

## **Letters about visits to the hospital, etc.**

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SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITALS COMMISSION.

Newcastle

Dear Fridge

please pardon my delay  
in writing you but everywhere  
since I left you has been so  
interesting that I neglected  
everything for the sake of  
gaping about, & I never  
knew until yesterday that  
my veins were so full  
of English blood, but while  
we were circling Majuba  
Hill my regard for the Boer  
was at a discount. We

pulled up at practically the  
foot of the hill & the Commission  
inspected an hospital (Charleston).  
<sup>I think it</sup>  
<sup>was at</sup>

Respecting your request I have  
not been fortunate enough to  
get their private addresses but  
the appending will find them

Lord Justice Romer  
Law Courts  
Strand

D<sup>r</sup> Church  
Hatfield  
Hertfordshire

7 Harrison Sq  
L & R. W. Ry Co.  
Euston Square

Sir D. Richmond. Professor Cunningham  
Glasgow Trinity College  
Dublin

Major Tennant  
Board of Agriculture  
Whitehall

There is a unanimous opinion  
among both Commissioners &  
the press representatives that  
your hospital is perfect &  
certainly the best which has  
been visited, cleanliness &  
order & necessary requisites  
has been specially studied  
Several of the Commissioners  
asked me what I thought  
of "that beautiful hospital"  
& one left me by saying that  
it left nothing to be suggested.  
& another said it was "marvellous".  
We leave here at 9-30 for  
Ladysmith which place we  
reach tonight

Yours Truly  
Capt. E. Winfield.





High Commissioner's Office

12. IV. 01

Dear Sir

His Excellency

would like to visit

to the General Hospital

on Sunday next between

3 + 4 p.m. if that would

be convenient.

His Excellency would  
like his visit to be  
quite private & not to  
interfere in any way  
with adenau's routine

Yrs faithfully

J. J. Henley Capt  
a. s. l.





photographs I would  
order a set here -

I hope Mr. Elliot  
is doing well I should  
be so much obliged  
for the latest news  
Yours -

Please accept the  
Enclosed small  
subscription for  
your charity -

Yours truly  
John Roberts





N. S. W. CONTINGENT.

50. Eloff Street.

Johannesburg

Xmas Day 1900.

Dear Colonel Somerville Large,

Will you please accept  
the accompanying gift from the  
New South Wales Army Nursing  
Sisters as a small memento of  
the pleasant-time they have spent  
working under you at N<sup>o</sup>. 6. General  
Hospital.

When the Electric light fails we hope  
you will use it.

That you may enjoy every blessing of  
the Season is the sincere wish of:-

Ellen J. Gould.

J. B. Johnston.

Mary Newton.

Penelope Frater.

Mabel Steel.



PM 77

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1900

To The Officer in Charge  
No. 6. General Hospital

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Instructions have been issued through  
the G. O. C. lines of communication,  
for your unit to proceed to  
Naamport, and establish itself  
there as a general hospital.

You will absorb into your establishment  
the personnel R.A.M.C. civil surgeons,  
and nursing sisters that you find  
there; and the stationary hospital  
now there will cease to exist as  
such, - becoming merged into your  
hospital. You will show this order  
to Lieut. Colonel Fabry, at present S. H. O.  
at Naamport.

By Order

W. Redford Major  
S. H. O. 77

Adm

15/2/00

Urgent

Army Form C. 348.

No. \_\_\_\_\_



MEMORANDUM.

From Ans to  
 To Lt Col R. Souerville Surge  
Rauuc

ANSWER.

Portsmouth

15th Dec 1899

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A Telegram has just been received from War Office as follows:-

"General commanding Portsmouth  
 " Warn Lt Col Souerville  
 " - Surge Rauuc to hold  
 " himself in readiness  
 " for service South Africa  
 " Early date, he should be  
 " medically examined  
 " if unfit. Please wire  
 " shortly"

Please furnish Certificate as to fitness, by an Officer ans. or Rauuc, at this office as early as possible.



LAMC 480 / 6

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Extract from CORPS ORDERS by Col. D.W. Somerville <sup>(sup)</sup>  
R.A.M.C.



Springfontein

7<sup>th</sup> July 1902

MOVE 2(a)

In accordance with instructions from P.M.O. <sup>Winn</sup> Col. D.W. Somerville Large will hand over charge of No 12 Gen. Hspl. Springfontein to Lt. Col. S.F. Longheed and will then proceed to Cape Town for passage home and duty on the voyage

(Auth. Wire No 4863 from P.M.O. O.R.C. 2/5.7.02)

True extract

Sgd B.W.S. Large Col R.A.M.C.

Sgd S.F. Longheed

P.M.O. No 12 G. Hspl.

Lt Col R.A.M.C.  
P.M.O. No 12 G. Hspl. 10.7.02

CERTIFIED true copy

H.O. Invern

G. Town

13.7.1902

Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.  
for P.M.O., C.C.D.





ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

*Very  
Pleasant*

*Lt. Col Somerville Large  
SS Pembroke Castle*

*3209  
c*

New York 1  
 Middlemarch 1  
 Forest Park 1  
 Philadelphia 1  
 London 2  
 New York 1  
 Dublin 1  
 London 1  
 Cambridge 1  
 Oxford 1  


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Reports on efficiency of No 6 General Hospital.  
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1  
Royal Commission, reports on Hospitals.

No 6 General Hospital appears to have been well managed and at the date of our inspection was in a very efficient state.  
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2  
I visited No 6 General Hospital for the first time to day and was very glad to find the patients on the whole doing so well and admirably cared for.

A. Milner. *High Commissioner*  
14 April 1901\_

3  
I visited No 6 General Hospital to day and was much pleased. Everything is admirably arranged, the patients are evidently well looked after and the whole condition of the Hospital is very creditable to Colonel Somerville Large and all serving under him.

Johannesburgh  
6th November 1900

Roberts Field Marshall

4  
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Johannesburgh

21 11 00

S.K. Kenny

Lieut General.

5  
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Johannesburgh

21 11 00

French Lieut General

Commdg Johannesburg Dist

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Hospital most satisfactory.

Johannesburgh

2 3 1 01

W.D. Wilson Surgeon General

P.M.O. Army S. African Campaign.  
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Johannesburgh

23 November 1900

Baden Powell

Major General.

8  
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Colin Mackenzie

Colonel Military Governor.

12 5 01

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September 3 1901

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Consulting Surgeon to H.M.Forces.

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Johannesburg  
6<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1900.

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J. K. Keenan  
M. Genl

Johannesburg  
19 Nov. 1900

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Johannesburg.  
23. Nov. 1900.

W. D. Duden-Powell  
M. Genl.



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Colin Mackenzie

Colonel  
Military Governor

12.5.01.

What Service. Large both in  
ground No 6. General Hospital  
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hospital except to such a  
condition of excellence.

J. L. King  
24/11/00

W. H. K. Smith H. Gen  
Col. J. H. B. Smith  
L. Cavalry Division

Hospit most satisfactory

Shannonbury  
23-1-01

W. H. K. Smith Surgeon Genl  
of the Army



1901.

Civil Administration

James K. ...

Written on this side.

See



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2-7-1.

*Ernst Wood  
Meyer*

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Inspected No 6 GP this day every thing satisfactory

*W Wilson Surg Gen*

21-8-01

*Imperial Army*

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