out that the amount of Transport allotted barely suffices for the ordinary daily duties & allows of no margin for any emergency

(sd) S. B. Roe M.B.

Surgeon Major

S.M.C.

8.6.81

(71)

If you can kindly arrange to allow the F. H. & Bearer's transport to remain separate it will probably work more satisfactorily

(sd) S. B. R.

S. M. C. Field Force

9.6.81

The Commissariat Dept has been requested to distribute the Transport separately to the F. Hosp & Bearer for the Conductor remaining at the former For Special Services in Transport of Sick additional Mules must be applied for, for the occasion

(sd) E. M. Sinclair

Bd Surgeon

R.M.C.

(81)

M. C. L. B. J. F. Hosp

Forwarded for information & return

(sd) S. B. Roe M.B.

10.6.81

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Surgeon Major S.M.C.

Noted & Returned

(sd) R. P. Haythorne

S.M.C.

11.6.81

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M. C. L. B. J. F. Hosp
Long. Base. Asiatic.

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Enquiry as to rank of No. 4203. John Treuery.

from $\frac{21}{81}$

$\frac{65}{81}$

(21)

Director General

A. M.D.

$\frac{1881}{a \times c}$

Forwarded with a request, to be informed as to whether the man's statement be correct or not

(a) James Holloway

D. General

PMBurg

P.M.O. S.A.

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(31)

Princ. Medical Officer

South Africa

Pt Treuery was appointed to the provisional rank of Lance Corporal owing to the paucity of Non Commissioned Officers for duty at 2nd Station Hosp. Aldershot in November last & his removal from that Station would necessitate his reversion to his previous grade

(a) A. Clarke S.M.
for Director General
A. M.D.

Head Quarters A.D.C.

London 10. 5. 81

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C. E. Bearer Company

A. H. Corps

For your information action and

(a) J. Sinclair

D. General

for P.M.O. S.A.

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P.M.O. S.A.

Noted & returned
as directed.

W. W. Hunt
P.M.

Noted.

17. June 81

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From (61)
Officer commanding
Bearer Company A.H.C.
To

Director General A.M.D.
W.C. P.M.C. South Africa

Sir

I have the honor to recommend
for your favourable consideration the
advancement of N^o 4203 Pte John Trevery
to the rank of Lance Corporal

This man was appointed a
Provisional Lance Corporal at the 2nd.
Station Hospital Aldershot in November 1880,
& has served as such with the Bearer
Company under my command, to my
entire satisfaction, & I consider him a
trustworthy, sober man, with sufficient
education for the rank he is recommended
for

Copy of Company Defaulter Sheet
is herewith attached

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Commanding Bearer Company

A.H.C.

Camp. Bennett's Drift

17th June 1881

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Loss of kit by Private Inwood.

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Medical Officer in Charge

Base Hospital, Fort Amiel
No 4185 P^r H Inwood who rejoined
the Bearer Company yesterday from The
Detachment under your command, is found
to be deficient of a great deal of his kit.

He states that his kit bag did not
arrive with the rest of the men's kits on the
14th May 1881 when they were brought up from
Durban. He reported this to Staff Sergeant
Fowler at the time, but he never heard
any more about it.

I am told that the wagon which
brought the kits from this camp to Fort
Amiel was upset & that a kit was lost
in a skid.

The wagon was under the charge
of Corporal Jacomb, belonging to the Bearer
Company, who was at that time & still is
attached to your Detachment.

If these statements are correct, no
doubt Staff Sgt Fowler & Corporal Jacomb
reported the circumstances to you. Will
you please say what action has been taken?

(Sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Commanding Bearer Co A R C

Camp Beaufort Drift
Newcastle Natal

22nd July 1881

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Loss of kit by Private Inwood.

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The man's statement as regards his having reported the absence of his Kit Bag is confirmed by Staff Sergeant Fowler, who states that Pte Inwood declined his offer to bring him before the Officer Commanding. The matter was consequently not reported. When he was ordered to rejoin the Bearer Company he was again asked if he wished the matter to be reported, & then said that he had replaced everything but his Shunic & Waterproof bag.

Of Pl. Sacombe says that the waggon was overturned, but denies that any bag can have been lost on that occasion.

Ed. Watts.

Newcastle

Bde Surgeon

24th June 1881.

(3) Medical Officer in Charge

Dane Hospital

Will you have the goodness to call on Staff Surg: Fowler & Corp: Sacombe for written statements of their evidence, so that this case can be thoroughly investigated?

Camp Newcastle } Ed. W. Johnston Surg. Major
Natal 25th June 1881 } Commanding Bearer Comp / A.C.

Statements were
forwarded, but no
evidence was brought
forward to show
the name of
P. Inwood who
was put under
Hospitals to make
good deficiencies.

W. J.

This kit was taken away from the subscriptions of the Bearer Company
from Beaumont's kit in Nov. 81 -

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Disposal of Court Martial Documents —

Departmental Memo.

On the occasion of any N.C.O or man A.H.C being tried by C.M. the Officer Commanding the Company or Detachment will be good enough to forward the various extracts & Proceedings as noted below

2 Copies Extract of C.M. Trial
on A.F. A10 to P.M.O. S of C. viz:
(1 for transmission to P.M. Bury.
1 for District Office of Ordnance)
District
C.M. Trial 1 Court Martial Sheet A.F. A12
(or failing this A.F. A10) also to
be made out and attached to the
Man's Documents.
(Proceedings after promulgation & Signature
returned to President of C.M.)

Regimental 2 Extracts & C.M. Sheet same as
noted above for District C.M.
Detachment Proceedings after promulgation & Signature
C.M. to P.M.O. S of C for transmission —

Additional Copies of Extract may be required in
certain cases when articles lost &c are ordered to be
made good —

Newcastle
30th June 1881

(sd) J.M. Sinclair
Bde Surgeon
P.M.O. S of C.

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Charge against Lieut Miller of neglecting to obey F. F. Order -

N^o 191 of 1881
2m. 60.

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Camp Bemmit's Drift
25th June 1881

From

The Officer Commanding
83rd Regiment

To

The As^t Adjutant General
Field Force
Camp Bemmit's Drift

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that the stream from which the drinking water is obtained by the Reg^t under my command, is being used for washing purposes, Captain Wynneham 83 Reg^t having seen a N. C. Officer of the A. & Corps yesterday afternoon washing clothes just below the camp of the Bearer Company.

This occurred just after retreat. The N. C. Officer's name was Sergeant Miller A. & C.

I have the honor &c
(sd) J. Harlake Major
Commanding 83rd Reg^t.

R 1018
Off. 22.6.81
26.6.81

(2)

C. C. Bearer Company

Please have this N. C. placed under arrest & submit a charge against him for neglecting to obey F. Force Order N^o 6 of the 15th Inst.

By Order

26.6.81

(sd) F. Cardew Major
A. & C.

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Officer commanding 83rd Regt.

Will you have the goodness to call upon Captain Wyncham of the Regt. under your command to furnish a statement of evidence against Sergeant Miller of the Bearer Company A. H. C. with reference to his neglecting to obey Field Force Order No 6 of the 15th Inst.?

It is requested that Capt. Wyncham will kindly give particulars as to where this H. C. Officer was seen washing clothes

(23) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm'g Bearer Coy A.H.C.

Camp Bemmit's Drift

27th June 1881

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Captain C. J. Wyncham 83rd Regt. states

On the evening of the 24th June, shortly after Retreat I was passing across the stream just below the Bearer Company where the stream runs over some rocks, when I saw a man of the Army Hospital Corps washing some articles in two buckets, about five yards away from the stream. I asked him his name & he told me it was Sergeant Miller

(22) C. J. Wyncham Capt

Camp Bemmit's Drift

83 Regt.

28th June 1881

Forwarded

(22) J. Harlake Major

Comm'g 83 Regt.

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Charge against Serg. Miller A.H.C. &c

B Serjeant Miller A.H.C. examined by Surgeon Major W. Johnston commanding Bearer for A.H.C. on 27th June 1881

Serg. Miller states,

On the evening of the 24th Inst, I took down two buckets & filled them at the stream. I took them when filled some 10 or 15 paces from the stream & was washing clothes in them, when Captain Wyndham came up on horseback & asked me if I knew I was disobeying an order. I replied that I did not know that I was as I thought the Garrison order only referred to washing or bathing in the stream. Captain Wyndham then asked my name, which I gave him, & he then crossed the stream with his horse. I was careful to empty the dirty water into the receptacle appointed for it, & reported what had occurred to the Adjutant immediately on returning to camp.

(2^d) Wm Johnston
Surge Major

Newcastle 27th June 1881

A. A. Genl.

(3)

A + B -

Herewith I forward statements of evidence regarding this charge against Serg. Miller

It does not appear that this N.C. Officer was actually washing in the stream, or indeed in any way polluting the water, but he was guilty of neglecting to obey an order issued by me on the 6th May wherein was laid down directions as to where all washing was to take place

I would suggest that I should deal with

To 75
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From $\frac{66}{81}$

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P. Treuery's promotion to Prov. Lance Corporal -

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C. S. (71)

Bearer Company A. H. C.

With reference to your letter dated 17th Instant, recommending N.º 4203 P. Treuery for promotion to the rank of Lance Corporal, will you be good enough to inform me if this man is in possession of a 2nd class School Certificate the Director General A. M. D. having issued instructions to the effect that men not possessing such a certificate are ineligible for promotion.

A. Copy of P. Treuery's record of Service should have accompanied your recommendation vide para 146 A. H. C. regulations.

(Sd) James Holloway

PMBurg

Sy Surg^l Genl
PMO. S.A.

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Principal Medical Officer

A. Copy of Private Treuery's Record of Service is herewith attached. This man is not in possession of a school certificate. I was aware that this would debar him from promotion to the rank of Corporal, although I did not before know that it rendered him ineligible for the grades of Lance or Second Corporal.

If therefore you do not consider you can recommend his promotion, I shall be obliged if you will kindly approve my appointing him to be a Provisional Lance Corporal "so long as he remains with the Bearer Company", since as shown by Director General's minute of 10th May on my Memo of 29th March he enjoyed that rank at

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at Aldershot, & has as explained in my letter
of 17th Inst, referred to in your memorandum now
under reply, been allowed to retain his appointment
pending the instructions asked for from H^d Qrs

(s^d) W^m Johnston

Surgeon Major

forming Bearer Company

A.H.C.

Camp N^o Newcastle
Datat 27th June 1881

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Memorandum to P^r Beattie's Wife & Family -

Camp Bunnetts Drift.

Datat July. 5th 1881

I. No 3528 P^{te} Beattie A.H.C. authorize
the Paymaster Capt Gordon A.H.C. to transmit
money to my wife at the rate of one shilling
per diem.

(S^d) I. No 3528 P^{te} James Beattie
A.H.C.

Sint of Ord Gordon A.H.C.

Please act on this.

The wrong address is

Mrs Bridget Beattie.

14 Mary Street

Belfast

from $\frac{72}{81}$

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with him on a charge to that effect

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Comd^g Bearer Company

Newcastle

28th June 1881

Exchanges of N.C. Officers & Men of Bearer Company — $\frac{75.2}{81}$

Principal Medical Officer

South Africa

W/C P.M.O. Lincol & Base

In view of the return of the Bearer Company to England

I have the honor to suggest the advisability of permitting such N.C. Officers & men of the Company as wish to remain in the country to exchange with other N.C. Officers & men of the Army Hospital Corps who may be anxious to return to England.

These exchanges, to be of course subject to the approval of the P.M.O. Lincol & Base, & the men's immediate Commanding Officers, could be arranged, as soon as orders of readiness to proceed to England are received.

(sd) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Comd^g Bearer Company

A. H. C.

Camp Remitts Drift

4th July 1881.

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Charge against Henry Miller A.H.C. Comps -

From
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See applic. & for
R.C.M. & B. Genl.
Remarks in
Guana Book.

(14)
O.C. Bearer Company

Be so good as to forward an application for a Regimental Court Martial against this man in accordance with Minute No 2

By Order

100 F Cardew Major
A. A. C.

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Private Treveny's Promotion.

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O.C. Bearer Company. A.H.C.

From
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With reference to your letter dated 17th ult. it did not appear clear whether P^{te} Treveny A.H.C. was recommended for the substantive rank of Lance Corporal which carries pay or only for the provisional rank. If for the latter I have no objection to the man being appointed to that grade for a period of 3 months pending the sanction of the Director General being received.

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P.M.Burg. 9th 81 (S^g). James Holloway By Surg. General.
Return 4 papers. P.M.O. S.A.

P.M.O. South Africa

(10)

In my letter of 17th ult. I fully intended to recommend P^{te} Treveny for the rank of substantive Lance Corporal. but on receipt of your memo of 22nd ult. pointing out that he was ineligible for that rank I requested in my memo of 27th ult. that you would kindly approve my making him a Provisional Lance Corporal.

I regret that I did not seem to have expressed myself sufficiently plainly.

D^o W^m Johnston.

Newcastle 7th July 1881

Surg Major.

State of Surgery Wagon in receipt. (Loss of keys.) $\frac{77}{81-}$

From $\frac{14}{81}$

From

25th May 1881

The Director General

Army Med. Dept

To The Commissary General

Royal Arsenal Woolwich

Will you be good enough to read the accompanying letter from Surgeon Major Johnston dated Natal 19th March last & see the remark of the Apothecary at Woolwich to the effect that the missing Keys were handed over at the Royal Arsenal & if you think necessary, perhaps you will have the goodness to cause some inquiries to be made on the subject

The return of the accompanying documents to this Office is requested
(s^d) A. Shelton S.G.

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The

Director General A.M.D.

The Keys were received with the wagon, they were in an envelope which was not opened, & was placed on the front of the wagon with a piece of leather nailed over it for security

(s^d) C.E. Vansittart

D. A. C. G.

for C.G. 27.5.81

Princed Med. Officer Natal

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject see the Commissary General's remark as to the Keys having been fastened

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on to the front of the wagon, if this were
so, they may even be there now, please ascertain
These documents to be returned to this
Office

1st Lt A Shelton S.G.
A.M.D.

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P.M. Officer S.A.

I have to day again most
carefully searched for the missing keys in
the place indicated by the D.A.C.G. but
they are not there, nor is there any mark
of nails having been driven in & removed
from the front of the wagon

1st Lt Jm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Comm 7th Bearer Company

Newcastle

Natal

7th July 81

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P. W. Lamin's claim for compensation for clothing in Zululand campaign.

Camp. Bennetts Drift

July 9th 1881

The Principal Medical Officer
South Africa

N^o 3269 Pte J. C. Brigham A.H.C.
of the Beurer Company under my command
states that he crossed the Zulu Border on
the 12 Jan^y 1879 & remained in Zululand
until 8th April 1879. He now claims the
sum of £ 1. 0. 0. for fair wear & tear
of clothing granted to men who were in
Zululand from 12 Jan^y to 1st Sept^r 1879

Will you kindly cause enquiries
to be made as to the validity of this
man's statement

(sa) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major and.
Commanding N^o 4 Beaurifort
A.H.C.

Paymaster A.H.C.

The claim of N^o 3269 Pte Brigham
A.H.C. is correct, will you therefore be good
enough to take the necessary action in the matter

(sa) James S. Holloway
as Surgⁿ Genl
P.M.O. SA

P.M.O.

Receipts signed P.M.Burg 12th 7/81
as requested & P.M.O. S. Africa

returned for favor of Cheque for £ herewith for Pte J. C. Brigham
transmission to & I would request you will be pleased to direct
Paymaster that the attached receipts may be signed & returned
to me as early as convenient

(sa) W Johnston
Surg Major P.M.Burg 13th 7/81

Camp Newcastle
18.7.81 C. C. Beaurifort -
P.M.Burg 18th 7/81

(sa) W. Ward. Capt of 4th A.H.C.

Forwarded
(sa) James S. Holloway
D.S. P.M.O. SA

Invitation to Extend Period of Limited Service

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General No
11452

Horse Guards

War Office

31st May 1881

Sir

I have the honor by desire of H. R. H. the Field Marshal Commanding in chief to request, that you will be so good as to invite the Non-Commissioned Officers & men of the Infantry under your Command who are at present serving on short Service engagements (i.e.) Six years with the colors & six years with the Reserve) to extend their periods of Army Service to complete seven years with the Colors & five years with the Reserve; or eight years with the Colors & four years with the reserve, if their period of Army Service expires while they are serving abroad.

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No. 15, July 81

The extension of service will be carried out by you, & a note will be made in the Regimental Monthly Return dated 1st August next of the number of such men who elect to serve for the additional period & of those who prefer to remain on their present term of Service.

An entry of the fact will also be made in the Records of Service of each man who extends his service, together with the date of the Authority.

The

General Officer Commanding
Natal & Transvaal
PMBurg

I have &c

(S^d) E. G. Buller
G. C. B. R.

True copy

H^d 2nd PMBurg (S^d) A. H. Wavell Lt Col
2.7.81 a. a. G.

Exchanging N.C. Officers & Men of Bearer Company to remain in command

P.M.C. L.A. (2)

From 75^a
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Forwarded & Recommended

(2) E.M. Sinclair

B^d Surgeon

P.M.C. L of C.

Newcastle

5th July 1881

(3)

P.M.C. L of C. & B.

Newcastle

I quite approve of the suggestion of
the C.C. Bearer Company

Please carry out

(2) Jas Holloway

D.S.

P.M.Burg

P.M.C. L.A.

9.7.81

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C.C. Bearer Company

A. H. C.

Newcastle

14th July 1881

Forwarded for information. The
subject to be communicated to the N.C. &
& Men of Bearer Company

(2) E.M. Sinclair

B^d Surgeon

To be returned

(5)

P.M.C. L of C.

P.M.C. L of C. & B.

Action taken & further report will be
made

See list in
Guinea ~~Book~~
8th August 1881 -

Camp Newcastle
15.7.81

(2) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm^d Bearer Company

A. H. C.

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Pt. Treney appointed Prov: Lance Corporal.

from 16^a
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O.C. Bearer Company A.H.C.

The appointment of Pt. Treney
A.H. Corps to the provisional rank of Lance
Corporal is approved for a period of 3 months
from this date pending the sanction
of the Director General A.M.D. being
obtained

To be returned

(s.d.) James S. Holloway
dy Sqn Ld
CMB SA

P.M. Burg

12 7/81

P.M.O. S.A.

Noted & returned as directed

(s.d.) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major A.M.D.
forming Bearer for

Camp N^o Newcastle

18.7.81

Promotion of Second Corporal *J. Jacomb* 83
81

Principal Medical Officer S. A.

Canceled
Lieut of Ordinance Gordon informs me that he has received an intimation dated 6th July from Capt. of Ord. Ward that N^o 4175 Second Corporal J. Jacomb of the Bearer Company under my Command had been promoted to the rank of Corporal from the 16th ²May 1881

As I have no copy of orders regarding this N. C. ¹promotion, I have the honor to request I may be furnished with the same in order ^{note}that I may publish the promotion to the Company & authorize the Paymaster to issue the increased rate of pay as well as order the N. C. to wear the higher distinctive of his Rank —

Johnston
Surgeon Major
Camp Bennett's Drift Commg Bearer for a H. C.
18th July 1881

J. C. & B.

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Loss of Pocket Ledger by Private Newland -

O. C. Detachment A. H. C.

Base Hospital Fort Amiel
No 4250 Pte R. Newland who joined
the Bearer Company from the Detach^t
under your command on 14th May was
deficient of his Pocket Ledger

He stated however that this
had been reported to L^t J. Strange
on board Ship, as well as at Newcastle,
up to this date the Pocket Ledger has
not been received

Will you kindly tell me what
steps have been taken regarding this
matter

(s^d) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Comm^d Bearer Co
A. H. C.

Camp. Bernits Drift

25th July 1881 (21)

O. C. Bearer Company

Base Hospital

July 26th
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Lieut of Orderlies Strange states that
the man informed him that the Pocket
Ledger had been detained at Aldershot & that
he had himself written for it. Pending the
result of this application no other steps
were taken

(s^d) J. Watts. Brigade Surgeon

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Lia. Messaries of Bearer Company attc - $\frac{85}{81}$

Officer Commanding
Depot Army Hospital forps
Aldershot

W.C. Principal Medical Officer S. Africa
& Director General Army Med Dept

As several of the N. C. Officers & men
of the Bearer Company under my Command
have expressed dissatisfaction at the sum
(of 19^s/4) charged them for articles of Sea Kit
before embarkation, whereas the men of
the Army Service Corps, who came out
attached to the Bearer Company were only
charged 12/11

I have the honor to request you
will be so good as furnish me with a list
showing the prices of the various articles charged
for, & thus enable me to satisfy the men
regarding the justice of the stoppages made
from their advance pay

(sa) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
forming Bearer Coy attc

Newcastle - Natal

27th July 1881

C.B.

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Bearer Coy A.H.C.

Be good enough to furnish a
list of the articles comprising the mens
Sea Kits & the prices authorised to be
charged can be given in this Office

PMBurg

31st 7/81

(sa) Jas Hollaway
Asst Surg
P.M.C. SA

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81 Loss of Private Mowlands' Pocket Ledger -

From 84 (3)

Officer Commanding Depot A.H.C.
W.C. P.M.O. South Africa & Director General

This man has been temporarily attached to the Beaufort company under my command. He states that he accidentally left his small book at Aldershot when he left that Station on the 9th Jan^y last

N^o 4631 P^{te} J. Mayne states he found the Book after P^{te} Mowlands departure & gave it to Corporal McCarthy who he believes took it to the orderly Room

Please make enquiries

(s^d) Wm Johnston

Surgⁿ Major

Commanding Beaufort A.H.C.

Newcastle - Natal

27th July 1881

O.C. Depot A.H.C. (4)

Aldershot -

Transmitted. (signed) Jas L Holloway

P.M.B. Natal -

S.G. P.M.O. SA -

31st July 81 -

P.M.O. S.A. (5)

Pocket Ledger of Mr. Mowland A.H.C. is herewith forwarded.

(signed) Sandford Moore S.M. -

Aldershot -

Comd. Depot A.H.C.

8.9.81 -

O.C. Beaufort Coy (6)

Forwarded

P.M.B.

(signed) J. Sinclair.

15.10.81 -

Rec^d 20.10.81 - M. J. -

Sg^t by Gen. P. M. O. S.A.

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Return of Arms & accoutrements handed in. 81

Princ^l. Med^l. Officer

From Haze.
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L of C & Base

Referring to your minute of 2nd Inst
on P. M. O. Memo ³⁹⁸_P of 29 July 1881

I have the honor to inform you
that the delay in furnishing the returns
as to Arms & accoutrements is due to the
non receipt of the Vouchers from the
O. S. Dept but as soon as these are Rec^d
they shall be forwarded to P. M. Bure

(sd) Wm Johnston
Surgeon Major
Commg Bearer Company
A. H. Corps

Camp Bennett's Draft
3rd August 1881

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P. M. O. Lines of C. & Base

In continuation of my Memo. of 3rd inst. on yrsg.
of 2nd inst. P. M. O. Minute of 29th July. No 398 I
have the honor to inform you that the
Lt. Mr. has today forwarded to the
District Office of Adjutants P. M. B. the
returns therein called for with O. S.
Vouchers in support thereof.

W. Johnston
Lt. Major -

Camp Bennett's Draft -
17th Aug 1881.

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Returns of Arms & accoutrements handed in.

To the

Principal Med. Officer
South Africa

Sir

N^o 4355 Corp^e A Cassar A.H.C. an Invalid arrived without arms, states they have been delivered to Ordnance Store of so I beg to request I may be furnished with the store Vouchers; & if other men have returned their arms & accoutrements a list of the articles handed in by each N.C. Officer & man as also a certified copy of the order for their return.

I would beg to bring to your notice that I am responsible for the whole of the Arms & equipment of each man of the A.H.C. Corps in this Command amounting to 5 or 6 £ per man for which the War Dep^t hold me liable & I would request I may be informed & the voucher forwarded to me for any clothing, arms or equipment returned into store or taken from the men.

This information has been sent me from the Base Hosp^l Newcastle only

I have &c

(s^a) W. Ward

Capt & DO of Ordn

P.M. Burg

28th July 1881

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P.M.C. LofC & B

But good enough to issue the necessary

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instructions that the D. 6 of 6 may be
furnished with all information as to
the disposal of Arms, Clothing &c of
men of the A. H Corps serving in your
district

PMBurg

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1st J. Sinclair
D Surgeon Genl.
for PMO S.A

Forwarded for compliance &
report to This Office when carried out

1st E M Sinclair

Bd Surgeon

Newcastle

2nd August 1881

PMO S.A

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Prices of Sea Necessaries of Bearer Company
 90 from 85
 81 The (3)

Principal Medical Officer
 South Africa

The following is a list of articles
 which were issued to the N Co & men
 of the Bearer Company before embarkation
 I Sea Kit

6.8	Frock Serge	1	6/8 ^d
5.11	Trowsers Serge for	1	5/11 ^d
.2	Soap Marine pieces	14	-/2
.1 1/2	Soap Yellow pieces	2	-/1 1/2
1. 1 1/2	Bag Clothes	1	1/1 1/2
.7 1/4	Cap Blue worsted	1	-/7 1/4
	Marking Cloth Bag & Cap.		(-/1/1)

II Not articles of Sea Kit for sake of Good Hope
 Cholera Belts 2 3/2.

III Extra articles of Necessaries issued on
 embarkation for Active Service

8	Clasp Knife	1	-/8 ^d
11	Housewife	1	-/11 ^d
	Lanyard	1	(-/1 ^d)
2	Sin of Grease (in lieu of blacking)	1	-/2 3/4
	Marking housewife		1/10 3/4

Prices quoted
 by P.M.O.

(10^d) Wm Johnston
 Camp Bennetts Drift Surgeon Major and
 Newcastle Natal Commr/ Bearer of
 5th August 1881.

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Surgeon Babington's Horse -

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Brigade Major

Will you have the goodness to request the Authority of the Chief of the Staff to enable Surgeon Babington of the Beaver Company under my command to draw a horse from the Remount Depot in lieu of one, that this Officer handed into the Transport Dept at Ladismith when he was detached for ^{temporary} duty at Biggarsberg?

Attached is a copy of the receipt for his last horse

The authority for Surgeon Babington's having a Gov't Horse is contained in Revised Army Regulations Vol IX Page 187

(s'd) Wm Johnston


Surgeon Major

Comd'g Beavers Coy

8 Aug 1881

Camp Remount Dept

Biggarsberg June 6th 1881


Received from Surgeon Babington A.M.D. one grey gelding branded 21  for the purpose of taking to Ladismith to hand into the Commissariat at that Station.

(s'd) Chas F Lindell

Lieut 21st Fusiliers

Ladismith

10. 6. 81

Received from Lt Lindell 21st R. I. & one grey gelding branded 21 

(s'd) C W L Holden

True copy

(s'd) Wm Johnston
S. M.

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R/1274
Bac Office
9.8.81

Lieut. Babington's horse -
From 91

Chief of Staff - Submitted

The Bearer Company are already in possession of 11 Government horses. Is not this number amply sufficient for all the duties they can possibly be called upon to perform at present?

10th Drury Lane

Brig Genl

9.8.81

Com^d Troop Permut's Dr

G. C. C. Troops

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I please call upon the G. C. Bearer Company to state how the 11 horses now in his charge are employed & what authority Dr Babington had for handing his horse over to Lt Lindrell

10th Redoubt Buller

Newcastle

Major General

August 10th 1881

Chief of Staff

G. C. Bearer Company

For report

R/1274
Bac Office
11.8.81

Pay order

(10th) E. H. M. Buller Major

11.8.81

B^d Major

Brigade Major

Seven of the eleven horses shown as on my charge are employed as riding horses for the Officers & non-Commissioned Officers of the Bearer Company entitled to them by Regulation. Two are employed by Medical Officers of the Bearer Co^y Temporarily attached to the 6th Dragoons & 2nd Royal West Kent Reg^t respectively. The remaining two (pack horses)

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I have suggested to you should be returned to the Transport Dept., as I do not at present require them

Surgeon Wabington states that the horse was unfit for work, on account of weakness & he therefore gave it over to Lieut Lindzell 2nd R. I. F. (who was then his Commanding Officer) to hand it to the Remount at Ladismith

(S^d) Wm Johnston

12. 8. 81

Surgeon Major and
Comm^d / Bearer 57th A.C.

Further correspondence filed -

Pricing of Sea Kit Necessaries for Bearer Company -

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From 90
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(11)

C. C.

Bearer Company

A. H. Corps

The prices of the articles comprising the Sea Kits of the men under your Command are shewn in the margin of the attached Communication, extracted from Army Circulars for March 1881

(s.d.) J. Sinclair

By Surgⁿ/Gen^l

for P. M. C. S. A.

P. M. C. S. A.

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Principal Medical Officer S. A.

By para 910 of the Clothing Regulations it appears that the "Lanyard", "Tie of grease" and "clasp Knife" are issued free

The "Cholera belts" are not part of Sea Kit for C of Good Hope (page 260 of. ord.) + should apparently not have been issued at home but issued "in Inventory" on arrival in this Command. (para 452) and as a matter of fact two extra belts were issued to the men at Newcastle so that each man has now four belts

These Regulations being new, perhaps the old ones were different

(s.d.) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major

Camp Bennett's Drift

16 August 1881

Comm^y Bearer Co^y

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Transmission home of Savings Bank Deposits -

See Beane's W^o
orders. 19.8.81 -

During The Zulu Campaign no Savings Bank Ledger appears to have been kept in South Africa, and indeed was not until my arrival to take over the payment of The A.H.C. and correspondence is still going on with reference to The 1880 accounts, This was the reason the men could not receive their money at once on arrival home, as reference had to be made to this Country.

This will not occur, a Savings Bank Ledger is duly kept from The 1st April 81, the transfer statement will be sent home the same time as the men, and therefore there can be no delay, in the money being paid to them at once on their arrival, I would strongly recommend the men not to take the money on Board Ship as they are very liable to loss on Transport Ships, and I assure the Commanding Officer there shall be no delay here.

Should however the men after this assurance desire to receive their money in P.M. Burg, I would suggest it be retained simply as a Credit on the men's accounts & remitted to me, to be paid on their arrival at P.M. Burg & not entered in the S.B. accounts as a deposit & that the credit be entered in their Small Books in the Monthly &c only.

If my former suggestion be approved it will greatly facilitate matters if a list of the men be sent me by post when they

They

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begin their march down country for England
as by the time of their arrival the documents
can be made out ready for transmission
to England

10^a / W. Ward Capt of Ordnance
Adj^t / Paymaster
A. H. C.

P. M. Burg

14 August 1881

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Transfer of N.C.O. & Men & from Beavers Company

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Army Med Office
P. M. Burg 20th August 81

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Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the sanction of the Director General has been obtained by letter N^o $\frac{4846}{995}$ dated 19 July 1881 to detain a certain N^o of N.C.O. & men of the Beaver Company under your command for duty in South Africa to replace an equal N^o of men who were serving in the Colony prior to the Boer outbreak, the latter making up the Beaver Company to its original strength when ordered to proceed to England.

Definite orders will be issued when all the returns now called for are received & a distribution list prepared as soon as circumstances admit of this being done.

I have &c

(s^d) J. Sinclair

Dy Surgeon General
P.M.O.S.A.

The C. C. Beaver Company
South Africa
W/C P.M.O.S.A. of C. & Base
C. C. Beaver Company
Forwarded

(s^d) E. M. Sinclair

Bat Surgeon

29. 8. 81

P.M.O.S.A.

Refer to 99
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The original letter N.C. 14th July 81 forwarded
the day before at 13.9.81 -

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Disposal of rebate from Colonial Govt. on Canteen supplies —

Minute in correspondence between P.M.O. & M.O. in charge Barr Hospital.

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P.M.O. L.C. & B.

The distribution of this money is left entirely to the C. B. hitherto it has been paid into the Canteen to cheapen articles sold. I have myself gone into the subject and can see no valid reason why the men of the A.H.C. up country should not receive at the rate of 9/- per year from the 28th March 1881 — when the next money is received a certain sum will be credited to each man up Country by Captain Ward.

Many men now up Country have already received sums on account of rebate & such will be taken into account in the division.

(S^d) J. Sinclair
D. S. Gaul

(21) 24. 8. 81

Reply to minute asking what is done with the money, as the returns have been regularly rendered but no allowance received —

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C. C. Bearer Company A.H.C.

The whole of the money for the A.H.C. is paid to the P.M.O. as received. The bearer Co^y is included in the return furnished by the P.M.O. The allowance has been paid up to the end of June.

(S^d) Keith Turnour Capt.
District Adjutant

With this money, the return for August was sent back & no more separate returns will be sent to the District Adjutant.

Refer to
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Return home of Bearer Company & transfer of Men -

P. M. C. L of C.

The Quarter Master General, Horse Guards has telegraphed that the Bearer Company entire will come home & the Head Quarters of the Army Hospital Corps

It is expected that they will embark at the end of October

(S^r) A FitzRoy Hart

1-9-81

Major D. A. A. G

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From the Officer Comm^d Bearer Coy
To The P. M. Officer S. A.
W. C. L. H. C. L of C & Base
Newcastle

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Camp. Bennett's Drift

4th September 1881

Sir

With reference to the Telegram from Q^r Master General Horse Guards directing that the Bearer Company entire & the H^d Quarters of the Army Hospital Corps are to go home I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me if this Order cancels the arrangements indicated in P. M. C. letter "Q" of 23rd Ult^o of transferring a certain number of the Bearer Company men to take the place of other men of the A. H. C. who have served some time in the Colony

I have the honor to point out that the N. C. C. & men of the Bearer Coy understood when they left home that they were coming out for Special Service (many of them having

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undad been sent out, out of their proper turn)
& the Principal Medical Officer South Africa
informed the Company on Parade at PM Bmg
that he had orders to send them all home as
soon as the war was over

I may perhaps be permitted to point
out, that there are probably more than
enough men who came out immediately before
or after the Bearer Company, to fill the
South African Establishment, should it
be considered advisable to transfer from the
Bearer Company only such men as are
volunteers for further service in this
Command

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(s^d) Wm Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Commanding Bearer Coy

The original letter N.O. 19^e July, referred to $\frac{97}{81}$ was
forwarded for my information 15 Sept. 1881 -
P.M.C. L.A.

Forwarded for your information

(s^d) E.M. Sinclair

Bat Surgeon

P.M.C. L of C

N. C

5 Sept. 1881

P.M.C. L C

Newcastle

It will be necessary to transfer
a certain number of men to remain here
but a Dept Order will be issued specifying them

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Disposal of Surgery Wagon & Bearer Company Equipment in leaving Newcastle -
From

* Other articles

Pack saddles.

Caullets, letters,

Field Panniers, & boxes
20 & 25. Panniers & other articles.

Probably some medical

camp equipment

& engineering tools &

in the event of their

not having all req^d for

Reconnaissance of

road - ambulance

wagons. H. J.

7. Sept 1881 -

The Officer Commanding
No. 1 Bearer Company

To

The Principal Medical Officer
South Africa

W. B. P. M. C. Loft & Base
Newcastle.

Camp Berritto Drift. 6th Sept 1881

Sir,

In view of the early move of the
Bearer Company down country

I have the honor to request to be
informed whether you approve the Surgery
wagon & other articles* of Bearer Company
equipment being handed into Store here,
so as to save, in the mean time. Transport
to P. M. Burg

I have &c &c

(s.d.) Wm Johnston M.D.

Surgeon Major and

Commanding Bearer Co

A. H. Corps

P. M. C. S. A.

Forwarded - Recommended
the wagon & articles of Ordnance equipment be
given into store here. The Baskets of Surgical
appliances belonging to the Surgery wagon to
be given into the Medical Stores but not
the Field Panniers or box of Haversacks

To No. 108

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From $\frac{94}{81}$

Price of the necessaries for Bearer Company —
O. C.

Bearer Company
A. H. C.

The new clothing Regulations are dated the 5th March 1881 & did not take effect till the 1st April 1881

The Bearer Company therefore received their kits under the old Regulations

by J. Sinclair
by Surgⁿ General
P. M. G. S. A.

P. M. Burg
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Principal Medical Officer S. A.

I find the List of kit necessaries which should have been provided out of their advance of Pay to the Bearer Company is contained in Army Circular Clause 121 of 1868 (which clause was cancelled by Cl 88. of 1881 promulgating the new Clothing Warrant

The list contained in para IV of the former Circular is practically identical with the list of articles ordered to be issued for the Cape of Good Hope at page 260 of the former Clothing ^{Regulations} Warrant

It is therefore not clear why the men were apparently charged for the articles referred to in my Minute (n^o 5) of 16.8.81

Those of the men who elected to have tobacco were charged separately for this. No pipe Clay was issued

Camp Bennett's Drift
9th Feb 1881

10th 11th Johnston
Surgeon Major A. A. D.
Comm^d Bearer Camp

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Cholera belts belonging to Bearer Company -

O. B. Bearer Company

A. H. Corps

In accordance with para 454 of the Clothing Regulations 1881, be good enough to forward a report to this Office stating whether or not you consider it necessary that the Cholera belts drawn on requisition from the Ordnance should be retained by the men of the Bearer Company on transfer to England. If you should consider the men ought to retain the belts, be so good as to furnish a Certificate to enable the D.O. of orderlies to have the belts struck off charge vide para 455 Clothing Reg^{ns}

10^a J. Sinclair

Dy Supt Genl

Rm 50

PMBurg

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Acting Quartermaster

Bearer Company

Are not these Cholera Belts on your Ledger charge & not on that of the D.O. of orderlies?

10^a Wm Johnston SM

10. 9. 81

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Camp Bearer Co AHC

Officer commanding

Bearer Co

The Cholera Belts issued to the men of the Bearer Company were drawn by me direct from Ordnance Stores at this Station & are on my ledger Charge

10^d Wm Pike Lt of Ordnance

Camp Remitts Drift

Actg Quartermaster

10. 9. 81

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Principal Medical Officer S. A.

Please see above minute. I infer that any necessary certificate will have to be given to Lt. of Bro. Pike in support of his accounts

(a) Mr Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Camp Bermuda Dep Commr Bearer for A.C.

10.9.81

P.M. Officer (5)

South Africa

Lt. of Bro. Pike is not a direct accountant to the War Office & only holds Stores on "local charge" if he returns the Cholera Belts to Ordnance Stores, I do not require the information, if the men take the Belts home they will have to be shown in the Clothing accounts of the Corps & a Copy of the Certificate will be required

(a) Mr Ward Capt of Bro.

P.M. Buz

D. C. A. H. C.

13. Sept 1881 (6)

Surgeon Major Johnston

Please say if these Belts will be returned into Store here, if not furnish the necessary Certificate

(a) J. Sinclair
D.L.S.

P.M.O.

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The Belts will be returned into Store on the men reaching P.M.B.

Mr Johnston
S.M.

21.9.81 -

Surgeon Dugdale unable to proceed to Ladismith &c

Principal Medical Officer

Lo of C + Base Newcastle

With reference to your Memorandum of 12th Inst. directing Surgeon Dugdale to hold himself in readiness to proceed to Ladismith on the 17th Inst. I regret to have to inform you that that Officer sustained a somewhat severe concussion of the brain from a fall from his horse yesterday & he will in consequence be unable to proceed if required on that date.

I believe Surgeon Dugdale will be able to go by the convoy which proceeds on the 24th Inst.

I beg that if the service is not extremely exigent this may be the arrangement, as if another Surgeon were taken from the company only one Surgeon would remain to take his turn of Orderly Officer's duty with the Acting Adjutant Surgeon Connolly.

(sd) Wm. Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Commanding Bearer Company
A. H. Corps

Camp Bennetts Drift

14th Sept^r 1881

Removal of Officers from Bearer Company etc.

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From The Officer Commanding
Bearer Company etc
To The Principal Medical Officer
South Africa
W.C. P.M. Officer L.O. & Base
Newcastle.

Camp Bennett Drift 16th September 1881

Sir

With reference to the removal of Officers
from the Bearer Company & Lieut of Orderlies
Webb's application for permission to remain
for duty in this Command (herewith returned)

I have the honor to submit the
following remarks. Unless when the Bearer
Company is divided for special reasons into
two half Companies there are really no duties
for the third Lieut of Orderlies to perform &
therefore except with the object of completing
the cadre of Officers so as to bring back the
Bearer Company complete in every detail
which I believe is the wish of the Director
General, I do not really require the services
of a third Lieut of Orderlies, the other two
being quite able to perform the duties of
Paymaster & Quartermaster without any assistance

But with regard to the other Officers
of the Company if instructions have been
received similar to those relating to the N.C.B.
& men contained in W.C. letter No $\frac{4846}{995}$ as to
replacing a certain number of them by an equal
number of Surgeons who have been on command
for

Removal of Med. Officers & Officers included from Bearer Coy 107
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for a longer period, I have the honor to submit the great importance in the interests of discipline of my retaining in addition to the Surgeon who according to the "Bearer Company Manual" (printed by Authority) acts as Adjutant, one Surgeon to each half Company, acquainted with the interior economy of a Bearer Company and qualified to perform the duties of Company Officers as well as to act as Orderly Officers on Board Ship

I have &c &c
(s) Wm Johnston M.D.
Surgeon Major A. M.D.
Honorary Bearer Company
A. H. Corps

Officer Command?
Bearer Comp^y
A. H. Corps.

The orders received were, that the Bearer Coy was to return to England entire, and that Surgeons Major Johnston & Jarvis were to accompany it. As there will be ample time during the voyage to instruct the Surgeons detailed for duty with the Bearer Coy in any special duties required of them on landing in England, I do not see the necessity for allowing any of those who came out with you to return to England to the detriment of those who were out here during the pressure of work in the Transvaal. The Officers detailed being Senior to those removed will have a greater knowledge of discipline, and the duties of the service required during the voyage.

Three Officers of Orderlies must return with the Bearer Coy, and one will hereafter be detailed to take the place of Lieut of Ords. Webb in the event of his remaining at Newcastle.

J. Sinclair.

P.M. Burg

20th 81

Dy. Surg. Genl.

P.M. O. S. A.

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Disposal of Surgery Wagon & O.S. Equipment of Draves Company —
as plenty of them are on hand. The Ambulances
will probably be required to take down Sick
with the Bearer Company

(sa) E. M. Sinclair

B^d Surgeon

P. M. O. Lof C

Newcastle

9 Sept^r 1881

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A. M. Office

P. M. Bury

13. 9. 81

P. M. O. Lof C.

Surgery & Pharmacy Wagons no
longer required may be handed over to Ordnance
Store Dept, the articles being enumerated "item
by item" as per copy of W. C. letter enclosed.
ouchers in duplicate being sent to this Office
The Baskets of Surgical appliances cannot
be separated. Other Ordnance Stores may
be handed over in like manner but
Army Medical Stores as Panniers, Haversacks,
Water bottles & c & c & c should be sent to the
Medical Stores P. M. Bury (if not required at
Newcastle) with detailed lists shewing the
condition of each article

(sa) J. Sinclair

P. M. O. L. A.

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C. C

Bearer Company

Forwarded - as it is intended to
send 25 to 30 Sick down Country with the
Company sufficient appliances should be

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retained & made available

No Army Medical Stores are required at this Station. There should therefore be returned to P. M. Burg either accompanying the party or be handed over for Transport as this is available, the usual receipts being forwarded to P. M. C. S. A.

(S^a) E. M. Sinclair
D^o Surgeon
RMO of C.

H. Castle

19. 9. 81

Surgery Wagon She brought on charge item by item -

Medical N^o 57
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Army Medical Dept
War Office

11th October 1881
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Sir

An inquiry having been addressed to this Branch by the Director of Artillery & Stores for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Surgery wagons issued to the Cape during the late War had been duly brought on charge in the Returns submitted to this Department, an answer was returned in the affirmative; but on further explanation it appears that in all cases of issues of Pharmacy or Surgery wagons, although the entry of so many 'wagons complete' in the Returns of Medicines rendered to this Dept, is sufficient, it is necessary for the Store Dept accounts that every item contained in these wagons issued by that Dept should be returned as received, item by item, you will be good enough therefore to call the attention of the Capt of orderlies in Charge of Army Medical Stores at the Cape to this fact, pointing out to him that

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that such returns of Ordnance Stores must
not be transmitted to this Dept, but direct
to the Director of Artillery & Stores

Thames &c

(sa) A Skelton S.G.

for the D. General

The

Principal Med Officer

H. M. Troops

Cape of G. Hope

Noted & returned 21.9.81.

W. /

Telegram - Surgery Wagon not to be returned until further orders -

S. M. O.

S. M. O.

N. Castle.

B. Drift.

29.9.81. No more equipment to be returned ~~until~~ for
the present. Surgery Wagon Beaver Company not to be
returned until further orders -

Refer to 124
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From $\frac{100}{81}$

Transfer of Surgeons & N.C. Off. & Men from Beaver Company $\frac{111}{81}$ —

The 6 Surgeons will remain in Natal for the present & six others will be attached in their place. Surgeon Major Johnston will proceed in Command & Surgeon Major Fario second.

The Company will be made up to its original strength.

(S^d) J. Sinclair
D.L.S.

16. 9. 81

C. C. Beaufort

Forwarded for information
to be returned

(S^d) E. M. Sinclair

D^o Surgeon

P.M.O. Lof. 6.

N. C.

20. 9. 81

P. M. O. L. y. C. & B.

Noted & returned as directed.

M. W. Hunt
Per —

21. 9. 81 —

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Selecting N.C. Officers & men (adding to Volunteers) for service in S. Africa -

C.C. Bearer Company

Will you be good enough to select the N.C. O's & men noted in the Margin for duty in South Africa, in addition to the men who have volunteered from the Bearer Company.

3 Corporals
4 2nd Corp's
30 Privates

A nominal roll is required at an early date - Men who have been longest at home or not on Foreign Service before should be selected

(s^d) J. Sinclair
D.S. Sec

A.M.D. Office

P.M. Burs

W/C PMO L.of.C. Base

PMO. S.C.

C.C. Bearer Company

A.H.C

Forwarded for compliance - I should be glad if you could let me have the Roll of men proposed to be transferred in time to despatch by next down Country Mail

(s^d) E.M. Sinclair

Bd Surgeon

PMO L.of.C.

N.C.

20.9.81

PMO L.of.C. B

Newcastle

List herewith as requested

(The Guard Book - which is being
of roll referred to in 97/81)

(s^d) J. M. G. Instone

Surgeon Major and
Commanding Bearer Co

Burnetts Drift Camp
21 Sept^r 1881

Ref. to 112/81

Voluntary Store Vouchers for Jerseys & sent to P.M.O. -

P.M.O. As the Jerseys supplied to the men are a free issue, I by request I may be supplied with the Voluntary Vouchers & the Receipts of the Men for the same & enable me to enter in my Contributed Clothing account for P.M.O. P.M.B. 13. Sep. 81 - (100) M. Ward -

P.M.O. In compliance & return -
Log Co B. 100 J. Smitair.
P.M.B. 14. 9. 81 - S.L.G. -

Lt. of volentis Pike ordered to furnish to the Vouchers -

Question as to Jerseys issued to P.M. William & Officers -
P.M.O South Africa

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(1) Previous to the departure from this station of N^o 3440 Lt J Nason A.H.C. to rejoin the Beanes Company, he was issued a volent Jersey for which I hold his receipt. On his arrival at Remute Drift he appears to have been issued a second Jersey & his signature forwarded to me for the same.

(2) Also Lt R William's name appears on a roll furnished by Lieut of Ords Webb and also on one furnished by the B^o Company as having received a Jersey from each place: receipts for both are in my possession.

Will you be good enough to call for information why two Jerseys were issued to the above named men.

(3) Attached extract from a letter from the S.O.S.O. Fort Napier Officers are not entitled to a free issue of a Jersey. Will you therefore be pleased to direct that those Officers who have received one should pay the sum of 5/11 each & that an expense store voucher (A.F.P 1925) be forwarded to me for my Clothing account for the current year.

P.M.B.
26.10.81

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(100) J. Ward Capt & D.O. of volentis A.H.C.

S.M.O. Newcastle
Forwarded for the necessary action

(100) J. Smitair
P.M.B. 26.10.81

O.C. Beanes Company
He so good as to give the needed instructions & afford explanation asked for.

(100) M. Ward
P.M.O. Newcastle
Oct. 30. 81.

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Nominal Roll of Bearer Company The furnished in leaving Newcastle —

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O. C. Bearer Company

Will you be good enough, to
furnish this Office with a Nominal Roll
of the men who march out with you from
Newcastle for P. M. Burg.

A list of the men for exchange,
will be forwarded to you as soon as it can
be compiled.

The above Roll should be
posted the day you leave Newcastle
(Sig^d)

Am Office

P. M. Burg 22⁹/₈₁

W/C P. M. O. Lof. C. & Base

J Sinclair

Dr Surg Genl.

P. M. O. S. A.

P. M. Officer.

S. A.

Instructions contained in
this memo. noted for action, on the departure
of the Bearer Company from Newcastle.

(Sig^d)

Camp Bennett's Drift

Newcastle Natal

29th Sept 1881

W. Johnston G. M. D.

Comd'r Bearer Compd.
G. H. B.

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~~Extra~~ Departmental Allowances to Cooks & Pay Master's Clerk —

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P.M.O.

L. of C. & Bare.

Authority has been received to pay extra duty pay as below.

N^o 2339 2nd Corp^t Knight A.H.C.

--- 3814 P^{lt} E. Jones ---

at 8^d per diem from 1st June 1881 $\frac{4823}{168}$ 17th Augt 1881

as Cooks.

P.M.Burg

23rd Sept 1881

(Sig^d)

J. Sinclair

D. S. Genl

P.M.O. S.A.

Forwarded to O.C. Bearer Company

Bennetts Drift

Newcastle

29th Sept 1881

(Sig^d)

J. Watts Bg Surgeon

S.M.O. Newcastle

P.M.O. S.A. w/c P.M.O. L. of C. & Bare.

Newcastle.

In acknowledging receipt of this intimation of the sanction of the Director General for the Departmental pay referred to.

I have the honor to point out that, the Depart^{mt} pay at the rate now sanctioned was applied for in the case of 2nd Corp^t Knight from 28th Feby. (inclusive) & P^{lt} Jones from 12th March (inclusive) — on the same Voucher (which was forwarded under cover of my memorandum $\frac{41}{81}$ of 23 April) the claims of Sergt Jarvis who acted as Cook in the line of march from 26th Feby to 29 March; of P^{lt} P Callaghan who was employed as Cook from 26th Feby to 31st March, and of P^{lt} A Hughes who acted in a similar capacity from 26th Feby to 11th March, for Departmental pay at 1st & 2nd rates were forwarded as well as the claim of Corporal Clarke who acted as clerk to Lt of Ordnance Gordon & Paymaster.

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The attached minute from your Office shews that this application apparently did not reach the Director General, and I therefore beg to forward a Copy of the Original Voucher which was forwarded with my ^{minute} letter of 23rd April, as well as the second of the two vouchers which were returned with your Office minute of 30th July now attached.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly transmit these back claims with a view to authority being granted for their adjustment

(Sig^d)

Camp Newcastle

Natal

30th September 1881

W Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm^d Bearer Comp^y A.H.C.

Following memo. crossed above minute -

O.C. Bearer Company

A.H. Corps

A.H.C.

N^o 2339

3rd Lt. H Knight

N^o 5814

3rd Lt. E Jones

With reference to previous Correspondence, the authority for the issue of Departmental pay at 7/8th per diem to the N.C. Officer & man named has been antedated 1st April 1881 by letter N^o $\frac{4823}{140}$ dated War Office 1st September 1881.

(Sig^d)

Pm Burg

30th 9/81

J Sinclair

W. Surg General

P.M.O. S.A.

P.M. Officer S.A.

Additional grant of two months Depart^l Ray (from 1st April to 31st May 1881) noted with reference to my memo. of 30th Ult^o requesting adjustment of this allowance from Feby. 1881.

Camp Dennetts Dept
Newcastle
4th Oct. 1881

(Sig^d)

W Johnston and W

Surgeon Major

Comm^d Bearer Comp^y A.H.C.

This adjusted on receipt of authority dated 24th Nov. 81. on 24th Dec. 81

Receipts for Govt property for use of sick going to P.M.B. to be forwarded - 117/81

P.M.O. L of C & more

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Whenever any Government property is drawn by the Department for the use of sick or Troops coming down to P.M. Burg a notification should at once be sent to this Office so that the necessary receipts may be obtained when the articles are handed into store at this station.

Owing to this precaution not having been taken in many instances much Correspondence has arisen & loss to the Public sustained, kindly give the necessary Orders.

(Sgd)

J. Smclair

P.M.O. Office

Dr Surg Genl.

P.M.Burg

P.M.O. S.B.

27 Sept 1881

Discipline & welfare of the Army Hospital Corps —

Confidential

Circular Memorandum.

A. M. Dept. War Office. Aug. 13/81

1. The Director General begs to call the serious attention of all Principal & Senior Medical Officers to the absolute necessity of their acquiring a competent knowledge of Military Law & of their making themselves acquainted with the general scope of the Discipline Act and above all of the Revised Regulations of the Army in order that they may exercise discreetly & efficiently that command with which they have been recently invested.

2. He would further invite them most earnestly to take every available opportunity of practising all Officers and Men under their superintendence.

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whether of the A. M. Dep^t or of the A. H. Corps in those duties & details appertaining to the Stretcher Bearer Drill, and enforcing that strict discipline in which they have been initiated at Aldershot; for unless the knowledge and soldierly habits acquired there are steadily and continuously kept up by practice, both will rapidly disappear.

In the case of such officers & men as have not had the advantage of Aldershot training the need for such practical instruction is all the more cogent.

The Director General expects that at all the larger stations facilities such as Ambulances, Stretchers &c. &c. will be placed at the Disposal of the P. M. O's for the training.

3. The Director General would take the opportunity of impressing on all Superior Officers the desirableness of amalgamating, as closely as is at present possible the A. M. D. & A. H. C. protecting and taking a personal interest in all that concerns the latter whether Officers or Men; for it is by such consideration & thoughtful care of them that we shall best secure their ready obedience and extract from them the maximum of good and willing work. The men are as a rule far above the average of the common Soldier in character & education, and should be treated accordingly.

4. P. M. O's will state in their Half Yearly Report how far these injunctions have been carried out at each station, & whether with satisfactory results or otherwise.

The P. M. O's.
&c &c &c.

Sd. W. M. Muir
Dir: General

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~~Surgeon~~ Babington - Did he order H. Stoppages at Biggansberg?

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S.M.O. Bennetts Drift

Be good enough to call upon Surg^t Babington to explain under what circumstances Hospital Stoppages were charged against 511. Plt J. Gamble of the 2nd Northamptonshire Reg^t who was sent into hospital from the Biggansberg.

On this subject refer to para 5 Local J.O. of 8th Aug. 81.

Sig^d J. Watts. Brigade Surgeon.

Newcastle Oct 14/81.

S.M.O. Newcastle.

O.C. Bearer Co.

No 459

Please call upon Surg^t Babington for the required explanation

(Sig^d) S. B. Roe M.B. Brig. Surg.

14/10/81.

S.M.O. F.F.

Surg^t Babington

For the explanation called for.

Sig^d Wm Johnston S.M.

15th Oct 1881.

Com^d Bearer Co. A.M.C.

O.C. Bearer Co.

I have no recollection of the circumstance referred to. Will you have the goodness to request I may be furnished with the document on which I derived the stoppages to be charged so that I may be able to give the required explanation

15th Oct 1881.

R. T. Babington M.B.

Surg^t and.

S.M.O. Field force

Forwarded

(Sig^d) Wm Johnston S.M.

Com^d Bearer Coy A.M.C.

15 Oct 1881.

Camp Bennetts Drift

To page 129

Requirements of Bearers Company in taking the Field —

S. M. O. Transmittal Field Force

With reference to our conversation yesterday as to the requirements of The Bearers Company in the event of an advance.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and that of the P.M. Officer S. A.

I Medical Officers. To complete establishment Surgeons Milward, Bracken, Peterkin & Bugdal ought to rejoin. If the first named Officer is not sufficiently recovered to undertake active service in the field, his place could be filled by Surgeon Drury who is at present attached to the Company undergoing instructions, and will be available for dressing station duty, if not qualified to take charge of stretchers etc. in the field.

II Officers of Orderlies. The place of Lt. of Ord. Webb, who is at present detached for duty with movable Field Hospital, could I presume be taken by one of the 2 L^{ts} of Orderlies now at Fort Amiel so as to enable him to rejoin the Bearers Company. It has been considered right that L^t of Orderlies Gordon should take over the pay duties of the various Detachments A.H.C. in this district, so it would probably be advisable that this Officer should remain at the Base, and I don't consider it necessary that a third Officer be detailed to take his place with the Bearers Company.

III H.C.O. & Men. The Company should be at once made up to its full strength & the H.C.O.s & men now at the D. & Base Hospitals

Idem

Ordered to rejoin.

W.A.S. Corps. The conductor & artificers of the Commissariat & Transport Corps should rejoin without delay; but with mule or Ox Transport I do not think it absolutely necessary to have A.S.C. drivers unless there can be spared without detriment to other services.

Transport. As I believe all Officers who have had experience of this part of the Country are agreed that wheeled transport is sufficient & preferable to Mountain Equipment. The second surgery wagon should be sent up without delay and the full complement of Ambulance Wagoners completed.

Camp Benmutts }
Drift } (Sig^y) W. Johnston AM.D
18th Oct 1881. } Surgeon Major

P.M. Officers *applic^y for A. Form B. & for Pocket Ledgers -*
South Africa.

I have the honor to make application for the Army Forms detailed in the margin in order to carry out the instructions contained in Army Circular clause 229 of 1881 in regard to the pocket ledgers of the A.S.C. Officers & men under my Command.

(Sig^y)

W. Johnston
Surgeon Major AM.D.
Command^y Beaufort Camp^y
A.H.S.

Camp Benmutts Drift
Newcastle Hotel
South Africa.
21st Oct 1881

Army Forms B 57 - 142
(revised form)

167 P.C. Ream 679. *applic^y for A. Form B. & for Pocket Ledgers -*
P.C. applic^y for A. Form B. & for Pocket Ledgers -
P.C. applic^y for A. Form B. & for Pocket Ledgers -
P.C. applic^y for A. Form B. & for Pocket Ledgers -

P.M. 25th Oct 1881

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Framing charges of "losing by neglect" &c —

A.G.
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3rd September 1881

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st ultimo, requesting to be informed how charges should be framed against a soldier "making away with" or "losing by neglect" Government property, I have the honor to state that a precise reply could only be given with a knowledge of the facts constituting the offence in each particular case.

Speaking generally, making away with would in most instances resolve itself into stealing, or ^{or damaging, & in the case of stealing or embezzling} embezzling. The charge should be framed under ^{under 41 (5), the billful damage} Section 18 (a) and in that of wilfully damaging of property being an offence under the ordinary law of England. under the Army Act, which has just passed, the latter offence is specifically provided for in Section 24 (4).

Losing by neglect public property is not specifically provided for by military law, and a charge of that nature should be framed, under Section 40.

I have the honor to be
The General Officer } Sir

Commanding } Yours Obedient Servant
Natal & Transvaal } (Sig^y) F. C. O'Dowd
D. J. A. G.

True Copy

(Sig^y) A. H. Wavell Col.

Head Quarters } A. A. General

P. M. Burg

1st October 1881

Application for N.C.O. to be instructed in the Squad of Welsh Regt - 81 -
 Brigade Major

In Compliance with Field Force Orders of yesterdays date sixteen men of the 1st Batt Welsh Regt have reported themselves for instruction in stretcher drill this morning.

A non. Com. Officer has invariably been trained in the case of all other Regts which have had men instructed, and it is very desirable that this should always be done, so that he may afterward be able to direct them and keep up the drill which without practice is readily forgotten.

I consider therefore it is desirable that a Sergeant or Corporal should be detailed to go through the Course with the men.

(Sg^d)

Camp Bennett's Drift

W. Johnston

Newcastle

Surgeon Major C.M.D.

26th Oct 81

Comm^d & Beares Company

A.B.C.

Application for Nominal Roll & C. Def. Sheets of Welsh Regt -
 O.C. The Welsh Regt

Fort Arncliffe

Will you have the goodness to furnish me with a nominal Roll & the Defaulter Sheets of the men who have been temporarily attached to the Beares Company under my Command.

(Sg^d) W. Johnston

Camp Bennett's Drift

Surgeon Major

26th Oct 1881

Comm^d Beares Company

A.B.C.

A. Johnston

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Newcastle

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Disposal of Surgery Wagon of Beavers Company
Senior Medical Officer

See 110
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In view of my being again ordered to hand into store the Surgery wagon now in my charge.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to ask the P. M. Officer to favour me with specific directions as to its disposal, as the Ordnance Store Depart demands at receiving into their Stores the fittings when packed with Surgical Equipment.

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Camp Bennetts Drift (Sig^d) W Johnston
26th Oct 1881 } Surgeon Major
Comd^g: Beavers Comp^y A.H.C

1211 a
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Report on experimental Cocolets & litters -
Senior Medical Officer
Newcastle

220 P.M. 15-
2.11.81-
As per W.O. letter
not received 27/10/81.
See Summary Book
N.J.

A pair of new pattern Cocolets & a pair of new pattern litters were sent to me with a verbal order from the P.M.O. of C. & Base that they were by W. Office directions, to be reported on.

A number of experiments have now been made with them, but I should feel obliged if you will kindly procure for my perusal a copy of the W. Office letter ordering the experiments, in order that I may see if any special points are called attention to, & if the report is to bear any special reference to Service in South Africa &c.

See 138
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Camp Bennetts Drift (Sig^d) W Johnston Surgeon Major
26th Oct 1881 } Comd^g: Beavers Comp^y A.H.C

Report on Boot Protectors

Senior Ordnance Store Officer

Fort Amiel

With reference to Local General Order No 12 of 27th April 1881. I have the honor to report that the Boot Protectors issued to the men under my Command are very favourably reported on by those who have used them. They are found much less liable to become detached than the ordinary hob nails, and they would I think be still further improved in this respect if they were made lighter, the points might also be made thinner, and of varying length to suit different thicknesses of Soles. I cannot concur in the opinion of some that it would be well, if the protectors to fit the heels were not issued, as they are very useful when the iron heel tips come off, as they frequently do.

Camp Bernetts Drift } (Sg^d) J. Johnston
Newcastle } Surgeon Major and
28th October 1881. } Comm^d of Beares Coy.

Court Martial in Private Mayne - A. N. C.

The S. M. O. Field Force. C. B. Drift.

Sir

I have the honour to forward an application for a Release C. M. on No 4631 P^{te} J. Mayne of the Beares Coy. under my command

In consideration of the extreme youth of the Prisoner, I beg that if you see fit, you will either instruct me to deal with the case summarily, or more the Brig: General sanction this course. I have the honour to be

Yours faithfully

Sr. J. Johnston
S. M.

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Court Martial on Private Mayne

(2)

Temporarily
page.

Brigade Major. Forwarded for the favorable
consideration of the Brig. General Comd.

Without his sanction I do not feel justified in
disposing with a Court Martial.

(Jr) S. B. Roe M.B.

29 Oct. 81.

Br. Surg. M. F. F.

(3)

This does not seem to be a case of emergency
& I do not agree in the estimate of the man's
character.

29.10.81 -

Sr J. L.

Dis. by
Regimental Court Martial

From 115a
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Jersey issued to P^r Mason & Williams & to Officers —

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Senior Medical Officer

Newcastle

- (1) Private Mason on rejoining the Bⁿ Company from P. M. Burg was found to be deficient of his Jersey, and was ordered by me to have it replaced on repayment, this was done & he was charged 5/11⁰ for the second issue in his accounts.
- (2) From the duplicate of the nominal Roll furnished by Lieut of Ordnance Pike to Captⁿ of Ordnance Ward, I see "R." Williams is the name given instead of "W." Williams, but the signature in acknowledgement of the issue shows it was the latter (R-4530) who received the Jersey issued by Mr. Pike.
- (3) None of the Officers under my Command have had a free issue of Jersey's.

(Sig^d)

Camp Bennett's Drift
Newcastle
5th November 81

R. Johnston
Surgeon Major and
Comm^dg. Beasly Camp
A.H.C.

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Requisition for a horse for Surgeon Conolly -
Brigade Major.

With reference to the Brigadier General's approval of the destruction of Horse N^o 23 on the 1st Inst., Will you have the goodness to obtain his sanction to the issue from the remount of another horse for Surgeon Conolly of the Bearers Company under my Command, and I Certify that this Officer is entitled to a public horse by regulation, and that it is necessary for the performance of his duties.

(Sigd)

W Johnston
Camp Bennetts Drift. } Surgeon Major Comd.
3rd Nov 1881. } Comm^d Bearers Comp^y.
A. H. Corps

O.C. Bearers Company. (21)

On Application to S. I. Officer a Government horse may be issued to this Officer in lieu of the one destroyed

(Sigd)

Brury Lowe
4. 11. 81 Brigadier Genl.

Senior Transport Officer.

Will you please allow Surgeon Conolly to select another horse, in conformity with authority from Brigadier General.

Camp Bennetts Drift (Sigd)

4 November 1881

W Johnston
Surgeon Major
Comm^d Bearers Comp^y.
Att. 6

Horse issued
12th Nov. 81

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Did Surgeon Babington ever stoppages at Wykeham -
on a further query as to this, forwarding
letter from O.C. 2. Batt. North. Regt. stating
Private Gamble "was admitted from the
"Wykeham into Hospital", the
following minute was placed -

S. M. O.

(12 -)

Newcastle.

To the best of my recollection this man was never
admitted into Hospital by me.

It is not clear from the letter of the O.C. 2nd Bat.
North. Regt. in what hospital Pte Gamble was
charged stoppages

Newcastle 5/11/81.

W. T. Babington M.B.

Surg. A.M.D.

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Application for new sword bayonet for Private Dare -

Bear's Company A.H.C.

Required on repayment.

Articles	No.	Remarks
Lancaster Sword Bayonet	one	On repayment to replace one broken by N ^o 4063 P ^{vt} R. Dare A.H.C.

The District Officer }
of Orderlies A.H. Corps }
P.M. Burg }
Sig^{ty} W. Pike
Lt. of Ords A.H. Corps

Counter Signed

(Sig^{ty}) W. Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm^d Bear's Compt^y A.H.C.

P.M. Officer

South Africa.

This sword is required to make good one broken by Carelessness, and the Soldier has been awarded by me to make good the expense thereof under Sec. 134 (4) of the A.D. & Reg Act.

Will you have the goodness to direct that the sword may be furnished on the arrival of the Company at P.M. Burg. unless you direct its being forwarded up Country.

(Sig^{ty})

Camp Bennett's Drift

5th Nov^r 1881.

W. Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm^d Bear's Compt^y A.H.C.

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Appreciation for S. African medal from Private John Taylor —

From O.C. Beares Company
A.S. Corps

To P. M. Officer

South Africa

Sir

C. B. Duft Newcastle Natal 9th Nov 81

I have the honor to forward the following claim for the consideration of the Director General.

N^o. 3958 P^{te} John Taylor Beares Comp^y.
A.S.C. States that he served a trapping tour on board the troopship "Euphrates" from 31st May 1879 to 29th May 1880, that the vessel lay in the Bay of Durban from 2nd July to 16th August 1879.

He considers that as he then formed one of the crew of the ship he is entitled to the South African Medal which has been distributed for this service to the Officers & crews of H. M.'s Ships so engaged.

I have &c. &c.

(Sig^d) W. Johnston.

Surgeon Major Q.M.D.

Com^d. Beares Comp^y. A.S.C.

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Exchange of Horse for Lt. of Adjutant Pike -

Commissary of Transport Foot Amiel

A chestnut gelding No 22 was handed into Remount by authority of Chief of Staff on 16.8.81. The horse being then in poor condition and unfit for work. Lt. of Adj. Pike who had the use of the horse, is now anxious to have it back again as it is believed to be sound. I shall ~~not~~ be obliged if you will kindly reissue it, and take in lieu of it a dun gelding No 19 which Lt. Pike had in its stead.

Hd/ W. Johnston Surgeon Major
Commanding Beano Coy

Camp Bennett Drift
11 - 11 - 81.

Completed with 12.8.81. W.V. 81

Transport required for Beaver Company —
 Senior Medical Officer

I consider that the total weight required to be carried down country by the Beaver Company will be 18'600 lbs. This includes Quarter Masters stores, Paymasters & orderly room records &c, rations for 4 days forage for horses for 4 days.

I had five wagons coming up, & the same number going down will be quite sufficient although the men have since received their kit-bags & the Officers their baggage. I am not allowing for forage for mules, as I would rather have ox transport.

(Sigs).

Camp Bennetts Drift }
 12th Nov 1881 }

Dr Johnstone

Surg. Major.

Comm^d Beaver Comp^y.

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Men of A. H. Corps detailed for duty in S. Africa -
S. M. O. Newcastle

(See Source Book)

The attached Nominal roll gives the detail of A. H. Corps selected for duty in South Africa.

Complete the Beaur Comp^y as far as possible, arranging with the Officer Commandg. Beaur Comp^y to supply the places of those remaining in the Colony from amongst the remainder in the Newcastle District.

A nominal roll will be sent to this Office as a marching out state from Newcastle

As the men can be spared from their duties, despatch by each Corps marching to P. M. Burg all A. H. Corps not required

(Sig^d)

P. M. Burg.

4/11/81

J. Sinclair

D^y Surg^g General

P. M. O. S. Africa

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S. M. O. Newcastle.

Instructions noted for compliance.

Camp Benmore Drift - }

13. 11. 81.

W. Johnston

Sg. Maj.

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Disposal of Surgery Wagon of ~~the~~ Beares Company.

From
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To
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2791 Military Telegrams 3203
From To n

P.M. Officer

S.M. Officer

P.M. Bury

Newcastle.

11th Nov Hand over surgery wagon
to Ordnance item by item for conveyance
to Woolwich.

S.M.O.

As this wagon has to be shipped complete
for Woolwich would it not be better to send
it down as it stands with the Beares Company
to P.M.B. where it may be dealt with in any
way thought advisable.

(Sig^d) J. Elmes a/c
S.C.O.

Fort Amiel

12. 11. 81

O.C. Beares Company

The proposal of the S.C.O. will
probably meet the case, take the Surgery
wagon with you to P.M.B. on Thursday the 14th

Sig^d

H. Skeen

13 Nov^r 1881

Brig. Surgeon

S.M.O. Newcastle

S.M.O. Newcastle.

Noted for compliance

W. Whush-
Mr.

14th Nov 81-

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7 Invalids to be picked up at Ladysmith.

No 23

From P. M. Officer.

To S. M. Officer.

P. M. Burg.

Newcastle.

15th Nov^r Bearer Company to pick up seven Invalids at Ladysmith & convey here.

O. C. Bearer Company

Forwarded for your information, find out whether ambulance conveyance for these additional invalids can be procured at Ladysmith, if not take it with you from Newcastle.

15th Nov^r 1881

(Sig^d) W Skeen Bge Surg.

S. M. O. Newcastle

S. M. O. Newcastle

I have telegraphed to S. M. Officer Ladysmith and will make every arrangement for these invalids.

(Sig^d) W Johnston

16. 11. 81

Surg Major

Reply to Telegram.

S. M. O.

O. C. Bearer Coy

Ladysmith

N. C.

Probable number of sick from Ladysmith seven.
No ambulance available at this station. I believe.

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Staff Sergeant Darcy transferred to Bearer Coy
No 276.

From R.M.O. To S.M.O.
R.M. Burg N. Castle
15th Nov. Arrangements re - Darcy approved

O.C. Bearer Company,

Proposed to attach Staff Sgt Darcy
to the Bearer Company, are there any
objections to this course

15th Nov. 81
Sgt W Keen
Reg Surgeon
S.M.O. Newcastle

S.M.O. Newcastle

Noted. There is no objection to Staff
Sgt Darcy joining, as the Bearer
Company is one Staff Sgt below its
Compliment

16.11.81
(Sgt) W Johnston
Surgeon Major

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Report on experimental cacolets & litters -

Camp Remmets Drift N. Castle

Natal 16th Nov^r 1881

Sir

Re 124^a
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I have the honor to forward report by Surgeon Major Jarvis M.B. on the new pattern cacolets & litters in accordance with Army Medical Depart^t, letter No $\frac{4533}{7}$ dated 24th Feb^y 1881. I quite agree in the conclusions arrived at by Surgeon Major Jarvis as to there being no material improvement in these cacolets & litters, but on the contrary several disadvantages as compared with the older pattern.

Several experiments were made on very steep ground, as it is principally on such that transport on pack animals would be substituted for wheeled transport, and I particularly noticed the defect in the new cacolets of having "chains" substituted for rigid "hanging bars", ^{as} which is pointed out in the report.

I have the honor to be
Sir

^{most} Yours Obedient Servant
(Sig^d) W. Johnston

Surgeon Major

Comm^d. Beers Company
A.H.C.

The Principal Med^l Officer

of

South Africa.

W.C. T.M.V. Newcastle.

Departure of Bearer Company from Newcastle -

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Camp Kenneths Drift
Newcastle Natal 14 Nov: 81

Sir

In Compliance with the instructions
Surgeon Major Contained in your memorandum No 553 of 22nd
Sept 1881.

I have the honor to forward a nominal roll
of the 121 R.C. Officers & men of the C.A.C. who have this
day left Newcastle for P.M. Burg with the Bearer
Comp^y. The Officers are named in the margin
A Convoy of Sick made up as under accompanied
The Bearer Company. viz.

J. Faris M.B.
Surgeons
R. Dauray
R.B. Conolly
H.F. Babington M.B.
Lieut. of Ordn.
J. Gordon
W. Pike.

Royal Engineers
2/Batt K.R. Rifles
1/Batt R.I. Rifles
2/Batt G. Highlanders
Veterinary Department

Total

Officers	Sergts	R & File	Total
"	"	2	2
"	"	14	14
1	1	18	20
"	1	8	9
1	"	"	1
2	2	42	46

In addition, the following details are
attached to the Bearer Company to proceed to
Maritzburg.

6th Dragoons
2/Batt West Kent Regt
1/Batt Royal I. Rifles
Ordnance Store Corps

Total

Warrant Officer	Drum Major	Private	Total
"	"	1	1
"	1	1	2
"	"	1	1
1	"	1	2
1	1	4	6

The P.M. Officer } I have the honor &c. &c.,
South Africa } (Sig) H. Johnston
c/o S.M. O. Newcastle } Surgeon Major
Comm^y Bearer Comp^y at C.

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Disappearance of Private Cole - A.M.C. -

S. M. Officer. Newcastle.

I have the honour to enclose two copies of a "report of an absentee" from the Bearer Compy. for the favour of your forwarding:

see 147
81-

In accordance with G. S. order No 10 of the 8th April I have sent a copy of this report to the Resident Magistrate at Newcastle.

Private Cole appears to have got up after the other men in his tent were asleep, and it is believed he had no book on.

As there is some ground for suspicion that this man was somewhat depressed and as his manner was peculiar, I had the tent searched, ⁱⁿ the idea that he might have committed suicide, but without making any discovery.

(S^d) W^m Johnston.
Surge: Major.

Camp Bennett's Drift. }
16th November 1881 }

Disposal of A.H.C. (Dumain in S.A.) and sick on arrival at P.M. B. of Beavers Co's

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Principal Medical Officer S.A.

In reply to your telegram of 21st Inst, the receipt of which I acknowledged by telegraph, on my arrival ^{this morning} at Ladysmith.

I have the honor to state that I shall in conformity with the instructions contained in it, detach 1 Staff Sgt 1 Corporal 3 Second Corporals & 23 Privates (detailed to remain in South Africa) to accompany the sick Convoy direct to Fort Napier instead of proceeding with the Beavers Company to Richmond Road Camp.

In place of Private Cole, absent without leave, I have named Private Beattie the first man on the list of "waiting men" to complete the number required.

The name of No 2285 P^{te} E. Brown occurs in the list of "waiting men". but I think this must be purely an error, as he only returned to England after a tour of service in Jamaica on 18th Dec^r, 1880.

It is very probable that before the end of the march, several of the sick will be able to rejoin their Regts. In this event will you please inform me whether I am.

To send them to Hosp^l at Fort Napier, or after discharging them from Hospital.

To march ^{them} with the sick to Fort Napier or to Camp at Richmond Road?

If you will have the goodness to send me any orders ~~either by post or~~ telegraph, so as to reach Howick not later than Monday 28th. I shall receive them there

Camp Riet Spruit
6 Miles S. of Ladysmith
22 Nov^r, 1881

(Sig^d) W Johnston ~~and~~
Surgeon Major A.M.D.
Comm^d Beavers Comp^y A.H.C.

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Serj. Major Ellis' Certificate of Education -
Pressing

Principal Medical Officer

South Africa

Be good enough to forward to
this Office without delay a Copy of the School
Certificate in possession of No 2147 Sergeant
Major N. Ellis A.M. Corps.

Head Quarters } (Sig) A Sketton Lt.
A.M. Corps } for Director General
London 24.10.81 } A.M.D.

O.C. Beaufort Coy.

For Compliance, Herewith is a blank
Certificate which be good enough to fill in and
return to this Office in time for the outgoing
English Mail at 1 P.M. on the 28th Inst. if
possible.

(Sig) J. Melair
P.M. Burg. }
24.11.81 } Dy Surg. General
T.M.O. S.A.

Principal Medical Officer

South Africa

Serjt Major Ellis has no school Certificate
in his Pocket Ledger, but states that he has in his
possession, amongst his papers at home, a Second
Class School Certificate which he obtained at
P.M. Burg. in 1867 when he belonged to the 2/20th Foot.
This Certificate is in M.S. and on cardboard and
not suitable for insertion in the Pocket Ledger.

(Sig)
Camp at Howick }
Near P.M. Burg. } W. Johnston
28. Nov 1881 } Surg Major
Comd'g Beaufort Compt. }
A.M.C.

Application for Surgeon Conolly to return with B. Coy

From Officer Commanding Bearer B^d A^d Corps

To Principal Medical Officer. S. Africa.

Camp near P. Maritzburg 30th Novemb: 1880

Sir

As I consider it absolutely necessary in the true interest of the service that I should be able to command the services of an efficient Adjutant on the voyage home, in order that the discipline of the Bearer Company may be maintained to its full extent;

I have the honour to ask, that you will be good enough to take into your favourable consideration this my request that Surgeon P.B. Conolly who has acted as adjt. since the formation of the company, & has spared no pains to master all details of interior economy & discipline, may be permitted to return with the Company to England.

I am strongly of ~~the~~ opinion that it would be most detrimental were a Surgeon, who has no previous experience of the work, appointed at this ~~time~~ juncture.

I may add that Surgeon Conolly did excellent service in the field, when employed as a Civil Surgeon during the late Zulu Campaign & was twice mentioned in despatches; and during the time he has served with me, nothing could have excused his attention to his duties both professional and military.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

[S] W^m Johnston

Surgeon Major.

Reply in
General Hook
S.A. 86. 1881-

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Departmental pay as looks to 2nd Corp. Rollman & H. James -
P.M. Officers L.C.

I have the honor to request you
will be so good as to forward this application
for the grant of Departmental Pay at the rate
of 78[¢] per diem as sanctioned by Art. 622, Royal
Warrant 25th June 1881 for the marginally named
Private N.C. Officers & men who have been employed
H. James as Cooks to the Rear Company from 1st Nov^r 81
inclusive.

(Sgd) W. Johnston
Camp Rich^d Road D^y Surgeon Major
3rd Dec^r 1881 D^y Com^d 4th Bn^d Comp^d A.M.C.

Vouchers held back to take England. for Nov. & Dec^r -

Refer to $\frac{165}{82}$.

Private Nettles documents missing —

Telegram. (1)

S.M.O.

O.C. Bearer Compy.

P.M. Burg.

Richmond Road.

Pte Nettles' documents not yet received; please send them at once.

S.M.O.

O.C. Bearer Compy.

(2)

P.M. Burg.

Nettles' documents were sent you on the morning of the 2nd Inst.

(3)

C.C. Detach^t. A.H. Corps. Fort Napier.

Referring to your telegram & my reply both of which are enclosed.

This means documents, were sent to you with receipt & delivery vouchers (on M.S. as on A.F.B. 59) on the morning of the 2nd Instant in compliance with a verbal message I rec^d through 2nd Corporal Milner, the day before.

I also notified this fact to you when I acknowledged receipt of Pte Wallace's Crime Report.

Please let me hear at once whether you have rec^d the documents.

(S^d) W^m Johnston. Surg. Maj.

Richmond Road.

Command Bearer Compy.

7th Decemb. 1881.

O.C. Bearer Company

The Documents of Pte Nettles not yet received.

P.M. Burg.
9.12.81

Sig^d W. Eble

Surg. Major and S.M.O.

S.M.O. Fort Napier

The documents were sent by 2nd Corp^t Ennis to orderly room, R. Batt H.R. Rifle Corps whence to be sent to Post office, by the Camp letter Carrier. I am sorry I can't trace them further. 2 Corp^t Ennis saw the letter put in the post bag.

Sig^d W Johnston Surg Major
Comm^d Bearer Compy.

These documents were afterwards received (on 23rd Dec)
The ones in which this was enclosed not having been packed it
was detained by Post Office authorities, for extra postage of 8^d.

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Men transferred from Bearer W. G. Bremain in Natal —

Principal Medical Officer. S. A.

The marginally named men of the Bearer
No. 4328. P. C. Stares Company wish to remain in the Colony.

No. 4329. B. Peach.
No. 2483. E. Boulter.
I have the honour to suggest that these men
be transferred to P.M. Burg by first convenient
opportunity

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(S^d). W^m Johnston.

Richmond Road Surg. Maj. Command. Bearer Co^{ly}
7th Decemb: 1881.

Colonial Pass for Private Boulter.

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Principal Medical Officer. S. A.

No. 2483. Private
E. Boulter
The marginally noted man, applied for leave
to purchase his discharge on the 28th November 1881
and is prepared to lodge the money required.

I have the honour to recommend that this man
may on transfer to P.M. Burg, be allowed the indulgence
of a Colonial Pass until his discharge is effected.

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S^d Wm. Johnston.

C. Richmond R^d Surg. Maj. Command. Bearer Co^{ly}
7th Dec 1881.

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Pz. Cole declared a deserter, & documents forwarded -
The Principal Medical Officer S.A.

I have the honour to forward the documents as enumerated on A.F. B. 39. of No 3637 Pte H. Cole who has been illegally absent since the 16th Nov: 81 and was yesterday declared a deserter by a Court of Enquiry assembled by my order.

I reported this man's absence to the Resident Magistrate Newcastle, and his name has appeared in the Natal Gazette.

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I also on the 16th Novemb: in making a report of the circumstances connected with his absence to the S.M.O. Newcastle sent him a return on A.F. B. 124 but in case of this not having been forwarded, I now send two copies for the favour of your transmission to the Editor of the Police Gazette and the Police Superintendent or Constable of his native Parish.

(S^g) W^m Johnston. Surg: Maj:
Camp Richmond R^g Comm^d Bearer Compy. A.H. Corps
7th Decemb: 1881.

I forward to the District Officer of Adelaide, this man's kit & accoutrements -

4/11th Forwarded to a Private of the Rifles on Board Dublin Castle.
Lieut of Bds. Mullins A.H. Corps

P. Lance Sergeant Osborne brought me 4/1st for a man of the Rifles. I have sent this money with your memorandum & telegram on board ship to the O.C. 2nd Battl R.R.C. Richmond Road.

8th Decemb 1881

(S^g) W^m Johnston
S. Maj.

Correspondence & money sent to Surg: hors to Col Agav.

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Asking for Receipts for Govt property handed to O. C. Gen Depot P. M. B.
Officer Commanding General Depot
P. M. B.

I have the honor to request you will kindly return
me receipts for the Govt. Property in possession of
the men transferred by me to your command
on the 30th ult., and of which I gave you Receipt
& delivery vouchers at the time when I handed
their documents to you.

Richmond Road.
11. Dec. 1881.

W. H. Hunter Esq. Maj.
Camp near W. B. A. C.

Receipt No.
152 Dec. 1881
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Asking for Receipts for Govt property handed to S. M. O. P. M. B. on 30th Nov.

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S. M. O. Fort Napier.

I have the honor to request you will be so good
as return the receipts for the Govt. Property in
possession of the ^{sick} ~~men~~ transferred by me to your
Hospital on the 30th ult., & of which I sent
you delivery & receipt vouchers.

Richmond Road.
11. Dec 1881

W. H. Hunter Esq.
Camp near W. B. A. C.

Receipt No.
See 14. 12. 81.

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P. Broule wishes not remain for discharge in Colony —

Principal Medical Officer

South Africa.

With reference to the transfer of Volunteers for service in the Colony, from the Beers Comp.

I have the honor to state that the marginally named man having had reason to alter his mind begs that he may be allowed to go home instead of being transferred with a view to his purchasing his discharge in Natal.

With your permission, I will therefore not send him to Fort Napier with the three other Volunteers, and request you will consider my minute $\frac{146}{51}$ of 4th instant cancelled so far as regards Pth Broule, as well as my memo $\frac{146 a}{51}$ of the same date.

(Sig^d) W Johnston Esq Maj
Commanding Beers Company

Camp Richmond R^d

A. H. Corps

14 Dec 1881

Approved.

Signed J. H. H. H.
S.S.G.

P.H.B.

16.12.81 —

N^o 2483 Pth

E Broule

A.H.C

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Receipts for Gov^t property handed to O. C. 1st Northamptonshire

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Officer Commanding
Bearer Company. A. F. Corps
Camp. Richmond Road
Receipt Voucher

herewith

All entries are correct, with
the exception of that of H. J. Why 5th Regt
who's Commanding Officer ought to furnish
Receipt Voucher for the Government
property in possession of this man.

(Sd) J. Stafford Lt Col.
Commanding General Depot

P. M. Bury
14.12.81

(3)

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Officer Commanding 2nd B^{ty} Northamptonshire
Regiment

Referring to minute of O. C. General Depot
will you kindly send me a receipt for the
Government property in possession of
Private Why, for which I gave a receipt to the
O. C. at Fort Amiel Newcastle.

The mistake arose from this man's
name being included with those of his
former Regt. The 1st B^{ty} R. Irish Rifles

(Sd) W. Johnston Surge Major
Commanding Bearer Company
A. F. Corps

Camp Richmond Road
16th Decr 1881

Receipt received at
St Albans - 28th Dec 81

Exchange between Corp. Stafford & Corp. Jacob -

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P. M. O.

h=475 Corp. J. J. Jacob. A. H. Corps has applied to me for permission to exchange with Corp. E. Stafford Bearer Company who I understand wishes to remain in the Colony -

(Ed) H. Edgée

P. M. Burg
13/12/81

Surgeon Major

S. M. O.

Officer Candy Bearer Comy.

Do you approve?

(Ed) J. Sinclair

D. S. J.

14-12-81

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Principal Medl Officer. S. A.

I have no objection. If you approve will you kindly order that these two hon Com. Officers may be transferred at once.

3 (Ed) W. Johnston Sp. Major

Richmond R. 16-12-81 } Candy Bearer Comy. A. H. Corps.

S. M. O. P. M. Burg

pass to. O/C. Bearer Comy.

Approved in this instance, but this must be the last Exchange.

(Ed) J. Sinclair. Dy. Dy. General

P. M. Burg 17¹²/₈₁

P. M. O. S. A.

S. M. O. Fort Napier.

For your information it may be convenient that Corp. Jacob be detailed to march over some two or three men who may be required

over

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Exchange between Corporals Stafford & Jacobus -
to make up strength of Bearer Company
before embarkation? Corporal Stafford
could then be sent to take his place.

(Sd) W. Johnston
Richmond Road } Surgeon Major
18th December 1881. } Commanding Bearer Coy
A. H. Coopers

Provisional Lance Rank of Corporals Osborne & Allen -
Principal Medical Officer

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N^o 2809 Corp
C. Osborne
N^o 2/38 Corp
J. Allen

South Africa
The marginally named Corporals
have enjoyed the rank of Provisional
Lance Sergeant whilst serving in
the Transvaal.

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They have now joined the Bearer
Company to return to England, and
I have the honor to request your
sanction to their retaining the
provisional lance rank until the
arrival of the Bearer Company at
Aldershot.

(Sd) W. Johnston
Richmond R^d } Surgeon Major and
23rd Dec 881 } Commg. Bearer Comp^y
A. H. C

Approved - J. J. Sinclair -
D.S.G. P. Med. S.A.

P. M. Bury -
24th 12. 81.

See Bearer Company orders -
27. 12. 81 -

Extra duty pay to Pr. Edwards (Lunatic attendant from 17th Dec 81 Nov (from vouchers))

The Principal Medical Officer.

I have the honour to request you will be so good as to apply for the sanction of the District General to the payment of the increased rate of Departmental Pay to No 4638 P^{te} Edwards during the time he was employed looking after a Lunatic Patient on the 11th of March.

S^d W^m Johnston.

C. R. Road. 26/12/81

S. M.

Desertion of Privates Jackson & Wallace.

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The P. M. O. S. A.

No 3822. P^{te}

Jas Jackson.

No 3704 P^{te}

R. Wallace

I have the honour to forward two copies of Report of a Deserter relating to the marginally named men, who have recently joined the Beuren Company for passage to England & who have been absent since 23rd Sept. There is good ground for supposing that the men have deserted.

S^d W^m Johnston.

C. R. Road. 26/12/81 Comm^{rs} Beuren Comp^y. A.H.C.

These men's kits sent D.O. of Dublin P. M. V. 27. 12. 81

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.. Documents.. .. P.M.O. P.M.V. 27. 12. 81 By Post.

Note.

Send copy of Declaration of Court Officer to P. M. O. S. A. when held -

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+ $\frac{160}{80}$

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Erection of a Tomb Stone to the late 2nd Corporal Knight

From O.C. Bearer Compy. A.H.C. C. R. Road.

To

Command: Royal Engineer Natal

Proposed Inscrip^t:

Camp Richmond Road. 22/12/81

In Memory of

Sir

No 2089. 2nd Lt

Knight A.H.C.

who died 17th Dec 1881

Entombed by his

Comrades of the

Bearer Compy

A.H. Corps.

I have the honour to request you will be good enough to recommend for the approval of the G.O. Command^r this application for permission to erect a tombstone to the memory of the late ^{second} Corporal Knight of the Bearer Company under my command

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obed^t servant.

S^d Wm Johnston Surgeon

C of S.

Recommended for approval of G.O.C.

(S^d) R H Hawthorne.

Col R.E. P.M.Burg. 22nd 12/81

Approved.

Drury Lowe

by order. B^r Gen: 23.12.81.

C of S

O.C. B.C. A.H. Corps.

To note & return

(S^d) R Hawthorne, L^t Col & 18th Col.

P.M.Burg. 24.12.81

C.R.E. Natal.

C.R.E. Natal

Noted & returned

S^d W^m Johnston Comm^d Bearer Compy.

R.R. Camp. 26.12.81

Non payment of rebate on customs to Bearer Company -

Principal Medical Officer. S. Africa

With reference to the complaint of several of the men of the Bearer Company as to their not having rec^d the allowance of 9^d monthly per man rebate of customs, since Sept^r last.

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to give orders that the amount due to the men for the current quarter may be forwarded to them in England, whenever the accounts are adjusted.

As the men appear to be aware that this payment is made regularly to other Regiments, it is not easy to satisfy them that they have been fairly dealt with.

S^d W^m Johnston Surg. Maj.

Comd^g. Bearer Co. A.F.C.

C. Richmond Road. 27/12/81.

Reversing price paid by Corp. Ennis for an axe —

Principal medical Officer

S. Africa

It appears that Corporal Ennis was improperly charged for an axe which was lost at the Rest Camp he was in charge of, or rather was taken away by a medical Officer who gave a receipt for it.

The District Officer of Ordnance yesterday gave me 2/6^d to repay this medical Officer but it appears he was charged 4/3^d not 2/6^d.

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to direct that the balance of 4/9^d may be forwarded to Durban for this man.

Camp Richmond R^d

24th Dec 1881

(Rec^d) W Johnston Surgeon Major

Commd. Beards Company

A. H. C.

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Embarkation of Beavers Company at Durban -
From Officers Commanding
Beaver Company A.H.C.
y

Principal Medical Officer
South Africa
Durban Natal 30th Dec^r 1881

Sir

I have the honor to report the
departure this day per S.S. Ship "Duart
Castle" of the Beaver Company A.H.C.
under my Command, the Offrs are
marginally named & the total strength
of the Company as follows.

Surg-Major
W Johnston
J Harris
Surgeons
R. Drury
P.W. Conolly
Boys
Rifle

Officers	Arms	4
"	A.H.C.	1
Surg Major	-	1
Staff Surg	-	3
Surgeants	-	3
Buglers	-	2
Rank & file	-	133

I have &c &c
(Sd)

W Johnston
Surgeon Major Arms
Commanding Beaver Company
A.H.C.

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Medical Certificate for Beavers Company on embarkation.

From Surgeon Major J Harris
A.M.D.

Sr

The Officer Commanding
Beaver Comp^y A.M.C.
Durban 29th Dec^r 1881

I have the honor to state for
the information of the Director
General A.M.D., that in accordance
with para 6.3 sec III part I Army Med^l
Regulations 1878. I have carefully examined
the Non Comm^d Officer & men of the
Beaver Company A.M.C. total strength
142 that they are fit to embark
& that no case of infectious disease
exists amongst them.

Res^d

J Harris M.B.

Surgeon Major
in Med^l Charge

Principal Medical Officer
South Africa

Forwarded

Res^d

Durban
30th Nov^r 1881

W Johnston
Surgeon Major

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Court of Enquiry into absence of Privates Jackson & Wallace.

Principal Medical Officer

South Africa -

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With reference to my memorandum to
you No 153^a of 26 Dec^r 1881.

I have the honor to forward Records
of the Declaration of the Court of Enquiry held
by my Order on the 12th Inst for the purpose of
recording the Circumstances connected with
the illegal absence of No 3092 Pte R Wallace &
No 3822 Pte J Jackson.

(Sigs)

W Johnston

S. S. Duart Carth

Off Madeira

21st Jan'y 1882

Surgeon Major and

Comm^d 9th Bearer Company

A.H.C.

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Desertion of Privates Jackson & Wallace.

On Board R S Duart Castle

16th January 1882

Sir

I have the honor to forward proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held by my Order, on the 12th Inst, as well as Copies of the Declaration of the Court regarding the illegal absence of N^o 3822 Pte J Jackson & N^o 3014 Pte R Wallace A.M. Corps

I forward direct from Madeira to the Principal Medical Officer South Africa, duplicates of the Declaration of the Court, and before leaving Natal I sent to that Office, the usual "Reports of a Deserter" as well as the men's Regtal documents & their Equipment and Kits.

I have &c. &c.

(Sig) R Johnston

Surgeon Major and

Comm^d Beers Company

A.M.C.

The
Director General
Army Med^l Depart
London

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Arrival of Bearer Company at Portsmouth ⁸²

Portsmouth Docks.

27th January 1882.

Sir

I have the honour to report the arrival this day, of the Bearer Company under my command per S.S. "Duart Castle" from Durban.

The following is a list of the officers

Surgeon Major Harris M.B.

Surgeon R. Drury M.R.

Surgeon T. B. Conolly

Lieut of Orderlies W. Pike.

I have further the honour to transmit herewith a nominal roll of the Non-Commissioned Officers and men.

The Bearer Company proceeds by train to Aldershot this day.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

(S^d) W^m Johnston.

Surg. Maj.

The

Director General

Command: Bearer Compy. A.M.C.

Army Medical Department.

London.

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Documents & Rolls from: D.O.C. Depot Aldershot.

Aldershot.

27th January. 1882.

Sir.

I have the honour to forward a nominal Roll of the N.C. Officers & men of the Bearer Company handed over to your command this day.

I send you also a Receipt & Delivery Voucher for the Bearer's Documents which have been sent to you and beg you will kindly return the Receipt when signed.

I have ~~herewith~~^{further} the honour to hand you a List showing the various stations the men elect to go to, & I should be obliged if it be in your power, if you will so far as possible consider the wishes of those that I have marked as deserving of consideration.

Enclosed are the N.C. Report & other documents for the Paymaster; & the Clothing statement, and receipts for equipment for the Quartermaster, for the favour of your transmitting to these officers.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

(Sd) W^m Johnston. Surg: Maj:
Command^{ing} Bearer Compy.

A 4 Corps.

The Officer Commanding

Depôt

A 4 Corps.

Aldershot

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Recommendation of Conduct of Supplies Wm. C. + J. Corps.

94 Piccadilly. London.

27th January 1882.

Sir

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to convey to the Commissary General War of this expression of my appreciation of the good service rendered by Cond^l of Supplies W. Johnson when in charge of the Detachment Commissariat & Transport Corps lately attached to the Bearer Company under my command in Natal.

This Warrant Officer's tact in managing men, his zeal & ability in the performance of his duties both on board ship and during a very harassing march, as well as his uniform courtesy of manner and respectability of conduct, have led me to form a high opinion of his worth and character, and I consider him eminently fitted for promotion to the Commissioned grade.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

(S^d) W^m Johnston. Surg. Maj.
Lately Command^g Bearer Compy.

The Director General.

A. H. Fox.

Army Med. Dept^t
London.

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Men recommended for discharge as "unworthy" -

S.S. Quarr Castle

27th January 1882

Sir

I have the honor to submit the names of the marginally noted men, as quite unworthy to remain in the Army Hospital Corps.

N^o 3528 P^{te}

J. Beattie

N^o 3906 P^{te}

J. Campbell

N^o 3815 P^{te}

O. Kiernan

N^o 4309 P^{te}

A. Wetton

I have therefore the honor very strongly to recommend their discharge, as their habits of drunkenness and remaining absent quite unfit them for duty connected with the care of sick

Forward Copies of their Defaulters sheets in accordance with A.H.C. Corps Regulations.

Y^{rs}

Director General

A.M. Dept.

London

I have &c &c

(Res) W. Johnston Surge Major

Comm^d & Rearer Ampts A.H.C.

Extra duty pay, as works to Corp. William + P. James

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Paymaster Depot A.H.C.

Attached three vouchers for extra duty pay as Cooks for 2nd Corporal Rollason & P. James (lately of the Bear Company) A.H.C.

Authority was applied for, for its issue through the P. M. Officer of Africa on the 3rd Dec^r 1881 - from Camp Richmond Road

This authority could not reach Natal before the departure of the Bear Company.

Will you have the goodness to refer to H^d 2nd for a copy of this authority which has no doubt gone to Natal and kindly settle with the H.C. Officer and men concerned.

S. D. Quast Castle (Sgt) R. Johnston
Portsmouth Surgⁿ Major and
27th Jan 82 Comm^d Bear Company
A.H.C.

(2). Lt. Col. B. Gordon Alderhot on 30.1.82. reports authority has been rec^d at that station & when passed will be disposed of at once - Vouchers at^d to him after initialing corrections on 1st voucher -

N.M. Club.

4. Feb 1882 -

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Difference of pay at 1/2 from 17 Nov 81 to 19 Dec 1881

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Clarification for Pay as Washermen in D. Field Hospital Bennett's Drift.
Paymaster Depot AHC

Aldershot

The marginally noted men were employed as washermen in the Divisional Field Hospital, Bennett's Drift Camp, Newcastle under surgeon major Stafford ^{between} during the month of April and October 1881

The extra duty pay to which they are entitled has never been adjusted.

Will you have the goodness to settle with them if the vouchers have been forwarded to you, & if not to refer the matter to Head Quarters

Peggy W. Johnston
Surgeon Major

S.S. Duart-Castle

26th Jan'y 82

Commdg Beards Camp 4

A.H.C.

Imm Sub. Acct. A.H.C. Aldershot.

States authority not rec'd but suggests app'l should be passed thro' D.C. Depot. AHC.

30.1.84

1st

Robert Fisher LYO.

D.C. Depot.

Passed as suggested, for favor of att^{ch} by made for necessary authorities.

Refers to S.M. Stafford now at home.

W. B. Hunt
Mn

N. & M. Club -

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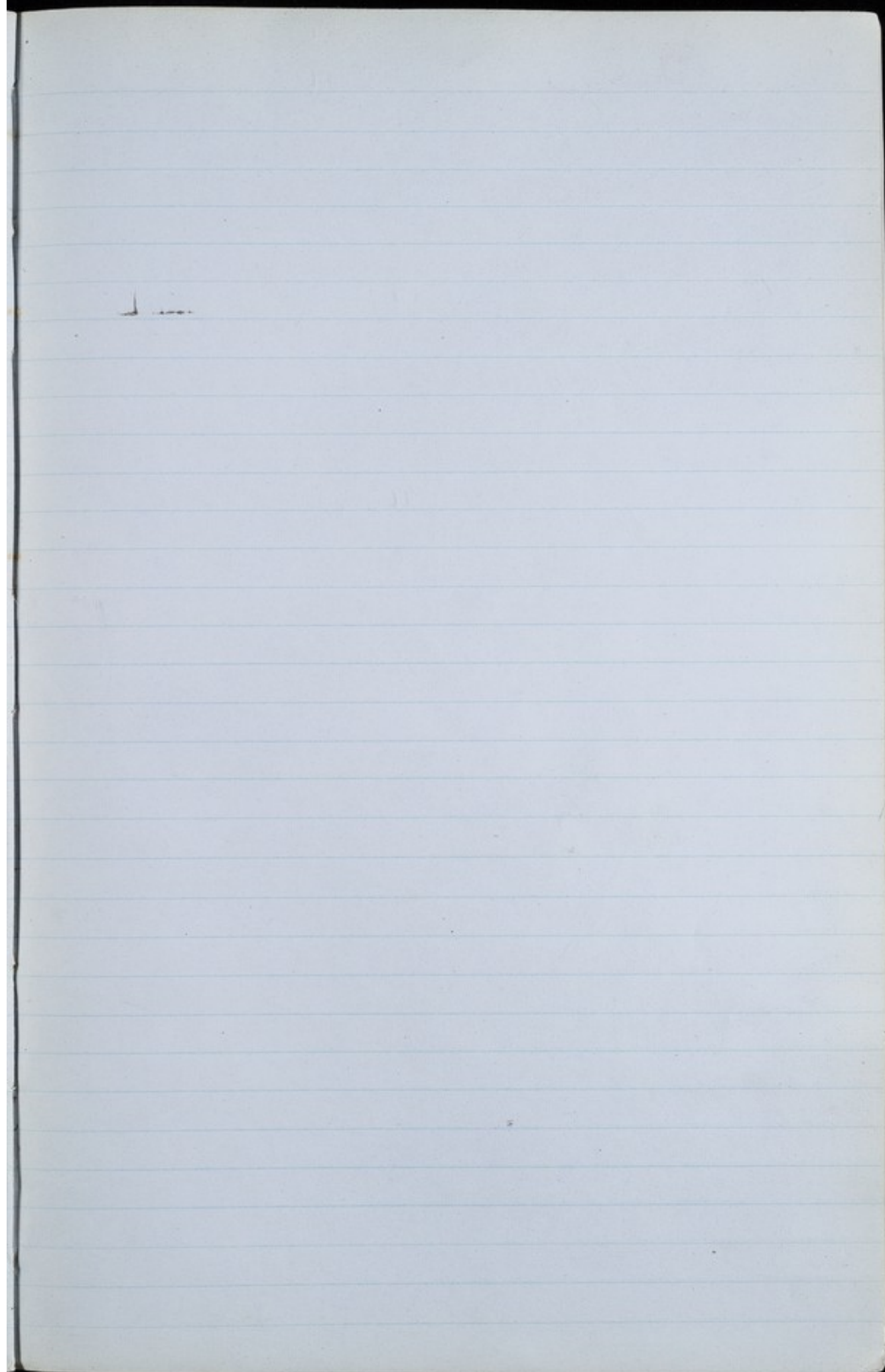
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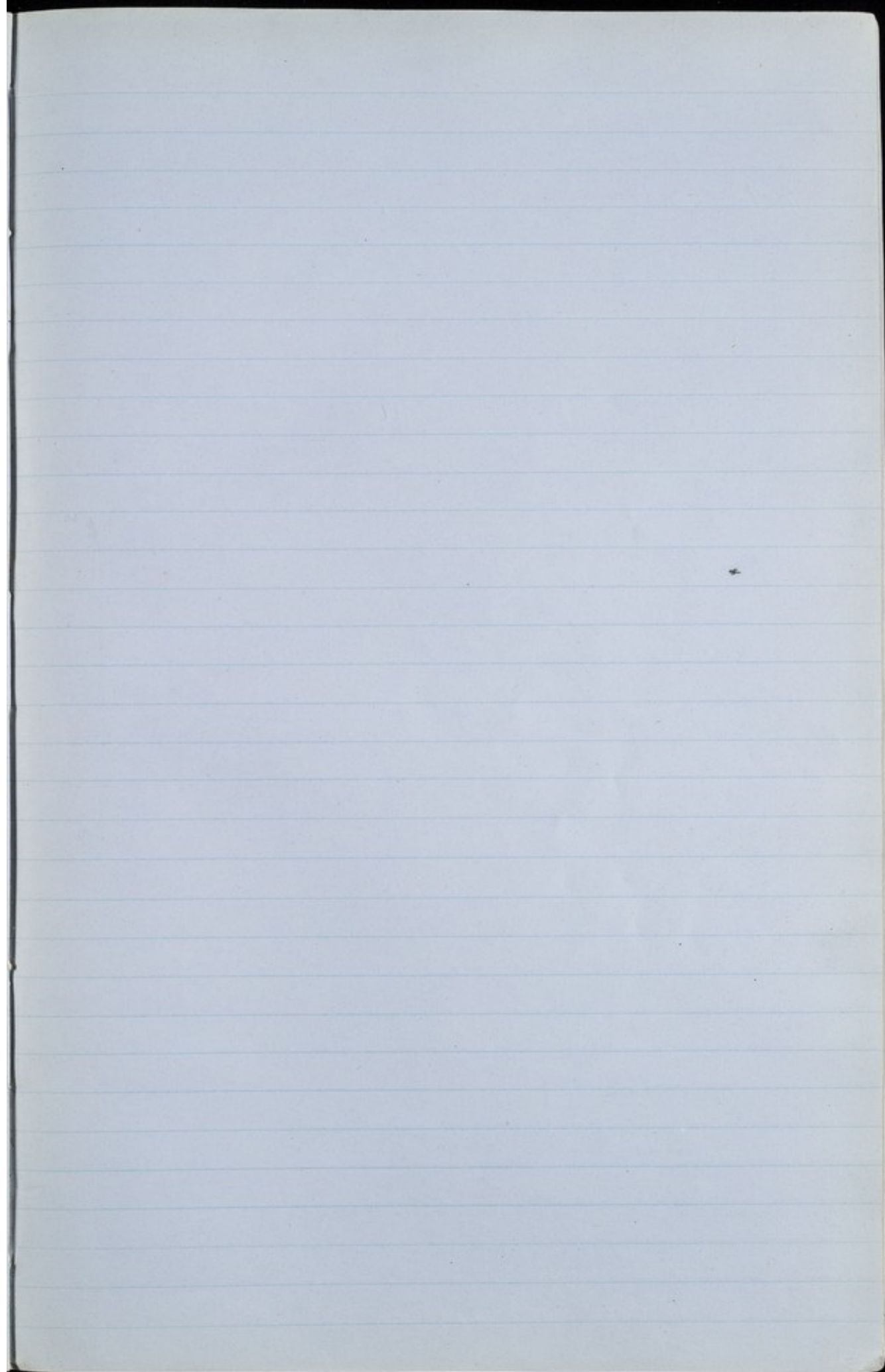
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