

Diaries of Corporal R. Dyer, 19th Bearer Company, RAMC, and later 15th Bearer Company, RAMC, in South Africa during the Boer War

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RAM C 375/1

R.A.M.C.
MUNIMENT
ROOM

Jan 7th 1900 we left Aldershot at
5.00 am I been waiting
man was taken on by
the 19th Bearer Coy
R. A. M. C.

7th we embarked on the
S. S. Britannic at
Southampton & left
the Dock at 3.45 pm
being ~~by~~ several
hundred people & band
played as the ship
steamed away

1 14th Arrived at Cape St. Vincent
Ipsut was plenty full & cheap
here our 1st letter was posted
boat was taken in. here 24 hours

27th Arrived in Harbour at
Cape Town 5.0pm

28th Disembarked Cape Town
9.0am all day taken up
unloading Ambulance
waggons Medical comforts
I was unable to see Jim
Not allowed out from docks.
Left Cape Town same night
10.0pm by train.

30th Arrived Oranger river
10.0pm

31st rest until Feby 6th

Feby 7th Left Orange river 5.0pm
Arrived Belmont 7.30pm
1 No C. O. & 5 men put out here
to bring Water Cart Mules
& horses on to Gras Pan
Slept on Battle field

8th Left 10.30am, passing
through Maple Leaf Camp
here Troops was Camped
Meeting Ben Evans &
Fred Morris ~~here~~

Diary of Lord Roberts's Advance
From Graspan

Feb'y 10th We left Graspan and Marched to
Randam Camped here for The
night water was very scarce
& was very dirty. Distance 13 Miles

11th Marched on to Jacobs well here
.. The Troops commandeered Cattle
.. and Meat was plenty full water
.. was plentyfull and Good.
Distance 11 Miles

12th Marched to Riet River here we
were able to obtain a Good
Bath in The River Distance
9 Miles, Crossed The Border & State

13th Marched to Wetsils Drift
.. water scarce weather was
very hot a large number of

Feb 13th of Infantry falling out for
want of water Dist 15 miles

14th Marched on all day and
stopped 2 hrs for Dinner Then
on again stopping 2 hrs for
Tea Then Continued the march
by night up to 3 am in the
Morning, then we halted for a
few hours Rest. Continued the

15th March at 11.30 am to take the
Town of Jacobsdal which was
An easy Victory for us by taking
This Town it afford great assistance
for the Relief of Kimberly as the
Boers supplies were cut off

15th Halted in the Town for Rest
we were allowed to purchase
provisions at following prices
Bread $1\frac{1}{6}$ 2 lb loaf Sugar $2\frac{1}{6}$ lb

Feb 16th Tea 3/- Perl. Jam 2/- per Tin
Syrup 1/6 1lb Tin Quaker oats 2/-
Per Box of 2 lbs. cheese 1/8 Perl.
Matches 1/- a Box Cigarettes 3^d per Packet
These prices were afterwards
Reduced to a certain scale
according to Market Prices

Feb 16th Rested

Feb 17th Rested

Feb 18th

Church Service

Feb 19th

Rested

20th

Feb 21

Rested until 9.0 pm when
called up to proceed all Rost
to Paardeburg, leaving
with 4 German & 3 R.A.M.C.
Ambulance waggons

Feb 22

~~Rest~~

Arrived at Paardeberg
11.0 am rested

the remainder of
the day. $\frac{1}{2}$ rations

$2\frac{1}{2}$ P. meals.

Feb 23

$\frac{1}{4}$ rations

$1\frac{3}{4}$ Biscuits

Left Camp under Lord
Robert's order for Cronq's
laager for wounded, I
advancing under the
white flag, very heavy rain

" 24

Rest-
 $\frac{1}{4}$ rations

" 25

Rest-
 $\frac{1}{4}$ rations

" 26

Rest-
Lord Robert's
Lord Kitchener
General French
& Staff In Camp

Feb 27 Aroused at 1.0^{am} to
proceed to G. Brong's laager
very heavy firing, Gen^L
Brong's surrendered about
8.30^{am} with 4.500 prisoners &

~~Feb 27~~ 146 wounded, my self
Godfrey, Long, Morrison, Murry
Holden. Grament been
present of the 19 Bearer Coy
Capt Phillips In chge

Feb 28

Rest

Ladysmith Relieved

Mar 14

Left Paardeburg with
convoy of sick & wounded
for Modder River
4 died on the journey
& Buried on the West
side

Mar 2nd

Halted bluff drift
kraal for night
to bury 2 died of
wounds

Mar 3rd

Arrived Jacobstad
for refreshments

Mar 4th

Heavy Hailstorm

Arrived Modder river
with convoy 8.0 ^{am} handed
sick & wounded over hel^d 2.0 ^{pm}
for Jacobsdorp, ar. 5.0

Mar 5th

Very heavy Thunder
Lighting Hailstones
& heavy rain took
shelter with Ben
Grans

Mar 17th ^{0 noon}

6th Troops left Jacobsdal on
Robert's forced March Camping
at Grandvalley Marching 18 hrs
7th Covering a distance of 24 mls
short Rations water Scarce

8th arrived at Ofontein which
was 10 miles halted 2 hours
for Rest and Tea Then
9th Continued 15 miles making a
total of 25 miles arriving at
Poplar Grove water plenty full

" 10th Marched on to Petrusburg
Boers had just left the Town
" as our Scouts entered distance
" 15 miles nothing could be
" bought here as Boers had
" looted everything President
" Steyn was supposed to
" be with the Boers at this
place

Mar 11th arrived at Dry Kop Camp.
" Distance travelled 13 miles
" water was nearly impossible
" to get when it had to be
" Carried $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles and was
" quite muddy an escort had
" to accompany the party with
" Rifles and 20 R^s ammunition

" 12th Rested and Troops were
sent out in Parties to find
wood which was very scarce
it had to be brought 4 miles.
Here The escort was sniped at

" 13th arrived at Panfontein
plenty of water here we
were on $\frac{1}{2}$ Rations

14th Rest Camp

15th Rest Camp

Mar 16th Moved off 16 Miles Halted
for dinner a few hours
Then continued the March
5 Miles here we came across
a pond so Camp was pitched
for the night Distance 21 Mls
This Camp was Pounderford Farm

17th Rest Camp

18th Rest Camp Church Parade

19th Rest Camp P. Farm

20 Camp had to be Moved
Heavy Rain

21st Rest Camp P. Farm

22nd Moved 8 Miles into
Bloemfontein here we

Mar 22 we allowed passes for
to enter the Town and
attend Market for
purchasing provision
The following prices were
charged Bread 1/- Per loaf
Butter 2/6 lb Tea 2/6 lb
Sugar 2/- Per Tobacco
1/- lb Jam 1/9 tin Cigaretts
6 per packet of Woodbines

Mar 23rd Rest Camp Bloemfontein

" 24 Rest Camp "

" 25 Sunday Church Service
on Field

" 26 all Troops were inspected
By Field Marshal Lord

Mar 26 Roberts

Mar 27 All Troops Paraded on
" Camping Grounds

Mar 28 Left Bloemfontein for
Glen on Modder River here
" a Railway Bridge had
been blown down and
whilst a party were working on
it the Boers were attacking
them. Distance to Glen 15 Mls

Mar 29 Strong Reconnaissance sent
out to find enemy's strength
and Positions started out at
5 am in Morning Marched 6 Mls
found enemy holding a very
strong Position at Kameel
Siding here severe fighting

Mar 29 which lasted about 5 hours
" our Artillery driving them
" out of Position. this was
" the first advance to open
" the Railway line, water
" was plenty full & Provisions
182 wounded 20 killed

Mar 30th Rest Camp on Field
" Here we had to wait 5 weeks
31st Rest Camp

April 1st

19 Bearer boys having to
do Field Hospital work
from the 29th of March Field
Hosp. left at Bloemfontein
Engine & Break van arrived
at Kamee siding on Good

14th Friday

28th Left Kamee with Sick for
Bloemfontein meeting Gen
Zucker. Spent Sunday
29th with him dining ~~with~~
attended church together
30th Left Bloemfontein for Kamee

May 1st Camp at Kamee

" 2 " " "

" 3 General advance to attack
" Boer position 4 miles north
" east of Brandfort Town
" Artillery opened fire 8.25 am
" Boers replied But our guns
" being in exact Range
" forced them out of position
" Then the Cavalry on the flank
" drove them about 20 miles
" towards north we Camped
" here for the night at
" Zwartfontein distance 13 mls

" 4th Rest Camp one day

May 5th Marched into Brandfort
" Stopped 2 hrs for Breakfast
" Then continued the march
" until sunset halted at
" Wynberg R^d Junction Camped
" for night Distance 22 Miles

May 6th advanced 5 Miles before
sunrise halted about 2 hrs
for Breakfast. Then pushed
on 12 Miles here we crossed
the Vet River troops had
to march to attention thru
River water up to their
knees Distance 14 Miles
This day Sunday Camp. Vet-River

May 7th Left Vet-River crossing the
Railway line country very
rough for walking
Distance travelled 14 Miles

May 7th water was plenty full
EnRoute Camp was pitched
close to line Wynberg R^d
Junct 5 Dals east Kentresburg

May 8th Camped at Junct Drift

May 9th Marched to get fountain
distance 22 miles water ^{full} plenty
and good difficulty of obtaining
fire wood

May 10th Left get fountain Boers opened
fire early at 6 30 am at Zand
River here we had a very
rough fight to cross one
Division commenced to
shred them from the Right
and one from the left
Flank Infantry Brigade

Lizzie's
Birth day

May 10 advancing up in centre under
a very heavy shell fire
firing ceased about 12 noon
when the Boers were driven
out of position here. The
Casualties on our side were
very few Boer losses
supposed to be 3 to 400
4 of our own guns were
recaptured from them
Encamped 1 mile north of
Zand River distance 7 mls
 $\frac{1}{2}$ rations

May 11th Left Zand River 5:25 am
Marched 12 mls halted for
1 hr. to get water then on
7 mls to Reit-Spruit Dist^{mt}

" 12 Marched on to within 4 mls
of Kroonstad. Here we
expected a large battle

May 12th But on arrival of Lord
Robert's Army it was
found that the Boers had
fled 12 mls North of Town

" 13. Sunday Church Parade
For Troops,

14 Rest Camp

15 Rest Camp Concert
in Camp by East Lane Regt.

16th Rest Camp Concert given
By Stortford's Regt.

May 17/8 Rest Camp all Troops
put on $3\frac{1}{4}$ Rations $3\frac{1}{2}$
biscuits per day

May 18 Rest Camp

May 19 Rest Camp

May 20 Rest Camp

May 21 Changed Camps at
Kroonstad Troops
marched thro the town
encamped 1 mile North East
marched this day 5 miles
winter coats issued

May 22 General Advance Marched to
Honing Spruit Camped
Here for the Night distance
22 mls This day all Troops
Carried a Rolled Blanket &
The New winter overcoat
this caused several of the
Troops to fall out as
distance and extra weight
was excessive 14th extra

May 23rd Marched to Rhide Veldt Camped
here for the Night. heavy dew
fell and severe frost in the
Morning water was plenty full
Troops were able to obtain
water to wash. Dist 14 miles

May 24 Marched off at 6.0 am
" " 5 Hrs halted whilst Baggage
Crossed Rhinaster River Drift
Taking it to pass
thru the Drift whilst our
Mounted Scouts were out
a few Boers Commenced to
fire on them No Casualties
This day being Queens Birthday
Rum was issued to troops
Distance 13 Miles

May 25th Marched off at 6.25 am
weather was very cool
Halts were called every hour
for 5 mins Rest en Route
we came across many
places where indications
of gold reefs have been

May 25 worked quartz was in abundance and the shafts were intact operation had only recently stopped. This place is 6 miles west of Redfort R^d Station. Camped here for the night. Distance 16 miles.

May 26th Marched off at 6-0 am. 13 miles. Halted 2 hrs here. Mules and oxen were watered and also troops, after rest marched on 8 more miles. This part of the march was very rough as it was all corn fields. Many waggons failing to reach camp owing to the bad ground. The mules had to travel over. one division

May 26 Camped over Engelbracht's br.
 Here we Camped for the
 night water was very plentiful.
 This place called to
 the memories of several men
 of water a picture of home
 as it was surrounded
 with Pit Heads and
 Machinery the same as
 a Colliery District in
 Wales. Some of them
 was still working.
 Most of them being Gold
 Mines. We marched 21 Mls.

May 27 Marched off at 4.0 am
 5 Mls here. We crossed
 the Vaal River at a

Sunday
 2.30 pm

May 27 point near the Town of
~~Louis~~ Verreniging
all day was taken up

May 28 Marched off at 5.50 am
" to Klip River Station
" Heavy shelling could
" be heard Gen^l French
" Column in action
" between Potchefstroom
" and Yordsburg
" Distance 19 miles
" water plenty full in
" River across line
" These troops had to wait
" for hrs. Baggage delayed
" Tin meat was issued
" 1/2 Rations 2 1/2 Biscuits
" No sugar in Tea

May 29th Left Klips River for
Johannesburg Baggage had
great difficulty in crossing
a stream failing to reach
Camp at night all troops
Had to sleep without
Blankets no food for 24 hrs
Here we passed thro the
Town of Natal Spruit
Here the Boers had only
left a Camp a few hrs
before our arrival we
marched on to where there
was a good supply of
water at Landsfontein
about 8 mls from Johannesburg
Distance 18 mls

May 30th Moved Camp to Centre of
Town here we passed several
Boer prisoners Captured at
Johannesburg. Halted here
for the night to await orders
Reports sent in from the
latter Town that they were
going to hold position
our Cavalry Homing them
in Captured Forts with
Guns complete Marched
thru the Town in the

May 31st evening everything was
peaceable reception was
Grand several of the people
wearing the Union Jack and
English Colours Camped outside
North of Johannesburg about 11 Mls

June 1st Camped outside
Town & doing duty
at Johannesburg Hospital

June 2 Camped outside Town
& getting Hotel Victoria ready
for an Hospital, Patients
were admitted in evening

June 3rd Camped in Town
at Show Grounds
Here Troops took
all arms from Boers
that were willing to
surrender
Doing Hospital duty
at Hotel Victoria

June 4th

at Hotel Victoria

5

Do

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Do

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16

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17

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18

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19

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20

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21

Go

22

Go

23

Go

Lord Roberts Visited
Hotel Victoria
Hospital

24

Go

25

Do

26

Do

27

Do

28

Do

29

Do

30

Do

July 1st

Going duty at
Hotel Victoria

31

Aug 1st

Go until

12th

13th

Transferred to
Wanderers Club Grounds
& attached to
6th General Hosp^l
doing Hospital Duty
up to

Sept 6th

7th Pm
2.0

Left Johannesburg
arriving Eagle's eye
or Black Drift Coll
camped for night

Sept. 8th ^{am} 6.30 Dept. Eagles Eye
12.15 arrived Klip river
10 miles

8th ^{pm} 3.30 Dept. with Cheshire
Regt. taking one
Ambulance wagon
rest of Brigade &
Bearer Co. remaining
at Klip river
6.30 arrived Rusherval
New water works
10 miles camped
here

9th ^{am} 6.30 Dept. water works
out on commanding
Expedition bring
back plenty cattle
sheep & goats

9th

back to Klip river
camped

10

Klip river Dept
arrived Merton 15 miles
camped

11 am
8.0

Dept Merton
arrived Heidelberg
Town, camped
abside of H. R. Rifles
canteen here where
plenty of Provisions

12

Rested

13

Rested

14 ^{am}
6.15

Dept. Heidelberg
Halted Reitspruit
for 2 hours
^{pm}
4.0 arr Hotel Spruit
Camped

15 ^{am}
7.15
^{noon}
12.0

Dept. Hotel Spruit
arr Wanderers club
Johannesburg

~~16~~ 16

ward duty

17

ward duty

18

ward duty

19

ward duty

20

ward duty

21

ward duty

22

Ward duty

23 am
6.0

Dept. Wanderers Club

Left Braamfontein

am
8.0

Station for Pretoria

am
10.50

arr Pretoria

Marched 3 miles

out of town to

pm

4.0

wait orders

8.45

Left with Brigade

arr at Reikfontein

Camped 17 miles

24^{am}
4.0

Dept. Keitfontein
arr. Lelekat Nek 7.15^{am}
for Breakfast here
can be seen the
graves of the
2nd Lincoln's &

Derby's who fell
in action Aug 2nd
Sept. 8.30 am

passed over
Crocodile river
here is a large
Bridge guarded
by the border
Regt.

pm
6.0

arr. Bullfontein
camped 27 miles

25^{am} 5.30 Dept. Bullfontein
arr at Sterkstrum
Camped 18 miles

26^{am} 5.30 Dept. Sterkstrum
finding boats
holding gun
position at
Blissworth Neck
causing delay
to convoy fighting
was kept up for
4 hours Convoy
was sniped at
after advanced
guard passed
through Neck

26

pm
3.30

artillery was
turned back
arriving ~~at~~ near
Rustenburg
town camped
15 miles

27 am
9.0

shifted camp
nearer town
camped

28

Rested

29

Rested

30

Rested

Oct 1st

Rested

nd am
2- 6:15

Dept. Petersburg
passed through
Blissworth Mts
arr. Starks town
12:30 noon camped
15 miles

3^{am}
6.15^{am} Dept: Sterkstroom
2.15^{am} arr Bullfontein
Camped

4th
10.15^{am} Dept: Bullfontein
arr Keitfontein
Camped 20 miles

5th
5.0^{am} Dept: Keitfontein
arr Pretoria
12.30 noon 20 miles
waited at station
to load up ambulance
waggons until

7.0^{pm}
7.10^{pm} Dept: Pretoria
arrived Braamfontein
1.0^{am}

A. L. Dyke
Bickday

6th

Oct 6

Unloading Ambulance
waggon until
3.0 am rested till
5.30 am

Left for Wanderers
Club Grounds

7

Rested

8

Ward duty

9

" "

10

ward duty

11

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12

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13

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14

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"

Oct 15-

ward duty

16

"

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17

"

"

18

Bearer boy left
for Klip River
prison,
I meeting Joe
Shaw at the
Fort.

19

ward duty

20

ward duty

21

ward duty

22

ward duty

23

ward duty

Oct-24

ward duty

25

ward duty

26

ward duty

27

ward duty

28

ward duty

29

ward duty

30

ward duty

31

ward duty

Nov 1st

ward duty

Nov 2nd

Admitted
into Hospital
with Rheumatism
Temperature 102.4

3

In LP

4

LP

5

LP

6

LP

Lord Roberts Visited
Wanderers Hosp L

7

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LP

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LP

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HP

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13

HP

14

HP

15

HP

16

HP

Nov 17

HP

18

HP

19

HP

20

HP

21

HP

22

HP

23

HP

Baden Powell
Visited Wanderers
Hoopl

24

FP

25

FP

General French
Visited Wds. Hospital

26

Discharged
from Hospital

27

Light Duty
Seen Bill Evans
at Bramfontien

28

L. L

Lord Roberts left
Johannesburg
for England

29

L. I
sent into town
for officers of R. I. R.
in the G. I.

30

L. I

Dec. 1st

L. I
Lady Roberts visited
Wanderers Club
Hospital

2nd
2nd

Ward duty

3^d

W. D.

4

W. D.

5

W. D.

6

W. D.

7

W. D.

8

W. D

9

W D

Lady Robert left
Johannesburg for
England

10

11

W D

12

W D

13

WD

14

WD

15

WD

16

WD

17

W D

Dec 18

Birthday on Duty

19

W D

20

W D

21

W D

22

W D

23

W D

24

W D
Exmas etc

Thomas Day 3

W D
Spent very quite
on duty 6 am to 6 pm

26

W D

27

W D

28

W D
Tea was given
by the Nursing
Sisters of 6th General
Hosp

29

W D

30

W D

31

W D

1901
Jan 1st

W D
New Year's day

2nd
2-

W D

3

W D

4

W D

5-

W D

6

W D

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W D

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W D

9

W D

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lv 2

11

lv 2

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lv 2

13

lv 2

14

WD

15

WD

16

WD

17

WD

18

W D

19

W D

20

W D

21

W D

nd
72

Ward duty
Queen Victoria
Died 6.30 pm

73

News received
at 8.30 am of the
Death of Queen
Victoria
74 Guns fired from
Fort for Prince of Wales
W D

75

83 Guns fired
for our late Beloved
Queen Victoria
W D

76

lv2

77

lv2

78

lv2

79

lv2

30

W. D.

31

W. D.

Feb 1st

W. D.

2

1901

at

R.I.P.

W. D.

Guns fired for
the Burial of our
Late Queen Victoria
Johannesburg

3

wd

4

wd

5

wd

6.

wd

7

W. D.

8

W. D.

9

W. D.

10

W. D.

11.

W. D.

12.

W. D.

13.

W. D.

14.

W. D.

15

W. D.
Sir Alfred Milner
Arr. Johannesburg

16

W. D.

17

W. D.

18

W. D.

19

— W. D.

20

— W. D.

21

— W. D.

22

— W. D.

23

W.D.

24

W.D.

25

W.D.

26

W.D.

27

lv. D.

28

lv. D.

Mich. 1st

lv. D.

2

lv. D.

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to 2

4

to 2

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to 2

6

to 2

7

W.D.

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W.D.

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W.D.

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W. D

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W. D

73

W. D.

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W. D.

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W. D.

76

W. D.

27

W. D.

28

W. D.

29

W. D.

30

Dept. l'Hourg am
7.0
 Braamfontein Stn
 for Potchef's Groom
 to join Col. Shackletons
 Edge Edge left Night
 of the 29th —

X

31

Doing duty with
15th Field Hospital
Potchefstroom

Apr. 1st
=

Do

2

Do

3

Do

4

Do

5

Good Friday
Potchef's room

6

ward duty Do

7

Easter Sunday

8

Easter Monday
Cricket match played
with R.A.M.C. &
R.E.

9

W.D.

10.

Met Ben Evans at
Potchepstroom

11

Left Potchepstroom ^{Am} 1.30
 for Klerksdrop
 arr. H. opm, I seen Ben
 & Bill Evans Hd of train

12

Rest

13

Left Klerksdrop ^{Am} 2.0
 with convoy to join
 column
^{pm} 8.0 ar. Schooner Spruit
 Depart " " " "
 with column in
 pursuit of enemy
 1

midnight
 12.0

Meeting
Jack Daggie
arr
8.0^{Pm}

14

meeting enemy about
6.30^{am} fighting kept up
until 2.0 pm then
returning to Schooner
Spruit 3 pom pom + 1
9 Pounder taken from
enemy several cart
prisoners, Big number
of cattle & sheep

15

W. D.

16

W. D.

17

Left Schooner Spruit
7.30^{am} enemy sighted
on our right flank
arr. Haartebeestfontein

18

Shelling the
Boars around
the Village of
Haartebeestfontein

19

Shifted camp
left for Klerksdorp
at 4.0 pm with
Sick & Wounded

arr

P.m.
7.30

20

Left Klerksdorp
with convoy to join
column outside
Haartebeestfontein.
Camp shifted

21

Shifted Camp
6.30 am Distance
15 miles

22

The 2 columns left
6.0 am to find out
position of enemy
camp left standing
Sypherfontein

23

Camped
Sypherfontein

24

Do

25

Do

26

Do

27

Camped
Spherpontein

28

Do

29

Do

30

Do

May 1st

Do

2nd

am
7.30

Shifted camp from
Hypheronstein to
Braak Spruit - nearer
Klerksdorp

3

Camped Braak Spruit

4

Do

5

Do

6

Left Braak Spruit with
sick & heavy baggage 2
hours after advanced party
arr. at camp on side of
Hartebeestfontein
which was burning to the
the ground

7 ^{am} 5.30 Left camp outside of
Hartebeestfontein passing
through the above
Village which was
still burning
arr. Otterfontein ^{noon} 12.0
D

8 ^{am} 1.0 Left Otterfontein on
night march. Meeting
enemy & their convoy
at Kaarklaagte
driving their convoy
towards Lord Methuen's
column, Camped here

9 Left Kaarannaafontein
6.0 am Pressing on
forward arriving
Kaarklaagte 5.0 pm
meeting Lord Methuen
column

May 10th

Lizzie's Birthday
Dinner

Left Flaaklaagte 5 am
Marching back about
the ^{same} road has day
before. A serious
accident occurred
a Scotch cart
belong to Royal
Engineers containing
gun cotton & powder
Exploded killing
1 Native Injuring 1
Sapper of R.E. who died an
hour later & 3 mules killed
between 5-6,000 sheep
900 head cattle & a large
number of horses
commoned plenty
of fowls were to be had
arr. 3.45 pm Leew Sprint
Here about 5,000 sheep
had to be killed &
left on the field

11

Left Leew Spruit
7.30 am with the
rear guard with
sick on Braak Pan
Bringing many sheep
& cattle $\frac{3}{4}$ rations

12

Left Braak Pan 9.0 am
arr. Gazedrop

13.

Left Gazedrop 9.15 am
making towards
Railway for supplies.
arr. Marabogo siding
Camped 2 miles from
Station

14

Here Camped

Cape Colony
Bechuanaland

Beechman

15

Leaving Here
Maribogo

16

arr. Yare drops
find enemy
dispersed only 2 hrs
Dept. Yarecaro
6.30 no Bfast

17

arr. Morpopel
leaving with rear
guard with sick
arr. Tauralar Kraal
Passing through
Kammelpen

18

Dept. Tauralar Kraal
with sick to entrain
at Derondale siding
arr. 1.30 pm loaded
sick at 8.0 pm

19

Left Derondale^{am} 5.30
with convoy to
join column
at Taaratakrach
arr. 11.30 am

20

Dept Taaratakrach
8.30 am rested at
Coat Krach 1 hour
to Water Horses & Mules
arr. Schrect Fontein

21

Dept Schrect Fontein
6.30 am doing a long
march arriving
Glaeck Kraal
Commandeering a
large number
of sheep cattle
Horses several
prisoners taken

22

Depl. Flaesk Kraal
 6^{am} 30 this day doing a
 long march arriving
 at Wolmaranstadt
 6.45 pm large number
 of sheep & cattle
 the old name for the
 above place was
 Schizer. Ranch.

23

Depl. Wolmaranstadt
 8. am arr. Paalfontein

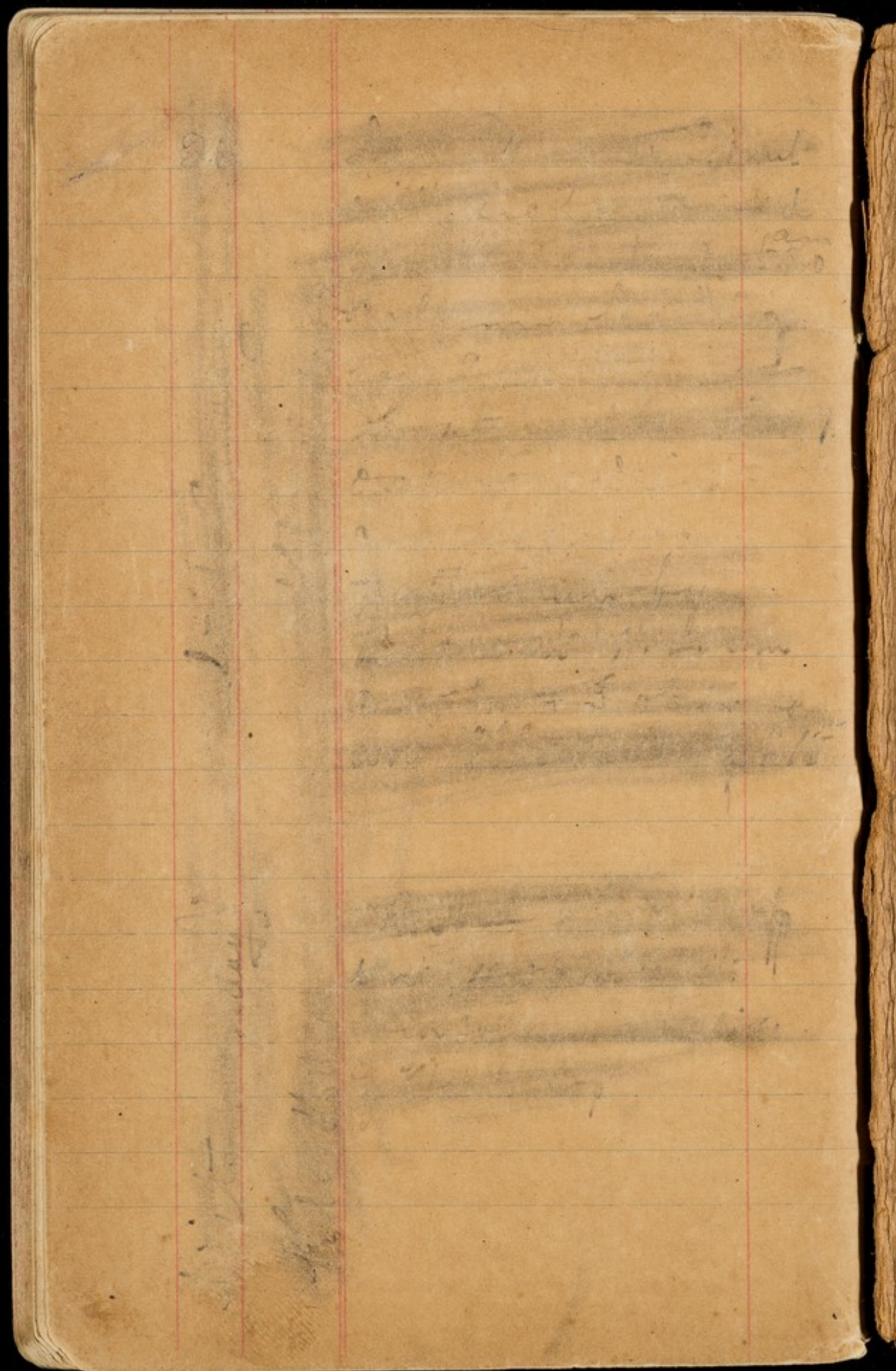
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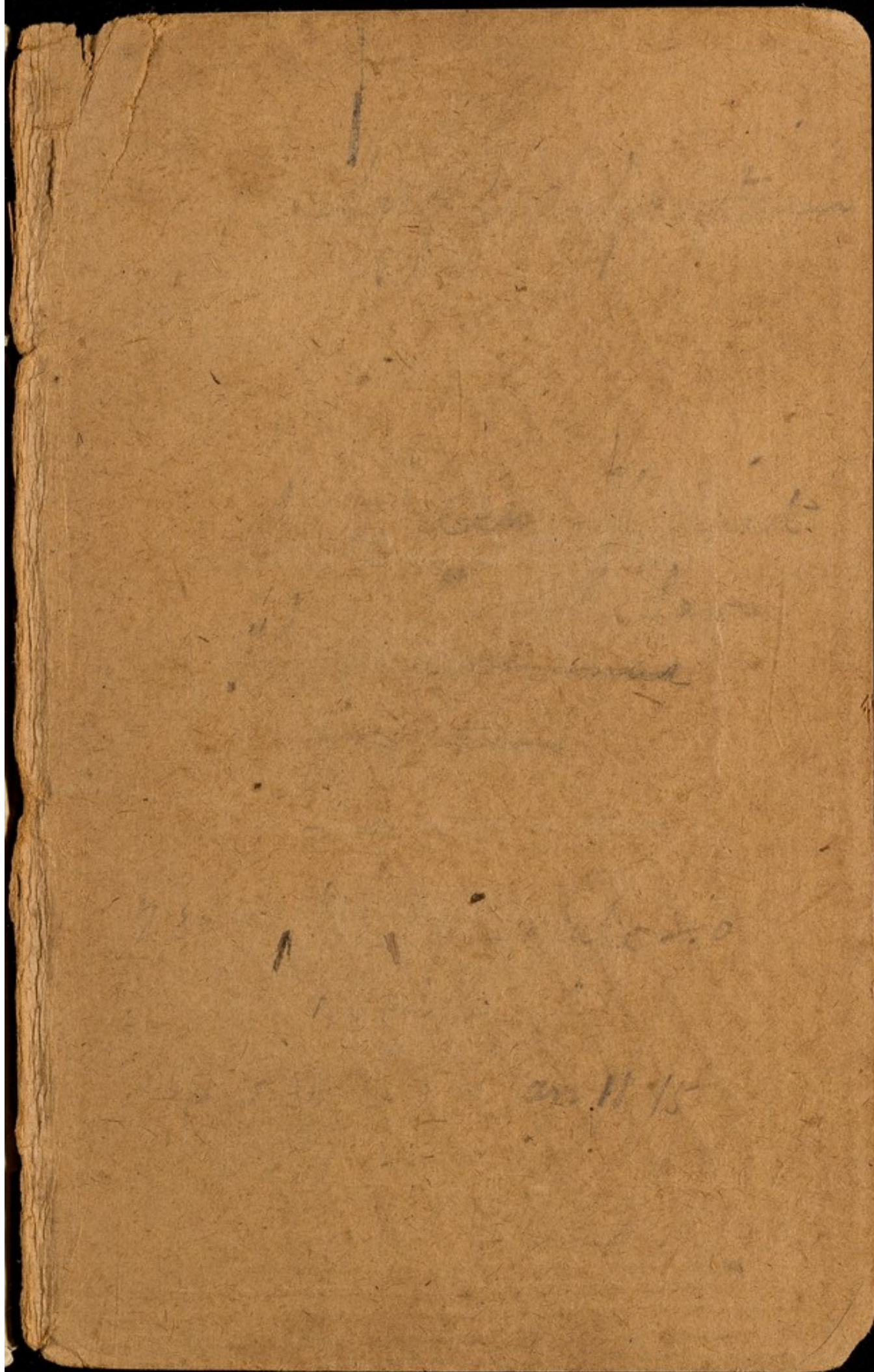
Our late beloved
 Queen V. Birthday

Depl. Paalfontein 8.0^{am}
 Arr. Pienster Spruit

25

Troop out finding
 position of enemy
 at Paalfontein







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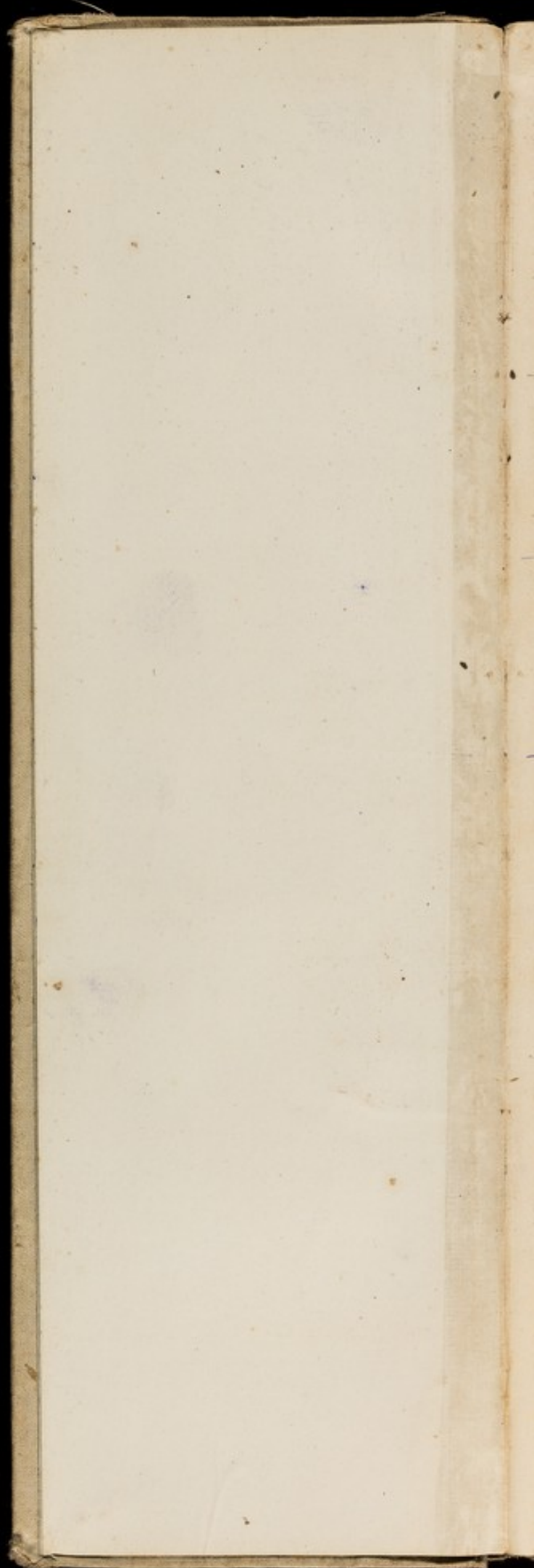
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15th Brigade Reaser Co

Colonel Rawlinsons Colⁿ

Field Officer

L.A.

M^{rs} G. Emmerson

N^o 8 Watergate St. Roch

Chester

Miss M. Mitchell

Kings Head

Grosvenor Road

Chester

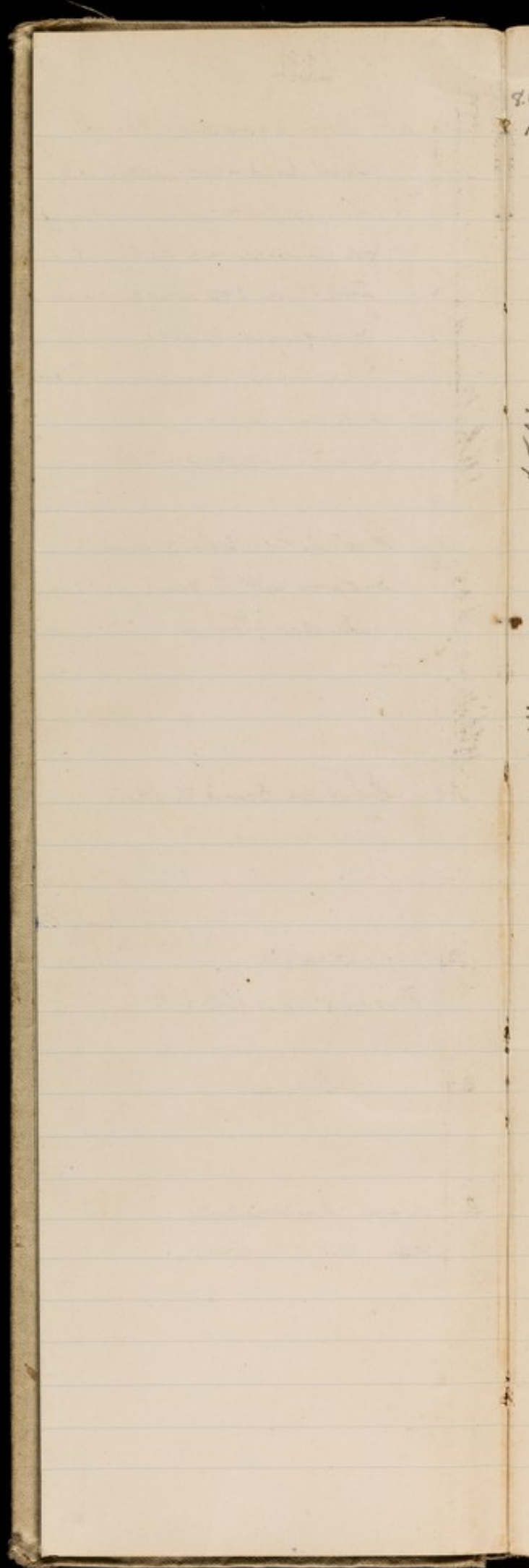
Regt N^o 5065

Pte J. Murphy

Cheshire Coy 8th M.T.

Rawlinsons Column

7th 4th Africa



1901

8.00 am

May 26th Dept. Remooter Sprint
with sick + wounded for
Klerksdrop column leaving
for direction of Hartebeest-
fontein, 10th waggon I in
charge was pulled up by
3 parties of Boers at 11.45 am
2.45 pm 3.0 pm
arr. Klerksdrop 6.15 pm

Whituesday

27 Rested Klerksdrop until
4.0 pm left to join column
outside of town

Whitmonday

28 Shifted camp to the
Race course

29 Rested
Passes obtainable into town

30 Rested

31 Dept. Klerksdrop
arr. Raak Sprint

June 1st Left Braak Spruit
getting near Ventersdorp
I left the column with
Lick for Ventersdorp Hosp^l
Joining col. 2 hours later
camped 6 miles from town

2nd

Rested

3rd

Left Ventersdorp
Arr. Schoone Spruit

4th

Arr. Beitrang

5

Arr. Dewarsfontein

6

Killed in action
May 29th 1901

Arr. Vlaakfontein
Here can be seen the
Graves of VII Battⁿ I.V.
1 officer 9 men & 8 Bt^y R.F.A.
& a large number of Derby Regt.
51 Killed 5 Officers 171 W^d

7th

arr. Kaalfontein

Magaliesberg Mountains Plenty
of fruit to be had here

8th Kaalfontein main body of troops
gone out camp left standing
returned with 50 waggons 17
prisoners & bringing in a child
wounded through stomach

9th Dept. Kaalfontein The child
Lezack & secha. age 12 yrs of
Ylakhoak Died 5.30 am
Buried here

arr. Ebenezer Mill

10 Dept. Ebenezer Mill
arr. Sypherfontein

11 Dept. Sypherfontein

arr. Braakfontein (Ox)

Elands River, a large flour
mill was blown up here &
was where Col. Hore was supposed
to have been hemmed in

12 Dept. Braakfontein

arr. Doornpost here can
be seen an old mail coach

- 13th Left Doornfont-
arr. Laageel Kopje
- 14 Left Laageel Kopje
arr. Ylakkfontein
- 15 Main Body of troops out-
with 2 Ambulances
finding position of enemy
camp left standing Ylakkfontein
- 16 Left Ylakkfontein
arr. Klipkran
- 17 Left Klipkran
arr. Ventersdrop, sick
taken into Hosp^l. Met
Ben Evans
- 18 Rested
Ventersdrop
- 19 Do
- 20 Left Ventersdrop
arr. Witpoortjes Kopjes
- 21 Left Witpoortjes Kopjes
arr. 8th Ventersdrop
1st B Coy joined

22 Dept. Camp No. Venterdrop
arr. Whittle Kopje

23 Dept. Whittle Kopje
arr. Buffelsdoorn mine
Owner J. B. Robinson

24 Dept. Buffelsdoorn mine
arr. Klerksdrop.
Klip Kraal

25 Klerksdrop

26 Dept. Klerksdrop
arr. Cleazer, Kansas City
Gold mine Prospecting Co.

27 Dept. Cleazer
arr. Kaal fontein

28 Dept. Kaal fontein
arr. Venterdrop

29
7

Dept. Venten drop
arr. Klip Kran

30

Dept. Klip Kran
arr. Black fontein

July 1st

Dept. Black fontein
arr. Naanwpoort, Transvaal
Passing Kruger Farm

2

Naanwpoort
Main body out bring in
Dutch family camp
left Standing

3

Dept. Naanwpoort
arr. Doornkoon

4

arr. Deep Kloof

5

~~arr. Reitfontein~~
arr. Reitfontein Transvaal

6 am. Beitzfontein Transvaal

7 am. Bondwellfontein

8 am. Kleinfontein

9 am. Yael Kopje
Maarikop river, meaning throat
of the river

10 am. Zernst

11 Zernst

12 Dept. Zernst, passing
through Jacobsdal Transvaal
am. Karsel Rosh
or Krad. Plaats

13th Dept Doornfont-
arr. Laageel Kopje

14 Dept Laageel Kopje
arr. Flakfontein

15 Main Body of troops out
with 2 Ambulances
finding position of enemy
Camp left standing Flakfontein

16 Dept Flakfontein
arr. Klipkran

17 Dept Klipkran
arr. Venterdrop, sick
taken into Hosp^l Met
Ben Evans

18 Rested
Venterdrop

19 Do

20 Dept Venterdrop
arr. Witpoortje's Kopjes

21 Dept Witpoortje's Kopjes
arr. 7th Venterdrop
12th Coy joined

22 Dept. Camp N^o Ventersdrop
arr. Whittle Kopje

23 Dept. Whittle Kopje
arr. Ruffelsdoorn mine
Owner J. B. Robinson

24 Dept. Ruffelsdoorn mine
arr. Klerksdrop.
Klip Kraal

25 Klerksdrop

26 Dept. Klerksdrop
arr. Cleazer, Kanca City
Gold mine Prospecting Coy

27 Dept. Cleazer
arr. Kaal fontein

28 Dept. Kaal fontein
arr. Ventersdrop

29
7

Dept. Venten drop
arr. Klipkran

30

Dept. Klipkran
arr. Blackfontein

July 1st

Dept. Blackfontein
arr. Naanwpoort, Transvaal
Passing Kruger Farm

11
20

Naanwpoort
Main body out bring in
Dutch family camp
left Standing

3

Dept. Naanwpoort
arr. Doornkoon

4

arr. Deep Kloof

5

~~arr. Roodewalfontein~~
arr. Reitzfontein Transvaal

6 am. Beitfontein Transvaal

7 am. Rondwellfontein

8 am. Kleinfontein

9 am. Vast Kopje
Maarikop river, meaning throat
of the river

10 am. Zeerust

11 Zeerust

12 Dept. Zeerust, passing
through Jacobsdal Transvaal
am. Kamee Rook
or Kraal Plaats

13 Sept. Karre Bosch
arr. Yetgeronden

14
arr. Lichtenberg

15
arr. Bronkhorstfontein

16
arr. Lily Dale
or. Treuerfontein
Meaning weeping fountain

17
arr. Doornfontein

18
arr. Paarde Plaats

19
arr. Rungwey's Kraal

20

arr. Klerksdorp

21

Do

22

Do

23

Do

24

Dept. Klerksdorp
arr. Kokomoer

25

Dept. Kokomoer
arr. Potchefstroom

26

arr. Ruffelshoek

27

arr. Lindque Drift
Crossed Vaal River

(Orange River Colony)

28

arr. Rietfontein Farm
Parrys town, or Rietfontein
Orange River Colony

29

arr. Vredepoort Town

30

arr. Blak Sprint

31

Dept. Blak Sprint
arr. Homing Sprint

Augt-1st

arr. Renost. Sprint

2

arr. Velsch Drift
This was a very bad Drift

3

arr. Commandant's Pan

4

arr. Du Grees Lager

5

arr. Yaal Bank

On the bank of the Zand
river, Crowned the Zand river

6

arr Hebron

7

arr Reifontein Drift

8

arr Leeuwkuil

Left with column, leaving Colⁿ
9 miles from Brandfort; Lick
was taken in to Brandfort

9

Dept Brandfort
with convoy of supplies
meeting column at
Zout Spruit

10

Dept Zout Spruit
arr Reifontein Drift

11

arr Floradale
N^o Bloemfontein

12

Dept Floradale
arr Bloemfontein
With Lick Colⁿ left for Glen

13

In Bloemfontein
untill 11.0 am left to join
column at Glen

14

at Glen

15

Dept. Glen
arr. Boesmans Kop

16

arr. Plaatjesfontein

17

Vaal Bank.
Here main body left 3.0 am
on the bank of river Modder

18

Dept. Vaal Bank.
arr. Laardoolk.
Here I left with flying column
Passing through Dewetdorp

19

arr. Kruitfontein

20

(Luder)

arr. Wesselsburg

Here outpost was attacked by
enemy 2 8th MI wounded
Col^l doing a night march. left. 12.0

21

arr. Klipplaatfontein

P^{te} Under chestline Regt 8th MI Died
during the night march of wounds

22

arr. Blanco

changed camp name not known

23

arr. Jackalsfontein

Here ox Col^l joined the mule
Col^l the later leaving 1.0 pm

24

arr. Diepfontein

25

arr. Sterkfontein

26

arr. Edenburg

27

camped Edenburg

28

camped Edenburg

29

Dept. Edenburg
arr. Reddenburg

30

arr. Klipfontein

31

arr. Mollingham

Sept 1st

Arr. Jammerons Drift
H⁴ Weperier

Boars attacked the camp
10.30 pm all the camp was
roused by the heavy rifle
firing (2 wounded)

2

arr Lettercan

3

Lettercan

4

Lettercan

5

Arr. Runnymede
on the Border of the
Basuto Land

6

arr Kene Kuni

issue of mun was stopped for
the Beares lay for Betting Redlapie

7

arr. bluckfontein

hule & co convoy camped
to gether, main body late coming
in engaged with enemy our loss
(1 Killed 2 wounded)
(B.S.)

8 Driefontein

9 arr. Riversdale

N^o. Zastron, column passed
through the town of Zastron

10 arr. Salt Peter Kraal

11 arr. Driefontein

12 arr. Aliwal North

13 Aliwal North

14 Aliwal North

Congratulations

The following telegram
has been received by the
Colonel Commanding from
Lord Kitchener, Your
column has well deserved
a rest.

15 Aliwal North

16 arr. Deestekraal

Very heavy rain fell during
the night before & on leaving
Aliwal North

17 Deestekraal

18 Deestekraal

19 Deestekraal

20 Deestekraal

21 Left Deestekraal 5.30 am
passing over Orange river and
through the town of
(Aliwal North)

arr. 5.15 pm bank Klippfontein
2 miles from Grahamburg siding

22 Dept. Klippalaalfontein
Marching to Durghensdorp
arriving about 4.0 pm and to
Entrain came right for the
North finished entraining
by 1.15 am 23/

23 Dept. Durghensdorp ^{am} 3.30
by train with head
quarters staff passed
through Bloemfontein
in evening

24 Still on the train
passed the Vaal river
arriving at Bloemfontein
at 7.0 pm when orders rec^d
to unload here mules
unload we sleeping on the
train

25 Unloading our Ambulances
and other waggons at ^{pm} 5.30
marching a 1½ miles out
of town of Bloemfontein

26 Dept. Bloemfontein
At Gendracht

27 Dept. Gen. Dracht
passing through the
town of Heidelberg
and camping about
9 miles from town
arr. Moddefontein

28 Dept. Moddefontein
arr. Braklaagte

29 Braklaagte
The main body of troops out-
camp left standing

30 Dept. Braklaagte
arr. Pierlaagte

Col. Kekewich column was attacked
by Delarey at Maedwill. ^{west of Pierlaagte} Pass

Oct. 1st 1899
Pierlaagte

31 Dept. Pierlaagte
arr. Moddefontein
(Near Greylingstad)

3 arr. Greylingstad

4 Greylingstad

5th
Ada
Birth day

Dept. Greylingstad
arr. Hartbeestfontein

arr. Kromraai

7th

arr. Zondagfontein

5th

Wildebeestpruit

9th

Hartbeestfontein

10

arr. Greylingstad

11

Greylingstad

12

Greylingstad

13

Dept. Greylingstad

arr. Barnardskop (272)

14 Sept Barnardskop (292) ^{am} 5.45
leaving in fighting columns
coming in touch of the Boers
which were in large number
giving them a good chase
capturing many prisoners &
large number of cattle horses
sheep mules waggon
arr. 5.45 pm at.

15
arr. Boesjesspruit

16
arr. Klipfontein (152)

17
arr. Standerton

18 Standerton
winnie left us here

19 Sept Standerton
arr. Platrand

24th Battrⁿ 3^d joined & left here
with Colonel Rawlinson's Column

20 Dept. Platrand
Arr. Paardekop
Here supplies was taken
from Station

21 Dept. Paardekop ^{am} 5.0
with Colonel Primington
column marching 23 miles
halted for 3 hours on the march
Arr. 4.30 pm Amersfoort

22 Dept. Amersfoort ^{am} 5.15
which was a fair size
town, but now in ruin
arr. Ruhrmats Plate (III)

23
arr. Klipfontein

24 Klipfontein
The main Body of Col Rawlinsons
and Col. Primingtons column
left here 5. am, Camp left standing

25 Klipfontein
Main Body returned

26 Dept. Klipfontein ^(noon 12.15)
Trekking to Welgeronder. (96)
where part of convoy was left
the rest which consisted mostly
of empty waggons sheeted going
on to Mabusa Sprint, halted
the troops were shelling the
enemy from a Kopje on the
other side of Sprint
arriving back to Welgeronder
7.30 pm

27 Dept. Welgeronder at ^{am} 12.30
on a night march crossed
Mabusa Sprint,
Trekking until 1.0 pm
arriving Kalkbank (127)

28
arr. Vaalpoort (38)

29
arr. Terkyk (360)

30
arr. Volksrust

31 Volksrust

Charlestown (Natal) is
3 miles from Volksrust.
Majuba Hill can be seen
from either towns

November 1st

Volksrust

2nd Dept. Volksrust

arr. Ordehout Kloof (206)

3

Palmietfontein

4

Vaalbankerspruit

Camped here until 12.0 noon
the 5th. Main body went out

2.30 am

5

Dept. Vaalbankerspruit
Welgelegen (382)

6 Welgelegen (382)
Main body went out
5.30 am Camp left Standy

7 Welgelegen (382)
Main body Retnd 11. am

8 ar. Naampoot. (197)

9 ar. Langberg
His Majesty the King's
Birthday, 21 guns fired
by the Main body on the
left flank. at 12. Midday

10 Dept Langberg
ar. Volksrust

11 Volksrust

12 Dept Volksrust
ar. Verkyk (350)

13

arr. Schuil Plaats (185)

14 Dept. Schuil Plaats (185).

Time of move was changed
on account of fog
Main body and also Lt
Col. Stewart's Column
came in contact with the
enemy soon after leaving
Camp. Convoy had to return
back. Kaffir Kraal

15 Dept.

Crossing over Vaal river
which took some time
Col. Stewart and our column
was unable to cross on
the 14th both Columns was engaged
arriving at Tweefontein (64)

16 Dept. Tweefontein 5 a.m.

was followed up by the
enemy who attacked our
rear guard fighting was
kept up from front right
and left flanks + rear.

arr. Goedgedacht (282)

which is 10 miles from Bethel

12 Dept. Goedgedacht (282)
arr. Palmietfontein (27)

13 Palmietfontein (27)
Main body going out at
3. am returning at 11.45 am
bring in one wounded Boer.
Dept. Palmietfontein 2.30 pm
arr. Vilkyk (236)

19 Vilkyk (236) 15 miles
from Standerton.
Supply waggons, sick, refugees
and prisoners left for Standerton
3. am

20 Vilkyk. (236)

21st Dept. Vilkyk. 236
arr. Schaap Kraal (277)

22. Dept. Schaap Kraal (277)
arr. camp 1 1/2 miles from Bethal
Main body left in light scale order
in 2 columns.

23 Dep't. camp near Bethal
and arrived on Fortified camp
out side of Bethal which is in
ruins Main body still out

24 Bethal (Fortified camp)
Main body joins column

25 Bethal (Fortified camp)
Main body joins column

26 Dep't. Bethal 9. am
6

27 Dep't.
crossing over Bloetox Spruit
both at the Wilbank & Schaapstoot
drift. Arr. Hlooinweisfontein

28 Hlooinweisfontein
Supply column left for
Standerton

29 Moomseijfontein
Lord Kitchener took over
command has b. in chief of
S. Africa Nov. 29th 1900

30 Dept. Moomseijfontein
arr. Morigenzon

Dec^r 1st Dept. Morigenzon
arr. Klipfontein (9)

(2) Dept. Klipfontein (9)
arr. Rietvley (66)

3 Dept. Rietvley (66)
arr. Ermelo. 1.0 pm
Main body went out 6.45 pm
leaving camp standing

4 Ermelo

Main body still out:

5 Ermelo
Main body still out:

6 Ermelo

This place is a fair size town and
at one time very pretty, including a
large Church, but at the time the
town is in ruins, Main force

returning at 11.30 am with news
of surprising a Boer Laager
Capturing 92 prisoners 60 Refugees
99 rifles and large numbers of
ammunition waggons & carts
Main force going out again
at 6.45 pm

2 Ermelo

Main force out
one man of the I. & killed on
observation post & one taken
prisoner

3 Ermelo

Main force still out
two 2nd I. & 2 I. H. R. taken prisoners
on observation post
Camp shifted from Neartown
to Bartfield Camp on Tafel Kop

4 Ermelo. (Tafel Kop)

10 Ermelo " "

11 Ermelo " "

12 Ermelo (Tegel Kop)

13 Ermelo Tegel Kop

Moved camp from nr. 114.05 old
Camp nearer Town. Train today
returned with news of captures
of 130 + 84 prisoners bringing in the
later with them. (3 letters posted)

14 Ermelo

Congratulations from
Commander in chief. Major Genl
Bruce Hamilton & Col. Rawlinson

15 Ermelo

16 Ermelo

17 Ermelo

Robert & Kitcheners Horse
left the column

(18) Ermelo

(My Birthday)

The Column moved camp
passing through the town
of (Ermelo) old camp
unhealthy

19 (Ermele)

Flying columns went out
in the order named at 6.45 pm:

Colonel Williams

" " Rawlinsons

" " Stewarts

" " Wings

all camp left standing

20 Ermele

21 Ermele

22 Ermele

23 Ermele

24 Ermele
Christmas Eve

25 Ermele

The above flying columns
still out

Christmas Day

26 Ermelo

27 Ermelo

28 Ermelo

29 Ermelo

Flying column^s went
out 6.45 pm on light
scale order. Camp left standing

30 Ermelo

Details shifted camp

31 Ermelo

New year eve

January 1st 1902

Ermele

New-year's Day
Flying column still out

129

Ermele

3

Ermele

4

Ermele

5

Ermele

6

Ermele

7

Ermele

8

Ermele

9

Ermele

10 Ermelo -

Flying Column returned &
Camped about 6 miles from
here. going out again the same
night

Imper joined Beers C

11 Ermelo

Joe Last left to join Convoy at
the Fort

12 Ermelo

Joe Last left for Standerton

13 Ermelo

Flying Column^s returned
bring in several wounded

14 Ermelo

15 Dept. Ermelo 5. am

Black houses enroute
crossed Kaffir Spruit
arr. Brackenlaagte

16 Dept. Brackenlaagte

Black houses
arr.

17

arr. Leulookpruit

18 Dept. Leinbospruit
Block houses
arr. Standerton, (Beacon Hill)

19 Standerton

20 Standerton

21 Dept. Standerton ^{am} 5.30
crossed River Klip & camped
R. $\frac{1}{2}$ the river at Roberts Drift
O.

22 Dept. Roberts Drift
arr. Tafel Kop

23 Tafel Kop
3 Coys East Lanc. Stationed
here, Main force went out ^{pm} 9.30

24 Tafel Kop
Main force Det^{ts} with 32 prisoners
a large number of horses cattle & sheep

25 Tafel Kop.

26 Tafel Kop

27 Dept. Tafel Kop 5.0 am
arr. Tuinlaagte
Camp was attacked by the
enemy at 4.0 am 28/

28 Dep: Linnlaagte
arr. Camp. No name given

Column halted short for
Colonel Dawkins Co. to join us
Consisting of the 2nd S. L. H

29 Dep: 5. am Linnlaagte
arr. Walterton

The column was engaged
the whole of the day by the
enemy. The Camp was
attacked by the enemy at
2. am this morning. The main
force went out at 9.30 pm
from Walterton Camp

30 Dep: Walterton 6 am
arr. Hafferstad

Main force returned & joined
column here with some
prisoners wagons & cattle

31 Hafferstad

Feb 1st 1902.

Dep: Hafferstad

Crossed Kolen river by bridge

(12.50 pm)

Arr. camp 8 miles from Harrisville

Left at 11.30 pm with supply wagons and

lick for Harrisville arr. 5 pm

Orange R. Colony

2 Dept. Harrismith 7.30am
with supplies to join
column 8 miles from the
above town arr. 11.30am
dept. with column 12.30pm
arr. Brabers Dal.

3 Dept. Brabers Dal.
crossed Holom River by a
Bridge also Cornelis River
by a Bridge outspanned to
water oxen + mules for 2 hours
Trek led 33 miles this day
arr. Name of camp not given

4 Dept. camp name not given
arr. " " " " " "

5 Dept. camp name not given
crossed Wilge River which
was very deep + wide
arr. Frankfort

6 Dept. Frankfort
arr. camp name not given
near Blockhouse + 12 miles
from Heilbron

7 Dept. the above arrived on the
6th
arr. Heilbron. O.R.C.

8 Heilbron

9 Heilbron

Left " 2.0 pm to join
main body at Leenwpoort:
which is about 4 miles from Heilbron

10 Leenwpoort

11 Leenwpoort

12 Dep't Leenwpoort
4 miles from Heilbron
arr. Koppie - Abseu.

13 Dep't Koppie - Abseu
At Harriestfontein
Main force went out 12 midnight

14 Harriestfontein
Waited under orders to move from
3. am move was cancelled 1.0 pm

Dep't
15 Harriestfontein (Sunday) 12.0
At. No name given for camp
Main force joined, large orchard
here plenty of fruit

16 Dept. Ho d'ame given for Camp
arr. Leenwoprint (138)

17 Dept. Leenwoprint (138)
arr. Onderhout draac (136)

18 Dept. Onderhout draac (136)
arr. Goed gevanden (137)

transit

19 Dept. Goed gevanden (137)
arr. Landsprint Drift (212)

20th

Dept. Landsprint Drift (South Side)

Crossed River Klis

arr. Landsprint Drift North Side (212)

21 Dept. Landsprint Drift N. Side
arr. Rusthoek (236)

22 Dept. Rusthoek (236)
arr. Brakpan (238)

23 Dept. Brakpan (238)
arr. Houtback (244)

24 Sept. Hawthorn ^{left} at 2 pm
crossed a river & Camped
arr. Prath Stores 4.45 pm

25 Sept. Prath Stores 6 am
crossed back over river
arr. Sweet home. Jack in P

26 Sept. Sweet home
arr. 7.45 pm No name given
Brakenberg Mountains

27 Sept. Camp name not given
clearing Brakenberg Mountains
569 prisoners surrendered to
J. L. H. attached to Col. Rawlinson ^{Col.}
arr. No name given for camp
[Hajuba Day]

28 Sept. Camp name not given
Lick & prisoners sent on to
Harrisonith, the columns
moved on to (Jack sent to H.S.)
arr. Albertina

March 1st

Albertina

Lord Hitchens visited the
column & gave great praise
to Corps for the grand work done
by them through Brakenberg Mountains

2nd Albertina

3 Albertina

4 Dept. Albertina 7 am
passing through town of
Harrismith
arr. Glen Lennie

5 Dept. Glen Lennie
Blackhouse's enroute
passing over Glands river
bridge
arr. Aberfeldy (362)

6 Dept. Aberfeldy (362)
main force gone out
arr. Jolly Kop (29)

7 Dept. Jolly Kop (29)
arr. Startfontein
Lord Methuen, reverse
at Tweebosch

8th Dept. Startfontein
arr. Luna (442)

9 Dept. Luna (442)
arr. Paradijs. (35)
Sick sent into Lindley

10 Dept. Paradijs (35)
passed N^o Lindley town
along line of block houses.
arr. No name given for Camp

11
Dept. No name for Camp
arr. " " " "

12 Dept. No name of camp
arr. Koppie Station
News rec^d here of Lord H^o
Lord Kitchener express his
sorrow not able to give
the column a rest.

13 Dept. Koppie Station
arr. Koppie Alleen

14 Dept. Koppie Alleen
arr. Kron Koil (173)
Halted here early not able
to cross Honing Spruit

15 Dep't. Kroonkool (173)

arr. Konings Spruit
Near Bloemfontein (1093)

16 Dep't. Koning Spruit

arr. No name given for camp

17 Dep't. No name for camp

arr. Kopjesfontein

18 Dep't. Kopjesfontein

crossed Vaal river

Transvaal
arr. No name given for camp

19 No name for camp

arr. Potchefstroom

20 Dep't. Potchefstroom

trekking along side of line
crossed the line at Hachorui
Station

arr. Hartbeestfontein (578)

21 Dep't. Hartbeestfontein (578)

arr. Klerksdorp

22 Klerksdorp

Meet Ben Evans

23 Klerksdorp
column gone out

24 Klerksdorp

25 Klerksdorp
column returned with
4 guns & 2 Pompoms was lost
by Lord Methuen. And all
wagons & Carts belonging to
Commanders Kemp, Liebenberg
& Polguiter, in 26 hours
86 miles was covered

26 Klerksdorp

27 Klerksdorp

28 Klerksdorp
Good Friday

29 Klerksdorp

30 Klerksdorp
Easter Sunday

31 Dep: Klerksdorp
Easter Monday
arr. Rhenoster Spruit

April 1st

Left Rheonster Spruit
arr. Dickuil

129 Dickuil

131 Dickuil

4 Dickuil

5 Dickuil
Main body went out 10.30 pm

6 Dickuil

7 Dickuil

8 Dickuil

9 Dickuil
Main body returned

10 Dickuil
Main body went out 7. am

11 Dickuil

12 Driedkil

13 Driedkil

14 Dept. Driedkil
arr. Camp name not given
14 miles from Klerksdorp

15th Dept. Camp name not given
arr. Klerksdorp

16 I left Klerksdorp at
5.0 pm & seen. Ben

17 Left Klerksdorp
by 7.0 am train &
arr. Bloemfontein 5 pm
Slept in truck with
George Racy C. h. Vol Coy

18 Dept. Bloemfontein
6 am travelling until
4.0 pm. Stopped at
Kromstad till 7.0 pm
travelled all night

19 Arr. Bloemfontein
6. am.
Dept. 7.15 am still on
train

19 Arr. Springfontein ^{Pm} 3.30
Engine failed had to
wait for relief
Dept. 8 pm.

20 arr. Haarlemport
6 am

21 Dept. on Goudsdrum
Sleeping in Coal truck
travelling until 3.0 pm
I left Goudsdrum & then
travelled by the Kimberly
mail from Grazerburg
to Cape Town

22 arr. Cape Town
12.15 am - left
8.25 am for Wynberg
arr. 4.49 am

23 Pass put in
from Wynberg
to see Jim for a week
but was altered to
11.45 am 23. 4.02
to hold myself in
readiness to embark
on Transport Otava
on 24. 4.02 at 7 am

Absent from ship

24 Dept. Wynberg 7.15-
by train + embarked
9. am, left ship at
10.30 am to see
Jim + Dr. Ellie +
returned to ship
at 9. am 25.4.02

25

6 pm

Sailed from
Cape Town on
board Transport Orontava
(Liverpool 91)

26 On Orontava

27 " " "

28 " " "

Wrote to Spud

29 " "

30

" "

May 1st

On board H. N. Y. Orotava

wrote to Eng

2

Orotava

crossed the Line 11.5 pm

3

" "

4

" "

5

" "

6

" "

7

" "

8 Mr. Las Palmas 4.45 pm

for boating. No fruit

or any eatables could be

obtained Yellow flag

was hoisted

Dept. 11.10 pm

(on night duty)

9 I. M. I. Orotava

10 On board Orotava
Logue Day
Major Porter Oxford L. Inf
died 3 am. Buried 11 am
(on night duty)

11 On board Orotava

12 Do Orotava

13 Anchored opposite
Netley Hospital

14 Disembarked at
Southampton about ^{am} 10.30
and left for Aldershot
at 12.10 pm

15 Aldershot

16 Aldershot

17 Aldershot

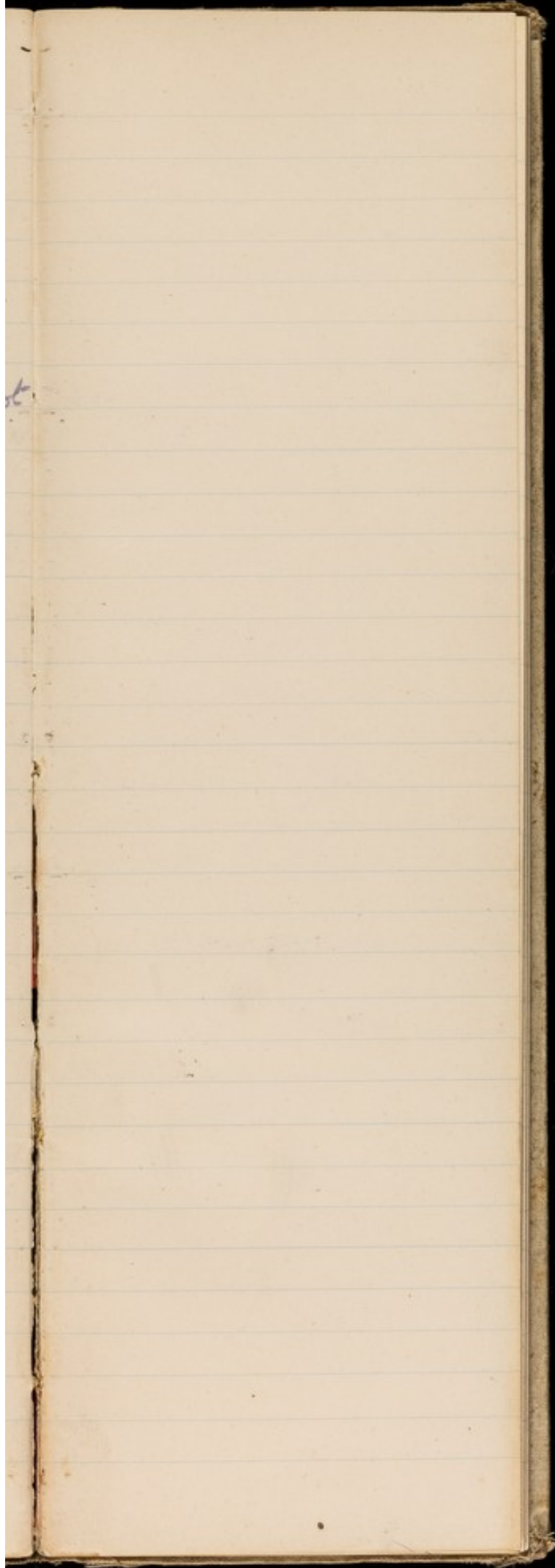
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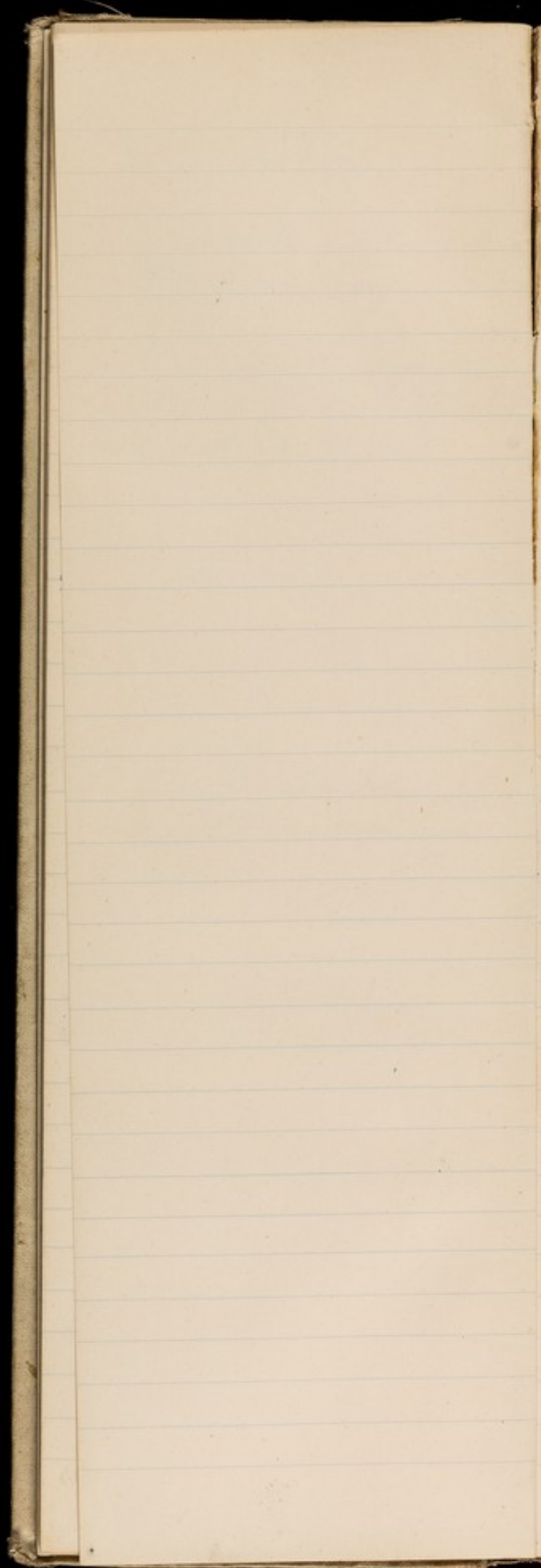
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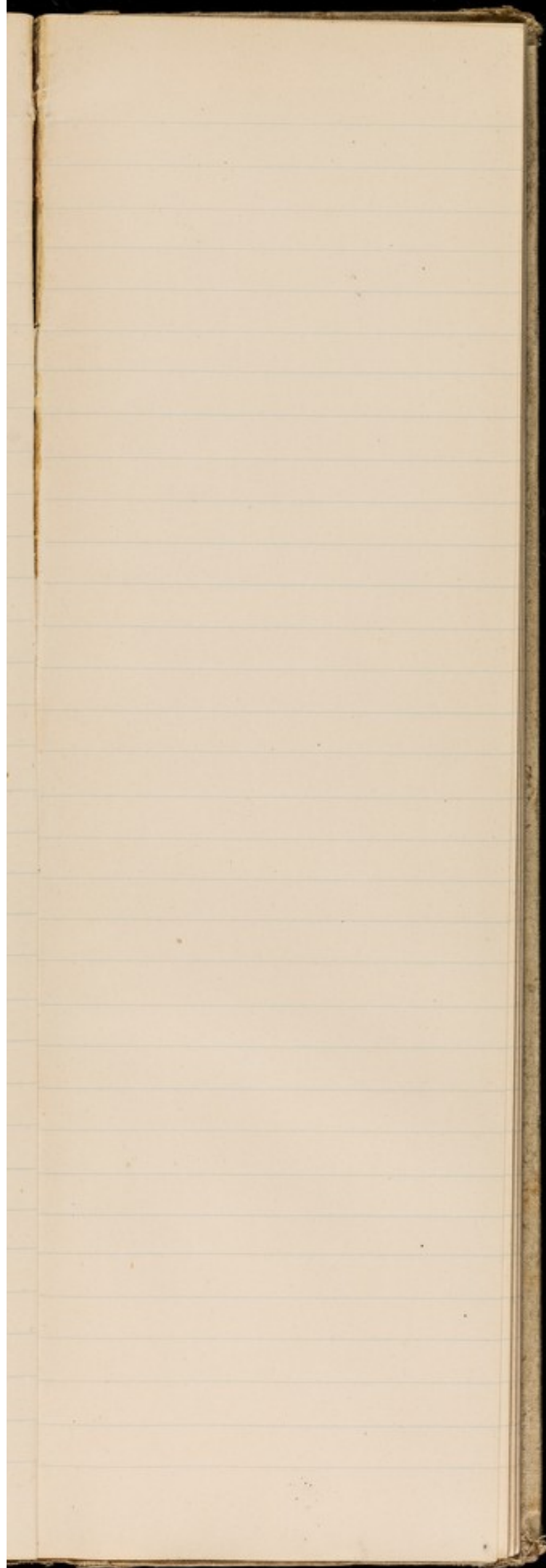
20 Discharged from the
Depot R. A. W. C. Aldershot
And left for home

21 Home

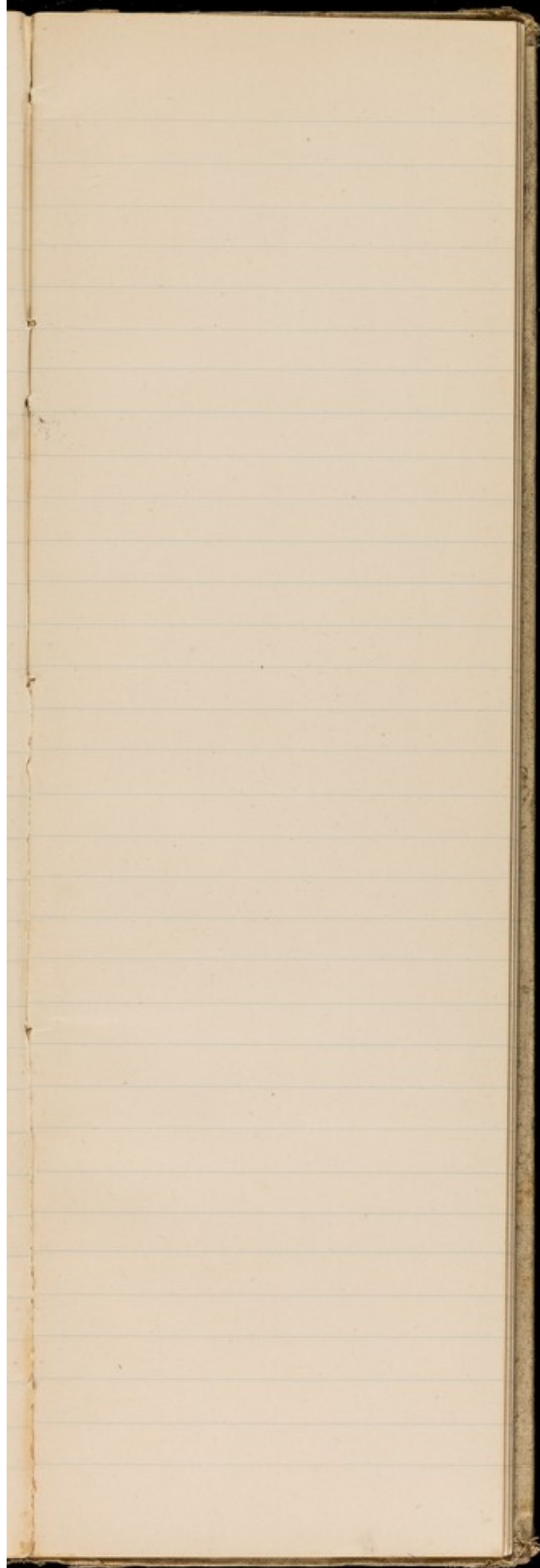
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May 31st 1902 at 10.30

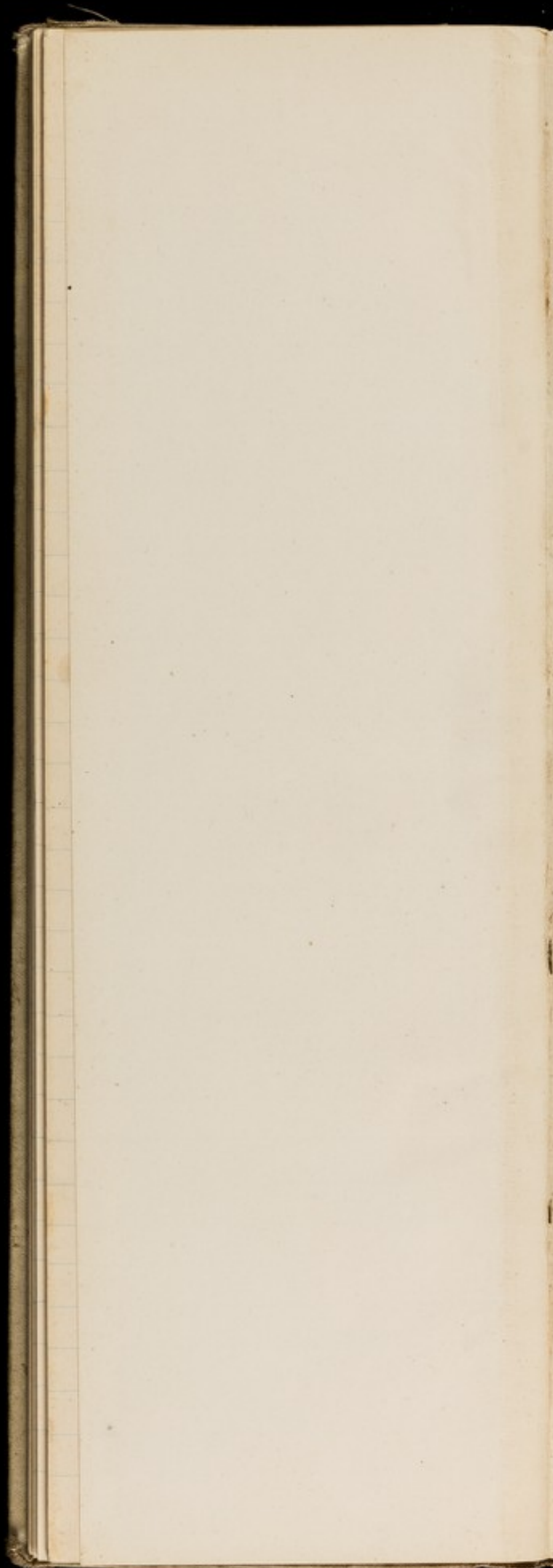


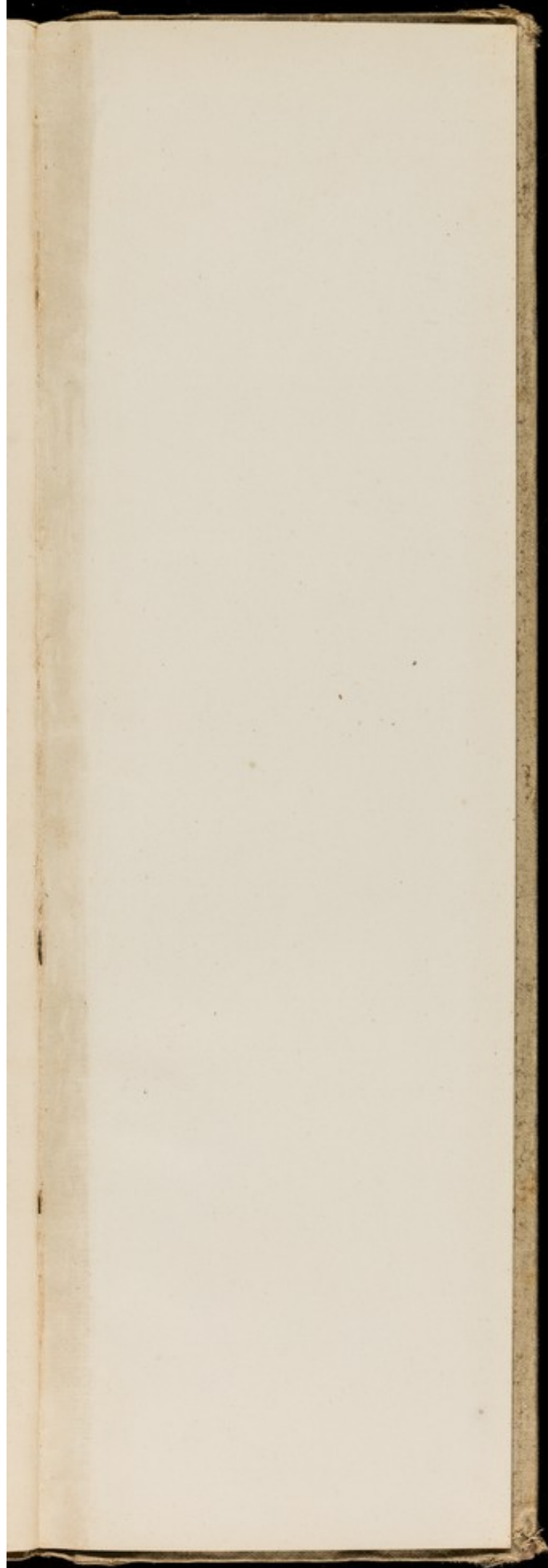


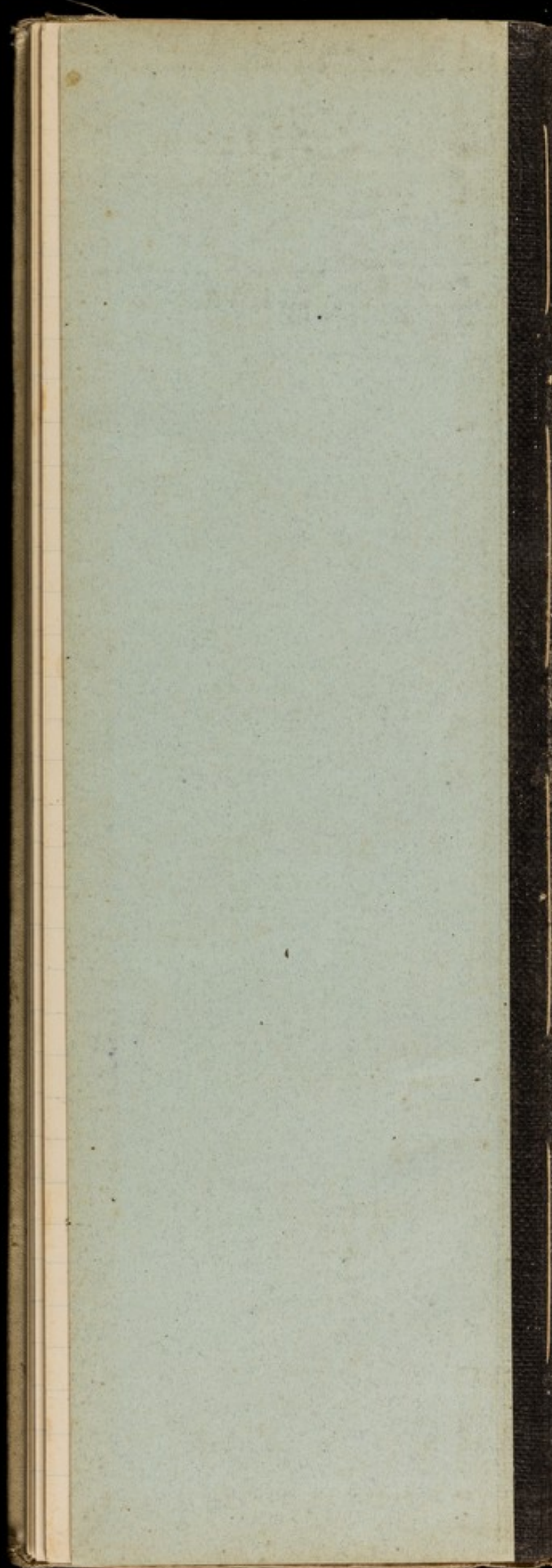


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Grillie 1

Heard from Winnie 19.1.02

Heilbron O.R.

Leamport 12.01

