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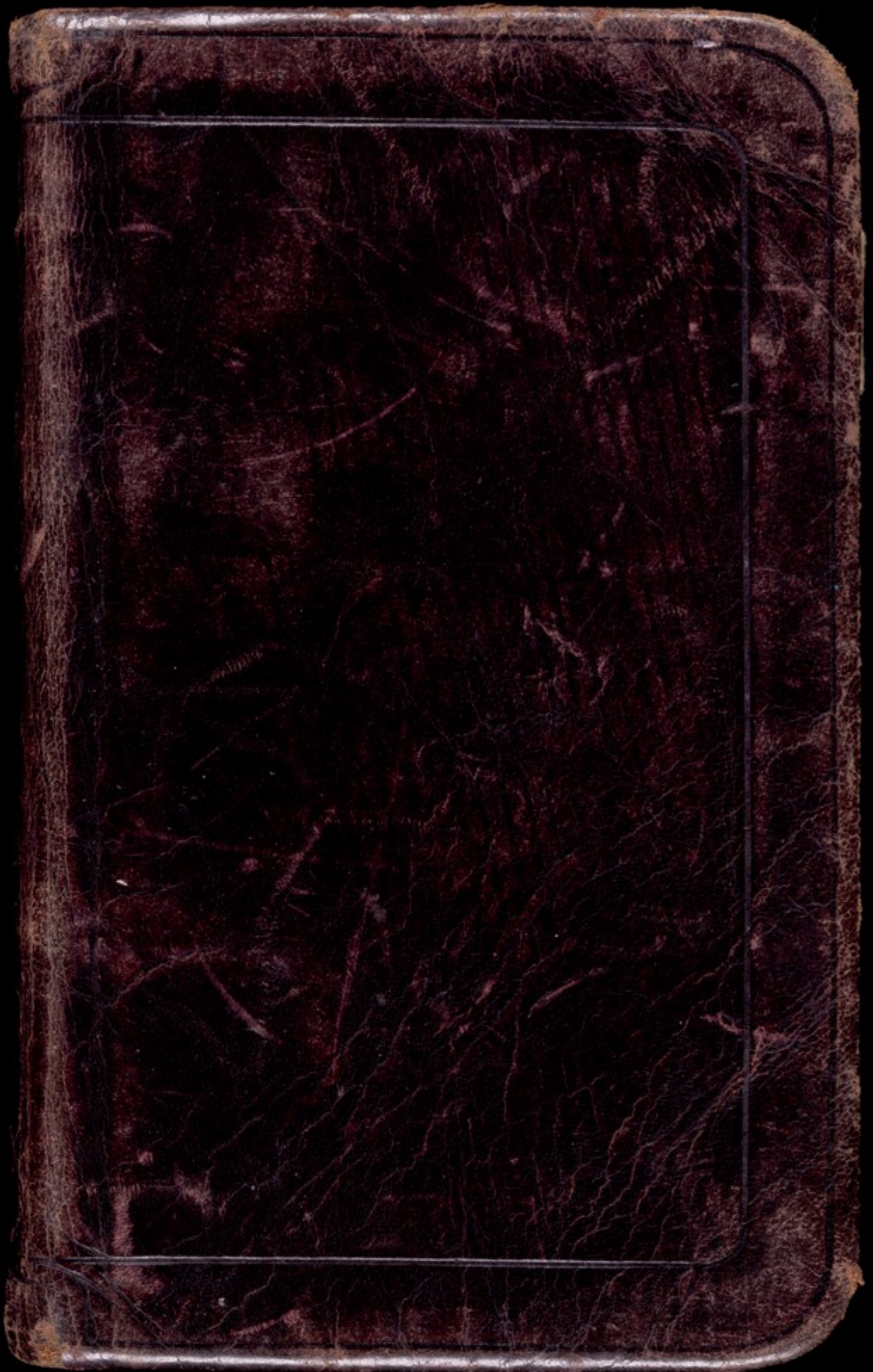
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March 17 - 1909

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Dec 15 - 1910

John Walter

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June 18th - 1896

J. J. B

April 15 - 1898

RAMC 1800

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No 5 Mesopotamian
Refugees
Home Address

19 Harefield Rd

St John's Mansions

London
England N

Left London for

Shing 25/2/16

Left Shing for Bedford

5/6/16

1916

Diary

of my trip to

Memphis Tenn

July 18th 1916 Left

Bedford⁹ for Southham¹⁰

1170 Miles from Bedford

Tuesday July 18th

Started from Bedford train
in the a.m. and had a very
heavy and blaring wind off

had the regimental Band to
accompany us to the station

and they played very
diminutely, there were about 200

of us left for Memphis Tenn.

The Band played "Soldier's Song"
and the Boys cheered

heartily, on arriving at
Southampton 11.6 a.m.

walked straight on board
the S.S. Nchasa a fine
hospital ship bound

In Bombay the crew
from stem quarters and
we greatly surprised to find
splendid swing beds and
pillows and blankets,
Electric Fans, hairpins, hair
brushes, soap, tooth powder
and a good
quantity of Bread and
Butter also some reading books
and paper on deck and the
stateroom. I found my bed very comfortable
and of the stateroom a very
comfortable place was soon as before
in spite of the vibration of
the wheels of the engines
which were quite close to us.

Wednesday 19th
956 Miles from Gibraltar
12 noon
We were roused at 7^{1/2} and washed
and shaved before breakfast
which consisted of partridge
bread & butter and tea.
After breakfast we had to
put our beds in order and
then down for the rest of the
day. For dinner at 12^{1/2} we
had roast beef, potatoes with
sauce or and bread and I
ate plenty of it, had tea
at 5^{1/2} consisted of Bread and
Butter, reading on deck till
about 8-30 I bought a book
of coffee more reading b.l.

23rd returned to our quarters
on bed at 9.45 with the
rough weather and
Portulaca being open very
high got soaked, shut
for cholera and went to bed
again with only a solar heat
was going through the Bay of Biscay

Thursday 24th
6.11 miles from Gibraltar
at 6.40 paraded on deck
at 6.30 had roll and then
dormitory worked shaved
had breakfast paraded
in boots and puttees at 9.40
after being inspected we were
dismissed for inoculation

against cholera paraded
for 10.40 for same, we went
below to dinner consisting of
roast beef potatoes and bread and
current pudding in plenty,
After dinner went on the lower
of the boat and layed down and
went to sleep in the beautiful
breeze until tea time, saw 2
small whales this afternoon and
2 Norwegian Boats very close
to us, No land sighted today
had a read till 9.30, went
to bed at 9.45, sea very calm
and air very hot and oppressive
at 12 noon we were 6.26 miles from Gibraltar

Friday 21st 12 noon
292 miles from Gibraltar
out of bed at 6^{1/2} feeling
half Parade Parade at 20:30 for
roll call dismissed for breakfast
Next parade 10^{1/2} for inspection
the C.O. which took about 1/2 hour
we were told that to be our Subj's
and took off and put on shoes on
and were dismissed for the day
We lay about on the deck all
the morning watching the
parades and taking the
pass our boat in shells, We
went below for dinner at 12-30
and then just started, when all
hands were ordered on deck

as there was a man missing,
and had been seen by one of
the Sailors on the deck
overboard, we cruised round the
spot for an hour and on calling
the roll they found that a
corporal of the ship's staff was
the missing man, Report that
Ship's surgeon and ruler in 2
Indians in it but could not see
man so hauled up and
continued of course, the sea was
calm or a mild breeze, A
Memorial service was held on
the ship at 6^{1/2} by the Chaplain
on April 21st, we layed about
deck till home to retire 9-30 and
went to bed for a good night's rest

Saturday July 22
356. Heligoland 12 noon
Passed Cape St Vincent last
night at 9^h very close to land
could distinguish houses on Cape
and lighthouse also lighted up
up at 6^h and went on deck to
find that we were going
through the strait of Gib
and had land on both sides
of us a Norwegian timber boat
passed us very close this
morning at 9.15. Paraded at
10^h and at 11^h we were ordered
with our life belt on having
boat drill when we passed
the rock of Gibraltar,

we were very close to it when
passing we could see the
tremendous proportions of the
marvellous fortiers could
also see the water station
Just after passing the rock
we saw a very large shark
and several porpoises, we
then retired to dinner we had
Boiled Mutton and potatoes
in plenty, After dinner
we laid on deck slept and
read while numbers of us
played cards, at 10^h we
went to see Lord Lubbock and
Jain, after tea we kept
ourselves busy playing
cards, retired to bed at 9.30

Sunday July 23
66 miles to Algiers 12 noon
got up at 7⁴⁰ had a swim in
a tarpaulin on deck and then
went below and had a cold
shower bath, had breakfast at
8¹⁵, cleaned up and went on deck
working etc till 10¹⁵ Church parade
and inspection at 11⁴⁵ until
12⁴⁵, Dinner on deck again at 1⁴⁵
Had a sleep until tea time at 3⁰
at 5⁴⁵ we sighted a French
Torpedo destroyer, at 6¹⁵
a large vessel and then turned
back into Algiers which we
did pass at 8⁴⁵ the steamer
made straight for us at

fall speed and signalled for
us to stop, which we did, she
then came within speaking
distance through a megaphone
and abused our captain to
turn into Algiers harbour
as there was some enemy
submarines waiting for us
which had already sunk on
Tuesdays last day and
flourishing money we on the
morning, we immediately
altered our course and after
giving the crew of the
bicycle 3 cheers for France
and 3 cheers for England
we returned on our way back
to Algiers singing the

Marseillaise we anchored
in the bay and our captain
and officers went ashore with
~~with~~ the pilot in our motor
boat for about an hour
we could see Electric tram
on the front and the town
looked a fine sight from boat
we drew up anchor and started out
again when the tide was 2 1/2

Monday July 26th

12 noon

100 miles to Galapagos Islands

Did 228 miles

was sore & 69° had a cold
bath, had beach feet since
we were gilly allayed on deck
in batches for 2 hours

at a time, the rest to remain
below my time was from 5 PM
to 7 PM, the weather in the
morning was beautiful and
the boat was doing very good
speed, to pass the time away
I turned up my drill house
played cards etc had
dinner at 12 PM most beef cabbage
and spuds after dinner sitting
about till tea time had
tea went for my 2 hours
blow on deck I was lonely
went to recreation room
at 7:30 reading until it
was dark when we were
all allowed on deck for
half an hour before turning

on, we went to our bunks
but could not sleep on account
of the heat in lay very
restless the officer told us
we could sleep on deck
but must come down as
soon as it was daylight
I did not go up as I was
in bed already and sleeping
near the port holes I got a
little draught which kept
me a bit cool, we were
ordered to wear our Khaki
drill and Helms after the
night. Passed Gahka Island
at 6/2

Tuesday 25th
at 06-30 went ^{and did 310 men} had a swim
on deck after had a cold
shower bath, had breakfast
Passed the Isle of Suez by
P. 7-15, was awarded Orderly
which means to of your hole
to scrub floor clean in the
and brass work in between
you, you finish about
11/20 and then it is inspected
by the C/O if no complaint
you are done for the
day, no complaints so was
dismissed had dinner sea
laying and reading about
on deck till bed time
7-30 Howell

Wednesday 26th July
Same as other days ^{did 216 miles}
nothing to report to us
Boat sighted early about
18 miles P. hour.
Let boat dull at 10⁰⁰ which
means that the seven grades
1 long blast to the boats and
another long when we hear
this it does not matter what
time then we have to put on our
life belts and parade at our boat
stations which commenced at
Duch, dismissed for the day
laying and reading on deck
at 10⁰⁰ time to retire
knowing that Bed at 9-30
very narrow

Thursday July 27th
380 miles
after sea all day nothing
exciting happened
up at 6⁰⁰ Paraded at 6-35
had a bath and breakfast
at 8⁰⁰ parade at
10⁰⁰ for C/O inspection
done 2nd hour Physical drill
dismissed till dinner time
parade at 2⁰⁰ netball
dismissed for the day
reading and playing cards,
house etc till
bed time in bed
at 9⁰⁰ not a bit
of an air in here laying
in bed sweating like a cat
running over a cat

Friday July 28th

6.8 miles to Port Said 12 noon
went 6/10 Breakfast
usual parade at 10/10 for
evolution again against
against Obbia,

Dismissed down for the
day. Had dinner at 12/10
plenty of it - but it
is very hot and close
in the dining ward the
smell runs off of you
is one mouthful and
one wipe with your
handkerchief all the time
you're down there layed
about till bedtime 9-30
all well

Sat July 29th

arrived at Port Said slept
all right in spite of the
felling the boat with
fresh water by means of
hydraulic pumps, cooling
Started about 8/10 the
coal is brought to the
side of the ship in
very deep flat bottomed
barges, a stage is rigged
up so that the natives
can walk up to the coal
shute and back again
to the barge, about 60
natives on each barge

carrying the coal in wicker
basket and are ringing
all the time, and keep
up a continual stream all
the time, they finished the
channel at 11⁴⁰. Napier came on
board with Ezyphian
regard the bar but delight grapes
the water the beer and papers
etc, we retired to dinner at
12⁴⁵ after dinner we were amused
until we left by the water
bag dining for pennies
we left Port Said at 2³⁰
after having a call at land
then proceeded up the
Suez Canal very slowly, we
saw numerous camps on

both sides of the canal
and also saw several boats
2² laying in Port Said
the camp consisted of
north of England and
Australian regiments also
other regiments, there we
thousands of boats and
Ezyphian's, we passed
various boats up the canal
and had to wait while
some large boats passed
us we saw a Regiment
pass us with full equip-
ment they seemed to be
happy also plenty
of soldiers, had 9-30

Monday 30 July
10.77 Miles to bed
arrived 6.45. Had a swim
under the shower. Had the usual
breakfast and had breakfast
parade @ 10.30 for L. O. inspection
Had physical drill for about
3/4 hour then dressed, had
breakfast @ 11.15
for immunities against
Enteric and Typhoid
fever, done for the day
reading and writing
and played cards for
9.30. went to bed
@ 9.45, sea very calm
stiffing had a good
we are in the Red Sea

Monday 31 July
10.77 Miles to bed
arrived 6.45. Had a swim
under the shower. Had the usual
breakfast and had breakfast
parade @ 10.30 for L. O. inspection
Had physical drill for about
3/4 hour then dressed, had
breakfast @ 11.15
for immunities against
Enteric and Typhoid
fever, done for the day
reading and writing
and played cards for
9.30. went to bed
@ 9.45, sea very calm
stiffing had a good
we are in the Red Sea

Tuesday 2nd August

796 Miles to Aden 12 noon
up at 7³⁰ had a run to the shore
took breakfast by 8³⁰ parade
at 10³⁰ had Physical drill for
an hour dismissed here for the day
while leaving deck got called
by the S.M. for witness for
one of our men not complying
with orders while at Port Said he
went for a swim and he got
a boat man called by the
captain and not come aboard
8 days B.B. had tea and
dinner about on deck till
bedtime retired at 9³⁰ - 10⁵
all well sea a bit rough

Wednesday 3rd

515 Miles to Aden 12 noon
slept on Deck all night
it was lovely and cool up
at 5³⁰ had a swim a bath had
breakfast etc done for the day
reading till 12³⁰ had
dinner we passed 12 Islands
called the Sporles Islands
and later in the afternoon
we passed Bell's Gate it
is a remarkable Island with
a great opening in the side
had tea at 4³⁰ sea a
bit choppy had a concert
on Deck officers ^{with coffee} and
staff all invited ^{Flags around}
Deck all well till 10³⁰

Thursday 3rd Sept
 227 Miles. From Daman
 slept on deck last night
 up to 5.00 had a shower bath
 6.30, now 2 years ago we
 had a yacht with them
 morning, had dinner 2.12 for
 24/6 for 6/2 but this
 about same as the 1st day
 we are mounting here about the
 ground they have passed
 a rate for wife myself but
 to them, a very easy day
 nothing seen along hills
 but a few small trees
 to see the hills ^{Near}
 the sea ^{is} well
 slept on deck last night

Friday 4th Sept
 1590 miles for Bombay
 Indian sea
 after the sunset another
 passed Aden at 7.1 having
 nothing to sell for the fish
 but a few with our captain
 though he thought there
 but plenty of fish and
 we had a good dinner
 in Rabat we had a good
 here we did not stop and
 but there is no more of
 here 6.9 miles from 7.1 to
 12.1 noon had for all the
 about 1.00 all on deck the
 with a few small trees
 about 7.9 miles
 about 7.9 miles

Saturday 5th August
1268 Miles to Bombay 12th noon
Awoke at 5th had cold
by the call at 6.35 had
breakfast paraded 10th, no
inspection as the sea was very
rough cannot stand rolling
from one side to the other
about 2.00 pm while waiting for
spine got thrown off our feet
by a wave, at 3.00 pm
about 30 defects were being
full back double for on board
afternoon for being late made
they were laid up, water
on my high concert cancelled
all Well. Got at 8.30 ready
at 1.45 - Adept in ward

Sunday 6th August
967 Miles to Bombay 12th noon
up at 6.30, had bath breakfast
etc on deck at 8.30, had to put
wind screen up on deck on the board
side after sea was too forward
and watched the Flying Jut
in plenty and then went
to the well of deck and
saw the natives having a
game at Bland Moorling
which consists of 2 natives
George Blindfold and they
hold each end of line between
then call to one another
and see if they can hit
one another's hand

a towel it was a fine
sport watching them
wind on promenade deck the
repped to bed at 9-30
sea is very rough all well

Monday 7th August

6.45 Steer to Bombay 12 noon
up at 5.30, roll call at 6.35
mess orderly for days which
means you 2 of you draws
ration for each meal and
eat it up and divide about
between 26 men and also keep
the tables from plates cups
and dishes clean after meals
after dinner peel potatoes
for tomorrow breakfast

Paraded 27c to see if ^{anybody} have
dodged inoculation which was
done at 11.15 against
Preston has had dinner at
12.45 Bully Beef Potatoes and
Vegetables, we've been forewarned
till 4.45 had tea, changed
book, went on deck reading
and playing cards etc.
we passed a ship but
it was too far away
to discern what ship
was. There's the first
ship and hope to see
more leaving to day. The
sea is a bit rough
but all well. We went
to bed at 9.15 writing
letter to wife till 10.15 and to bed

Tues day 8th August
338 miles to Ramthay 12 miles
up at 6-15 worked etc
went to dining ward 277.
brought up the Breakfast
for the men consisting of
potatoes and Bully Beef
with Peas together
Bread butter and tea after
breakfast had to scrub floors
berms and wash up Potato
cups and Dishes all to be
clean and clear for C/O
inspection, had dinner at
127c consisted of roast Mutton
Potatoes soup and rice pudding
went on deck at 27c and it

was raining this is the first
drop of rain we have seen
since we left Southampton Monday
till sometime gave look in
to the Librarian went on deck
concert 287c the deck was
decorated with flags and
all the officers mothers and
ships staff and officers there
it was a success, ~~the~~
~~the~~ It is very hot
Sea is calm had a good
supper consisting of Potatoes
of Rice Bread meal and 3 more
retired to bed at 1000
all Well

Thursday 10 August

Anchored in harbor
all night up to 67° had
breakfast etc 6:30 went
on deck Miss reported in the
Indian James that fighting
took place in the busy bands

The day after we
passed the taking 23 officers
and a good number of men, had
dinner 2:15 and sailed in the
Docks in Bombay 2:30 leaving
about half tea time after tea we
had a route marked for 7 hours
without a stop when we came back
we went directly to 9° went down town
and had a look round all food to sleep on
Bed 7 10:30 on deck

Friday August 11th

up to 87° Reached 6:35, we were still
anchored in Dry Dock had breakfast
etc walked about the dock etc till
dinner time, after dinner we were
free till 9° in shops had a football
match with the staff result was
we won 3-1, myself did not go
to see it but wandered around
the town among the European
Quarters and saw some funny
things also saw a wedding
went and had tea at the Alexander
restaurant consisting of loaf of a
chicken omelette tomatoes Bread and
Butter and tea which cost 6 annas
equals 6 p and another walk to the river
and then returned to our ship
Bed 7 10:30 on deck

10 1/2 miles up Gaffney ^{12:00}
Saturday August 12th
up at 6th started 6:35.
^{done 2 1/2 miles up to 12:00}
had breakfast etc by 8th
we cast off our anchor at 8:30
and proceeded to Burrack
the sea is very rough indeed
you can hardly keep your
feet had dinner at 12th
parade at 2th we were then
supplied with Thatch Thatch
and Mosquito nets the nets
are to cover you even in bed
when covered with my sheets
I had to exchange them
not being big enough after
had tea at 4th and strolled
along for deck retired to bed
at 9:30 all well

6 1/2 miles up Gaffney ^{12:00}
Sunday 13th August
up at 6:30 had breakfast etc
by 8th sea is still very rough
we are still on the March
Dean had a church parade
but held service in the reading
room had dinner at 12th
consisting of Boiled Mutton
Beans and potatoes with rice
and apple pudding, a whole
deck till bedtime stop fed in
ward till the chaplain came
round with book, had a read
till and went to bed
until it was time to
retire went to bed at
9th all well

Monday 13 August
225 miles to Cape Jashin 12 noon
up at 6:45 had meal as usual
nothing seen the sea is very
rough

Tuesday 15 August
120 miles to Cape Jashin 12 noon
up at 6:45 wind orderly
we are in the Persian Gulf
the sea is very calm but
a bit terribly hot we passed
a ship at 9:15 thought she would
not descend in to the sea, all
to be in bed at 9:30

Wednesday 16 August
up at 6:45 wind orderly had to
stuff all beds and re-
fresh all to sleep in deck

as they are getting the boats
ready for the wounded
and the beds look very
nice but it is terribly hot
passed Cape Jashin last night
is 589 miles to Busra
from 12 noon today it
is 229 miles to Busra
had a hospital service on deck the
speaker was one of our men with
bed at 9:15 feeling very tired all well

Thursday 17 August
280 miles to Busra 12 noon
up at 5:15 had breakfast at
6:45 passed at 10:45 descended
for the day sea is very calm but it is
awful hot we have got 150 miles
from 12 noon to Busra had a

concert tonight a free and easy
affair. It was very nice and went
off well. we retired to bed 710-30
sea is very calm we anchored early
in the morning about 2 o'clock
near Buda

Friday the 18th August
all the decks are ready and look nice
we are still anchored. The sea is
very calm and it is nice and cool
The H. M. S. Syria is
along side of us and along this
warhead on to our ship some of
them are the Indian Army, N. B.,
and some are English regiment
it is painful to see the men
lying on the deck dead across
the board. The stretcher
they are being taken
to the hospital and they
and taken to the hospital

all look very fresh they
at 6 o'clock and it was 8:30 before
they had finished, and then we went
on board the Syria we were given
bread cheese and coffee for us
sent to us in a box it was 10-100
we was in order. God bless all with

Saturday 19th August
we are still anchored up at
6 o'clock breakfast consisting
of tea porridge steak potatoes
and bread and butter. It was
very nice our section is being
to the next ward where the Indian
regiment lay wounded they are
waiting to go aboard the vessel
was filled last night by a boat
to parade at 11 o'clock and were given

25th Mile of Soda Water each
water is very scarce, the Hospital
Ship Loyalty came along side of us
and they took the remainder of
wounded off our boat, then
in the evening we were taken
to the side of the Hospital
Ship Infidelity and took
off about 100 men and
officers onto our ship. They
saw all of the P. & O. b.
They came from Aldershot
we have not taken them
all on board as we have no
room we lifted anchor about
3 1/2 in the morning and proceeded to
Bunra. On reaching Bunra at 7:30
and anchored.

Sunday 21st August

at 6 1/2 P.M. Patrol boat of the
at 1/2 past 3 and took on board the
on shore then we were made about
of miles to our anchorage
Machine. Most of us are
boats where we have our
sleep. There is plenty of
Regiment but cannot find any Indian
Regiment it is very hot between 8 and 10
there is also Indian Regiment and the
are on the right of us and we
must not go too close when at anchor.

Monday August 21st
received 2/5th news I received the
letters to day which were sent
from Bedford, we were issued
at with spare provisions and some
provisions, we do nothing from
9 1/2 till 5 1/2 on account of the
heat

Tuesday 22nd was actually
 on board hospital ship
 at Basra & south of our main
 base. Submarine hospital was
 some to up the line with the
 18th Airman, 29th Air Force
 accidentally damaged and
 collapsed. The aircraft at Basra
 it was a quarter of an hour to
 be sent before sunrise on the
 night of the 1st of September
 on board the 2nd Air Force
 left the Arabian Gulf on the 15th
 of September for Heron in barrow
 transport ship making 4 charges
 to the barrow reaching there

on the 16th there was 30 of us
 22 men of with the 4th B. Linn
 to Heron on the 17th & 18th Sunday
 morning. I with 9 men started on
 the 17th morning 2.30 in the
 evening after 2.30 in the
 night that was in the morning 12.1.13
 winter before we came to the
 point of the barrow for working
 some of about 8.6.13 some
 of the 14.7.13. In the night
 of the 14th of the same month
 the barrow Thursday morning
 and subsidiary staff were
 at camp. The barrow had
 starting about 11.1.13 and
 taking up different falls
 which fell almost a quarter
 of a mile from the barrow.

to continue with us reaching
Kmerak at 8 p.m. on the 23rd
morning making 6 days of
marching we have put in
the camp with the other regiment
and was very hard and cold
left Annapolis on the 27th of
September and made a boat
3 miles and was the first
to the 39th Field Ambulance
received from 2 letters
informing me of the same
That on the 2nd November
dated 25/26 September
also from Ben Little received
letter from wife dated 15/9/16 on
the 4th of November left Blue
Hills on the 26th November

made 6 miles 10 miles 11 miles
14 miles 11 miles 9 miles 7 miles
9 miles 12 miles 10 miles taken
up to the 11th of December
putting camp each night
Starting about 8.30 of a morning
received letter from wife
and Phil about the 11th of December
17th and 18th of October the letter
dated 18th. I received no
letters or shaving soap or
P.O. order or stamps in the first
letter nor any to show from
to say Ned had been killed
though I had a stiff headache
and made 12 miles on Saturday
and Sunday on the 21st of
not required in a camp

... about 11:30 sleeping...
... about 7 miles on a line...
... the morning of the 16th...
... the morning of the 16th...
... about 150 paces from...
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... carrying them out...
... to the crossing station...
... the morning of the 16th...
... about 7 miles on a line...
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time, December 19, up at 6:30
and breakfast & quiet ordered to
the East lower. To dress some
wounded about 8:30 we went about
2 miles back on way and was walking
or if nothing was going on until
we were being fired at by the
bunch of snipers one going past
my nose and around our heads
in front of us was worse than
we were not hit as we were
right in the line of our front line
bunch from the Tanka firing line
the things our view in the mountains
I bolted to us to lay down
and get up and about 10 yds and
run again until we were in their
line behind they told us we were
sniping target there we walked

along their benches trying to find
the East lower, crawling along on
our stomachs and crawling on hands
we could draw the benches
with us but could not find the East
lower we were told by the things
speaking shikha bearers to stop
where we were until it was dark
before we ventured out again
before
the bearers left then stretched on
the benches and doubled back until
they got to a mound and there
fell down, they got up in a
agony until they got out of
firing range of the snipers
and then the 2 of our regiments
done because but they were
when we were above at night
they watched they hoped

with us we stayed in the trenches
all day and the bullets were coming
near us until it was dark enough
for us to chance it we did so and
ran like hell doubling ourselves
up dragging the stretcher with us
until we could run no further and
then layed down to get our
breath then doubled away
again as far as we could and
then walked about until we
found our own stock horse were
so they had shifted during the
day we found them about
6:30 and was very glad it
was a terrible experience
the dead were laying about
like sheep while we were
going there and there was

terrible night some and saying
over their sides some say they
were funny were on the trenches
about 6:30 hours while we were
in any our fellows had to dig their
elves in we had some did and then
went to bed than long good that
I was alone and slept well
after all the trying and exciting
time, the of fear said he blew
became terrible for us to see but
we never heard it as close
we would not be a general
for December 18th slept in dug out
up at 6:30 not being wounded to get
in or had not to go out December 18th
not moved still some place up at 7:30
had letter from ^{from the company} ^{noted} ~~the~~ ~~company~~
P.S. from Bert to the company

Thursday Dec 20th at 7:45 at a bus
station today heavy shelling by bombing
but less at about 9:00 at night not been
out the total was 1000 lbs Thursday Dec 21st
a bit quiet not out Friday Dec 22nd
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Sat Dec 23rd
at 7:45 still quiet except for the long
at moved to our hospital Nov. Bruckon about
2 miles from our dugouts and still under tent
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Sunday Dec 24th
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Monday Dec 25th
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Tuesday Dec 26th
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Wednesday Dec 27th
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Thursday Dec 28th
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Friday Dec 29th
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Saturday Dec 30th
at 7:45 still quiet all day, Sunday Dec 31st
at 7:45 still quiet all day

for Ambulance man
Station Thursday 9th Nov 1930
Breakfast 9:00 rations Turkish wounded
from hospital coming in all day
what Johnny left behind mostly Turkish
cases in planks considerable all got the
quilt with them on table in the after
noon over them still coming in, Sunday
Nov 10th 6:30, fatigue Turkish still coming
at this ambulance station from their
hospital, Sat 11 Nov 1930 5 Breakfast
10 of us and 10 of them ordered to pack up
and go with the bar horse and with
to dig trench driving station, Monday
all looking them from day, Tuesday
all day till 8:00 night, Wednesday
some we still digging, Sunday
Breakfast time Turkish hospital
came in today Turkish hospital
have their wives and children with
them and they are very pretty man
like English, Tuesday
received letters today for 10
each page, Monday
moving orderly over the trench
The Turkish officers wives and child
were evacuated this morning
Tuesday
orderly man
Somalian

many women children etc.
 Sat May 15th reveley 4:30 arrived
 the refugees at 6th this morning
 Sgt Dool awarded Military Medal
 on this hunt with us while standing
 to the R.W. in muller I was
 on guard last night. Armenian
 refugees still coming in some
 with child 6 months old. Turks are
 nothing Americans hands off of they
 Christian Ambulance arrived
 from Tarnab this morning
 Sunday May 17th ordered to pack up
 our and your ambulances the
 side of river at 9:30. Wearing
 hats and caps and marched off with
 2nd Band R.W.F. towards Ghebi marched
 3 miles and camped. Sat 18th reveley 6:30
 marched off at 6th at night and plane
 8 miles reaching Tarnab about 9:15. Then
 night. Sunday 19th reveley
 2:30 wrote Wife Alice and
 wrote to day 19th a dressing
 has been sent to H. Kara Tephway. Noon
 20th reveley 5:0. Parade 5:30 received 2nd Band
 from Tarnab ambulance went in to
 village the personnel stopping
 in down to the S.D. and other
 men to what will

Tuesday 21st reveley 5:0 Parade 5:30
 was on guard Armenian and Turkish
 nurses still coming in, the personnel
 staff were put in Turkish barracks
 13th this afternoon separated in
 different places myself with about 20
 over the hospital part, Wednesday
 22nd reveley 5:0 parade till 7:30
 This place is supposed to be
 residence of the Coraly etc. the
 we are in is supposed to be where
 Sultan of Turkey lived it is all
 strongly built of stone and plaster
 there is plenty of stone and
 received 2 Ball dated Feb 16th South we have
 paper today
 Wrote to Wife 23/5/18
 " " 26/5/18
 enclosing photo of beauty
 Wrote to J. Morrow 26/5/18
 " " Wife 2/6/18
 " " 9/6/18
 received letters from M. J. dated
 11/4/18 27/3/18 8/4/18
 " 2 " 2/5/18 2/5/3/18
 " 1 from Alice 9/4/18

from J. Barronman letter 22/3/18
 sent Oct. 6 5P 2 3/3. Evening then
 bed the bed, also chewing gum and
 using paper and envelopes in
 the morning all received
 to day 13/6/18.
 Note to J. Barronman
 1 - Wife 15/6/18
 " - " 16/6/18
 " - " 16/6/18
 1 - " 15/6/18
 " - " 16/6/18
 29/6/18
 Received 2 letters from Wife dated
 21st and 29th April
 2 from Hake 15th and 22nd
 1 from Alice 17/4/18
 were above letters
 day 30/6/18

important happened Thursday 28th Dec
 digging bunker and sent about to bed at 6 1/2
 awake by gunshot about 3 1/2 and went to go to
 East bank just the Regimental Shoulder Straps
 and took the man to the ambulance station
 bracket. Then we went through the high
 ground back to our dressing station about
 7 30. I had been saying the mud was awful
 up to our knees. Friday Dec 29th up all
 day returned about 6 30 raining all night
 Sat 30th Dec up at 7 30 had to go to
 North Lines to fetch quarried Officer on
 about 8 1/2 arrived back at 11 1/2. Stomach
 wound went to bed at 12 1/2 Sunday 31 Dec
 up at 10 1/2 received letter from Wife
 dated 13th November saying all well had
 had been home 1 night. January 1st Monday
 heavy artillery firing last night up at 7 1/2
 on Water Duty left for dugouts at 3 1/2
 returned to hospital at 4 1/2 last sea
 on 10th Jan 2nd January received letter
 a day March digging etc on 12th
 Wednesday 3rd April Thursday 4th
 10 1/2 at 10 1/2 night 11 1/2
 letter from wife dated 21st November all right
 not 6 1/2 fatigue received letter
 from wife dated 21st November
 Sunday 7th Jan a very heavy artillery
 firing took place about 1 1/2
 Monday 8th Jan heavy firing
 ordered by the CO to take cover
 on the bunker by his quarters as follows
 in sending some food to arrive at
 10 1/2 in evening or night of no
 January 9th Jan heavy bombardment
 11 1/2 at 11 1/2 night 12 1/2

received letter from W. B. envelope
 dated 28th November and 1 from Corbett
 Bedford dated 21st November, Wednesday
 30th John's Journey fatigue Friday fatigue received
 C. S. G. from J. Barron man August 26th since
 our fatigue consists of digging graves and burying
 the dead all sections possible graves called graves
 sent to dressing station on the Friday morning
 about 10 to 10:30 am wounded a leg at the dressing
 place myself was on guard Sat 19th fatigue
 Sunday 16th a three days Monday 15th received letter
 from wife dated 14th December with Father's photo
 also from wife dated 2nd Feb 1918 writing to write to
 Aunt & write to and from 16th Father dated 30th Jan
 and from J. Barron man dated 28th Feb letter saying he
 sent a lot of B.S.G. but only received one on the 18th
 night for Lewis C. S. G. about 2 miles nearer than
 at their dressing station taking wounded in all night
 from 12th W. S. G. and 10th W. S. G. 2nd day 16th writing
 out at night to the 10th W. S. G. 10th the morning
 Wednesday 17th writing to wife 16th 16th J. Barron
 J. Barron man and J. Barron man while
 writing to 10th W. S. G. sent and sent 5 wounded
 and sent to dress station and sent them back to
 dressing station at night to the 10th W. S. G. and
 night 17th writing to wife and J. Barron man
 Sat 17th night writing to wife and J. Barron man
 and sent Harold received 10th W. S. G. and long paper
 dated 11th went to dressing station Monday 25th
 received mother's parcel containing 5 sheets
 of paper 3 books of fog paper also letter
 not sent at night J. Barron man 2nd 3rd fatigue
 he wrote to the other Wednesday 25th
 one journey to the 10th W. S. G. or morning fatigue
 not part of the day not out at night
 Thursday 25th heavy bombardment stopped at
 7-20 till 10th W. S. G. 10th W. S. G. 10th W. S. G.
 taking first and 2nd line of trenches
 carrying wounded from dressing stations

to the end of trenches called 7th Street and
 others carried them to the ear in dressing
 station. There is no order and presence. There is
 plenty also trench stretcher. Finished carrying
 was done about 10th W. S. G. in 10th W. S. G.
 all night received in the morning 8th and
 went to see cup dressing which white
 bombardment was on the 10th W. S. G. and
 what we was in was blown up by
 10th W. S. G. but by we was all put to
 it carrying wounded away. Friday 25th
 heavy bombardment again about 7-30
 continuing one other till 11th W. S. G. heavy bombardment
 in dressing station all day
 see other book for continuation

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ordered to give Valise and
the 3 bags in

Received 3 letters from
Wife dated 12th and 18th
February and 28th January
1 From Kate with Taddy's
in dated 31/1/18 and 1 from
Alice dated 31/1/18 also
received her pin of Taddy's
2 N.W. and 2 Bull
and 3 N.W. and 3 S.P.

Wrote to Alice 20/2/18
" " Kate " " "
" " Wife " " "
Wrote C. G. to Alice 30 2 1/2/18

Received ^{21/4/18} N.O.W. & P. dated Jan 27
" " 2 Bull with wrapping
paper inside 1 Packet of Feb 2 issue
Received letter from Dick with
his photos in

Wrote to Jack 21/4/18
received Parcel 6 S.P. 21/4/18
23rd packed up for start
march 12 miles to Dally Blles
23rd left at 9-30 am marched to
Abu Hajar about 7 miles rested till
the 25th marched to Gasim
Road about 9 miles came through
Abu Hajar Pass rested till 26th
marched to Nahrent Bridge 11 1/2 miles
rested till night time marched
off at 10-10 P.M. marched all night
till 5:30 am 27th rested till 9:30 P.M.
marched 17 miles, anarching at

night till 3:30 a.m. 28th rested
hill 1.0 P.M. marched 16 miles
moved off at 2. P.M. marched till
10 P.M. done 10 mile the fire station
at 6th. this morning ^{at Sunday} rested till
2:30 a.m. the 29th ^{Sunday} at noon started
went out with in the square
Sgt. D. D. C. about 5:30^{a.m.} to
collect wounded. R.W. trapped on the bridge
Johnnie barbed we captured 8
Machine Guns and about 200 prisoners
fighting finished about noon to moved
was out. Cavalry after him the different
Regiments and artillery bringing in
gun transport Ambulance Wagon come
prisoners all day officers etc we
marched to the French Sea River and
all camped Ambulance come here
village called ~~Deer's~~ ^{Thorn}

about 6th at night Johnnie was on
the hills and had a good position till
Thursday 30th revily breakfast time 8th
prisoners still being brought in
rested all day, May 1st revily
Breakfast time further ammunition
etc coming in during day went
on top of hills a level scene
of hills and country, May 2nd
revily 6:30 a.m. parade ordered to
push up and a dressing station
to go with the Chesire Regt
artillery machine guns etc
moved off at 2:30 P.M. and
marched 7 miles back we are
going to the fire camped for
the night about 5th May 3rd
revily 3 a.m. packed wagons etc
already to move off with above
but ordered to go back to
Ambulance had another sleep in
and had breakfast 8th

and marched back 7 miles
reaching Ambulance about 10.30
and were told we could write
home, so wrote to Wife

Ambulance crossed over river about
5 P.M. leaving crossing on Wagon and
camped this side of Tany Kuranah
village, still this side of Hills
May 4th revely 2.3.5 had gun fire
and moved of about 2^{am} marched 10
miles had Breakfast about 9^{am} and
camped, left hills on the right of us
Sunday May 5th revely started 30
had Breakfast about 5^{am} moved
off at 6^{am} marched 18 miles came
to hills again and marched
between them and crossed Tany
Bridge which Johnny tried to

destroy but unsuccessful he
only damaged it a trifle the
Bridge has 12 cables under it we
marched 2 miles from Bridge
and camped arriving about 2^{pm}
we left dressing station at Tany Kuranah
Village the Intermediate Station at
Tany Bridge, this Bridge is supposed
to take Johnny 5 years to
build the river is called Tany Chai
Moon May 6th revely 5^{pm} had
Breakfast at 6^{am} moved about 16.00
and toward Tanyah Indian cavalry
and 13th and 14th hurrahs passed us we
had to halt for them to go by
we marched till about 5^{pm} and
reached Tanyah Village then in
note of ^{Tanyah} stream and camped

13th July 1898
 Sunday 7th July
 Storm which flooded the bridge
 and the canal camp all the trees
 on left bank
 Relatively wet through had to
 pull the craft through and
 then in a transport through
 small stream for safety saw
 Colonel Loring some of his staff
 which went down the river
 walking about in the evening
 on a boat with a crew of 11
 men carrying the gear and
 provisions to the boat in evening
 and then to the tent in tent
 night time rain Wed 8th July 7 30
 all the men moved to tent for
 night but the tent was not

wrote to Mr
 received letter from
 11/7/18 dated 11/7/18
 wrote to Mr
 13th
 received letter from
 11/7/18 dated 11/7/18
 J. Ball and J. Ball
 went into a shop in J. Ball
 from 11/7/18
 received letter from
 With J. Ball on 11/7/18
 wrote to J. Ball 12/7/18
 " " " " 13/7/18
 " " " " 14/7/18
 " " " " 15/7/18
 " " " " 16/7/18
 received letter from
 dated 19th July

26/7/18
received 2 letters from Wife
dated 2nd and 27th of May with
blue ribbon one and Rachel's
Sally's Mother
from Peter dated 28/5/18
1 in Alice u. 24/5/18
also J. Buller No. 11 & P.
and a photo
B.S. J from J. Borrowman

Wrote to Janny 26/7/18
" Wife 28/7/18
" Kate 1/8/18
" Alice 1/8/18
" Wife 4/8/18

received Parcel from D. W.
with only 3rd of box ton
came through the same post
forwarding office
received 3 letters from Wife
dated 3rd 10th & 17th of June
received today 8/8/18
answered Wife's letter
today 11/8/18
received Parcel of B.S. J
today 8/8/18 see to Wash
inside. Wrote to J
Borrowman 11/8/18
Wrote to Wife enclosing
small and 1 large photo also
photo of hospital 18/8/18
Wrote to D. Mait registered
the letter 20/8/18

Wrote to Wife enclosing
copy of J. H. Lett 20/8/18

Wrote to Wife 25/8/18

1/9/18 - " Wife enclosing 2 photos
8/9/18 - " " " 2 photos

and informing her of ^{26/8/18} ~~her~~ ^{26/8/18}
received 2 letters from wife dated
24/6/18 7/7/18 and 1 from ~~her~~ ^{her} dated
July 5th and notes papers from
Habe.

Wrote to Wife enclosing
small photo 15/9/18

Wrote to Wife enclosing large
photo 15/9/18

Wrote to Wife 19/9/18
enclosing 2 photos

In dock with ¹³ ~~13~~ ¹³
with 13th 9th 1918

Wrote to Wife 22/9/18

Received letter from Brother
Charles with photo and answer
23/9/18 dated 15th July 1918 answered
his letter 22/9/18 received 2 letters
from Hake dated 8th 9th of July 18
with Taddy's in and 1 from Wife
dated 7th July answered Wife one
Hake letters 29/9/18

received Printed P.C. from B. Little
dated Aug 5th and 2 letters from
Wife dated 6th and 12th of August

Wrote letter to B. Little 3/10/18

Wrote to Wife 6/10/18 and 2
photos given by Billy, Bulgarian
thrown in on the 9th inst

Wrote to Wife another letter 6/10/18

Wrote Wife 13/10/18

received ^{17/10/18} ~~17/10/18 ^{17/10/18}
Printed P.C. of G. & G. a letter
from G. B. Rowman dated 15/10/18~~

^{17/10/18}
 received letter from Wife dated
 August 25th and 2 from Kate
 with Taddyson dated 22 and 26th
 of August.
 18th October packed up and
 started marching at 5:30 P.M. with
 5 W.B. to Tary marching night and
 morning had 2-2 hours halt
 done 25 miles reaching camp at
 8:15 ^{am} 19th marched off at 6:45 P.M.
 marched to Tary had 2 hours halt
 marching night and morning
 reaching Tary at 9:30 ^{am} 20th
 had about 23 miles used till
 the 22nd at 2:00 am off at 2 am
 had orders on the 21st to
 write Christmas letters
 subject of Tary wrote

Christmas letter to Wife
 and sent P.O. to girls and
 1 to boys, marched to Tary
 reaching there at 9:30 ^{am} 21st
 morning 23rd reached
 2 am 24th crossed the
 Red River Tary Thrown 1/11/18
^{6/11/18}
 received letter from Kate
 saying Mother had died
 on the 5th of September 1918
 letter dated September 6th
 heard news that Beare
 was proclaimed at Thubert
 at 10:30 ^{am} on the 11/11/18
 wrote to Wife 27/11/18 wrote to
 Barronman and Alice 3/12/18 sent
 Alice ^{large} P.O.

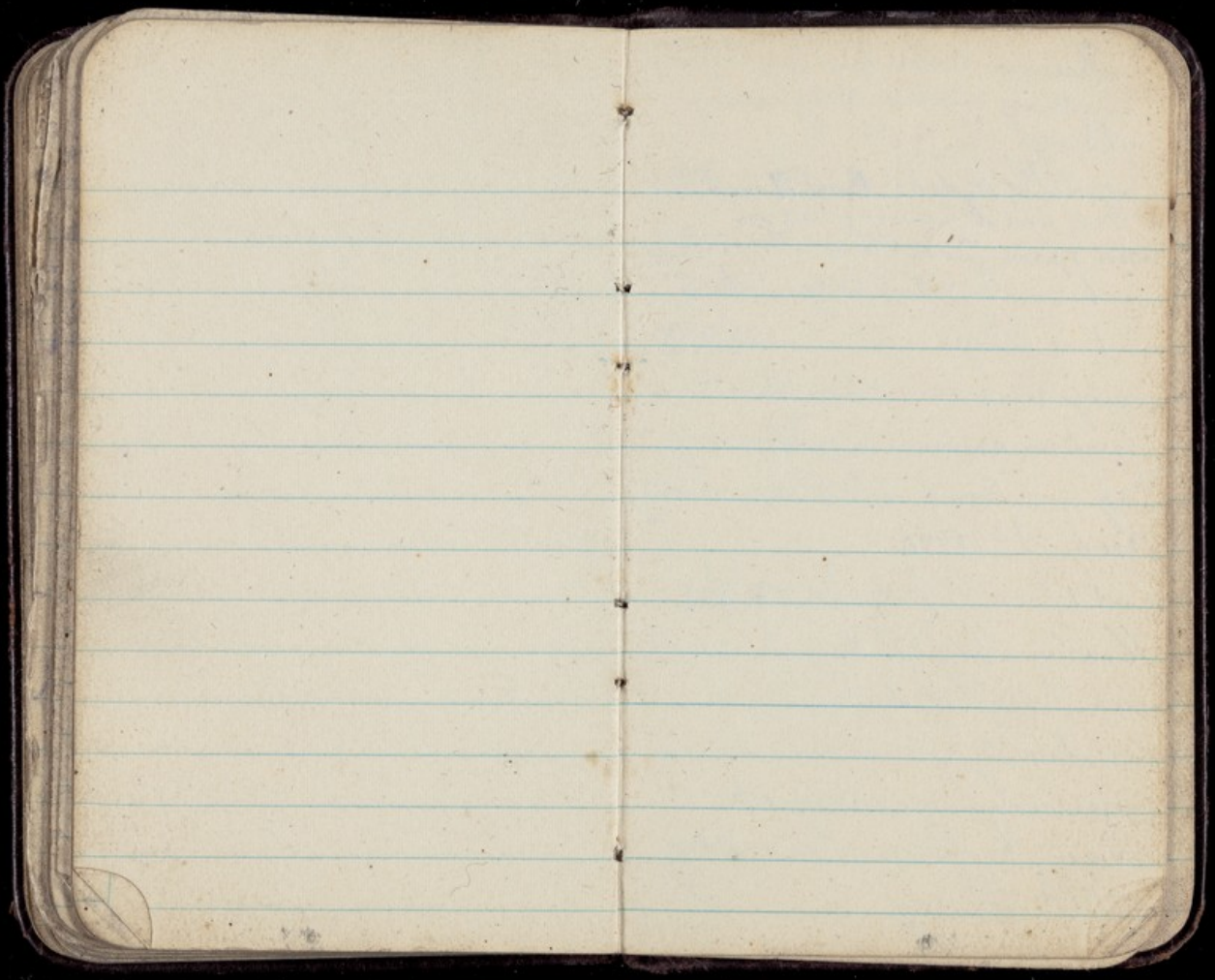
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Henry Hobhouse

105-2nd Ave

Brooklyn



Received letters here from ^{the} Heimli
dressing station today Sunday
May the 12th

from Plate dated March 17th with photo
of Fred and Schewing gum in
and 1 from Plate dated March 5th

1 " Alice Hill today dated 6
1 " Wife " " " 11/3/18

saying she received 6 £ on the 9th
shared in anniversary of Wedding
Day and Birth of 8th Anniversary
Book No 13776

and 1 from Wife dated 28/3/18

Monday May 12th orderly over the
sea Turk, the Turkish doctor
and family were expected this

morning answered
above letters Sunday
19th May

Mt W-Micon
26 Naclau
J^r

M. E. Churchman
Plover 38990

Quincy, Mass
63
Sabine's

W. Shepherd
148 Willowme Road
N.

A. Barr
15 Fairbank St
Essex Co N
New North Bed

Went to Tedworth
for glasses 23/24 May 18

~~27~~ 27
L. H. Smith
20 Church St
S W.

7/2/19 M R camp 70 super

Demolish emb. Lt Napier

8/3/19 camp Nagil 30 super

Ng Phillip Lt

26/3/19 Port David

RJR

£ 2. 11. 4

R D Dargner

4/4/19 Marseilles 7

10 equals

8/4 R A James

Lt

